



# The New Wine

## Upcoming Services and Events

**January 5th**  
8:30 Traditional  
Service  
10:45 Blended  
Worship  
Membership  
Reception

**January 12**  
8:30 Traditional  
Service  
9:30 Sunday  
School  
10:45 Blended  
Worship  
Mark Huegel-  
mann Preaching

**January 19**  
8:30 Traditional  
Service  
9:30 Sunday  
School/Breakfast  
Club  
10:45 Blended  
Worship  
Coffee Fellowship

**January 26**  
8:30 Traditional  
Service  
9:30 Sunday  
School  
10:45 Blended  
Worship  
Loose Change  
Sunday

Dear Members of Lemont UMC,

Happy New Year! With all my heart I wish you rich blessings and all the best for the New Year, 2020. As the New Year is opening with untold possibilities, I also hope and pray that we all dare to follow God's directions in new ways in our daily lives and in the life of Lemont United Methodist Church. Many of us were introduced to Epiphany through the familiar silhouetted image of Three Wise Men bearing gifts as they followed the Great Star by night. In some cultures, Epiphany is known as the *Day of the Kings*. *It is also known as Twelfth Day or Twelfth Night, reflecting an old custom of giving a gift for each of the days from December 25 to January 6 for the 12 days of Christmas. The day has special meaning for a number of reasons. Several branches of Christianity celebrate the birth of the Christ Child on January 6 or January 7.*

The word *epiphany* means appearance or manifestation. Popular usage likens epiphany to words such as *eureka* or *aha!* Use of this word by some English speakers conjures images of having a light bulb turned on, or of being able to see something that was once hidden from view. Many versions of the Bible refer to the Magi as the *Wise Men*. We often forget that these Magi or *Wise Men* were non-Jews. Older sources suggest that they were priestly descendants of one of the tribes of the Medes known for their knowledge of the stars, astronomy, and their ability to interpret dreams.

What we can learn from the *Wise Men* is first, the *Wise Men* began their journey because of their beliefs. It was a common belief that when a world leader like a king was born that a special stellar phenomenon would appear in the sky. The Magi saw something that convinced them that they had seen the long-awaited sign. Historians tell us that the Jews, the Romans, and the Persians were all watching the skies about that time, looking for signs of the birth of an extraordinary king. The *Wise Men* saw the star and began their journey. As we start our journey in 2020, I hope we all see God's sign through the star and follow. As we do so, may God give us all inspiration for this new year's journey.

Second, the *Wise Men* were willing to follow what they had seen into unknown territory. Their journey took them outside their country and their comfort zone. The *Wise Men* risked the consequences of disobeying Herod, who was known to behave as a madman and slaughtered baby boys under age two. *Wise men* listened to God's voice and returned to their country by another way. The Christian journey is often an off-road excursion. We do not know what lays ahead of us this year, 2020. As long as we are willing to follow, God leads our way and provides our need for the moment.

Third, the *Wise Men* were committed to the journey -- wherever the star might lead. The *Wise Men* set out to find a newborn King by following a star and ended up in finding a baby born to young, relatively poor parents! Not exactly what they expected and not exactly what befit their dignity as priests. In this new year, may we look to heaven for guidance and comfort and may we accept God's blessings in whatever forms we find them, just as the *Wise Men* accepted that their long, expensive journey led them to a baby born to young, inexperienced parents who lived on the poor side of town.

Finally, the *Wise Men* brought gifts. They did the thing that people in the East or in Africa or in India would do when visiting royalty. They brought gifts. Gold was the kind of gift that you brought to a king. Frankincense was the kind of gift that you would bring to a priest. Myrrh was given to someone who was about to die. On this Epiphany, think of the gift that you will offer to God in this year. The gift of time? The gift of your talents and money? The gift of your service in the community? The gift of your witness and testimony? The gift of undying love and devotion?

Their greatest gift comes to us in the form of a realization. The *Wise Men* were the first Gentiles to recognize that Jesus belongs to everyone. Good news is for everyone, not just a select few. In this Epiphany, we celebrate this good news that God's salvation is for all and that God's love breaks through to shine as a light in the darkness. "*Star of wonder, Star of light, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, Still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.*" Amen.

