

August 2019



The New Wine

Upcoming Services and Events

August 4

*9:30 Combined
Service*

August 11

*9:30 Combined
Service*

*Backpack
Blessing*

August 18

*9:30 Combined
Service*

August 25

*9:30 Combined
Service*

*Open Pantry
Ministry
Celebration*

*Loose Change
Sunday*

*Coffee
Fellowship*

Dear Members of Lemont UMC,

Recently, I've been working with the families who lost their loved ones by comforting and assuring them that death is not the end of life, but the beginning of eternity and that they will see their loved ones again. We are in the midst of death. Death is inevitable to all of us. Yet, it is a hard subject to talk about. Death is never comfortable to us, so when death comes to us, we tend to be afraid to die or so anxious to leave our loved ones behind though we believe in God. After officiating over 70 funerals and ministering to the people on their death beds, I've felt that we need to prepare to die well or die unafraid as those who have faith and hope for the eternity.

After an urgent call from Linda Lubben regarding George's declining health condition, I visited him. It was such a shock to see him too weak to move since I saw him a few weeks ago at church. George seemed so troubled sensing that he was going down the valley of death. Then, I read a gospel reading and said, George, don't be troubled. Jesus said, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?" A place prepared for you is the new home, the eternal home. Do not worry about Linda, your children, and grandchildren. When the Lord comes to you to take you home, let the things go. Fear no evil. The Lord is with you and will take you home and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

After the last service with George and his family at his death bed, he said, "I see the river." The idea of the river in scripture is "traces the landscape" of redemptive history. Think about it- in the Garden of Eden, three rivers ran through the middle to irrigate the produce of the land. When God brought His people of Israel out of Egypt, He led them across the Red Sea and Jordan River and into the Promised Land. Jesus was baptized by John in the same Jordan River. Gospel writers described Jesus like a river of life, which river will never run dry. The Psalmist said that there was a "river whose streams make glad the city of God" (Psalm 46). Christ Jesus leads the people of God into the ultimate and the eternal land of rest where there is "a river of the water of life, as bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city."

As soon as I heard from George saying, "I see the river," I assured him by saying, "Do not be afraid. The Lord will cross the river with you and you will not be overwhelmed. Jesus will bring you to the other side of the shore and will take you to your heavenly home, eternity." That day, Jesus crossed the river with George, landing on the other side and brought him into the ultimate and the eternal land of rest where the river of life runs through, a place that is safe and secure, a place that is his very own, home, forever!

Jesus made promises to us all and said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live (John 11:25)." And said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God; trust also in me. In my father's house, there are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me, that you also may be where I am." God fulfilled every promise God ever made to George and God will fulfill God's promises to us too !!!

This is our hope, comfort, and reason not to be afraid of our death. We will all die, but that is not the end of the story. We will all be changed and transformed just as Jesus was resurrected to begin eternity resting in God's arms after our labors and be united with our loved ones. I hope and pray that you have this hope, live today with gratitude, and prepare for the day we enter into our eternal home sooner or later with joy, not fear. May God give this hope and the courage to face today and even death unafraid.

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
Pastor Hijo Sun Oh

Renovation Update

The Happy Hands office is coming together with new paint, carpet, and cabinets. The downstairs bathrooms have new floors, cabinets, and toilets. A measurement was taken to have the countertops made. Thank you to everyone who has helped make our church an even more beautiful place!



Blessing of the Backpacks

Pastor Oh will be blessing backpacks on **August 11th** during the **9:30 a.m.** service.

Please invite your kids, grandkids and even great-grandkids for this event and join us while we help our children, youth, teachers, school administrators, and bus drivers prepare for another wonderful year of school.



Blessing
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Bonfire

The Activities Committee has planned a church wide bonfire. It will be at Dale Janssen's house at 17101 Parker Road in Homer Glen at **6:30 p.m.** on **October 11th**. We will be looking for donations of hot dogs, buns, chips, drinks, and s'more makings.

There will be a sign up sheet in the sanctuary.

