

The New Wine

Dear Family Members of Lemont United Methodist Church,

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

February 2nd 8:30 Tradítional Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Blended Worship Pízza Pick Up

February 9th

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February 16th

8:30 Traditional Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Blended Worship Coffee Fellowship

February 23rd

8:30 Traditional Service 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Blended Worship Loose Change Sunday 1 Corinthians 13 is one of my favorite Bible passages because it really motivates me more loving in my relationship with God, with my husband, and with my neighbors. It says, *"If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends... And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."*

Everything we do needs to be motivated by love. From our daily decision to our life long term dreams, our congregation's motivation muse never be pride, nor fear, anger, resentment, nor anything else other than love— love for God and love for our neighbors. As followers of Christ, let us commit ourselves to be people of Love, called by Christ and driven by love.

UMC News

In the beginning of 2020, The United Methodist Church made national news. Methodist leaders from around the world released a press about their proposed legislation called, "Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation." It opens door for conservative and progressive United Methodists to part ways and form a new expression of Methodism. You may check it at the UMC official news site, <u>www.umnews.org</u>.

I would like to remind you a couple of things. While the proposal made headlines, nothing is official. Nothing has changed. Truth is that the only body that can make this decision is General Conference which meets in Minneapolis, MN on May 5-15, 2020. Let us continue to lift up our denomination and GC delegates in our prayers. Please read our Bishop Sally Dyck's Column in the next pages. If you want to know more, your may attend GC 2020 Conversation Session on February 13, 2020 from 3 PM to 5 PM at Woodbridge UMC.

Upcoming Worship Schedule:

In February, the overall theme of sermons will focus on The Call: the Life and Message of St. Paul. February 2, 2020 "Called to Suffer" — Paul's Second Missionary Journey (1) February 16, 2020 "Called to Love"— Paul's Second Missionary Journey (2)

February 23, 2020 "Called to Cove — Paul's Second Missionary Journey February 23, 2020 "Called to Give" — Paul's Third Missionary Journey March 1, 2020 "Call to Be Faithful" — Paul's Death and Legacy

Ash Wednesday — February 26, 2020 at 7 PM

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which falls on the final Wednesday on February 26. Please join us as we enter in to the season of Lent and have ashes. Service will be at 7 PM.

With love, Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

Bishop Dyck's Column: "Road to Reconciliation"

The story of Esau and Jacob's "reconciliation" may be a prescient one for this moment in United Methodism (see Genesis 32-33). I'm sure you remember the story. Esau was pretty mad— homicidally mad—at Jacob for stealing Esau's birthright and blessing. For decades, the two lived apart. But the time came for Jacob to return to the land of Canaan and in order to do that, he had to face Esau.



He spent the night beforehand praying and tossing and turning with the angel of the Lord (or whomever it was). When he awoke, he realized that he was wounded. But he persevered in spite of the report that Esau was coming with a mighty army of 400. Jacob was justifiably afraid about what would happen. He strategized about how to keep his loved ones safe, preparing for the worst but also for the best possible outcome. And he took gifts for his brother.

Much to Jacob's surprise, Esau came immediately to him and "hugged his neck," embracing him as the long lost relative that he was. There was some verbal and cultural dancing back and forth. Esau wanted them to go forward together; Jacob didn't want to do that. Jacob wanted to give Esau gifts, but Esau didn't see that as necessary. Finally, they parted ways. They were never best friends or very brotherly with each other. But there was just enough reconciliation that they were able to come together peaceably when their father died and, most importantly, not to live in animosity. There was just enough reconciliation for them to separate in peace.

This may be the moment in United Methodism when we have just enough reconciliation for us to separate in peace. By this time, I hope that you have had the opportunity to read the "Protocol for Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation," which was a mediated agreement by factions within The United Methodist Church to end the harm we are inflicting upon each other regarding human sexuality. I encourage you to read it at unitedmethodistbishops.org First, let me say that I come to this place of potential separation with a great deal of sadness. I have for decades believed that we could find a way as the church to bridge, if not resolve, our differences about human sexuality and the underlying dynamics, such as interpretation of scripture.

We are not only divided, but are in a constant state of battle, strewing winners and losers along our way. The United Methodist Church itself was the greatest loser following the Special Session of General Conference in February 2019. I think all would agree that no one won and that our witness to the world for Christ was seriously damaged. A lot of plans have been proposed for General Conference 2020 since our special session in St. Louis in February. I think it's safe to say that most of them involve some degree of separation, too, so the Protocol isn't unique. What's unique about it is that it is a mediated agreement by the factions within the church to put an end to the war. Part of that agreement is that the other plans will be pulled back so that General Conference 2020 can act on this one.

