



Upcoming
Services and
Events

February 4th
Communion
Sunday

February 11th
Boy Scout
Sunday
Message by Kurt
Huegelmann

February 14th
Ash Wednesday
Service
Service at 7pm
With imposition
of ashes

February 18th
Coffee
Fellowship

February 25th
Loose Change
Sunday for
LUMC Open
Pantry

Dear Friends in Christ,

This winter has been tough for many, young and old. I pray for those who have been struggling with the flu and cold and wish you well. It seems like we just took Christmas decorations down and celebrated New Year 2018. Yet, it is hard to believe that the New Year is already a month old and we are moving quickly into February, the time of Lent. This year, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and covers a period of the six weeks before Easter Sunday, on April 1st. In this time of the forty days of Lenten journey until Easter, we are called to renew our commitments to spiritual practices such as fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Lent is an annual opportunity for us to grow in our faith not only by giving up unhealthy foods or treats, but also abstaining from whatever is unhealthy in our lives – gossip, fear, worries, grudge, lack of social conscience, racism, discrimination, alcohol, drug, violence, and most importantly, taking concrete steps to do something more. Lent is a great time to "repent" -- to return to God and re-focus our lives to be more in line with Jesus.

With this in mind, I would like to invite you to some spiritual practices that you may try for this Lenten season. There are the **Top Ten things offered by Upper Room.**

10. **Try an electronic fast.** Give up TV, texting, twittering, e-mail and all things electronic for one day every week. Use the time to read & pray.
9. **Start a prayer rhythm.** Say a prayer every time you brush your teeth, hear an ambulance, or check your e-mail. Before you text someone, pray for them.
8. **Read one chapter in the Bible each day.**
7. **Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it.**
6. **Give up soft drinks, fast food, tea or coffee.** Give the money to food pantry.
5. **Create a daily quiet time.** Spend 30 minutes a day in silence and prayer.
4. **Cultivate a life of gratitude.** Write someone a thank you letter each week and be aware of how many people have helped you along the way.
3. **Be kind to someone each day.**
2. **Pray for others you see** as you walk to and from classes or drive to and from work.
1. **Volunteer one hour or more each week** with a local shelter, tutoring program, nursing home, prison ministry or a Habitat for Humanity.

I also would like to invite you to Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM and also to the six weeks of Lenten Bible Study – The Creed. Studying the Bible is one of the disciplines of faith especially during the Lenten season. We will study what Christians believe, the Apostle's Creed and why we believe it and why it matters. Time and place will be posted. Please join us and go in depth in your covenant relationship with God and with others.

May this Lent be a sacred time of fasting, praying, giving, and growing for you~!

Grace and Peace to you,

Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 4–Loren Kirkman
February 7–Alberta Harden
February 11–Jason Stood
February 14–Logan Hennebry
February 15–Matthew Hennebry
February 15–Leslie Ramos
February 15–Kittiya Laemmer
February 22–Dave Andersen
February 27–Judy Janovyak



****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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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 peas, tomato soup, diced tomatoes, canned fruit, and lunch chips. 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!



Hope and Friendship News

Well it's 2018 and I have almost all of the dates set for another year of making ripples, starting with these:

Be a part of the most massive and amazing sack lunch making event in the world!!! (or at least this corner of it)

Warm a Heart Lift a Spirit Sack Lunch Making Event-

Saturday Feb 3rd 10am-12noon @ Old Quarry Middle School Lunchrooms

We need hands, feet, and donations of sack lunch items and notes that will lift spirits of hundreds of homeless, seniors and home bound.

If you can't make the event we sure could use any donations you can offer. A drop bin is located in the front entry of Old Quarry Middle School.

Know someone that could use this gift that will nourish stomach and spirit? Email me their address and name and I'll have one delivered!

Here is a Patch article with more details:

<https://patch.com/illinois/lemont/greatest-largest-sack-lunch-making-event-lemont-feb-3>

The Spring Outreach Planning Team Meeting will be Tuesday Jan 30th at 6pm in the rear room of Gelsosomo's

If you are feeling the urge or made a resolution to step up and do more to contribute to the Spring Outreaches I sure could use your help.

