November 2018

The New Wine



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

November 4th 8:30 Worship 10:45 Worship All Saints Sunday

November 11th 8:30 Worship 10:45 Worship Veterans Day Remembrance

November 18th 8:30 Worship 10:45 Worship Thanksgiving Pledge Sunday Coffee Fellowship

November 25th 8:30 Worship 10:45 Worship College Scholarship Loose Change Sunday forWesley Good Samaritan

November 30th *Hanging of the Greens at 1 PM*

Greetings in Christ!

As we draw closer to Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season, it is the perfect time to count our many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. Personally, it was my blessing to visit S. Korea last month. From the U.S., Singapore, and the Philippines, our siblings gathered in S. Korea to celebrate the 80th birthday of our mother. It was a very fun and happy birthday party with extended families. My mother was very happy to have all of us and grateful for having your birthday cards with best wishes and blessings. My husband and I also spent some time with his family and had an opportunity to tour 123 stories of Lotte World Tower in Seoul with my father-in-law who is 90 years old.

Most of my vacation days were spent at my brother's farm, working as a guide for free for two weeks. Every day 200 to over 300 children and students from Preschool to High School visited the farm to experience mud, digging sweet potatoes, riding a horse and ATV, feeding the animals, and experiencing archery, and many more. Due to the lack of manpower, my brother asked me to do the job. It was a hard working job, walking more than 10,000 steps, digging the ground, and guiding the children for different activities on the farm. At the end of the day, I got exhausted and lost my voice. Yet, I could not resist helping my brother and I enjoyed working with other guides and the children using my native language, Korean.

What I really enjoyed most was spending time with my mom, sleeping at her house, having breakfast every day with her, driving her to Dr.'s appointments, physical therapy, and her cousin's house, and helping her with grocery shopping, harvesting the crops, and going out for dinner frequently. I gained a few pounds due to the mom made delicious food and eating out the variety of the Korea dishes. Though it was not a restful vacation that I thought of, I was healed by doing a totally different job, my stress level went down, and my relationship with my family got reconnected and stronger. Moreover, the weather had been so beautiful. Overall, it was a good reminder that I am a part of the larger families who welcomed, loved, and accepted me as I am.

At the end of the vacation, unfortunately, my husband and I got into a car accident. I worried about not able to come back to the U.S. on time. Yet, nobody got injured seriously and the negotiation process with the insurance companies for the accident went well so that I came back to Lemont safely. I am so thankful that I spent the meaningful and precious time with my family. The memory has been my driving force for my vocation and daily life.

We have so much to be thankful for even in the midst of all the bad things happening from our country and around the world. As Psalm 136:1 says, "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever," every good and perfect gift is from God. This world may be scary at times, but God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. He said, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9).

This Thanksgiving, I am thankful to God for each of you! It is a joy and a privilege to be your sister in Christ and serve alongside you for the sake of Christ. Together, may our service to the Lord "overflow in many thanksgivings to God!"

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nov. 1-Tim Peraino Nov. 2-Dan Harden Nov. 2-Dan Harden Nov. 4-Arlene Knott Nov. 5-Sydney Nelson Nov. 5-Pastor Hyo Sun Oh Nov. 7-Tom Kehr Nov. 8-Lino Vasquez Nov. 8-Lino Vasquez Nov. 9-Mark Olinger Nov. 20-Debbie Hassert Nov. 20-Debbie Hassert Nov. 22-Jana Stelter Nov. 22-Jana Stelter Nov. 22-Vickie Olinger Nov. 23-Olivia Nelson Nov. 25-Trace Lange Nov. 28-Dale Janssen Nov. 29-Kathy Cliff

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Nov. 1-Donna & Lino Vasquez Nov. 26-Marci & Richard Pierce Nov. 26-Pastor Oh & Seung Woo Lee Nov. 27-Sue & Bob Gergescz Nov. 27-Don & Loryl Fisher Nov. 28-Phil & Leslie Ramos



****Scrip Cards****

I encourage you to look at the 2 folders I recently placed in the back of the church marked: SCRIP by Category and SCRIP Alphabetical. Feel free to take the list and



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.

shopwithscrip

browse through the many many retailers that participate in this program.

Also please know that **VISA** cards are available in increments of \$50, \$100, and \$250.

