



The New Wine

*August
2020*

*Upcoming
Services*

*August
2nd and 9th
Services will
be online.*

*Tentative
Schedules
for in-person
services*

*August 16th,
23rd, & 30th
at 9:30 AM
Reservation
is available
Only for
25 people !*

*Please call the
church office
to make a
reservation
for your seat!*

Dear Members of Lemont UMC,

Greetings! I hope and pray that you stay well and safe. For most of us, this year has turned out to be quite different from what we had anticipated in January. There is still a great deal of uncertainty as to what the rest of the year will be like. Yet, we have grown some of the things that we have not experienced ever before like for me producing videos for online service and I hope that we all continue to grow our trust in God and hold on our faith that God is with us for times such as this.

I am happy to announce to you that Lemont UMC Ad. Council tentatively set the date for in-person service on August 16, 2020, at 9:30 AM with some conditions that waiver forms are in, thorough cleaning is done, volunteers for various jobs are in place, PPE are all prepared, D.S.'s support for our plan, and the COVID-19 cases in the State and our community. ReTurn Team, Trustees, and Worship Committee will work together for our plan on Sunday, August 16. In case it is not getting ready, we may move to August 23rd. The first two in-person services are going to be a soft opening for only 25 people. To get into the in-person service, there are three main things our church requires you to do.

The first one is you need to sign the waiver form and submit it one time only before entering the church building for the first time. Please see the next page or click the link in my email and submit it via email or mail to the church office. The second one is every time you are planning to attend the in-person service, you need to fill out the screening form each time you attend the service. Please see the next page and bring it with you or send it to the church office via email or mail. Lastly one is you need to make a reservation to Amy. Amy will put you on the list for 25 people, ask you a few questions, and guide you to return to church safely. Please contact the church office to make your reservation. For two Sundays, we will take only 25 people. In case you cannot get it, you will be the first person for the next service reservation.

For those who cannot attend, don't worry! Since we have a lot of elderly members and those who are most vulnerable due to underlining health conditions, we do not expect you to take a risk to attend in-person service. Your safety is the foremost important thing for us. For this reason, we will record our service, edit the video afterward, and upload it to YouTube later Sunday afternoon for you to watch and connect with the church. Quality or sound may not be as good as we have now, but we will do our best to provide you online service.

Besides, to offer in-person service, we need a lot of volunteers. Please see the volunteering opportunities on page 4, and sign up for the jobs. Once you sign up, GleeAnn Kehr will contact you and train you one on one or virtually. If you have more questions, please contact me or GleeAnn. Getting volunteer in place is crucial to have in person service.

Since the COVID-19 cases are increasing even in our State, please continue to do three **Ws** - **wash your hands, wear a mask, and watch social distance**. Your small acts of love will make difference and reduce COVID-19 infection and protect most vulnerable people. As you do so, may God bless you and keep you healthy and safe.

In Christ, *Pastor Hyo Sun Oh*

LUMC Instructions & Screening Questions

Please bring this completed form with you to the worship service

- Attend church **ONLY IF YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE IN DOING SO**. The church, the Body of Christ, is not a physical building. It resides in the hearts of Christians, wherever they may be. A weekly on-line service will continue to be provided. Remember that you are loved and cared for regardless of whether you feel ready to attend in-person church or not.
- Please arrive at least 15 min early to allow time for temperature check and check-in.
- Please allow for an empty parking space on both sides of your vehicle and other parked vehicles.
- Keep a social distance of 6 ft between families, both inside and outside the church.
- Entry will be through the main upstairs (South) door only. Exit only through upstairs Southeast or Southwest doors. There will be no access to the downstairs area.
- Keep your nose and mouth covered with a mask and use hand sanitizer. If you do not have a mask, we will have a disposable one for you. Hand sanitizer will be provided.
- Do not touch anyone who is not part of your household. Greet each other with a wave, nod, curtsy, bow or any other friendly gesture! Please limit touching surfaces inside the building as much as possible.
- Sanctuary aisles are one-way please enter through the center isle and exit via the side aisles.
- Please limit restroom usage. If you must go, please follow thorough hand washing procedures.
- Follow directions given by the ushers, on signage, or marked on the floors.
- No food or drink.
- No nursery will be provided.

