

July 2019



The New Wine

Upcoming Services and Events

July 7th

*9:30 Combined
Service*

*11:30 Pet
Blessing*

July 14th

*9:30 Combined
Service*

Rev. Jeffry

Bross

Preaching

Coffee

Fellowship

July 21st

*9:30 Combined
Service*

July 28th

*9:30 Combined
Service*

Loose Change

Sunday

Dear Members of Lemont UMC,

What a blessing for our church to have 90 children, 37 youth volunteers, 30 of our own VBS teachers, leaders, and helpers throughout Vacation Bible School 2019 with the theme of Roar: Life is wild. God is good~!!! It was such a fun and joyful week to witness the children and youth singing, dancing, playing, and shouting at the opening and closing saying, "When life is unfair, God is good! I was so impressed by all of the hard work of our teachers, group leaders, helpers in the kitchen, and Sue Tasker with her family who decorated our sanctuary as Africa. Especially, the leadership of our own young adults and youth leaders at the different stations, leading and teaching was the essential force for VBS and everything ran smoothly. As I interviewed Tucker Lange, he said, "I love to go here, Lemont UMC." Some of the children told us that they wanted to have VBS throughout the summer break.

This year VBS made my year!!! I am truly grateful and proud of being the pastor of Lemont UMC!!! Lemont UMC is truly a mission-centered church, sowing seeds of the Gospel to the hearts of many children and youth in our communities. I have witnessed the fruits of the seeds!!! I thank you for the leadership of Jodi Stood, the VBS coordinator, Amy Cheehy who did prep work behind the scenes, Cris Kerins who was in charge of snacks and decoration in downstairs, and Karin Peraino who did a VBS report on June 16, 2019. I also extend my thanks to you for your support in many ways in this joyful ministry of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. God bless your heart! This is not the end of my story.

I was also so impressed by the generosity of you for your support for the family who struggled financially to pay \$1500.00 to cut the tree fallen by the storm. We raised \$1570.00!!! The family expressed thanks to all who donated to the fund for them. It was also my joy to baptize Weston Engler, the son of Mike and Aimee Engler and have his family in our service. Another joy was the success of our free will donation Yard Sale/Treasure Hunt last Saturday, on June 22, 2019. I thank you all for your donation of the items. I purchased a desk, roaster pot, foot massager, a Christmas tree, and a wooden cutting board. By the hard work of you and the Red Bird Mission Team, especially, the leadership of Steve and Gina Walter, we raised \$1610.00. Praise God!!!

The lesson I have learned in this month is when we do focus on the mission of the church: making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, God is there for us enabling us to bear fruits, filling us with joy, and uniting us with Christ, with each other, and ministry to the world. As I am finishing my three year ministry as the pastor of Lemont UMC and moving toward my fourth year, may we continue to focus on the mission of the church through our ministry and mission. I truly thank you for your love, support, and understanding for me. Lastly, I would like to ask your support with your prayer, presence, gifts, and service as we renovate the bathrooms downstairs, turn a classroom to the Happy Hands Preschool office, and paint the classrooms and Fellowship Hall.

Many blessings to you,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh



ROAR Vacation Bible School was a huge success! I would like to thank the congregation for prayers, donations and volunteering. We had over 90 pre-schoolers through 5th graders participating. In addition were youth leaders, classroom teachers, and kitchen ladies. Special thanks to the youth and young adults of the church. Without their outstanding leadership abilities and dedication to our church our VBS program would not exist. A special thanks to Amy Cheehy, Cris Kerins and Sue Tasker for all their work prior to and during the program to make it a success. Thanks again to the entire congregation for supporting VBS! From Jodi Stood

