

THE NEW WINE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PASTORS MESSAGE

BY PASTOR OH

Greetings! I wanted to take a moment to let you know how much we miss meeting together as a church family during this time of battling the Coronavirus. While we know and realize the “church” is not a building, but the people who make up the body of Christ, there's little doubt in all our minds this is not the way any of us envision what church will be going forward. I am sure that you miss the church public service, especially, as we enter the season of Advent and Christmas.

Someone once said, “you don't know what you have until it's gone.” Of course, the church is not “gone” in a literal sense, but not meeting together sure does make me appreciate what we had! Yet, the thing that keeps me going is the realization this is not a situation that will last forever. We're finally seeing the light at the end of the tunnel that the vaccine is on the way to bring us together.

There is such an odd feeling walking through the various empty rooms in the church, especially the Sanctuary that is often filled with people worshiping God and hearing the Word, but it has been all very quiet. Many of the Psalms are quite encouraging, and Psalm 27:13-14 says, “I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.” While all of us might honestly say that our patience is wearing a bit thin, I would encourage you to keep your confidence in the Lord as you navigate these uncertain times and uncharted water. Use these days to draw close to the Lord, and I know He is clear in the Word that He will draw near to us!

Psalm 65:4 says, “How blessed is the one whom You choose and bring near to You to dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.”

The Psalms are because there is such a desire to enter His gates with thanksgiving and praise even in times of trials and expresses his love for the place of meeting with God. These Words is so clear the ultimate design is that we meet together. Thus, the day is approaching, let us lift up one another. Stay healthy and safe in this holiday season.

We will meet again soon! We love you, and miss you! If there is anything we can do to minister to you, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

Social Media

Check out our new social media platforms and spread the word! Along with Facebook and Youtube, you can now find us on Instagram and Twitter! Don't forget to like and share our posts!

Twitter: @LemontUnited

Instagram: lemontumc



Thank You

Note

Church Closure and Worship

Due to Covid-19, church service will continue to be held online.

Unfortunately, this includes a Christmas Eve online service. You can find our recorded services on our Youtube page. Please remember to fill out google forms for attendance. You may also call or email the church regarding attendance.

We would like to thank and acknowledge Amy Cheehy for her service within and throughout the church over the years. We appreciate the work she has done and the time she has given to the church. Along with this, we would like to welcome a new addition to our staff! Welcome Vanessa Urban! We are excited for you to meet everyone and we are grateful the newfound help in the church!

United Methodist Men

Written by Dawn Ferrazzi

United Methodist Men – Saturday: December 12 @ 8 a.m.

The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet via Zoom at 8 a.m. on December 12, (thanks to Phil Ramos).

Lemont UMM meets on the second Saturday of each month. 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.

If you are able to Join us via Zoom, please contact Phil Ramos for the Invitation to the Meeting:

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

Church Library

Written by Kay Norfleet

Books in the church library all exhibit the same topic line. Since you can't access them right now, I'll relate what I believe is the subject of all of them.

Matthew 25:31-46 admonishes us to listen to the King (Jesus). Jesus tells all the nations of the world how He will separate them, the sheep from the goats. Then he will say to them that whoever feeds the hungry, invites in and clothes a stranger, visits the sick or in those prison will be acting in accordance with His wishes. Then He warns that whoever does NOT do His wishes will go to eternal damnation. Those who DO His wishes will go to eternal life. Think on that. Right now is an excellent time to think. How are you going to obey? I know we cannot do everything. A lot of us do not have the resources. Yet we can call or send an encouraging letter. We can research agencies to help those who we know are in need. We probably have enough clothes that we can donate somewhere to "clothe a stranger." HOW CAN YOU REACH OUT? THINK OF OTHERS' needs, and there are lots. Besides a side benefit is that if you are thinking of others, you are not thinking of yourself. Jesus wants us to consider the benefits of helping -and he has offered a good reason to.

Our church, the township, and Hope and Friendship society are good sources to ask who needs what. Those are here in Lemont. I'm sure there are others, but Lemont is a good place to start.

