

January 2018

The New Wine



Upcoming Services and Events

January 7th

Communion Sunday

January 14th

Children's Sunday
School Classes
Resume

January 21st

Coffee Fellowship
Senior High Youth
Group

January 28th

Loose Change
Sunday



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy New Year 2018! As the New Year is opening with untold possibilities, I hope and pray that we all dare to follow God's directions in new ways in our daily lives and in the life of Lemont United Methodist Church. Beginning of the New Year is the time for us to ask for new directions and to seek out some guidance for our lives and the church.

We often want to stay in our comfort zone, and prefer the safety of the known, and don't want to encounter people who are very different than we are. Change, even needed, can be scary and embarking on a new path can be intimidating as well. Some of us don't like change. It has been joked: -The Seven Last Words of the Church: "We've Never Done It that Way Before." This attitude can cause real problems for a person who doesn't like change in their personal life, or for a church that needs to grow and change.

Change is hard and even it creates anxiety and fear. Yet, think about it this way. God we believe and trust is always creating new out of nothing, makes a new covenant with us, and calling us to participate in God's new creation through bringing good news to the poor, the oppressed, and to all who mourn, binding up the broken-hearted, and proclaiming liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners. Richard Rohr in his article, 'A Great Turning' says, "The changes are not just from the top down, but much more from the bottom up. Not from the outside in, but from the inside out. Not from clergy to laity, but from a unified field where class is of minor importance."

It is time for us to try something new in order to experience God's possibilities in our faith journey and to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world as a church. For this brand New Year 2018, I propose we change an attitude. Let's be completely open to what God is going to do in our lives and our church! Of course, it's unpredictable, not always under our control, maybe different, but if we go into the year expecting that God is going to do a new thing among us, and are open to whatever God calls us to do and be, I am sure it will be an exciting and fruitful year, both personally and communally.

Therefore, let us be open to God's revelation in our lives and have the courage to seek God in new and wondrous ways! For that, let us trust that God will continue to guide us along the way. Come to church every chance you get! No excuses! Invite your family, friends and neighbors to church! Take one step further to grow your faith by involving in a study and service and mission opportunities! I am excited to witness God at work in and through us in the year 2018.

May God bless you and give you the courage to dare to follow God in a new direction in this year and the years to come! Happy New Year!

Grace and Peace to you,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 2–Rylee Rainaldi
January 2–Abby Cliff
January 2–Teague Cliff
January 6–Sue Gergescz
January 7–Mary Jane Sykes
January 8–Beverly Svoboda
January 9–Linda Kennedy
January 10–Jodi Stood
January 12–Joanne Goszczycki
January 20–Bill Sykes
January 21–Don Farrer, Jr.
January 24–Jessica & Jackie Kehr
January 30–Rob Lange
January 30–Shelby Fox

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 27–Dave & Wendy Myers



****Scrip Cards****

I don't know about you, but I think the new way of ordering once a month is much better, more productive and less to track keeping "extra's" on hand. I will continue to order the once of month (or more) if the interest is there, and with the help of Amy, will send out e-mail blasts to remind you. When

responding to an e-mail blast please respond to only

me, Margefox2366@gmail.com or call [630 207-1151](tel:630207-1151). It's much easier for Amy not to have to forward them all to me.

And please remember that the Master list is in the binder at the end of each pew, there are so many cards to choose from you may find something different.

Thank You for your Support.

Fundraising
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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 peas, baked beans, and toiletries. Starting January 1st the pantry will not have evening or weekend hours.



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.

Encore Resale Shop Antique and Collectibles Sale

710 Cedar Crossings Drive New Lenox (in the business center on Silver Cross hospital campus) Friday, Feb. 2nd & Sat. Feb. 3rd 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Items available are vintage clothing, fur coats and wraps, linens, hat boxes, toys, kitchenware, books, records, jewelry, vintage games and purses.