Come enjoy a fun filled fall evening and bring a lawn chair to sit around the fire!



JUNIOR CHOIR

Why couldn't Noah catch many fish on the Ark? What game do tornados like to play? These are some riddles for you and the answers will come at the end of this note. I hope that you have been enjoying your summer and that you've spent some time singing. I think God must feel happy when He hears you sing. We will begin Jr. Choir in September so watch for information in the late August announcements on the sanctuary screen or in your mailbox for the date. Please remember Jr. Choir is for grades K-7. If you have a friend or relative who enjoys singing, ask her/him to join us.

O.K. – here are the answers:

Because he only had two worms, Twister.





Sympathy Notes

GEORGE LUBBEN

June 11, 1929 — July 10, 2019

George Lubben, age 90, from Lemont, IL passed away from renal disease on July 10, 2019, at home under the care of his family and Loyola Hospice. He was born June 11, 1929, to Cornelius and Alida (Kramer) Lubben in Cicero, IL. He attended Timothy Christian School and Chicago Christian High School graduating in 1947. He was educated at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI and then received his Juris Doctorate from Loyola University Chicago in 1954.

He was drafted into the Army in 1954 during the Korean War and served at Fort Lee, Virginia assisting with government contracts until 1956. In 1957 he was hired by Argonne National Laboratory to review and draft contracts. His specialty became labor relations. He felt that a union should not be regarded as the enemy but rather as a collaborator in resolving differences and that it was important to treat people with respect. Even though he represented management, he was well known for his fairness in the negotiation of union contracts and was most proud of those accomplishments. He received many awards for his outstanding performance during his 39 years at Argonne.

In 1961 the family made their home in the Roseland neighborhood of Chicago. He was very active in the Second Christian Reformed Church of Roseland where he was a deacon and an elder. In 1971 the family moved to Palos Heights where he was also involved in the Palos Heights Christian Reformed Church. In 1989 after moving to Lemont he became a member of the Lemont United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dorothy Vree, his parents Cornelius and Alida Lubben, his brother, Henry, and several aunts and uncles. He will be remembered forever by his dearest wife, Linda, his devoted children, Dr. Georgia Lubben (Dr. Lou Sytsma), Craig (Lois), Tom (Sue), and Gina (Dave) Wielgus, his adored grandchildren Christina (Dan) Katt, Brian Lubben, Eric Lubben, Kaitlin (Justin) Kamp, India Daniels, Emma Lubben, great grandchildren Caroline, Elizabeth, Henry Katt, his cherished sister, Barbara (Don) Brown, loving sister-in-law Donna (Chuck) Anderson, and several nieces and nephews. George was a very compassionate man as many would attest.

He was a devout Christian and morally grounded man proven by the way he lived his life. He played golf up to last month, loved music, even played the piano and organ, relished a good book, and was a political junkie. He enjoyed many vacations to Tahiti, Europe, Caribbean, and most of the U.S., but especially trips to New Orleans and the annual family vacation in South Haven MI. Family and friends were received at Lemont United Methodist Church, 25 W. Custer Street, Lemont, IL on July 27th. Pastor Oh officiated. Burial was private. Memorials in his name may be given to Calvin University, 3201 Burton SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546-4388 or Lemont United Methodist Church.

He lives on in our hearts forever.



DOLORES HOAGLUND

OCTOBER 5, 1921 — JULY 27, 2019

Dolores M. Hoaglund, **nee Bracken**, age 97, of Lemont, passed away July 27, 2019.

She was a longtime resident at Franciscan Village.

