

February 2019

The New Wine



Upcoming Services and Events

February 3

8:30 Communion
Worship
10:45 Blended
Worship
Souper Bowl
Collection

February 10

8:30 Communion
Worship
10:45 Blended
Worship
Special Church
Conference
Boy Scout
Sunday

February 17

8:30 Communion
Worship
10:45 Blended
Worship
Coffee Fellowship

February 24

8:30 Communion
Worship
10:45 Blended
Worship
Loose Change
Sunday

Bishop's Column: Looking Ahead to GC19

In a few weeks—February 23-26, 2019—the delegates to the General Conference of The United Methodist Church will meet in St. Louis, Missouri for a Special Session in order to discern a way forward in regards to the impasse and conflict within the church related to human sexuality. Many of you have stayed abreast of what's transpired since General Conference 2016 but I'm going to give a very brief overview and provide a few links to resources and access to the proceedings for more detail.

In May 2016 the delegates to General Conference approved a request that the Council of Bishops delay a debate on homosexuality and provide "a way forward" for the denomination in our disagreement on human sexuality. Controversial statements at General Conference began in 1972 and since then the conflict has intensified until, by 2016, it was difficult to focus on anything else—most of all, the mission of The United Methodist Church. Our witness and influence as a church was (and continues to be) hindered by this conflict.

Commission on a Way Forward

By late summer 2016, the Council of Bishops established a Commission on a Way Forward, bringing together a very diverse group of United Methodists from around the world over the course of 18 months to design proposals that would be presented to a Special Session of the General Conference February 23-26, 2019. Meeting several times with the Council of Bishops, the Commission worked primarily on two designs: One Church Plan and Connectional Conference Plan. They abandoned work on the Traditionalist Plan after little work on it at the request of the Council of Bishops. In May 2018 the Commission brought their plans to the Council of Bishops and the Council of Bishops recommended the One Church Plan to the Special Session of the General Conference 2019.

The Council of Bishops, however, sent all three plans, including the Traditionalist Plan (which wasn't written by the Commission but was later written by a handful of people, including a few bishops) to the Judicial Council to determine ahead of time whether the plans were in keeping with the Constitution of The United Methodist Church. These plans have been described over the last 8 months and they all were scrutinized by the Judicial Council. You can find the Judicial Council decisions by visiting www.umc.org/judicialcouncil and search Decision NO. 1366.

One Church Plan

I am in favor of the One Church Plan because it allows space for all God's people; those who think like me and others! I personally regret that the One Church Plan doesn't guarantee full inclusivity but it allows room for the Spirit to move in the future, not locking the church—the annual conferences, local churches or clergy—into binding commitments related to human sexuality or forcing anyone to do anything against their conscience. As I have said all along in Northern Illinois, if you're conservative or a conservative church, then make disciples and show fruit. If you're progressive or a progressive church, demonstrate the same. The mission field is vast and needs all of us to share the gospel and God's love. As we continue to prepare for the Special Session, I encourage you to inform yourselves and your church by utilizing the resources that have been made available to all of us at online (see below for links). Most of all, I encourage you to pray for our six delegates from the Northern Illinois Annual Conference along with all the others from around the world. May all hearts and minds be open to God's Holy Spirit in this time of discernment.

Debriefings in March

After the Special Session, I invite you to join me, the cabinet and others in discerning just what happened at GC19 and its impact on the general church, our annual conference, your local church, and you as clergy at one of three debriefing sessions on [March 30](#) and [March 31](#). We don't know what will happen at the Special Session. We may change the structure of the United Methodist Church or totally come apart. We may adopt one of the plans (or a variation of it) or do nothing. What we know is that on **February 27, 2019**, God still expects, calls and sends us out to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world! May it be so!

~Bishop Sally Dyck

*The North Central Jurisdiction College of Bishops met January 22-24, 2019 and have issued a joint statement as we approach the Special General Conference 2019. Please read here.

GC19 Links

- For resources visit: www.umcnic.org/wayforward.
- Livestream of the Special Session: www.umc.org/live.
- For updates and news from St. Louis visit: www.umcnic.org/GC19.
- United Methodist News Service follow www.umnews.org.
- NIC Delegation visit www.umcnic.org/NICdelegation and follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NICDelegation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 4-Loren Kirkman

Feb. 7-Alberta Harden

Feb. 11-Jason Stood

Feb. 14-Logan Hennebry

Feb. 15-Matthew Hennebry

Feb. 15-Leslie Ramos

Feb. 15-Kittiya Laemmer

Feb. 22-Dave Andersen

Feb. 27-Judy Janovyak



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



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!

