

March 2017

The New Wine



Upcoming Services and Events

March 1,

7 PM

*Ash Wednesday
Service with
Imposition of ashes*

March 5

9:30 am

*Combined Service
"Heavenly Doors"
play
Potluck*

March 12

*Daylight Saving
Time begins
Senior High Youth
Group*

March 19

Coffee Fellowship

March 26

*Loose Change
Sunday*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you! Since many members of the church have been grieving the loss of the dear beloved members by unexpected death, I am sure that we all are in need of God's comfort, peace, and hope of the eternal life to accept the realities. How can we make sense and have that peace, comfort, and inner strength in the midst of losing loved ones, of the craziness of our world and lives, and of fear, failure, and disappointment? Of course, it is not easy to give answers. Yet, as I seek for them, I think of the season of Lent which gives clues.

Lent is a season of forty days not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 1) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 15). The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, getting away from family, friends, and the familiar routine in order to see God more clearly, enduring the temptation of Satan, and seeking for direction and answers to sort through the major changes happening in his life and ministry. Today, Lent is a time when Christians focus on simple living, repentance, prayer, study, fasting, self-denial, and almsgiving, getting rid of unhealthy habits, and slowing down our busy, fast-paced lifestyles in order to grow closer to God and to focus on what really matters to us. It is also time to challenge ourselves to do something better, healthier, and more nurturing for our relationship with our Creator and with one another.

Now, I would like to offer you some options of spiritual disciplines to use during this year's 40-day Lenten journey. I am convinced that when we become closer to God, we can be at peace no matter what. First of all, **begin every day with devotion to God.** This is the spiritual element that helps us maintain our fear of the Lord, God. Start with prayer and read one chapter or a few verses from the Bible each and every day. Read it three times and listen to the words with your heart. Pray using the message that touches you. You can also use The Upper Room to help with this.

Second of all, **participate in a small group Bible study.** This Lent, our church will offer Lenten Bible study on Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of the Scripture Today by Adam Hamilton. By reading and studying the Bible, you can experience spiritual growth and life-changing renewal. Personally, through small group Bible study, I feel heard, supported, strengthened, and nurtured. So I strongly encourage you to join our Lenten Bible study.

Third of all, **invest your time in relationships.** The more time we spend with various devices (TV, cell phone, iPad, internet, Facebook, etc.), the less time we tend to spend on face to face conversations with those who are dear to us. In life, sometimes things just get in the way of our doing what we know is immensely important. It is very important to spend time with your partner, your children, grandchildren, parents, and friends. We need to practice this discipline intentionally so that we keep the important things first.

Lastly, **eat and exercise for life.** As we all know, our physical condition defines our spiritual well-being. Believe it or not, eating and exercising are spiritual. God wants us to be healthy in body, mind, and spirit. Thus, practice fasting from those foods and activities which keep you from a healthy life is important. We all have boatloads of excuses; yet, let's not allow any excuse, rationalization, or procrastination derail our commitment to whole-life health. Nothing is impossible with God. I am sure that these spiritual practices make us strong and help us move on in the midst of difficulties in our lives. May this year's Lenten experience make a difference in your lives, and in the lives of those you love.

Peace and grace to you!
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1–Anthony Havemann

March 5–Bill Hill

March 5–Kristin Nelson

March 7–Jantha Laemmer

March 9–Ryan Peraino

March 12–Julie Rainaldi

March 12–Tiffani Cheehy

March 16–Rybecca Janovyak

March 29–Linda Lubben

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 11–Teague & Kathy Cliff



SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Friendly Scrip Reminder.....

