



The New Wine

Upcoming Services and Events

March 1st

9:30 Combined
Service & Brunch

March 8

8:30 Traditional
Service

9:30 Sunday
School

10:45 Blended
Worship

March 15

8:30 Traditional
Service

9:30 Sunday
School

10:45 Blended
Worship
Coffee Fellowship

March 22

8:30 Traditional
Service

9:30 Sunday
School

10:45 Blended
Worship

Loose Change
Sunday

March 29

8:30 Traditional
Service

9:30 Sunday
School

10:45 Blended
Worship

Dear Members of Lemont UMC,

I hope you are doing well in this time of transition from winter to spring. As we enter in to the season of Lent, forty days of journey with prayer, fasting, alms giving, and repentance as ways of examining and of preparing ourselves for Easter, I would like to introduce you a prayer, called the Breath of God. Anthony de Mello teaches us how to focus on the breath of God in his book, *A Way to God*.

1. Go to your sacred place.
2. Find a position on your chair or cushion in which you feel comfortable, relaxed, and alert. Close your eyes.
3. Take some time to ground yourself in your physical sensations. Let your awareness move slowly through your body. Be aware of the sensations in your head... your face... your neck and shoulders... your arms and elbows... your wrists and the palms of your hands... your back... your chest and belly... your buttocks, your thighs and knees... your ankles and the soles of your feet. There is no rush. Take your time.
4. Bring your attention to your breathing. Become aware of the air as it enters and leaves your nostrils. Let each breath come and go as it pleases, without trying to control it... Feel the touch of the air as it passes through your nostrils. Is it warm or cool? ... In what part of the nostrils do you feel the touch of air as you exhale? ... Let your awareness rest in each breath... Every breath is different... When your mind wanders, gently return to the breath... Let the breath become the anchor of your awareness...
5. Reflect on the fact that the air you are breathing is charged with the power and the presence of God... Imagine the air as a vast ocean that surrounds you... an ocean filled with God's presence... As you draw air into your lungs, you are drawing God in... Be aware that every time you breathe in, you are drawing in the power and presence of God... God is breathing God's breath – God's spirit – into you... As you breathe out, you are releasing the breath back to God...
6. As you breathe in, be aware of God's Spirit coming into you... Fill your lungs with the divine energy and compassion of God...
7. As you breathe out, imagine that you are breathing out all your fears... your negative feelings...
8. You may wish to imagine your whole body slowly filling with a warm, golden light...
9. Conclude the time of prayer by slowly praying a verbal prayer from your tradition, or a spontaneous prayer of your own or the Lord's Prayer.

I hope this prayer, the Breath of God, helps you return to God during Lent.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

Lenten Bible Study and Sermon Series

The Walk:

Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life

By: Adam Hamilton

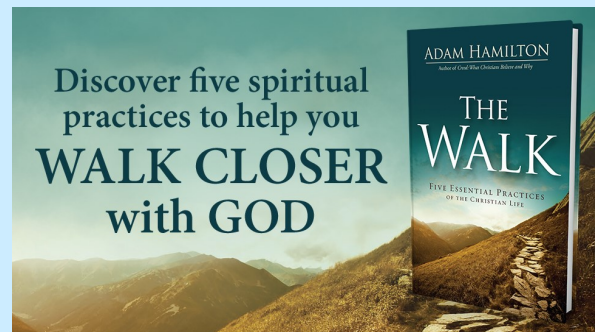
How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

*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 lead one and as well as Pastor Oh. Please contact the office if you are interested in joining the study.



Grieving Support Group

Pastor will be hosting a Grieving Support Group at the parsonage starting March 18th at 2:00 p.m.

Those who are suffering and seeking support are invited.

Please RSVP to the church office.



Vacation Bible School

LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INVITES CHILDREN TO ROCKY RAILWAY! CLIMB ABOARD FOR MOUNTAINS OF FUN!

On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Each day at Rocky Railway VBS, kids track through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. One memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, each day — making it easy to apply long after VBS is over.

Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot! Closing is a celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us daily for this special time at 11:20 A.M.

We will also continue our mission project for Lemont Food Pantry. Please donate personal care items (such as body wash, shampoo, toothpaste for adults and children), cleaning supplies, and paper products. They will be accepted every day. Please be generous to others.

Rocky Railway begins Monday, June 8th and continues through June 12, 2020. The starting time every day is 8:30 A.M. We will end at 11:30 A.M.

