



The New Wine

Upcoming Services

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Dear Members of Lemont UMC,

VIRUS THOUGHTS FROM DON MUEGGENBORG

We are indeed living in a time of crises such we have never seen before. The virus is all over the news and not in a positive fashion. The virus and the ensuing lockdown are frustrating at best. Many people have lost their income. Humans are social beings and we cannot be social. Some people are being bored. (I am on my 3rd jigsaw puzzle and I had not done one in years). Many are afraid – where will it strike next – will I be in contact with a carrier? Our politicians probably want what is best for the people but have let it become political which causes more tension.

First look at the positives. I have not seen so many families out walking or biking together and really seem to be enjoying it. With no soccer or little league games, no shopping sprees. Just enjoying walking and getting out. Some people are taking another look at what is really important. A long time ago, God created the heaven and the earth. He made the plants and the animals then created man to manage all of his creation on earth. Man was ill-equipped to compete with other animals. He could not outrun a bear, was not as strong as a gorilla, nor as big as an elephant. He was out matched. Except the God gave him a unique brain. He could use this brain to figure things out, to figure out how to communicate.

Picture Adam in charge of paradise. Food for picking off the tree. All he had to do was to name the animals. And his companion was the most beautiful woman in the world (in fact she was the only woman in the world) But man's unique brain went to work and he started asking questions and figure out how things worked. He learned that there was a right and a wrong. He left Eden before he got bored and slowly discovered and invented things. He made many great steps and he also had a habit of messing things up.

History is full of stories where man goes from one crises to another. God and Jesus perform miracles throughout the Bible. Brought Lazarus back from the dead. Saved Noah and his family. (God warned Noah but Noah had to build the ark.) So why doesn't God just toss in a miracle and we would all be safe – or at least the true believers would be safe. Throughout history man had crises and God did perform miracles. Not suddenly turning water into wine but giving man the intelligence to solve the problems. When Dr Sharma removed my cancerous lung about 40 years ago, it may have been routine for him but it was a miracle for me. God will perform another miracle with this virus.

We will develop a vaccine or an immunity or find a way to kill the virus or a way to isolate it does no more harm. **We have seen many miracles - there will be another.** Use precautions and pray. **God had not abandoned us.** And when this is over, we will be in a different world – and maybe we can make it a better world for all.

Don Mueggenborg, Treasurer of Lemont UMC

GRADUATE RECOGNITION
class of 2020



Savannah Hall

Graduated from
Happy Hands
Methodist Preschool

**Daughter of
Don and Melody
Hall**



Theo Tamaro

Graduated from
Happy Hands
Methodist Preschool

**Son of
Brad & Denise
Tamara**

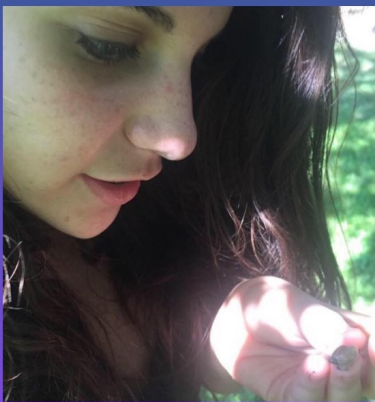


Cecilia Izquierdo

Graduated the 8th grade
from the Cathedral of
Saint Raymond School
in Joliet and will be
attending Lockport
Township High School.

**Daughter of
Michelle &
Granddaughter of
Sue Gergesz**

Audrey Anderson



Graduated from
Downers Grove
South High School
and will be
attending
UIC - Teaching,
Secondary Ed.

**Daughter of
Erik Anderson**



Adam Aoyagi

Graduated from Lockport Township High School.
Planning on joining the Service.

Craig Baxter's Grandson

Kyle Bohne

Graduated from Lemont High School and will be attending Western Michigan University, studying Business.

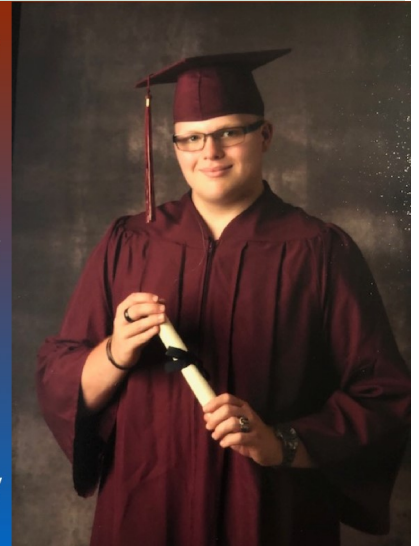
Son of Lauren & Grandson of Sue Gergescz



Mihash Cheehy

Graduated from Lockport Township High School and will be attending Bradley University, IL majoring Structural Engineering

Son of Michael and Amy Cheehy



Amanda Doty

Graduated from Glenbard West high school in Glen Ellyn, Illinois and will be attending Taylor University, Indiana.