Happy New Year!  
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

# REROUTING GPS FOR YOUR CHURCH



Rev. Matthew Krings  
UMC of New Lenox



Rev. Harriette Cross  
First UMC of Wilmington



Rev. Cynthia Anderson  
Batavia UMC



Rev. Mary Zajac  
Baker Memorial UMC



Leah Oswald  
First UMC of Downers Grove



Rev. Eric Doolittle  
Chaplain, North Central College

**Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 8:30AM to 3PM**

Grace United Methodist Church of Naperville, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville, IL 60540

**A Day of Learning, Workshops, and Conversation for Pastors and Lay Leaders**

## Working Against Racism

A realization that we have been making as a denomination is that it is not enough to simply not be racist. Instead, we must begin to work toward the goal of anti-racism. To do this we need to work to dismantle systemic racism and build antiracist multicultural diversity. In this workshop, we will be examining the systems that lead to racism and looking at ways to engage in being antiracist. One of the ways that we will engage in this is through Community Study Circles. Rev. Matthew Krings and Rev. Harriette Cross will use the study circle model to give participants a chance to share their experiences, to gain awareness of the experience of others, and to come to mutual solutions.

## Using Adaptive Leadership to Revitalize Your Church

People are not attending church or participating the way they used to and the church no longer has a privileged place in our culture – and yet we have greater opportunities than ever to reach new people. But we can't keep doing what we've always done and expecting different results. We need to practice adaptive forms of leadership to chart a course into unfamiliar territory. Join Rev. Cynthia Anderson, Rev. Mary Zajac, and Leah Oswald to learn about the basic principles of adaptive leadership and to begin working with how adaptive leadership might help your church.

## Blursed Church: Young Adults and Institutional Religion

The numbers are clear - young adult participation in church is on the decline. In an age where religious institutions are shrinking, can we still engage young adults? What are they looking for in their spiritual life? Where are our liabilities that drive young people away? What does the United Methodist have to offer that is unique and potent? Explore these ideas with Rev. Eric Doolittle and a panel of young adults who have different kinds of relationships with the church. Explore demographic trends, real life experiences, and possible shifts in attitudes that might lead us to new ways of being the Church without being trapped by our own structures and institutions.

**Register by January 15 at**

**[www.umcnic.org/calendar/aurora-district-training-event](http://www.umcnic.org/calendar/aurora-district-training-event)**

**Cost: \$15 includes lunch (\$20 at the door)**

**Childcare and Children's Program available for additional \$10**

Financial scholarships are available if needed. Contact Natarsha Gardner at 847-931-0710 ext. 11 for details.



Northern Illinois Conference  
The United Methodist Church

Aurora District, Rev. Jeffrey Brass, District Superintendent

**CHILDCARE AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AVAILABLE!** Nursery care is available for infants through preschoolers. Children from Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join together and experience the abundant welcome of God, led by Beth Hagemeyer, Director of Children's Ministry at Naperville Community UMC. Just like their parents, they will discuss what it means to be a disciple, what racism looks like, and how to share stories with people they meet. Using children's literature and hands-on activities, we will explore what Latasha Morrison means when she says we are "color brave, color caring, color honoring" children of God. Please indicate children's ages and childcare needs on the registration form.



**WEBSITE CONSULTING AVAILABLE!** Sign-up for a FREE 20-minute session to review your church's website and see how it can be improved. Reserve your spot now!



## 2020 Laity Convocation



**Northern Illinois Conference**  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# UNPACKING RACISM

**Saturday, February 8, 2020**  
9 am to 12:30 pm (doors open at 7:45 am)

Sycamore United Methodist Church  
160 Johnson Ave, Sycamore, IL 60178

Learn, discuss, and understand the impact of racism, the concept of unconscious bias, how race shapes one's place and understanding of society, and the idea of privilege.



### AGENDA:

- Opening Worship
- Bible Study with Bishop Sally Dyck
- Panel Discussion
- Closing Worship with Communion

**COST:** \$10/person or \$40/church

**DEADLINES:** Register by 12 noon Feb. 5 at [www.umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation](http://www.umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation).

Register by 12 midnight Jan. 30 to purchase a box lunch for an additional \$10.

### PANELISTS:

Rev. Dr. Chris Pierson, Senior Pastor  
*Wheaton: Gary UMC*

Judy Siaba, Lay Servant  
*Oak Park: Euclid Avenue UMC*

Dr. Richard Guzman, Professor Emertius  
*North Central College, Naperville*  
*Bolingbrook: Friendship UMC*

Rebecca Fraley, Member,  
*ACST Anti-Racism Committee*  
*Steward UMC*

**FEATURING:** Display tables from UMM, Older Adult Ministries, Scouting Ministry, and Lay Servant Ministries.

The church is called to lead by our example within our lives, our institutions and by prophetic witness in society. As one of three strategic goals adopted by our Annual Conference says, we are called "to live out the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching." Gain a better understanding of what racism is and how it effects people of all races, but especially people of color. Learn how to begin to identify, challenge and change values and attitudes in the local church as well as your community.

