

April 2017



Upcoming Services and Events

April 2

"Heavenly Doors"

*Franciscan
Village*

Play 1:00 p.m.

April 9

Palm Sunday

"Last Supper Play"

7:00 p.m.

April 16

Easter Sunday

8:30 AM/10:45AM

Easter Egg Hunt

Coffee Fellowship

Vacation Bible

School Sing Up

April 23

Loose Change

Sunday

April 30

*Native American
Ministries Sunday*

Offering

The New Wine

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you all! Since it is flu season, I am thinking of those who have been under the weather and pray that you get better. The good news is that spring is here, bringing us warmth, fresh air, greens, beautiful blossom, blooming, and life.

As we are in the middle of Lent and moving toward Easter soon, I would like to remind you of how much you are loved by Jesus. In Luke 13:31-35, Jesus courageously entered into Jerusalem even though the Pharisees asked him to run away and save his life. Instead, he kept on the path to Jerusalem not to prove he was fearless or a hero, but to meet his death for the sake of all humanity just like you and I. I think that Jesus was very vulnerable and hesitant when he took his steps toward Jerusalem and to the cross. Yet, he courageously chose to be vulnerable to be tortured and crucified on the cross to show God's love toward us.

This profound love of Jesus for all humanity is understood just like a mother's fierce love that will stop at nothing to protect her children. Jesus loves you that much! You are loved, precious, and honored by Jesus. That love even overcame evil and death. He has risen from the dead! Because Jesus lives, we can face tomorrow; because He lives, all fear is gone; because we know He holds the future, and life is worth living just because He lives. One day we will all die; however, it is because of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus that we are filled with hope for the wonderful future we have with Christ!

Easter is on its way bringing us this hope, love, joy, and many blessings. Therefore, dear friends, do not be afraid. You are enough because the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ loves you and walks with you in the midst of storms in your life. With this assurance let us love others and give witness to people around you that **Christ is alive. He is truly risen!**

As we are nearing to celebrate that great and powerful event, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, I invite you to join us for the Last Supper on Palm Sunday evening at 7PM, Holy Week and Easter Services. We will have Good Friday Service on April 14 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday Services on April 16, 8:30 AM and 10:45 AM. We will celebrate His resurrection with joyous songs, an inspirational message, and sweet fellowship together as the body of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ! We are looking forward to seeing you on Easter Sunday!

May this Easter season be a great blessing of grace and joy for you and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ reign in your heart, in your family, and in your home. Happy Easter!

"Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe."

Pastor Hyo Sun Oh



Bishop Sally Dyck

From the Bishop: **A time to declutter?**

Few people do “spring cleaning” anymore. In case you’ve never heard of it, it was the practice of thoroughly cleaning a house in the springtime. Its history is debated but in most cultures, spring was a time of new beginnings which called for the cleaning out of the old.

The origins of spring cleaning are thought to go back to the Iranian Norouz, the Persian New Year, which falls on the first day of spring. Iranians practice “khooneh tekouni” which literally means “shaking the house” before the New Year begins. Scotland and Japan also have “New Year’s cleaning” on December 31.

In northern climates, whether in caves, huts, teepees, sod houses, wooden or brick structures, spring cleaning meant that you had to have enough light and warmth to take draperies and rugs and even mattresses outside in order to clean them. You had to open the windows and the doors to let a fresh breeze blow out the stuffiness and let in more light which is always good for cleaning!

Traditionally the Church had a thorough cleaning of the altar and everything associated with it on Maundy Thursday. Which brings me to my point. Have you looked around your church building lately? Do you have a lot of clutter? Do you have rooms that you don’t use much any more and they have become clutter magnets, collecting every old thing brought into or made in the church? Take a look at the backside of the pulpit. Could you do an archeological dig of every children’s sermon in the last year (or more)?