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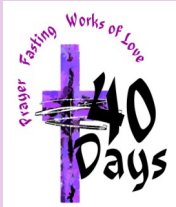
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Also please know that **VISA** cards are available in increments of \$50, \$100, and \$250.

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 www.fivebackgift.com for a complete list.

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



Don't give UP things for Lent but give TO for Lent!

Each day add an item in a box or bag and bring to church on Easter Sunday.

- March 13-box of cereal
- March 14-peanut butter
- March 15-pasta sauce
- March 16-pasta noodles
- March 17-canned tuna
- March 18-hamburger helper
- March 19-chips
- March 20-crackers
- March 21-granola bars
- March 22-paper towels
- March 23-fruit snacks
- March 24-ramen
- March 25-macaroni and cheese
- March 26-canned fruit
- March 27-pasta sides
- March 28-box potatoes
- March 29-canned tomatoes
- March 30-corned beef hash
- March 31-dessert mixes
- April 1-shampoo/conditioner

- April 2-femine products
- April 3-soap
- April 4-body wash
- April 5-toothbrushes
- April 6-toothpaste
- April 7-oatmeal
- April 8-applesauce
- April 9-pancake mix
- April 10-lunchbox snacks
- April 11-toilet paper
- April 12-chunky soup
- April 13-canned soup
- April 14-garbage bags
- April 15-canned dog food
- April 16-canned cat food
- April 17-jelly
- April 18-kleenex
- April 19-aluminum foil
- April 20-sandwich baggies
- April 21-coffee

Please help contribute to the Open Pantry for the Lenten season.

40 Days of giving Food Items to Open Pantry~



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, cereal, mac and cheese, pasta sauce, paper towels and snacks.**



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

Feb. 6th-Daybreak Shelter/NIC Laity Convocation at New Lenox UMC

Feb. 9th-United Methodist Men 8:00 am

Feb. 10th-Special Church Conference after the 10:45 service
Boy Scout Sunday/ offering for Scout ministry

Feb. 10-11th Pastor at Board of Ordained Ministry Candidate Conference

Feb. 13th-Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm

Feb. 14th-Happy Valentines Day!

Feb. 16th-Primetimers 12:00 pm

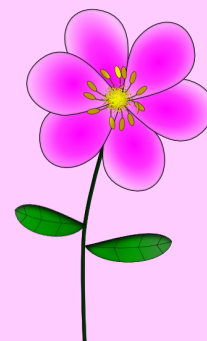
Feb. 17th-NO Youth Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship

Feb 24th-Loose Change Sunday/Senior High Youth Group

Feb. 27th-Ad Council Meeting 7:00 pm

I would like to thank my church family for all the love and support you have given me through letters and kind words. It truly helps in the healing process to know everyone's always thinking of me. I just got my cast off not to long ago and hoping to be finally walking again very shortly!

Love Shelby



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.



I'm pleased to announce that according to our treasurer, we are showing a Scrip profit of \$1,050.74.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION :)

Marge

Jesus Loves You As You Are

NOW THAT YOU HAVE PURIFIED YOURSELVES BY OBEYING THE TRUTH SO THAT YOU HAVE SINCERE LOVE FOR YOUR BROTHERS, LOVE ONE ANOTHER DEEPLY, FROM THE HEART. 1 PETER 1:22



JRG Greetings

Combined Service and Brunch, Sunday, March 3rd

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 3rd. As we head into Spring, we will fellowship together at our Brunch. On the 3rd 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.



Welcome

accept one another
just as Christ
accepted you in order
to bring praise to God

Romans 15:7

NEW MEMBERS TO LEMONT UNITED METHODIST



Aida T. Linzaga

Aida is a lifelong Methodist, Deaconess, and a retired teacher. She is transferring her membership from Faith UMC, Hudson, FL.

She served as UMW president, At Large member of Church Council, and Acolyte-Coordinator at Faith UMC.



Emmanuel T. Linzaga

Emmanuel is transferring his membership from Faith UMC, Hudson, FL.