Preschool



Elementary



Youth Leaders



Sue Tasker, Tyler & Rylee Rainaldi



Lessons from VBS 2019

- **Another Successful VBS.** Thanks to all the people who made it possible.
 - Jodi Stood for organizing
 - 20 volunteers as Teachers & Kitchen Helpers
 - 37 Teen Helpers
- **Theme: ROAR** (Safari). How it works...
 - Start & end together. Small preschool & elementary groups. Teen leaders.
 - Opening video clip & songs, Experiments in Imagination Station, Wild Bible Adventures, Snacks at the Hungry Herd Café, Recess, Stampede Sports & Games, KidVid Cinema, and Closing Safari Celebration
 - Heartwarming to hear kids singing together at the end of the day!
 - Focus on different Bible Stories, Points, and Key Verses each day
- **Stories:** Following story of Israelites in the book of Exodus. Days 1-3: Slaves, Freed, Wilderness. Day 4: Jesus' death and resurrection. Day 5: Promised Land.
 - Dad & I do **Wild Bible Adventures**—get the children involved, experience
 - **Example Day 2:** 10 Plagues
 - **1) Water to Blood, 2) Frogs, 3 & 4) Gnats & Flies, 5) Livestock Die, 6) Throw Ashes & Egyptians get painful sores, 7) Hail, 8) Locusts, 9) Darkness, 10) Death of the Egyptians first born.** Israelites passed over because painted lambs blood on the doorway.
 - Each time the children shouted to the Pharaoh, **“Let my people go!”** and the Pharaoh responded, **“NO!”** until after the final plague. Then he said, **“Get out. Get out of my country now and never come back!”**
- **Bible Points:**
 - When life is **Unfair**...God is Good!
 - When life is **Scary**...God is Good!
 - When life **Changes**...God is Good!
 - When life is **Sad**...God is Good!
 - When life is **Good**...God is Good!
 - *Bottom line: God is good, All the time!*
- **I learned One more Point:** When Life Causes Worry, God is Good!
 - **Sign-up started slow.** Week before, we had to turn people away.
 - Preschool=44; Elementary=49
 - Wanted to make a Hut to transform my classroom into “Base Camp.” Tim sells school supplies...None. Local stores (like Best Buy)...None. Started mentioning it off-hand. **Mark H** had some big pieces in his truck. Perfect!
 - **Day 1** needed playground **sand** to mix “mud” for bricks. Sale at another preschool closing... ½ bag of sand. Free!
 - **Exact Manna** (cereal) left Day 3 that I needed to fill jar for Day 5 adventure.
 - *Bottom line: No need to worry. God's got this. (VBS song)*
- **Day 2 Key Verse:** “Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.” ~Psalm 23:



Blessing of VBS Leaders and Volunteers



"ROAR": Life is wild - God is good!

VBS Report - June 16, 2019



Pastor Oh extending welcome to everyone and expressing gratefulness to teachers, group leaders and helpers for a successful VBS.



Karin Peraino: Reporting on the activities of the VBS



Selected kids (with teachers/leaders) acting on a Bible story/lesson they learned.



Sharing With Others

We were lucky enough to share our Roar backdrop and VBS Decoration with Waterman United Methodist Church in Waterman, II. Waterman UMC is very grateful and we are so proud to share with others children!



VBS Helpers in the Kitchen

Thank you so much for your help, Jana Stelter, April Lange, Sue Tasker, Bonnie Flonder, Wendy Myers, Cris Kerins, Dottie McAdams, and Cheryl Procaccio!!!



VBS Directors

Thank you so much Jodi Stood and Amy Cheehy for your leadership and all your efforts to make VBS fruitful and successful!!!



Happy Hands finished the school year right before Memorial Day with visits to the local Virginia-Reed Park. We praise God for providing good weather so that the children could enjoy some final fun with their school friends and say farewell to their favorite teachers. While the children are now on break, there is a lot of activity at the school. Summer projects include filling classes, hiring teachers, and undergoing building improvements.

There are still a few openings in our Tuesday/Thursday afternoon 3s classes and we are looking for substitute teachers for the 2019-2020 school year. Please help spread the word and contact Karin for more information (email: lemonthappyhands@gmail.com or office phone: 630-257-3112).

For the building improvements, all classroom will be receiving a fresh coat of paint, a new Happy Hands office will be created, and the downstairs bathrooms will be completely renovated. Each bathroom update will include a raised toilet with a grab bar.

Many thanks to Mark Huegelmann and the Boy Scouts for painting, to Dave Kennedy for building office cabinets, and to Dale Janssen and the LUMC Trustees for heading the bathroom & office renovations. If you are available to assist on June 29th with removal of the current bathroom tile and fixtures (no experience necessary), please contact Dale Janssen.

Thank you to all for your patience during these summer projects. We are excited to enjoy these building upgrades!



Karin Peraino, Director of Happy Hands Preschool



Yard Sale/Treasure Hunt: Red Bird Mission Fund Raiser

June 22, 2019



Praise God for the beautiful weather! Thank you to everyone who helped with their prayers, setting and cleaning up, and support. We raised over a \$1,615.00 for Red Bird Mission!

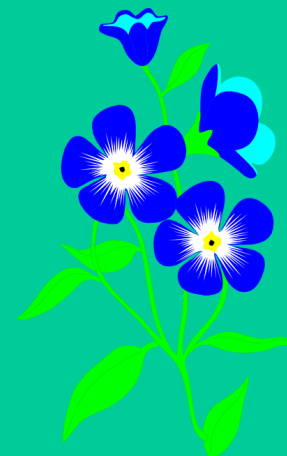
From Steve Walter, Chairperson of Red Bird Mission

Dear Pastor Hyo Sun Oh,

Thank you for the kind card and the recognition! I appreciate the thoughtfulness and advice. I hope you have a wonderful summer. Thanks again!