This is not for those that plan on volunteering, this is for those who would like to take on roles to help make these outreaches better. I will have tasks of each of the outreaches that we can divide and conquer everything from collecting donations that we need to being a leader on outreach day helping to channel even more help and involving more volunteers.

This will cover:

Warm a Heart Sack Lunch Making Event- Feb 3

Give that Dress (Dress Clothing) a 2nd Night Out- Feb 24

Easter Baskets and Easter Ham Outreach- week of March 26

Spring Cleaning Bag Sorting/Delivering - April 21

Spring Mission Stay Saturday- April 21

Give that Dress (Dress Clothing) a 2nd Night Out Saturday Feb 24th 9am-12:30/ Sorting Night Friday Feb 23 5-7pm @ Community Christian Church [102 Stephen St.](#)

Seeking Donations of Prom Dresses, Suits, and dress clothing, dress shoes and accessories for young woman, men, girls and boys.

Drop off donations to The Nail Inn, [47 Stephen St](#) (across the street from Second Chance Thrift Shoppe) Monday through Friday Collecting through Friday Feb 23

Plan on stopping downtown Lemont at Community Christian Church on the day of the event to see what amazing items we have! Be a frugal shopper and find a treasure of a deal!

Does your child have aspirations to be the next Wolfgang Puck? This Sunday will be the 5th Annual Kid's Cook Off, celebrating our young talented chefs and raising funds for our Lemont Food Pantries.

Here is more information if you might be interested:

<https://patch.com/illinois/lemont/get-your-taste-buds-ready-kids-cook-coming-sunday>

I am looking forward to making amazing ripples with you in 2018. If you know of a need we can meet please do not hesitate to email me, if you are looking to make a difference in the corner of our world I truly look forward to working alongside of you and making that happen!

Wishing you peace and love,
Terri

Happy Hands Methodist Preschool presents

“Fashion thru the Ages”

Fashion Show 2018

When: Thursday, February 22, 2018 (all Thursday classes)
Friday, February 23, 2018 (all Friday classes)

Time: 9:30 A.M. Children arrive.
Regular sign in/sign out procedures apply.
The sanctuary doors will also open at 9:30 A.M.

10:00 A.M. Let the Show Begin!

*Refreshments, Raffles, and Silent Auction will be held
in Fellowship Hall following the show*

Where: Lemont United Methodist Church, 25 W. Custer St, Lemont

Cost: Tickets \$10 each

Due Dates:

Tuesday, 2/6 = Clothing Descriptions

Tuesday, 2/6 = Raffle and Silent Auction Items

Tuesday, 2/13 = Ticket Sales

Tuesday, 2/13 = Business Card Ads

This year, our annual fashion show takes a look at
“Fashions thru the Ages,” with a special peek at New Year's celebrations.
Each class has been assigned a couple of decades; the children will be modeling outfits to
reflect that special time in our history:

Moone 2s & Y3s = New Year's
Mrs. K 3s & 4s = 20s/30s
Kennedy 3s & 4s = 40s/50s
Coyle 3s & 4s = 60s/70s
Purpura & Sanderson = 80s/90s
Buch 3s & 4s = 2000s/2010s



Come join us! Watch and cheer as the children walk down the runway and
each enjoy their own special moment in the spotlight!
The young participants will also entertain us with a few memorable songs.
Whatever the age, whatever the song; we'll all be smiling & humming along!

**For questions, donations, or ads, please contact Karin at
630-257-3112.**

Advent Bible Study—Adult Sunday School

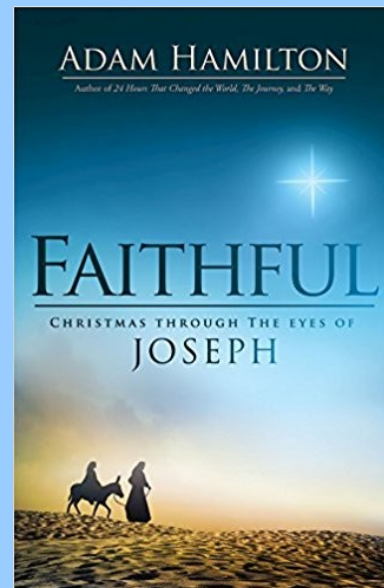
From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join Adam Hamilton as he examines Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much 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.