Scrip can be bought as a gift card, or as your own card to be used as cash wherever your favorite place to shop may be. You buy a card for \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 and YOU GET \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 to use as cash. The church automatically gets a percentage. The list of all participating merchants, restaurants, gas stations are in the back of the church. I now have Meijer, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Walgreens, Walmart/Sam's Club, Panera, Jewel, Bass Pro Shop, Home Depot, Buffalo Wild Wings, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Target, and Kohl's. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF YOU BUY A KOHL'S CARD YOU CAN USE IT TO PAY YOUR CHARGE! AND THE CHURCH GETS THE PROFIT! At this point no other card that I know of Yet allows you to do that. Scrip is the easiest *Ongoing* fundraiser to participate in. We all just have to get in the habit of buying those cards to keep on hand for things we purchase or place we go on a regular basis. As proceeds build up, they can be dispersed where

our current need is. **We started the program 12/7/2015 and as of 12/27/2016 our profits are \$968.44!** So basically all our profits will be kept until a need arises and the money will be there!

Fundraising Shop

WHILE YOU



Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

Customize this field with coordinator contact info, enrollment code, and/or sign-up information.

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OPEN PANTRY NEWS

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Open Pantry. Hours are on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00, this is light work and helpful to families that work during the day. The Open Pantry is in need of pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter, ravioli cans, and medium cans of fruit.



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.

Thank You

Thank you to all our members who purchased our homemade pizzas. Thank you to Steve & Gina Walter who planned, measured and bagged the ingredients; and everyone who helped make them! We raised \$470.00 for Red Bird Mission! The pizzas were delivered on Super Bowl Sunday, so mark the date for next year!

Calling All Musicians

We are encouraging all musicians and singers who are interested in joining the Praise Band to contact Leslie, Bob, or Jana.

Come join us!



Sympathy Note

Ted Friedley

Ted Friedley, age 74, of Lemont, passed away suddenly, Saturday, February 18, 2017, with his family by his side. Ted was born and raised in Lemont. From birth until his death, Ted lived within a 3 block area in Lemont. Ted is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Judith L., nee Wolfe, Friedley; his children, Theodore IV (Lisa) and Tricia (Brian) O'Neill; and three cherished and adored grandchildren, Jacob, Lila and Christian. He is also survived by two sisters, Barbara (Richard) Lee and Susan Rago; 3 nieces, 1 nephew, 7 great nephews, 1 great niece, and 1 great-great niece. Preceded in death by his parents, Theodore and Elda Friedley; and one sister, Marcia. He was a lifelong member of the Lemont United Methodist Church and was in the Last Supper production for 34 years. Ted was a well known carpenter in Lemont for over 30 years. He retired from the Will County Land Use Department in 2011. He was a member of the Lemont Lions Club for 47 years, serving as club Secretary and President. Ted was an avid Lemont High School football fan, loved doing crossword puzzles, and reading, mostly WW II history. He was the proud and loving caretaker of generations of raccoon and squirrel families that chose his trees in which to make their homes, and especially his Mrs. In lieu of flowers memorials in his name may be made to Honor Flight Chicago or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



John Nelson

John Nelson, Age 84, of Lemont, passed away on February 25, 2017 in Texas. John was a spiritual leader and faithful member of the Lemont United Methodist Church, serving various committees and thought Alpha Course for 12 years. He had influenced so many people and helped them to know Jesus. He will be greatly missed by all of us. There will be a memorial service announced at a later date. Please continue to pray for Mary Jane and the Nelson family.



Loss Prayer

We pray that in this time of loss,
You'll feel God's love much more
And that you'll find your comfort
In the presence of the Lord
We pray God pours upon you,
His sweet amazing grace
And overflow your heart with peace
As you live in His embrace.



FUN OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a fun way to participate and serve our church? Then think about joining our Activities Committee. We will be planning activities that include everyone for the year. Some suggestions have been a talent show, a ladies luncheon, a game night, a campfire and movies. If you are interested, please contact Peg Pecher: (847-204-1747) or the church. Come help us make our church a joy filled church.



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 5
9:30-Mark
Huegelmann

March 12
8:30- Jana Stelter
10:45-Dale Janssen

March 19
8:30- Bill Stelter
10:45-Dave
Kennedy

March 26
8:30-Cris Kerins
10:45-GleeAnn Kehr

The Last Harvest

By Richard H. Lee

A harvest is a gathering of crops when they are ripe. We are acquainted with the harvest of fruits in the spring, more fruits and vegetables in summer and the grains in the fall, along with vegetables like pumpkins and squash. It requires farmland and machinery to plow and plant the land. In the Bible there is a story of a harvest in Matthew chapter 13, a harvest of the Gospel.