I want to offer a word of encouragement, probably you've heard, but do stop and listen and praise the Lord, and don't you know? Don't you recognize that THE LORD IS IN CONTROL. Just keeping that thought in your head (post-its around your house might help) is uplifting. I am not wise enough to offer an opinion as to WHY we have the pandemic or political unrest or why He has allowed such things to take place (He has allowed evil people's actions to dominate some part of our lives)-yet I know I know that His wisdom is infinite, He can and will deal with whatever and He wants us to know that.

CELEBRATION!

*HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO EMILY
STELTER!*





Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2020 at 4 PM
Online. Please join Christmas
Eve Virtual Candle Light
Service. Invite your children,
families, and friends to join
our service.

Thank You Note

Trustees put Christmas light
on the tree neat the bell
tower. You may add your
Christmas Ornaments to the
tree. Thank you to the
Trustees for putting the
lights.

Christmas Tree Trimming

Dear LUMC Family

A message from the LUMC ReTurn Team...

We would like to invite you to our 1st ever outdoor Christmas Tree Trimming! We know many of you miss the ability to decorate the inside of the church for the Christmas season due to the pandemic. We do too! With this in mind, we are offering a safe alternative that we hope will provide you some feeling of community and togetherness! Jana, Bill & Curtis Stelter and Dale Janssen have graciously put lights on a tree outside of the church. The tree is located on the right as you enter the driveway from Custer St. It is just before the bell tower. It's a regular tree, not an evergreen, so the branches may be a bit high for some of you to reach. Just find a reachable spot to hang your decoration! You can also use the low evergreen bushes near the mailbox if the tree is too high. We would recommend against hanging a "family heirloom" ornament since it's outside and subject to the weather! If you make a paper ornament you should put it in a zip lock bag to hang it...that way it won't fade away in any rain or snow. Also, it should be an ornament that is disposable in case it gets damaged from the elements. Our thought is that hanging an ornament will help us feel connected to our LUMC family during this time that we have been and still are apart. We would also request that you send an email or a note to the church telling us what it meant to you to be a part of our LUMC Tree Decorating! The tree (or evergreen bush) is ready and waiting to be decorated! You can place your ornament at any time. If you'd like, take of photo of you or your family hanging your decoration and send that to the church as well!

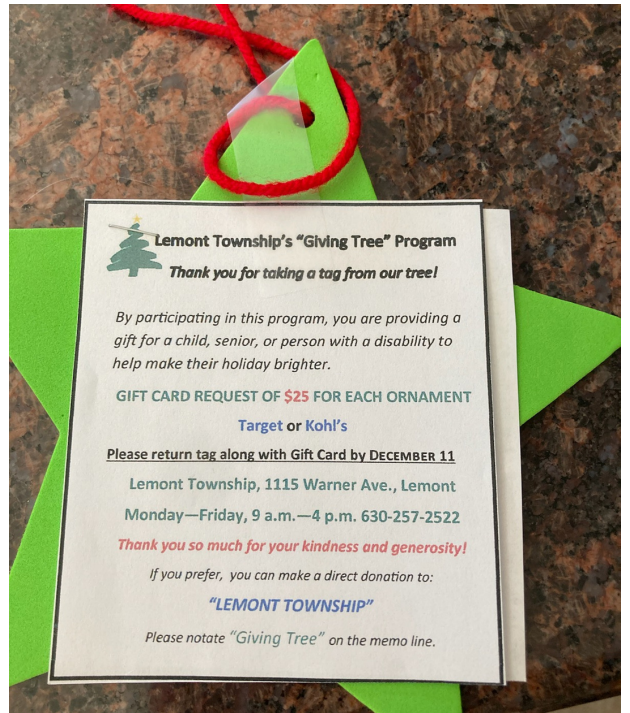
We wish you all God's blessings during this Christmas season!

Christmas Tree Stars

Although this year has been a difficult year, we don't want to forget the children. Since we are not able to tape the wish stars on our church windows, we tried our best to put a list together of people who have typically given in the past. Since we need to be safe, the township asks that we purchase a \$25.00 gift card appropriate for the age of the child you received. For example, Amazon is always popular, as is Target or Walmart if you prefer, just to name a few. We appreciate your help in keeping the spirit of Christmas alive in our children and their families. If you are unable to provide, please let us know, or pass this request along to someone who may be able to help. In addition, because of the time restraints, it is not possible for Marge to purchase these through Scrip, so please purchase them on your own and drop them off by December 11, 2020 to Lemont Township.

