

September 2017

The New Wine



Upcoming Services and Events

September 3rd

Combined
Communion
Service
Brunch Fellowship
D.S. Dick Wisdom
Preaching

Return to Two Services

September 10th

8:30-Communion
Service
10:45-
Family Service

September 17th

Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School
Rally Day

September 24th

Loose Change
Sunday for
UMCOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Many of you have watched the disaster that has unfolded in the State of Texas. Words such as “epic” and “unprecedented” are being used to describe an event many of us have never even imagined we would see unfold in our lifetime. Some have said that it is not just a 100-year flood, but that it’s in the 500-800 year range. It has been heartbreaking to watch as families are escaping the flood waters with just a pair of shoes and a back pack to take with them to the nearest shelter where they will receive much-needed assistance at least temporarily. Children look at their surroundings in bewilderment, but to be quite honest, adults are doing the same thing. 1 John 3:17 says this; If anyone with earthly possessions sees his brother in need, but withholds his compassion from him, how can the love of God abide in him?

Now, we know that we are not able to meet every need that comes our way, and while we cannot do everything, I believe all of us can do something. While all may not go, I believe all can give. With this in mind, we will be receiving a special love offering on Sundays in September in the morning services which will go to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). I realize many of you may have already given to a charity of your choice and that is wonderful, but this opportunity is being given to those who are unsure where to give. We are well acquainted with UMCOR which we will be giving to and feel very comfortable the money will be used in some way to be a blessing to those who have gone through so much tragedy and hurt.

Our greatest desire is to share the love of Jesus Christ with people, yet that often comes first through the sharing of some tangible gift which in turn helps the person to turn away from a feeling of hopelessness and begin to focus on the task ahead of rebuilding their lives. This can be a time for the church of Jesus Christ to shine His love into the darkness of the moment. Without a doubt, Government, Municipalities, and Red Cross can be a great help but as always, churches and ministry groups are leading the way and we want to do our part because every “little bit helps”!

UMCOR suggests us five things below we can do to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas.

- 1. Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by Harvey.** Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.
- 2. Make relief kits.** Send complete kits to our relief-supply depots or an affiliate warehouse. Download the packing list and shipping label at umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies.
- 3. Give to UMCOR’s relief and recovery efforts:** U.S. Disaster Response, **Advance #901670** at umcor.org/donate.
- 4. Donate only those items requested.**
- 5. Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.**

If however, you choose to give on Sunday here at Lemont United Methodist Church, please be sure to write your check out to the church. We will then make one check out from the church to send to UMCOR. Matthew 25:40 And the King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.’ Most of all, please continue to pray for those impacted by this event and thank you so much for your generous prayers and giving. In doing so, God bless your heart!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Hfyo Sun Oh



Why I am a United Methodist



I wasn't raised in The United Methodist church. My family is Mennonite. While growing up, the church was the center of our lives. Through the church, I was given many opportunities for leadership (usually breaking the gender bar along the way) and mission. The church shaped me in many ways.

When I went to college as a nursing major, I encountered a female chaplain, Dr. Sharon Parks. It took me a while to realize that she was clergy! As I did, I knew that ministry was my calling and not nursing. Later I finished college at Boston University and applied to go to Boston University School of Theology (a United Methodist-related seminary). There I encountered United Methodism and with it, my future husband, Ken Ehrman. There was little room for women in ministry in the Mennonite church and so as I learned more about United Methodism, I joined the church. The one thing I struggled with in the UMC was baptizing infants (Mennonites baptize believers). But as I studied and learned more about United Methodist's understanding of grace and how it relates to baptism, including babies, grace became a central part of my faith. Like Eskimos who have many words for snow, it seemed like United Methodists had many words for grace: prevenient grace, justifying grace, and sanctifying grace! Grace abounds!

As I had grown into adolescence and young adulthood in the Mennonite church, relating faith and justice was important to me. So when I encountered United Methodism, social holiness along with personal holiness was very attractive to me. It put together the love of God and love of neighbor that is essential in living out our Christian faith. This has been a fundamental component of United Methodism for me.