With Love,

Riya (Peg Pecher's Granddaughter)



Healing Service

June 23, 2019



Children's Time: Richard Lee



Pastor Oh: "When Jesus Comes to Town"



Anointing & Laying of Hand for Healing"

Baptism of Weston Engler

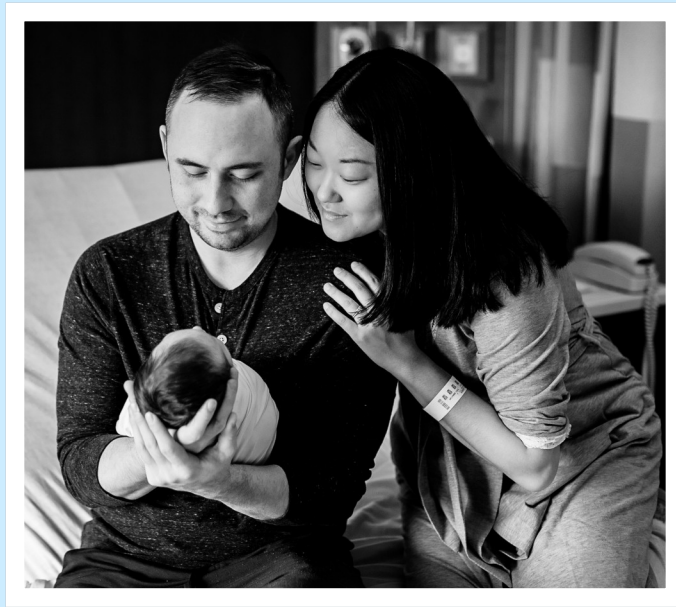
Weston Lee Engler was born on November 10, 2018
at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, IL
to Michael and Aimee Engler.

Sponsors: Erik and Liz Arcus

Grandparents: Steve & Wanda Engler/ Dick & Sandy Arcus

Baptized on June 16, 2019

WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!



Summer Building Renovations

We would like to announce that Ad Council approved the Trustees summer projects of renovating the downstairs two bathrooms and turning one of the Happy Hands classrooms into the Happy Hands Office. Also, painting of all of the classrooms and Fellowship Hall. The approved budget is \$30,000.00. Happy Hands will donate \$10,000.00 toward the project. The Maintenance Fund will pay the remaining balance. An email will be sent out when the downstairs bathroom are unavailable. The projects will start on June 24th. Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Maintenance Fund. We would like to encourage you to donate toward the Maintenance Fund as we continue to do projects around the church.

Sincerely submitted by,

Ad Council Chair, Ron Walter
Trustees Chairs, Bill Stelter & Dale Janssen
Finance Chair, Peg Pecher
Happy Hands Board, Cris Kerins
Happy Hands Director, Karin Peraino



Stewardship Moment during Summer Months

As summer is approaching please don't forget to continue with your contributions to church. General Fund expenses and projects of the two downstairs bathrooms renovation, the new Happy Hands office and paintings all of the class rooms and the Fellowship Hall with the amount of \$30,000.00 will be renovated over the summer. Finance Committee asks all of the members of the church be faithful to their giving to the church. The finance committee is hoping to start online giving available next summer that should be in place take advantage of that while you're vacationing. Thank you so much for your generous gifts and faithful commitment!!!!

Sincerely,

Peg Pecher, Finance Committee Chairperson of LUMC

June 6, 2019

Annual Conference Highlights



The 2019 Northern Illinois Annual Conference wrapped up June 4 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center after two and a half days of worship, business, voting (and more voting), celebrating anniversaries, fellowship, speakers, and Bible study. While the theme was "Back to the Future" reminiscing about our 180-year history, much of the conversation and legislation focused on moving forward and what's next for the United Methodist Church and our annual conference.

2020 General and Jurisdictional Delegation Elected

After mastering the voting electronic keypads, annual conference members elected three clergy and three lay delegates to the 2020 General Conference and three clergy and three lay delegates for the Jurisdictional Conference, along with two clergy and two lay alternates. The diverse delegation includes some new faces and some who are serving again. General



2020 General and Jurisdictional Delegation. From left-right: Lonnie Chafin, Luis F. Reyes, Jacques A. Conway, Gregory Gross, Nadia R. Kanhai, Adrian Hill, Alka Lyall, Nancy Pendergrass, Rita L. Smith, Mark Manzi, Jessie Cunningham, Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger, Britt Cox, Brian Gilbert. (Not pictured: Hwa-Young Chong and Ronnie Lyall)

Conference will be held in Minneapolis, Minn., May 5-15, 2020. Ft. Wayne, Ind., is the site of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference, July 15-18, 2020.