The cost is \$30.00 per child. Cash or check payable to LUMC is accepted. Children must be at least 3 years old and potty-trained. Children through 5th grade are invited to attend. Registration for church members is Sunday, April 5 & 12, 2020.

Happy Hands registration is April 21st & 22nd. Open registration is April 23rd. Youth (6th grade and older) and adults are invited to volunteer. Adults or high school students are needed to lead sessions. Whether you are able to help one day or five, your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please call:

Amy Cheehy (630) 257-5210.



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.



Scrip Checks

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

Thank You



EASTER FLOWERS

We are offering a way to purchase high-quality Easter flowers again this year to decorate our altar. If you would like to purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one they will be listed in the Easter bulletin and the plants may be taken home following the 10:45 a.m. Easter worship. There will be an order form in future Sunday bulletins. Also, a large envelope will be located on the back table. Enclose the total amount due for each plant ordered, making checks payable to LUMC. Orders are due by **Tuesday, March 31st**. These are beautiful plants that can be planted in your yard and they will come up every year!

Let us fill our Sanctuary with flowers this
Easter in celebration of our Lord and of
all that he has given 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 1st 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.

Red Bird Mission Trip 2020

Please join us the week of June 14th. We will travel to Kentucky and volunteer in mission service to help with the refurbishment of homes. There is also a wide variety of ministries to families, older adults, women and children, and youth to make their lives fuller and help them receive the assistance they need to make their lives a bit more livable. If you are able to help there is a sign up sheet in the sanctuary.



Red Bird Mission Pizza Sale ~

Thank You!

Thank you to all our members who purchased our homemade pizzas. Thank you to Steve & Gina Walter who planned, measured and bagged the ingredients; and everyone who helped make them!

We raised **\$738.73** for Red Bird Mission and sold **130** pizzas!

The pizzas were delivered on Super Bowl Sunday, so mark the date for next year!



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

"Warm a Heart, Lift a Spirit Lunch Making Event"

For our 12th year we were so very blessed to be graced the opportunity to School District 113A for allowing us to have Old Quarry Middle School as our space to make magic happen.

We created 515 sack lunches and 22 care boxes to send to young friends from our community, serving in our armed forces.

More than 300 arrived to offer hands, feet and hearts to patiently make this outreach possible.

As I said on this day, the fact of offering a sack lunch is easy, the impact of putting love in that sack lunch takes a very special group of people.

You did that and today hundreds of people are feeling your love. Thank you for donating, for caring to show up and for delivering the gifts to those who need to feel our love.

I am humbled to walk in this corner of the world with such amazingly caring and loving walking angels.

Terri O'Neill

***A Special thanks to Terri for organizing such a wonderful event!**



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.**



Celebration of 100 Years Scout Ministry



Thank you for celebrating 100 years of Scout Ministry with us!
Thank you to the scout leaders, parents, and children for being present
on this special occasion.

We are proud to host such
wonderful troops!

Thank you for all that you
do!



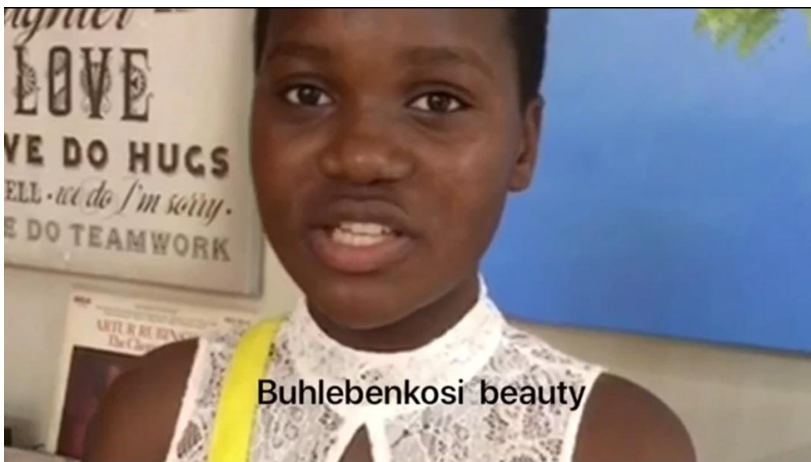


New Carillon Installation

Last year we were struck by lightning and we lost the beautiful sound of our carillon. A new carillon was delivered and installed last week. Praise God! A big thanks to everyone involved especially Bill and Jana Stelter.

We are blessed as these bells lift our spirits as we enter church to worship.

Thank you note from South Africa!