A few other points to keep in mind:

- The United Methodist Church has not separated or split, as many secular press have reported through sensational headlines. The General Conference is the only body that can act on the agreement and that won't be until May 2020, if it happens.
- The United Methodist Church remains intact; in essence, it wouldn't split but allows others to leave if they so desire. The Traditionalists are expected and have negotiated these terms in order to leave. Others such as progressives could also leave.
- The agreement allows The United Methodist Church to be a "Big Tent" church, not forcing anyone to officiate same-gender weddings but also not penalizing those who do. Likewise, LGBTQ+ persons who already serve among us are not penalized.

- No one is required to vote! This has been a cry across the church during the last year as
 proposals have been developed and discussed. No local church or annual conference needs to
 vote in order to stay in The UMC. Only if a local church or annual conference does not want to
 stay within The UMC, then they would vote to leave.
- The agreement called for a moratorium or abeyance on all complaints, charges and trials against LGBTQ+ clergy or clergy who perform same-gender weddings, beginning now. Admittedly this isn't the official law of the church, but it is a part of the cascade of my own conviction not to pursue complaints. The Northern Illinois Annual Conference's legislation in June 2019 also calls for the bishop not to pursue complaints to trial and not allow any money or personnel to be used for complaints and trials. The North Central Jurisdiction's delegation also issued a statement that there be no complaints and trials regarding human sexuality across our jurisdiction.
- \$25 million will be given to those who create the new Traditionalist denomination and \$2 million for any others who seek to leave The UMC.
- Pensions will continue to be held at Wespath for the UMC as well as any new expressions of Methodism so that there aren't huge liabilities or payments for those who leave.
- The trust clause will allow those who wish to leave to keep their property, as long as they join one of the new expressions of Methodism.
- A reparations fund will be created (\$39 million with \$26 million from the UMC and \$13 from the Traditionalist denomination) to support ministries with people of color as well as Africa University.
- A regional U.S. conference, similar but not the same as a central conference, will allow the U.S. to meet and decide on ministry not related to the global church. However, the global church connection will continue.
- An agreement that the U.S. legal system won't be used to acquire additional assets. Frankly, if an agreement like this isn't passed at General Conference, most likely it will be lawyers who benefit and our financial resources as a denomination, annual conferences, and local churches will be seriously jeopardized.

Some people who have read the Protocol are encouraged by this development and others understandably have concerns. We need to understand the Protocol as it exists and also discern how it might be perfected without jeopardizing the agreement so as to bless those who wish to leave The UMC.

My reference to having enough reconciliation to separate in peace is important in our discernment about the future. A compromise (which is what this mediation protocol is) doesn't make everyone happy or comfortable. But if it is perfected and agreed upon, it will prevent a legal blood bath or the total coming apart of our church. My question is: what is the alternative to some form of this protocol going forward?

Therefore, I encourage people to attend our conversations in February across the conference. The agenda may have shifted slightly, but it's still important to understand what is going on in our church and to hear from and have the ear of our own delegation to General Conference.

Jacob wrestled with God before meeting Esau. He acknowledged that he was wounded. Coming to this painful but potentially reconciling moment in the life of our church is wounding. But the pain and sadness that has been increasing and ongoing are also debilitating to our mission and witness as a church. So Jacob went out and faced Esau whose face was that of God to him, and they had enough reconciliation to go their ways in peace. Maybe it be so for all of us in The United Methodist Church.

~Bishop Sally Dyck

Laity Convocation Registration Open

Registration is open for the 2020 Laity Convocation on **Feb. 8** at Sycamore UMC. This year's theme is "Unpacking Racism." This event will focus on one of the adopted strategic goals of our Annual Conference: "To live out the conviction that racism is incompatible with Christian teaching."

The day will begin with worship, followed by a Bible study led by NIC Bishop Sally Dyck. A panel of lay and clergy will help us examine the topic of racism through stories, question-and-answer sessions, and brainstorming ideas for how individuals and churches can become leaders in pursuing equity in society. Registration deadline is **Feb. 5 at noon**. Optional box lunch is available for \$10 if attendees register by **Jan. 30**.

Road to GC2020 Conversations

General Conference 2020 (GC2020) will be here before we know it (May 5-15 in Minneapolis)—and we know many throughout the NIC have questions.

Gather to learn and discuss the issues leading up GC2020 at one of six conversations being held across the conference with the Exploration

Team, Delegates, and members of the Cabinet. Bishop Sally Dyck will speak on recent news that the North Central Jurisdiction's Episcopacy Committee and College of Bishops are recommending electing only one instead of two bishops at the July Jurisdictional Conference.

Two new locations and times in Sycamore and Dolton have been added since the initial announcement.