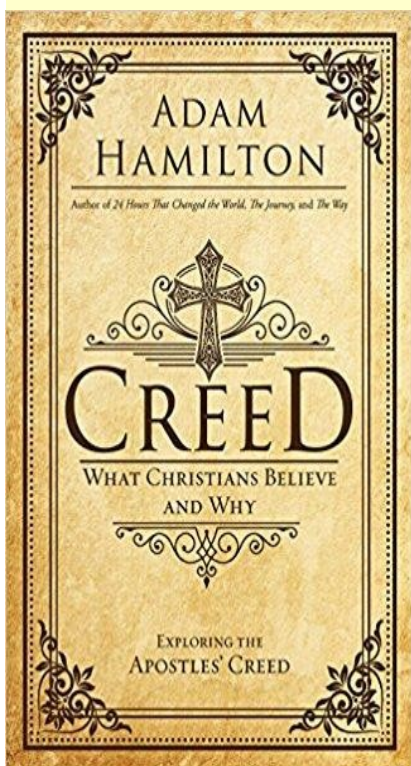
Chapter topics include:

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.



Lenten Bible Study



We're used to answers popping up on a screen right in front of us. But when the questions examine the truths that give meaning and purpose to life, finding the answers takes more than simply typing a few words and pushing a button. Adam Hamilton believes that powerful answers to many of our complicated questions are contained in the Apostles' Creed, an early statement of foundational Christian beliefs. In *Creed*, he explores not only what Christians believe, but also why they believe, and why it matters, which in turn leads readers to confront and examine their own core beliefs and go beyond reciting the Creed's familiar words. —Adam Hamilton

Chapters include:

1. God
2. Jesus Christ
3. The Holy Spirit
4. The Church at the Communion of Saints
5. The Forgiveness of Sins
6. The Resurrection of the Body

Pastor Oh invites all those who are interested in growing the understanding on our doctrine and beliefs, especially, new members who would like to join Lemont United Methodist Church. The study will be Every Wednesday from 7 pm to 8:30 PM at the Parsonage. Please register in the office. The book is available in the office at \$14.00.

2018 Laity Convocation NIC



From Why to How: Executing your Plan for Ministry
Laity Convocation February 17, 2018

Join us to learn strategies on transforming ministry plans into action.



Breakout sessions will include:

- How Do We Share Our Faith?
- How Do We Meet Our Neighbors?
- How Do We Use Data to Help Our Neighbors?
- How Do We Talk About the Way Forward?
- How Do We “See All The People”? Featured Plenary Speaker: Rev. Dr. Junius Dotson General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries

Location: Sycamore United Methodist Church 160 Johnson Avenue – Sycamore, IL 60178

Featured Plenary Speaker: Rev. Dr. Junius Dotson General Secretary of Discipleship Ministries

If you would like to attend please contact the church office and we can register you.
Thank You