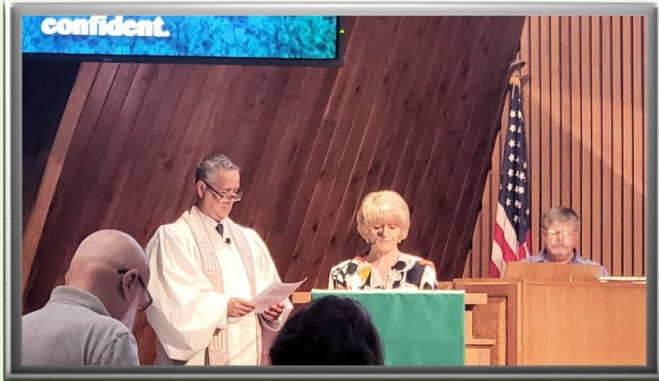
Dolores was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick and Laura Bracken; her husband, Verner Hoaglund; and her siblings, Joseph (Esther) Bracken, Frederick Paul (Dorothy) Bracken, William (Phyllis) Bracken, Urban (Jean) Bracken, Rita (Raymond) Meehan, Catherine "Betty" Bracken, Gloria (Florian) Jagodzinski, Roseann (Victor) Schikora, George (Frances) Bracken, and Robert Bracken.

Dolores is survived by her children Laurentia (Dan) Nurczyk, Verner, Jr. (Wanda) Hoaglund, Alice (Robert) Skewis, and Susan (David) Hinks; also surviving are 9 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Dolores retired from Lemont National Bank, where she had worked as a teller. Visitation Thursday, August 1, 2019, from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. at **Markiewicz Funeral Home, P.C.** 108 Illinois St, Lemont, IL 60439. Lying-in state Friday, August 2, 2019, from 10:30 a.m. until time of her funeral Mass at 11:30 a.m. at **Franciscan Village** (St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, 2nd floor), 1270 Franciscan Dr., Lemont, IL 60439. Interment St. Alphonsus Cemetery. Memorial donation goes to Gift of Care at Franciscan Village.

Dolores will be missed by many.

Worship Service - July 21, 2019



Cris Kerins - Liturgist



Sue Gergesz - Leading Hymn Singing



Children's Time - GleeAnn Kehr



Sermon: "Chicken Christianity"
D.S. Rev. Jeffrey Bross



D.S. Bross, preaching on Why we need to reach out to the community and work together.

D.S. leading a conversation on the future of the UMC



Having fun together at the Slammers Baseball Game on July 23,2019.



Loose Change Sunday & Rainbow Covenant

August 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 August, we are highlighting the **blue band charity, Morning Star Mission**. Morning Star offers the hungry, needy, and homeless of Joliet and Will county safe indoor accommodations and meals. They provide recovery and transition programs to those experiencing addictions or life hardships and struggles; they aim to introduce the gospel to all program participants. It costs approximately \$76 per person, per day, to participate in these recovery programs. Please bring in plenty of change on **August 25th** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write **“Morning Star”** on a pew envelope.

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

Boon Supply Fundraiser

I am happy to bring bag Boon Supply, formerly Mixed Bag Designs. It's been about 4 years and my bags are still going strong as I hope yours are as well, but I'm ready for some new merchandise! Please take a catalog that I will be dropping off on Sunday and browse to your heart's content, I hope you are pleased with the selection they offer. The fundraiser will be from August 1st thru August 25th. And it's Never too early to think about the Holiday's, Yes I said The Holidays!!! And remember to pass along the catalog to your friends. In addition, you can find our fundraiser online at <https://www.boonsupply.com/collections/all?fundraiser=98269> (copy and paste in new browser) Click *Find a fundraiser* and type in **Lemont United Methodist Church**.

-we will earn 40% of all profits, online and via the catalog. There will be a shipping charge added to each item ordered of \$1, but no tax will be charged. Profits TBD after this months Add Council meeting.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

Marge



Pet Blessing

On July 7th Pastor Oh blessed our beloved pets:
Ruby, Jordy, Reagan,
Payton, and Ginger.

It was a joy to have
them all together!

If you were unable to
attend this year please
join us next year.



Church Anniversary

We celebrated our church's 166th anniversary on June 30th!
Thank you to Richard Lee, church historian and Bill Price,
history committee for helping create a wonderful service.