1. In the past 14 days, have you or any member of your household had any of the following COVID-19 symptoms for unknown reasons / not related to a diagnosed condition?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dry persistent cough | <input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing | <input type="checkbox"/> New loss of taste or smell |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fever (greater than 100.0°F) or feeling feverish, chills or rigors | <input type="checkbox"/> New or unusual headache |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muscle aches (all over) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gastrointestinal concerns, such as abdominal pain, vomiting or diarrhea |

2. In the past 14 days, have you knowingly been in close contact, or live in the same household with, anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19?

3. Have you or anyone in your household traveled outside of the U.S. or on a cruise ship in the past 14 days?

This form is to document the LUMC attendee health screening requirement set forth in the LUMC ReTURN Guidance protocol. The LUMC ReTURN Team has developed procedures for in-person worship based on recommendations from the CDC, State of Illinois HHS, and the Northern Illinois Conference. While we are striving to take the utmost precautions to safely return to worship in our building, there are still no guarantees that someone will not be infected with COVID-19 or any other illness. As much as we would love for you to worship with us, if you feel you are at risk or have any concerns we won't be offended if you choose not to attend in-person worship. There will still be an online service every week and we would encourage you to worship with us in that way. Here is a link to our services <http://www.lemontumc.org/video/index.php>

Do you have any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed above on questionnaire?

Print your name	Signature	Worship Service Date	No	Yes

If a church attendee answers "yes" to any of the questions, they will be asked to make another reservation once they are able to answer "no" to all these questions.

This Screening sheet needs to be filled out the day of each worship service that you are attending and brought with you.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 COVID -19 is contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person – to – person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, restricted the congregation of groups based upon Phase 4 guideline.

The Lemont United Methodist Church operates the church building [sanctuary, offices, class rooms, fellowship hall, parking lots, etc.] (hereinafter “THE FACILITIES”) and has put into place Policies and Procedures that reflect the State of Illinois’ Phase 4 guidelines for reopening business and returning gatherings of people SAFELY as a means to reduce the spread of COVID – 19 during the re-opening of THE FACILITIES.

I, for myself and on behalf of my child(ren) willingly agree to comply with these Policies and Procedures. However, I understand that entering and use of THE FACILITIES include possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases, including COVID – 19, even when these Policies and Procedures are followed.

Therefore, in consideration of being permitted to enter THE FACILITIES or allowed to participate in any activity at THE FACILITIES, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID – 19 and the risk of injury that may result from exposure or infection to the same. I voluntarily agree to assume these risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with any attendance at THE FACILITIES or participation in any programming at THE FACILITIES (“Claims”). On behalf of my child(ren) and myself, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless THE FACILITIES, The Northern Illinois Conference of United Methodist Churches, The Lemont United Methodist Church, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID – 19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any activity within THE FACILITIES.

I further expressly agree that the foregoing assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability, and indemnity agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Illinois and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect. This is to certify that I have carefully read, fully understand, and voluntarily sign this assumption of risk, release and waiver of liability, and indemnity agreement and further agree that no oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the foregoing written agreement has been made.

Signature of User / Parent / Guardian _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Form of Waiver and Release Liability – Created by the Lemont UMC Board of Trustees on July 29, 2020

**This waiver needs to be filled out one time only and submitted
to the church office before anyone is allowed to enter the
building for the first time.**

THREE DIFFERENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

a. Worship Assistant 1

- i. Will be at the end of the driveway to greet and confirm who is arriving with the reservation list and take attendance. They will ask each parishioner to hold up the LUMC Pre-screening Questionnaire form and will take a picture of it and email it to the church office. The worship attendee will keep the form. (form that was previously sent out via email). They will communicate attendance information with designated person who will be the “attendance tracker”.
- ii. Take attendees’ temperatures with no-touch thermometer.
- iii. Once confirmed and cleared, Assistant 1 will direct the attendee where to park and to meet Assistant 2 at the Main upstairs door to the building.
- iv. Following the worship service, Assistant 1 will stand outside where they can see both East and West exit doors and check reservation list to ensure that each person on the list has left the building.