There are many retailers that offer "Visa five back" which means if you go to a participating retailer, they will put 5% of your purchase back on your card.

Red Lobster, Outback, Panera, Sephora, Red Robin, Old Navy and Bakers Square are just a few. For many more please visit <u>www.fivebackgift.com</u> for a complete list.

Again, I Thank You for your participation in this program!

OPEN PANTRY NEWS

Volunteers are needed to stock shelves for 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 canned fruit, canned peas, cereal, tomato soup, mac and cheese, chunky soups, and snacks.** 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.

DAYBREAK SHELTER NEEDS YOU!

Our church has had very consistent, dedicated cooks for the last 10 plus years, lets give them a well deserved reprieve. There are so many able bodied cooks in or congregation....how bout sharing your talents and a little of your time? Remember it's only once a month, and if you double it, you have your personal dinner as well :) Marge

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 & Events

November 4-All Saints Sunday/ Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 10-United Methodist Men 8:00 a.m.

November 11-Veterans Day Remembrance/Senior High Youth Group

November 13-Mission/Outreach Meeting 6:00 p.m.

November 14-Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.

November 17-Primetimers 12:00 p.m.

November 18-Pledge Sunday/Coffee Fellowship

November 25-Loose Change Sunday/Wesley Woods Good Samaritan Fund

November 28-Ad Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

November 30-Christmas Church Decorating 1:00 p.m.

Church History Testimonials

The church history committee is collecting testimonials from all the members for church history records. The testimonial sheets are located in the back of the church. Please fill out a testimonial sheet and place it in Richard Lee's history mailbox.

For more information contact Richard Lee at 630-257-7339.

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 the church office.



Come help us make our church a joy filled church.

Good Samaritan Fund

Our church has a fund called the Good Samaritan Fund and, as the title indicates, it is used to help others. It is a discretionary fund used by the Pastor to help members experiencing a wide range of issues.

Currently the fund has \$609.82. Happily we were able to use part of this fund for a church member in need. Please continue to contribute money for this worthwhile fund. Often the needs are great and, as you can see, we were blessed to be able to share from this fund. Please continue to be a Good Samaritan and open your hearts to help ensure there is enough in this fund to help others. You can use your offering envelope and indicate "Good Samaritan Fund." Thank you for your generosity.

Peg Pecher

Holiday Neighbor to Neighbor Vendor/Craft Market Saturday

Dec 1st, 2018 9:30am-1:30pm Seeking Independent Vendors & Crafters to join the Holiday Neighbor to Neighbor Vendor/Craft Market @ Lemont Township Community Center Reserve your spot and come market your wares: free trade items, jewelry, cosmetics, crafts, health foods, purses, candles, accessories... Donations of prizes will be accepted, displayed & then awarded for the 50/50/Prize Raffle to be drawn at 1:15pm- proceeds benefiting the Lemont Township Family Assistance Fund. You are responsible for your product & display. We will advertise, reserve your space, provide you with the venue and 6' table to display your product/ craft. Our hope is that you make valuable contacts that will help you increase your customer/sales base. Only 1 vendor per specific company will be reserved (ex. 1 Avon; 1 Tastefully Simple, etc.) . No limit on crafters. Reserve a space with a donation of \$25 per spot (table & chair included) for the Lemont Township Family Assistance Fund. We are hoping you will profit from this event as you also help those in need in our community. Reserve your vendor spot by Nov 26th by emailing or calling Terri at terri-oneill@lemonttownship.org or 630-257-2522.

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- Investment Management.
- Endowment Genesis & Growth . Stewardship Development
- Trustee & Custodial Services
- **Planned Giving Programs**
- Donor Consultation
- Financial Best Practices
- Ministry Grants & Scholarships

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- All directors are currently members of United Methodist churches
- Professional financial and investment expertise
- Diverse members of up to 21, no less than 15
- Laypersons shall constitute at least 75% of Board membership

By expressing your generosity through the Foundation, you gain access to proven investment strategies that exemplify the church's investment ethics and peace of mind that your charitable plans and purposes are fulfilled.

