



**Worship Services
8:30 & 10:45 AM**

**March 6
“Good Sundays
Make Better
Mondays”
Combined Service
9:30 a. m.**

**March 13
“Better Sundays
Make Better
Family”
Girl Scout Sunday**

**March 20
“Sunday Can
Change Your
Eternity”
Palm Sunday
Coffee Fellowship
Last Supper Play**

**March 27
“How Sundays
Change The
World”
Christ is Risen**



*"If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
If you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
then you shall take delight in the LORD and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth."*

Isaiah 58:13-14a

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have been in the season of Lent since Ash Wednesday February 10th and it will last until Easter, March 27th. But do you know what Lent is and when is Lent? Lent is a season of the Christian Year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God. Lent is the forty days before Easter, excludes Sundays because every Sunday is like a little Easter. Basically, it's about one-tenth of a year (like a tithing of time). During Lent this year, I would like to help our church refuel, refresh and refocus by building the rhythm of our weeks around Sundays. There will be five weeks sermon series of "I Love Sundays." I encourage you to begin something transformative: Make Sundays your priority.

In each of the sermon, there will be encouraging steps for you to apply in order to make Sunday the best day of your week. Sunday after all is like a little Easter, and when you come to worship God on Sundays, you are tithing your time. Here are the highlights of the suggested applications.

- 1) **Decide to let Sunday be the best day of your week.** For your life to improve, you have to make a decision to let it improve. Decide to come to church regularly. Decide to make a commitment to it. Decide to get involve.
- 2) **Invest in your Sundays.** Church is no different than anything else--to get something great out of it, you have to put something great into it. Invest your heart in church.
- 3) **Honor God's rhythm for your life.** *"Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded."* Deuteronomy 5:12.
- 4) **Prepare for Sunday as if it's the highlight of your week.** When King David gets invited to go to church. He was all fired up about it and said, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, Let us go to the house of the LORD!"* Psalm 122:1
- 5) **Make Sunday family day.** Anchor your Sundays in church then continue spending quality time together at home and beyond.
- 6) **Explore God.** Be in nature to experience this incredible place God has made for us.
- 7) **Serve together.** Find something to do around church regularly as a family. It would help our entire church family and really benefit your family for a long, long time.
- 8) **Invite friends and family to church or welcome new members of God's family.**
- 9) **Thank God that you are part of His family.**
- 10) **Be the church.** The outcome of great Sundays ought to have an effect on the world we live in. Come to church every week, but along with coming to church, be the Church.

*Joyfully, Your Pastor,
Kelly T. Van*

The Last Supper Rehearsals

Attention disciples: Wednesday rehearsals are March 9th and 16th. The final mandatory rehearsal is Saturday March 19th. You can skip one Wednesday rehearsal if you know your part well.

Arlene Knott, Director

SUGGESTED NEW MINISTRY

In a recent Upper Room devotional, the author talked about visiting a retirement center for fellowship and sharing with the residents. After reading this article, I was so moved. Maybe we could form a group to have this kind of ministry! In the Lemont area, there are many centers. Please call me if you are interested. My number is: [815 838 6318](tel:8158386318). Looking forward to hear from you.

Paulette Fries

Liturgist Schedule

March 6
9:30 Bill Hill

March 13
8:30 Bill Stelter
10:45

March 20
8:30 Sue Gergesz
10:45 Dave Kennedy

March 27
8:30 Jana Stelter
10:45 GleeAnn Kehr

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Ice Cold Bibles

By Richard H. Lee

I went out to my car this morning (2-15-2015) to get my compact Bible New Testament and it was ice cold! The temperature outside was about zero so you would expect it to be cold, but it was too cold to handle! Then I started thinking about how most people who have Bibles treat them as if they were "ice cold."