Buhlebenkosi beauty

As we sent out \$1000.00 to South Africa Mission supporting the students for their High School Education, Buhlebenkosi Beauty and Meyi Beauty sent us their thank you note for our financial support for their education.

You may see their video on our church facebook.



Meyi beauty

Each got \$500.00 of scholarship!
Thank you so much for your generous donation for the global mission!
You have made a difference in their lives.

Keep up the good work!

Notes From The Angel Fish

by Leslie Baker-Ramos



As February winds down I have begun to notice those familiar signs that Spring is not too far off. I no longer drive home in the dark after work at 4:30, there is a constant pas de deux at my bird feeder, and the bunny tracks in the remaining patches of snow seem to have multiplied.

Although the seasons around me are constantly changing, I realize that much of the world around me is changing as well; relationships, opinions, expectations, and beliefs. Sometimes I feel out of synch with those changes and can't always find my footing. My relationship with God is perhaps the one element in my life that I always turn to when I am in need-in need of strength, balance, grace, comfort, or mercy.

In selecting music for the praise band this month, I felt drawn to one particular song called, "Lord I need You" by Matt Maher that I felt exemplified our need of and love for our God-when we are in need of rest, when sin permeates our lives, when we feel weak and alone. I have included the lyrics below and hope you will sing with us in praise.

"Lord, I Need You"

Matt Maher

*Lord, I come, I confess
Bowling here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
When I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus,...*



WE ARE THE CHURCH

By Phil Ramos



SUE HINKS

Membership Committee
Jan 4, 2020

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

I have been heading the membership committee for about 5 years and how I got started was Amy needed to look up about a baptism and I helped her find what she wanted.

Tell a little about the ministry

We keep track of the people of the church New, Old, Passed, Marriage, keeping their membership or moving away. Also keeping track of confirmations and baptisms

What are some highlights or accomplishments?

One highlight is when we call or send letters out and we get almost all saying they want to keep their membership!

What were the greatest challenges?

The biggest challenge is trying to find out about members that I have never seen or know of.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

I keep doing this for my church and it's members.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

What can people learn from working with me is they might find out things about someone in their family our friends and they can be helpful providing information on members, no matter their age.

Closing thoughts

In closing, I could use a little help with the people I don't know from 1974 till today it would be a great help.



CRAIG BAXTER

Alpha Class Coordinator
Jan 16, 2020

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

John Nelson groomed me and assisted me in the last Alpha class which was in 2017. I plan to head one as soon as I'm ready to devote quality time to it.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

The Alpha Class ministry focuses on Jesus and how He applies to our everyday lives.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

Highlights of this class are getting people to open up through discussion and a series of Questions & Answers. Accomplishments are getting people to realize the true meaning in their lives through the Holy Spirit and Forgiveness.

What were the greatest challenges?

The greatest challenges are getting people to open up.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

What keeps me going in this is the desire to help others in this walk. People can learn to open their hearts and minds to the Lord and how they can let Jesus into their lives.

Closing remarks.

I'm hoping to explore this ministry in the future, I haven't had the time recently, to devote the time, that I would like to do this thoroughly.

**AMY CHEEHY**

Hospitality Team

January 8

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

I've been in charge of this ministry since I became secretary in February 2015. I first got involved many years ago when Sandy Arcus asked to put me on a Hospitality Team.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

Our Hospitality Teams serve Coffee Fellowship on the third Sunday of the month. We have six teams of six or seven ladies who make or buy food to share and serve after the 10:45 a.m. service.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

The highlight would be enjoying each other's company after the 10:45 a.m. worship service while having a snack.

What were the greatest challenges?

The only challenge has been with losing membership, keeping the teams filled.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

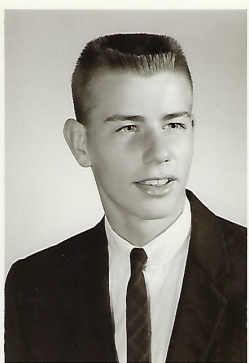
Our church members enjoy the fellowship time.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

Hopefully, they learn how much we truly enjoy each other's company.

Closing remarks.

Thank you to all of our Hospitality Teams. I appreciate everyone who contributes to this ministry.