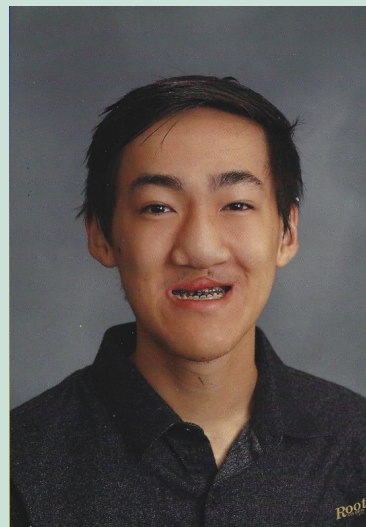
Granddaughter of Kay Norfleet



J.J. Laemmer

Graduated from Plainfield East High School and will be spending some time at Shriner's Hospital as a way preparing for a college program.

Son of Leslie & Stepson of Phil Ramos



David Lange

Graduated from Lockport Township High School and will be attending JJC and studying Music Education

Son of Rob and April Lange



Olivia Nelson

Graduated from Lemont High School and will be attending Purdue University in the fall and will be studying Kinesiology.

Daughter of Robert and Kristin Nelson





Connor Norfleet

Graduated from West Branch High School, Iowa and will be attending the University of Iowa.

Grandson of Kay Norfleet



Ju-Shin Oh

Graduated from Bupyeong Girl's High School & is attending Korea University, studying Business Management.

**Niece of Pastor Oh
Daughter of Sung Seup Oh & Soon Duk Han**



Ally Aoyagi

Graduated from Augustana and going on to Florida at Nova.

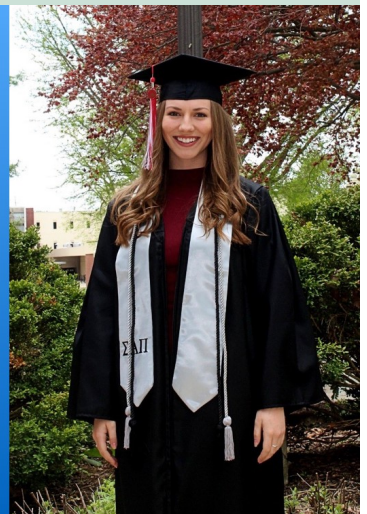
Craig Baxter's Granddaughter

AUGUSTANA GRADUATE 2020

Aurora Slivinski

Illinois State University Bachelor of Science-Mathematics Aurora will be teaching Math at Victor J. Andrew High School in the fall.

Daughter of Lydia & Dave Slivinski



Gabriella Vázquez

Graduated from Illinois State University with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and Minors in Spanish and Latinx Studies.

Daughter of Lino & Donna Vázquez



Rybecca Janovyak

Graduating with Honors with the designation of Summa Cum Laude and Valedictorian from Sullivan University-Louisville with a Master of Science in Physicians Assistant Degree.

Daughter of Al and Judy Janovyak

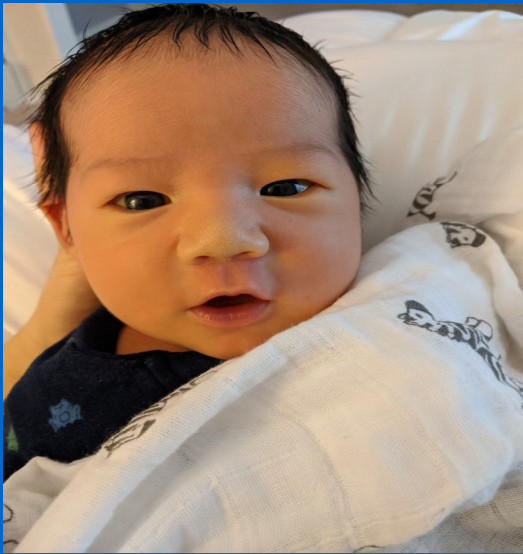


welcome
TO THE WORLD
**BABY
BOY**



Lucas-Pierre Han Laframboise

Born 5/18/2020 at 10:23 a.m.
7 lbs. 6 oz. 20.25 inches long





Sean Clark

Retiring after teaching English, Humanities, and Creative Writing at Lemont High School for 23 years.

Congratulations!

All Sunday services will be online on facebook at: [facebook.com/LemontUMC](https://www.facebook.com/LemontUMC), on our website at: Lemont United Methodist Church online service and you tube.

Online Service DVDs are available.

Please continue to share and enjoy our online services!

Scrip Checks

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

Also, the following Scrip cards are available for purchase in the office:

15 - Starbucks	5.00
25 - Panera	5.00
6 - Coldstone	5.00
9 - Home Depot	10.00
10 - Applebee's	10.00
18 - Taco Bell	5.00



If you would like to purchase any of these cards please contact the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS,
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR JUNE HAS BEEN
CANCELED.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2021.