We love because
He first loved us.
1 John 4:19

Dearest Family and Friends,

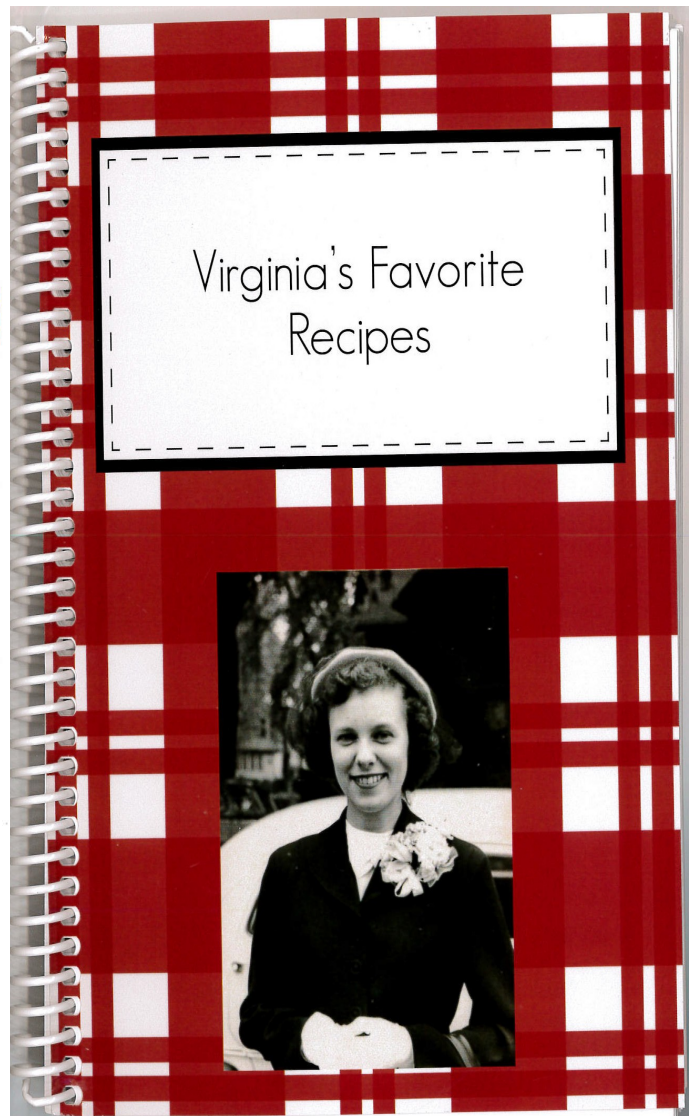
Over the summer, after my Father moved to Georgia with my Sister, Thom and I spent nearly every weekend cleaning out the house on Norton Avenue in Lemont. This task was difficult. What do you do with all the treasures that were collected by my parents since their marriage in 1952? We tried to find good homes for everything.

After digging through one of the book cases in the basement we found my Mother's recipes and decided to put our cherished favorites together in a book to share with you. The measurements and instructions are just as she wrote them. You may find yourself trying to decipher the shorthand code of an experienced cook with a few of these delicious treats.

Enjoy these recipes with your family and friends and think about Virginia while you are cooking.

Sincerely,

Carol



Virginia's cookbook will be located in our library. Please come and see this beautiful book Virginia's family has created in her memory.

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/Pastor's Office

Please join us!
All are welcome!



Combined Service and Brunch, Sunday, March 4th

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 4th. As we head into Spring, we will fellowship together at our Brunch. On the 4th we will have only one service starting at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Brunch will follow at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are hoping for a great turn out. If you are able to attend please sign up on the sheet on the back table in the Sanctuary. We will need to know numbers for food preparation. You can also sign up to bring something if you are able. The menu will be breakfast casseroles with fruit and other delicious sides.

Come and break bread with us.



EASTER FLOWERS

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



Enclose **\$15.00** for each plant ordered, making checks payable to **Lemont United Methodist Church**. Orders are due on, or before, **March 18th**. Please put your order form and money in the large envelope on the back table.

Thank You

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

- February 7th Daybreak Shelter
- February 10th United Methodist Men
- February 11th Boy Scout Sunday
- February 14th Ash Wednesday Service
- February 17th Primetimers
- February 18th Coffee Fellowship
- February 21st Trustees Meeting
- February 25th Loose Change Sunday
- February 28th Ad Council Meeting

THANK YOU FROM OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Dear LUMC,

I would like to thank you again for your generosity. The college scholarships really goes a long way and I am so thankful for the opportunity to receive it! Thank you for all that you do!

Kayla Walter

Dear LUMC,

I want to thank everyone for all of the love and support throughout the years. The LUMC has given me good structure and I owe it all to my faith in God. I am extremely thankful to have received the scholarship. I love you all and can't wait to see you all again.

Sincerely,

Jake Kirkman



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

February 4

8:30-Bill Stelter
10:45-Marge Fox

February 11

8:30-Peg Pecher
10:45-Tim Peraino

February 18

8:30-Sue Gergescz
10:45-Vickie
Olinger

February 25

8:30-
10:45-Jodi Stood

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?