Just like Jesus “cleaning the temple,” I can tell you stories about cleaning out storage areas in a church only to be met with harsh criticism. “You threw away what?” Whatever it was, we hadn’t used it in years. One particular thing that really upset an elderly woman in the church was so faded you could hardly recognize what it was. My husband threw away a raggedy cardboard donkey (who hadn’t gotten the lead in a Christmas play or Palm Sunday parade for years) and he got a real dressing down! People don’t always like you to mess with their clutter!

But it is all worth it! You see, when we have a lot of clutter around our churches, especially in public spaces for all to see (not just new people or visitors), it says that we live in the past, not in the future. We’re hanging onto stuff that we don’t need and in fact keeps us from being free, nimble, and even new. Our old stuff is more important than dreaming and creating fresh expressions of being church, telling the story, and living unencumbered by all the old.

De-cluttering our buildings from literal papers, props and stuff may actually help us de-clutter some other things like old hurts, “we’ve always done it that way” excuses, and too much looking back and inward instead of looking forward and outward. We could all really use some spring cleaning in our hearts, minds, and relationships!

There’s a meme on Facebook that says: “Instead of giving up sweets for Lent, give up clutter! Each day fill a bag (any size) with things that you no longer need/use and donate to charity.” It might be a little late to do the full Lenten practice but even if you just do it for a few weeks or Holy Week—at church and in your own life—you might find the de-cluttering of your house, church, heart and soul. God is always seeking to do a new thing in us and through us. Give God some space to work, open the windows and doors of your life for fresh breezes and more light, beginning in your building and moving into your heart and mind.

Enough for now, I’ve got some de-cluttering to do. What about you?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 3--Cris Kerins
April 3--Erin Cliff
April 5-Margaret Flynn
April 6-GleeAnnKehr
April 7-Dave Gessner
April 13-Antonio Lange
April 14-Kyleigh Janovyak
April 16-Bill Price
April 17-Amy Cheehy
April 20-Ellie Woytek
April 21-Bob Nelson
April 23-Sue Hinks
April 26-Elizabeth Havemann
April 27-Wendy Myers
April 28-Emily Stood

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

April 5-Bill & Mary Jane Sykes
April 20-Tom & Marge Fox
April 21-Tony & Dawn Ferrazzi
April 23-Stephen & Sherrill Weary



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 WHILE YOU **Shop**

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 Jewel Osco

We want to thank Jewel for allowing us to place containers in their store for people to donate to the food pantries.

Thank You Jewel!

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

Bill Curry



February 7, 1953 — March 11, 2017 Bill Curry, age 64, of Lemont, IL, passed away on Saturday March 11, 2017 at his home surrounded by his loving family and friends. Bill was born on February 7, 1953 in Joliet, IL, the son of Lloyd and Rose Curry.

Bill was united in marriage in 1974 at Welcome Hill Baptist Church, Lemont, IL, to Bettye Curry and they spent the next 43 happy years together. Bill and Bettye got Amanda 5 years later. Bill was a member of Lemont United Methodist Church along with Bettye and Amanda. He was also an active member of the Lemont Classic Car Club. He especially liked riding his Harley on many charity runs. He worked at RRJ Engineering, Inc., for 35 years, in Willowbrook, IL.

He is survived by his dear wife Bettye Curry and his loving and precious daughter, Amanda and her husband Bill Hill and three furry grandchildren (his cats) and also a brother, John Curry, sister-in-law Judy Curry and Vicki Panepinto, and several nieces and nephews and many cherished friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd and Rose Curry; siblings, Joseph Curry, Bob Curry, and Nancy Smith. He was a loving husband, father, uncle, and friend to many. He was a generous, and unselfish man, who would always help a friend, any way he could. He will be deeply missed by many of us.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Joliet Area Community Hospice or to Children's Oncology Services Inc., One Step Program.