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 bakes beans, pork and beans, peanut butter, jelly, and toilet paper.



June 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 September, we are highlighting the **yellow band charity, Caretakers of God's Creation**. This project aims to help God's people reconnect with the creation because we were created out of the dust of the earth. This program holds national conferences, attends United Nations conferences on climate change, and provides resources for Conferences and local congregations. Please bring in plenty of change on **June 28th** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "**God's Creation**" on a pew envelope.

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

Still Ordering Scrip Cards

Miss you all very much. Just wanted everyone to know that I will continue to order Scrip as needed. I just placed an order to replenish our open pantry Jewel cards and didn't send out my usual blast because I did not want to bother anyone, but it has come to my attention that there is still interest even in these trying days. So I will continue with the blasts the next time we order which may be in about 5-6 wks. You can e-mail me at any time and I will hold your request till I order again.

Thank You all and Be Well! Marge

Red Bird Mission Trip Canceled

Due to Covid-19 we have decided to cancel our 2020 Red Bird Mission Trip.

We have also decided to donate \$1000 to the Red Bird Mission to help them with their expenses. If you would like to donate please contact the church office.

We will delay the trip to the same time in 2021.



Citron Tea Fundraiser

Citron Tea is Back by Popular Demand! Get yours today for \$10, all proceeds go to the "Good Samaritan Fund".

Since Winter seems to be pretty much behind us, you may be thinking, I don't really need hot tea any longer, well I can tell you first hand this is not only an amazing Tea, I have personally used it in my pork roast dishes and it's also great for use in sautéing vegetables, especially carrots! Give it a try!

Please reach out to Marge Fox or Pastor Oh~



DAYBREAK SHELTER

Due to the covid -19 pandemic, Daybreak Shelter has been canceled until further notice.

We will notify everyone when we are able to resume this mission.

Thank You



We have online giving if you have a Smartphone!

1. If you are going to do ACH you will need your checking account number and routing number. If you are going to use your credit or debit card, you will need to have them available
2. Go to the App Store and search for Give+. “Get” it.
3. Once it’s loaded, click on it. You will see the GIVEPLUS+ logo and Find your church to get started. You can type in 60439 or Lemont United Methodist church. Choose our church.
4. Create your account. Submit. The next time you pay online you will need this information to will sign in.
5. On the Give Now screen, upper right-hand corner, click the ‘+’
6. Choose your fund, (General Fund, Maintenance, Cap Improvements, etc.) choose your frequency, choose the date (I chose Monthly, April 15th so each month on the 15th it will automatically send money to the church) select amount or type it in
7. Hit Add
8. If you are giving to more than one account, click the ‘+’ sign, pick your fund, choose frequency, and select amount
9. When you have completed your contribution, select next at the bottom of the screen
10. Choose your payment method and complete the required information
11. Select next. You will see a Donation Summary of your giving. Select “Complete Donation”
12. If you want to print the confirmation, to the bottom of the screen and select the box with the arrow and choose your delivery option

Online giving via your computer will be available soon.

If you have any questions, contact Peg Pecher at 847-204-1747

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION!



Hi everybody! This month's Notes From The Angelfish are...notes from the Angelfish!! Just imagine you are in line at a combined services pot luck downstairs enjoying the casserole aromas as they waft about you and you look up and you realized you are surrounded by and talking to fish!



I have been working at home for 4 days a week for 5 years before the Pandemic hit so the change was not that drastic. All my travel, however, has been eliminated. We are not even allowed to visit a site or go into the office. The Agency I work at, General Services Administration, owns and operates the Federal Buildings and Courthouse. Right now, nearly all Federal Employees are working from home if possible. We are in the mode of getting the buildings ready to be reopened. Some of our customers will not want to return to the square footage that they once had and will continue to embrace working at home. Other's will want their work spaces altered to include social distancing. The bottom line is that all Federal office spaces will be undergoing renovations. I have also picked a "window" for my retirement, somewhere between 30 days and 1,500 days. If they leave me alone, it will be the larger number, if they get on my nerves, it will be a smaller number.

We split the kids up with the higher risk folks at our house, me, Leslie, Yaso, and Ascher, and the others, Kittiya, Jantha, and JJ staying at their dad's. JJ is working at Lizzie's landscaping on 111th Street and Route 59. None of the other kids are working. Leslie and I put in the garden this week and we are looking forward to putting our Kayaks in the water soon.

Take care, stay healthy, keep a song in your heart and we will be getting back together eventually. I miss the Fish!

Love
Phil (Tuna)

I have been working at home since March 17th, which, for me, is a very big change. I've spent countless hours trying to figure out how to "teach" ASL remotely to 140 high schoolers. Some days have been tough, some days have been quiet, and some have been fun!

I decided to take advantage of this time at home to take in a foster dog. Phil was up for the task, too. The big surprise we weren't expecting was that Lady was up for it, too!