**CHILDCARE AVAILABLE at no cost. Questions about registration?**  
Contact Laura Lopez at [llopez@umcnic.org](mailto:llopez@umcnic.org) or 312-346-9766, ext. 724.

## GC2020 Conversations Scheduled in February

Mark your calendars for "conversations" around the Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) about what is expected to take place May 5-15, 2020 in Minneapolis, Minn. during General Conference 2020 (GC2020). The following scheduled conversations are co-hosted by the NIC Exploration Team and NIC Delegations with DCM/Cabinet:

- \* Sunday, Feb. 2 @ 3-5pm: River Forest UMC
- \* Thursday, Feb. 13 @ 3-5pm: Woodridge UMC
- \* Thursday Feb. 13 @ 7-9pm: Schaumburg: Our Saviour's
- \* Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 3-5pm: Rockford: Christ

More information and registration coming soon to [www.umcnic.org/calendar](http://www.umcnic.org/calendar)

## Children's Christmas Program

We hope everyone enjoyed the Junior Choir Christmas Program "Jesus, the Best Gift Of All" on December 8th. Thank you to Layla Topete, Lila O'Neill, Evangeline Topete, Trace Lange, Elijah Topete, Tucker Lange and Samantha Meade for sharing their wonderful voices with us. A special thanks to Cris Kerins for faithfully teaching Junior Choir every week and sharing these beautiful children with us!

Thank You Cris Kerins!





## Worship Choir Christmas Cantata

Thank you to the Worship Choir for another beautiful Christmas Cantata! We look forward to it every Christmas!





## Open Pantry Christmas Donations

Thank you to everyone in our church and community who helped support the Open Pantry this Christmas season. Thank you to Kathy Cliff for bringing the Open Pantry a check from La Dolce Vita for \$600.00. We received food and monetary gifts from Emmanuel Baptist, Old Quarry Middle School, Annie Woytek, Michael & Rita Kuper, Joseph & Jeanette Zuzich, St. Al's, Kathleen Johnson, Brady & Allyn Grevic, Lemont Lions Club, Joan Forzley, Sharon Heslop, Leo & Virginia Cattoni, Martin Crehan, Steve, Jenna, Jeff and Lee Walter, White Eagle Club, Gerald Cox, Bruce & Lynda Biwer, and Kensington Estates.

A special thanks to St. Pat's for donating \$10,000.00 to the Open Pantry!

We are blessed!





## Lemont Township Giving Tree – Wish Ornament

Thank you to everyone who took a  
Wish Ornament to buy a child  
a Christmas Present.  
These children had a bright Christmas  
because of you!



## **Thank You Praise Band~!**

Thank you to the Praise Band for their Christmas Carols and  
the special songs during Advent and Christmas Eve Service!



## **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,  
First and Third Sundays of the month

**ADULT CLASSES:** In the Conference  
Room/Church or Karin's Office

**Labor Day-Memorial Day**

**\*We will not be teaching Youth Sunday School  
when the children have a three day weekend.**



## Thank you

On December 10th, Lorraine Gerhart, daughter of Pastor Coats from the 1920's, spoke on "Our Lost Heritage." Everyone who attended enjoyed her message and would love to see her back again.

Thank you to Richard Lee who planned this event!

## New Membership of Kristin Morrow

Kristin is a lifelong Christian, lives in Menifee, California. She is a remote medical coder, mother of six children, wife, and sister of Bill Shelby. She would like to reaffirm her faith and join Lemont UMC as a member. She has served as a worker in the nursery for Calvary Chapel Corona, Corona, CA., and will be as active in church functions as distance will allow.

Let us welcome our sister, Kristin Morrow!!!



## Scrip Checks

If you purchase Scrip cards please put your check in the red box located at the back of the sanctuary.



Thank You

## Picking Up Poinsettia~

If you ordered a Christmas poinsettia you may pick them up this Sunday, January 5th after the 10:45 service.

Thank you for making the altar beautiful!