Many blessings to you!

Marge Fox



LUMC Tuesday Night Virtual Fellowship! @7pm

This will be a 30 minute Zoom session hosted by Phil and led by Debbie Hassert, Bill Price, and GleeAnn on a rotational basis. Each session will start with general conversation as folks enter the meeting and greet each other. About half way through, the leader will provide a devotional, or a message, or a lesson meant for reflection by all attending. The schedule is as follows:

Dec 8 - Debbie,

Dec 15 - Bill

To attend, you must contact Phil Ramos at

630-740-1513 or bolingbrookramos@gmail.com and he will send you an invite to the Zoom Session. Hope to "see" you all on Tuesday!

Christmas Greetings

Written by Richard H. Lee, LUMC
historian

My family and I wish you all a blessed Christmas as we try and survive a serious virus epidemic. It's hard not to get out and meet with friends at this time of year but we should be grateful for the health we have and for our loved ones. This is a time of extreme trials which we will need faith and connection with our church family and relatives and friends. Try saying "I'm praying for you" often.

Scrip Cards

Written by Marge Fox

Most of you that have been active and interested in Scrip have already emailed me with orders and concern that we get these cards well before Christmas. If you recall I previously sent an email out stating the 10th would be the last day. I have most of the orders already so I would like to finalize the Scrip orders by Noon on Thursday the 3rd. Sorry for any inconvenience. Thank you again for your participation. You can call me or email me directly at margefox2366@gmail.com
630 207-1151
Thank You!

College Scholarships- Giving and Gratitude

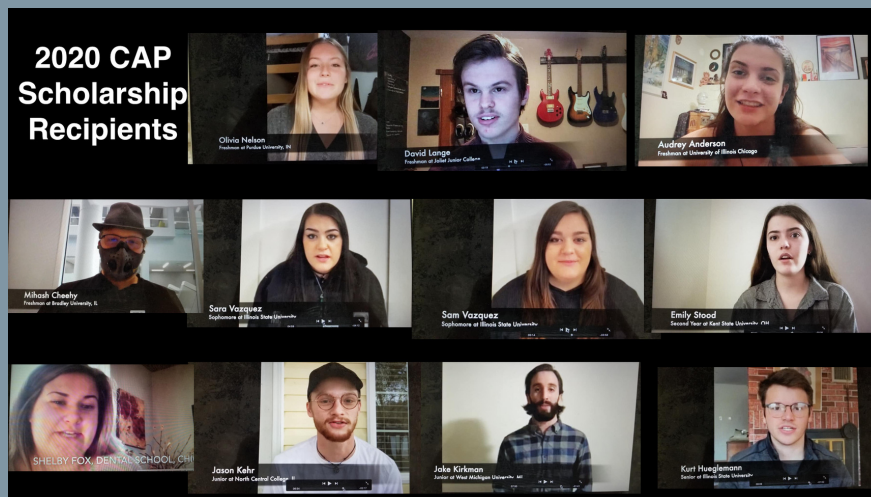
Written by Cris Kerins and Dawn Ferrazzi

Co-Chairpersons of the College Acknowledgement Program (CAP)

We are fortunate to have had people in our church who looked forward to our future. Years ago some families who felt God's calling, invested money to provide college scholarships for our youth. These scholarships were to acknowledge our students involvement in church, to promote their continuing dedication to spiritual growth, and to help them with their educational goals. Though this was an unusual year with the COVID 19 restrictions of not entering our church, on November 29,2020 we were again able to award scholarships to eleven students. They each shared information through a video presentation telling us about their chosen college, major, what degree they were pursuing, and spoke about their gratitude for receiving this award.

Congratulations to: Audrey Anderson, Michael Cheehy, Shelby Fox, Kurt Huegelmann, Jason Kehr, Jake Kirkman, David Lange, Olivia Nelson, Emily Stood, Samantha Vazquez, and Sara Vazquez.

Thank you to the generous donors !



Open Pantry.

Open Food Pantry is open every Tuesday thru Thursday from 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM only by Drive Through. To pick up the bag outside of the church building. No in-person contact.

