May 2017



<u>Upcoming</u> <u>Services and</u> <u>Events</u>

<u> May 7</u>

Communion at both services

May 14

Mother's Day Recognition

May 21

Worship Choir,
Junior Choir &
Praise Band
Recognition
Coffee Fellowship
After the 10:45
Service

May 28

Loose Change Sunday Memorial Day Recognition Sunday School Recognition

The New Wine

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we move into Resurrection Living, we have ample opportunities to be aware of God's presence, right here with us. One of the ways we try to do that at Lemont United Methodist Church is by being a community where all are welcomed, especially, families with children.

Our church has a laminated card in the pews that reminds us to welcome families with children, even if the children get impatient in worship. Here's what it says: (The member's part is added.)

"TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN, MAY WE SUGGEST...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others' heads.

Use a gentle touch: an arm around your child's shoulder, your hand in his/hers to give reassurance and appropriate attention.

Quietly explain the parts of the Service and actions of the pastor, ushers, choir, etc. Help your child find the pages in the Hymnal, sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you. It is okay if they stand on the pew to see and to sing. If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back.

As Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.' Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in their house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents." We can do this, as we seek to be a place where all are welcomed.

Lemont UMC has been known as a very welcoming, hospitable, and caring congregation. Let us be patient with the noise children are making in our midst and let us continue to make our church a place where all are welcome. In this way, we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Remember, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me" Luke 9:48.

With Christ's love, *Pastor Hyo Sun Oh*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 1-Andrei Talos

May 1-Charlotte Havemann

May 1-Peg Pecher

May 7-Debbie Belander

May 7-Don Mueggenborg

May 9-Erik Anderson

May 17-Sonia & Chloe Vavra

May 18-Tyler Rainaldi

May 20-Chris Gessner

May 20-Sean Clark

May 21-Ashtyn Talos

May 22-Kayla Walter

May 26-Bob Gergescz

May 29-Deborah Chappell

May 31-Wendy Chappell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 2-Dave & Chris Gessner

May 13-Jason & Jodi Stood

May 24-Mike & Debbie Chappell



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 merchants, restaurants, gas stations are participating 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



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.



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!

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.

Willowbrook Rescue—Saturday May 6th

Willowbrook Rescues over 7,000 animals per year and cares for then until they can be 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!

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!



Thank you~!

Thank You to All for Lent and Easter Worship

Many thanks to the liturgists, readers, singers, choir members, families for candle extinguishing and lighting, ushers, worship slide preparers and office staff who put in many extra hours to prepare for Lent and Easter worship. Your time, talent and creativity are so appreciated. Your help in preparing for Lent and Easter, made Love visible on Sundays and Easter morning.

Another special thanks to Dale Janssen and Richard Lee for leading and teaching Lenten Bible Study on Making Sense of the Bible and to George and Alice Lange for accommodating the study at their lovely home and all of the participants.



May our celebration of Resurrection and growth continue to fill our hearts with hope and faith.

God is here!

Upcoming Worship Services

Exciting things happen in May and June

Come and join us~!

May 14, Mother's Day Recognition

May 21, Worship Choir, Junior Choir, & Praise Band Recognition

May 28, Memorial Day Recognition/Sunday School Recognition/Handing out Bibles

June 4, The Dedication of the Organ, Combined Service and Potluck

June 11, Recognition of Graduates and Blessing for VBS Volunteers

June 18, Father's Day Recognition/VBS Presentation

June 25, Baptism of Myles Pelikan



HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP

National Day of Prayer 2017 will be observed in our Lemont community service to be held on Thursday May 4, 2017 at noon in the Lemont Police Dept Training Room.

Which of our local clergy will be able to attend?
Who would like to co-lead and offer this prayer for our community, our churches, our nation?

National Day of Prayer is an annual event that is celebrated on the first Thursday in the month of May. Originally designated by the U.S. Congress, the purpose of the day is to have American citizens "turn to God in prayer and meditation." The <u>official National Day of Prayer website</u>states that their mission is "to mobilize prayer in America and to encourage personal repentance and righteousness in culture."

Almost every U.S. President has signed a proclamation each year that encourages citizens to pray on this special day. The notable Presidents who did not issue these proclamations are Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson. Even though the current law that formalizes the annual observance of *National Day of Prayer* was not enacted until President Harry S. Truman signed it into law in 1952, the Second Continental Congress established days for fasting and prayer as early as 1775. President John Adams also estbalished prayer and fasting days in 1798-1799.

The Freedom From Religioin Foundation (FFRF) challenged the constitutionality of this **National Day of Prayer** in 2008. The court battle ensued for a couple of years but this attempt was unanimously dismissed by the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, a federal appellate court, in April 2011. The court ruled that "a feeling of alienation cannot suffice as injury" and that FFRF had no legal standing to sue.