The connectionalism within United Methodism is also important to me. In the Mennonite church, we would play (and I still can) "the Mennonite game." Within about three questions of someone who is (or was) Mennonite, we can establish a connection or relationship, even blood relationship, with each other. We know similar people, have done similar things, and have commonalities with each other.

In United Methodism, connectionalism is meant to be relational, not just organizational or structural. The organization or structure of our connection (districts, conferences, jurisdiction and general conference) provides the opportunity for relationships with others. Local churches can relate to one another because of clusters or districts. We can do more together through our districts and annual conference than we can alone. And truly, we have the ability to do far more than we can imagine as a connectional church than as gaggle of independent congregations.

Of course, with connectionalism and relationships with others who are different from each other come challenges. Someone (and I can't remember who) recently said that blessings come when we are outside our comfort zone. As I reflect on the best of connectionalism and its challenges, that is true. Connectionalism and the relationships it has produced have enriched my life but has also caused me to grow in understanding of God, the church and the world.

The Mennonite USA church is small; less than 100,000 adult members. It does wonderful things in mission, outreach, evangelism (its growth is largely in non-ethnic Mennonites), and social action. But it doesn't have the scope and scale that United Methodism has in our communities, nation and world over our historical span. The impact of The United Methodist church over the centuries in the U.S. and around the world has been tremendous. I want to be a part of something that is big enough to make a difference. One of the best ways to describe the impact of our scope and scale has been through our work in eliminating deaths by malaria—Imagine No Malaria. It all began because everywhere the United Nations Foundation went in Africa to address malaria, they encountered a United Methodist church, school, clinic or hospital. We were where they wanted to distribute (initially just) bed nets. They called us! And we responded.

Since 2006, we have raised \$72 million. With our partners in the effort, we have reduced mortality rates by 60%, having gone from a child in Africa dying from malaria every 30 seconds to every 2 minutes; no child should die but at least this is progress. We've provided over 4 million bed nets, treated over 2.7 million people for malaria, and trained thousands of local health care workers and volunteers. The training of local health care workers was instrumental in addressing the Ebola crisis more effectively. Imagine No Malaria is just one way that we as United Methodists have impacted the world to make a difference.

I encourage you to think about why you are United Methodist and to talk about it with others. Your district superintendent will lead you in conversation through some questions at your church conference that may help you articulate why you're United Methodist and for you to hear from others. Conference Leaders and others will also be sharing why they're United Methodist over the next several months in the pages of the Reporter.

Also, on September 16, we will have conversations about how it is we can be united as a denomination around our mission rather than fragmented by our differences. Again, a focus on what it means to be United Methodist.

So why are you a United Methodist? ~**Bishop Sally Dyck**

Bishop pastoral statement on racism and violence

On August 12 a national tragedy occurred (again) when supremacist and neo-Nazi groups went to Charlottesville, VA and gave rise to violence, destruction, and death. We are grieving for the individuals involved but even more so, what these acts of racism and violence say about us as a people.

I encouraged, along with most religious leaders, that every church prayed for justice last Sunday. Many rewrote sermons or made statements in the service and/or held times of prayer. Did you? Did your church have a prayer?

I'm asking that we continue to reflect on this tragedy and have prayer about racial justice. It's reported that there are more scheduled rallies by these hate groups in the coming weeks. We need to pray for those communities of faith that will, like in Charlottesville, seek to literally link arms and walk for justice.

I can see how people develop attitudes of racism and supremacy in our culture, but I cannot understand how people who claim Christianity can harbor, nurture and promote such attitudes toward others. Hate and racism are taught to people—young and old alike—and yes, such attitudes and beliefs have become more prevalent, open and emboldened. Racial justice isn't just a social concern; it is a gospel teaching. As followers of Jesus, we need to counter those messages of hate and racism with the teachings of Jesus.

But my heart is heavy for other places in our world, too. Please continue to pray for peace with North Korea. Also, remember the people of Sierra Leone who have experienced a devastating mudslide on August 14 with hundreds of people missing and dead at this writing.