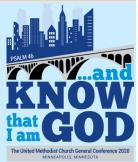
Dates:

Sunday, Feb. 2 @ 3-5pm: River Forest UMC, 7970 Lake St., River Forest
Thursday, Feb. 13 @ 3-5pm: Woodridge UMC, 2700 75th St., Woodridge
Thursday Feb. 13 @ 7-9pm: Schaumburg: Our Saviour's, 701 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg
Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 3-5pm: Rockford: Christ, 4509 Highcrest Rd., Rockford
NEW Sunday, Feb. 16 @ 7-9pm: Sycamore UMC, 160 Johnson Ave., Sycamore
NEW Saturday, Mar. 7 @ 10am-Noon: Dolton: Faith UMC, 15015 Grant St., Dolton

Conversations are open to members of all NIC churches—you do not have to attend a conversation within your district.

For more info on what's being presented at GC2020, the Advance Daily Christian Advocate (ADCA), which contains the agenda, rules, delegate listings, petitions, reports from the general agencies/commissions and study committees, information for delegates, and codes of conduct for the General Conference, is now available <u>online</u>.





Lenten Bible Study and Sermon Series

The Walk:

Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life By: Adam Hamilton

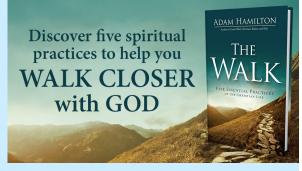
How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

In The Walk, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation,

and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

The Book is available at \$15.00. Please sign up for the small group Lenten Bible Study. Dale Janssen may one and as well as Pastor Oh. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining the study.



Communion Stewards 2020

8:30 Servers

Sue Hinks Sharon Heslop Jana Stelter Wendy Myers Phil and Leslie



10:45 Servers

Alice and George Lange Dawn and Tony Ferrazzi Cris Kerins Joanne Goszczycki Debbie Neitzel Shirley Stout Dottie McAdams Peg Pecher Mark Huegelmann Paulette Fries Amy Cheehy Sue Gergescz Christine Miller Craig Baxter GleeAnn Kehr

2020—10:45 Servers		
January	Amy Cheehy/	
February	Chris Kerins/ Sue Gergescz	
March	GleeAnn Kher/ Peg Pecher	
April	Paulette Fries/ Mark Huegelmann	
Easter	George and Alice Lange/	
	Christine Miller and Craig Baxter	
May	Debbie Neitzel/ Shirley Stout	
June	Dottie McAdams/ Amy Cheehy	
July	Sue Hinks/ Wendy Myers	
August	GleeAnn kehr/ Paulette fries	
September	George and Alice Lange	
October	Dawn and Tony Ferrazzi	
November	Joanne Goszczycki/ Amy Cheehy	
December	Christine Miller/ Craig Baxter	

Pizza Sale Pick Up

Please pick up your pizzas after the 8:30 am and 10:45 am services on February 2nd.

Thank you for supporting Red Bird Mission.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday February 26th at 7 P.M.

The season of Lent begins with a call to repent, which means to "turn around" and is a time of reminding ourselves who we are called to be in the world. Come and receive the mark of ashes on your forehead as a sign that from dust you came and to dust you will return.



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.



Notes From The Angel Fish by Leslie Baker-Ramos



"On a typical chilly Saturday afternoon, Phil and I find ourselves discussing the upcoming church services for the month, and we begin

our usual process of selecting music. There are several factors that come into play as we build our monthly set list. What will be Pastor's focus or lesson? Which scripture readings have been selected? Which musicians will or will not be present? How difficult are the songs to learn and play?

We are often approached by members of the congregation and the band who have song ideas they would like us to consider. We do our best to listen to those requests and consider them whenever possible. LUMC members have brought us inspiration ranging from traditional hymns to pop music, from the Beatles to Johnny Cash – God's word is all around us and it brings us great joy to craft those requests into praise and worship songs on Sunday mornings.

There are other times when the weight of troubling or extraordinary world events weigh on us and Phil and I select songs that reflect a Christian response to those struggles. Similarly, when one of our own congregation is struggling with health or other personal concerns, we look for songs to lift them up and surround them with love and strength.

One of our upcoming songs for February is a song entitled, "I Refuse" by Josh Wilson. The lyrics of this song remind me of why I am a Christian. It is more than a title which allows us membership into some exclusive club. It is a responsibility we accept and a call to action- to "do what God has called me to do, myself". I've included the lyrics of the song, below, and I hope you find them as meaningful as we do.