For more information, contact the Foundation: United Methodist Foundation, 77 W. Washington St. Suite 1820, Chicago, IL 60602 Rev. Chris Walters: 312-334-0703 • cwalters@umfnic.org UMFNIC.org • Planned Giving: UMFGift.org

Planned Giving Guide

Giving to the United Methodist Foundation and your church can take many forms. The Foundation encourages donors to consider the possibilities. Options available through planned giving offer creative alternatives that often benefit both donor and recipient. Before making a final decision, please consult with your professional financial advisor and contact the United Methodist Foundation.

GIFTS YOU CAN MAKE NOW				
Your Goal	Type of Gift	How to Give	Benefits	
Make a quick and simple gift.	Appreciated securities	Transfer stock or mutual funds to your church or the Foundation. If your church does not have a brokerage account, donations can be made to the Foundation for pass-through to your church.	Donor avoids capital gains taxes and receives an income tax deduction; church or Foundation sells shares tax-free.	
Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or other real estate.	Appreciated Real Estate	Donate property to the Foundation.	An immediate income tax deduction and avoidance of capital gains tax.	
Make a gift that allows flexibility and your input on how funds will be distributed.	Donor Advised Fund	Create an agreement whereby the Foundation manages your assets; you and/or family members advise the Foundation regarding charitable disbursements.	An immediate income tax deduction, flexibility, and an opportunity to practice philanthropy on a regular basis.	
Make a significant gift with little cost to yourself.	Life insurance	Designate the Foundation as a beneficiary.	Provide a future gift to ministry.	
Give your personal residence or farm, but continue to live there.	Retained Life Estate	Designate ownership of your home to the Foundation but retain occupancy.	Charitable income tax deduction and lifetime use of your home.	
Avoid taxation on retirement plan assets.	Retirement Plan	Name the Foundation as beneficiary of the remainder of your assets after your lifetime.	Avoidance of heavily taxed gift to heirs.	

(see other side for contact info)

See the other side for information on "Gifts You Can Defer" and "Life Income Arrangements"

Planned Giving Guide

GIFTS YOU CAN DEFER					
Your Goal	Type of Gift	How to Give	Benefits		
Defer a gift until after your lifetime.	Bequest in Will	Provide a witness to your faith through your will. A bequest can be for a specific amount or asset, a percentage of your estate and can be residual or contingent.	Your estate receives a tax deduction. The Foundation receives your gift when the estate is settled.		
Make a deferred gift, maintain access to assets, avoid probate.	Living Trust	Place assets into a trust, retain control during your lifetime. The Foundation becomes trustee upon your death and makes distributions as you directed.	Privacy, flexibility, control of trust for lifetime, possible estate tax savings.		
LIFE INCOME ARRANGEMENTS					
Your Goal	Type of Gift	How to Give	Benefits		
Supplement income with fixed annual payments.	Charitable Gift Annuity	Enter into a contract with the Foundation. The Foundation pays you fixed payments for life and distributes remainder to the ministry of your choice.	Charitable income tax deductions, fixed annuity payments for life (portion tax-free), future gift to ministry.		
Supplement income with fixed annual payments.	Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust	Create a charitable trust that pays you a fixed income.	Charitable income tax deduction, fixed income for life, future gift to ministry.		
Create a hedge against inflation over the long term.	Charitable Remainder Unitrust	Create a trust that pays you a percentage of the trust's assets, valued annually.	Immediate income tax deduction, annual income for life that has potential to increase.		
Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets passing on to heirs.	Charitable Lead Trust	Create a trust that pays a fixed or variable income to church / charity for a set period of time, then passes to heirs.	Reduces size of taxable estate; keeps property in family, often with reduced gift taxes.		

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Stewardship Moment, October 21st

Good Morning. For those who don't know me, I am Peggy Pecher and I am the Financial Chairperson. This is my first opportunity to speak with you regarding giving to our church.

As we start off Pledge week or giving week as I like to call it, I would like to share my personal experience with "pledging"

When I started coming to this church, I was MUCH younger, had 2 children plus I was a stay at home mom. When pledge time came around, I wasn't even sure what that meant. If I pledged and couldn't make my commitment, what happened? Did someone come to my house and ask for the money? Did I wake to a dead horse head in my bed? What did this mean? My answer based on those questions, was to not pledge! I figured anything I gave was then just extra to what was pledged by other people. The old pass the buck attitude. I was looking at pledging as an obligation...a bill.

For a brief period of time I left LUMC and attended a different church. I discovered that giving was a privilege...an opportunity to give back to God who has given me with so much. I discovered that "giving" is a heart thing not a number thing.