If a stranger to Christianity walked into your church or listened to your private prayers, would the stranger be able to tell that our Christian, specifically United Methodist, faith loves the world as God does?

Thank you for your faith, witness, and courage!

~**Bishop Sally Dyck**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 2–Eric Kirkman
September 2–Mark Kirkman
September 4–Elena Talos
September 5–Richard Meade
September 5–Audrey Anderson
September 8–Don & Pat Farrer
September 8–Geoffrey Pierce
September 8–Sue Tasker
September 9–Lynn Vavra
September 10–Samantha Meade
September 14–Jodie Nelson
September 22–Sheila Farrer
September 25–Mike Cheehy
September 25–Bill Kerins
September 27–Cyndy Havemann

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 1–Carol & Ron Walter
September 3–Arlene & Marty Knott
September 6–Tricia & Brian O'Neill
September 23–Juanita & Bill Hill



SCRIP UPDATE

Currently we have just under \$1K of "extra" cards on hand that are just sitting in our office. After about 2 years of trying this method of keeping 'extra' cards on hand for convenience sake, I find that it is necessary to try another method.

Effective August 1st I will be taking orders throughout the month, and placing one (1) order each month. **The date I will be Placing these orders will be the Last Monday of Each month.** That gives everyone 4 Sundays to communicate with me. If there is no interest, well then of course I will not be placing an order.

The **ONLY** draw back with doing it this way is, as I have mentioned many times, is the order has to be enough to cover the \$8.00 Fed-Ex delivery fee. So another words, if I only get an order for a couple \$25.00 cards, it's not worth ordering because the shipping fee will eat up our profits.

THIS WILL BE IMPERATIVE TO REMEMBER COME NOVEMBER, IN ORDER TO GET ANY NEEDED CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. HAVING SAID THAT, I CAN PLACE MORE THAN ONE ORDER IN A MONTH IF IT'S MONETARILY WORTH IT.

Jewel cards seem to be the most purchased, so I will always have those on hand. But none of the others will be available unless you order them. Thank You for your understanding and cooperation.

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 Kraft macaroni and cheese, pasta, and toiletries.



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

Dear Pastor Oh and members.

Thank you for your donation of school supplies to our Annual School Supply Drive. Your generosity ensures that the school age children of our Open Pantry clients will have the materials they need to begin a new school year. With your help, Jodi Taylor and her volunteers assembled school kits for all the children served through the pantry. We are grateful for your continued support.

Bethany Open Pantry Committee

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!



Upcoming Worship Services

Exciting things happen in September and October

Come and join us~!

- Sept. 2nd** Heritage Fest
- Sept. 3rd** Combined Communion Service 9:30 a.m.
- Sept. 3rd** Brunch Fellowship
- Sept. 6th** Daybreak Shelter
- Sept. 9th** United Methodist Men 8:00 a.m.
- Sept. 13th** Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 16th** Primetimers 12:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17th** Sunday School Rally Day & Coffee Fellowship
- Sept. 20th** Ad Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 24th** Loose Change Sunday for UMCOR

Attention Parents of College Students Living Away From Home

The Cap Program provides letters, cards, snacks and encouragement throughout the school year for students living away from home. Please call Cris Kerins at 257-5660 or email at clkerins@sbcglobal.net or Dawn Ferrazzi 815-886-4177 or email at dferrazzi@anl.gov with your child's school address so they can be included this year. Also, we welcome anyone wishing to donate items to be sent.



Thank You

To Our LUMC Family,

With many thanks for all the cards, kind and caring words and your prayers. The support of our church family is truly a gift. Thanks also to everyone who brought food for the time of fellowship after Steve's service. We so appreciate everything! And Special thanks to pastor Oh for the beautiful service. It was such a tribute to Steve's life. We love you all!

The Family of Steven S. West,
Sue & Bob, Sarah and Dave, Lauren, Michelle & Izzy and all the kids

Happy Hands Preschool

Welcome to another year of children at Happy Hands Preschool! We thank Karin Peraino and all of our teachers for their contribution to a wonderful teaching curriculum.