Sympathy Note

Ruth Bromberek



Ruth Bromberek, a life long member of Lemont UMC, passed away on March 28, 2017. Her committal service will be held on April 4, 2017 at 10:15 AM at Mount Vernon Cemetery, Lemont, IL. You are invited to this graveside service.



Willowbrook Rescue—Saturday May 6th

Willowbrook Rescues over 7,000 animals per year and cares for them until they are released into the wild. We will be going on a guided tour Saturday May 6th. All animals that are permanent residents could not be released back into the wild and enjoy a wonderful life at the rescue. Please join us and help support this wonderful mission!

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

April 2
8:30-Don
Mueggenborg
10:45-Marty Knott

April 9
8:30- Jana Stelter
10:45-

April 16
8:30- Bill Stelter
10:45-Tim Peraino

April 23
8:30-
10:45-Tim Peraino

April 30
8:30-
10:45-Cris Kerins

The Greatest Fog

By Richard H. Lee

This morning I woke up in a fog. It was a very thick fog and because the sun was blocked it was dark, so I slept late. I was happy to see the fog because ever since I lived in Milwaukee near lake Michigan I have loved to walk outside in fog and sometimes hear foghorns.

But when I went out to get coffee I put my car's fog lights on but soon noticed very few other vehicles were using their lights. That's a very foolish thing to do and shows lack of concern or ignorance about driving in fog. Fog safety requires you to put on your lights not to see but to be seen and also slowing down, just like in snow. There is another kind of fog where we walk around with our minds in a fog, not realizing what's really going on or the dangers we face.

The Bible talks about people who do not see or understand what is righteous and the dangers around us in the world in places like Matthew 13:13 and Luke 6:42. Every day we face challenges and danger that we are not aware of so we need to trust in the Lord for our safety and protection. This world is not a safe place and does not encourage understanding of God and His plans for us. Our safe home is yet to come for those who believe and obey the Word (John 14:2) and Jesus has gone to prepare this place for us.



April 2017

**Children's
Message
Schedule**

April 2-Ron Walter

April 9-Mary Knott

April 16-Erik
Anderson

April 23-Richard
Lee

April 30-Cris Kerins



Greeters

April 2
8:30-Myers Family
10:45-Stood Family

April 9
8:30-
10:45-Huegelmann
Family

April 16
8:30-Sue Hinks
10:45-Nelson Family

April 23
8:30-Sharon Heslop
10:45-Margaret Flynn

April 30-
8:30-Juanita Fick
10:45-Ferrazzi 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: Church Office 630-257-5210
Panera Bread: Church Office 630-257-5210
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 Seasons of Stewardship"

(The following was adapted from an article I read)

The response to Christian stewardship is not a static thing. Like the seasons of the year, stewardship has its own seasons during our lives. As young children we respond by practicing self-control and obedience, saving that shiny quarter we receive from our parent to put in the Sunday offering plate.

As older children we may learn to give a portion of our allowance to the Church. Or, we may engage in creative fundraising enterprises to raise money for a cause if we are moved to respond to the misfortune of others.

As teenagers we feel at a loss over how to be Christian stewards. We become victims of our culture's incessant message of material consumerism.

As young adults we enter a season of accumulation. We acquire education, "stuff," fashionable clothes, new and different friends, and we hope, marketable skills that will ensure a comfortable living. Regrettably, not many of us learn yet the difference between making a good living and making a good life.

As middle-aged adults we enter the season of generativity. We begin to learn how to give our stuff away. We strive to de-clutter our lives, we clean out the closets and put on yard sales. We strive to simplify our lives having learned that as it turns out, the stuff we own, owns us. In the tension of the limitation of means, we may learn to invest in the next generations, planting trees we will never see to full growth, but upon which our children and our children's children will swing or enjoy their fruit. And that is meaningful and satisfying in ways we never knew before.