The delegates, in order of election, are ...

General Conference Laity: Lonnie Chafin, Nadia R. Kanhai, Adrian Hill - Vice Chair.

General Conference Clergy: Alka Lyall - Chair, Luis F. Reyes, Gregory Gross.

Jurisdictional Conference Lay: Rita L. Smith, Jessie Cunningham, Ronnie Lyall.

Alternates: Nancy Pendergrass and Mark Manzi

Jurisdictional Conference Clergy: Hwa-Young Chong, Jacques A. Conway, Brian Gilbert.

Alternates: Britt Cox and Rachel Birkhahn-Rommelfanger

Service

Bishop Sally Dyck ordained seven elders and two deacons and commissioned four for the work of a deacon and two for the work of an elder. In her sermon "Take Off Your Coat...and Light A Fire," she encouraged all of us "to go and love, forgive, share our faith, reach out to others to make something happen in the name of Jesus." Bishop Dyck also baptized two babies, Brielle Somang Lee, daughter to Rev. Esther and John Lee, and Landen Scott Paul Garcea, son to Rev. Tiffany and Rev. Joseph Garcea. For more photos from the baptism and service, visit nicordination2019.shutterfly.com.



Retirement Service

We celebrated and continue to give thanks for our nine retirees who served a combined total of 261 years of ministry. [Click here](#) to read more about where they've served, their ministry highlights, and plans after leaving the pulpit.

Memorial Service

We honored and remembered those who have touched our lives and passed away in the last year with a message from Bishop John Schol from the Greater New Jersey Conference. We especially remembered the lives of Rev. Bruce and Eugenia Johnson, who were killed 50 years ago on September 29, 1969, in their parsonage at Armitage Avenue United Methodist Church in Lincoln Park. The murders remain unsolved. During the service,



Photo Courtesy Aquilino (Pong) Javier

participants signed names of loved ones and friends on pieces of fabric, which were then tied together and placed on a large loom in remembrance of them. Watch the service [here](#).

Much of the legislation that passed at Annual Conference reflected the disapproval of the Traditional Plan adopted at February's General Conference Special Session, which emphasizes the current policies around homosexuality in the Book of Discipline for ordination and same-sex marriages while strengthening enforcement of those rules. Approved legislation included suspending payments to the General Administration Fund until changes are made to the structure and practices of General Conference. Also, a call to form a task force to explore a way forward for the NIC, including the possibility of a new Methodist expression, was approved. [Read more.](#)



Harriett Olson, UMW General Secretary, leads Bible Study and shared stories of inspiring women who followed their call to ministry despite many barriers as the UMW celebrates its 150th anniversary.

The **Annual Conference Shepherding Team** (ACST) presented three top goals for the Conference that were approved with no debate. These strategic goals will be implemented over a two-year plan: To Grow and Reach New Disciples of Jesus Christ, To Live Out the Conviction that Racism is Incompatible with Christian Teaching, and To increase the Number of Highly Vital Congregations.



Gary Rand and *The Many* enhances the worship services with their singing and music for a second year.

The **closings of four churches**, Elmwood Park, New Hope in Chicago, Pilgrimage Protestant Church in University Park, and Lindenhurst Trinity were affirmed. We celebrate and bless the faithful ministries, witness, and legacies of these churches, pastors and members down through the years. The cabinet celebrated new beginnings, too, with the recent chartering of The Center in Itasca. [Watch the video](#) on how this new faith community got its start.

Livestream Archived

The worship services and plenaries were livestreamed via YouTube and the archived videos may be found [here](#). A special thanks to Rev. Keck Mowry for setting up, running, and uploading the livestreaming!

Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who gave \$53,437 to this year's annual conference Bishop's Appeal for the NIC youth camps. The Aurora District came in first for most giving per capita, edging out last year's winner, the Elgin District, to take back the coveted traveling trophy! (Aurora came in first in 2017 and 2015.) With this money, we will be able to help send many kids to camp!



Bishop's Appeal award goes to the Aurora District. From left to right: NIC Co-Lay Leader Mark Manzi, Aurora Dist. Supt. Jeffrey Bross, Bishop Dyck, and Nick Nicholas, Dir. of Youth Ministry at Naperville Community UMC.

Mission Truck Filled!