We welcome you back!

LUMC Women's Book Club

Sept. 11 "The Power of One"

Bryce Courtenay

Oct. 9 "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand"

Helen Simonson

This group meets at Margaret Flynn's house.



Thank You

Kops N Kids was a beautiful day. We had three hours of events and interactions with Police, Firemen and other city service departments. A big thank you to Michael, Kristin, and Myles Pelikan for saving the day by picking up the cases of water from the church and helping to set up. Thank you to Shirley Stout and her granddaughters, Hannah and Amanda, Cris and Bill Kerins, and Kay Norfleet who stayed through the whole time to pass out water and to help clean-up. Thank you to those of you who donated the water. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

Thank you!
Dottie McAdams

College Scholarship Candidates

The LUMC Scholarship Committee will again be considering applications for students to receive a scholarship award. Qualifications include: being a full time student (12 hours or more), being a church member, and having participated in various church activities (choir, Praise Band, youth group, liturgist, Sunday School/Breakfast Club, helped in VBS, etc.) The intention of this award is to aid you in your continuing studies and to support your ongoing spiritual growth.

Applications are available on our church website: lemontumc.org. Look under the heading **Ministries** and then click on **College Acknowledgement Program**. You may type your responses on the form and email it to Cris Kerins at clkerins@sbcglobal.net or Dawn Ferrazzi at dferrazzi@anl.gov. You may also hand write your response and mail it to LUMC 25 W. Custer Street Lemont, IL 60439. The deadline for returning the application is Saturday, October 7, 2017. **Scholarship awards will be given on November 26th, the Sunday after Thanksgiving at the 10:45 service.** We will contact you before this date.

God's Blessings to you.
Cris Kerins and Dawn Ferrazzi
Cap Committee Members





5 THINGS YOU CAN DO

Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by Harvey. Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.

Make relief kits. Download the packing list and shipping label at umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies.

Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts: U.S. Disaster Response, **Advance #901670** at umcor.org/donate.

Donate only those items requested. (To keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources **Advance #901440** at umcor.org/donate.)

Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.

The United Methodist Committee On Relief is grateful for your relentless prayers and support.

Church Conference 2017

Our 2017 Church Conference will be held at LUMC on October 4th.

The agenda is:

6:00-6:30 p.m. SPRC

6:30-7:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Church Conference

The due date to submit all forms is September 26th. If there are any questions please contact the church office or use the attached website.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

We will be offering a New Membership Class. If you are interested please contact Pastor Oh.

Thank You



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

September 3
9:30-Josh Miller

September 10
8:30-
10:45-Bill Hill

September 17
8:30-
10:45-Joanne
Goszczycki

September 24
8:30-
10:45-Sue
Gergesz



The Greatest Eclipse

By Richard H. Lee

Many people witnessed the eclipse of the sun by the moon on August 21, 2017 and were amazed. Conditions in the Chicago area were cloudy so we could only see part of it and not the sun's surrounding corona. I watched it on TV as it crossed the USA from Oregon to Wyoming, Carbondale, Nashville, and South Carolina and alternatively watched the Science channel to explain the features of the sun.

I talked it over with a couple scientists from Argonne Thursday and the subject of the greatest eclipse came up briefly. In the New Testament account of the crucifixion of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel, it says, "At noon the whole country was covered with darkness, which lasted for three hours. At about three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud shout, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani? Which means, "My God, my God, why did you abandon me?" Luke records the last words of Jesus as, "Father! Into your hands I place my spirit!" and the darkness too.

John's Gospel doesn't mention the darkness and different last words of Jesus, "It is finished!" the Bible says all the disciples had fled into hiding except John and Mary the mother of Jesus who were at the cross. This was a terrible event in human history but also a glorious one too. Jesus died for our sins and the darkness may represent the dark or evil deed that men did to the Savior and healer. But remember that Jesus did not resist and submitted to his punishment like an innocent lamb, the Lamb of God.

