

NEW WINE LITE

THE Wonder OF CHRISTMAS

Once You Believe, Anything is Possible

BY PASTOR TIM CASEY

Advent begins on Sunday, November 28, 2021, and we will start an exciting new Advent program, The Wonder of Christmas. This program explores four elements of the Christmas story that teach us about the wonder of God's great love for us: a star, a name, a manger, a promise. As we look to these wonder-filled aspects of the Christmas story, we will rediscover that the true wonder of Christmas is found in the love of Christ and made real in our hearts when we share that love with others.

This transformational program will include special sermons and worship experiences, as well as study groups for adults. Join us this Advent as we embrace and celebrate the true wonder of Christmas, believing that because of God's great love and light in Jesus Christ, anything is possible!

Our study will be every Tuesday at 7:00 pm on Zoom (invitations will go out to those who sign up), beginning November 30, 2021 through December 21, 2021. The book, The Wonder of Christmas by Ed Robb & Rob Renfroe is \$10.00. An optional, accompanying devotional for The Wonder of Christmas is also available in the amount of \$10.00. Both of these books come in Kindle editions on Amazon.

Sign up at church or call the office 630-257-5210. The Wonder of Christmas Advent Study, sign up sheets and labeled envelopes will be on the round table in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday. The deadline is November 18, 2021. There's several payment options: Cash payment; Checks payable to: Lemont United Methodist Church – "Advent Study" in the Memo or Vanco Mobile App - choose "Other"

God bless you!

NOVEMBER 2021

Upcoming Services

In person services are every Sunday in November at 10:00 AM

Services will be online Sunday evenings.

Please continue to give via check, online and Vanco.

2021 Annual Church Conference Checklist
Deadline: November 21

November 28, 2021 is
Scholarship Sunday &
Loose Change Sunday

Words of Encouragement

I used to collect antique radios. It was a hobby that grew out of my affinity for old-time radio programs. As a teenager, my brother, Tony, and I would often listen to "When Radio Was" on WBBM as we were going to sleep. It was a rather nerdy practice for a couple of 1970s teens (we didn't tell our friends) but it was something we could listen to in a home where we were not allowed to listen to rock music (except in secret).

As an adult, I still listen to old-time radio programs that I download from the Internet. Recently, I was listening to a 1940s episode of the Red Skelton Show. Red Skelton had a weekly radio show in the 40s and 50s that regularly featured a handful of characters played by Red. One of those characters was Clem Kadiddlehopper, a country bumpkin with a big heart and a slow wit. In this particular episode, Clem runs into his girlfriend Sarah Doo. At one point in the dialogue between Clem and Sarah, Sarah asks, "Clem, what's that rope your holding." Clem responds by saying, "That's got me puzzled. I either found a rope or lost a cow."

The holiday season is upon us. For most of us, by the time January arrives, Thanksgiving and the Christmas season is a blur. These holidays (holy days) come at us at breakneck speed. Besides all the regular activities of life that keep us busy enough, we have holiday concerts, church programs, school programs, family gatherings, office parties, and a ton of shopping. By the time Christmas Day gets here we're not sure whether we "found a rope or lost a cow."

Christian holidays are designed to remind us of the anticipation, birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of the Messiah. The new Christian year begins with Advent. These are the four Sundays preceding Christmas where we prepare ourselves for Christmas Day. But what do we prepare for? I'm afraid that instead of preparing ourselves for celebrating the arrival of the Messiah, we are too busy preparing for the frills of Christmas Day. Wrapping gifts, preparing special meals, entertaining guests, and traveling becomes a distraction from appreciating God's gift of Jesus, preparing our hearts for Holy Communion, enjoying the presence of God, and coming before God in prayer.

I want to encourage you to find time to worship. I'm talking about worship beyond what we do on Sundays or Christmas Eve. In fact, one of the ways we make Sunday worship and Christmas Eve celebrations more meaningful is to take time to worship outside those settings. The trick here is to do this without it becoming another task piled on top of season with too many tasks. How do we do this?