I REFUSE by Josh Wilson

Sometimes I, I just want to close my eyes And act like everyone's alright, when I know they're not This world needs God, but it's easier to stand and watch I could say a prayer and just move on, like nothing's wrong But I refuse 'Cause I don't want to live like I don't care I don't want to say another empty prayer Oh. I refuse to Sit around and wait for someone else To do what God has called me to do myself Oh. I could choose not to move But I refuse I can hear the least of these, crying out so desperately And I know we are the hands and feet, of You, oh God So if You say move, it's time for me to follow through And do what I was made to do, and show them who You are 'Cause I don't want to live like I don't care I don't want to say another empty prayer Oh, I could choose, not to move But I refuse"



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

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

Feb. 26-box of cereal Feb. 27-peanut butter Feb. 28-pasta sauce Feb. 29-pasta noodles March 2-canned tuna March 3-hamburger helper March 4-chips March 5-crackers March 6-granola bars March 7-paper towels March 9-fruit snacks March 10-ramen March 11-macaroni and cheese March 12-canned fruit March 13-pasta sides March 14-box potatoes March 16-canned tomatoes March 17-corned beef hash March 18-dessert mixes March 19-shampoo/conditioner March 20-feminine products

March 21-bar soap March 23-body wash March 24-toothbrushes March 25-toothpaste March 26-oatmeal March 27-applesauce March 28-pancake mix March 30-lunchbox snacks March 31-toilet paper April 1-chunky soup April 2-canned soup April 3-garbage bags April 4-canned dog food April 6-canned cat food April 7-jelly **April 8-kleenex** April 9-aluminum foil April 10-sandwich baggies April 11-coffee

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

40 Days of giving Food Items to Open Pantry~







Looking Ahead

Though it seems far in the future, it isn't. The Last Supper performance will be on April 5th, Palm Sunday evening at 7pm.

I will be contacting all of the people involved. Arlene Knott, director.

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



Offering Envelopes

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

Thank You

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, January 26th, the SHYG went go carting at Accelerated Indoor Speedway. We learned about the many distractions in life. Especially the distractions that can interfere with our relationship with God.



On February 8th we will meet at Old Quarry Middle school at 9:50 a.m. to help make sack lunches with Hope and Friendship.

Please join us!

Combined Service and Brunch, Sunday, March 1st

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 1st. As we head into Spring, we will fellowship together at our Brunch. On the 3rd we will have only one service starting at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Brunch will follow at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are hoping for a great turn out. If you are able to attend please sign up on the sheet on the back table in the Sanctuary. We will need to know numbers for food preparation. You can also sign up to bring something if you are able. The menu will be breakfast casseroles with fruit and other delicious sides.

Come and break bread with us.



WE ARE THE CHURCH

"A little while ago, the church held a Gratitude service where various individuals and ministries were recognized. There was a hand out at the



service and was glancing at it and there were a lot of ministries listed. There were 44 of them! I had no idea. I started wondering what were these ministries, who heads them up, and what were they all about? Then I had a hunch that the rest of the congregation wondered the same thing. So I reached out to the leaders of the ministries and asked them the same set of questions and we are publishing their responses here in the New Wine. We plan to feature three or four ministries a month. You know some of them, but you do not know all of them. So, read about the fabulous things that the folks in these pews next to you do and make a decision ask additional questions and, to join in at least **two** of the ministries. Thanks--Phil

MARGE FOX

Fundraising Coordinator Jan 6, 2020

How long have you headed up this ministry and when and how did you first get involved?

I honestly don't remember the year I got involved in Fundraising. Maybe 10 years ago? It started with The CROP Hunger Walks, a ministry that the church had been involved in for many years but was dropped because no one volunteered to run it. I did that for maybe 5 years and moved on to Scrip.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. Some folks would pledge money and others would walk some distance. LUMC would receive a check for a percentage of the funds that we raised and that went to our food pantry. Scrip is an ongoing gift card program that ultimately raises money for whichever ministry is in need. A percentage of each card sold comes back to LUMC...Of late we've been using the monies for Red Bird Mission.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

Slow but sure the congregation is getting more involved, especially around the holidays.

What were the greatest challenges?

Getting more of the congregation involved! Scrip is a win-win, You buy a card for \$25 you GET \$25, but the church gets a percentage depending on the card. I'm not sure why more people don't participate.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

It's easy to manage so far, and it's on going so I don't have to create a new fundraiser (like mixed bag designs) unless I decide to. I can only ask for money so many times during the year :) so I pick and choose, but Scrip will always be a constant in our church.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

They can learn that I am dedicated to the church and always willing to help.

Closing remarks

Honestly, fundraising has NEVER been a passion, it's a fluke that I do it at all. I dislike constantly asking for money. I dropped CROP Hunger Walk after participation started to dwindle. I had heard about Scrip. I participated in it when my kids were in High School so I revisited the web-site and it seemed pretty simple so I started Scrip.





TOM GEBEL

Helping Hands Ministry Jan 8, 2020

How long have you headed up this ministry and when and how did you first get involved?