b. Worship Assistant 2

- i. Will greet parishioners outside the Main upstairs door. Assistant 2 will open the door for them and instruct them on where to sit, social distancing, required mask usage for all people (over the age of 2), guidelines of where to place offering, pick up communion elements, limited touching of surfaces, direction of travel for aisles and which door to exit from following the worship service. Should someone arrive without a mask, assistant 2 will provide them with a disposable mask.

c. Video operator - so we can continue to have a quality on-line worship service in addition to live worship services.

- i. Will operate video camera moving around in the front of the sanctuary to video the service for better quality of recording than setting camera up in the sound booth area.
- ii. Will need to work with worship committee and Pastor regarding where to stand/ sit for different parts of the service, start and stop recording, zooming in etc...
- iii. Will need to work with the video editing for online service.
If someone has a skill with iMovie or video editing, please let us know.

If you are able to help please contact the church office.



SYMPATHY NOTICE

June Mueggenborg, mother of Karin Peraino and Richard Mueggenborg passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 9:05 PM at the age of 86, surrounded by her family at the Peraino's home in Lemont, IL.

Please keep the family in your prayers. We will keep you posted with the funeral arrangement.

Messages of condolences may be sent to the Peraino's family:

*920 Woodcraft Ln.
Lemont, IL 60439*



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, peanut butter, jelly, and toilet paper.

Thank you to our volunteers, Dale Janssen, Carolyn Stelter, Mary Englund, Margaret, Steve & Gina Walter!!!



All Sunday services will be online
on YouTube, facebook at:
facebook.com/LemontUMC,
on our website at: lemontumc.org
Online Service will be premiering at
9:30 AM every Sunday until in-person
service on August 16, 2020 and then

will be available Sunday evening for those who cannot attend in-person
service. **Please continue to share and enjoy our online services!**

Scrip Checks

If you purchase Scrip card, please send your check via mail to the church.

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

15 - Starbucks	5.00
25 - Panera	5.00
2 - 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.

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 November, we are highlighting the **red band charity, Living Well with AIDS**. This program supports AIDS education and support in Eastern and Southern Africa home to half of the world's population living with AIDS. The project has demonstrated that with proper tools and methods, communities can reduce HIV infections, increase testing, and care for families of those lost to the virus. Please bring in plenty of change on **August 23rd** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write **"AIDS"** on a pew envelope.