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$33,045

Receipts: 9,954

Disbursements: 12,578

General Fund Ending Balance: 30,421

Maintenance Fund Balance: 56,702

APRIL 2017

RAINBOW COVENANT

By Karin Peraino

April 2017 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 April, we are highlighting the **green band charity, RefugeeOne**. During the world's worst refugee crisis in recent history, RefugeeOne is proud to continue building welcoming communities for people fleeing Syria, Burma, the Congo, Iraq, and other war-torn countries. They welcome refugees and help them integrate into American society, including providing a place to stay, helping them learn English, connecting them with their first job, and supporting their children in school. Please bring in plenty of change on **April 23rd** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "**RefugeeOne**" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

If you haven't LIKED our facebook page please do. And don't forget to "Review" and Rate our church. Thank You!

ORGAN THANK YOU

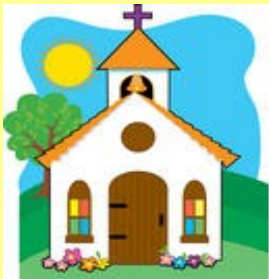
Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed to our new organ! We will be having a dedication for the organ at a later date. We could not have done it without everyone's help and support!

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

Book Reviews for April 2017

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.

“God's Promises for the American Patriot.” The book is a reminder of Who is really in control. The verse in Romans 13: 1, 7 “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God... Render therefore to all their due: taxes...fear...honor.” Hmm, that gives us pause. I wonder how God would lead this nation IF that was done. President George H. Bush prayed “...there is but one use of power, that is to serve (ALL'-my word) the people. Help us to remember that.” In the promises to the “American Patriot,” words of rebuke and encouragement are included by people such as God's co-workers: George Washington Carver, Abraham Lincoln, Dwight Eisenhower, Martin Luther King, Ruth and Billy Graham, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John etc. etc.

With Love, Wherever You Are- a historical non-fiction story of perseverance

War is TERRIBLE. I think most of us will agree to that. The physical atrocities: blindness (physical and mental), lost limbs, loss of life. Just being an immediate part of that, the doctors and nurses and any onlookers, must have been shocked and numbed because the fact is that those cruelties took place every day. Man's inhumanity to man. Also don't forget the loss of ANY creature comforts, poor food, poor accommodations plus danger from surroundings enemy planes, enemies with guns or grenades or knives. Who wouldn't be deeply affected by this scenario? What would these awful situations do to anyone's thinking? By coincidence? (I don't believe in coincidences instead a plan from On High) Helen and Frank: nurse and doctor met and went to war. Helen and Frank had each other. They had their love, which admittedly suffered a few bumps on the road to a lasting marriage. Not only bumps, but deep potholes. However, their love smoothed over the depressions and won. They did not let the war win over them, they won the war for themselves. They were married for 51 years! Really!

“The Lost Gospel of Barabbas” is another historical non-fiction book. Barabbas was a man with a vision. That vision of black ravens warned him of impending danger. However he was able to avoid the birds because he was brought up by caring people who taught and gave him wisdom: wisdom and teachings he would put to good use in living a life which was blessed After his wife's murder and his revenge he encountered the black ravens again. Yet the grace of God reigned.

“The Easter Story”- a NON-FICTION picture book for young people. The story is of the resurrection, it does not mention WHY Christ died. Or WHY we honor Him. But it's a start. Perhaps adults could continue on and emphasize that part.

Lastly, I offer a book ”Did Jesus Really Say That? The author offers interpretation of Christ's words, which are often overlooked. Some insight into the mind of our Lord is given. Each chapter is to be studied deeply, maybe your ideas will agree, maybe not. Pray about that. And remember who Jesus is.



You're Invited

Place: The Lemont United Methodist Church

Date: April 9, 2017

Time: 7:30 pm

Occasion: The Last Supper Tableau, a play entitled "Lord, Is It I?" by Frederick S. Thompson

Special: A still life of Leonardo da Vinci painting of the Last Supper event

This is our 34th enactment of what might have been and how it came to be on this night of nights. Twelve disciples wondering and speaking of their life before and after they met and followed Jesus. Then Jesus's accusation to the disciples.