# Sympathy Notice

## Gene Phillips

April 20, 1949-December 23, 2019



Eugene "Gene" S. Phillips, age 70 passed away on December 23, 2019. He was born in Chicago, IL on April 20, 1949 to Stanley E. Phillips and Stephanie Norris Phillips. Gene was a graduate of Southern Illinois University earning a bachelor's and master's in Logistics.

Gene worked in Logistics Management with various companies and retired with Tootsie Roll Industries in 2013. Gene was a devoted father and is survived by his two children, Stephanie and Tyler Phillips. Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Julienne "Julie" Phillips and his parents, Stanley E. Phillips and Stephanie Norris Phillips. Gene's love, sense of humor, and excellent cooking will stay in our hearts forever and will truly be missed. Services are being conducted privately.

You may send a sympathy card to Stephanie and Tyler Phillips at 26 Valley View Drive Lemont, IL 60439.

## MORT BENNETT

Mort passed away on December 24, 2019, at Holy Family Villa, Palos, IL. He was a pianist at our church and is resting in peace and uniting with his family.





## **Billy Gene Sykes**

January 20, 1932-December 25, 2019

Bill was born on January 20, 1932 to Curtis Eli and Henry Dell Sykes in Pyland, MS. Billy Gene Sykes, age 87, of Lemont, went to his heavenly home, December 25, 2019.

A 1949 graduate of Houston High School in Houston, MS, Bill attended Holmes Junior College in Goodman, MS, and earned his Bachelors' Degree in Civil Engineering at Mississippi State University, Starksville, MS, in 1954.

Bill was a U.S. Navy Veteran, during the Korean Conflict where he proudly served as Engineering Officer on the minesweeper, the USS Rival. Bill was a career Railroad man who viewed life through an Engineer's lens. He worked for the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad (ICG) for 36 years, culminating in the position of Chief Engineer – Planning & Structures in 1989. Bill then retired after 5 more years as Chief Engineer of the Toledo, Peoria, and Western (TPW) Railway Corporation. When he was not working you could find Bill on the golf course or at the very least wishing he were there.

Bill served on many professional boards and associations including the American Railway Engineering Association, Capital City Railroad Relocation Authority Board (Governor Appointee), and Road Masters & Maintenance of Way Association. He was a Chapter Mason, and an active member and Lay Servant of the United Methodist Church.

Bill was the loving husband to his college sweetheart, and wife of 67 years, Mary Jane, nee Hipp, Sykes; beloved father of Cheryl Jean (Rick) Finck, Jana Leigh (Bill) Stelter, and William Eric (Shari) Sykes; cherished grandfather of Curtis (Carolyn) Stelter, Adeline Sykes, Scott (Late wife Barb) Stelter, Cindy (Mike) Colin, and Todd (Betsy) Stelter; proud great-grandfather of Will and Anna Stelter, and Ailia, Emily, and Ivy Colin; brother of Bobby Joe Sykes; and uncle of Dorynda Kolden and Brian Sykes.

Memorials may be made in his name to Alzheimer's Association or Lemont United Methodist Church.

You may send a card to Mary Jane Sykes at 1270 Village Dr. Apt. 212 Lemont, IL 60439 and Jana Stelter at 1448 Chestnut Crossing Lemont, IL 60439.



# Loose Change Sunday & Rainbow Covenant

HOW DOES IT WORK? Loose Change Sunday is designated as the FOURTH Sunday of each month. All loose change collected in the offering on those days will be donated to our Rainbow Covenant Charities. Even a small contribution can make a significant difference when it is combined with the contributions from other churches. Through the Rainbow Covenant, our church provides monetary donations to pre-approved charitable efforts throughout the world. These charities are divided into six different categories, designated as different color bands of the rainbow. Each month we will highlight one of these charities. If you would like to make a larger donation to that specific cause, please use a pew envelope and write the name of the charity on the outside. Any church that pays their full apportionment and contributes to all six bands of the rainbow is designated as a Rainbow Covenant Church. LUMC has proudly been a Rainbow Covenant Church every year, for over 20 years! Let's keep the trend going. Please look for more information on each of these important ministries throughout the year and plan to drop your loose change in the offering plate on the fourth Sunday of each month. Thank you!