We are now, officially "foster fails" and have decided to keep "Tasha" who is a lovely year old Aussie that's had a rough start in life, but she's doing great, now! As Phil mentioned, the garden is in and looking good...I'm looking forward to dryer weather so we can spend more time outside enjoying it!

Wednesday I head-back for jaw surgery part 2 (of 3). No hospital or anything-just the perio office. I'll be out of commission for a while & back on the liquid diet for 4 weeks again. Maybe by then we'll be in Phase 3 (!!?)

I miss each one of you and pray you're all well. I can't wait until we can gather (safely) again in fellowship & faith.

Much Love,
Leslie (Starfish)

This time has its drawbacks; it also has been a time to reflect on all our blessings, that we sometimes are too busy to do. We enjoy seeing all our beautiful birds that frequent our back yard feeder. We miss all our friends & family; especially hugs from our children & grandchildren. I've been busy keeping up with our yard & planting flowers, which we enjoy. Doing lots of projects: painting, cutting the grass, walking when the weather permits, did some plumbing (watch out Tom Gebel). Also did some work on our lawn tractor with my side-kick "Alice". Maybe after all this, we will hang out a sign over our garage door offering our services (what a disaster that would be). I'm getting to look more like Willie Nelson every day (hair, not the voice).

Keep Smiling, Papa Fish ☺

Not doing much since I have been at home. Reading a lot , cooking regularly, and missing all my fish friends.

Love Deb (Goldie/Snapper)

That's awesome to hear about the new 4-legged (I assume) member of your family. I'm sure if I ever fostered a dog I would quickly join you guys in the "foster fail" camp. But hey, that ain't a bad thing.

I'm still maintaining my adapted level of busy going to O'Hare 3-4 days a week. Middle of next month Air France comes back so between them and KLM who never stopped flying here, we will have passenger flights out 5 days a week so work there will start to pick up again soon. I'm also still working through the pre-employment process with Customs and Border Protection. All I have left to pass is the polygraph-interview and the drug test. The struggle now is waiting for the agency to schedule these events for me. And then after that waiting for a final adjudication (at least to a provisional clear) on my background check to receive a final offer. At that point, right now, applicants accepting final offers are getting entry on duty dates in November with a 4-month academy class starting in December. All of that is to say I still have a lot of time to wait for that.

Overall I'm doing well, it's a little hard not going out after work for a drink or two, or being able to do much of any socializing with anybody. Just a lot of long text conversations with certain people. I never realized ahoy much I like going out and doing things until now that I can't. Before I would usually say I prefer to be relaxing at home. So I guess I'll appreciate those times more when I'm able to partake again which is good. I have been able to get caught up and finish many shows I had fallen behind on. Homeland and Jack Ryan to name a couple and now I'm binging my way through The Grand Tour on Amazon Prime Video. I'm also slowly getting back into the habit of reading which used to be a common thing for me but, regrettably, I fell out of practice with my schedule.

Anyway, lest I continue to ramble on, peace and well wishes to all.

Josh (Ivory Fish)

I hope all of you are doing ok with all of the rain we have had lately. Sunny and I are doing just fine although wishing things were closer to normal. It has been nice working outside in the yard on those rare days when it is not raining. I am still working from home and on the computer a lot which makes me feel like a fish out of water. Thank God I am stuck at home with such an Angel Fish. Dawn has been patiently trying to "teach me how to fish" by tutoring me on the in's and out's of Microsoft Office. Complaining aside, I am grateful to God for many things and include all of you when I count my blessings.

Stay well.

Tony (Titofish)

It is wonderful to hear that you are all doing well with all of the craziness in the world... I have been keeping busy, between work, spending time with Trace and Tucker, and finishing my senior year I have been very busy. I have officially decided over the break that I will attend Joliet Junior College for my first two years and then will for sure be transferring out to Millikin University in Decatur for my last two years (studying vocal music education). I have also been singing and playing my piano and guitars a lot over the last couple of months and I have had a lot of time to get better at my craft. However, it is very hard considering that I was supposed to graduate in just under 2 weeks and was excited to start college in the fall in person, which is now not a possibility, however, I am starting summer courses next month for basic music skills and theory and am excited to take this next step, even if it is virtually. My high school has decided that if it is possible by July we could potentially have our commencement ceremony as well as our senior prom. Overall, this pandemic has definitely effected my life a lot, between school and my future, and being with all of you wonderful people, however, I have found that the key is just to try to keep yourself busy and really focus on all the good things if you can.