Helping Hands Ministry has been in place for two years. It was brought to my attention by Tony Ferrazzi that the vast majority of our church congregation consists of people over 55 and how home repairs and handyman odds and ends are needed.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

When a repair is needed, I explain to the church member that I do not charge for the labor. If parts are needed the cost of that is the responsibility of the homeowner.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

Completing a project for someone else is satisfying to me. I have been able to help with glazing windows, hanging shutters and shelves as well as doing some minor electrical work.

What were the greatest challenges?

My biggest challenge in doing the repairs is anticipating what tools will be needed to complete the job. Another challenge for me is if the request to do a job that is out of my realm of expertise. I find it unfortunate and disappointing that I am unable to help them.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

I enjoy working with my hands and I find satisfaction in the fact that I can help others.

Closing remarks.

I appreciate the talents I have while working with my hands. I feel blessed and I feel it is important to give back.



KAY NORFLEET

LUMC Library Ministry Jan 9, 2020

How long have you headed up this ministry and when and how did you first get involved?

I've been working on the library for about 3 or 4 years because I like to read and I think everyone should.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

I get books that I hope the church people will read and enjoy and that way, their thoughtfulness, a gift from God, will enrich. My belief is that each of us

needs to take the time to ingest words and thoughts that hopefully inspire. We all have minds and this is a chance to use them.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

First, when I began the library, I bought books that I hoped would be appreciated. And, wow! Some have told me that they really liked a certain topic or work of fiction. I won't deny that finding something acceptable was somewhat of a problem (Please keep on critiquing). Now others are donating their books that they have read and they recommend. As I said, I like to read, and I want others to experience that enjoyment. Reading enlarges your vocabulary and thought.

What were the greatest challenges?

One challenge is getting younger readers interested. If someone would help me there I'd appreciate it.



BILL PRICE

Lay Servant Ministry January 9. 2020

When and how did you get involved, and how long have you been involved in this ministry?

I've been heading these types of programs since 1999, when my pastor, at the time, Rev. Randall Hamill, Grove Oklahoma UMC, recommended that I take the Basic Lay Servant Course.

Tell a little about the ministry.

According to UMC Book of Discipline, the Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples. To

better remember and understand the core process, think in terms of HOPE—Hospitality, Offer Christ, Purpose, and Engagement. The basic course for Lay Servant Ministries include leading worship, leading prayer, discovering spiritual gifts, preaching, United Methodist Heritage and Living Our United Methodist theology, United Methodist Policy and Life Together in the United Methodist Connection, and other courses.

What are some highlights or accomplishments?

After taking the course, Pastor Hamill asked me to start a group for Lay Servants in our church. We found several men and women who were interested and started a local Lay Servant Team that continues today. The Team serves to assist the pastor and has also been asked to preach at several nursing homes every Sunday. The Team also supplies nearby small Methodist Churches with Lay Speakers to lead the services and to preach when the pastors of those churches are unable to be there. After moving to Lemont in 2015, Rev. Kelly Van interviewed us and following that interview gave a standing invitation to fill the pulpit and asked if I would encourage others to become Lay Servants/Lay Speakers and work toward starting a Lemont Lay Servant Team. There are several who are interested and some are working through the Certification courses at this time.

What were the greatest challenges?

Setting aside the time to schedule and attend the required training was challenging for me because it was a busy time in my life. Currently many of the training courses are available via the internet and "Be a Disciple".

What keeps you going in this ministry?

I believe it is a means for lay persons to serve the Lord and to serve the church.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

Working in the Lay Ministry Programs people will learn more about leading worship, leading prayer, discovering their spiritual gifts, preaching, United Methodist Heritage, Living Our United Methodist philosophy, and the United Methodist Policy.

Closing comments.

Through this equipping and empowering system, laity have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples. It is recommended to any who wish to do these things.

Upcoming Worship Services & Events

February 2nd-Pizza Order Pick Up After Both Services/Breakfast Club
February 5th-Daybreak Shelter 6:00 p.m.
February 8th-United Methodist Men 8:00 a.m./S.H.Y.G. 10:00 a.m. Laity Convocation at Sycamore UMC 9-12:30 p.m.
February 9th-Scouting Ministries Sunday
February 9-11-Pastor at the Board of Ordained Ministry Candidate Conference
February 12th-Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 15th-Primetimers 12:00 p.m. at Fork and Spoon
February 16th-NO Youth Sunday School/Coffee Fellowship
February 19th–Ad Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 23rd-Loose Change Sunday
February 26-Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m.

Annual Contribution Statements

Thank you so much for your contribution to Lemont UMC in 2019! Your annual contribution statement is ready to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

After February 29th, we will mail the rest of the statements.