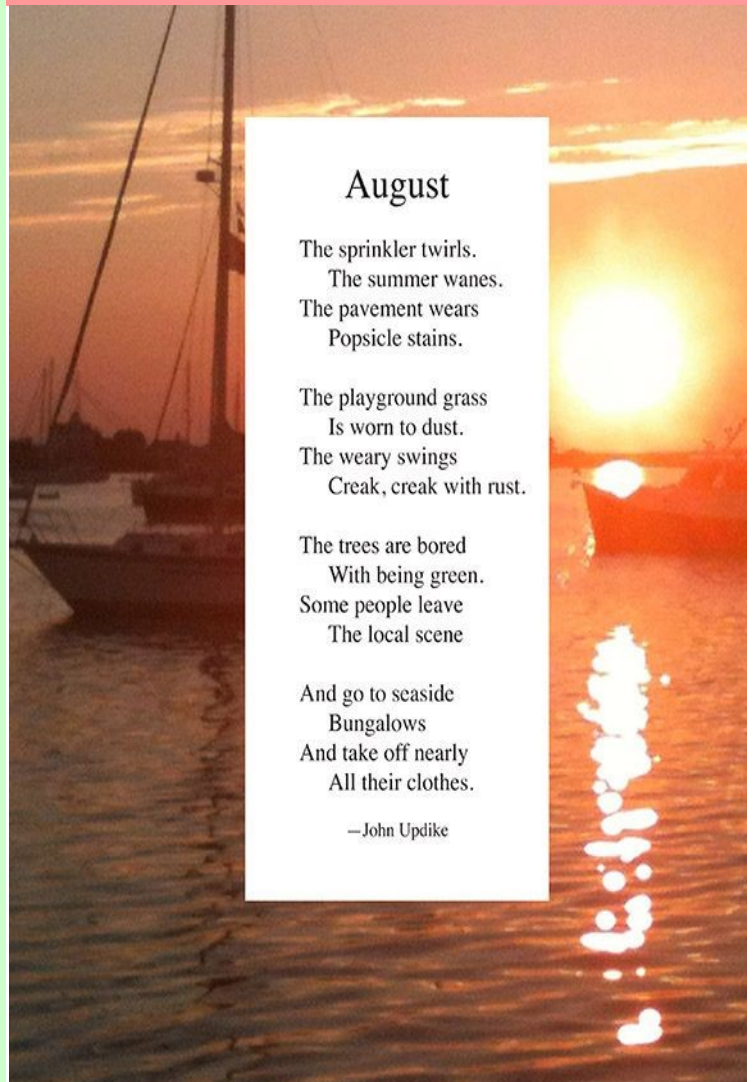
Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Building Sign In/Sign Out Sheets

These sheets will be placed on all entrance doors and must be completed every time anyone enters or exits the building, other than for a worship service.

We will have your other information from your screening sheets. If you have any questions please contact the church office.

Thank You.



August

The sprinkler twirls.
The summer wanes.
The pavement wears
Popsicle stains.

The playground grass
Is worn to dust.
The weary swings
Creak, creak with rust.

The trees are bored
With being green.
Some people leave
The local scene

And go to seaside
Bungalows
And take off nearly
All their clothes.

—John Updike

LUMC JOB OPENING

The Lemont United Methodist Church has a job opening. The job is to video tape the services--about one hour and a half a week on Sundays from 9:15-10:45 a.m. The compensation would be \$20 a Sunday service. We are looking for someone high school age or older who might be interested in this work.

We will train the individual and provide the equipment needed to do the job. No prior knowledge is needed but previous introduction to a video camera may help. If you know of someone who might be interested, please give them this information. If this is something that you might be interested in, please contact the office at 630-257-5210 so we can get started with our "back to church" services as soon as possible. We would like to begin training someone on July 26th so they can go solo on August 2nd.

Worship Committee

United Methodist Men Zoom Gathering August 8th at 8:00 A.M.

Will reconvene via Zoom, hosted by Phil Ramos.

In order to participate in the Zoom session,
you must contact Phil Ramos and he will invite you.

Phil's email is bolingbrookramos@gmail.com and
his phone number is 630-740-1513.

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!

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 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.



MARGE FOX

Church Growth Team

Jan 7

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

I got involved around the time Pastor Oh came to our church and she recreated our Facebook page, we evidently had one that was not in use. I liked to take pics and I would send them to her to put on FB so she decided to make me an admin so that I could do it. I think the growth team is new, when I saw my name

on it I wondered why I was included and was told because I do the Facebook page that's considered church growth. So again, I'm in by default :)

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

Well FB is FB, I post upcoming events, share pictures from our church or just interesting articles, or Just a Funny for the day.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

Well I think the people who are active on FB enjoy it, I honestly don't know how much I've accomplished because I am not as savy as some people are. Currently GleeAnn is working with someone who needs community service to go over more technical issues on FB, Like boosting our audience.

What were the greatest challenges?

Getting people to comment, Like, or even Rate our church for all to see.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

So far it's easy and not time consuming, I'm not "expected" to do anything, but anything I do is appreciated.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

They can learn more about our church and what we stand for, what we are passionate about and our commitment to the community.

Closing remarks.

It is very hard to get as much participation within the social media world when many in our congregation are not active with the internet or media. Some don't even have email, so we do the best we can!