Jesus tells His disciples a story of a farmer who plants seed and how different kinds of soil give different results. The soil can be a hard road, gravel, soil with weeds, and good rich soil. Then he explains what these soils represent, which is people with readiness or understanding the Gospel message. The good earth or soil is actually pretty rare and many things interfere with the seed taking root and growing. We all need this critical seed!

Then He explains there is an enemy who comes and plants weeds or doubts that block out the Gospel or Word of God. There is also coming a harvest of souls at the end of the age, which angels do the gathering (that's why there are so many of them) or harvesting when Christ returns in glory and power. The weeds will be pulled out and put in the trash to be burned and the good crop will be taken up to be with the Lord. **Are you ready for the harvest?**



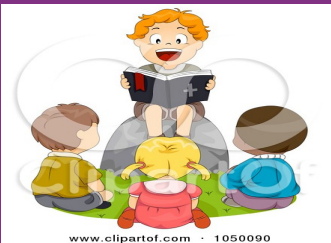
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Children's Message Schedule

Volunteer's Needed

Please contact the church office if you are interested.



Greeters

**March 5
9:30-Svoboda Family**

**March 12
8:30-Tasker Family
10:45-Girl Scout Sunday**

**March 19
8:30-Ende Family
10:45-Janovyak Family**

**March 26
8:30-Stelter Family
10:45-Steve & Gina Walter Family**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For More information please contact the church office at (630)257-5210 or ministry leaders.

SMALL GROUPS

- Bible Study: TBA
- Prayer Meeting: TBA
- ALPHA: July 10th John Nelson 630-254-0867
- Methodist Essential: Bill Price 630-754-7667
- VBS: Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
- The Last Supper: Arlene Knott 708-301-2023
- Adult Sunday School: Richard Lee 630-257-7339
- Sr. High Youth: Karin Peraino 630-846-1415
- Jr. High Youth: Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
- Breakfast Club: K. Peraino 630-846-1415
- Jr. High Sunday School: K. Peraino 630-846-1415
- Children's Sunday Sch: K. Peraino 630-846-1415
- Prime Timers: Joyce Koon 630-257-6275
Joanne Goszczycki 630-257-6790
- Men's Group: Tony Ferrazzi 815-886-4177
- Couples: Tim and Karin Peraino 630-846-1415

MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR CHURCH

- Prayer Warrior: Pastor Oh 847-769-1125
- Care Bear: Alice Lange 815-838-5158
- Coffee Social: Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
- Script Fundraising: Marge Fox 630-243-8166
- CAPS: Cris Kerins 630-257-5660
- Audio and Visual: Jana Stelter 630-243-9122
- Handyman: Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
- Landscape Team: Bill Stelter 630-243-9122
- Hospitality Team: Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
- Widows Group: Richard Lee 630-257-7339
- Usher Team: Mark Olinger 815-838-0660
- Welcoming Team: Sue Hinks 630-257-6743
- Worship Choir: Sue Gergescz 815-483-7282
- Praise Band: TBA
- Junior Choir: Cris Kerins 630-257-5660
- Any Other Ministry You Would Like to Start

OUT-REACH MINISTRIES

- Pantry Workday: Debbie Chappell 815-836-0256
- Panera Bread: Debbie Chappell 815-836-0256
- Daybreak Shelter: Vickie Olinger 815-838-0660
- Worthy Treasures: Paulette Fries 815-838-6318
- ESL: Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699
- Red Bird: Steve Walter 630-783-1621
- **Any Other Ministry You Would Like To Start

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.

“The Many Forms of Stewardship”

When I was younger and first began contributing to my church, I was under the impression that “Stewardship” was just that – contributing money to my church. Now, don't get me wrong, all churches need money to pay for utilities and salaries and to do Christian outreach near and far. But as I have gained experience in our church, I have been made aware of many other forms of stewardship as practiced by our members on a regular basis. The following list of examples is, by no means complete, but I hope it will convince you of the many forms of stewardship at work in our church.