If you'd like to plan ahead, here are the charities that we will be highlighting this year:

February 23, 2020 – Blue Band: JUST of DuPage

March 22, 2020 – Green Band: Bethany Methodist Good Samaritan Fund

April 26, 2020 – Purple Band: missionary, Betty Tshala in Zambia

May—Bishop's Appeal

June 28, 2020 – Yellow Band: Caretakers of God's Creation

August 23, 2020 – Red Band: Living Well with AIDS

September 27, 2020 – Green Band: Midwest Mission Distribution Center

October 25, 2020 – Orange Band: UMCOR--Undesignated

November 22, 2020 – Blue Band: Morning Star Mission

December – recap of all charities

*FYI, Special Sundays are no longer considered part of the Rainbow Covenant but we still do collections on some of these days: Human Relations Day (1/19/20), Souper Bowl Sunday (2/02/20), UMCOR Sunday (3/22/20), Peace w/ Justice Sunday (6/07/20), World Communion Sunday (10/04/20), and UM Student Day (11/29/20)*

## Upcoming Worship Services & Events

January 1-Office Closed

January 5– New Membership Reception of Kristin (Shelby) Morrow

January 8-Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 11-United Methodist Men 8:00 a.m.

January 12-Youth Sunday School Resumes

January 18-Primetimers 12:00 p.m.

January 19-Breakfast Club/Coffee Fellowship

January 22-Ad Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

January 26-Loose Change Sunday

## Thank You for Global Missionaries

Our Mission offering for Global Missionaries last November and December raised 1,446.00!

Thank you for much for your donations! We already sent \$500.00 to the General Board of Global Ministries for Rev. Kyeong-Ah Woo and Rev. Jin-Yang Kim, UMC Missionaries to World Church Council in Switzerland.

We will send \$946.00 to 2 middle school students in S. Africa to be able to attend high school!

Thank you so much for your donations!

## Thank You

Thank you to Paulette Fries, Dottie McAdams, Deb Neitzel, Gina and Steve Walter, Alice and George Lange for making our church looking beautiful for Christmas!





## College Scholarships- Giving and Gratitude

We are so fortunate to have people in our church who look toward the future. Years ago some families who felt God's calling, invested money for college scholarships. These scholarships were to acknowledge our students involvement in church, to promote their continuing dedication to spiritual growth, and to help them with their educational goals.

On December 1st, we were again able to award scholarships to eleven students. They each shared information about their chosen college, what degree they are pursuing, and spoke of their gratitude for receiving this award.

Congratulations to: Megan Cheehy, Erin Cliff, Kurt Huegelmann, Jason Kehr, Jake Kirkman, Joshua Miller, Gabriella, Sara and Samantha Vazquez, Emily Stood and Shelby Fox.

Thank you, Cris Kerins & Dawn Ferrazzi, Co-chairman of the College Acknowledgement Program (CAP) and the generous donors~!!!



### CAP Thank You's

Dear Congregation,

Thank you so much for your support in my education! I'm extremely lucky to know that no matter where I end up, I'm able to come home to a supportive church family, and even without financial support, I still feel that my church family is one of the most positive motivators in my life. I especially appreciate having the support given to college students because of my studio classes. Because of my major, I spend a lot of time in the architecture building working on projects, and so getting care packages that I can bring there to share with my friends during late nights is usually very exciting for everyone involved. I also really appreciate the scholarship, as it allows me to purchase the +supplies I need for my studio classes, as well as my textbooks. I have to restock or purchase new materials frequently, so having funds specifically for that is very helpful. Thank you again for all the support I've received, now and in the past. I'm very grateful to have such a loving community around me.      Emily Stood

We would like to express our gratitude to LUMC for the college scholarship fund. As most of you know, Lino and I have all three of our kids in college this year and although we are so happy and blessed that they are very serious about their education and they are all doing so well, it is a huge financial output. We always felt that if we split the cost of their education they would take it more seriously and work harder. In saying that, we are so very grateful to the church for giving the kids scholarships. Not only will it help lighten their debt but it makes them feel like the entire church is part of their journey. It's a great feeling to arrive at church and see so many caring, friendly faces and to know that our kids have a great extended support system. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts!

Lino & Donna Vazquez

I would like to thank the entire church and the generous family whose donation makes all of this possible each year. I always feel very appreciative on that recognition day. As I stand next to my fellow college students, while we share a little about our scholastic pursuits, I feel the warmth and love from the whole church community and that means much to me as well. Knowing I have all of that support helps me get through the stresses of being a college student.

Yours in Thanks,

Joshua Miller

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the scholarship because it helps with the expenses of college. It helps to know that my church family supports my education.

Thank You,

Megan Cheehy

“Thank you LUMC college scholarship program for the generous scholarships every year. I have always appreciated the support throughout the years and I’m so fortunate to have so many loving and caring people cheering me on during my college experience.