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



Thank-You

As part of this summer's remodeling project, we had to remove the old toilets, sinks, vanities, privacy partitions, and floor tiles from both restrooms. On Saturday, June 29, 15 volunteers made quick work of that task. We finished in about 3 1/2 hours. Without enough help, it could have taken days or we would have had to pay contractors to do the work. Thank-you to the following hard workers: Erik Anderson, Craig Baxter, Charles Englund, Mary Englund, Tony Ferrazzi, Marge Fox, Tom Gebel, Dale Janssen, Don Mueggenborg, Karin Peraino, Tim Peraino, Bill Shelby, Carolyn Stelter, Ron Walter, and Steve Walter. Also, a big thank-you to Mark Huegelmann and the Boy Scouts who are painting all the classrooms. We will keep you informed on the progress of our project and many more opportunities to volunteer.

Dale Janssen

Upcoming Worship Services & Events

August 4-Combined Service 9:30 a.m.

August 7-Daybreak Shelter 6:00 p.m.

August 10-**NO** United Methodist Men in August

August 11-Combined Service 9:30 a.m./Backpack Blessing

August 13-Mission Outreach Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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

August 17-Primetimers 12:00 p.m.

August 18-Combined Service 9:30 a.m.

August 21-Ad Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

August 25-Combined Service 9:30 a.m./Loose Change Sunday/
Coffee Fellowship

August 26-HH Incorporation Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Open Pantry, August 25th @ 9:30 am

On August 25th we will recognize the donors, patrons, and township support that the pantry receives, followed by coffee fellowship.

We will give thanks to all those who serve the pantry with their time, talents, donations, and prayers.

Come Celebrate With Us!



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

LUMC Women's Book Club

August 12 "Blessings" by Anna Quindlen

September 9 "What the Lady Wants"
by Renee Rosen

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!



PRAISE BAND/CHOIR PARTY

Thank you again to Phil and Leslie for hosting another fun praise band/choir party! There are always openings if you would like to join either one of our wonderful music groups!



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> and enjoy them with us!

Floor Waxing

Fellowship Hall will be stripped and waxed August 1st & 2nd. The downstairs hallways will be stripped and waxed in August.

Date to be announced.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

August 2019 Book Reviews

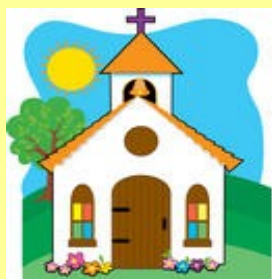
The first book I offer is a fiction recount (based on fact) of what happened in 1890-1930 to the thousands of British orphans who were placed in Canada by the British Home children's office. These unfortunates who were orphaned or sent to children's homes (hopefully temporarily) by parents who could no longer care for them, were sold as "home" children to perhaps farmers or families in need of a servant. Some were treated well, some not. In "No Ocean Too Wide" the author, Carrie Turansky tells of a family whose children were taken into the children's home because the mother became too ill and the father died. These children were then sent to Canada without the mother's knowledge. And thus begins the tale. I couldn't help but compare their circumstances with the ones we have been hearing about in which DCFS plays a starring role. You certainly will be able to see. Yet the book's characters often who are experiencing dire circumstances, call on the Lord. And, of course, He answers. Sometimes not right away, but as in real life, He answers and the dire situations (or the people involved) improve. Just a reminder that He's always there, call on Him.

"What's the difference-manhood and womanhood defined according to the Bible " by John Piper We know that God made man and female: Man, then woman who was made from man's rib. They are different biologically. I think we can all agree on that. Then sometimes, men and women marry. A blessing from God. As Jesus said in Matthew 19:6, "Haven't you read that at the beginning the Creator made them male and female and said 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let no man separate.'" Certain characteristics belong to a man, and certain belong to a woman. They are God -given. How they are used is up to man (and woman), if he (she) checks in with God, that would be good. Also, certain characteristics belong to a married man and woman: "in the home when a husband leads like Christ and a wife responds like the bride of Christ, there is harmony and mutuality that is more beautiful and more satisfying than any pattern of marriage created by man. Maybe a reading of the Bible texts such as Genesis 2:18-24, Proverbs 5:15-19, Mark 10: 2-12 etc will make everything clearer. Also reading this book will clarify and, sometimes edify.