Loose Change Sunday & Rainbow Covenant

February "Souper Bowl" Sunday (this is not a Rainbow Covenant band)

Coinciding with the football Super Bowl on Sunday, **February 2nd**, our Sunday School children will take a special collection for the LUMC Open Pantry. Reach into your pockets to drop a coin or bill into the soup pots. Even just \$1 per person will help! It might not seem like much but together we can make a difference! All contributions will be donated to our Open Pantry to help provide food for local families in need. Thank you for helping us put a bowl of soup on every table!

February 2020 Rainbow Covenant

In addition to our annual apportionment, LUMC makes monetary donations through the Rainbow Covenant in order to support specific causes. All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant. Each month we highlight a charity from one of the bands of the Rainbow Covenant. For February, we are highlighting the **blue band charity, JUST of DuPage.** JUST stands for Justice, Understanding, Service, and Teaching; it is the only social service ministry in the DuPage County Jail, where it provides chaplaincy, spiritual enrichment, addiction recovery, and educational services.. Please bring in plenty of change on February 23rd (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "JUST" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

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

I would like to let everyone know that I am so extremely grateful for the LUMC Scholarship that I have received. This scholarship has meant so much to me and my siblings. With all three of us in school, your support and love means the world to us, knowing you have our backs and care so much. It was so wonderful to see the congregation and talk with all of you lovely people once again! Happy New Year!

Sara Vázquez

To My Friends at LUMC,

I cannot begin to thank you enough for all of your love and support while I am away at school. It is always reassuring to know that LUMC will always be there for me. I miss seeing my LUMC friends, and it is always so nice to catch up with you all while I am home for break. I'd like to give a special thanks to Mrs. Kerins, Mrs. Ferrazzi, and anyone else who contributes their hard work and precious time towards the College Scholarship Program. It is truly amazing that our church is able to give scholarships to multiple recipients. I know I say this every year, but it is always a pleasant surprise to receive some mail from my friends at the church. It's nice to know that people are always thinking of me. Thank you so much for awarding me with this scholarship, I am beyond grateful. Again, thank you all for your love and support throughout my journey.

Sincerely,

Jake Kirkman

To My Church Family,

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the words of encouragement ad positivity as I finish my last year of dental hygiene school. Receiving letters/cards and phone calls from my church family means more to me than you would every know. A special thanks to Cris and Dawn for heading the CAP Program and always looking out for us college kids. The CAP Program has made a huge impact on me this year as well as past years to help with the cost of going to school. Not only does it take away the burden of having to pay for books and tuition, but it also helps me constantly think about how grateful I am to have a loving/ caring church family!

With Love,

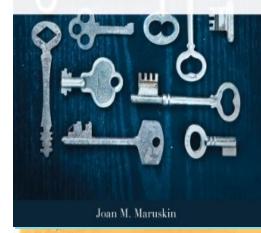
Shelby Fox





Immigration and the Bible

a guide for radical welcome





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

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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:	\$	-878.59
Receipts:	41,082.44	
Disbursements:		4,837.97
General Fund ending balance:		25,315.88

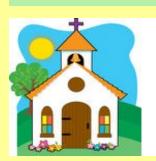
Please join us for Scout Sunday on February 9th

We will honor all scouts, leaders, masters, dens and their parents. A Special Offering will be collected for Scout Ministries. Mark Huegelmann will be preaching. After the 10:45 a.m. service we will fellowship together with cake and coffee.



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

"God's Promises for the American Patriot" compiled by Dr. Richard G. Lee (any relation to a member of this congregation?) God's Word and the American story are inseparable Dr. Lee says. Are they? Just read about how George Washington addresses this thought, in his Thanksgiving recommendation: Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg address, Elias Bouinot, Jr. American statesman from New Jersey and elected head of the American Bible Society, George Washington Carver, scientist and deliverer of information on how to use God-given products, FDR, US president, who led us out of Depression and through WWII, and Ruth Graham Bell whose commitment to the Lord guided her life and likewise so many others believe. These people and other patriots relied on The Word to guide them and thus to guide Americans. Americans who believed The Word to be the ultimate authority. And you know what, they were right. The leading of these American patriots resulted in success for America... Just think...thank God for them, their thoughtfulness. And pray for yourself to understand true American patriot thoughtfulness and insistence.

"Hear the Rush of Angel Wings" This book poses the question of angels. The Bible assures us that there are angels: Many verses attest to their presence including Luke 20:35-36. Angels are God's creations, creations who praise Him. Revelation 4:8 ...there are 4 living creatures "praising God saying holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." 2 Samuel says there is "an angel of God in discerning good and evil." God made angels to do His Bidding. Of course, there are good and bad angels. You can tell good and bad by what they do (remember, God gave us minds): minds that we need to enlighten through prayer. In this book there are examples of good angels. An angel who talked to a young man and offered him God's blessing, what ensued was incredible; an angel who gave financial help, AFTER the believing man asked; the angel fed by a believer, and so many more instances. Our belief is what brings on angels, that is Total Belief in the Lord!