National Day of Prayer Website: http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/

National Day of Prayer Theme for 2017

Many Christians are unaware that they live in a nation that has a law in place requiring our President proclaim a National Day of Prayer each year on the first Thursday in May.

The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals. (Public Law 105-225)

As citizens and residents of the United States and as believers in Christ Jesus, we not only have a spiritual responsibility according to 1 Timothy 2:1-2 to pray, but a civic duty as well to heed our President's call to stand in the gap for our nation. Who but God's people have the ability to enter into the very throne room of Heaven with prayers and petitions! Our theme this year is **For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us...Heal Us!** Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...". As the 2017 **National Day of Prayer on May 4th** approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christian's to once again heed this call!

Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history.

At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for making this spiritual discipline a personal priority and for standing with us as we encourage others to incorporate prayer in their lives. The Lord has graciously anointed our efforts, empowering them to touch and change many hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing His hand move across our land in exciting ways each May in response to our petitions! In closing, we ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer in your church or community to lead a National Day of Prayer gathering. May the Lord's peace fill your heart as you rest in Him throughout the days ahead.

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. Looking forward to hear from you.

Paulette Fries

Liturgist Schedule

May 7 8:30-10:45-Josh Miller

> May 14 8:30– 10:45-Judy Janovyak

May 21 8:30– Bill Stelter 10:45–Cris Kerins

May 28 8:30-10:45-Ryan Peraino



Marvels of Creation – Our Environment By Richard H. Lee

We at LUMC adult study class have been studying a book, "Making Sense of the Bible", which I enjoyed reading and has a section called "Challenging Passages" It contains a chapter called Science, the Bible, and the Creation Stories" which I enjoyed. So I tried to compare our Bible's account of creation in Genesis, the first book of the Bible with what we know about our earth's environment.

Our environment is very complex and interesting when you consider all the phases or kinds of environment, with the first being night and day or what science calls the Photosphere and is due to the rotation of the earth every 24 hours. The second is the Atmosphere with clouds, dust, and rain or snow. The third mentioned in the Bible is the Phytosphere, which is dry land and plants. And the fourth is the Cosmosphere with the sun, moon, planets, and stars or galaxies. The next is the Aquasphere with seas, oceans, and lakes or rivers where fish live and birds thrive. Finally the Bible describes the coming of larger animals and human beings, called the Zoosphere or Anthrosphere. These begin with Greek words that are commonly used in science for names.

But those early writers were not aware of some other habitats or environments, such as the Cryosphere, which is the continents or places of ice and very cold. Next would be the Salinosphere, where deposits of salt occur like the "Dead Sea" and under the great lakes. One more most people are not aware of even today is the Magnetosphere that protects our planet from dangerous cosmic or sun's radiation. One more that I had to search for is the Tundra or frozen lands without much plant life or trees. I couldn't find the word tundrasphere on the Internet. Marine biologists know about the Microsphere or world of microscopic life forms that are food for fish and produce a majority of earth's oxygen and consume carbon. Did you know if there was a hole in our magnetosphere or it stopped our whole electrical power and communications network could be wiped out?

The tundrasphere includes frozen carbon and hydrogen in the ocean bottoms that like the tundra's peat deposits could release massive amounts of greenhouse gases like methane or natural gas if warmed above freezing. This is called methane hydrates.

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Children's Message Schedule

May 7-Sean Clark

May 14-GleeAnn Kehr

May 21-Karin Peraino

May 28-Megan Cheehy



Greeters

May 7 8:30-StelterFamily 10:45-Anne Wesolowski & Zoe Jackson

May 14 8:30-Ende Family 10:45-Cheehy Family

May 21 8:30-Don & Pat Farrer 10:45-Kehr Family

May 28 8:30-Juanita Fick 10:45-marty & Arlene Knott

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

SMALL GROUPS

Prime Timers:

Bible Study: TBA
Prayer Meeting: TBA

ALPHA: July 10th John Nelson 630-254-0867 Methodist Essential: Bill Price 630-754-7667 VBS: Iodi 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 Ir. 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

Joanne Goszczycki 630-257-6790

Joyce Koon 630-257-6275

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: Iana 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 Church Grass Needs a Helper"

Several years ago we decided to take up the church grass mowing on our own instead of paying for an outside company to do it. We figured that the gas and maintenance of the mowers would cost less. The tractor was sold to us by a member and three 2-man teams were assembled to take turns doing the work. I am sure that you all can see the good results that we have had during the following years.

The 2-man teams work as follows: One man does the riding mower and the other man does the trimming with a walk-behind mower. The work takes about an hour and is done during a weekday afternoon or on a Saturday. Needless to say, most of the workers are retired since this provides the sometimes-needed flexibility.