**RICHARD LEE**

Church History Committee

March 2020

How long have you headed up these two ministries and when and how did you first get involved?

I have been chair of the LUMC history committee since Tom Ludwig passed on.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

It's purpose is to record and present the history of the church building, the people of the congregation, and special events.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

Highlights are anniversaries and funerals or memorial services, such as the one for Ida Kaminsky, a life-long member.

What were the greatest challenges?

The greatest challenges are keeping good records, getting interviews, and anniversary celebrations.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

What keeps me going is my love of history and getting to know people better.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

People can learn how to get familiar with others and highlight their successes.

Closing remarks.

I would say please give us a history questionnaire with your personal history and the likes before your funeral. Just put it the history mailbox in the Choir room or contact me.

**CAROLYN STETLER**

FEB 24, 2020

Open Pantry Ministry

How long have you headed up this ministry and when and how did you first get involved? I have been the Co-Director for the Food Pantry for the last 3 years. I originally got involved because the previous Director was stepping down and a replacement was needed. I was excited for the opportunity to help our community in an impactful way.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry. The Lemont United Methodist Open Pantry is one of two food pantries in Lemont. We serve over 80 local families and each month they receive a brown paper bag of staple items, a plastic bag of paper toiletries, two plastic bags of items they select from the shelves, a Jewel gift card for fresh produce, and Panera pastries. The pantry is able to provide these items due to generous donations of items and monetary donations from the church and community. We also have many volunteers that help to support the pantry in a variety of ways; shopping for items, packing the staples bags, stocking the shelves, picking up donations, sorting through donations, helping when the clients come in, sending out thank yous, etc. We are lucky to live in such a supportive community!

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments? I am proud that our church has been able to host the Open Pantry for over 30 years, even during tough economic times, when we are needed the most.

What were the greatest challenges? Sometimes both our item and financial donations can be unexpected or inconsistent and this affects what we are able to offer our clients. We also cannot put out any expired items and unfortunately many donors think they are contributing, but these items cannot be used.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

Our community will always have a need for an Open Pantry and it is so nice to know what a big impact we have on our families every month. Every little bit adds up and it takes a village to help. "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."-Matthew 25:40

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

I enjoy helping others, gardening, remodeling, and working in education.

Closing remarks.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed in any and every way to the Food Pantry! We truly would not be able to make a lasting impact without each and every one of you



KARIN PERAINO

Happy Hands Methodist Preschool
March 13, 2020

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

I have been the Director of Happy Hands for five years, since 2015. After Julie Philips passed away, Pastor Kelly asked me to consider the position. I accepted because I felt God calling me to do this.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

Happy Hands was started by Bessie Cluts as a mission of LUMC over 50 years ago. The school provides a safe and happy place for preschoolers to learn. There is a family atmosphere, proven curriculum, warm and caring teachers, special classes (music, motor, and computers), Christian values, time for creative free-play, and lots of extras (field trips, programs, and special visitors). Happy Hands is currently helping to prepare 125 students, ages 2-5, for their next academic stages.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

In general, children who attend Happy Hands enjoy school, develop strong relationships with their teachers, and end up being well-prepared for Kindergarten. They make friends, pray every day before snack, sing lots of songs, and laugh with Mr. H! Parents appreciate the loving, family atmosphere and safe environment. We always receive very positive feedback about our programs, especially Grandparents Days and the annual Fashion Show fundraisers.

What were the greatest challenges?

There is always something going on at Happy Hands! It takes a lot of planning and flexibility. My first year was filled with, "Oh by the way, we do this." No day is the same.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

The school is filled with happy, trusting children who are growing and learning so much. I try to make each child feel special, calling them by name, praising their accomplishments, and being a friend to them...whether they are proud, anxious, happy, or sad. I know we make a difference by showing them God's love every day.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

God's light shines through children. They make me smile every day; they make me think; they make me honest. We can learn as much from them as they do from us!

Closing remarks.