Cash and Credit Cards Accepted All proceeds benefit Silver Cross Hospital

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!



Short Bios of the Praise Band Members

January 2018



Joshua L. Miller, from Joliet, IL. Keyboards and vocals. “My mom and her brothers all played in the Lockport Township High School marching band. Mom played marimba, one uncle played saxophone, and the other uncle played Trombone. My Grandma played piano and my Grandpa played the trumpet. And, my Grandpa's brother played acoustic bass in numerous bands. So, I've always been around music and musical people. I first started playing Piano when I was in elementary school. I joined my middle school's choir in 5th grade and performed with them for 4 years. I joined my Mom in the worship choir at LUMC when I got to High School and was a member of the original youth praise band. In 5th grade, I wanted to be an F.B.I. Special Agent when I grew up.”



Anthony Eugene Ferrazzi from Addison, IL. Cajon box and vocals. “My father listened to classical music records, and as kids we liked to listen to records. I always enjoyed singing Church Hymns, and I sang in the St Cyril's Grade School Choir. I never played an instrument until now. In 5th Grade, I figured I wanted to do something with Aviation; I always was fascinated by Airplanes.”



Bruce Harold Ende (shortened from Endecavageh) from Joliet Illinois and lived whole life in Lemont. Bass guitar. “Uncle played and taught organ. Mom played organ at St. Alphonsus in Lemont. I started on organ when I was in 6th grade. Started playing drums in 7th grade. Played in several garage rock bands. Became interested in guitar, so I began playing electric. Was asked to play at the first, and what would be the last, Easter Sunrise service at the Old Stone Church followed by the first Easter Sunrise Service at the new church. Eventually evolved into a lounge band that played at numerous events in the area. My 5th Grade ambition was to be ‘Just like my Dad’ and I really had no idea of an occupation.”



Leslie Baker-Ramos from Kalamazoo, MI. Vocals and guitar. “My parents encouraged my sister and I into music and the arts when we were very young. My sister was a classical pianist-I, however, showed no promise on the blasted instrument. I did grow-up singing and the two of us often sang and played together. I began singing and performing at the age of 8 in a community theater production of Oliver, and branched out into classical ballet and vocal work at the Quinte Ballet Academy in Ontario Canada and later the American Academy Of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, CA. I majored in Theater at Indiana State University and worked professionally in repertory theatre until becoming a mom in 1998. I began singing with the Crossroads Choir

and Praise band at Crossroads of Faith UMC for 12 years before coming to Lemont United Methodist Church. In the 5th grade I wanted to be a ballerina.”



Dawn Renee (Lange) Ferrazzi from Joliet IL. Vocals. “My Dad always sang to us at bedtime & we sang together as a family, especially in the car while traveling. I enjoyed music class in grade school & singing in our musical concerts. I also took organ lessons for approximately 4 years during grade school. When I was in the 5th Grade, I wanted to be a Housekeeper at a Motel in the Smoky Mountains, overlooking downtown Gatlinburg, TN.”



Philip Allen Ramos from Chicago, IL. Guitar. “My dad always played the mandolin. He would get with his friends from the Philippines and they would sit around with two mandolins and two guitars and play and sing show tunes. I learned to play the saxophone and flute in 5th grade music and stuck with it until high school, including playing in a clown band and performing in parades and on Bozo’s Circus. At 13, I picked up a \$12 guitar and

the whole neighborhood taught each other how to play. I went from teenager garage and basement bands to performing off and on in various rock and blues cover bands. Joined the Praise Band at Crossroads of Faith UMC and, at the request of Pastor Van, worked with my wife Leslie to put together a Praise Band with a contemporary sound here at Lemont UMC. When I was in 5th grade, I wanted to be a receiver in the NFL.”