NIC's Secretary of Global Ministries Rev. Shirley M. Pulgar Hughes said the Annual Conference mission challenge to collect dignity kits for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center was a huge success. Again this year, districts went above and beyond their goal. With nearly 50% of NIC churches participating, we packed about 50,000 items or 5,271 pounds on the truck, an increase of 200 pounds from last year! The only snag in this friendly competition: this year there was a tie! Rather than take it up for a vote on the electronic keypads, the title of the mission challenge winner will be shared between the DeKalb and Chicago Southern Districts! Thank you to all the churches for their generosity. [Read more.](#)



Rev. Dennis Oglesby Jr. highlights the important role of the Black Methodist for Church Renewal (BMCR) in the NIC as this group of both clergy and lay members celebrates their 50th anniversary this September.

For more news and a complete wrap-up of Annual Conference, watch for updates in the eNews and Reporter, as well as on our website at www.umcnic.org/AC2019.

Bishop Dyck Announces Retirement

After 41 years of active ministry, serving in three annual conferences as a pastor, district superintendent or bishop, and living near I-90 from Massachusetts to Ohio to Minnesota and Illinois, Bishop Sally Dyck is looking forward to moving to sunny California. During her Episcopal Address at Annual Conference, she announced her retirement effective Sept. 1, 2020.



"While I never strayed far from I-90, I've seen many faces of the church in urban, rural and suburban communities. While I've seen some heart-breaking stains upon the witness of Christ in the world, more often than not I have seen the best of God's people at work in the world. My own world has been expanded by all I have encountered and had the privilege to serve, including you! Oh, the places I have gone and the people I have met! Thanks be to God!"

Bishop Dyck reminded everyone that she will be here for another annual conference. "You're not done with me yet!" she said. "Throughout this year, we have a lot of work to do...so let's stay focused on who we are with our eyes on the goal where God is beckoning us onward."

Loose Change Sunday goes to UMCOR supporting Global Migration Children

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A Sunday of Solidarity for Suffering Children | Sunday, June 30

In light of the recent news about children in U.S. government holding facilities along the U.S.-Mexico border, the United Methodist Committee on Relief has received numerous requests to respond. We have heard the plea for action from the church. Unfortunately, the facilities in question are managed in such a way that precludes even UMCOR's assistance. Access to these government facilities is extremely limited.

As the arm of The United Methodist Church mandated to cultivate and promote mission, the General Board of Global Ministries seeks to equip your church with tools to use as you confront the frustration and helplessness that this situation evokes. While this particular case is in the U.S., we recognize that migration is a global issue and the breadth and depth of our Global Migration programming at UMCOR and Global Ministries reflects that fact.

As a church that is united on the need to care for children, we can be in mission together.

This Sunday, June 30, Global Ministries encourages you to take part in **A Sunday of Solidarity for Suffering Children** in three ways:

1. **PRAY - We encourage you to pray for children.** Below, you will find a prayer to use this Sunday. You might choose to dedicate a service to suffering children everywhere or conduct a prayer vigil in your community for the children suffering along the border.
2. **ACT - We encourage you to act on behalf of children.** While we cannot take UMCOR hygiene kits to the U.S. government holding centers, we are distributing UMCOR hygiene kits at transitional shelters all along the US-Mexico border. In the last three months, UMCOR delivered 46,128 hygiene kits to six church-run transitional shelters. Instructions on how to make and send these kits are available at this webpage: <https://www.umcmmission.org/umcor/serve/relief-supply-network/hygiene-kit>

You can also act by calling your U.S. elected officials. The following link to the General Board of Church and Society, our sister United Methodist agency responsible for advocacy, will give you some suggestions on issues to raise with these officials. <https://www.umcjustice.org/what-you-can-do/advocacy/take-action/stand-with-immigrants-and-refugees>

3. **GIVE - Finally, we encourage you to give on behalf of children.** Through the Global Migration Advance (<https://advance.umcmmission.org/p-525-global-migration.aspx>), UMCOR provides grants to organizations along the U.S. border and elsewhere around the world that are working to fill gaps in the needs and rights of migrants.

Upcoming Worship Services & Events

July 3rd - Daybreak Shelter 6:00 p.m.

July 7th - Pet Blessing 11:30 a.m.

July 10th - **NO** Trustees Meeting

July 13th - United Methodist Men 8:00 a.m.

July 14th - Rev. Bross Preaching / Coffee Fellowship

July 20th - Primetimers 12:00 p.m.