"The Power of a Praying Kid" Kids, teens, adults do you offer up prayers to do the right thing when you're scared, hurt, anxious or just can't decide what to do? The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing that is continuously if you have Faith that God knows the answer...and that knowing of God answering means also that you need to have faith in God's timing. But, God hears you ALWAYS. He will answer, and maybe not answer, according to what's best for you. Faith is what is needed. Yes, God knows what you need. But He wants you to talk to HIM. Be with Him. Walk closely with Him. Depend on Him. Trust Him to supply what you need...not always what you want. (Adults or older kids can model their BELIEF IN GOD to younger ones.)

Happy Valentines Day!

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Liturgist Schedule

February 2 8:30-Bill Stelter 10:45-Marge Fox

February 9 8:30-10:45-Josh Miller

> February 16 8:30-10:45-Vickie Olinger

February 23 8:30-10:45-Jodi Stood



Amazing Pastor Coats By Richard H. Lee, LAHS

The daughter of our former Pastor Coats in 1924-1932 came to Lemont to talk about our heritage of Native Americans. He was one quarter Native American and she is about half of that at age 99. While we had dinner together she told me a story that was quite amazing. In his work at our church he encountered an adversary, Al Capone, who decided to threaten him by sending a couple "goons" or enforcers. They came to his office at the church right where the Old Stone Church has its office now.

What they didn't know was he was an expert persuader and debater, something he learned in college and seminary. Even though he had a gun in his open desk drawer, he managed to persuade them to leave and not bother him any more. While he was in college he worked summers for the Chautauqua Institution as an orator or speaker that traveled with programs and classes that were popular in the early 20th century before TV. To quote Wikipedia, it provided Christian instruction, preaching and worship funded by Methodists. It was part of the Moral Re-armament movement that drew crowds.

She said he was also an expert marksman and liked to compete in shooting matches with police teams. He always won the matches, even though he shot from the hip rather than extended arm firing. This he probably learned from his cowboy days before seminary. Mark Huegelmann came to her talk and may invite her to return for a longer talk about Native Americans and their amazing history in America. This Al Capone story ranks second, I think, after the wild and dangerous "Smokey Row" days when our Reverend Clancy shut it down with the help of the Chicago Tribune and the Pinkertons.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 4-Loren Kirkman Feb. 7-Alberta Harden Feb. 11-Jason Stood Feb. 14--Logan Hennebry Feb. 15-Matthew Hennebry Feb. 15-Leslie Ramos Feb. 15-Leslie Ramos Feb. 15-Kittiya Laemmer Feb. 19-Amanda Huegelmann Feb. 22-Dave Anderson





****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



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

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

Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

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

shopwithscrip

participate in this program.

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

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

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

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

HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION

Volunteer Meeting for Warm a Heart and Give that Dress and Dress Clothing a 2nd Night Out- Tues Feb 4th 6-7pm @ Gelsosomo's Pizzeria Are you able to commit to being one who will be the glue for these events? I am hoping to have a nucleus of volunteers who will help lead one of these events, and keep things on the track. We'll go over the event layout, goal, and divide up the areas of leadership needed. If you are willing to help be a leader for these one of these two outreaches but can not make the event please email me.

**Warm a Heart Lift a Spirit- Saturday Feb 8th 10am- (approx)12noon @ Old Quarry Middle School small gym-

For the 13th year we will rally all of the donations we can and create all of the sack lunches we are able to warm all of the hearts we possibly can!!! This year the Care Boxes for Troops will be back as well! If you have a loved one serving our country please email me the address that I can send one of these care boxes to filled with love and goodies from our corner of the world. The lunches will be delivered to Morningstar Mission, Daybreak Shelter, St. Francis Home, Talcott Seniors, and other home bound and seniors in our community. No sign up is required to join in the fun!

**Prom and Formal Wear Resale/Give Away- Saturday Feb 29th 9am-12noon @ The Nail Inn School of Cosmetology 47 Stephen St (across from Second Chance Thrift Store in downtown Lemont)

Seeking formal dresses and all dress clothing as well as shoes and accessories. For the past 13 years we have provided the opportunity for young women and men to find their next favorite dress, suit, or dress outfit accessory from your generous donations. This is a frugal way to find your prom, graduation, 8th grade dinner dance, or dressy event outfit, as well as a gift to those who cannot afford these clothing means. **This resale is open to all.** Vouchers are given to those who qualify. **YOUR DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!!!!** If you have formal wear, dress clothing and/or accessories and dress shoes, for women, men and children please drop off to The Nail Inn School of Cosmetology Monday-Friday from 9am-9pm to the front office. **Donation deadline Friday Feb 28th.**

See you soon my friend!!!