What that means to me is that people put them in a bookcase or on a shelf where they are forgotten. I try, on the other hand, to always have a Bible with me and take either a compact New Testament that will fit in a pocket or jacket and have Bibles in various places. I have one where I work part time in a bookcase where I can look up something or share with a coworker. But it isn't necessary to have one to carry since we can connect to the Internet and find one of many in various translations. I like to use www.biblegateway.com to look up key words or Bible verses and you can select and read chapters or books of the Bible and compare translations.

I think the important thing is not to have one available all the time but learn the message or truth of the Scriptures either in word or as images. Images? Yes, videos and even still paintings or photos can have a scripture text or quote to enrich or stimulate the mind and they can be viewed on a cell phone or portable tablet or laptop computer. Scripture is not "ice cold" if you have it recorded in your mind or portable player, such as the gospel song I was humming today, "One Day Jesus" about when he calls our name to come to Him.



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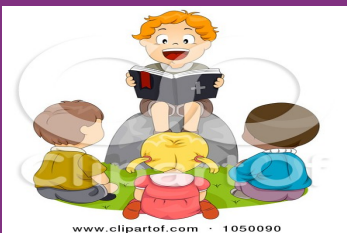
**Children's Message
Schedule**

March 6
Pastor Kelly

March 13
Volunteer Needed

March 20
Volunteer Needed

March 27
Volunteer Needed



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Greeters

March 6
930-Svoboda Family

March 13
8:30-Tasker Family
10:45-Girl Scout
Sunday

March 20
8:30-Ende Family
10:45-Janovyak
Family

March 27
8:30-Stelter Family
10:45- Steve & Gina
Walter

**SMALL GROUPS and
MINISTRIES OPPORTUNITIES**

For More information please contact the church office at
(630)257-5210 or Pastor Kelly at (773)428-7877.

NEW SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study	Tues	9:00 am– 10:00 am (Contact Pastor Kelly)
Prayer Group	Thurs	9: 00 am—1 0:00 am (Contact Pastor Kelly)
Couples Group	TBA	(Contact Karin Peraino)
Widow s Group	TBA	(Contact Richard Lee)

Ministries Within Our Church

Care Bear	Contact Alice Lange
Coffee Social	Contact Amy Cheehy
Script Fundraising	Contact Marge Fox
CAPS	Contact Sue Tasker or Cris Kerins
Audio and Visual	Contact Jana Stelter
Handyman	Contact Amy Cheehy
Hospitality Team	Contact Pastor Kelly

OUT-REACH MINISTRIES

Food Pantry	Mon (Contact Debbie Chappell)
Panera Bread Pick Up	Wed (Contact Debbie Chappell)
Daybreak Shelter	Wed (Contact Vickie Olinger)
Jeans for Teens	Contact Pastor Kelly
Visiting Retirement Center	Contact Paulette Fries

Celebrations in March

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1—Anthony Havemann

March 9—Ryan Peraino

March 12—Julie Rainaldi

March 12—Tiffani Cheehy

March 16—Rybecca Janovyak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 11—Teague & Kathy Cliff



SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Scrip can be ordered at any time. The shipping costs is \$8.00 no matter how many cards we order. We now have extra scrip cards on hand for the following: Jewel-\$25.00; Kohls-\$25.00; Home Depot-\$25.00; Target \$25.00 Sam's Club/Walmart-\$100.00 increments only. Please see Marge or Pastor Kelly. Thank you for your patience in this matter, but most importantly. . Don't forget to order while we are trying to perfect this fundraiser.

Checks to be made payable to Lemont United Methodist Church. If you have any questions you can e-mail me at Margefox2366@gmail.com or call me at [630 207-1151](tel:630207-1151). Thank You for your patience in



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The Easter Nail

On a cross that was carved from one simple tree, Jesus suffered and died for the world to see. Crowned by sharp thorns, pierced and broken by nails, His enemies were certain Christ's ministry failed. But soon it was clear that His death had assured, Our life everlasting through the pain He endured. At that sorrowful moment, we all gained our connection., to the wonder and joy of His Easter morn resurrection.