**BILL STELTER**

Board Of Trustees

January 4, 2020

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

I was a Trustee member for approximately 7 or 8 years under the leadership of Tony Ferrazzi, Mary Jane Nelson, and Rich Simpkins. I was elected Chair in 2006 and have held the position since then.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

It involves keeping track of all the repair projects, getting estimates, and monitoring the completion of the projects. It also involves attending Ad. Council and other church meetings as necessary. There are multiple reports to Methodist Church organizational bodies on a regular basis. The Trustee Chair also is the legal representative of the church for all contracts and communication with insurance companies.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

The Trustees over the past decades have completed numerous projects maintaining and improving LUMC. They include replacing furnaces and A/C systems, creating a new office space and food pantry, resealing the roof, repairing and sealing the parking lots every few years, directing construction projects to create the kitchen, meeting room, and computer lab. We have also replaced the organ, installed a rain garden, replaced the lighting fixtures in the upper and lower levels. We have also upgraded the lower level washrooms, installed new sidewalks, and supervised multiple Scout Projects including installing a new brick wall. We have replaced the old choir loft and completely repaired the foundation of the parsonage when it sunk.

What were the greatest challenges?

Keeping track of the progress on all of the projects. Subcontractors and inspectors are often not available during business hours. We had inspectors who chose to come at 10:00 pm on a Friday night unannounced...when no one answered their knock on the door they placed a red FAILED INSPECTION notice and collected the inspection fee on multiple dates. We have also had multiple requests for inspections or material delivery at odd hours with no notice. That was the most frustrating experience that I have had.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

The Trustee members have been superb in helping out and directing projects. They have stayed doing thankless jobs late into the evening and arriving early in the AM. Every one of the Trustees has at some time spent a cold, lonely, night working on some difficult, dirty, project. I have seen them ruin their own personal equipment or bring family members to help out on projects. I have been blessed with members who care about LUMC and have the personal integrity to "go the extra mile" when working on a project.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

That there are many Trustee members who quietly and regularly work at hard labor in the shadows. They do it without anyone ever knowing about their efforts. They are the "church mice" who clean, fix, paint, repair, and replace without any need for public rewards or honors.

Closing remarks.

The future of our church remains uncertain; but I know the past was filled with the quiet, competent efforts of so many "church mice" who never got the recognition they deserved. I was blessed to witness their sacrifice.

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

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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

Happy Hands Preschool

The February highlight for Happy Hands was our annual Fashion Show. This year's theme was "It's a Small World," which provided an opportunity to peek into different cultures. Dressed in outfits from countries around the world, the children walked the runway with confidence. It was a fascinating tour for the audience and a fun step into make believe for the students. Songs scattered throughout the show reinforced the message that God's love is what makes it a small world after all: "It's a Small World," "It's Love that Makes the World Go 'Round," "Jesus Loves the Little Children," and "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

The children sang loud and proud; what a wonderful way to celebrate our similarities and to embrace our differences! The event was a huge success and a great fundraiser.

Over 100 businesses and individuals made donations.

A huge THANK YOU to the LUMC members who solicited or made donations and who lent a hand to help the day run smoothly.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Beggorrah It's the.....Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 7th @ 1:00 p.m.
12:30 line-up at Lemont Safety Village (55 Stephen Street)

Irish families of all nationalities are invited to march or just come out and have fun!
Parade route: South on Stephen Street to Main Street, west to the VFW Hall at 15780 New Avenue

Sponsored by the Village of Lemont

For additional information: 630-243-2700



Upcoming Worship Services & Events

March 1-Combined Service and Potluck 9:30 a.m.

March 4-Daybreak Shelter

March 14-United Methodist Men 8:00 a.m.

March 15-Coffee Fellowship

March 18-Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 21-Primetimers 12:00 p.m.

March 22-Loose Change Sunday/Worship Committee Meeting 12:00 p.m.

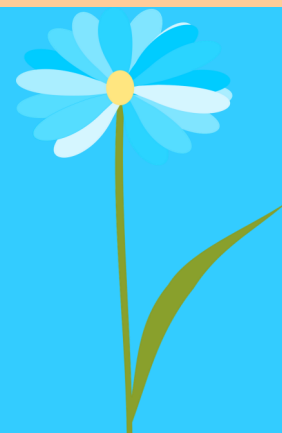
March 25-Ad Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, and love during this difficult time.

Love,

Joan & Stu Makinney

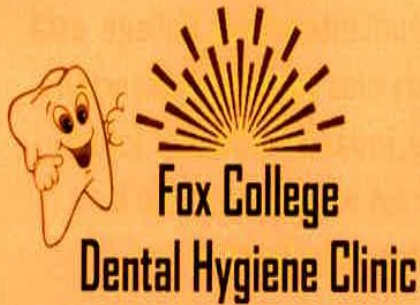


Loose Change Sunday & Rainbow Covenant

March 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 March, we are highlighting the **green band charity, Bethany Methodist Good Samaritan Program**. This program cares for homeless, neglected, abused and indigent adults of all ages through medical, housing, and spiritual services. Please bring in plenty of change on **March 22nd** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write “**Good Sam**” on a pew envelope.