July 24th - Ad Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

July 28th - Loose Change Sunday /UMCOR Global Migration Advance for Children

New Tax Letter Available in the Office

The current tax letter has expired. Please do not continue to use it for purchases. All old copies should be discarded. Committee Chairs and Heads of Ministry may come to the office to fill out Authorization Form and be given a copy of the new tax letter. No one should use the letter without authorization from the office and at no time should the letter be used for personal purchases.

Thank You, From the Office

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.

LUMC Women's Book Club

July 8 "The High Tide Club" by Mary Kay Andrews.
A murder mystery.

August 12 "Blessings" by Anna Quindlen

This group meets at Margaret Flynn's house.



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!

Finance Committee

General Fund beginning balance:	\$ 17,080.88
Receipts:	12,252.50
Disbursements:	13,334.70
General Fund ending balance:	\$ 18,446.44

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!

Prayers for the farming community

You may have heard of the old saying..."knee high by 4th of July" used by farmers back in the day to measure the height of their corn ... but stalks will unlikely be even ankle high this year across parts of Illinois and the Midwest. Many farmers ended up planting late or not at all following the extremely wet spring and continued rains.

Bishop Sally Dyck encourages churches this Sunday to pray for our farming communities. "We are mindful that this year's crops are greatly affected by the devastating rains and many farmers are anxious about what the harvest season will bring," said Bishop Dyck. "Let's continue to keep our farmers and their families in our prayers."

The State of Illinois has launched a comprehensive website, www.Illinois.gov/2019floods, dedicated to disaster recovery for those impacted by the spring floods including farmers. Resources include damage reporting tools, fraud alert information, and a free mental health helpline.

"As a lifelong farmer I know firsthand how stressful farm life can be in a normal year, but this year has been exceptionally hard on our farmers not only financially, but mentally," said John Sullivan, Director, Illinois Department of Agriculture. "If you need help please reach out to someone. Know you are not alone in feeling the pressure to secure your crops." [Read more.](#)



Ponding is seen in farm fields near Sheffield, Ill, as heavy rains caused unprecedented delays in U.S. corn planting. Photo taken June 13, 2019 courtesy of Reuters.

Please Support our Facebook Page

Emmie Linzaga has been putting beautiful pictures of VBS, Yard Sale, and Worship Service every week on our facebook page.

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

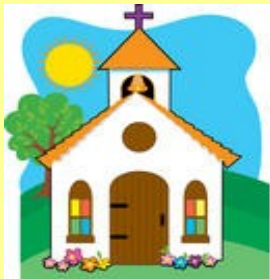
Floor Waxing

Please be aware that the downstairs classrooms will be stripped and waxed on July 5th and 6th. Fellowship Hall will be stripped and waxed on July 19th and 20th. Lastly, the hallways will be stripped and waxed on August 2nd and 3rd.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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.



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

July 2019 Book Reviews

I have two books on prayer that I hope you peruse....really, it's time to call in the big gun...the one Who truly controls things...us...events...GOD. First of all, I believe, and I've had confirmation for this from members, that we all want PEACE SO WE CAN THINK ABOUT AND WORSHIP OUR GOD. NO DISTRACTIONS, NO DISAGREEMENTS DISCUSSED (although there are some), PEACE. We shouldn't focus on differences among us. God made us all...there should be no differences. OK maybe that's too "pie in the sky" but we can try. By reading "Powerful Prayers" our thoughts and ways are directed to our sameness-the way GOD intended. God made us! Thanks, and praises all to HIM Who gives help, encouragement, love, forgiveness, insight, WISDOM, and so much more. We, at Lemont Methodist, need to PRAY...there's no other way...PRAY that the current Traditional versus One Church Plan is settled...somehow allows our church to continue TOGETHER. Look at the chapter on page 85 of "Powerful Prayers" and think about the concept: praying for those we disagree with or, for example, Conservatives praying for Progressives? Let's all just realize that we are in church to WORSHIP. This book reminded me of several things: Jesus on the cross, cried out "Father forgive them... ." "The reason God asks us to forgive is because unforgiveness is a sin, and GOD HATES SIN." The book reminds many of the chapters point out how. My thoughts: Jesus was forgiving. Shouldn't we in prayer forgive others and ask God to forgive us? I don't know about you, but I don't want another sin added to my heavy load...although through prayer every day I am able to have my sins forgiven. Praying is not something to be done when the mood strikes or another distraction takes its place, it is a command. John Wesley's mother used to throw her apron over her head to create a quiet space for prayer...certainly each of us can find some place or create some situation that says to others "don't bother me."