Thank you! -Erin Cliff”

Dear LUMC,

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

Sincerely,

Jake Kirkman

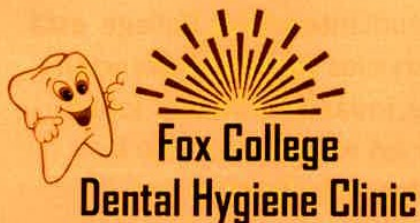
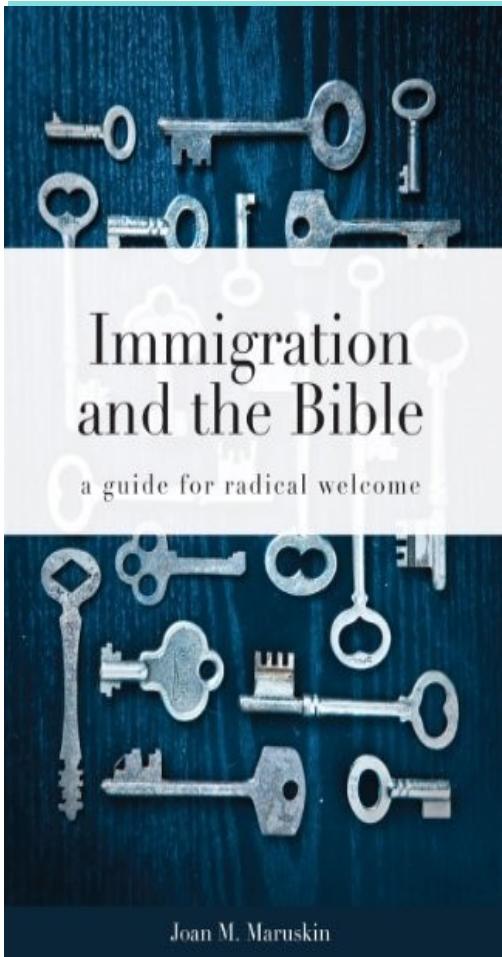


## Adult Sunday School

Immigration and the Bible is a guide for a radical welcome. The bible was written by, for, and about migrants, immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers. It gives directions for responding to sisters and brothers from around the world who come to a land seeking safety, sanctuary and sustenance.

Adult bible school meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Please see Dale Janssen for further information.



The Fox College student dental hygiene Clinic is open to the public. We offer dental services and specialty care for patients of all ages. All services are performed by students under the supervision of our licensed faculty

**FOR ONLY \$20**

- Teeth Cleaning
- X-rays

**Call to schedule your appointment !!!**

**Adults \$20.00**

**Children \$10.00 ages(3-10)**

**Fox College Dental Hygiene Clinic**

**6640 S. Cicero**

**Bedford Park, IL 60638**

**Tel: 708-444-4555**

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Please contact Shelby Fox

630 974-0363

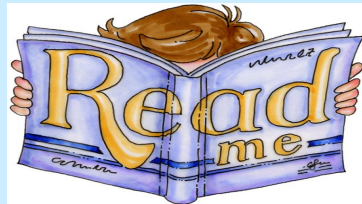
Expect no less than 3 sessions

Thank You~

## LUMC Women's Book Club

Stay tuned for new books to read in 2020!

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:	\$ -1,812.99
Receipts:	13,699.80
Disbursements:	12,765.40
General Fund ending balance:	\$ -878.59

## Pledge Report for 2020

Update on pledges:

2020 has 42 pledgers; 5 new pledgers but 6 people from last year did not pledge.

**I would like to encourage you that it is never to late to submit your pledge cards!**

13 increased their giving, but 6 people decreased their giving for 2020 .

In my overview, it appears that in total, we have less money pledged than last year.

I will keep you undated with the accurate total amount in my report next month.

I, truly, thank you so much for your financial commitment to Lemont UMC.

Regarding our **offering envelopes**, I contacted Cokesbury today and our order will not be here for a couple of weeks. In the interim, please use any extra envelopes you have from 2019.

Please change the date and remember your offering box number.

If you do not have any envelopes left, there are some at the back of the church.

Please take a few, and again change the date and include your number on the envelope.

There are also envelopes in the pews. Sorry for the delay but I'm redeeming myself by doing an automatic renewal next year which will result in 10% savings per order and .20 per box.