September 2017

Children's Message Schedule

September 3-
Ron Walter

September 10-
GleeAnn Kehr

September 17-
Karin Peraino

September 24-
Erik Anderson



Greeters

September 3
9:30-George &
Alice Lange

September 10
8:30-Myers Family
10:45-Kehr Family

September 17
8:30-Ende Family
10:45-Cheehy
Family

September 24
8:30-Don & Pat
Farrer
10:45-Steve & Gina
Walter

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:	Craig Baxter 815-685-1900
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 Capital Repair Fund Needs Your Help”

A little less than a year ago we started the latest version of the Capital Repair Fund to pay for work done at the church. This work included making repairs to our electrical supply lines, new concrete walks, and other safety improvements to our church. To finance this fund, loans were made from our Endowment Fund and from several members of our church. We are paying an annual interest of 3.5% on these loans. This is a low rate compared to a bank loan but a good rate when compared to that paid to a person for a bank account.

We have been adding interest to these loans and have made some partial payments using contributions from our members. The total now still owed on these loans now totals \$61,500. The problem is that contributions to the Capital Repair Fund have only been about \$1,000 per month. When you consider the interest added to the loan balance, only about \$820 can be used to pay back the loan. At this rate it will take up to about six years to pay back all of the loans! During those six years other church repair needs will no doubt arise. My appeal to you today is to consider starting or increasing your contributions to the Capital Repair Fund. Please use your regular offering envelope or those in the pews and simply use “CRF” as the recipient fund. I thank you, the church thanks you, and the members whose loans will be paid thank you!

OLD CAMPGROUND FLEA MARKET

Exhibitors sought for the 39th annual Old Campground Antiques, Collectibles, FLEA MARKET, and Grandpa's Attic Saturday, September 16, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The well-advertised outdoor sale is held on the wooded grounds of the church, 339 W. Haven Avenue in New Lenox. The 15 x 20 ft. spaces are available for \$30 each.

For application and information call 815-485-8271, Ext. 53. Or register online at umcnl.com.





Methodist Open Golf Outing
Saturday, September 25th, 2017
Start time: 1:00 PM



Join us for our combined Men's and Women's "Annual Golf Outing". We will have all sorts of fun prizes for golfers of all abilities. You may also wish to invite some of your friends to join us as your guests. Make your own foursome or join one of ours!

The outing will be held at the Downers Grove Golf Club, with tee-off time beginning at 1:00PM. The Registration Fee, which includes green fees and prize fund, is \$25 per person.

If you need more details, call Bruce or Linda Swanson at 630-969-2514. Deadline for registration is Thursday, September 14th. You may mail your registration. **checks payable to Bruce Swanson (address below)**

Registration Form
Methodist Open Golf Outing
Return by September 15th

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO: _____

\$25 Fee: Check _____ Cash _____

Please return this portion, with you \$25 fee, **payable to Bruce Swanson**, to Bruce by Thursday, September 14th. You may drop it off in the church office or mail the paperwork and payment directly to Bruce.



Mail to:
 Bruce Swanson
 Pine Hollow
 4116 Washington
 Downers Grove, IL 60515

PINE HOLLOW RULES OF GOLF GOVERN ALL PLAY

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

September 2017 book review

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.

Thanks to Amy Cheehy for the book "The Sweet Side of Suffering." Now that's a contradiction of terms, you might say. Or is it? The author, this incredible woman, went through so much, yet she came out of her problems knowing that the Lord knew what He was doing BECAUSE He was doing it for her best. God can only do what's right. So we must TRUST and talk to Him and He'll help us through our valley. The author pointed out that our problems allow others to help us, that's why you need a community of believers around you. Who put them there? God, of course. (That's another reason we must be concerned for our neighbor and recognize his or her needs.) The author gives us examples of those who have trusted the Lord during their times of grief. And how they always knew that He was there. Because He said so in the Bible. (He goes through the valleys with us.)