And, "A Basket Bed for Baby Moses" for two years and up, a surprise flap book. The story of Moses and (God directed) wisdom of his mother. The wisdom had to be God directed, his mother must have been praying and listening to God really hard for her to have the faith that God would protect Moses, after all there are dangerous animals in the Nile, plus what if the basket became waterlogged and sank, and This is an incredible account. And the little one will enjoy looking at the colorful pictures, raising the flaps, listening to you and being with you as you share the story.

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.

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

August 4-Mart
Knott

August 11-Sue
Gergescz

August 18-
Mark
Huegelmann

August 25-
Cris Kerins

The Secret of Aging Well

Richard H. Lee LUMC historian

I discovered a couple years ago that as we get older we lose muscle mass and strength. I met a young woman this morning I have not seen for about 3 years at the Tuesday morning "Farmers Market" and she said to me, "you are ageless!" I then explained how a couple years ago I heard about how important it is to eat (or drink) good quality protein and keep exercising every day if possible. Our natural loss of muscle mass, sarcopenia, can be delayed by good protein starting with breakfast and daily exercise to maintain it.

I have lost much of my buttocks, which is o.k. but what I am concerned about is my most important muscle, my heart. Muscle atrophy is another term that is used to describe the consequences of disability or being confined to be as muscles waste away. That's why they get you up as soon as possible in a hospital. The main cause of muscle wasting or loss is lack of physical activity. Along with strength loss is loss of endurance or ability to work or exercise for hours. Studies tell us adults can lose up to 8 percent of muscle mass each decade after age 40 and it speeds up at about age 65.

Reduced physical activity shrinks muscles faster and is a factor of falls and frailty in older adults, also affecting balance. Other factors that cause muscle loss are disability to turn protein into energy and not getting enough calories or protein each day to sustain muscle mass. B vitamins are needed to turn our food into energy and exercise will cause food to be burned rather than storing it as fat. The Mayo Clinic website says, "Without question, exercise is the most powerful intervention to prevent muscle loss from aging or debilitating chronic or acute diseases." Of course we should expect some loss of strength and endurance with age. There is also spiritual power to consider, such as "I pray that Christ Jesus and the church will forever bring praise to God. His power at work in us can do far more than we dare ask or imagine. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21(CEV)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 5-Jason Kehr
August 6-Emily Hennebry
August 10-Nathan Villacres
August 12-Marci Pierce
August 14-Jane Woytek
August 18-Rebecca Peraino
August 19-Ron Walter
August 20-Jacob O'Neill
August 22-Stephen Weary
August 24-Mary Jane Nelson
August 26-Daniel Stood
August 26-Seung Woo Lee
August 27-Jake Kirkman

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 2-Deb & Chuck Belander
August 2-Sue & Dave Hinks
August 6-Amy & Mike Cheehy
August 13-Sue & Roland Tasker
August 24-Kristin & Bob Nelson
August 28-Margaret & Bill Flynn
August 29-Karin & Tim Peraino



****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!

Customize this field with coordinator contact info, enrollment code, and/or sign-up information.

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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!

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!



to Grow and Reach New Disciples of Jesus Christ:

Intentional Discipleship Systems



Making and growing disciples is one of the highest priorities of the Northern Illinois Conference and a pillar of our strategic goals. Don't miss this conference-wide training to help leaders become more intentional about making disciples in their ministry setting. Each training event covers:

- Clarifying the **what**, **how**, and **why** of making disciples
- Creating an intentional discipleship system that works for your church
- Equipping your disciples with the right heart and motivation

Register at www.umcnic.org/news/being-intentional-about-making-disciples. Registration is FREE. Gather a group from your congregation to attend and pick the best time and location for you.