The current team members are Don Farrer, Bill Stelter, Don Mueggenborg, Marty Knott and his son, Greg. Dave Anderson is getting too old to do the work and so we are looking for a replacement. As a matter of fact, three additions would enable us to have four teams to take turns doing the work.

If you are interested, please contact one of the above men and arrange for a time watch us in action. This work is of course a form of Christian stewardship for your church.

RED BIRD MISSION YARD SALE/TREASURE HUNT

THE RED BIRD MISSION COMMITTEE is sponsoring a Yard Sale/Treasure Hunt at the Lemont United Methodist Church to raise money for the 2018 mission trip on:

Saturday June 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We are asking for slightly used items for the sale.

All items will be welcome except for clothing.

Donation drop off time is Friday June 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

and Saturday morning from 7:00- 8:30 at the LUMC.

Pick up truck volunteers are needed for after the sale.

If you have items you would like picked up or you would like to volunteer for the sale please contact Steve Walter at 630-853-9514 or email at: swalter@pbaclaims.com



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

Organ Dedication Sunday, June 4th, 9:30 a.m., Brunch to follow

Please mark your calendars for Sunday June 4th. On that day we will be celebrating our Lord through music and dedicating our new organ. Bob Gergescz and Bill Hill be highlighting the service with organ music as well as choral presentations. This will also be the beginning of our summer hours, one combined service each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. After the service, we will head downstairs for a Pot Luck Brunch and much needed fellowship. Hope to see you all there.

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.

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

May 2017 book reviews

First, a question we ALL need to consider in book form "Is Justice Possible? The Elusive Pursuit of what is RIGHT" by Paul Nyquist. Dr. Nyquist is concerned that justice is only accomplished by us fallen people WHEN God's agenda is considered and carried out. "Justice is the application of God's righteous moral standards to the conduct of man. JUSTICE STARTS WITH GOD." God can, and does, supply wisdom, but first, we must ask for it. That's one way we could help justice along. And, as usual, we are God's agents and should go about seeing it done

The government makes the laws in our country. But who are the representatives of the government?: US (that's you and me.) Each of us is responsible for what our government representatives advance, advocate, further...well you get the picture. I know our lives are busy, but this is for GOD. So be aware of what Washington or Illinois or town governments are doing (or not doing) and contact your representative there to encourage, praise, support (or suggest). The Old Testament specifies God's view of JUSTICE (remember the 10 Commandments?), the New Testament tries to simplify those, but they still encompass the 10 Commandments

I came across a "Chicken Soup for the Soul" that got teens talking about middle school. As with all Chicken Soup books, the text covers short stories (probably which reflect middle school situations-yes, I think so even though it's been so many decades since I was there.) The book addresses issues like "true friends" "being happy with yourself," and "realizing you need to ONLY solve the problem affecting you"....

Then "Right Choices" a book which helps kids live God's Way. Colorful pictures pose questions for youngsters...(you might have to help read.) One of the best verses (I think) for a child (and adult) to learn is Proverbs 20:3-"Only fools insist on quarreling."

The book "Lazaraus Man" is Christian (Biblical and historical) fiction. It's only about 100 pages long but addresses the events of Lazarus' remarkable return from the grave and what might have happened before and after that event. Lazarus is the man who Jesus brought forth from the grave. Why? Well, Jesus said the miracle he performed was to show us that He was the Son of God. Lazarus is stupefied. His actions were those of a very confused person.



Thank You

A special thanks to Seung Woo for writing and directing our "Heavenly Doors" play at Franciscan Village. ! It was a huge success! Thank you to Audery Anderson, Megan Cheehy, Dawn Ferrazzi, Tony Ferrazzi, Marge Fox, Mark Huegelmann, Dale Janssen, Tom Kehr, Nathan LaFramboise-Van, Leslie Ramos, Phil Ramos, and Jason Stood who played their parts perfectly!



THANK YOU

To my church family,

Thank you so much for the loving prayers and concern for our mother, Alice Miller. It means so much to have so much support through this.

Craig Baxter and Family

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!







The Bishop's Appeal is in place of Rainbow Covenant.

Bishop Sally Dyck has chosen the <u>United Methodist Global AIDS Fund UMGAF</u> (as the 2017 Bishop's Appeal recipient. Each congregation is asked to take a special offering or to do some type of special fundraising to help support the appeal and bring it to **Annual Conference in June.**

The World Health Organization, WHO, reports that 36.7 million people are infected with HIV. Nearly half of those who are infected are women. The UMGAF assists 287 projects in 44 countries. The goals of the UMGAF are: the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV; the prevention of HIV in young people and high-risk populations; increased access to HIV counseling, testing, and treatment services; stigma reduction and psychosocial support to people living with HIV. Please make sure to indicate UMGAF's Advance Special number #982345 on your contributions.