I miss you all,

David Lange (ButterFins)

I re-started my law business (Shelby Legal Services, LLC)...and business is very slow...but, shows signs of picking up. I think I have seen every episode for Ancient Aliens, Counting Cars, and American Pickers on the History Channel. I keep trying to find a WWII, Civil War, Korean War, Vietnam War documentary on the Military History Channel that I haven't yet seen. I have seen every episode of "The Last Dance" ...twice. My dogs are getting sick of me. (What does that tell you?). With the help of Phil I reclaimed my drum set from the church so I can stop complaining about not being able to practice. Otherwise, I am in good health and am looking forward to resuming our Praise Band sessions. This Coronavirus thing has really made me aware of how much I miss you guys...
Bill Shelby (The Guppy)

As TitoFish mentioned in his reply, we are both doing fine. We are still working from home. Most of my work is on the computer, so that's not much different for me. I do have to think of inventive ways to accomplish some tasks without some of the office conveniences I have taken for granted. It helps that my brother is working every other week at the office & alternating weeks telecommuting from home; that way he can bring files, etc. to me when he is at Argonne. Tito is a great office-mate, but I also miss my work friends.

Other than working, I have been cutting lots of fabric for face masks in the evenings & weekends. My sister has made several hundred masks; I have been helping with the cutting, so she can concentrate on sewing the masks. Her daughter & son have both been helping with the process too. Sometimes we get on FaceTime while all of us are working on the masks & we have lots of good conversation & laughs together. I've also been knitting some dishcloths & trying to organize a backlog of paperwork at home. I am enjoying the slower paced life to some extent...not always rushing around is a nice feeling, but I wish it wasn't under these conditions!

planted a bunch of impatiens around the yard & we just bought the vegetable plants for our garden. Sometimes Tony and I, and Sadie (our dog) head out in the car on Sunday afternoons, and we go for a nice long ride. We usually head South or West toward small towns, farm land, etc. & ride for a few hours. If we happen on a hiking trail, we will take Sadie for a walk & we stretch our legs too. We miss Praise Band & all of our Fish Friends. It is fun to see everyone on the Sunday Services & to sing along. I hope all of you stay safe and healthy, until we can all get together again!

Love, Dawn (Sunny)

Just want to say that the church and the worship committee appreciates all you have done. Like you the Worship choir and Junior choir are longing to be together again. Hopefully these human vaccine trials will glean something soon.

To let you know what Bill and I have been doing . . . Watching on TV, we recommend: Try the Smithsonian Channel for some great history. They also have this wonderful series called America in Color. These are home black and white footage that they colorized telling of all things, life and war, in America. Bill and I are addicted. They are all repeats so search the series on demand. They have been replaying them for us shut-ins. They also do one hour shows called Aerial America. They focus on one state at a time telling the state's history and attractions all done by beautiful drone footage. I am not a fan of drones but this is what they are made for. Other than that, we have been doing work outside until the rain made everything soggy. Keep the faith. This too shall pass.

Jana (Worship Committee Chair)

Sorry I am responding to this so late, but very busy here. I have to say I have not had time to miss you guys. SORRY! Up every morning around 8:30. Take the dog out, feed her, change the bird's water, then make breakfast while watching the news. Wash the morning skillet and my plate and fork, then I get pretty tired so off for my morning nap. When I get up it's time to make lunch and watch the noon news. Wash the knife, fork and plate. By this time I watch "The Riflemen", and it's time for my afternoon nap. By now it is getting close to time for supper, so I get started making same. I watch the news from 4:00 to 6:30 while I am eating and doing the dish. Then I take the dog for a walk. By now it's 7:00 and time to wind the day down by watching some kinda cop program 'til 9:00. That's when I catch the 9:00 and 10:00 news. That brings me to around 10:35. Time to take the dog out one last time and change the bird water again, and it's off to bed. Don't know where the time goes. Otherwise all is well here, hope all of you are well. too! ! !

Love, Bruce (Cattfish)

WE ARE THE CHURCH

By Phil Ramos



"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 I 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.

JODI STOOD

Vacation Bible School

March 8, 2020



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

I have been involved with Vacation Bible School, (VBS) since 2005. Once my kids started attending VBS I volunteered wherever I could. Julie Phillips ran VBS with much enthusiasm and energy until she became ill and asked Pastor Kelly and I to run it for her in 2015. We were able to succeed with the help of the church congregation and an unbelievable amount of assistance from the children of the church. I can't thank the congregation and community enough for all the support, volunteers, donations and prayers which continue each year to make this program successful.

Tell a little about the ministry The ministry is a week of bible adventures for community children from age 3 through 5th grade. The children are escorted to their various classes by volunteers in 6th grade and up. The classes are taught by church youth and adults. We have at least 60 volunteers each day. In addition church members graciously donate supplies, prayers for good weather and many hours of preparing for the week. When kids age out of the program they return to volunteer as group leaders and eventually may lead one of the classes.

What are some highlights or accomplishments? The highlight of the VBS ministry is the amount of teamwork it takes to make the program a success and all the smiling faces on the participants during the week of VBS.

What were the greatest challenges? The greatest challenge is potential rain because the entire church building is in use along with games being played outdoors.

What keeps you going in this ministry? VBS is a week of fun, laughter and singing. All the smiling faces and the eagerness of kids to learn about next year's program keeps the adults motivated to prepare for the next year.