Daniel James Derrick Clark from Notre-Dame-de-Grâce. Vocals. “My whole family was musicians except me. My dad was a guitar player. My mom played piano and later the organ. She played all of the soft rock classics, like Peter & Gordon and even The Beatles. Both of my brothers were in a Heavy Metal band. My sister played Clarinet in Jr. High. I was only a singer. Mostly in the shower. My vocal heroes were Lou Rawls, Barry White, Johnny Cash, The

Stattler Brothers' Bass guy, Thurl Ravenscroft. But I was too good looking to play the devil in the Opera... alas. My brother's band singers all sung falsetto so my voice never fit. I sang in choir at Community Christian Church and I went ‘deep on every play!’ In 5th Grade I wanted to be a scientist aboard the Calypso.”

Please come and enjoy our wonderful Praise Band at our 10:45 service.



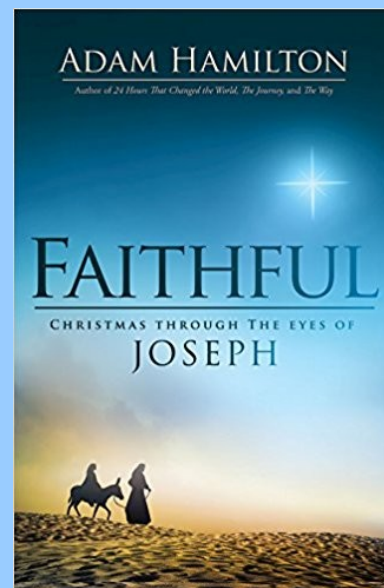
Advent Bible Study—Adult Sunday School

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity.

As you read this book, you will understand how Joseph's story is much like our own. In life, we encounter circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. At times it can be tempting just to walk away. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. Exchange your doubt for courage this Advent and Christmas season. The story of Joseph provide us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides.

Chapter topics include:

1. A Carpenter Named Joseph
2. Whose Child Is This?
3. Raising a Child Not Your Own
4. The Journey to Bethlehem
5. The Rest of the Story



Dale Janssen will be leading Adult Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 am. Pastor would like to offer a bible study class at the parsonage every Wednesday Night from 7pm—9pm. If you are interested please contact Pastor Oh. Books are available in the office for \$15.00.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

On Break Until January 14th

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/Pastor's Office

Please join us! All are welcome!



Sr. High Youth Group

Thank you to everyone who helps with
Senior High Youth Group!
We had fantastic year!

Stay tuned for our next meeting on January 21st!

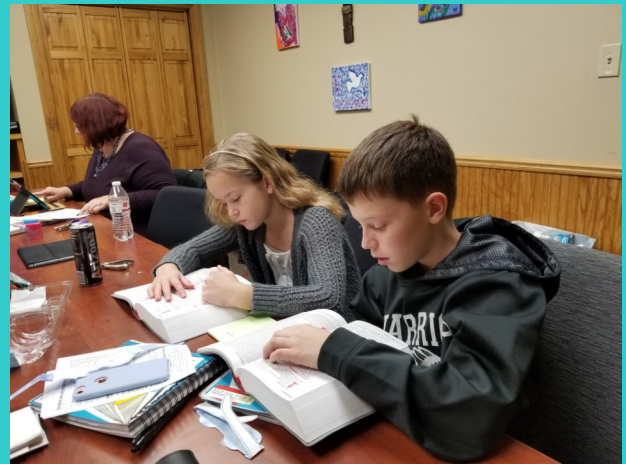
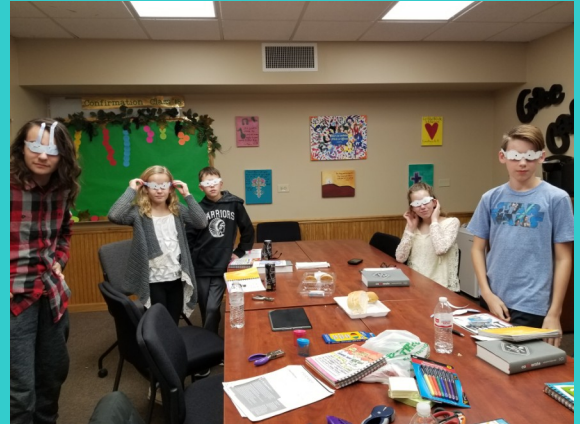
CONFIRMATION CLASS

January Schedule

January 7th 12-2:00 Session 6, Led by GleeAnn Kehr
Is the Holy Spirit a person or wind, or fire or what?
Why do we say we believe in “the holy catholic church?”