Light Shines Through ...
178th Northern Illinois Annual Conference
Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL
June 4 — 6, 2017

Mission Challenge

The Mission Challenge will collect Dignity Kits for the UMC Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

For Aurora District - Hand Towels/1,500 • Washcloths/1,500 Please be generous and donate Dignity Kits.



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.

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

LUMC WORK PROJECTS FOR SUMMER 2017

With the arrival of spring weather it is a good time to note the number of projects which the Board of Trustees has scheduled for the near future. At times our work list has looked endless, but through hard work the Trustees have narrowed the list down to a few critical items.

We are once again thankful that a group of volunteers is helping cut the grass around the church on a weekly basis. The group is looking for volunteers who can drive a riding mower or volunteers who can use a lawnmower to trim around the edges and places the mowers can't go. We currently have 3 teams rotating so it would only be a few times each cutting season. Please forward your name to the church office if you are interested.

A project to refinish the parking lots has begun. Recently the large cracks were resealed; the next step will be to resurface and restripe the parking lots and driveways. This project will begin the week after Memorial Day. Parts of the lots will be off limits as the surfaces and lines have time to dry, but all should be complete for weekend services.

We are trying to keep costs as low as possible, but we will need the help of the congregation for these coming projects. Donations for the coming projects at LUMC will be important and greatly appreciated as we try to keep our church safe and sound.

Our final project will involve assessing possibilities for improving the handicap accessibility of our church, and repairing or replacing the roof. As everyone is aware we have significant needs to make both levels of our church available for anyone to use for worship and programs. To being the process we have interviewed architectural teams and selected Arris Architects. The long term project has begun with the Trustees evaluating preliminary plans. We will soon be looking for input from all congregation members as the process goes into full planning.

Special Thanks to our hard working group who quietly give so much time and effort to our church and never charge for overtime or hazardous duty: Tony Ferrazzi and Tim Peraino have done several internal repairs. Jana Stelter, Al Janovyak, Tom Kehr, and Dale Janssen spent a recent long Saturday pouring cement for the new sculpture in the north garden, trimming dead trees, and repairing broken walls. We are truly blessed to have willing workers with strong backs.

Mayor's Charity Food Drive

Volunteers are needed to pick up food for the Open Pantry on May 13th at 4:00 p.m. from the Post Office located on 127th Street. If you are able to help please contact the church office.

Thank You

Huntington Disease Society Walk

It's that time of the year again. The HD society is having their annual Walk on **Sunday**, **May 21**. Mark, Nathan, and myself will be walking again. If you would like to donate or pledge, please do so. Participation in the walk itself is also appreciated. All donations and/or pledges need to be <u>paid in advance</u>. Please use this secure website for credit card pledges:

(go to https://hdsa.donordrive.com/participant/30355).

I thank you in advance for your continued support in this cause! Vickie Olinger

My Dear Church Family,

I Sincerely and truly appreciate our community of faith that we share. I truly feel and felt the sharing of prayers. Many thanks for all the delicious meals. Mostly the time spent in loving conversation.

Always, Debbie Belander and Family



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:

Melissa De Saint Germain, strength Bridgette & Erik Kerber, loss of pregnancy Deanna, liver cancer spreading Smith-Kudos Family, strength *Mary Jane Nelson and family, strength 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 Anderson family health issues *Mary Ende, chemotherapy Jean Heney, pancreatic cancer/chemotherapy Ken, rehabilitation Ashley & Brian, difficult pregnancy Sandy Lauer, severe back pain

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

Answered Prayers:

*Marty Knott, home and healing

*Steve Walter, recovering from knee surgery

*Debbie Belander, back to church!

*Shelby Fox, successful dental surgery

Gia Shah, medication working

Jim Kratochvil, tumor shrinking

Mason Patterson, brain surgery

Neil Janssen, MS

Heidi Dupont, MS

Joys:

*Bobbie Legan, completed treatment 27 Ladies at the Ladies Tea! Rev. Clark preaching last Sunday Activities Committee making "Goodie Bags" Kyle Kohler, in remission Our guests and visitors

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

Dana Patterson, MS and brain tumor

Mason Patterson, surgery

Judy Olinger, lymphoma

Coffee Fellowship May 21st

Linda Kennedy
Cris Kerins
Sue Gergescz
Mary Jane Nelson
Wendy Myers
Jana Stelter
Mary Jane Sykes
Joan Makinney



Expanding Care Bear ers Ministry

<u>Help Needed-Occasional Cooks or</u> 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

Lemont United Methodist Church

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

Return Service Requested

NEW WINE May 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 May 13

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 May 20 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