February 2018

Children's Message Schedule

February 4
Richard Lee

February 11
Ron Walter

February 18
Megan Cheehy

February 25
Cris Kerins



Greeters

February 4
8:30-Sue Hinks
10:45-Cliff Family

February 11
8:30- Sharon Heslop
10:45-Boy Scout
Sunday

February 18
8:30-Kennedy Family
10:45-Peraino Family

February 25
8:30-George & Alice
Lange
10:45- Ann
Wesolowski & Zoe
Jackson

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**

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

Handyman wanted

We have widows in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs: basic maintenance and grass cutting or snow shoveling. Ideally it could be a retired man with experience in building. Please contact the church office at: 630-257-5210 if you are interested.



ESL Tutoring

Kay Norfleet has graciously offered to teach English as a second language to anyone in need.

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

February 2018 Book Reviews

"War Room:" Prayer is a Powerful Weapon

Elizabeth Jordan and her husband have just had another argument over money. Understandable, since her husband makes most of their money (she is employed part-time). Elizabeth sends money to her sister whose husband can't find a job.

The argument continues. Then Elizabeth meets Miss Clara, who is also interested in selling her home. Miss Clara is a strong believer in the power of prayer. Not the prayer that offers a few adorations and then the grocery list of wants. But, a prayer of someone who MUST be willing for "Not My Will, But Yours." Elizabeth's concerns, as Miss Clara's, are put to God in the "War Room."

"365 Bible Answers for Curious Kids"

Hopefully, the answers young people seek will be found in God's promises (the "Bible answers for curious kids"). It reminds them of promises that will strengthen their resolve during questioning times...and questioning times abound, not only at a young age. The book is constructed around the calendar...which, by the way, man invented though it was a God-given idea. Look up any questions that occur to you. The answer is there.

"God Is In Control" Promises of Encouragement and Hope

The introduction reminds us that nothing-NOTHING- is chance. NOTHING! God always has a plan in whatever occurs. He is in your life. Listen to Him! Do His Will. If that means altering some of your plans, DO. He promises to be ever watchful over you and always, ALWAYS! Didn't the sermon on Jan. 14 address LISTENING? I understood that we need to study scripture, pray, and LISTEN to God's guidance every time we are confronted with a situation. Find a quiet place in your home, pray, LISTEN for GOD'S ADVICE. (John Wesley's mother often found her quiet place amongst her many kids. She threw her apron over her head.)

"Hidden Riches"

First, thanks to Mary Ende for ANOTHER book for the library.

The book is about an antique dealer who finds a "hidden riches" in one of her acquisitions. Now, a challenge for you: read this book, it's a secular novel, and see if you can find any Christian attributes in it. Just as you often see in your life. Read between the lines! I'll give you a hint, the main character has perseverance, which, she believes is necessary. (Maybe, you don't think her perseverance is justified... she doesn't pray about it. Do you always pray for your actions, interests, problems?)

AND The main character judges another on physical attributes (are you led ONLY by physical traits of someone?). Then she updates her opinion. (How many times have we done that?) God will judge each person on his character: his morals, his forgiving nature, his repentance. And FAITH in HIM! How is God in Control of this plot? There are small incidences which build into a larger plot? Can you name them, can you see God with each one or NOT. Isn't it amazing that an author can put together little occurrences to foster conclusions in lives? I'm not saying that authors are God, but authors can lead us to think about what is God-like.

Reading is a chore, somewhat, not like movies or TV or some other mind-numbing entertainment. When you read, you are in charge. Think about what your eyes see, then decide IF it's within God's moral compass. Some books are well-written, clear, some are not, some are so disgusting, we see no need for them. Is this one? I don't think so....especially if you try to understand the character, the situations, and the solutions.

Loose Change Sunday & Rainbow Covenant

February “Souper Bowl” Sunday *(this is not a Rainbow Covenant band)*

Coinciding with the football Super Bowl on Sunday, **February 4th**, our Sunday School children will take a special collection for the LUMC Open Pantry. Reach into your pockets to drop a coin or bill into the soup pots. Even just \$1 per person will help! It might not seem like much but together we can make a difference! All contributions will be donated to our Open Pantry to help provide food for local families in need.