January 14th 12-2:00 Session 7, Led by Wendy Myers
Why should I pray when God doesn't answer all my prayers?
Why should I pray the Lord's Prayer?

January 26th Lock In, Led by Karin Peraino



Confirmands are having fun with Debbie Hassert talking about Jesus.



GleeAnn Kehr taught Jesus performing miracles then and today and the meaning of the baptism of Jesus.

Thank you teachers~!!!



Children's Christmas Program

Thank you to Cris Kerins and the Junior Choir for their lovely Christmas Program,
"Jesus-The Best Gift Of All."
Junior Choir practice will resume in February.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

ECCLESIASTES 3:11

NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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

Thank You



Upcoming Worship Services & Events

January 3 rd	Daybreak Shelter 6:00 pm
January 7 th	Communion Services
January 10 th	Trustee's Meeting 7:00 pm
January 13 th	United Methodist Men 8:00 am
January 14 th	Children's Sunday School Resumes
January 17 th	Ad Council Meeting 7:00 pm
January 20 th	Primetimers 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall
January 21 st	Coffee Fellowship
January 28 th	Loose Change Sunday

THANK YOU FROM OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

LUMC Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for the scholarship given over Thanksgiving break. This gift and the whole church has given me so much and I'm so grateful for the love! Thank you for the messages and goodies during the year. I really appreciate it all!

Thank You Again, Erin Cliff

Hi Mrs. Kerins and Mrs. Ferrazzi,

I just wanted to say thank you for the LUMC college scholarship. The ceremony on Sunday was wonderful and I really appreciate everything you guys do, from the scriptures you send us to the warm welcome we receive upon our return to LUMC. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thanks so much; I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

Best, Becca

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the scholarship because it helps with the expenses of college. It helps to know that my church family supports my education.

Thank You, Megan Cheehy



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

January 7

8:30-
10:45-Rich Lee

January 14

8:30-
10:45-Steve Walter

January 21

8:30-
10:45-Judy Janovyak

January 28

8:30-
10:45-Joanne
Goszczycki

Heaven's Gift

By Richard H. Lee

John the Baptist tells us a great deal about the coming Messiah and how we need to repent of worldly ways and prepare for his coming. In the last verse of John's Gospel chapter 1 it says, "You're going to see heaven opened and angels coming down" and later in chapter 3 Jesus is described as, "The One who came down from heaven – the Son of Man" (3:13). Jesus also told Nicodemus, "You have to be born from above" in 3:7.

Later in John chapter 6 Jesus tells his disciples, "The Bread of Life is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world" (6:33). Later in chapter 12 Jesus says, "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." This "light" is spiritual illumination and is similar to "Living Water" in John 4:14 or possibly the same "work of the Spirit." There's a well-known hymn that tells us about the Lord's coming, "Joy to the World" that says, Let earth receive her king" and the chorus, "And heaven and nature sing." Do you know that hymn from memory?



January 2018

Children's Message Schedule

January 7
GleeAnn Kehr

January 14
Karin Peraino

January 21
Erik Anderson

January 28
Sean Clark



Greeters

January 7
8:30-Juanita Fick
10:45-Mary & Arlene
Knott

January 14
8:30- Myers Family
10:45-Kehr Family

January 21
8:30-Ende Family
10:45-Ferrazzi Family

January 28
8:30-Stelter Family
10:45- Stood 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:	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	Phil & Leslie Ramos
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 in 2017

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.