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



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

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- X-rays

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Please contact Shelby Fox

630 974-0363

Expect no less than 3 sessions

Thank You~

Remember to set your clocks
forward.

Daylight Savings Time begins
March 8th.



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:	\$ 25,238.38
Receipts:	14,326.55
Disbursements:	-11905.02
General Fund ending balance:	\$ 27,659.91

Palm Sunday, Good Friday & Easter Services

Palm Sunday, April 5th, 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 am Services

Good Friday, April 10th, 7:00 p.m. Service

Easter Sunday Services, April 12th

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship

Please Join Us!



Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

March 2020 Book Reviews

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.

Consider this book: "Creed-What Christians Believe." Belief is a choice God gave us. He hopes we will believe in Him, in His book. But that's unfortunately not always true. The book discusses the Apostle's Creed and is written by Adam Hamilton, the current Methodist pick for author of the year. The Apostles' Creed is what we recite in church, again many by rote, and as with the Jesus recommended prayer to our great God Almighty: The Lord's Prayer. But what does The Creed mean-think! Do we really believe all the words. Do we really believe everything written in the Apostle's Creed. Hamilton says a lot about sin and belief. He says they need to be controlled by us sinners. God created our world, us, and has control all he created: God has a hand in EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE. HE gave us a guide book on how we should live. Please read and think about what is written. Does Mr. Hamilton put forth somethings for further thought by you? Do you agree or disagree on what Mr. Hamilton proposes? How are you affected by the Creed? The apostles' thought enough of future generations to relay their ideas. They were with Jesus-they knew his thoughts. The standard sin list, besides the ten commandments, contains the general terms lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, anger, envy, pride. I would add- not following the Bible which not only talks about these sins, but strongly suggests how to deal with them. And since sin applies to all of us, I believe we need to know and believe the Bible, beginning with the Creed-how can we Not.? Not doing so and Not acknowledging what God says is, I believe, straying too far from Our Creator, saying to Him that we know better. This is a book that I hope adults will ponder.

For the children-younger and maybe not so young. "If Jesus lived Inside My Heart." The ideas give the children, and I think many adults will need to read the book to them, what to focus on when they are faced with life situations. It's a simple, but profound and thoughtful,-adults if you are reading, I hope you will pause by each question. For instance, whenever a child is met with another that disagrees, he/she MUST think before he/she acts. What would Jesus do? That is the question. And the child should be given the opportunity to answer from what he/she knows of Jesus teachings. (Adults, you can help there.) Jesus is love. We must pray for those that present us with problems that don't fit into Jesus options. But we MUST always stand our ground-no matter what : ie..a soft answer often takes away wrath.

"The War Room" is a book by Chris Fabry. It's about a marriage in trouble, but it could be about any problem. Chris Fabry is firmly stating in all his descriptive scenes, that PRAYER is the solution to life's problem. That does not mean a one-time prayer, sometimes, but not always, BUT PERSISTENT PRAYER and listening to God. And then action on your part IF God moves you: prayer and living God's way. The book presents life situations and how they are dealt with. OK, sometimes, most of the time? Most of us do not stop and think and pray the moment a problem comes up, but really the answer to any problem is prayer, then listening to God or, checking the Bible. Our God who made us, designed our lives, wants to have us ask Him for guidance.



**Liturgist
Schedule**

March 1

9:30-Mark
Huegelmann

March 8

8:30-
10:45-Dale
Janssen

March 15

8:30-
10:45-Cris Kerins

March 22

8:30-
10:45-Judy
Janovyak

March 29

8:30-
10:45-Ryan
Peraino

**What is the Gospel?
By Richard H. Lee, LAHS**

From Moody Bible teacher Michael Rydelnik, "What is the Gospel?"

The wrong things we do or say separate us from God. Jesus died for our sins and rose again, proving He's God. Trust in Him."