He served as a Financial Secretary, Chair of Finance, Treasurer, Chair of Ad. Council, Treasurer and the President of United Methodist Men and served on the Board of Trustees, Mission, PPRC, Historian, Photographer and delegate to



Grace A. Linzaga

Grace was confirmed at First UMC, Oak Park, IL. She is reaffirming her faith and joining LUMC as she moves back to IL from FL.



*"You are my beloved daughters and son
with whom I am well please." Matthew 3:17*

MY LIFE'S JOURNEY AND MY FAITH



My journey started in a Methodist household many, many moons ago. I am so grateful to my parents for leading me and my six brothers in the journey. From early childhood, our parents instilled in our minds the importance of having a strong faith in God; the importance of prayer and stewardship both of talents as well as financial and material support to the church and its missions. From my early years, I have already known that we are all given the great commission: "to spread the gospel and make disciples of Christ".

Sometime in my early twenties, a young Methodist deaconess was assigned to our church and after few years of friendship, would become my better half. From then on, Aida and I journeyed together in life and in faith.

Before marriage, I worked my way through college and had a Bachelor of Arts degree major in Political Science, minor in English and World History. I finished a year of post graduate studies in World History and Literature but our migration to the United States in March of 1975 halted all my quest for further studies. The migration was a great challenge to our journey. We arrived to a foreign land with a four-year old daughter and a few dollars in our pockets. Luckily, Aida had a sister who came to this country two years ahead of us, hence, we had a place to reside temporarily.

Upon arrival to this country, we maintained our close connection with the Methodist Church and became members of the Chicago Temple from the fall of 1975 through mid 1979. In early 1980, we transferred our membership to First United Methodist Church of Oak Park. Due to circumstance not worthy to mention, however, we opted out of this church in 1987. Then we transferred to Euclid United Methodist Church in 1988; to St. John's UMC, Oak Park. In 1993; to Elston Avenue UMC in 1999; back to First UMC of Oak Park in 2002; to Faith UMC 2012, then to Lemont UMC this January of 2019.

In all of those churches, including those in the Philippines, I have served in various positions: I have been a financial secretary, chair of finance, treasurer, chair of ad council, treasurer and president of Methodist Men, served in board of trustees, mission, PPRC, historian, photographer and delegate to the annual conference.

Stewardship is also important to me and my family, as Acts 20:35 says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive", hence, we feel blessed as we give to the church for God's glory. Stewardship could be expressed in so many ways, and we intend to do it as we enter into the membership of this congregation. We are guided by our faith in all our ventures in life, praise be to God! Grace and peace!

Emmanuel Linzaga

MY FAITH JOURNEY

Looking back at my life, I am where I am now because of the leading of the Holy Spirit. My early years were spent doing church work & when we came here in the USA, I was led to the school system where I retired as a Special Education Teacher. My teaching experience included being a kindergarten teacher, a high school teacher, a college instructor, a school guidance counselor.



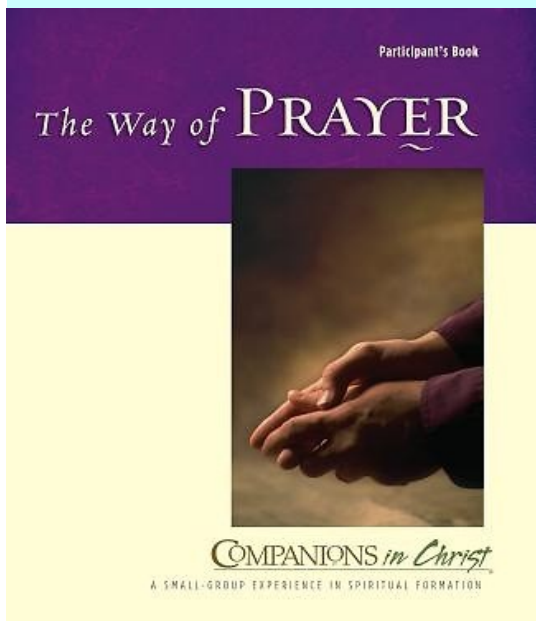
I feel we are blessed because despite some challenges we faced, He has given us all our needs, we can't ask for more. God has also taught us to fully trust Him and remember that we have to have patience in what we ask for because it is in God's own time that we are given what we petitioned for.