“2017 – How Are We Doing?”

2017 has been a good year financially for our church. The General Fund stayed positive all year and we paid our Conference Apportionment payments on time. One reason for this was the generous contributions made last Christmas. This is why Christmas is often called “The 13th Month” by church financial people.

The Maintenance Fund did well too, due no doubt to all of the very visible work that the Trustees and others did this year. It is now at a good balance but more serious work is anticipated for the coming year.

The Capital Repair Fund has to pay back loans made from our Endowment Fund and from members to pay for much of the work done at our church, and did not do so well this year. It will need more help in the coming years to pay back these loans.

I have entered the pledge card information into a program to compare the totals pledged with last year's and previous year's totals. The amazing result was that the totals did not change at all compared to last year even though many pledges were changed!

So, what about 2018? I hope we will get a generous level of contributions at Christmas to help the General Fund get off to a good start. You have no doubt noticed the boxes of offering envelopes on a table in our church. If you would like to use weekly offering envelopes but don't see your name on a box, please take a box with a number and be sure to include your name on an envelope or an enclosed personal check. As I weekly transfer your contributions from the plates to a bank envelope, I have noticed that many use the pew envelopes or no envelopes at all. Please take a box from the table and use them. Don't worry about the cost as we have already paid for them.

Of course Christian stewardship is not just about money. Open Pantry food and Daybreak Shelter meals for the needy are two of our outstanding missions. The coming Red Bird Mission trip and the many other special offerings and outreach programs are also examples.

Keep up the good Christian work in 2018 thou faithful members of the Lemont United Methodist Church.

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

January 2018(!) Book reviews

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.

In the library-

A board book, for little ones, tells the Bible story of "Jonah and the Big Fish." Ultimately this book is about obeying God-sort of speaks to all of us, doesn't it? However, I believe that little ones will enjoy the colorful pictures.

The next offering, is Richard Scarry's book of "Cars and Trucks." Kids will find the pictures and small descriptions interesting, especially if YOU point out that all these people and cars and trucks are because God gave the people life and imaginations to build them: ie. He allowed family situations, grocery shopping, schools, etc. for us. He decided we needed police just in case some people won't obey Him. And on and on...

I believe each page describes something or someone who is doing or has done God's work and taken advantage of His gifts.

A thin book on "generosity" wouldn't be a bad read. Isn't that something this church needs to remind itself of especially now? Not just financial generosity (although that wouldn't be bad) but the generosity of our time, generosity of our God-given talents (everyone has at least one) generosity of participation and an outward show of our faith.

1 John 3: 16-18 reminds us of the generous act of Christ laying down his life FOR US. Wow! It only asks us to be generous to others who have a need: to take pity. LOVE WITH ACTIONS AND FAITH. Acts 2:44-47 implores our church to be a community. To give generously to those in the community, for instance, help for those in need: does a sick person need a ride to the doctor, someone to get medicine from Walgreens, maybe an elderly person needs someone who will make calls or fill out forms for her (him). We have a portion of the service called Joys and Concerns, also a prayer need in the bulletin, maybe that could get you started.

Sheryl Woods wrote a book, "Willowbrook Road." In it she describes, I think, a rather shallow character who is looking for a meaning for her life. The character grows positively and even is able to find that elusive meaning. (Sounds like a feeling we might all have. Thank you for your donation, Mary Ende.

Have a happy and blessed 2018!





Thank you to Tony and Dawn Ferrazzi for our beautiful Nativity Scene!

Also, thank you to George Lange who donated the sheep.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your love and good wishes to me after my “memorable” trip and broken leg. We saw the doctor today, and the bone looks a bit better than last week. I should be in a boot in about two weeks. This has been a very humbling experience as I hobble around and Ron attends to my needs. Christmas will look a bit different around here this year but Christ will make His appearance and we will rejoice at His coming! Thank you all for your cards and gifts of food and especially your love.