Closing Thoughts

I want to thank the congregation for their continued support with this VBS. VBS is successful because so many people volunteer, donate and help with whatever else may be needed.

KARIN PERAINO

Rainbow Covenant

March 13, 2020

How long have you headed up this ministry and when and how did you first get involved? This is my second turn as the head of the Rainbow Covenant. I probably started working with the Rainbow Covenant in 2020 after a request from Mike Galati. In 2001 I turned over to become Outreach Coordinator and then Sunday School Superintendent. I began working with Rainbow Covenant again about seven years ago.



Tell me a little bit about the ministry. The Rainbow Covenant is a way for the United Methodist Church to assist charities both locally, and around the world. To be a Rainbow Covenant Church, LUMC first has to pay our apportionment (kind of like a subscription fee) to the NIC conference, and then we make donations to at least six additional pre-approved charities. The charities are grouped by type and coded by color of the rainbow. By combining our donations with those from other churches, we can make a significant contribution to these charities.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments? LUMC has proudly been a Rainbow Covenant Church for as long as I can remember!

What were the greatest challenges? Prior to the beginning of each year, I select the charities that our church will support throughout the year. I try to select a variety of different causes ... eg, local, global, youth, elderly, environmental, justice, etc. If there is a natural disaster, we will also do an additional collection for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

What keeps you going in this ministry? It is a worthwhile ministry that doesn't require a lot of extra time or effort.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry? The helping hand of the United Methodist Church has a wide reach!

Closing remarks. Every little bit helps. Our contributions make a difference!

Tony Ferrazzi

United Methodist Men's Ministry

Jan 8, 2020

How long have you headed up this ministry and when and how did you first get involved? I have been a part of the Men's Group since it was first organized by Pastor Noah. I'm not sure how long ago that was. For a long time I worked with Mick Chappell to head up the group and when Mick left our Church, Dawn and I decided to give it a go.



Tell me a little bit about the ministry. I try to make it a gathering where the men of the church can go to relax and have a little breakfast, talk about what's going on with themselves if they wish, and to hear a devotional about our Lord Jesus. I do not want it to be gathering where you are handed a shovel or broom. There are plenty of other committees for that.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments? Highlights would be spending an hour sharing stories, experiences and a short devotion.

What were the greatest challenges? Getting up early and remembering everything I am supposed to bring.

What keeps you going in this ministry? I've thought about calling it quits many times but it's such a small and easy thing to do once a month that I keep on going. Also, Dawn keeps making those great breakfast casseroles for us to eat. I couldn't do it without her help.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry? How not to run a men's group.

Closing remarks. Join us.

Jana Stelter

Gardening Committee

February 6, 2020



How long have you headed up this ministry and when and how did you first get involved? I have been working on this for about 10 years. I got involved by default because I was the only woman on the Trustee committee at the time, and I was their go to person to ask about what was happening on the exterior of the church, so it became a sort of sub-committee of the Trustees.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry. We basically take care of the exterior gardens on the property. The trustees mow the grass. Arlene and Marty Knott, Carol Walter, Don Mueggenborg and Kathy Eterno and others have worked on weeding, watering, and keeping flowers trimmed and beautiful way before I was on the scene. We received a huge donation of free shrubs and ground cover from a Construction company that was closing down their office and all we needed to do was to gather a workforce to plant all of it. This was a time when we thought we could get rid of the grass on both sides of the church and make it lush with ground cover and bushes. It was nice at first, but the ground cover did not take completely. We fought a losing battle with the thistles. Eventually I cried UNCLE, and told the trustees that I could not keep up with the maintenance anymore. We were all getting older, and we were not making a visible dent in the overgrowth. It took some convincing (especially to those who would have to begin cutting the grass that we were going to be replacing it with), but it happened. Thank you, Jesus! It looks so much nicer and well groomed for those who come to visit, worship, and bring their children to Happy Hands for school. Nowadays, it is all about maintenance, watering and clean up which happen in the Fall with the Trustees, their wives and grandkids working to clear the gardens!

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments? The people who came out to help us do the original planting really answered the call, literally. I called and left messages and people came and worked that day. We were done before 11:00 a.m. which was a good thing because I remember it was some kind of a holiday and I was going to have 20 people over for dinner so I had the work done. I so appreciated it. Next would be the creation of the two flat sides removing the overgrown bushes and preparing the sides for grass--THANK YOU to Al Janovyak who leveled the two sides with his bobcat--which broke down and had to be repaired while he was volunteering his time and equipment to get this huge task done. Again, It was truly a sight to see when all the volunteers came to lay sod that cold November/ December day. It would have been really tough work but it went so quickly with all that help. Finally, a highlight was the re-vamping of the Bessie Cluts gardens in the back of the church near the Office and Food Pantry entrance. It is rewarding to see the blooms in the spring and summer!