Happy Hands has a wonderful reputation in the community and there are so many people from LUMC who have contributed to its success ... both past and present teachers, board members, volunteers, and supporters. Thank you to all who have been involved with Happy Hands throughout the years!

**JANA STELTER**

Worship Team

Feb 6, 2020

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

I got involved in the Natural Church Development Committee (NCD) first back in 2007 with Pastor Juancho. We were a small committee that looked at the 5 areas of our church analyzing ways that we could improve. There were a lot of meetings and surveys and we acted on the conclusions. That work lasted about 7 years when I was asked to head the Worship committee in 2014 as well. At that time, our NCD committee had gotten smaller by attrition and many of the things that we worked on seemed to be handled by the Worship Committee so we combined those two. That is how it went down.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

Worship Team encompasses more than simply worship. It is really anything that happens in the Sanctuary; music-junior choir, worship choir, praise band, hymns selection, communion, sermons, decorations and changing of the altar cloths, greeters, hospitality, and ushers.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

Well over the years these committees have created:

1. The signage throughout the church.
2. Formed new committees to address Hospitality and Faith development and created new tasks that current committees worked to address.
3. Designed and implemented the Monitors and sound system, the design of the booth in the back, and the computer program that displays visuals on the monitor in the sanctuary.
4. Started the early praise band.
5. Created the summer schedule and 4 Sunday Brunches to combine the fellowship

What were the greatest challenges?

Getting a company that would come and help us, a small church, with our AV design, researching, choosing, and learning the computer program that would be what we use to display on the monitors in the sanctuary, and simply juggling all the plates that fall under Worship--you get one set and three others fall down. However; the most challenging is the continued discussion of One Service vs Two Services. We revisit and research this every two years it seems. We have people entrenched on both sides. It is such a complex issue, not just "flip a switch" and move the service. There are so many people involved in the decision that it can't be a quick fix.

What keeps you going in this ministry?

It feels good when things work. There are changes that are visible that enhance the worship experience.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

Hopefully that I am flexible, thorough and that I follow through.

Closing remarks.

It is an important part of the church. Please consider this an opportunity for people to volunteer to be on the Worship committee. It makes a difference and I'm not getting any younger!



Leslie Ramos

Praise Band Ministry

Mar 22, 2020

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

I have been leading the Praise Band Ministry since my husband wrote my name down as the director and mentioned it to me a few days later... I guess it has been over 2 years, now. We first became involved with developing the Praise Band at the request of Pastor Kelly, but at the time I wasn't quite ready to make that leap of faith. So after a year of tossing the idea around, I decided to give it a try.

Tell me a little bit about the ministry.

The Praise Band's goal is to engage the congregation in praise and worship through music. One of the things I love most about this group is that they are a very organic group of folks who truly love to lift their voices (&/or instruments) in praise. Phil and I have played in the past at different churches with professionals brought in to play each week, but this has been so much more rewarding to us because we are praising with the same people who are committed to this church and have been for most of their lives. It is not a job to them-it has truly become their ministry.

What are some of the highlights or accomplishments?

It isn't easy to highlight just an accomplishment, or two-it seems like there are so many! Playing for the residents at Franciscan Village at Christmas time, having Bruce pull out a violin in the middle of rehearsal (& playing it), watching each one of our members work so hard to learn how to sing/play and then reflecting on their growth. One of the highlights for me personally was directly after the announcement there would be a lockdown, the Praise Band members did their best to brainstorm and go out of their way to continue to help create music for our congregation- We recorded 16 songs in two days – all while social distancing and they continue to call and email us all the time trying to think of new and safe ways for us to make music.

What were the greatest challenges?

Our challenges continue to be the fact that we can't safely get together and practice or play. Other challenges-? Well, David just graduated and will be starting college in the fall and that will limit his ability to play, but luckily he will be staying 'local' for a little while, so I can't complain too much...!

What keeps you going in this ministry?

What keeps me going in this ministry is my own love for praising God through music and the fellowship of this group.

What can people learn working with you in this ministry?