Carol Walter



Thank you—Lemont Township Giving Tree Wish Ornament

Thank you to everyone who generously gave to a child through the Lemont Giving Tree this year. Because of you, a child was able to celebrate Christmas.

Thank You for your generosity.



Loose Change Sunday & Rainbow Covenant

HOW DOES IT WORK? Loose Change Sunday is designated as the FOURTH Sunday of each month. All loose change collected in the offering on those days will be donated to our Rainbow Covenant Charities. Even a small contribution can make a significant difference when it is combined with the contributions from other churches. Through the Rainbow Covenant, our church provides monetary donations to pre-approved charitable efforts throughout the world. These charities are divided into six different categories, designated as different color bands of the rainbow. Each month we will highlight one of these charities. If you would like to make a larger donation to that specific cause, please use a pew envelope and write the name of the charity on the outside. Any church that pays their full apportionment and contributes to all six bands of the rainbow is designated as a Rainbow Covenant Church. LUMC has proudly been a Rainbow Covenant Church every year, for over 20 years! Let's keep the trend going. Please look for more information on each of these important ministries throughout the year and plan to drop your loose change in the offering plate on the fourth Sunday of each month. Thank you!

If you'd like to plan ahead, here are the charities that we will be highlighting this year:

February 25, 2018 – Blue Band: Morning Star Mission

March 25, 2018 – Green Band: Facing Forward to End Homelessness

April 22, 2018 – Purple Band: missionary, Betty Tshala in Zambia

May 22, 2018 – Red Band: Mujila Falls Agricultural Research & Training

June 24, 2018 – Green Band: North Central College Albright-Wesley Society

August 26, 2018 – Blue Band: JUST of DuPage

September 23, 2018 – Yellow Band: Tree of Life Ministry, Pierre South Dakota

October 28, 2018 – Orange Band: UMCOR--Undesignated

November 25, 2018 – Green Band: Wesley Willows Good Samaritan Program

December – recap of all charities

FYI, Special Sundays are no longer considered part of the Rainbow Covenant but we still do collections on some of these days: Human Relations Day (1/14/18), Souper Bowl Sunday (2/04/18), UMCOR Sunday (3/11/18), Peace w/ Justice Sunday (5/27/18), World Communion Sunday (10/07/18), and UM Student Day (11/25/18)

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CHURCH NEWS

Thank you to the Worship Choir for the beautiful Cantata on December 17th.

It was a wonderful way to enjoy the Christmas season.



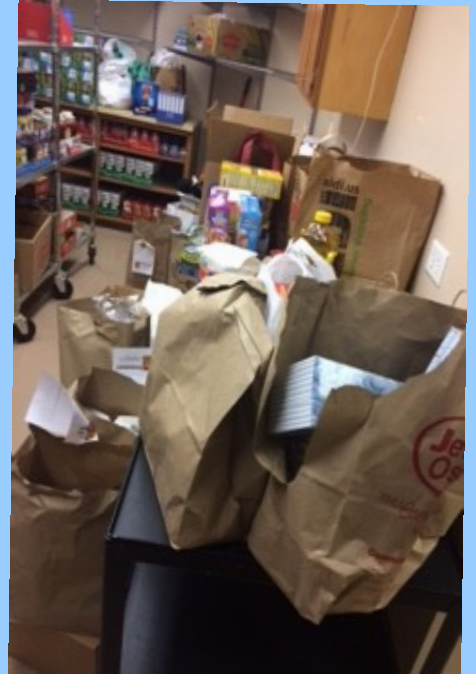
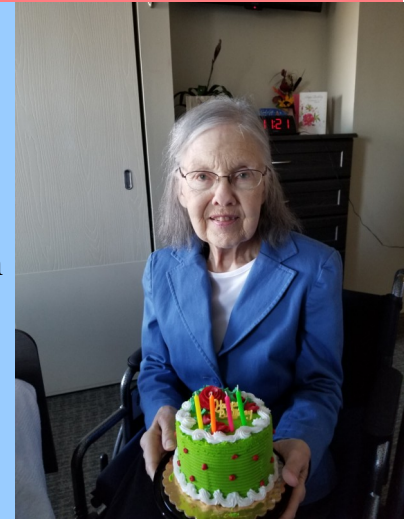
THANK YOU TO THE EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

On December 12th the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Lemont delivered food from their holiday food drive.