What were the greatest challenges? I believe that the transformation of the two sides from wild forest to grass was the greatest challenge. It was a GROUP effort and we thank every person who contributed from Tom Kehr who made the sidewalks, Al Janovyak who leveled the field, and all the people who showed up on those well needed days to lay sod.

What keeps you going in this ministry? I really love flowers. They are God's kisses.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry? I'm not sure how to answer this. It is a group effort, God does the rest!

Closing remarks. I want to thank everyone who has taken part in helping maintain, plant, and design gardens at the church. It really is important to show that we care about our church both inside and outside. It is the first thing that people see of us, LUMC, and it is important to make a good impression. We can always use people to volunteer to come once a week to water the Cluts gardens in the summer. So we are always looking for volunteers. Just look for emails in the spring and if you think this might be a way that you can help the church, let us know!

Happy Hands Preschool

Farewell Happy Hands Class of 2020

With COVID-19, the end of the school year is a little different this year. May is typically packed with a lot of fun year-end activities that we missed this year. Although we did not collect tuition, Happy Hands continued to provide remote support for the students. Packets with learning materials were made available for pickup, videos with activities were sent home daily (like play "Simon Says" with Mr. H or do an experiment with Mrs. Kennedy), and teachers conducted Zoom sessions with their students. While we do hope to be able to have some type of closure for the students in the future, we know that is not possible right now. Therefore, we provided an opportunity for parents to do a special graduation celebration at home. Personalized diplomas, graduation ribbons, and directions to make graduation caps were sent home. Songs that the children would sing at the ceremony were included in our daily videos. And graduation videos were made for each class--these videos included a messages from the director and the classroom teacher, introductions of each student, a slide show of pictures throughout the year, and ended with each student stating what they would like to be when they grow up. We have helped to launch the future of doctors, nurses, veterinarians, mechanics, bakers, teachers, athletes, scientists, police officers, mommies, pop stars, fishermen, race care drivers, artists, farmers, and even a unicorn! The future looks bright with this diverse group!

Best wishes to all of the 2020 Happy Hands graduates!



LUMC Women's Book Club

I encourage you to read what you like while we are under personal isolation.

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:	\$	20,311.89
Receipts:		13,263.56
Disbursements:		-12,721.60
General Fund ending balance:	\$	20,853.85

******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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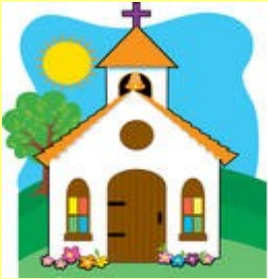
Also please know that **VISA** cards are available in increments of \$50, \$100, and \$250. There are many retailers that offer "Visa five back" which means if you go to a participating retailer, they will put 5% of your purchase back on your card.

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!

Handyman Help

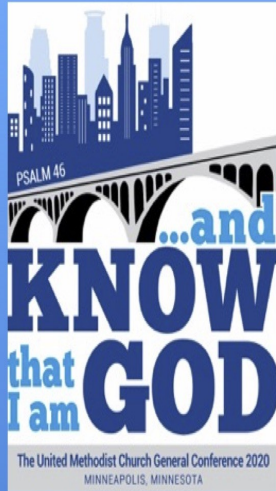
If there is anyone in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs, basic maintenance, or grass cutting, Tom Gebel has offered to help. His number is 312-438-5605.



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.



Tentative Dates Set for General Conference

The Council of Bishops disclosed a proposal that would push back General Conference more than a year and four months after the lawmaking assembly was originally scheduled. After the COVID-19 pandemic caused postponement, the new prospective dates for The United Methodist Church's General Conference are Aug. 31-Sept. 10, 2021.

The Council of Bishops disclosed the proposed dates, including a Council of Bishops meeting starting Aug. 26, in an email to its members and other church leaders. [Click to read more](#) from United Methodist News Service.

Grieving Support Group

Grieving Support Group been postponed due to covid-19. Pastor is planning to have a zoom Grieving Support meeting.



We will keep you posted.

JUNE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 2-Adam Anderson
June 6-April Lange
June 9-Patrick Woytek
June 10-Mike Chappell
June 10-Al Janovyak
June 15-Grace Kirkman
June 18-Alice Lange
June 19-Marge Fox
June 19-Jordan Kehr
June 21-Annie Woytek
June 22-Phil Ramos
June 30-Myles Pelikan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 3-Don & Pat Farrer
June 6-Mark & Vickie Olinger
June 13-Steve & Gina Walter
June 20-Gene & Joanne Goszczycki
June 21-Jackie & Anthony Ferrazzi
June 28-Tom & GleeAnn Kehr



Liturgist Schedule

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Blessed
Father's
Day!