Food Pantry Needs

paper towels, pork and beans,
mac and cheese, tuna,
chili, hash,
spaghetti, pasta sauce.



Care Package

Ad. Council sent out 81 Care Packages to the families of Lemont UMC on Dec. 1, 2020 to show our love and care for the members of the church.

Many of items in the box were donated and delivered by GleeAnn Kehr, Cris Kerins, Jana Stelter, Peg Pecher, Karin Peraino, Pastor Oh, Wendy Myers, Sue Hinks, and Dale Janssen with the Open Pantry. Thank you for the donations and diligent work of the Lemont UMC Ad.

Council.



Happy Hands Preschool

Written by Karin Peraino

As the adults in the United States cast their ballots early in November, we gave the preschoolers at Happy Hands a similar experience. First they read books about the candidates and each decided whether they wanted to elect Dog (Clifford for President) or Duck (Duck for President). We stressed that they could each make their own decision and that it would be a private vote. On election day, they checked in, received a ballot, went into a private booth to vote, and then placed their ballot into the ballot box. So, who won...Dog or Duck? In a close race, we elected Dog for President! So we cheered, "Congratulations, Dog!" and said, "Nice try, Duck." The children learned that sometimes your candidate wins, and sometimes your candidate doesn't, and either way, it's okay.



Thanksgiving 5k

We are happy to announce that over Thanksgiving Weekend, GleeAnn Kehr and Vanessa Urban ran a virtual 5K to benefit our Open Pantry. Thank you so much to everyone that contributed they raised \$805.00!



Birthdays

December 1- Molly Stood
December 1- Debi Marie Mcade
December 4- Bill Stelter
December 5- Shirley Stout
December 8- Carol Walter
December 8- Robert Nelson
December 9- Richard Pierce
December 10- John Nelson
December 12- Megan Cheehy
December 17- Sherrill Weary
December 20- Tucker Lange
December 21- Mark Huegelmann
December 23- Christian Van
December 25- Roland Tasker
December 26- Gabriella Vazquez
December 31- Willetta Price