What a wonderful surprise!
Thank you Emmanuel Baptist!

Happy Birthday!

Sherrill Weary
Celebrated her 86th
birthday at Mother
Teresa Home.



LUMC Women's Book Club

Jan.- Apr. No Meetings

May 14 "Eighty Days"

Matthew Goodman

It is a true story of Nellie Bligh' s race around the world. In December we sent our "loose change" for 2017 to Smile Train in honor of the book "Wonder". (November book selection).

This group meets at Margaret Flynn's house.



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, well wishes, and gifts for Christmas! I hope everyone had a beautiful Christmas with their families.

Love,
Amy

Red Bird Mission Trip 2018

Please join us the week of June 18th. We will travel to Kentucky and volunteer in mission service to help with the refurbishment of homes. There is also a wide variety of ministries to families, older adults, women and children, and youth to make their lives fuller and help them receive the assistance they need to make their lives a bit more livable.

If you are able to help there is a sign up sheet in the sanctuary.



Thank You!

The church looks awesome! Thank you to all who helped with the decorating! Afterwards we enjoyed yummy soups , salads and fellowship. It takes many hands for all this to happen. A huge THANK YOU to all!! Your help each year is really appreciated.

Peg Pecher and the
activity Committee



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*

*Alberta Harden, eye problems
*Mary Ende, lung cancer
Katie, needs kidney transplant
Shirley Patterson, stent
*Tom Vegter, back surgery
Ravi, back surgery
*Shelby Fox, ankle pain
Ron, cancer treatment
*Rachael Bocker-Hayes, cellulites
Melvin Sharp, hernia
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
Copus Family, strength
Brian, life struggles
Judy Olinger, lymphoma
Walter, cancer
Dana Patterson, brain tumor & MS
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Jim Kratochvil, lung cancer
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
Jim Krenek, at Burgess Square

Linda, dementia
Florian Talos, parkinson's
Lois, stage 3 cancer
Esther Gores, home hospice
*Tina Wilebski, health issues
*Sandra, autoimmune disease
Cindy Hudon, cancer/chemo
*Bill & Willetta, health issues
Suebea Wright, cancer
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
*Dave Mlady, lingering illness
Judy Bramill, cancer
Melvyn Marshall, pneumonia
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Mason Patterson, surgery
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Art Runyan, pancreatic cancer
Joe Knutson, dialysis
*Carol Walter, cast off
Margie, heart issues
Dave, heart testing
Joys:
Our wonderful Care Bearers
Children's Christmas Program
Confirmation Trip

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Hanging of the Greens
*Girls Scouts Cookie Baking Kits
*Emmanuel Baptist Food Drive
*Children's Christmas Program
*Worship Choir Cantata
*Dedicated Open Pantry Workers
*Everyone who supports our Scrip
Program
*Beautiful Christmas Eve Services
*Open Pantry Donations
*Dedicated Confirmation Students
and parents

Coffee Fellowship January 21st

Karin Peraino
Kathy Cliff
Jodi Stood
Kristen Nelson
Amy Cheehy
Amie Topete



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bearers 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
January 2018

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

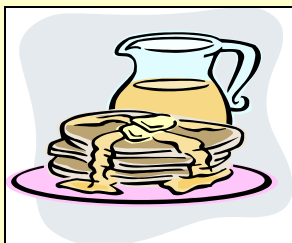
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

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



January 13th

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



January 20th

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:
Kay Norfleet
630-257-6699
or call the church office.