What would you say?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1-Anthony Havemann

March 5-Bill Hill

March 5-Kristin Nelson

March 7-Jantha Laemmer

March 9-Ryan Peraino

March 12-Julie Rainaldi

March 12-Tiffani Cheehy

March 16-Rybecca Janovyak

March 23-Mike Pelikan

March 25-Don Fisher

March 29-Linda Lubben

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

March 11-Teague and Kathy Cliff



****Scrip Cards****

I encourage you to look at the 2 folders I recently placed in the back of the church marked: **SCRIP by Category** and **SCRIP Alphabetical**. Feel free to take the list and browse through the many many retailers that participate in this program.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION

March: Hope and Friendship Scholarships

High School seniors are invited to apply for a Hope and Friendship Scholarship. \$1,000 and \$500 scholarships are awarded.

April: Give the Gift of Spring Cleaning- Cleaning, Personal Care and Paper Product Drive

The items needed to keep a household functioning are often very difficult to afford. Even if a household has been gifted assistance from the State of Illinois (SNAP) and/or Lemont Food Pantries, assistance funds are not allowed to be used to purchase cleaning products, personal care items or paper products.

April: Easter Basket Drive

For Easter it would be a wonderful gift to create a basket of food that will become a families Easter Dinner right here in our corner of the world. Great project for small groups, CCD classes, neighbors, scout troops etc.

April - November: Mission Stay Saturdays

Many depart for mission work outside of our corner of the world during summer. Hands, feet and hearts are needed here too. Join us on Mission Stay Saturdays to commit a few hours to helping seniors, disabled, and those who have experienced hardships, with their outdoor yard work and small household repairs.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



Citron Tea Fundraiser

Some people requested to have Citron Tea after Pastor gave one for the congregants last Christmas, we decided to sell it as a Fundraiser.

It is available at 10.00.

Any proceeds will go to Good Samaritan Fund, which is the fund for helping members of the church. Please contact Marge Fox or Pastor for purchasing it.



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 baked beans, pork and beans, chili, hash, tuna, and diced tomatoes.



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
Ron (Mueggenborg), colon cancer
Elena Winters (Miller), health issues
*Celebrating life, Aunt Gilda (Ramos)
Anna (Fries), bladder surgery
Dick Draper (Stood), back/brain surgery
*Neil Janssen, strength
*Marty Knott, health issues
Ron, cancer treatment
*Bev Svoboda, healing
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
*Kristin Pelikan, healthy pregnancy
Katie (Norfleet), kidney disease
June (Havemann), stomach cancer
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Harper (Norfleet), leukemia/home
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
Joan Makinney, safe, car accident
Linda, dementia
Florian Talos, nursing home
Lois, stage 3 cancer

Debbie Turner (Knott), psoriasis
David Goreham, blood disorder
*Sandra, autoimmune disease
Erv Rose (Baxter), prostate cancer
Mary, stage 4 cancer
Collette (Makinney), hip surgery
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
All people with the Coronavirus
*Juanita Hill, hysterectomy
Stephanie Wiley, breast cancer
E.D. McCormick, cancer
*Jacob Monnett, health issues
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke
Chuck Herron (Miller), cellulitis
*Seung Woo Lee, back pain
*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
*Steve Walter, pinched nerve
Elida Ferrazzi, rheumatoid arthritis
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
Joe Peraino, rehab
*Mary Jane Sykes, strength
*Sherrill Weary, health issues

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

- *Annie W. passed her architect test!
- *The Praise Band performed a song Phil wrote!
- *Mihash Cheehy is an Il. State Scholar!
- *Marty back in church!
- *Frank Burns recovering!
- *Tammy (Janovyak) recovering!
- *Kristin Pelikan is pregnant with a girl and due March 1st!

Coffee Fellowship March 15

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



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bearers Ministry

The Care Bearers are a group of people to help provide an occasional meal (home cooked or purchased) for members of our congregation who are recovering from a serious illness, birth of a baby, or the loss of a family member. Meals are **only occasionally** needed in our church, and it is a wonderful mission!

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

March 2020

**Children's
Message
Schedule**

March 1
GleeAnn Kehr

March 8
Sean Clark

March 15
Karin Peraino

March 22
Ron Walter

March 29
Megan Cheehy



Greeters

March 1
9:30-George & Alice
Lange

March 8
8:30-Stelter Family
10:45-Girl Scouts

March 15
8:30-Bruce Ende
10:45-Janovyak
Family

March 22
8:30-Wendy Myers
10:45-Steve & Gina
Walter

March 29
8:30-Sue Hinks
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
March 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

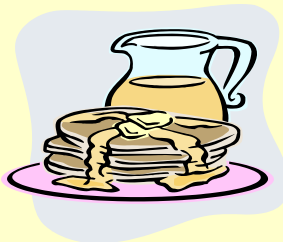
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

**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



March 14

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



March 21

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.