I remember a story told by an Auschwitz survivor. The inmates were made to watch the cruel punishments of other inmates at the camp. One terrible day the inmates were made to gather in the yard to watch the hangings of five supposed to be spies. One of those was a fifteen-year-old boy. The first four, grown men, died immediately after the noose did its job on each. But the boy, a definite lightweight, swung frantically for a half hour until death came. One of the inmates remarked "where is the God who would allow this?" Another inmate answered and I'll never forget this, "He was hanging there, too. And now He has taken the boy." God is always with us.

The next book I recommend probably because it hits close to home is "Rock Away Granny." This is for the youngsters (and grannies like me). Maybe their Granny is like the one in the book. They are lucky, then. (By the way, Elvis WAS a ROCKER.) The pictures are colorful and big, and the story is a familiar one. In it a child being left at grandma's was bored, then grandma showed her one way to have FUN.

A book for those in maybe third grade-sixth. "Larger- than -life Lara." This is a story of a young fat girl with SPIRIT. She enters into the school classroom, awes the students, and maybe the teachers, too. They don't know what to do about her. She is so confident. So happy. The rest in the classroom feel they must change that attitude, because really... So read. Does meanness exist...you bet? And not only with kids.

As long as we're on the subject of meanness, and in light of current conditions, I ask you to read "The Help." It is a vivid and TRUE picture of what went on just a few years ago (and what sometimes goes on today). How could we following God's principles, allow this to happen? Today, some are reacting with hatred against this wrong. I think the Civil Rights bill was just a start. You can't tell people how to think, but we MUST PRAY that they start to fall in line with God's moral compass. And let's not be too quick to judge, WE must, too.



Combined Service and Brunch, Sunday, September 3rd

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 3rd. As we head into Fall and our services split from one to two, we will fellowship together at our Brunch. The final combined service for the summer starts 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.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you are interested in Confirmation Class please contact Pastor Oh by September 17, 2017. The class is for 7th and 8th graders. We will also be needing teachers and mentors for the students. Please see Pastor Oh if you feel called to help the 2017/2018 confirmation class.



Thank You

JUNIOR CHOIR

What goes up when you count down? What has two hands but never holds anything? These are some musical riddles for you and the answers will come at the end of this note. I hope that you have been enjoying your summer and that you've spent some time singing. I think God must feel happy when He hears you sing. **We will begin Jr. Choir Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** Please remember Jr. Choir is for grades K-7. If you have a friend or relative who enjoys singing, ask her/him to join us.

O.K.– here are the answers: a rocket, a clock.



September 2017 Rainbow Covenant

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 September, we are highlighting the **red band charity, Solar Ovens Partners UMC**. This program works in the Dominican Republic to provide solar oven training and distribution in order to alleviate hunger and human suffering. Each oven costs \$150 to make and ship. Please bring in plenty of change on **September 24th** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write **“Solar Ovens”** on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.



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.

Oct 14 Murder Mystery Dinner (depending on participation) \$29.00 per person

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.

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 begin 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.

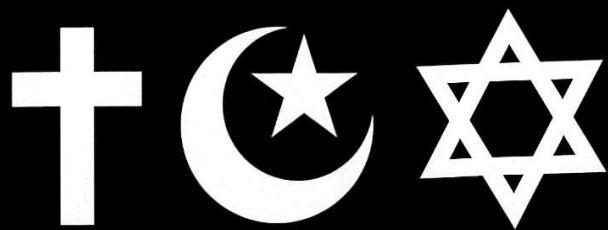
Special Thanks to our hard working group who quietly give so much time and effort to our church and never charge for overtime or hazardous duty: Tony Ferrazzi and Tim Peraino have done several internal repairs. Jana Stelter, Al Janovyak, Tom Kehr, and Dale Janssen spent a recent long Saturday pouring 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Thank You to Trace Lange, Tucker Lange, Jason Kehr, Mihash Cheehy and Megan Cheehy for bringing their backpack to be blessed. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare the children for a new school year.

If you were unable to attend this year please join us next year!





Keeping Faith: Sisters of Story

Saturday, September 9, 2017 • 3:00pm

Bethany Lutheran Church
500 Lemont Street • Lemont, IL

Dessert reception to follow

\$10/student • \$15/adult

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Bethany Lutheran Church at 630-257-7953 or at the door on the day of the performance.