I suggest that you make the true meaning of Christmas your highest priority through the season. Light an Advent wreath, read a seasonal book, reread the Christmas story in Matthew and Luke, or listen to Christmas music. Whatever you decide to do add it to your daily schedule like you would your most important appointments. If you decide that a certain time, on a certain day of the week, is your time to focus on Christ, turn off your cell phone, ask your spouse to keep the kids out of your hair, and be unavailable to everyone but God. If another task threatens the time you've set aside, insist upon keeping your appointment with God. We make choices like this every day for many things that are far less important. Remember, there's a big difference between finding a rope and losing a cow.

May God richly bless you as you prepare for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Thank you for being a blessing.

Pastor Tim

Annual Church Conference December 5, 2021

Our annual church conference is Sunday, December 5. On that day, our District Superintendent, Jacques Conroy, will bring the morning message. Shortly after worship, we will then begin our church conference. If you're not familiar with church conference, it is the annual meeting where we report on the ministries completed and ongoing. We also consider our future hopes and plans. Many of you have been through church conferences and know how they work. So, with that in mind, I am giving you the web link you may need to complete your report to the Northern Illinois Annual Conference. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

If you are the chair of a team or committee in our church, you are asked to go online at <https://www.umcnic.org/churchconference> to complete the appropriate forms.

Here's the checklist for our reports. If you have questions or need help, you can contact Pastor Tim or the email on the checklist. Thank you for your ministry and your attention to our report.

Our reports are to be completed by November 21, 2021.

2021 CHURCH CONFERENCE CHECK LIST

Church Conference forms are to be submitted online *at least two weeks* before your Church Conference.

For Information & Online Forms: <https://www.umcnic.org/churchconference>

Technical Questions Regarding Forms?

Please contact Anne Marie Gerhardt at agerhardt@umcnic.org

Church Conference Questions?

Please contact your District Administrative Assistant

Staff Parish Relations Committee Reports:

	Clergy Compensation Report – to be submitted by the District Superintendent after the CC
	Profile of the Local Church
	Recommendations & Reports to the Church Conference

Finance Committee Reports:

	Finance Report
	<i>(also see Additional Reports below: Budget for 2022 and Financial Summary)</i>

Trustees Reports:

	Trustees Report
	Parsonage Report
	Accessibility Report

Additional Reports: to submit these written reports, upload/attach them in the "Additional Reports" tab

	Report of Pastor – by the Pastor (narrative)
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Membership Report – by the Membership Secretary
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Additional Appointed Staff Report(s) , if applies – by staff appointed by the Bishop (Assoc. Pastors, Deacons, etc.)

Budget for 2022 – by the Finance Committee

Financial Summary (last quarter's financial report) – by the Finance Committee

Nominations for 2022 Church Leadership – by the Nominations Committee
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Lay Servant Ministries Annual Reports - to be submitted by the Lay Servant at https://www.umcnic.org/lay-servant-
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2021 Church Conference Minutes – by the Church Conference Secretary; email to your District Office Administrative Assistant within 2 weeks after your Church Conference
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NOVEMBER 10, 2021

*Faith commemorates the lives of loved ones
who passed away in 2021*



ALL SAINTS DAY OCTOBER 31, 2021

Photos by Nelta Neal



Top Left: Joanne Goszczycki lights a candle in remembrance of Gene Goszczycki; **Bottom Left:** Ron Walter lights a candle in remembrance of Mike Galati; **Bottom right:** Priscilla Ludwig lights a candle in remembrance of Jim Ludwig (assisted by Sue Hinks)





The congregation placing candles on the rails in memory of loved ones.