Returning to LUMC, I had, obviously, a much different view on giving. I prayed about it, I thought about it and came up with an amount to give. Due to God's faithfulness, I met my giving commitment. Each year I have increased my giving. And you know what? It has never been a hardship, even on a fixed income.

I would encourage you to pray about your giving, think about your blessings and give accordingly from your heart. No one will knock on your door if your giving cannot be met or leave anything in your bed. God is a faithful God.

Let's get excited about what God is doing in your life and our church!

In closing, I would like to share two Bible verses that are meaningful to me:

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

2 Cor 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Next week I will share explanations of the accounts and general information.

Thank you for letting me share with you.

Stewardship Moment, October 28th

For those who don't know me, I am Peg Pecher. I am the Finance Chairperson and one of my responsibilities at this time of year, is to provide information on pledging. Last week I talked about what I think pledging means. This week I'll talk about our three main funds you can pledge to: General Fund, Maintenance Fund and the Capital improvement Fund. The largest expenses paid through the **general fund** are the salaries of the Pastor, the secretary, the organist and the nursery staff. A thought...what would we do without them if we couldn't pay them? The General Fund also pays all the utilities for both the church and the parsonage, committee expenses, supplies, guest speakers/organists. What would we do if we couldn't pay our bills? And last but not least in our General Fund is our apportionment. Just as we give to our church in order to be in mission with our local community and beyond, so our local church gives "A Portion Meant for Others" in support of ministries around the conference and the world. A formula is used to determine what each church will share. Our current giving is \$1730 a month. Our church takes this very seriously and has always met our commitment to the conference. Sometimes it's been difficult but we did it to help others in need.

The Maintenance Fund: The trustees are responsible for the maintenance of our church and parsonage. They make sure everything is in good working order and our building complies with insurance and fire department codes. Having attended trustee meetings, there is always a work list for both the church and the parsonage. The trustees prioritize needed items based on importance. Something's are easier to do and are inexpensive so they can be high on the list. Others are costly but the need is great so they are also at the top of the list. This is always a challenge because of limited funds. Repairs and maintenance expenses cannot always be planned but are necessary. What would our church be like if we couldn't pay for necessary repairs and maintenance?

Capital Improvement: Our church is considered old relative to the average life span of fifty years for a building. It was designed in 1967 and built in 1968. Reality is, that it no longer fits our needs nor meets the new building codes and ordinances. It needs constant repairs just like an old car. Life in our small town was different in 1968. Handicap accessible wasn't even a thought. Now it's a law. This mean we need an elevator, updated/new washrooms upstairs and down, a new entrance without a step. just to mention a few. Safety also wasn't a concern. Now it is our duty to make sure our church is safe for our congregation and Happy Hands. A new security system is being installed soon and several other more things have been done to make us safer but there are many other safety features that need to happen. The church also needs a new roof. The list goes on. What would our church be like if we can't improve our building and update things per laws and ordinances? We also have Other Funds which you can write in on your envelope. There are always other needs you can support. To name a few, Open Pantry, Endowment Fund, College Appreciation Fund, Happy Hands, Good Samaritan Fund, Memorial Fund, Red Bird Mission, and the scholarship program. In closing, I want you to know that this is a difficult message. I wanted to include something humorous but couldn't find anything about our situation funny. I am not trying to guilt you into pledging more... but if that works....no but I am providing information that you need to know before you pledge. Our church building is beautiful and we are the church.

Thank you

Welcome home Pastor and Seung Woo! We are glad you had a wonderful trip!



HARPY REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

LUMC Book club has sent this years " loose change" to Morningstar Mission in Joliet for 40 thanksgiving dinners to be served at their open table.

Thank you LUMC Book club!



Loose Change Sunday & Rainbow Covenant

November 2018 Rainbow Covenant

In addition to our annual apportionment, LUMC makes monetary donations through the Rainbow Covenant in order to provide support to specific causes. All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant. In addition, each month we will highlight a charity from one of the bands of the Rainbow Covenant. For November, we are highlighting the **green band charity, Wesley Willows Good Samaritan Program.** Wesley Willows is a non-profit, senior living community that offers independent living homes and apartments, assisted living, personal-care services, rehabilitation therapies, skilled nursing care, memory care, respite care, and end-of-life hospice care. Wesley Wills relies on over \$600,000 in charitable donations each year to be able to provide ongoing personalized care for it's residents. Please bring in plenty of change on **November 25th** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write **"Wesley Willows"** on a pew envelope.

Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Attention all Church Families on Facebook, Please don't forget to write a "Review". To date we have only 3 reviews,

we can Do better than that

Daylight-saving time ends HOLIDAY'S ARE HERE!!!! Turn your clock back one hour Don't tonight before going to bed. forget to It's also time to change batteries NEVER TOO FARLY TO in your smoke detectors. change START GETTING YOUR a.m. to your WISH LIST TOGETHER clocks on FOR SCRIP:) 10 November 9 4th! Thanks Marge P-I



2018 Calendar

December 1st Aurora District UMM Sat. 8:30 - 11:00 am

Meeting & Advent Communion Service Faith UMC of Orland Park

Christmas Church Decorating

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on November 30th at 1:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact the church office.



Thank You

Finance Committee

General Fund beginning balance: \$8,672.46

Receipts:

Disbursements:

13,169.83

10,363.43

General Fund ending balance: \$5,866.06

We owe a huge "THANK YOU" to Dale Janssen and Tony Ferrazzi for conducting the parsonage work day by themselves this weekend. Dale made impressive improvements to the shower area in the parsonage and Tony tackled the outside bushes single handedly.

We may need some additional work at the parsonage on the regular work day, but that is something we can cover at the Trustee Meeting.

Thanks guys for all you do for our church !



Juanita Fick Address Corrections

Now staying at Carillon on Weber Road Address: **21201** Silk Tree Circle Plainfield, Il 60644 Telephone: (630) 263-7639 home phone no longer active Caregiver is Karen Stirpe (**331**) 318-9216 If you wish to visit please call her son, Ron Fick at (630) 890-1568 for he has to contact the main gate to give permission to the guard to clear the way for you to enter the property.

Any questions, please contact me, Mary Jane at (630) 254-0687

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





Take Charge of Your Health

A six-week interactive workshop designed to help individuals living with ongoing health conditions learn new skills in selfmanagement, so they can continue to thrive as they age!

Anyone with an ongoing health condition such as arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, chronic pain, asthma, etc. can attend. Sessions meet one day a week for 2 ½ hours* in a community setting.

*The 2 ½ hour sessions are divided into small activities and include a 20-minute break

Weekly topics include:

Week 1 – Wednesday, November 14 th • The mind/body connection • Making action plans	 Week 2 – Wednesday, November 21st Dealing with difficult emotions Physical activity and exercise
Week 3 – Wednesday, November 28 th • Making decisions • Pain and fatigue management	Week 4 – Wednesday, December 5 th • Healthy eating • Communication skills
 Week 5 – Wednesday, December 12th Medication usage Informed treatment decisions 	 Week 6 – Wednesday, December 19th Weight management Working with health care professionals

Congratulations on taking charge of YOUR health!

This project was supported, in part by grant number 90CSSG0007-01-01, from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C. 20201.



Take Charge of Your Health Workshop details:

Where: Lemont Township 1115 Warner Ave Lemont, IL 64039

Day of Week/Time: Wednesdays from November 14 – December 19 1:30pm-4pm

Register: See Debbie or call 630-257-2522 to register TODAY!

Senior High Youth Group

Thank you to Kristin Nelson for leading our SHYG in stocking shelves for the food pantry and making goody bags. Also, thank you to our youth: Jacob O'Neill, Sydney Nelson, Olivia Nelson, and Mihash Cheehy for learning ways to help those less fortunate.

On November 11th we will be going golfing after the 10:45 service. Please contact the church office if you are able to attend.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Rev. John and Barbara Meyers for sharing their "Sermon In Magic"!

Thank you to Mark Huegelmann for sharing his message on "Out of Your Comfort Zone? Find Your Way Back"!

Thank you to Rev. Christ Walters for sharing his sermon on "Abundant Hearts" and his presentation on planned giving. If you missed his presentation, you can find all the information in the United Methodist Foundation article in the newsletter.

Adult Sunday School

This falls topic will be on homosexuality and the Church. On Sunday mornings at 9:30. If there is enough interest of people that can't make it on Sunday there may be a study during the week. Please call the church office for information. Tessa (Ende) joined the Praise Band on October 14th and 28th! Thank you Tessa!