I hope that people take away some inspiration from the music-each song is its own message; sometimes our songs are directly taken from scripture, sometimes not. Personally, I love to look around at the world around us and find God's words in music that perhaps wasn't originally written specifically as Praise music, as a matter of fact, Phil and I are working on a song right now for a member of our congregation that brought us a little Johnny Cash...stay tuned

Closing remarks.

Never be afraid to smile when a song strikes you just so-or sway to the rhythm, perhaps clap your hands for a bit if that tempo drives up the stakes and by all means, sing loud and proud when the mood strikes!

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: \$ 16,637.75

Receipts: 9,469.32

Disbursements: -13,749.51

General Fund ending balance: \$ 12,357.56

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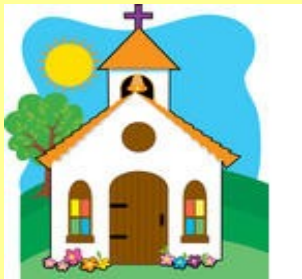
Also please know that **VISA** cards are available in increments of \$50, \$100, and \$250. There are many retailers that offer "**Visa five back**" which means if you go to a participating retailer, they will put 5% of your purchase back on your card.

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.

Who Had A Wilderness Experience

By Richard H. Lee LUMC writer

The Bible has a surprising number of people who had a wilderness experience of learning and teaching or converting. This is a short list but those I remember and familiar with. This experience was very difficult but the people were challenged and transformed.

Moses is probably first and was a shepherd for 40 years before being called. Then he was assigned to lead the Hebrews out of slavery in Egypt.

The Hebrews are next who left Egypt after much suffering and faith to follow their leader Moses into the red sea and then the desert for 40 years.

Then Joseph who was discarded for dead by his brothers and was taken to Egypt by desert travelers. He became prime minister and was able to call his brothers and father to come and be cared for.

Elijah was under attack by Ahab after criticizing him and fled with despair into the wilderness. He was also the first marathon runner, fleeing from Ahab, which is another story.

Jeremiah was a prophet and was mostly rejected and even thrown into a pit to die.

John the Baptist appeared after many years to baptize Jesus, his cousin and the Messiah who baptizes with the Spirit. He spent 40 days in the desert without food and water being tested but victorious.

Paul who was persecuting the Christians until he was blinded on the road to Damascus by Jesus and could not drink or eat for 3 days. Later he spent 3 years in the wilderness being taught by the Resurrected Jesus.

Finally, John the Apostle who was exiled to Patmos and wrote Letters to the Church and the Revelation of end times. These years were very productive.

Have you had a wilderness experience of testing?

AUGUST

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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



Liturgist Schedule

**ONLINE
SERVICES
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FOR
AUGUST 2nd
AND 9th**



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

HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP

UNBIRTHDAY PARTY

Mark your calendar!!! BE COOL- BE YOU

Tuesday August 11th 5:30-7:30pm @ Lemont Calvary Church- lower level 1375 State St (NE corner of State and Archer) COVID safety rules will be enforced: *kids must wear a mask *pizza will be served, No moving around room. *all activities are planned for outside (plan b for inclement weather will be socially distanced) *limiting party to 30 youth *ages 5year old through high school *rsvp terri@hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com Or text 630-816-4972



GIVING BACK TO LEMONT

On Saturday August 29th from 5:30-9:30pm we will host a virtual and live broadcast of local musicians and artists as we do a telethon type of fundraiser for both of our Lemont Food Pantries. We are in the process right now of gathering recorded acts that Seth Mercer will magically put in a 4 hour format with breaks between the acts allowing us to tell you about the pantries and our support venues. Restaurants around town will be broadcasting the event so that supporters can dine out and enjoy the show all around Lemont!! We'll be sharing the list of all of the restaurants that will be our support team very soon! We will be broadcasting live from Next Mex and checking in with the places that are broadcasting and collecting during our event. Our support venues will have drop bins for food and for monetary donations. Checks can be made payable to "Lemont Food Pantries" or donations can be made with credit card or PayPal accounts through the Hope and Friendship PayPal found at www.hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com This format will allow anyone who wants to join in the fun, enjoy the talent, and support our pantries to participate at home on their smart TVs or computers, on the go (via streaming through their phone), or while dining out at one of our participating Lemont restaurants.