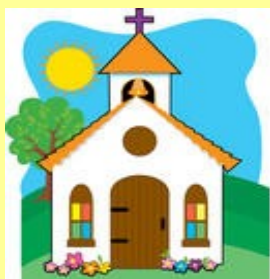
Thank you,

Peg Pecher, Financial Chair



## 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

### January 2020! Book Reviews

Before I begin the book reviews for the new year, I want to tell you about a food pantry patron who definitely is a person whose selflessness is pleasing to the Lord. She is a food pantry patron who has allowed a homeless person to live in her house. In fact, there are several food pantry patrons who have shared their homes with others who do not have one. There is a lady whose daughter was left alone by her husband. She had three little ones. That daughter is now living with her mother. Her mother is a food pantry person. For your information a food pantry person is one who has fallen on hard times, and needs a little help. Didn't Christ admonish us to not only tell others about the Good News, but to act on it. Evangelize in words AND DEEDS. The food pantry could really use your help, give, please. Isn't that what the Lord wants.

New Year. Lots of good resolutions? With prayer and strength from the Lord you might be able to follow them, that is if you don't get sidetracked by us evildoers. With this thought, I offer a how to book. Not just any, but one that considers "What If God Wrote Your To-Do List." What would happen if you considered HOW that to-do list should be done by you: always in love, with truth, joy and peace for others. Consideration for others is necessary- what can you learn from them? Maybe that checker at the grocery store is having a "bad day". Try not to yell when she over charges you because she didn't notice the sale price. Or, could be the garage mechanic has a headache because he has some many customers who want piddling little things done RIGHT NOW to their cars. Don't you be a RIGHT NOW person. I'm not saying it's necessary to be namby pamby, but EMPATHIZE. And then I believe acting as God wants you to act will improve. "You were designed, created. and placed on this earth." Don't let yourself get so concerned with the grind of daily life that you forget what God wants you to incorporate in the list and to have a life pleasing to Him. (So, I guess that means you have to read the Bible.) By the way, in the library is "The Story" which is a continuous account of God and His people, but the Bible is clearer to me since different verses divide it. I have always found it easier to understand because of that. And....

"Retirement"-yes it happens. And aren't we the fortunate ones. Being prepared, financially, health- wise, and head-wise will aid us in living for the Lord. This living involves spending time with family, volunteering, traveling, and several other ways. This is a time you can spend more time with kids especially those who challenged you when they were growing up. This is the time you can volunteer at church, the local library, any place that has an interest for you. This is the time (you fill in the blanks.) Or you can do something that you've always wanted to do-write, draw, take pictures, swim and, dare I say it, exercise. Always living each day to the fullest-well, at least trying to- I believe is pleasing to Him. (I wish I could say that I receive a pat on the head from God when I do good, but that doesn't occur.) I feel I need to pray and ask. Sometimes no answer, so I'll keep on trying. What is it Churchill said always "KPO which means keep plodding on." Also.....

Kids: "The One Year Book of Devotions" is available. Take it anytime, now would be good, and start reading on that day. The short stories are accompanied by a Bible verse which is easy to apply. Might make you think if you ever run into a like situation. So, in a way it's sort of a PREPARATION. Preparing for a test, school lesson, encounter on the bus or playground or that irritating locker-mate might be a thoughtful and helpful way of doing well. Did you do well on a test, with those guys playing kickball, or dealing with the locker mate whose puffy jacket didn't allow you much room? Growing up is really hard-ask me about living as an adult. But, I believe we learn by doing - and if it's God's way, well great.

# 90th Birthday of Rosalie Lind ~

Thank you for all the birthday cards and beautiful flowers. I appreciate the loving people in our congregation.

Thank You,  
Rosalie Lind



## Liturgist Schedule

### **January 5**

8:30-Bill Stelter  
10:45-Richard Lee

### **January 12**

8:30-  
10:45-Steve Walter

### **January 19**

8:30-  
10:45-Judy Janovyak

### **January 26**

8:30-  
10:45-

## A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold  
With new opportunities to explore  
Doors will open for new experiences,  
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,  
The things of this past year,  
The Lord will do new things in us,  
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us  
As we put our trust in Him  
And He will guide our every step  
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,  
We find we'll be able to do  
If we look for the opportunities,  
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back,  
But rise up and take our place  
And be all that God wants us to be  
With a fresh touch of His grace.