It has been our priority in life that wherever we are, we have to have a church where we can worship, we can serve God, the giver of our life. So, when we moved to Downer's Grove after living in Florida for more than 6 years, we visited different Methodist churches. LUMC is the 4th church, here, we observed that members are enthusiastic and alive. We were greeted by a number of worshippers, the Pastor was friendly and she gave us info on the life of the church (which other churches did not provide), the children and youth actively participated; more laypersons are used in worship, different worship experiences were used, too, which enrich the life of members in their connection with God.

We look forward to being a part of the life of the church where we can join in learning, growing in our spiritual life. We envision being used by God to serve in any way He wants us as we join the church this Sunday. Thanks be to God!

Aida T. Linzaga

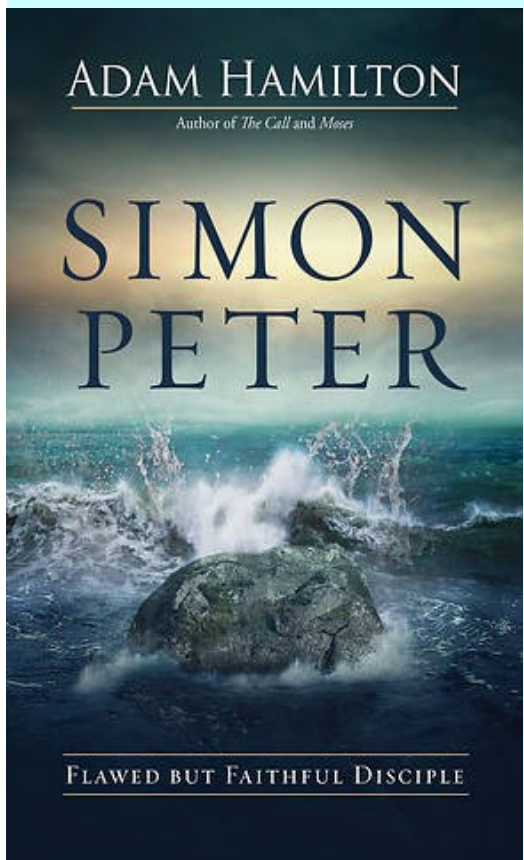
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY



"It's said that prayer is so primal an urge for humankind that we're born into the world praying. Yet, something so natural and seemingly so easy comes hard sometimes. The Way of Prayer is a 10-week small group study about the nature, practice and results of prayer. Some forms of prayer arise in our lives spontaneously, some are learned by rote and others are stumbled upon as we move through life. "All prayer, formal or informal, is about our relationship with God," writes Vennard and Bryant.

"...Somewhere deep inside us resides the experience of being so deeply connected to God that we long to express the wonder of that relationship. We

pray because we can...and must." Honor the ways you were taught to pray while expanding your understanding to include new ways to pray in this seventh title in the Companions in Christ series. Topics covered include: * How do you pray? * Images of God * Praying by heart * Praying with music * Praying by gazing * Praying with our bodies * Scriptural prayer * Contemplative prayer * Praying with and for others * Prayer and social transformation"



LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear.

Join pastor and author Adam Hamilton in this six-week Lenten journey, and take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter.

Dale Janssen will be teaching on every Sunday at the 9:30 am Adult Sunday School.

Pastor will offer a Bible study class. Please let her know if you are interested.

THANK YOU FROM HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP

Together, WE, closed out 2018 making massive ripples.

You made our Christmas Care Bag and Christmas Dinner Delivery possible and assisted our team of volunteers fill and create 84 Large Care Bags of personal care, cleaning and paper products, and arrive at 107 homes (the most homes in our 14 years) here in our community on Christmas Day with care bags and a fully cooked meal extending hands from friend to friend, offering a serving of Christmas spirit and love to those within our arm's reach who struggled financially, physically or emotionally through the holiday season.

Thank you for allowing me to respond to a calling on Christmas Day 2005, seize it with your heart, passion and generosity and most of all your unconditional and un-judging compassion that made this humble offer of basic needs, warmly received by those whose hearts, homes, and bellies, you filled with TLC, hope, love and peace.

Now we begin the New Year continuing to make ripples and I hope to join together with more hands, feet and hearts as I continue forward into Hope and Friendship Foundation's 14th year here in our beautiful corner of the world.