Wishing you peace,

Terri

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.

The Open Pantry is in need of paper towel, toilet paper, peanut butter, jelly, 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!



<u>MEANINGFUL MOMENTS WITH GOD</u> "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 Jenny Gaspar (Walter), cancer spread Elena Winters (Miller), health issues Titan Gorum (Kehr), born 11 wks early Anna (Fries), bladder surgery Dick Draper (Stood), back/brain surgery *Neil Janssen, strength *Marty Knott, health issues Ron, cancer treatment *Bev Svoboda, radiation Jordyn Milinis (Pecher), crohns 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, nursing home Lois, stage 3 cancer

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Steve Hinks' new home in KY! *New Member Kristin Morrow! *Jushin, Pastor's niece, visiting! *Mark H. Preaching! *Healing from surgeries! *Bonnie Flondor's great grandson, Garrett, home! *Senior High Youth Group! *Junior Choir! *Worship Choir! *Praise Band! *Hope and Friendship! Debbie Turner (Knott), psorosis David Goreham, blood disorder *Sandra, autoimmune disease Tammy (Janovyak), ovarian cancer Mary, stage 4 cancer Collette (Makinney), hip surgery Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's Tom (Pecher), lymph node testing Judy Bramill, cancer *Leslie's dad, lung surgery, recovering E.D. McCormick, cancer *Jacob Monnett, health issues Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke Chuck Herron (Miller), cellulitis Marilyn Smith, health issues *Alberta Harden, health issues *Joyce Koon, recovering *Joanne Goszczycki, health issues Andrew (Pecher), cancer Jim Durham, cong. heart failure Fran (McAdams), cancer/chemo Valerie O., ovarian cancer Frank Burns (Olinger), mass on his lung Elida Ferrazzi, rheumatoid arthritis Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer *Pat Farrer, dog bite *Mary Jane Sykes, strength *Sherrill Weary, health issues Tom Ligman (McAdams), health issues

Coffee Fellowship February 16

Marge Fox Amie Topete Lynn Vavra Dottie McAdams Juanita Hill Joanne Goszczycki



Expanding Care Bear ers 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

February 2020

Children's Message **Schedule**

February 2 **Cris Kerins**

February 9 **Richard Lee**

February 16 **Marty Knott**

February 23 Erik Anderson



Greeters February 2 8:30-Sue Hinks 10:45-Cliff Family

February 9 8:30-Sharon Heslop 10:45-Boy Scout Sunday

> February 16 8:30-Kennedy Family 10:45-Peraino Family

February 23

8:30-Don & Pat Farrer 10:45-Annie Wesolowski & Zoe Jackson

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

SMALL GROUPS

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

Dale Janssen & Pastor Hyo Sun Oh TBA Craig Baxter 815-685-1900 Bill Price 630-754-7667 Jodi Stood 630-243-9366 Arlene Knott 708-301-2023 Dale Janssen 815-485-4929 Kristin Nelson 630-257-8072 TBA Mark Huegelmann 630-257-3181 Jr. High Sunday School: Mark Huegelmann 630-257-3181 Mark Huegelmann 630-257-3181 Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699 Joanne Goszczycki 630-257-6790 Tony Ferrazzi 815-886-4177

Men's Group: **Couples:**

Tim and Karin Peraino 630-846-1415 **MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR CHURCH**

Prayer Warrior: Care Bear: **Coffee Social:** Script Fundraising: CAP: Audio and Visual: Handyman: Landscape Team: Hospitality Team: Widows Group: **Usher Team:** Welcoming Team: Worship Choir **Praise Band Junior Choir** **Any Other Ministry You Would Like to Start

Pastor Oh 847-769-1125 Alice Lange 815-838-5158 Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097 Marge Fox 630-243-8166 Cris Kerins/Dawn Ferrazzi Jana Stelter 630-243-9122 Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097 Bill Stelter 630-243-9122 Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097 Richard Lee 630-257-7339 Mark Olinger 815-838-0660 Sue Hinks 630-257-6743 Sue Gergescz 815-483-7282 Phil & Leslie Ramos Cris Kerins 630-257-5660

OUT-REACH MINISTRIES

Happy Hands Preschool Pantry Workday: **Panera Bread: Daybreak Shelter:** Worthy Treasures: ESL: **Red Bird: **Any Other Ministry You Would Like To Start**

Karin Peraino 630-257-3112 Church Office 630-257-5210 Church Office 630-257-5210 Vickie Olinger 815-838-0660 Paulette Fries 815-838-6318 Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699 Steve Walter 630-783-1621

Lemont United Methodist Church 25 West Custer Lemont, Illinois 60439 Phone: 630-257-5210 Return Service Requested

NEW WINE February 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



February 8

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



February 15

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Fork and Spoon. If you have any questions, please call:

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