My first example is one that does Christian outreach to those in need in our immediate area. The Open Pantry began years ago at a small cabinet in our church lobby where members would deposit food each Sunday and the pastor would dole out bags of food to those that came to the church. Today, this is a huge endeavor with many helpers, a couple of whom are not even members of our church!

Another example of outreach to those in need is our church's monthly preparation and serving of meals at the Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet. This effort involves the preparation of casseroles and donation of other food by church members followed by the transporting of this food to the shelter and then serving it to the homeless there.

Some years ago it was decided to use members to mow the church lawns instead of paying a company to do it. A riding mower and walk-behind mower were purchased and now three 2-man teams take turns mowing the church lawns.

There are several people that operate fund raisers for our church. Pizza and Potica are two examples of fund raisers that invite us to participate from time to time. Another example are the SCRIP cards which, when used for purchases result in contributions to our church.

Our new audio/visual system requires several operators to get trained and then devote effort on their assigned Sunday to operate the system.

Perhaps the most obvious examples of active stewardship are the members of the church's Board of Trustees. Not only do they plan and sometimes contract the work but most of the many jobs are done by themselves. Laying concrete and planting grass this last summer are outstanding examples.

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RAINBOW COVENANT

By Karin Peraino

In addition to our annual apportionment, LUMC makes monetary donations through the Rainbow Covenant in order to support specific causes. All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant. Each month we highlight a charity from one of the bands of the Rainbow Covenant. For March, we are highlighting the **orange band charity, Global Refugee/Migration Response**. Millions of refugees are fleeing war, persecution, and violence in their homelands, often running with just the clothes on their backs. UMCOR and Global Ministries address the global refugee and migration contexts to allow safe passage, welcome, belonging, and caring for new arrivals. Please bring in plenty of change on **March 26th** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write **“Refugee Migration”** on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Lenten Season —

The Last Supper



On Palm Sunday evening, April 9th 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.

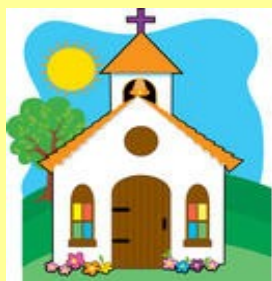
Rehearsal dates are: March 22nd, March 29th, April 5th and April 8th is the Mandatory Dress Rehearsal.

—Arlene Knott, Director

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.
If you are interested, you can contact her at 630-257-6699.

March 2017 book reviews

"When God Doesn't Make Sense" by Dr. James Dobson. Many of us have waited on God to come to our rescue after we have prayed. Sometimes He doesn't right away. Sometimes he says "no." This book might explain the waiting and the "no" and comfort us. Dr. Dobson reminds us that we can't expect a positive solution always, although we have a loving God. He might have something else in mind. We can't understand because we are only mortals. We simply don't have the capacity to grasp his infinite thinking. Maybe his assessment of the situation will produce results we can't anticipate. Dr. Dobson says that we might wonder "why did she say that?" or Why did he die? Why did that tornado damage so much of the southeastern US. Et al. Those are prayer concerns that God may or may not answer in a timely fashion. But remember He is a loving God who is very much concerned with us and our lives. We just need to TRUST HIM. Didn't He give us life; our world-its inhabitants, the Son, the Sun, etc.

Dr. Dobson stresses our need for FAITH, a synonym for trust, because faith in God symbolizes a determination on our part to believe. His control is for us even though He doesn't always provide proof. Jesus told his disciples that they should anticipate suffering... "He said I have told you these things (about suffering) so that you might have peace. But take heart! I have overcome the world (John 3:16). Jesus wants us to have peace even through suffering. He is God who will conquer the suffering. He has a plan for us. (I don't know about you, but it's so much less stressful to pray, do what we can, and then TRUST rather than worry and stress about our circumstances.) Pray for strength to receive whatever answer or non-answer He gives. I believe He will answer that prayer. In addition to this Trust (faith) issue, I recently came across the following: "Jesus blesses faith. There is no doubt about it; faith matters. There is a direct correlation between our faith in God and His responsiveness. He, of course, can do anything, and He is willing to do big things on your behalf. But He is looking for our faith. He is searching for men and women with big vision, because big vision reflects Him, a big God. We serve an omnipotent and omnipresent Lord who asks that we have a giant vision of Him and fuel that vision by great faith-in other words don't put God in a box."