Hope and Friendship Foundation has no one physical home base for it's outreaches, but because of the kindness, generosity and offering of space from Lemont churches, schools, businesses, and property, each of the outreaches continue to create the opportunity for the mission, "to be a conduit from those who can help to those who need help" to grow and meet needs right here and right now. Thank you to every business owner, Pastor, administrator/supervisor, caring person who opened their venue and allows us to not just complete the task but grow in our reach to meet more needs.

Pizza Sale Pick Up

Please pick up your pizzas after the 8:30 am
and 10:45 am services.

Thank you for supporting Red Bird Mission.



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 3rd** 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!

February 2019 Rainbow Covenant

In addition to our annual apportionment, LUMC makes monetary donations through the Rainbow Covenant in order to support specific causes. All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant. Each month we highlight a charity from one of the bands of the Rainbow Covenant. For February, we are highlighting the **blue band charity, Empowering North Korean refugees (ENoK) (#60000235)**. Young lay members of the Hyde Park Korean United Methodist Church have been volunteering their time and resources to provide resettlement support to North Korean refugees living in America through ENoK. Please bring in plenty of change on **February 24th** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write “**ENoK**” on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Offering Envelopes

Please pick your offering envelopes. **Individual envelopes are not numbered.** Due to our new system it is imperative for you to write your name and number on your envelope. If you have any questions please contact Peg Pecher.

Thank You

Special Church Conference

Date & Time: February 10, 2019 after 10:45 AM Service

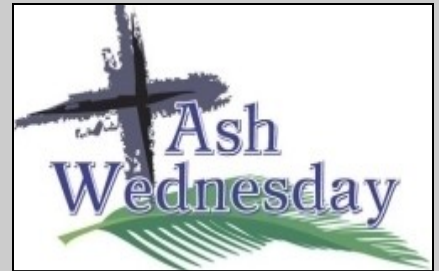
President: Rev. Jeffry Bross, Aurora District Superintendent

Purpose: Incorporation of Lemont UMC

Whom to attend: Professing Members of LUMC are entitled to vote

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday
March 6th 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.

Finance Committee

General Fund beginning balance:	\$ 4,449.46
Receipts:	42,530.11
Disbursements:	15,733.65
General Fund ending balance:	\$ 29,545.92

Praise Band

If you have a song that you would like the Praise Band to play to just let Leslie or Phil know or to drop a note in the offering plate.

These are the scrambled letters of the names of the Praise Band members that the reader has to unscramble:

JIM HOLLERS
RITA NORZYFEZ
RALPH MISO
SARDINE BAP
RETINED BLAZE
I SYLLABLE WHIM
BURNED CEE
DAD LEAVING
EARLESS LIMO
GAIN SHELF
LOGEE GRANGE
WANDA FRIZZER

Careful on the spelling. Thank you!

Senior High Youth Group

On January 27th the SHYG went to The Archery Place to learn how to use a bow and arrow. They learned what it is to be a “straight shooter”!
Stay tuned for our next meeting!



A big thank you to Pastor Oh for the star words for my students!

They loved picking their word, looking up the definition in the dictionary and discussing with each other how they would use the word to guide them in their daily life. During a discussion on resolutions I told them about how my Pastor introduced the idea of the word stars to the congregation. They were all enthralled with my sharing that Pastor had handed out the stars during worship. They asked would I do that for them. I asked Pastor if she had a list of words that would be appropriate for children and she graciously sorted through the stars and let me have a basket of words to share with my students. Some students even asked for 2! They decided to hang their stars at school so they could be reminded of them each day. It was a beautiful lesson.

Blessings, Loryl Fisher



Dear Reverend and LUMC church,
Thank you for letting us meet in your church on
Saturday evenings.

God bless us all.

Pat McD. for the people of AA



SUGGESTED NEW MINISTRY

In a recent Upper Room devotional, the author talked about visiting a retirement center for fellowship and sharing with the residents. After reading this article, I was so moved. Maybe we could form a group to have this kind of ministry! In the Lemont area, there are many centers. Please call me if you are interested. My number is: 815 838 6318.

Looking forward to hear from you.