Giving Back to Lemont 2020 #GBTL2020
Saturday August 29th 5:30-9:30pm
Streamed live via Facebook and YouTube

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*

*The family and friends of Mary Dvorak
*The loss of Gracie Gergesc
*Christine Miller, health issues
*Mary (Havemann), passed away
*Anyone suffering from Covid-19
Anna (Fries), bladder surgery
Dick Draper (Stood), back/brain surgery
*Neil Janssen, strength
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
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
Collette (Makinney), hip surgery
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
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 & Gene 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, strength
*Mary Jane Sykes, strength
*Sherrill Weary, health issues
*Dale, Mary, Carolyn & Margaret, running Open Pantry
*All People Unemployed
*All Businesses shut down
*June Mueggenborg, hospice
*The Knott Family
* All doctors and nurses

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

- *The love of our pets!
- *Our ReTurn to church committee!
- *Our Grass Cutters and Weeders!
- *Everyone making sure our building remains safe!
- *United Methodist Men Zoom Meetings!
- *Our Open Pantry Volunteers!
- *Our Congregation

Coffee Fellowship TBD



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bear ers Ministry

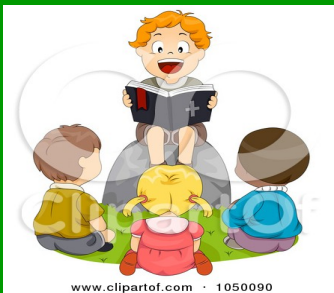
The Care Bearers are a group of people to help provide an occasional meal (home cooked or purchased) for members of our congregation who are recovering from a serious illness, birth of a baby, or the loss of a family member. Meals are **only occasionally** needed in our church, and it is a wonderful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

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

August 2020

**Children's
Message**

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Greeters

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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 Gergesch 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

August 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.

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.



Like us on Facebook

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

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

facebook.com/LemontUMC

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

Primetimers



AUGUST 15th

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.

Grief is NOT
a disorder
a disease
or a sign of weakness.

It is an emotional, physical
and spiritual necessity;
the price you pay for love.

The only
cure for
grief **is** to
grieve.

21-DAY ANTI-RACISM CHALLENGE

BEXLEY ANTI-RACISM PROJECT

1

Watch the documentary *13th* on Netflix

8

Listen to Janelle Monae's album *Dirty Computer*

15

Watch Episode 1 of *Dear White People* on Netflix

2

Read blog post "Dear White People, This is What We Want You to Do"

9

Read "Performative Allyship Is Deadly (Here's What to Do Instead)" in *Forge*

16

Listen to *Code Switch: "A Decade of Watching Black People Die"* on NPR

3

Read/Watch the play *Fences* by August Wilson on Youtube

10

Watch *The House I Live In* on Youtube

17

Watch *American Son* on Netflix

4

Join book launch event for *Anti-Racist Baby*

11

Listen to the play *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Is Enuf* by Ntozake Shange on Youtube

18

Read "More states are trying to protect Black employees who want to wear natural hairstyles at work" in *The Washington Post*

5

Read "So You Want to Learn About Juneteenth?" in the *New York Times*

12

Read/Watch *Just Mercy* on Youtube

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Listen to an episode from the podcast *1619*

6

Listen to podcast *The Daily: "The Case for Defunding the Police"*

13

Listen to an episode from the podcast *Pod Save the People*

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Read "The Case for Reparations" in *The Atlantic*

7

Read blog post "Reflections From a Token Black Friend" by Ramesh A Nagarajah

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Read "We protest police in the streets, so why do we let police in our schools?" in *Chicago Reporter*

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Listen to Kendrick Lamar's album *To Pimp a Butterfly*

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