Then, through "Radical Prayer" we become prayer radicals, as the book admonishes "link every praise, petition, to the hallowing of God's name; and seeing every answer to prayer as a catalyst to take God's love to all those He brings our way." That way and after praying for wisdom, knowing The Word, each of us will have a chance to introduce them to Him and His way. Pray for understanding of the people in our church, community, state, and nation. There are chapters that address all these and many other subjects. So much of what is happening is causing people to say "my way or the highway." Shouldn't we all be able to agree to disagree? There are so many points on which we do agree...just be at church and see. God wants us to depend on Him, His Way, to live in a community, our neighborhood, our town, the state, the nation today. Pray that you do. He created our world and gave us free will...let's not misuse it. We need to trust Him to guide us. Pray for His trust. Understanding others, that's one thing each of us needs to pray for. God wants you to listen to Him. He'll give you understanding or maybe just patience to deal with that scalawag...and then the scalawag will become.... Or maybe you're the scalawag...just sayin'. As Moses and Elijah and several others in Bible said, their simple prayer "Here I Am, Lord. "They didn't petition, they didn't do much of anything, they just realized that they needed to LISTEN to the ONE in CONTROL." Pray persistently after you hear God's leading...pray, pray, pray....

"WHAT IF GOD WROTE YOUR TO-DO LIST? 52 ways to make the most of every day" This is not the to-do list that you have written for every day...it's what God suggests...remember we have free will, so we're not beholden to do anything...but if we're wise we might pick up a few ideas here. For example:" Matthew 5:16 " Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven. If we do good works without telling others Who we serve, we get the glory ourselves. ...That's not the plan. That glory belongs to God...We should be someone who always tells the truth, gives credit where credit is due, respects authority, "and perhaps help someone who cannot afford their groceries, helps them carry their groceries WITH A SMILE, visit or call a shut-in...but do something that gives God the Glory...PTL by showing others that you are only following HIS WISHES to be kind, thoughtful, and helpful. Be sure that they see you are acknowledging HIM, and if necessary use words.

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

July 7 –9:30

July 14-9:30
Richard Lee

July 21-9:30
Cris Kerins

July 28 –9:30
Craig Baxter

The message for the day is that volunteers are needed to do a lot, even without pay and can be valuable after retirement, as I think I am. My experience in photography led to me helping the historical society and archiving the history of our church. My experience in teaching at Argonne and conferences has led me to sometimes teach at church and lead tours for the historical society, such as a tour of the quarries this July 4th at 8 a.m.

Rich Lee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 5-Tony Ferrazzi
July 6-Yaso Laemmer
July 7-Maddie Woytek
July 9-Dottie McAdams
July 11-Mihash Cheehy
July 15-Chris Walter
July 16-Loryl Fisher
July 18-Viktor Talos
July 19-Craig Baxter
July 20-Deb Neitzel
July 22-Sarah Cliff
July 23-Jackson Nelson
July 25-Matt Harden
July 29-JJ Laemmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 10-Matthew & Emily Hennebry



****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.

Fundraising WHILE YOU **Shop**



Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

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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!

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 peanut butter, chicken noodle soup, peanut butter, tomato soup, chunky soups, pasta sauce, salty snacks, cream soup, shaped pasta, and canned pasta.**



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!



PET BLESSING

Please join us and invite your family and friends to come to Lemont United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 7th at 11:30 a.m. for a Pet Blessing. Come and share your love of animals with us!



Lemont Clergy Meeting with Mayor, John Egofske for Lunch The Mayor shared with us about our wonderful Village and various ongoing projects. (Mayor is third from the left with a blue T-shirt.) Thank you for your job to make Lemont a happy and safe place to live.



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
*Dave Hinks, lymph node cancer
Elena Winters (Miller), health issues
*Bill Kerins, cornea tear
Anna (Fries), bladder cancer
*Jantha, seeking employment
*Neil Janssen, strength
Joe (Curry), collarbone surgery
Ron, cancer treatment
*Downstairs renovations
Mary (Havemann), cancer
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
*Sheila Farrer, nerve pain
Joe Sigety, ALS
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Lou Gunder, lymphoma/chemo
Michelynn (Hassert), strength
Maureen Robinson, health issues
*Vickie Olinger, grandson surgery
Mike Mandziara, brain cancer
Ben (Cheehy), celiac disease
Katie (Norfleet), kidney disease
June (Havemann), stomach cancer
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Harper (Norfleet), infant/leukemia
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
*Bettye Curry, strength
Linda, dementia
Florian Talos, parkinson's
Lois, stage 3 cancer
*Leslie Ramos, healing
David Goreham, blood disorder
*Sandra, autoimmune disease
Cindy Hudon, cancer/chemo
Mary, stage 4 cancer