Sometimes, we mope around as if God has lost control and Christianity is hurling into irrelevance. The church has become sterile in some sectors of the world, but where faith is alive the church is on fire. Christ will not contain His blessings where He discovers followers who live by faith. There is a tipping point of truth in their community of faith. Indeed, prayer is prevalent when the faith community believes God for big things (Acts 4:24). God blesses belief. So don't think He doesn't make sense. Dr. Dobson points out our small thinking when we think 'God Doesn't Make Sense.'

Another Carol Walter donation (what would the library be without donations.) "Lilah" by Marek Halter. This is a bit of Historical Fiction about the strong woman who was the sister of Ezra, Lilah. Ezra is the man who led his people back to Jerusalem, the Promised Land with the help of Lilah. Yet, as has happened before, confusion followed because the people did not understand the Lord's big picture. Meanwhile Lilah had not forgotten her true love, a Persian warrior, who wants to make her his wife. Her Love creates conflict.

"David and Goliath." Something for the young is a tab book about David and Goliath. The pictures are colorful, if cartoonish. Maybe this will help young readers realize how much can be gained by reading...or those who don't read yet.

Now for preteen girls is "A Girl's Guide to Making Really Good Choices" (I haven't offered this age anything in a while. Sorry, really.) The guide points out the good and bad choices and how they affect the person making them. For instance, what happens if you choose evil versus good-of course the good has to be in line with what God declares: that is discussed. How must you pray? Is prayer really necessary? So many questions are answered: ie, should I be her friend? How about that math test? The need for PATIENCE is talked about. (I think I need to read the book again.) A DVD "God is NOT Dead" is thought-provoking and something teens and beyond will find interesting. A topic that will, perhaps, encourage them to look further into the subject and be confident in evangelism.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Beggorrah It's the.....Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 4 @ 1:00 p.m.

12:30 line-up at Lemont Safety Village (55 Stephen Street)

Irish families of all nationalities are invited to march or just come out and have fun!

Parade route: South on Stephen Street to Main Street, west to the VFW Hall at 15780 New Avenue

Sponsored by the Village of Lemont

For additional information: 630-243-2700



Lemont United Methodist Church,

Your kindness means the world to me. I received such an outpouring of love, through visit, cards, calls, and prayers. I am well on the road to recovery. God's love embraced me through you.

Love, Joanne Goszczycki

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 12, 2017-June 16, 2017

Lemont United Methodist Church invites children on a 5 day VBS experience where kids discover they are created by God and are built for a purpose. Kids learn: God made you; God is for you; God is always with you; God will always love you; and God made you for a reason.

VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! And out activities that help faith flow into real life. Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Spark creativity with interactive decoration and experiences.

Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School transforms our church into a place buzzing with excitement!



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Hi All,

Today the SHYG met to explore "Love Christian Style!" There is much scripture to guide us in love. God wants us to love one another (1 John 4:7), to treat each other well always (1 Corinthians 13:4-8), to love with actions and truth (1 John 3:16-18), and to love as we would like to be loved (Mark 12:31). We acknowledged that following these guidelines is not always easy to do but is a worthwhile goal. We then considered how we would like to be loved by exploring the 5 Love Languages presented by Gary Chapman. We concluded that there are many ways to express love to one another and they are all valid, but the best way is to love as God loves us (John 15:17)...unconditionally, individually, and sincerely! For our actions to have the biggest impact, we should consider what the recipient would like. Then we put our lesson into action by going to play Bingo with the residents of the Mother Theresa Home. We visited with them, helped them with their games, and gave them special prizes. Residents said that we made their day and invited us to come again. It was a very rewarding activity. We encourage all to go out and love someone...make their day!