Thank you for helping us put a bowl of soup on every table!

Lenten Season

The Last Supper – the 35th Year

Please mark your calendars to March 25th at 7:30pm to view the stirring 35th annual production of The Last Supper, Leonardo



da Vinci's scene painted before your eyes. The actors and all of the supporting persons are gearing up for that special evening. The disciple rehearsals are:

March 14th at 7pm March 21st at 7pm March 24th at 7pm – the mandatory “dress” rehearsal

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday
February 14th at 7 P.M.



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

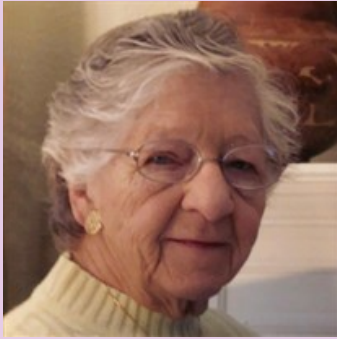
Sympathy Notes



Hilma M. "Greta" Hayes, nee Nordin. Jan. 14, 2018. Age 85. Devoted wife of the late William T. Hayes, Sr. Loving mother of Cathy (Ted) Ely, William T. Jr. (Kim) Hayes, Shawn (Julie) Hayes, and the late Robert (Laurie) Hayes. Cherished grandmother of 8 and great grandmother of 3. Greta was preceded in death by two brothers and survived by one sister and families. Greta loved Lemont, IL and was very active in the community. She was involved with the Civil War Monument, the Library, V.F.W. Post, the Historical Society, the Antique Association, Boy Scout, the Lemont Methodist Church, and the Lemont Chamber of Commerce. She was former owner of Greta's Garret in Lemont, IL. Visitation was held Thursday January 18th at the Petkus Lemont Funeral Home, 12401 S. Archer Ave., (at Derby Rd.), Lemont. Interment Mt. Vernon Memorial Estates, Lemont, IL. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Offerings in Greta's name may be made to the Lemont Methodist Church Food Pantry.



Mae Joy Karges (Lindenau), age 80, formerly of Lemont, IL, passed peacefully in Florida into the arms of her mother, Helen Lindenau and father, William Lindenau, and husband, Clarence (Bud) Karges on Saturday, December 16th at 3:10 pm. Mae Joy was born in Lemont, IL on July 7, 1937. Mae truly embraced her life. She never accepted things as they were and was always courageous and strong. She was loved for her beautiful heart and she adored her children and grandchildren. Following the death of her husband in 1988, Mae embarked on a new journey, taking her back to her beloved Chicago where she started a new career as an Import Manager and traveled the country and the world. She retired and returned to Overland Park Kansas in 2010 where she worked part time at Macy's and spent time with her sons and grandchildren. Mae loved to dance and sang beautifully. She always claimed that the key to her health was her daily smoke and Manhattan. Mae is survived by her two sons, Scott Karges (Jamie) and Craig Karges (Allison), her daughter Andrea Karges and 5 grandchildren, Clint, Max, Chase, Abby and Chloe. She is also survived by her beloved sister Elaine Meaden (Walter) who was her rock throughout her life. Mae will be missed terribly, and we will love her forever. We will see her again. Memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at 10 am at Lemont United Methodist Church with Rev. Hyo Sun Oh officiating, followed by Interment at Fairmount Willow Hills Memorial Park, 9100 Archer Ave, Willow Springs, IL 60480.



Jeanette I. Davis, age 94, of Chadwick, Illinois, died on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Carroll County Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Mt. Carroll. A visitation will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at Law-Jones Funeral Home, Mt. Carroll. Cremation will take place following the visitation. A memorial fund has been established in Jeanette's honor.