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 2-Rylee Rainaldi  
Jan.2-Abby Cliff  
Jan. 2-Teague Cliff  
Jan. 6-Sue Gergesz  
Jan. 7-Mary Jane Sykes  
Jan. 8-Beverly Svoboda  
Jan. 9-Linda Kennedy  
Jan. 10-Jodi Stood  
Jan. 11-Bonnie Flondor  
Jan. 12-Joanne Goszczycki  
Jan. 14-Lisa Anderson  
Jan. 21-Don Farrer, Jr.  
Jan. 24-Jessica & Jackie Kehr  
Jan. 28-Tom Gebel  
Jan. 30-Rob Lange  
Jan. 30-Shelby Fox

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jan. 27-Dave & Wendy Myers



### \*\*\*\*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](http://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 paper towel, toilet paper, peanut butter, pop tarts, chili, hash, and tomato soup.**



## 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!**





## 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  
\*Carol Kowalski, shoulder surgery  
Elena Winters (Miller), health issues  
Titan Gorum( Kehr), born 11 wks early  
Anna (Fries), bladder surgery  
\*Bill Hill, Jr., health issues  
\*Neil Janssen, strength  
\*Marty Knott, health issues  
Ron, cancer treatment  
\*Bev Svoboda, 5 wks of radiation  
Jordyn Milinis( Pecher), colonoscopy  
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer  
\*Sheila Farrer, health issues  
Joe Sigety, ALS, home  
\*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis  
Lou Gunder, lymphoma/chemo  
\*Elizabeth (Olinger), leukemia  
Maureen Robinson, health issues  
Kevin LaBlanc (Stelter), liver cancer  
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  
Jim (Makinney), liver cancer  
Linda, dementia  
Florian Talos, parkinson's  
Lois, stage 3 cancer

Debbie Turner (Knott), psoriasis  
David Goreham, blood disorder  
\*Sandra, autoimmune disease  
Tammy (Janovyak), ovarian cancer  
Mary, stage 4 cancer  
Collette (Makinney), hip surgery  
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's  
\*Dave Mlady, lingering illness  
Judy Bramill, cancer  
\*Leslie's dad, lung surgery  
E.D. McCormick, cancer  
\*Jacob Monnet, health issues  
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's  
Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke  
\*Antonio Lange, safe traveling  
Grant McBride, car accident  
\*Alberta Harden, health issues  
\*Joyce Koon, recovering  
\*Joanne Goszczycki, health issues  
Andrew (Pecher), cancer  
Jim Durham, cong. heart failure  
Gloria Egermaier (Pierce), health issues  
Valerie O., ovarian cancer  
Frank Burns (Olinger), mass on his lung  
Elida Ferrazzi, rheumatoid arthritis  
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer  
\*Bobbie Legan, broken wrist  
\*Mary Jane Sykes, strength

## MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

\*Christmas Cantata!  
\*Pastor's niece Jushin visiting!  
\*Scholarship Sunday!  
\*Bill & Willetta's 67th Anniversary!  
\*Birthdays!  
\*Anniversaries!  
\*Guest Speaker Rev. Doolittle!  
\*Rosalie Lind's 90th Birthday!  
\*Jr. Choir Christmas Program!  
\*Christmas Eve Services!  
\*Linda Kennedy 39 Years of  
Teaching!

## Coffee Fellowship January 19

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



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

January 2020

**Children's  
Message  
Schedule**

**January 5**  
GleeAnn Kehr

**January 12**  
Sean Clark

**January 19**  
Karin Peraino

**January 26**  
Ron Walter



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**Greeters**

**Jan. 5** 8:30-  
Wendy Myers  
10:45-Marty & Arlene  
Knott

**Jan. 12** 8:30- Don &  
Pat Farrer  
10:45-Kehr Family

**Jan. 19** 8:30-  
Bruce Ende  
10:45-Ferrazzi  
Family

**Jan. 26** 8:30-Stelter  
Family  
10:45-Stood Family

**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**

## Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer  
Lemont, Illinois 60439  
Phone: 630-257-5210

**Return Service Requested**

# NEW WINE JANUARY 2020

## 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

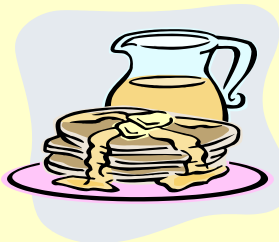
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

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



**January 11th**

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

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



For those of you that might not be aware, we DO have a FB page. Please try and visit it regularly. As time goes on we will be posting more and more.

We have reached 1,440 people through Vacation Bible School video clips and pictures! If you have not seen them please go to facebook and click LIKE.

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

## Primetimers



**January 18th**

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.