Paulette Fries

Liturgist Schedule

Feb. 3 –8:30-Bill
Stelter
10:45-Marge Fox

Feb. 10-8:30-
10:45-Josh Miller

Feb. 17 -8:30-
10:45-Tim Peraino

Feb. 24 –8:30-
10:45-Jodi Stood

This Expert From NASA Says Earth May Have Already Been Visited By Aliens

Yahoo news featured this headline that caught my attention and my response was, “of course we have been visited by aliens known as angels and the Lord Jesus Christ. We’ve just celebrated the visit of angels and the birth of our Lord in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago.

But, of course, if you don’t believe those stories from the Bible then maybe you would believe the remarkable lives of geniuses like Tesla and Isaac Newton or Einstein who discovered how the universe works. Places like Machu Pichu and the pyramids in Egypt and elsewhere got built with technology way beyond what was available even today. I think they were built by extra-terrestrials just to wonder where these mysterious beings came from and should make us wonder if we will again be visited by them. That Day is coming!



February 2019

Children's Message Schedule

Feb. 3
Ron Walter

Feb. 10
Megan Cheehy

Feb. 17
Marty Knott

Feb. 24
Cris Kerins



Greeters

Feb. 3-8:30- Sue Hinks
10:45-Cliff Family

Feb. 10-8:30- Sharon Heslop
10:45-Boy Scout Sunday

Feb. 17-8:30- Kennedy Family
10:45-Peraino Family

Feb. 24-8:30- George & Alice Lange
10:45-Anne & Zoe

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study:	Dale Janssen & Pastor Hyo Sun Oh
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:	Kristin Nelson 630-257-8072
Jr. High Youth:	Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
Breakfast Club:	TBA
Jr. High Sunday School:	TBA
Children's Sunday Sch:	TBA
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
CAP:	Cris Kerins/Dawn Ferrazzi
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

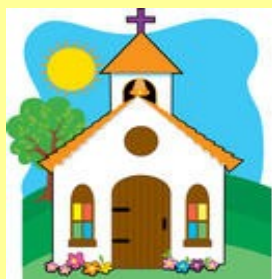
Pantry Workday:	Church Office 630-257-5210
Panera Bread:	Church Office 630-257-5210
Daybreak Shelter:	Vickie Olinger 815-838-0660
Worthy Treasures:	Paulette Fries 815-838-6318
ESL:	Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699
Red Bird:	Steve Walter 630-783-1621

****Any Other Ministry You Would Like To Start**

Handyman Help

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

February 2019 Book Reviews

"The Scriptures teach us to live and love fully," but somehow we sometimes SKIP over the healthy eating, living and what it contributes to honoring God's vessel of the Holy Spirit, our body. Rick Warren, pastor, author, admits that he often skipped healthy eating. That was before he became committed to "The Daniel Plan" (focusing on eating only healthy foods...foods that you didn't just put in your mouth without thinking of what they contributed to God's plan.) Remember Daniel was described as a man in the Bible who realized that if he ate healthy foods, in his case vegetables and water, not rich royal food, he'd be in better shape physically and mentally, to do what the Babylonian king commanded (actually to do what God intends). (Rick Warren adds unprocessed foods, junk foods, sugarless, and several more to this healthy eating plan.) He feels, and it is true, if we treat our bodies the way God intended (by what we put into them), God will bless with better health, the ability to focus, more energy, etc. Hopefully, you will read the stories of people who tried this plan and be encouraged to try it yourself.

OK-now that we've talked about healthy bodies, here is another book, which contributes "Stories of Comfort for a Healthy Soul." The situations written about show how God uses different ways of bringing us comfort. From the teenager who almost "hit bottom," to the lady who found meaning in a church experience, to another who found compassion with a like-minded person who realized what she was experiencing. "Show us how to care for each other, Lord:" a good way to think. Besides when we are caring for someone else, we don't have time to think about our problems. And even if we do think about them, we know that we can "cast all our cares" upon the Lord and He will give us strength and wisdom. Then we'll have healthy souls...and can share that health. Sounds as if God would approve.