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

9 a.m. to 12 noon - Chicago Northwestern District
Park Ridge: First UMC, 418 W Touhy Ave

2 to 5 p.m. - Chicago Southern District
Homewood: St. Andrew, 18850 Riegel Road

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

9 a.m. to 12 noon - DeKalb District
Ashton: Reynolds UMC, 2496 Reynolds Road

2 to 5 p.m. - Rockford District
Freeport: Trinity UMC, 2600 W Pearl City Road

Thursday, September 12, 2019

9 a.m. to 12 noon - Elgin District
Schaumburg: Our Saviour's, 701 E. Schaumburg Road

2 to 5 p.m. - Aurora District
Naperville: Grace UMC, 300 E. Gartner Road



Our speaker is Rev. Jeff Campbell, Associate General Secretary of Strategic Programming for DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES (General Board of Discipleship). Rev. Campbell is an ordained elder of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.

Registration questions? Please contact Laura Lopez at llopez@umcnic.org or 312-346-9766 ext. 724

Questions about this training? Contact Rev. J. Martin Lee at mlee@umcnic.org or 312-334-0708

DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEMS TRAINING



Frequently Asked Questions About Apportionments:

Q: Why does my apportionment bill look different?

A: In response to questions from churches after the Special Session of General Conference regarding designation of apportionment funds, the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCFA) has changed the NIC apportionment statement. The new statement provides more information about the ministries supported by your local church, designating contributions to **three** NIC funds and **six** general church apportioned funds (a seventh fund, the General Administration Fund is not listed after the 2019 Northern Illinois Annual Conference voted to withhold payments to this fund). Apportionment contributions to the first three funds will exclusively support the mission and ministry of the NIC. [General Church Apportioned funds](#) are listed independently, with a recommended amount for each. All the funds are described on this [downloadable flyer](#).

Q: How will my church receive Rainbow Covenant credit?

A: Full payment of the apportionment on the three NIC funds plus contributions on each [Rainbow Covenant](#) band are necessary to get Rainbow Covenant credit. We encourage all NIC churches to go the second mile and become a Rainbow Covenant congregation through the support of designated mission giving to make disciples and transform communities across the connection.

Q: If there are 10 funds, why do I only see 9 on my statements?

A: At the June 2019 Annual Conference session, the NIC approved legislation to withhold payments towards the [General Administration Fund](#), which supports administrative and collaborative processes throughout the denomination including General Conference and the Judicial Council. This is the only fund currently not being supported by the NIC and should not be confused with the remaining funds sent to the General Church. This legislative action will be up for review at the November 16 Special Budget Session.

Q: What happens to the funds I send in for General Church Apportionments?

A: All monies received for General Church Apportionment Funds are mailed in their entirety to the General Church at the end of every month. The Conference does not take any money out of funds allocated to the General Church.

Q: How are the amounts to the General Church apportionment funds allocated?

A: In March 2019, CCFA divided the apportionment amount calculated for the local church among the three conference lines and the seven general church lines. The total of all should equal the original apportionment amount communicated in 2018. Payment of all the conference and

recommended amounts for the General Church funds equals the total apportionment calculated for the year. The local church gives 'a portion meant for others' in support of ministries around the conference and around the world. We encourage you to use the links and website resources on the [flyer](#) to learn more about these funds and the ministries of the UMC around the world. This may be a good opportunity to review the funds and decide as a church which areas/missions you support.

Q: Is my church supposed to pay both conference and general church apportionments?

A: Yes, the number of fund lines has changed from three to nine (originally ten) in order to allow churches to see how their funds are managed. Churches are still expected to pay the amount on each line. Churches that pay the conference funds and the general church funds listed on their bills at 100% will get an additional certificate from the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) as a 100% contributing church.

For more information or additional questions, please contact David W. Quinn, NIC Apportionments Administrator, 312.346.9766, ext. 741, or dquinn@umcnic.org.

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

Can you Use Cardboard Boxes?

For the last few years I have been doing Dialysis at home because it is easy to do and less straining for me. One of the disadvantages is that I receive many boxes of supplies and generate 14 empty boxes each week. These boxes are 13 inches wide by 15 inches long and are 7 inches high. I recently gave some boxes to a church member and it came to mind that other church members may be able to use them as well.