The da Vinci portrait of The Last Supper is slowly brought to life before your eyes. It is a stunning moment and sometimes gasps are heard. There are musical interludes that set up the crisis that is in the room.

After the program there will be a free-will offering to benefit the church's Open Pantry program. There will be nursery available children under 5.

We do hope you will come!

Arlene Knott, Director

Rehearsal dates are: April 5th and April 8th is the Mandatory Dress Rehearsal.



Come join us... Lemont United Methodist Church

Easter Egg Hunt

When: 10am, Easter Sunday, 04/16/2017

Where: LUMC Sanctuary

Children of all ages are invited to stop in before our 10:45am Easter Sunday worship service to enjoy our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Each child will have the opportunity to find seven eggs, filled with delicious surprises and a spiritual message.

This isn't your typical Easter Egg hunt. The treats in our eggs tie into special messages from God. Through popular stories from the old & new testaments, children will learn: **God has a plan for us, God protects us, God takes care of us, God wants our attention, God wants our faith, God loves us, and God keeps His promises.**

Keep Christ in Easter with the LUMC Easter Egg Hunt!

A Successful "Woodlawn" Movie Night

Thank you to the Activities Committee for a successful movie night. Thank you to William and Barbara Brocker who opened their home to us! Lastly, thank you to everyone who attended and brought snacks to share. Please enjoy the pictures of their enjoyable evening! Hope to see all of you at the next movie night.



Thank You

A special thanks to Seung Woo for writing and directing our "Heavenly Doors" play! It was a huge success! Thank you to Megan Cheehy, Dawn Ferrazzi, Tony Ferrazzi, Marge Fox, Mark Huegelmann, Dale Janssen, Tom Kehr, Kexia LaFramboise-Van, Nathan LaFramboise-Van, Leslie Ramos, Phil, Ramos, and Jason Stood who played their parts perfectly! They will perform again at Franciscan Village on April 2nd at 1:00 p.m.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and visits as I begin my journey with lung cancer. Your kind words and efforts are certainly appreciated. It is so heartwarming to open the mailbox and find greeting cards. They really brighten my days. I hope to return to church soon.

Thank you very much!

Mary Ende



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 Everyone!

Congratulations to all who participated in today's Trapeze event. We were impressed with your courage and the progress you made. You all did great! Attached is one picture of each "High Flyer." I'll send more individually. Our lesson today was titled, "High Flying." We used the analogy of the flying trapeze to discover how to be successful in the future: let go of the past, reach for a goal in accordance with God's will, and grab a hold of God's hands to let Him give you strength and pull you forward. We recognized that God's hands come in many forms...parents and other Christian guides, and even ourselves. As Saint Teresa of Avila said, "Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now." We also acknowledged that even following that plan, sometimes things don't work out as we had hoped; that's when we need to trust God and not get discouraged. We closed listening to the song, "What Faith Can Do:" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1JBSQMkQEo>. The key to flying high is God!

Please mark your calendars... Our next Sr. High Youth Group is scheduled for **Sunday, April 30th at 5:00pm**. We will be hosting the youth from Mooseheart Children's home for a Country Bash. Bring a friend and let's have a big representation from LUMC for this last event of the year! Details will be sent as the date gets closer. In the meantime, have a blessed

Lenten and Easter season!
--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.