Hope and Friendship

Pizza, Pop, Pondering Nights: Nov 26, Jan 14, Feb 11 Central School 410 McCarthy Rd, Lemont 6-7:30pm

All middle and high schoolers invited! We want to be challenged by what challenges you. Submit challenges via our PPP Google Doc and show up and join in to brainstorm ways to handle those challenges. What pressures, problems, issues do you, and/or our local young people deal with? Submit your challenge anonymously with this link: http://bit.ly/2O2FUIX Meet us at Central School (410 McCarthy Rd, Lemont) for *PPP Night* and join in for pizza, pop and to ponder challenges that were submitted. Upcoming *PPP Nights*: Nov 26, Jan 14, Feb 11 Come hungry we'll have pizza, pop and dessert, we just need you to make it

great!!

Questions? Email: info@hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com

Web: www.hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com Phone: 630-816-4972

Submarines History and Secrets

By the Lemont Area Historical Society 2018

Our last program on nuclear submarines, "It All Started Here" was about the development and building of the top secret nuclear-powered submarines. Much of the work on those power reactors was done by Argonne National Laboratory in Lemont, IL. We have done much research since then and found a lot of new developments and secrets about modern submarines. Some of the most important secrets are: (1) Nuclear power is not dead, (2) We have learned a lot about stealth or being invisible, (3) They are doing a lot of exploration in arctic areas, (4) Subs are now our first line of defense or deterrence, (5) Russia and China have caught up to us in technology.

I hope you can publicize the historical society's events coming soon. First id our special exhibit about the bicen-

tennial of IL. Second is our special program on submarines and Lemont, doc attached.

Admission and contribution is \$10 per person.



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: <u>815 838 6318</u>. Looking forward to hear from you.

Paulette Fries

Liturgist Schedule

Nov. 4-8:30 Bill Stelter 10:45 Joan Makinney

Nov. 11-8:30 10:45 Steve Walter

Nov. 18-8:30 10:45 Cris Kerins

Nov. 25-8:30 10:45 College Recipients



Big Dogs and Little Dogs

Do you know what a big dog is? And of course a little dog is a much smaller dog. But what I want to ask you is, "Are you a big dog or a little dog?" Big dogs like to hang around with other big dogs and they don't look for little dogs to play with. Little dogs also look for other little dogs to play with and usually are afraid of the big dogs.

Some people like to think they are a "big dog" and they think they are better than the "little dogs". Big dogs behave different than the little dogs and are frequently more aggressive and looking for a fight. Little dogs are more friendly and not trying to prove they are the best. Big dogs like to get the things that people will notice and are big, like trucks and guns so they can look tough. Pharisees who were teachers in Jesus' day thought they were the "big dogs" or rulers.

There is a story in the Bible about Levi who changed from a big dog to a little dog when he met Jesus. Other big dogs, the Pharisees, were angry that Jesus associated with Levi and went to his house. Jesus said to them, "I have come to call sinners, not the righteous"

Jesus also loved children because they were little dogs. They are gentle and forgiving. They find it easy to believe, but the big dogs are stubborn and selfish.

November 2018

Children's Message Schedule

Nov. 4 Marty Knott

Nov. 11 Mark Huegelmann

> Nov. 18 **GleeAnn Kehr**

Nov. 25 Karin Peraino



Greeters

Nov. 4-8:30 Don & Pat Farrer 10:45 Stood Family

Nov. 11-8:30 Kennedy Family 10:45 Cliff Family

Nov. 18-8:30 Bruce Ende 10:45 Bev Svoboda

Nov. 25-8:30 10:45 Janovyak Family

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study: Prayer Meeting: ALPHA: Methodist Essential: VBS: The Last Supper: Adult Sunday School: Sr. High Youth: Jr. High Youth: **Breakfast Club:** Jr. High Sunday School: TBA Children's Sunday Sch: **Prime Timers:**

Men's Group:

Dale Janssen & Pastor Hyo Sun Oh TBA Craig Baxter 815-685-1900 Bill Price 630-754-7667 Jodi Stood 630-243-9366 Arlene Knott 708-301-2023 Richard Lee 630-257-7339 Kristin Nelson 630-257-8072 Iodi Stood 630-243-9366 TBA TBA Joyce Koon 630-257-6275 Joanne Goszczycki 630-257-6790 Tony Ferrazzi 815-886-4177 Tim and Karin Peraino 630-846-1415