I will place one such box behind the glass cabinet near the choir room in the sanctuary for you to see. If you would like to receive some of these boxes, please contact me by email or telephone and I will bring them to church for you.

Marty Knott

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.



Back-to-School Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please guard our children's hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Help them focus and learn this year. Give them favor with their teachers and peers. And help them make godly friends and be a godly friend.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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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*

*Dave Hinks, lymph node cancer
Elena Winters (Miller), health issues
*Bill Kerins, cornea tear
Anna (Fries), bladder cancer
*Paulette Fries, colonoscopy
*Neil Janssen, strength
Joe (Curry), collarbone surgery
Ron, cancer treatment
*Chris (Peraino), passed away
Mary (Havemann), cancer
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
*Sheila Farrer, health issues
Joe Sigety, ALS, home
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Lou Gunder, lymphoma/chemo
*Dorothy Huber, loss of brother
Maureen Robinson, health issues
*Collette (Makinney), hernia surgery
Mike Mandziara, brain cancer
*Stewart Herron, health issues
Katie (Norfleet), kidney disease
June (Havemann), stomach cancer
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Harper (Norfleet), leukemia/home
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
*Bettye Curry, clean colonoscopy
Linda, dementia
Florian Talos, parkinson's
Lois, stage 3 cancer

*Rebecca Peraino, safe traveling
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
Jill (Lange), healing
E.D. McCormick, cancer
*Carol Kowalski, shoulder surgery
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke
Betty Broderick, rehab
Debbie Turner, kidney transplant
*Alberta Harden, health issues
*Joyce Koon, testing
*Jason/Kurt traveling this summer
Andrew (Pecher), cancer
Jim Durham, cong. heart failure
Kurt Herron (Miller), health issues
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

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Nicole Pecher Engaged!
*Price Family Visiting
*Independence Day
*History of our Church
*Pet Blessing
*Church Renovations
*Rev. Bross Preaching
*Care Bearers
*Mary Jane Nelson Family
*Danny Greenberg Married!
*Slammers Baseball Game
*Praise Band/Choir Party

Coffee Fellowship August 25 (Date has changed)

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



Coffee Fellowship

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

August 2019

Children's Message Schedule

August 4
Erik Anderson

August 11
Karin Peraino

August 18
GleeAnn Kehr

August 25
Sean Clark



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Greeters

August 4
Ron & Carol Walter

August 11
**Shirley Stout &
Dottie McAdams**

August 18
**Marty & Arlene
Knott**

August 25
Don & Pat Farrer

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

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 4th- 6-8pm on the grounds of Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1195 McCarthy Rd, Lemont A family celebration of EPIC proportions! Join us for a block party event for the whole family! Hotdogs, Friends, Games, Fun, Face painting, Puppet Show, Chicago Blaze Rugby, and lots and lots of fun!!!

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.

The Hope & Friendship Pickleball Tournament Sat Aug 10 12-6pm @ the CORE- Funds raised from this tournament will be used to assist our local youth who are struggling to afford school costs, supplies, & basic needs. Registration information available at www.hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com or email info@hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com

Mission Stay Saturdays- 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. We will be celebrating and recognizing all of those who are in the battle, survivors, and take a moment to remember those who have passed from their battle with Cancer. Please join us and enjoy the beauty of unity from a community of friends who care.

Haunted Canal HayRide- Fri Oct 25 & Sat Oct 26- Join us in creating year #2! We need many volunteers to join us as actors/haunts, security, ticket sales, planning team. Email for more information on upcoming planning meetings. Donations of your time/items/funds for the Hope and Friendship Outreaches are always deeply appreciated!! Visit our PayPal to help sponsor any of the above events. Volunteers are always welcome!!!



Lemont United Methodist Church

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Return Service Requested

NEW WINE August 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

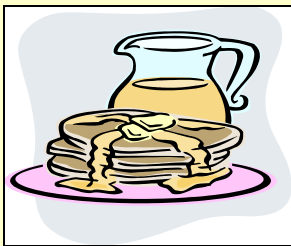
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

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



WILL NOT MEET IN AUG. 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



August 17

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.