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

Handyman wanted

We have widows in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs: basic maintenance and grass cutting or snow shoveling. Ideally it could be a retired man with experience in building. Please contact the church office at: 630-257-5210 if you are interested.



ESL Tutoring

Kay Norfleet has graciously offered to teach English as a second language to anyone in need in our church family. If you are interested, you can contact her at 630-257-6699.

March 2016 book reviews

Dale Jansen donated Paula's books to our church. First of all, I thank Dale. Next I want to tell you that we have established a library specifically for Paula because some of the books seemed more personal to her. I moved a few of her books to the church library. Among them is one called "Parables from the Back Side." If you recall, one of the admonitions that the Pastor gave us in her Lenten messages was to allow our curiosity to expand. That's certainly what the writer of this book does. He takes the parables of Christ: the Good Samaritan, The Prodigal Son, the Lost Coin, The Fig Tree are some, and asks us to go beyond what Jesus' words said. What did they imply? He asks us to imagine several conclusions. For example, the prodigal son. Jesus sets the stage and tells us a bit of the homecoming. Why the father rushed to meet the younger son, the effect on the older son who had stayed at home. Certainly we know the message of that parable. But what else? Did the older son forgive his brother and welcome him back? What were his emotions? The younger son had come Home. The older, was dismayed by his return, only thought of himself when he saw his father's reaction. What do you think Christ wants us to see in this parable? Seems to me it's a lot like the shepherd who searched for a lost sheep? One sheep was important as was one brother in the parable. But then was the other brother displaying God's love? Are we happy or envious of another who has returned to God's trust?

Several years ago, well let's face it, about twenty, my older son, who was in a hurry to get on with his life, that is leave home and marry his girlfriend, came up with Bill Hybels "Too Busy Not to Pray." That was sort of a turning point for him, and me. He settled down, prayed himself through college into a good job and showed me, and others, probably, that he was serious about this relationship he had with God. He realized his need for His Guidance...and is still doing so. Oh, he had gotten a lot of good Sunday school knowledge, three very good youth group leaders plus a caring pastor, and I hope a little something from home, but this book seemed to wave a stop sign in front of his face, and force him to slow down. By the way, he married an entirely different girl. Thank you, God. I think that the book espouses a way of life that is pleasing to the Lord: SLOW DOWN, look around you, see that HIS creation is good, except what man has messed up. Pray to the One Who has given us that creation. Pray that we handle it as He would like. Pray that as His creation we don't veer off track too much and do live a life that is one He approves of. (Thanks to Paula for this gem.)

"The Secret Supper" is an historical thriller book by Javier Sierra. Look at the men in the painting, study them. One of the reviews tells us that we will never look at the famous painting again in the same way. It points out different clues that mystified the Pope of the day. With the time for our spoken Last Dinner coming up, we might find relevancy in this. And our curiosity might be peaked. Whatever, Leonardo has again given us something to think about... "Why is the Mona Lisa smiling," is the another mystery posed about one of his paintings. (Thanks again to Paula.)

Karen Kingsbusy and Gary Smalley have written a book called "Return." It's about a guy who can't accept the New York tragedy on Sept. 11, 2001 and a girl who does and... The characters, and there are many, have a relationship with God...whether good or bad, you decide. However, of course, God dictates the ending...as always. That's something we all know.

OPEN PANTRY NEWS

The Open Pantry is in need of volunteers for the Monday morning workday from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. The Open Pantry also is in need of egg noodles and Mac & Cheese.

Thanks, Deb Chappell



Sanctuary Volunteers Are Needed!

As you have seen, the video and audio are up and running. What we need now are volunteers! We do not want to have one person stuck in the booth every Sunday. Plus we need to spread the knowledge around so when someone goes on vacation, there will be someone to fill in. Our goal is to have 4-6 people who are comfortable flipping through the computer presentation slides and 4-6 people who are comfortable raising and lower the sound on a mic so we do not have feedback. You do not have to worry. We will walk you through the programs and train you so you feel comfortable with the devices! We just need volunteers!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for both sound volunteers. We need people for both the 8:30 and 10:45 services. The more we have the better. That means that everyone will be able to sit with their family most Sundays. So, please put your name on the sign up sheet or stop by the booth and let Jana Stelter or someone on the Worship committee know. We will get you familiar with the program so you can get in the rotation to volunteer for a service.