Couples: MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR CHURCH

Prayer Warrior: Care Bear: **Coffee Social:** Script Fundraising: CAP: Audio and Visual: Handyman: Landscape Team: Hospitality Team: Widows Group: Usher Team: Welcoming Team: Worship Choir **Praise Band Junior Choir**

ESL:

Pastor Oh 847-769-1125 Alice Lange 815-838-5158 Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097 Marge Fox 630-243-8166 Cris Kerins/Dawn Ferrazzi Iana Stelter 630-243-9122 Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097 Bill Stelter 630-243-9122 Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097 Richard Lee 630-257-7339 Mark Olinger 815-838-0660 Sue Hinks 630-257-6743 Sue Gergescz 815-483-7282 Phil & Leslie Ramos 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 Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699 Red Bird: Steve Walter 630-783-1621 ****Any Other Ministry You Would Like To Start**

<u>Handyman</u> <u>Help</u>

If there is anyone in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs, basic maintenance, or grass cutting, Tom Gebel has offered to help. His number is 312-438-5605.

Thank You Tom!



ESL Tutoring

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

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

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

November 2018 Book Reviews

THOUGHT:

A possible answer to acting out our faith: Let God Act and we should then imitate His ways. I see God as a people gentler. He's all-powerful, and he could make us come to him, and then force us to do whatever he says. God could easily crush us and punish us every time we step out of line. Instead, he loves us. And that love draws us to him. Even then, God lets us choose whether or not we want him as our Savior and Lord. He works with us, in us, and through us, showing us how to live, patiently waiting for us to understand, and forgiving us when we mess up. God yearns for us to communicate with him, to bond with him. We're offered friendship with God through Christ, who leads us and guides us and is gentle with us. That paragraph relays the thoughts of someone I respect. I believe we need to keep in mind "Gentling"-a quality which should be practiced with God in mind.

With that in mind, I present the book "Blessings" which contains pages of suggested blessings to which I clarify Spiritual Blessings-Christ, who offers Eternal Life, Living Water, and Temporal blessings of food, drink and clothes. Shouldn't those who feel truly blessed ACT OUT those blessings' feelings by listening and not judging others: acting on those blessings by sharing your blessed state with others...caring for them? And there's more...

The Book "The Shadow of a Doubt" tackles (of all things) our doubts about our Christian faith. Is there a God? Is God good? Is God real? Is God great? Where is He? Oh, and how about Is the Bible Reliable? For example: First -Is the Bible Reliable? Evidence for the Bible can take many forms. There is, for instance, physical evidence. We have many copies of the manuscripts and throughout history, these copies show that the Bible has been transmitted accurately despite common skeptical claims that the Bible has often been changed through the centuries, the physical evidence tells another story. The New Testament records are incredibly accurate. There are minor differences in manuscripts, called variants, but none of these variants impact or change key Christian beliefs or claims. It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Of course, there are also prophecies from the Bible that come true. For instance in Micah 5:1-2 Christ was prophesied. That was 700 years before He was born. AMAZING! And, Mark 9:24-I have faith; help my lack of faith." If we're honest, I bet all of us have felt that one time or another. The father in this story who said this knew he lacked faith. However, what the author learns from the account is that WHEN you are honest about WHERE YOU ARE, then Christ moves. He will help you believe IF you are earnestly pursuing HIM. "The narrative running throughout the Gospels reveals the importance of keeping our eyes and attention on God, regardless of the situations being faced. Instead of looking at our physical surroundings and circumstances, we need to focus our attention on the Lord and His strength. Nothing can thwart His promises or purpose. As we bask in the truth of His Word and the power of His presence, we are set free." If this topic gets your thoughts about sharing the Good News going, great! We're living in a day when we must be creative about sharing the Gospel, both personally and through our church ministries. Our culture is changing, and, while our message never changes, we need endless creativity in making sure we get the message to as many people as possible. Too many times we focus on keeping cultural traditions, such as being hesitant to change in any way-"that's the way it has always been done", instead of reaching the lost wherever they are:" going out of our way, being more open to changes. "Put your hope in the Lord both now and forevermore" (Ps. 131:3) Memorizing Scripture. God's word encourages you-why not make it easy to then encourage others. "There's a lot at stake in the way you live your life at work, at school, where you live, in front of your friends or associates. There's a lot at stake in whether you are a silent follower of Christ or one who breaks your silence to tell them about the Jesus who is their only hope. This is life-or-death. And it means that the way you live really, really matters." The last and the fifth paragraph contain the words of Dr. Jeremiah. My thoughts: There is a Supreme Being, Creator of the Universe, and why He chose this planet to create I don't know. But I can't help to think in His loving kindness He did, and He created the world we lived in. Who else but a kind and loving God would create so much that is good. Unfortunately, or fortunately, because he created me, He also created humans to whom he gave brains (most of us) and the choice to do good or thoughtless acts, to judge or not judge, to act out his kind and loving and caring ways, or not. But, you know, I'm always trying.