Jeanette was born December 31, 1923, in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of James and Jessie (Bailard) Elliott. She graduated from Downers Grove High School. On January 25, 1948, Jeanette married Carl Davis. They celebrated 49 years of marriage until Carl's passing on March 26, 1997 in Morrison, Illinois. Jeanette owned and operated Snak Shoppe in Chadwick for ten years. She also worked in the cafeteria for Shimer College in Mt. Carroll for ten years. Jeanette was also a homemaker who cherished taking care of her family. She also enjoyed assisting and taking care of older people. She liked to sew, cook, and garden. Most of all, Jeanette loved her family, especially her grandchildren. Jeanette will be dearly missed by her two daughters, Janet (Thomas) Van Fleet of Rhome, Texas and Mary Rohrer of Lemont, Illinois; two sons, Keith Davis of Bluff Dale, Texas and Daniel (Linda Sue) Davis of Lanark, Illinois; one daughter in-law, Rita Davis of Pearl City, Illinois; fourteen grandchildren; and sixteen great grandchildren. Jeanette is preceded in death by her husband, Carl; one son, Gregg Davis; one sister; two brothers; several step brothers and sisters.

Sr. High Youth Group

On Sunday, January 28th the SHYG went to CMP Tactical Lazer Tag in Frankfort. The lesson that they learned was "Seeking Peace in a Violent World". Eight youth were able to attend! The next meeting will be February 25th. Please Join us!



Pizza Sale

Pizzas can be picked up February 4th after both services.

All proceeds benefit Red Bird Mission.

Thank you to everyone who ordered Super Bowl pizzas!



Baptism Celebration

Carter Ethan Quigley was born on July 20, 2017
at Silver Cross Hospital
to Joshua and Sarah Quigley

Carter has two sisters, Ava and Ella Quigley.

Sponsors: Jamie & Rudie Gotlund

Grandparents: Steve and Becky Quigley/Richard and Laurie Hoffman

Great-grandparents: Richard and Bridget Hoffman/
Rosalie Lind/Jessie Chesser

Please join me in welcoming Carter to our church family!



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.



HAPPY HANDS
OPEN HOUSE

FEBRUARY 1ST
7:00P.M.—8:00 P.M.

SPREAD THE WORD

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.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

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

Saturday, March 10 @ 1:00 p.m.

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



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

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

Sponsored by the Village of Lemont

For additional information: 630-243-2700

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*

*Arlene Knott, lung fibrosis
*Alberta Harden, eye problems
*Mary Ende, lung cancer
*Alice Lange, bronchitis
June, cancer
*Tom Vegter, back surgery
Ravi, back surgery
*Shelby Fox, ankle pain
Ron, cancer treatment
Joe, pneumonia
*Al, Dottie's brother, chemo
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
*Seung Woo, sister has cancer
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
*Sue Behling, pneumonia
Ligman Family, medical issues
Jodi Rigoni, cancer treatments
Nick Sempowicz, cancer
Sally, lung cancer
Jim Durham, cong. heart failure
*Dick Arcus, cancer
Valerie O., ovarian cancer
*Debbie Hassert, ankle surgery
*Dave, heart testing
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
Missy, cancer
*Carol Walter, recovering
*Sherrill Weary, health issues
*Fred (Walter), infection
Answered Prayers:
Eugene Goszczycki, healing
Colleen Andrew, remission

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*The baptism of Carter Quigley
*Senior High Youth Group
*Successful Daybreak Shelter
*Rachael Hayes helping in the
office
*The life of Greta Hayes
*The life of Mae Joy Karges
*The life of Jeannette Davis
*Steve Walter leading the pizza sale
*Primetimers luncheon
*Jordan (Goszczycki), 6 wks old
*Stelter's hosting trustees dinner

Coffee Fellowship February 18th

Marge Fox
Sue Tasker
Mary Ende
Lynn Vavra
Dottie McAdams
Juanita Hill
Joanne Goszczycki
Pat Farrer



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 February 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

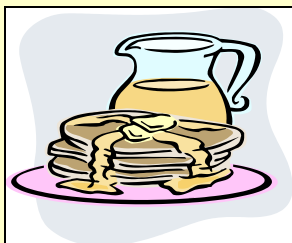
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

**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



February 10th

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



February 17th

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.