Lenten Season

The Last Supper

On Palm Sunday evening, March 20th at 7:30pm, a stirring drama production of "LORD, IS IT I?" (written by Fredrick S. Thompson) will be performed in our church.

Find out how knowing Jesus has transformed the men into disciples.

Find out what have the disciples experienced all ready.

Find out what is to come.

The instrumental music and songs sung will set up the Last Supper. The famous Leonardo daVinci painting in the church Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy will be seen in a live tableau and will conclude the evening's performance.

Arlene Knott, Director

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SUBJECT

I would like to announce my purchase of a new set of DVDs from public TV (WTTW) on: "Ancient Roads From Christ to Constantine" which I would like to share next year maybe as a Sunday school subject. Each lesson is one hour in length and there are 6 total.

Rich Lee



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

MARCH 2016

RAINBOW COVENANT

In addition to our annual apportionment, LUMC makes monetary donations through the Rainbow Covenant in order to provide support to specific causes. All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant. In addition, each month we will highlight a charity from one of the bands of the Rainbow Covenant. For March, we are highlighting the **burgundy band charity, Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic, Haiti.**

Grace Children's Hospital in Port-au-Prince provides care for children and families with tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections and those impacted by the earthquake. In this area where many live on less than \$1/day, the hospital provides much needed immediate-care and follow-up clinical care for children and their families. Your gifts help support this important ministry. So please bring in plenty of change on **March 27th** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "Grace Hospital" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

New Pamphlets

"Learn to read the Bible in One Year" and "Prayers for Prodigals through Scriptures" are available on the back table for anyone who is interested.

Combined Service and Brunch, Sunday, March 6th

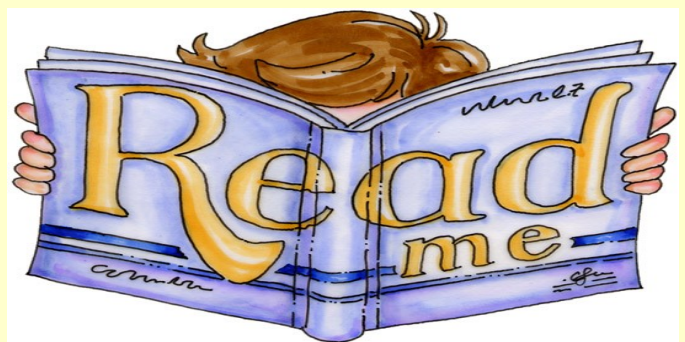
Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 6th. As we head into Spring, we will fellowship together at our Brunch. On the 6th we will have only one service starting at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Brunch will follow at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are hoping for a great turn out. If you are able to attend please sign up on the sheet on the back table in the Sanctuary. We will need to know numbers for food preparation. You can also sign up to bring something if you are able. The menu will be breakfast casseroles with fruit and other delicious sides.

Come and break bread with us.

Lemont UMC BOOKCLUB

April 11—Unbroken
(possible movie day)
Laura Hillenbrand

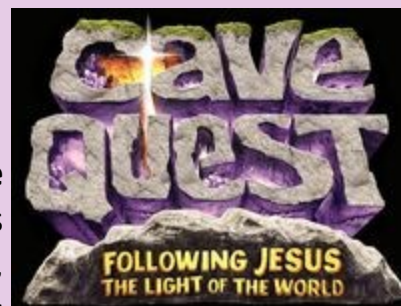
May 9 —A Woman's Place
Lynn Austin



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 13, 2016-June 17, 2016

Lemont United Methodist Church invites children to **Cave Quest**. VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. We hope you will join us.