Our next SHYG event is scheduled for Sunday, March 12th so mark your calendars. More information will follow.

Thanks!--Mrs. Peraino & Mrs. Kirkman

Activity Committee Updates

Mark your calendars!!! More information as the date draws near

Remember the third Friday of each month is Family Night. It will typically be a movie or game night. It is open to everyone so bring your friends and family.

March 5 Skit

March 24 Movie night "Woodlawn" (Changed to fourth Friday due to St Patrick's day)

April 21 Game night church 7:00

April 22 Saturday, Ladies Tea

May 5 Saturday, trip to Willowbrook Nature Center

May 19 Ice cream social fund raiser, followed by movie night

June Used book sale as part of Yard Sale for Red Bird Mission

Summer Picnic

Sept 23 Saturday, Mystery Dinner

Oct 20 Friday Family night Bonfire at the Janssens

Please remember to sign the sign up sheet so we know how many to plan for!

Come have fun with us. Questions or information needed? Call Peg Pecher at [847-204-](tel:847-204-1747)

[1747](tel:847-204-1747) or the church.

Combined Service and Brunch, Sunday, March 5th



Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 5th. As we head into Spring, we will fellowship together at our Brunch. On the 5th 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.

Ash Wednesday Service

**Wednesday
March 1, 2017 at 7 P.M.**



The season of Lent begin with a call to repent, which means to “turn around” and is a time of reminding ourselves who we are called to be in the world. Come and receive the mark of ashes on your forehead as a sign that from dust you came and to dust you will return.

A Super Collection on “Souper Bowl” Sunday

Coinciding with the football Super Bowl on Sunday, **February 5th**, our Sunday School Children took a special collection. Thank you to all who reached into your pockets to drop a coin or bill into the soup pots. It might not have seemed like much but we collected a total of **\$130!** Together we make a difference! All contributions have been donated to our Open Pantry to help provide food for local families in need. Thank you for helping us put a bowl of soup on every table!

“Heavenly Doors” Play

A skit team of the Lemont United Methodist Church will perform “Heavenly Doors” on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 9:30 AM combined service. Come join us for this special Sunday and invite your family and friends. Brunch will be followed by the service.

**Sunday, March 5, 2017 at
9:30 AM**



EASTER FLOWERS

Remember that special person or occasion in your life by ordering an Easter flower. You can choose from a hyacinth, lily, or tulip. These beautiful plants add much to the celebration of Easter morning worship. A list of those remembered or honored will be listed in the Easter bulletin and the plants may be taken home following the 10:45 a.m. Easter worship.

Enclose **\$15.00** for each plant ordered, making checks payable to **Lemont United Methodist Church**. Orders are due on, or before, **Sunday, April 2nd**. Please put your order form and money in the large envelope on the back table.



Thank You

Remember to set your
clocks forward. Daylight
Savings Time begins
March 12th.



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
ADULT CLASSES: In the Conference Room
Please come join us! All are welcome!



Lenten Bible Study

“Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn’t about a particular social issue, but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world’s bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country’s leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to “keep silent in the church?” Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.”

Please join this study in the coming Lenten season. If you want to lead or host one in your home or participate, please contact at the church office. The copies of the book will be available in the office at \$ 8.00 as well as a sign up sheet.

Making Sense of the Bible– Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today

1. Making Sense of the Old Testament
2. Making Sense of the New Testament
3. Questions about the Nature of Scripture
4. The Bible and Science
5. Violence, Suffering, and Other Troubling Issues
6. Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships

Come join our Lenten Bible Study (The cost of the book is \$8.00.)