Another book, for people who have, real or imagined, worries is "The Anxious Christian." The anxious Christian does not have a Healthy mind. Often, not of his choosing. But God doesn't want that. For instance, if a relative dies, one might imagine what his/her life will be like. But, we, as Christians, know that the relative, a Christian, is going to heaven. That should suffice (however there are always the memories. and often recriminations.) The book points out the way we all know, but find so difficult. It reminds us that we must pray for strength, pray earnestly, turn over problems to God, then let Him deal with the consequences. That will allow us to listen and follow His directives. Then we must have the strength to believe whatever happens is His plan. That's such a difficult concept, since often we want to take charge. But I believe that's the way we should deal with bumps in life. With a loving God's help we must strengthen our belief. (So easy to say) -Believe! The rest of the book talks about the HOW. How we respond to that anxiety, how we listen to the Loving God Who helps us through each episode. (One reason to have a meaningful, close relationship with Him. PRAY about everything!) And LISTEN to God. Perhaps he suggests talking to someone-a friend, therapist: someone (A Christian) who can empathize.

The last book is for the younger set. It is a reminder that February is Black History month. And tells of one of the heroines of Black history: Harriet Tubman. Harriet, with a strong dependence on God, led slaves to a place of freedom: "The Promised land." (Of course, what is the Promised land to some is not always the Promised Land to others.) But, I believe, to slaves the Promised Land was a place where they didn't have to labor in vain...for someone else. These slaves were beholden to mostly white owners who treated them in terrible ways because the slave owners were of the opinion that their land could not subsist without these slaves who they considered less than humans doing inhuman work. The book is full of colorful illustration, simple text and can be read or listened to.

UPCOMING HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP ACTIVITIES

Feb 9th:

****Warm a Heart Lift a Spirit Year 10!!!- Sat Feb 9th 10am- Old Quarry Small Gym-** Please donate and/or plan to join us on this most amazing event that creates more than 500 sack lunches for homeless shelters, senior homes, and home bound here in our community.

What we need:

-snacks of every kind (granola, trail mix, etc.) - small chips/pretzel bags -loaves of bread -gum/candy - pb & j -cases of bottled water -uplifting notes to lift the spirits of the one receiving the lunch

Donations to be dropped off to bin in the entryway of Old Quarry or bring with you on event day- Sat Feb 9th beginning at 10am in the Old Quarry Small Gym

****Valentine Mini Session Event for Ellie- offered by Lil' Me Photography-**

Sat Feb 9th 1-5pm, 10 minute mini session, 3-5 resolution images sent to you, \$50 donated to Ellie and her family If interested, please email Lisa at lbuczyna@comcast.net to secure a time slot, spots are limited.

****Give that Dress/Dress Clothing Another Night Out- Sat Feb 23rd 9am-12noon @ Nail Inn School of Cosmetology 47 Stephen Street-**

We need your Prom Dresses, Formal Dresses, Non-Formal Dresses, Suits, Dress Shoes, Purses and Accessories, Jewelry, etc.

Drop off donations of Prom Dresses, formal dresses, non-formal dresses, suits, dress shoes and all accessories, to Nail Inn School Mon-Sat 9am-9pm to front office (across from Second Chance Thrift Store)

Send me all who are looking for dresses, suits, etc. I will help them receive this gift of seeking their Cinderella or Prince Charming outfit. This is a resale offering beautiful finds for a steal, but we gift vouchers to those who could use this gift of "beauty" outside and in. We will use any funds raised to help our local young people afford to go to Prom, who otherwise wouldn't be able to go.

**** Come help us with set up Friday Feb 22nd from 5-7pm at Nail Inn*

****Come help us clean up and send donations outward from 11:30-1pm Sat Feb 23rd*

*****PPP Night Mon Feb 11th 6-7:30pm @ Higher Grounds Coffee Shop 223 Main St (Next to Nick's Tavern)** we have shared 2 PPP Nights and both nights I have sat with about 20 young friends and my team of adult leaders and we have listened, laughed, learned, and loved. This has been an opportunity for our 6th graders and older to come and let us know what pressures are around them and help others master how to ride through them. It has become my favorite outreach. Thank you young friends for making that happen. Please encourage your young person to join me on Mon Feb 11th, I'll have the Pizza, Pop and they will provide the Pondering. What pressures, problems, issues do young people deal with? Challenge our PPP group Submit your challenge anonymously with this link: <http://bit.ly/2O2FULX>

No words can communicate my appreciation, respect, gratitude and love for you and what you have done to lift those in need of friendship, assistance, compassion, and unconditional love here within our arm's reach. Thank you for being the change we need, right here, right now.