April 21 Game night church 7:00

April 22 Saturday, Ladies Tea

May 6 Saturday, trip to Willowbrook Wildlife 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 Janssen's

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

Hope and Friendship News

Hope and Friendship Scholarship deadline is midnight on Monday April 3rd, 2017. Two Scholarships will be awarded to Lemont High School graduating seniors as well as a furthering education/trade school scholarship to an adult. *(work on it over Spring Break my friends!!!)*

<http://patch.com/illinois/lemont/hope-friendship-foundation-offers-opportunity-scholarship-graduating-seniors-more>

Easter Baskets: Gather your small group, your Bible study group, classmates, organizations, friends, family, etc. and create a basket of Easter Dinner items for a family who could truly use this gift. (canned ham, boxed or fresh potatoes, baked good item needs, canned fruit/veggies, gravy, items that will enable a family to create an Easter Dinner for their loved ones) or create a basket for a young girl or boy. Make it as age general as possible please. Helps us meet all of the needs. All baskets must be turned in by **Sorting Night**. **Sorting Night Wednesday April 12th 6pm @ Lemont Township Office 1115 Warner Ave.** or contact me for alternate drop off.

The WILL Power Challenge- last year we celebrated and rallied support for a young friend in the battle. This year on Saturday May 13th, we will gather to do the same for yet another young friend who has spent half of her 12 years of life in the battle. I need volunteers to make this year's event happen: create the challenges, keep the score, host the snacks/water, keep the event flowing, masters of PR, registration volunteers, raffle basket collectors, sorters and ticket sellers, those who can offer time to make a difference in the life of a young friend who is a warrior in our midst.

Wishing you peace,
Terri

Panera Bread

A special thank you to all of our volunteers who pick up Panera Bread for our Food Pantry on Monday mornings. According to Panera Bread, last year we received over \$23,000 of baked goods!

*Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

John 6:35

Donation at the Ladies Tea

Our donation that will be collected at the Ladies Tea this year will be for helping the injured spring wildlife. The Second Hand Ranch & Rescue in Princeton, Illinois is a wildlife rehab center that also provides shelter for re-homing senior/special needs dogs, cats, house rabbits, guinea pigs and more! They also will accept gently used clean blankets, pillow cases, towels, used baby and preschool toys, (plastic toys like Little Tykes). They also need paper towels, bleach, laundry detergents, milk crates, canned pet food, nuts, and wild bird seed. Let's be very generous to the creatures that grace God's world!

Thank you, Paulette Fries

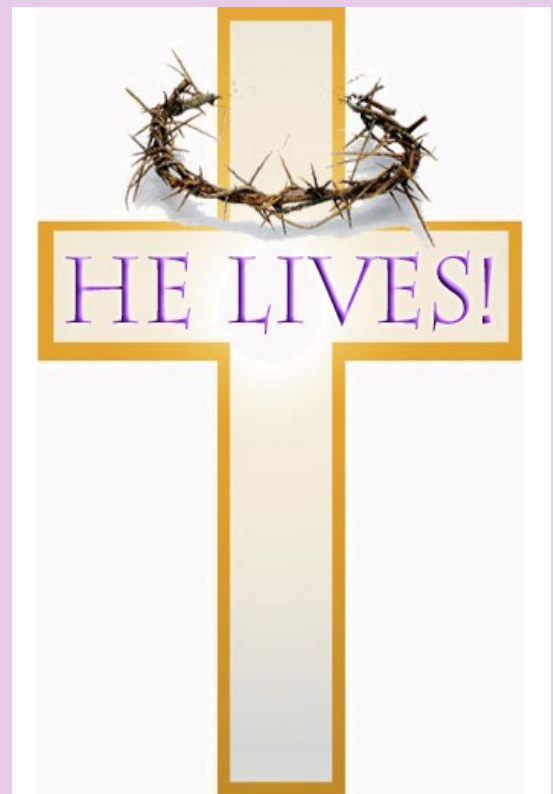


He is Risen Up by Micah Betzner

A bruised heel, a pierced side
On cruel cross my Savior died
He did not stay in death's cold grave
But risen up, He vict'ry gave

Though He was slain, and under laid
He rose again, our sin-debt paid
According to the Scriptures true
He giveth life free unto you

He is in Heav'n, our Christ and Lord
He giveth grace to trust His word
Though Satan toils us to accuse
If we trust God, we cannot lose



“Heavenly Doors” Play

A skit team of the Lemont United Methodist Church will perform “Heavenly Doors” on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 1:00 P.M. at Franciscan Village. Come join us for this special Sunday and invite your family and friends.