Group 1—Wednesday Night Class

Date: March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19
Place: George Lange’ House at 7PM
Leader: Pastor Oh

Group 2 — Thursday Night Class

Date: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 12
Place: Peg Pecher’s House @ 6:30 PM
Leader: Dale Janssen

Group 3—Adult Sunday School

Date: March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16
Place: Church at 9:30 AM
Leader: Richard Lee

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:

Sammy Walus, car accident
Jackie Stetz, lupus
Leon Randall, (infant) heart defect
Noel Jackson, leukemia
*Steve Walter, knee surgery, travel and recovery
Laura Wolowiec, health issues
*Joanne Goszczycki, healing
*Debbie Belander, healing from surgery
Pat Peraino, skin cancer
Melvyn Marshall, intensive care/stroke
Roger Malak, intensive care
Jim Sebastian, recovering from surgery
Cindy Hudon, cancer, chemotherapy
*Bill & Mary Jane Sykes, health & strength
*Bill Curry, chemotherapy
Betty’s family, strength
Bonnie, MS, lost her son
Sandy, testing for cancer
Nancy Rose, surgery
Colleen Andrew, cancer treatment
Beverly Scholtes, stage four gallbladder cancer
Amber Neitzel, awaiting foot amputation
*Bobbie Legan, chemotherapy
Anderson family health issues
*Mary Ende, chemotherapy
Jean Heney, pancreatic cancer/chemotherapy
Ken, rehabilitation
Ashley & Brian, difficult pregnancy
Sandy Lauer, severe back pain
Dana Patterson, MS and brain tumor
Mason Patterson, surgery
Judy Olinger, lymphoma

Anna Palmer, brain tumor surgery
Ken, bone cancer
Dave & Julie, neurologist testing & support
Sandra, auto immune disease
Frank, knee replacement
*Sheila Farrer, surgery
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis/testing
Lou Gunder, lymphoma
Paulette (Varnon), early onset alzheimer’s & dementia
Ellie Cuiching, clinical trial for cancer
*Virginia, new adjustments
Jim & Linda, hospital and dementia
Lois, stage 3 cancer
Marilyn Troyer, breast cancer
Suzanne Moake, breast cancer
Barbara Reynolds, stent
Kathy, cancer
Sally, fighting lung cancer/husband for support
Mary Daum, finished radiation treatments
Angie Neitzel, two valve replacements, infection
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
Sandie Koelbel, lung and bone cancer, chemo
Suebea Wright, cancer
MaryLou, peace and strength
Ken Mackey, ALS testing
Mary, cancer spread

Joys:

Another Successful Happy Hands fashion!
*Sean Clark, thriving three years after his stroke!
Our new organ is being installed this week!
Game Night had 24 Attendess!
*Jason Kehr, 1st Place for Trumpet
Kyle Kohler, in remission

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Ted Frieldey acting in “The Last Supper” play for 35 years
*Boy Scout Sunday
*Activities Committee
“Game Night”
*Successful Happy Hands Fashion Show!
*\$130.00 raised for “Souper Bowl Sunday”
*The love and life of John Nelson

Coffee Fellowship March 19

Peg Pecher
Dawn Ferrazzi
Juanita Fick
Sherrill Weary
Bev Svoboda
Paulette Fries
Pat Brown



Expanding Care Bear ers Ministry

Please let Pastor Oh know if you if are "home bound" or need a visit for 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 :
Church: 630-257-5210

Lemont United Methodist Church

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

Return Service Requested

NEW WINE March 2017

The Hindu Clinic

The Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago has offered the use of their clinic to anyone in need of medical help. The clinic is open the first Sunday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Their address is 10915 Lemont Road, Lemont and their phone number is 630-972-0300.

AA Meetings

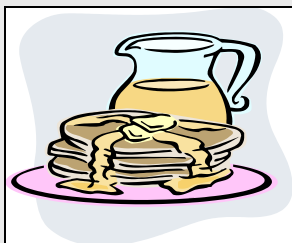
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

**Please contact:
Pat at (815) 274-4244**

WEBSITE

Services are being recorded almost every week thanks to Erik and volunteers. 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 11

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.



For those of you that might not be aware, we DO have a FB page. Please try and visit it regularly. As time goes on we will be posting more and more.

There are actually 3 FB pages that were started, but the one you should be using has a picture of the sanctuary on it.

I am one of the Admin's so bear with me while I get used to my new role. I will do my best but do not know all the rules and settings so be patient :)

Marge Fox

Primetimers



Saturday March 18 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