MARCH SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

CHILDREN’S CLASSES: Ages pre/k-5/6

JUNIOR HIGH: Grades 6th—8th

BREAKFAST CLUB: High School freshman-senior

March 13, 2016 and March 20, 2016

ADULT CLASSES: For Everyone

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

March 13th-Accept and Confess



Please come join us! All are welcome!

Pizza Sale

Thank you to Steve & Gina Walter who planned, measured and bagged the ingredients; Gene Phillips, Dawn and Tony Ferrazzi, Adam Anderson, the confirmands, Jodi, Molly, and Daniel Stood, and anyone else who made and/or delivered the pizzas.

We sold 51 pizzas with individual cheese, sausage, pepperoni, mushroom, and combinations of these ingredients. Thank you to all our members who purchased our homemade pizzas. The pizzas were delivered on Super Bowl Sunday, so mark the date for next year. Our profit was placed in for Red Bird Missions.

THANK YOU’S

Thank you to Tim Peraino for donation the of the beautiful new chairs in our conference room.

Thank you to the Janssen Family for the donation of Paula’s books for our church library and Sunday School Resources.

Stewardship Minute

Marty Knott

Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

This is the next in a series of articles about stewardship. In these articles I will try to inform you about the many ways you can contribute to your church's programs.

“One Great Hour of Sharing”

When I get emails from the greater Methodist Church that tell about its activities and outreach, I always try to find examples to inspire our congregation's giving. I know that you contribute because you are Christians and you know that you should help do God's work with your contributions. But seeing examples of what is being done with your contributions may inspire you to continue your giving.

A recent email was about the coming special offering called “One Great Hour of Sharing” and its mission of supporting the United Methodist Committee of Relief, or UMCOR. Here is the body of the message:

In less than one month, we will celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing.

This is a crucial Sunday for us because it is the day we come together to empower our disaster relief arm of Global Ministries, UMCOR, for an entire year. If you remember,

- ***When tornadoes hit Mississippi, UMCOR was there.***
- ***When fires ravaged thousands of homes, UMCOR was there.***
- ***When Syrian refugees needed help, UMCOR was there.***
- ***When a typhoon in the Philippines displaced tens of thousands of people, UMCOR was there.***
- ***When an earthquake and a tsunami decimated villages in Japan, UMCOR was there.***

They were there because of One Great Hour of Sharing.

This One Great Hour of Sharing covers the operating costs of UMCOR, which allows UMCOR to be where it needs to be, when it needs to be there, for as long as it needs to be there ... and allows UMCOR to funnel earmarked donations directly to the designated project.

So, you can see the many important outreach missions that are accomplished with your contributions. Keep up the good work!

General Fund beginning balance:	\$ 8,921
Receipts:	12,348
Expenses:	7,208
General Fund ending balance:	\$ 14,061
Maintenance Fund ending balance:	\$ 28,835

MEANINGFUL MOMENTS WITH GOD

*"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 2:17-18*

Immediate Prayers

Paul Peraino, double bypass heart surgery
Robert Piersma, healing from surgery
Rachael Brocker, husband has brain tumor
Wisdom for our country's leaders
Mary, cancer spread
Kay, cancer
Brian, fighting alcoholism
Tom Kerins, heart testing
Margie, heart issues
Dave, knee surgery
Barney Alden, depression
*George Lange, back strain
Tom Ligman, congestive heart failure
Sally, congenital heart failure
*Ashtyn Talos, healthy baby
Tom Thompson, heart attack
Bella Beltrame, brain cancer
Mason Walters, 10 yrs old, brain cancer
David Izquierdo, injury/surgery on shoulder
Maureen Robinson, serious health issues
*Christine Miller, hearing loss
LeeAnn Rolph, hemorrhage in brain
Elsie Kure, pancreatic cancer
Melvyn Marshall, pneumonia
Dan Duffee, therapy
Harold Mahler, brain scan
Sue H., husband health issues
Irene Johnson, heart attack
Inge Goszczycki, dementia
Brett Sharp, kidney failure