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



Friedley Family Thank You

Pastor Oh, Thank you so much for your caring and prayerful support in the early days following Ted’s death.. I/we truly appreciate it. Thank you to your donations to the church. And please thank the congregation for the condolence card.

Judy Friedley and Family

Activities Committee “Goodie Bags”

Thank you to those who donated candies, snacks, goodies, and mini crosses for our visit to Franciscan Village this Sunday. A special thank you to Activity Committee members who came to church and stuffed all those goodies, crosses, and our church flyers into **160** lunch bags.



It will be a wonderful visit to Franciscan Village with good news and goody bags on April 2, 2017 at 1 PM.

Lenten Bible Study

Please join this study in Lenten season. The cost of the book is \$ 8.00 and available in the office.

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: April 5, 12, 19, & 26

Place: George Lange' House at 7PM

Leader: Dale Janssen

Group 2—Adult Sunday School

Date: April 2, 9, 16, & 23

Place: Church at 9:30 AM

Leader: Richard Lee



John Nelson brought us together!!!

Worship Choir along with guests sang "When the Saints Go Marching in" at the Memorial Service of John Nelson.

John is resting in peace at home~

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 join us! All are welcome!



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:

*Mary Jane Nelson and family, strength
*Steve Walter, recovering from knee surgery
*GleeAnn’s mom traveling home
*Debbie Belander, back to church!
*Shelby Fox, successful dental surgery
Chase, bone disease testing
Kendyll, attempted suicide
Walter, cancer
Syl Arnold, recovering from brain surgery
Amanda, digestive pain
Sam, copd, heart blockage
Jackie Stetz, lupus
Laura Wolowiec, health issues
Melvyn Marshall, intensive care/stroke
Cindy Hudon, cancer, chemotherapy
*Bill & Mary Jane Sykes, health & strength
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, health issues
*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
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
Ken Mackey, ALS testing
Mary, cancer spread
Kay, cancer
Brian, fighting alcoholism
Margie, heart issues
Tom Ligman, pacemaker
Sally, congenital heart failure, insurance
Mason Walters, 10 yrs old, brain cancer
Maureen Robinson, serious health issues
LeeAnn Rolph, hemorrhage in brain

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

- * A Successful “Heavenly Doors”
Play!
- * Installation of our new organ!
- * Debbie Belander & Steve Walter
healing and back at church!
- * Terri O’Neill’s wonderful sermon
- * Successful Happy Hands Fashion
Show!
- * Thank you to our Activities
Committee for a successful movie
night and I60 “Goodie Bags” for
Franciscan Village!

Coffee Fellowship April 16

Christine Miller
Sue Hinks
Judy Janovyak
Gleann Kehr
Shirley Stout
Kay Norfleet
Christy Brousseau
Denise Miglio
Deb Neitzel



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bear ers Ministry

Help Needed-Occasional Cooks or Meal Providers

The Care Bearers are looking for a few new people to help provide an occasional meal (home cooked or purchased) for members of our congregation who are recovering from a serious illness, birth of a baby, or the loss of a family member. Meals are **only occasionally** needed in our church, and it is a wonderful mission! If you would be willing to provide a meal when someone is in need, please contact Alice Lange or Wendy Myers. We would love to add you to our list of Care Bearers.

Alice Lange: 815-838-5158
Wendy Myers: 630-257-7689

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

Return Service Requested

NEW WINE

April 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

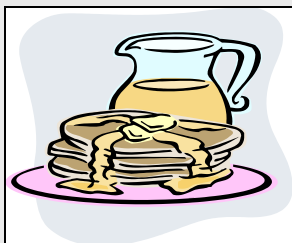
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

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
April 8**

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
April 15
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