Suebea Wright, hospice
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
*Dave Mlady, lingering illness
Judy Bramill, cancer
*Jarod Monnett (Walter), hernia surgery
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Dolores (Hinks), health issues
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke
Betty Broderick, rehab
Debbie Turner, kidney transplant
*Alberta Harden, heart testing
*Joyce Koon, testing
*Jason/Kurt traveling this summer
Andrew (Pecher), cancer
Jim Durham, cong. heart failure
Tony Ferrazzi, Sr., pacemaker
Valerie O., ovarian cancer
*Roland Tasker, healing
Elida Ferrazzi, rheumatoid arthritis
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
Brian (Norfleet), 46, brain cancer
*Mary Jane Sykes, strength
*Sherrill Weary, health issues
*Amanda Hill, scope test
Lorene Baldwin, cong. heart failure
Rick Young (Baxter), dementia
*Shelby Fox, not healing/ankle pain
Thor (Fries), health issues
Brian, fighting alcoholism
Margie, heart issues
Camille (Ferrazzi), baby w/health issues
Emmie Linzaga, friends eye surgery
Joe Knutson, new kidney/home
Mason & Tom, health issues

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Baptism of Weston Lee Engler
*Vacation Bible School
*Successful Yard Sale
*Graduations
*Loose Change Sunday
*Summer Renovation Projects
*Collected 55 toothpastes!
*Collected 95 Toothbrushes!
*Bill & Cris Kerins early 50th
Anniversary Party!
*642.05 Raised for the Bishop's
Appeal!

Coffee Fellowship July 14th

Karin Peraino
Kathy Cliff
Jodi Stood
Kristin Nelson
Amy Cheehy
Amie Topete
Judy Janovyak



Expanding Care Bearers Ministry

The Care Bearers are a group of 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!

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

July 2019

Children's Message Schedule

July 7
Megan Cheehy

July 14
Marty Knott

July 21
Cris Kerins

July 28
Mark Huegelmann



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Greeters

July 7–9:30
Dale Janssen

July 14-9:30
Sue Hinks

July 21-9:30
Sharon Heslop

July 28-9:30 Bill &
Cris Kerins

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:	Dale Janssen 815-485-4929
Sr. High Youth:	Kristin Nelson 630-257-8072
Jr. High Youth:	TBA
Breakfast Club:	Mark Huegelmann 630-257-3181
Jr. High Sunday School:	Mark Huegelmann 630-257-3181
Children's Sunday Sch:	Mark Huegelmann 630-257-3181
Prime Timers:	Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699
	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 Gergesz 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

Happy Hands Preschool	Karin Peraino 630-257-3112
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**

UPCOMING HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP ACTIVITIES

Mission Stay Saturdays- Saturday July 14 & 21 & August 11 & 18- meet at 8am in the Lemont Police Dept parking lot- we will be finished by noon- Help us to put hands and feet to work assisting those who are in dire need of a morning dose of TLC for their yard, bushes, trees, and home exterior. Aug 18th is Care Box Day- baked good donations are needed.

YEAH Day Lunch @ the Park- Youth Eat And Have fun!!! 12noon-2pm July 16 -We host lunch at Northview Park on McCarthy Rd, and then play for the rest of the time! Volunteers (adults and teens!) and lunch sponsors are needed. Email for details.

Summer Field Trip for Kids- June Previous trips have been to Soccer & Baseball games (when funding is possible)

“Unbirthday Party” July- For our young friends hosted by Calvary Church 1375 State St, Lemont. This party is held to celebrate our youth! Donations of personal care, school items, and youth friendly items are rallied prior to this day to offer the chance for our kids to select items needed for them from the “Un-Birthday Shop”.

Sunset Soiree for Team Compassion- Thursday August 2nd , 2018 7-10pm in Downtown Lemont- Free concert in downtown Lemont! 50/50 Raffle hosted by Hope and Friendship rallying donations for Team Compassion to assist those in our community in the battle with cancer.

EPIC Night (Every Person is Crucial) August- on the grounds of Emmanuel Baptist Church- A family celebration of EPIC proportions including games, food, fun and the celebration of every person.

Family Swimming Party at the Park District – Thur. Aug 9th 5-7pm- Family Swim party held at the Lemont Park District Pool. Donations of School Supplies are rallied prior to this day then given to students who need this assistance.



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Return Service Requested

NEW WINE July 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

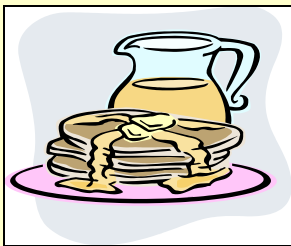
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

**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



July 13th

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

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



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



July 20th

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

If you have any questions, please call:

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