"Keeping Faith: Sisters of Story" brings together three exceptional storytellers to share stories from their own faiths--Christianity, Islam, and Judaism. Speaking from personal experience and tradition, their stories speak to our shared values of faith, the power of compassion, and the bonds of sisterhood and community. Sometimes the pursuit of peace and understanding can start with the simple act of listening to a story.



Rohina Malik



Susan Stone



Kim Schultz

Thank You's

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the Andersen family, I would like to thank you for the love and fellowship you gave freely to my parents Dave and Virginia. My mother's death was very hard on our family but knowing you were keeping an eye on my Father after her death was comforting.

Your church has been a very important part of my families life since we moved to Lemont in 1974. I participated in the youth group, my Mother was the church secretary (and she loved bringing dishes for the potlucks) and my Father participated in adult classes and volunteered in the food pantry.

My Father is living with my sister Barbara in Georgia. He was very reluctant to leave his home because he knew he would miss you. But he also knew it was the best decision for him and he is enjoying his life down south. My sister found a senior center with pool tables and he is starting to carve his canoes again. Once the High School football season begins he will be cheering on the local team.

Your lovely little church was an important part of the Andersen story and we are very grateful for you.

Sincerely,
Carol Lange



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

Rally Day: September 17th

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*

Steve, cancer, chemotherapy
*Alberta Harden, eye problems
*Mary Ende, chemotherapy
Katie, needs kidney transplant
Ken, bone cancer
*Leon Randall, heart surgery
Nick Zec Sr., fell, broke neck
*Neil Janssen, rehab
People in Texas
*Bill Price, healing from surgery
Sam, copd, heart blockage
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
*Sheila Farrer, health issues
Joe Sigety, ALS worsening
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Lou Gunder, lymphoma
Kirsten Zinzer, melanoma
Maureen Robinson, health issues
*Rachael Hays, depression
Colleen Andrew, cancer treatment
Judy Olinger, lymphoma
Walter, cancer
Dana Patterson, brain tumor & MS
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Jim Kratochvil, lung cancer
Chase, healing from surgery
Beverly Scholtes, stage four cancer
Linda, dementia
Florian Talos, parkinson's

Lois, stage 3 cancer
Esther Gores, home hospice
*Juanita Fick, Mother Theresa home
*Sandra, autoimmune disease
Cindy Hudon, cancer/chemo
Lynn Kuhn, surgery, healing
Dava Horton, surgery, healing
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
*Dave Mlady, lingering illness
Judy Bramill, cancer
Marie, shoulder replacement
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Mason Patterson, surgery
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Art Runyan, pancreatic cancer
Ravi Sundaram, kidney cancer
Nick Sempowicz, cancer
Sally, lung cancer
Jim Durham, cong. heart failure
Mary Daum, medical testing
Valerie O., ovarian cancer
*Leslie's daughter, good transition
Jim Krenek, at Marianjoy
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
*Dawn Ferrazzi, shingles
Tom Ligman, surgery
Kathy, cancer

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

- *The birth of Andrew Neil
(Svoboda)
- *Successful Kops N Kidz
 - *Backpack Blessing
- *Our college kids arriving safely at
school
- *Marge Fox running our Scrip
Program
- *Summer Open Pantry volunteers
- *Children's message volunteers
 - *Our faithful liturgists
 - *Our grass cutting teams

Coffee Fellowship September 17th

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



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

Lemont United Methodist Church

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

Return Service Requested

**NEW WINE
September 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

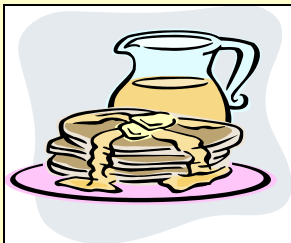
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

**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**



September 9th

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.

We have reached 1,440 people through Vacation Bible School video clips and pictures! If you have not seen them please go to facebook and click LIKE.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lemont-United-Methodist-Church>

Primetimers



September 16th

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