Numbers 6:24

*The LORD bless thee,
and keep thee. (KJV)*

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HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP FOUNDATION

The Hope and Friendship Foundation Relief Deliveries Outreach has only been a successful manner in offering important basic needs and foods to those who are struggling through this crisis having been blessed with the opportunity to work with both of our school districts, our churches, many local organizations, so many of our Lemont businesses, the Village of Lemont, other local non-profits, and countless of hands, feet and hearts that have all powerfully been a conduit of support to more than 150 homes here within our arm's reach, as well as engaging hundreds more in feeling great responsibility and pride in offering simple basic needs to their neighbor.

WE have been one Village united over these past few months offering what we can as we are able filling voids in one home from the simple offering of purchasing even just one extra item from another.

Instead of simply closing the door to offering what we can as we are able, I hope to continue to help all of those who will not be returning to work quite yet; our red flag families who are dealing with compound crisis in their homes; those who are now months behind in rent/mortgage due to the "stay at home" cutting off their income; and rally support for both of our food pantries who have continued to be "open" through this crisis and have continued to assist local households throughout the past few months.

How do we continue to help?

Commit to walk/run 2 miles and then proudly wear the shirt earned from this outreach and post a picture of yourself in your specially designed support shirt showing you have offered support to the next step of relief for those who are truly struggling to hold on. Hope and Friendship Foundation Miles 2gether in 2020. Many needs, many hearts, everyone matters. We are all in this together. One Village United

"Miles 2gether in 2020" Sign up Link: <https://eichssports.chipply.com/miles2gether/>

The cost is \$20. The shirt cost is \$8.50. Of the remaining \$11.50: *50% of the proceeds earned from this event will be donated to our Lemont Food Pantries to help fill the shelves and purchase fresh food vouchers.

*50% of proceeds earned will be used to purchase gift cards to be given to the many non-pantry families and seniors that we were assisting through the #reliefdeliveries so they may purchase the fresh food, cleaning supplies, paper products and personal care items that we were offering during the months of "stay at home order", and non-essential business shut down.

Sign up at <https://eichssports.chipply.com/miles2gether/store.aspx> Get out and walk or run 2 miles on your own or with your spouse or child, or the whole family. When your shirt arrives post in pride on the "Hope and Friendship Ministries" Facebook page (@hopeandfriendshipfoundation) or Instagram page (@hopeandfriendship). Give us a pic with your shirt and your smile and know that you are so very loved and appreciated by those who will be assisted from your generosity, your effort, your desire to do what you can as you are able and for continuing to walk miles 2gether. #manynneedsmanyheartseveryonematters #weareallinthisogether #onevillage Thank you for listening to the needs, thank you for sharing your needs, thank you for connecting all of us 2gether in 2020!!!

Wishing you peace & health,

Terri

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
*The Talos Family
Anna (Fries), bladder surgery
Dick Draper (Stood), back/brain surgery
*Neil Janssen, strength
*Marty Knott, health issues
Ron, cancer treatment
*Bev Svoboda, strength
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
Katie (Norfleet), kidney disease
June (Havemann), stomach cancer
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Harper (Norfleet), leukemia/home
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
Linda, dementia
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
Stephanie Wiley, breast cancer
E.D. McCormick, cancer
*Jacob Monnett, health issues
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke
Chuck Herron (Miller), 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
Elida Ferrazzi, rheumatoid arthritis
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
Joe Peraino, rehab
*Mary Jane Sykes, strength
*Sherrill Weary, health issues
*Dale, Mary, Carolyn & Margaret, running the Open Pantry
Jeff, coronavirus
*All People Unemployed
*All Businesses shut down
*2020 Graduates

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Honoring Memorial Day!
*2020 Graduates!
*Our Open Pantry!
*Pastor's Online Services!
*Beautiful Weather!
*Healthy Congregation!
*Don Farrer, Don Mueggenborg,
April Lange, & Bill Shelby keeping
our grass cut and looking
beautiful!
*Community Donations to the
Open Pantry!

Coffee Fellowship TBD



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bearers Ministry

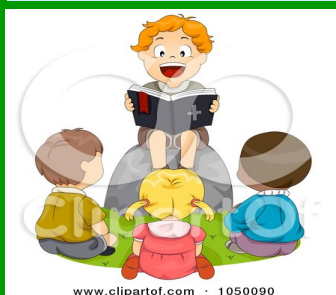
The Care Bearers are a group of people to help provide an occasional meal (home cooked or purchased) for members of our congregation who are recovering from a serious illness, birth of a baby, or the loss of a family member. Meals are **only occasionally** needed in our church, and it is a wonderful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

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

June 2020

**Children's
Message**

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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 Gergescz 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
June 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

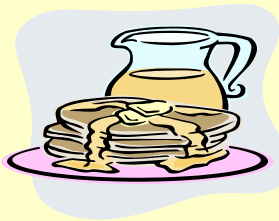
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

**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



**WILL NOT MEET
IN JUNE.
STAY WELL.**

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.

facebook.com/LemontUMC

We are updating our on line service on our facebook page. It has been viewed by over a 100 people!

Primetimers



**WILL NOT MEET
IN JUNE.**

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.**