Wishing you peace, Terri O'Neill-Borders

Looking Ahead

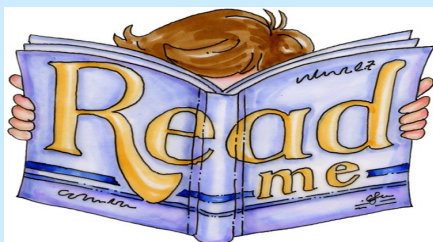
Though it seems far in the future, it isn't. The first Last Supper rehearsal will occur on Wednesday, April 3rd The second rehearsal will be on Wednesday, April 10th. The final, and mandatory rehearsal will be on Saturday, April 13th. All rehearsals will be at 7pm.

The Last Supper performance will be on April 14th, Palm Sunday evening at 7pm. I will be contacting all of the people involved. Arlene Knott, director.

LUMC Women's Book Club

No meetings January 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!

Annual Contribution Statements

Thank you so much for your contribution to Lemont UMC in 2018!

Your annual contribution statement is ready to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

After this Sunday, we will mail the rest of the statements.

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*

*Dawn Ferrazzi, patience, health issues
*Christine Miller, biopsy
Lorene Baldwin, cong. heart failure
Justin & Erika, loss of baby
Steve, health issues/strength
*Neil Janssen, strength
*Shelby Fox, healing from surgery
Ron, cancer treatment
Teri Janovyak, ALS
*Albert, McAdams, hospice
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
*Sheila Farrer, health issues
Joe Sigety, ALS
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Lou Gunder, lymphoma/chemo
Madeline Hamelen, biopsy
Maureen Robinson, health issues
Florence Shelby, rehab Rush/Copley
*Dave, heart testing
Sandy (McAdams), kidney removed
Katie (Norfleet), kidney disease
Dana Patterson, brain tumor & MS
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Harper (Norfleet), infant/leukemia
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
Enzo (Baxter), infant at Children's H.
Linda, dementia
Florian Talos, parkinson's
Lois, stage 3 cancer
Lynn Johnson, stroke
Kathy Parcell, leg surgery
*Sandra, autoimmune disease

Cindy Hudon, cancer/chemo
Mary, stage 4 cancer
Suebea Wright, immunotherapy
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
*Dave Mlady, lingering illness
Judy Bramill, cancer
*Margaret Flynn, broken wrist/surgery
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Joe K. (Brockner), cancer
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke
Betty Broderick, rehab
Debbie Turner, kidney transplant
*Alberta Harden, eye problems
Jodi Rigoni, cancer treatments
Ellie Cuiching, brain tumors
Linda, health issues
Jim Durham, cong. heart failure
Jackie (Stout), flare up
Valerie O., ovarian cancer
*Roland Tasker, hospital, infection
Robert Piersma, breathing difficulty
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
Brian (Norfleet), 46, brain cancer
*Mary Jane Sykes, strength
*Sherrill Weary, health issues
*Aida Linzaga, benign cyst
*Adam Anderson, strength
Janet Bormett, healing
Stewart Herron, blood clot
Don Braden (Pelikan), hrt valve surgery
Harold Mahler, healing

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*The Linzaga Family joining the church!
*Our finance Team: Peg Pecher, Don Mueggenborg, Sue Hinks, Wendy Myers and Rebecca Gebel
*Pastor's Christmas Appeal
*Dale Janssen teaching Adult Sunday school
*Sam Vasquez graduated H.S. early!
*Gabiella Vasquez turned 21!
*A caring church family!

Coffee Fellowship February 17

Marge Fox
Sue Tasker
Lynne Vavra
Dottie McAdams
Juanita Hill
Joanne Goszczycki



Coffee Fellowship

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

Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer
Lemont, Illinois 60439
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Return Service Requested

NEW WINE February 2019

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

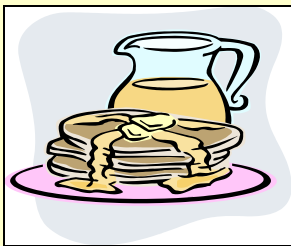
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

**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 9th

Come and join us! The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. Lemont UMM meets on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast.

This group is made available for the fellowship of all the men of the church and all are welcome to attend. Information about meeting dates and times are posted in the church calendar and bulletins.



Like us on Facebook

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 16th

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch at the church fellowship hall. Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon.

If you have any questions, please call:

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