Anniversaries

Dec 21- Bill and Willetta Price
Dec 27- Nathan and Kexia LaFramboise-Van

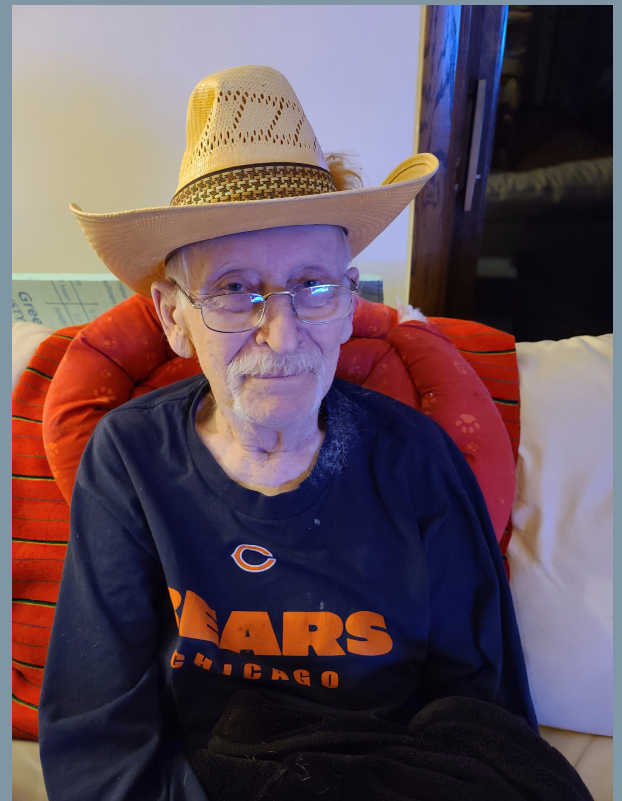
Obituary for Eugene Goszczycki

Born in Poznan, Poland 10/6/1936

Arrived in Heaven 11/15/2020

Gene arrived in America at age 10, after a 2 week trip on a freighter, with his father, sister and brother, escaping from the Nazis. He barely survived on the ship due to his seasickness and depression of being separated from his mother, whom he thought he would never see again. His father was an American citizen and therefore the children were also. But his mother was not. She was able to escape the war by hiding on a ship to America and arrived four months later. Gene is survived by his wife, Joanne, son Gregory Gene, three granddaughters, Casey, Alexis and Amanda, and three great-grandchildren, Jordan, Lilly, and James. A brother Andrew, nephews Eugene and Jerome and sister Mary, nephew Erik, Niece Nina and her 3 children survive him. Gene, or Rod (Retired Old Dude) as he preferred to be called, was a one-of-a-kind, easy going guy. Joanne is organized and he once told her that she keeps lists of her lists. He had a strong sense of integrity, a sharp wit, incredible devotion to family, lover of animals, especially dogs and cats, and a reader of books, especially historical and mysteries and belonged to a Library book club. He graduated from Holy Trinity High School and Lewis University. His career in cost accounting gave him an great sense of satisfaction. He was always readily available to assist everyone in his office and came home a happy man, except maybe during inventory. He had his own way of cheering others. When Joanne was told she was going blind and was quite upset, Gene offered "You always wanted a dog" and when she was advised to start chemo and did not want to he said "But you said you wanted to lose weight". He made the world a better place and will be missed by many. Memorial donations can be made to:

Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 W. Touhy Ave., Suite 302.
Skokie, IL. 60077



Prayers and Concerns

Rich Hudik, bone marrow cancer
*Priscilla Ludwig, going to Lemont Cnt
Anna (Fries), bladder surgery
*Neil Janssen, strength
Ron, cancer treatment
Jordyn Milinis (Pecher), crohns
*Sheila Farrer, health issues
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
*George Lange, healing
Jim Ludwig, hip surgery
Elena Winters (Miller), health issues
*Tom Gebel, arthritis
*Bev Svoboda, strength
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
Joe Sigety, ALS
Lou Gunder, lymphoma/chemo
*Grieving Families
Mike Mandziara, brain cancer
Katie (Norfleet), kidney disease
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
Linda, dementia
Judy (McAdams), cancer
Debbie Turner (Knott), psoriasis
David Goreham, blood disorder
Erv Rose (Baxter), prostate cancer
Valerie O., ovarian cancer
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
Mike Overmeyer, throat cancer
Stephanie Wiley, breast cancer
*Jacob Monnett, health issues
Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke
*Dale Janssen, strength
*Joyce Koon, health issues
Andrew (Pecher), cancer
Fran (McAdams), cancer/chemo
*Rich Thomas (Cheehy), cancer
*Mary Jane Sykes, strength
Clint (Norfleet), Guillain-barre
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
June (Havemann), stomach cancer
Harper (Norfleet), leukemia
The wildfires & natural disasters
*Amanda Hill, blood clots
Lois, stage 3 cancer
Jim Durham, cong. Heart failure
*Sandra, autoimmune disease
*Joanne Goszczycki, health issues
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
*Alberta Harden, health issues
Chuck Herron (Miller), strength
All youth attending school
Kathy Burke, cancer
*Dan Harden, home/rehab
Police officers who keep us safe
*Annie W., home, healing
Peggy Fornero, healing
*Paulette Fries, moving to FL
Annette Greis, healing
*GleeAnn's siblings, covid19
Gena (Kehr), blood clots
Loretta Kramer, cancer
*The loss of Pastor Susan's mom
Thor (Fries), health issues
Margie, heart issues
Marge Good (Kehr), strength
Brian, fighting alcoholism
Rick Young (Baxter), dementia
Lorene Baldwin, cong. heart failure
Alice Lang, heart issue
Richard Lee, healing & recovery
Priscilla Ludwig, moving to long term facility
Jim Ludwig, recovery
Phil (Anderson & Beck families), still going through testing
Charles (nephew to Dottie McAdam), critical condition
COPD and pneumonia
Behling Family, fighting COVID
Anonymous Church Member, health issues, upcoming
hysterectomy, and divorce stress
Alice and George Lange, strength and recovery
Those who are struggling with COVID
Joanne Goszczycki & family, death of her husband, Gene
Stephen Weary, trip to Arizona
Antonio Lange, service in Europe.
Reopening of Happy Hands Preschool
Church members who have health issues
Health care workers & first responders
All those who have lost their loved ones to COVID
Our country

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