*Sue Gergescz, tendonitis
Herb Clark, pancreatic cancer
Jerry McElwee, cancer
Joe Lahey, stem cell surgery
Bob Bacigalupo, new kidney
Dan Sorensen, healing in family
Joe Sigety, ALS
Shirley Chappell, health issues
Dick Cesaretti, intestine cancer
Alexandria Stojaov, brain tumor
Bob Billings, money problems
Luther Davis, cancer spread
Jodi Rigoni, breast cancer
Marty Rolin, cyst, nerve damage
Melissa Schuster, healing
Jim Kratochvil, lung cancer
*Bob Norfleet, difficulty with cancer treatment
Patti Burk, breast cancer
Dave Mlady, illness
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Dale Chappell, health issues
Uncle Bud, rehab
*Mike Cheehy, personal struggles
Connor Kratochvil, surgery in March
Lowry Family
Roberta Walbert, hospice
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Michelle Croft, lost her husband
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer

Important Dates in March

March 2-Daybreak Shelter
March 2-Trustees Meeting
March 4-World Day of Prayer
March 6-Combined Worship
**March 12-United Methodist
Men**
March 13-Girl Scout Sunday
March 16-Ad Council Meeting
March 19-Primetimers
March 20-Palm Sunday
March 20-Coffee Fellowship
March 20-Last Supper Play
March 27-Easter Sunday

Coffee Fellowship March 20

Peg Pecher
Dawn Ferrazzi
Juanita Fick
Sherrill Weary
Virginia Anderson
Bev Svoboda
Mary Ann Slade
Paulette Fries
Pat Brown



Expanding Care Bear Ministry

Pastor Kelly takes communion to the "home bound" and visits those who are in the hospital. We are looking for people to prepare a home cooked meal and be with members when they have serious medical concerns-praying and providing support when needed. If you feel called to this ministry but are unable to cook, please donate gift cards from various places like Subway, Celina's or others in town, to distribute to members in need if Carebearers would not be able to provide a meal. Please consider this ministry prayerfully and contact :

Pastor Kelly: 773-428-787
Church: 630-257-5210

Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer
Lemont, Illinois 60439
Phone: 630-257-5210

Return Service Requested

NEW WINE March 2016

CEDA Mission

Community Service Block Grant

Is a case management program that provides a range of services to Cook County residents, which help low-income people attain skills, knowledge and the resources necessary to achieve self sufficiency. Client must sign and comply with a service agreement to be eligible for direct client assistance.

This program works in partnership with communities to empower families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life.

For more information call Lemont United Methodist Church

AA Meetings

AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

Please contact:

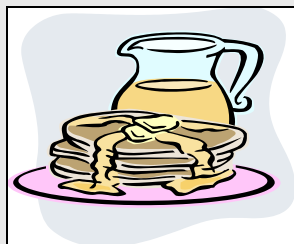
Pat at (815) 274-4244

Tanya at (708) 639-0312

WEBSITE Has Sermons

<http://lemontumc.org/video> has a list of available sermons. Services are being recorded almost every week thanks to Matt and Erik. If you would like a video of a part of the service, like a baptism or someone playing a song, please contact Paul Froehle. He can copy it to a DVD or flash drive as a computer or phone readable video file.

United Methodist Men



**Saturday,
March 12
8:00 am**

Come and join us! The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet in **Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am**. Lemont UMM meets on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast.

This group is made available for the fellowship of all the men of the church and all are welcome to attend. Information about meeting dates and times are posted in the church calendar and bulletins.



**The 33rd Annual Performance of
The Last Supper
Palm Sunday Evening
March 20th, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

**Bread at Lemont UMC
Come, take and Share with your neighbor
every day during office hours
Tuesday—Thursday 9:30 am —12:30 pm**



Primetimers



**Saturday
March 19
1:00 p.m.**

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch at the church fellowship hall.

Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon.

If you have any questions, please call:

Juanita Fick
630-257-7639