"Thanksgiving Graces" (yes that day is coming, but really shouldn't it go on all year?) This is a book slanted to the young, however, might be a good one for adults, too.

Also, "The Christmas Sweater" (that day is coming, too). So, get in the mood, realize, again, I hope, what the season should contain. And finally, a family advent reader (really adults) based on Handel's "Messiah" with the CD included.

LUMC Women's Book Club

NO BOOKCLUB IN NOVEMBER

Dec. 10th "The Christmas Train" by David Baldacci (12:30 Christmas luncheon) No meetings Jan to April May 13, 2019 "The River of Doubt" by Candice Millard



Open Pantry

Starting in March we began collecting food donations from our own church family for the Open Pantry. We will continuously do this the 1st **Sunday** of every month. Thank You!

Bonfire

The Activities Committee held a wonderful bonfire at Dale Janssen's house this year!

We also got to celebrate Christine's birthday together! If you weren't able to attend this year please join us next year.



Thank you Dale!

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 Labor Day-Memorial Day *We will not be teaching youth Sunday School

when the children have a three day weekend.

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

Kathy Burke, cancer *Bill Stelter, shoulder injury *Dave Kennedy, home/healing *Arlene Knott, Nov. 9th surgery Ron (Janovyak), pneumonia *Theresa Wesolowski, chronic bronchitis *Neil Janssen, strength *Shelby Fox, needs ankle surgery Ron, cancer treatment Teri Janovyak, testing *Albert, McAdams, cancer/struggling Lori Bartwick, breast cancer *Sheila Farrer, health issues Joe Sigety, ALS, new medicine *Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis/traveling Lou Gunder, lymphoma/chemo Dolores (Hinks), cong. hrt failure Maureen Robinson, health issues Florence Shelby, nursing home *Dave, heart testing Fran Khoury (Brocker), bone cancer Katie (Norfleet), kidney disease Dana Patterson, brain tumor & MS Marty Rolin, nerve damage Tony (Peraino), cancer Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery Joe (Goszczycki), home/healing Linda, dementia Florian Talos, parkinson's

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Mark Huegelmann preaching
*Pastor's relaxing vacation
*Rev. Chris Walter's preaching and presentation
*Bonfire at Dale Janssen's house
*Tessa (Ende) singing with the Praise Band
*Senior High Youth Group stocking food pantry shelves
*Donating to the winter clothing and household goods give away
*Pastor home safe and sound!

Lois, stage 3 cancer Lynn Johnson, stroke Kiersten (Kerins), clear scan! *Sandra, autoimmune disease Cindy Hudon, cancer/chemo *Sue Gergescz, hand treatments ` Suebea Wright, cancer Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's *Dave Mlady, lingering illness Judy Bramill, cancer Sage (Price) Hawk, stroke E.D. McCormick, cancer Barbara (Ludwig), ICU Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke Betty Broderick, rehab Missy, cancer *Alberta Harden, eye problems Jodi Rigoni, cancer treatments Eugene Goszczycki, strength Linda, health issues Jim Durham, cong. heart failure Jackie (Stout), flare up Valerie O., ovarian cancer *Roland Tasker, health issues Mike Parcell, heart problems Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer Kathy Parcell, leg surgery *Mary Jane Sykes, strength

Coffee Fellowship November 18

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



Expanding Care Bear ers Ministry

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

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

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NEW WINE November 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



Will meet November 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



November 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.