Special Music

DON & LORYL FISHER, CHARLOTTE HAVEMANN,
SUE GERGESZ



Children's Time

KARIN PERAINO

"Not Far From the Kingdom"

Sermon by Pastor Tim Casey



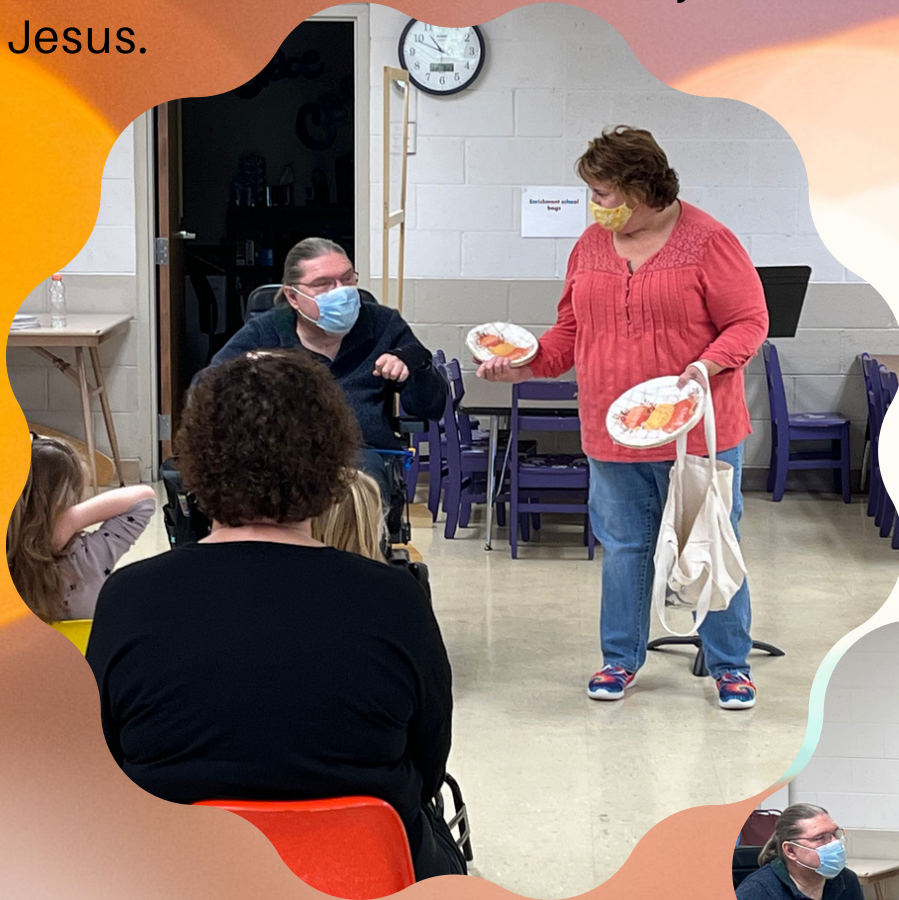
HOLY COMMUNION



Happy Hands Preschool

(JAM) JESUS AND ME

On November 2 and 3, Pastor Tim and Becky Casey presented the story, A Very Thankful Prayer by Bonnie Rickner Jensen. The story, songs, and special activities will focus on what we can be thankful for and how we express our thanks. Here's a recap of what we did during our time together. This is our JAM (Jesus and Me) time. Each month Pastor Tim and Becky read a story, sing and share about Jesus.





Today's Book: *A Very Thankful Prayer* by Bonnie Richner Jensen

What We Learned

God gives us every good thing.

In our story they were thankful for warm clothes, colorful leaves, the sun, rain, family, apples, food, a cozy fire, helping friends and God's love. **What are you thankful for?**

God made the seasons, can you name them? (*spring, summer, fall and winter*) **What happens in each season, and which one is your favorite?**

God's love fills the whole earth. We can pray at any time, at any place and God will hear us. **Let's pray and give thanks for Helping Hands and our teachers.**

Scripture to remember

"Give thanks to the Lord because God is good. God's love lasts forever."

1 Chronicles 16:34

God Made Me (Tune: Frere Jacques)

I am special, I am special

(Point to yourself)

Don't you see? Don't you see?

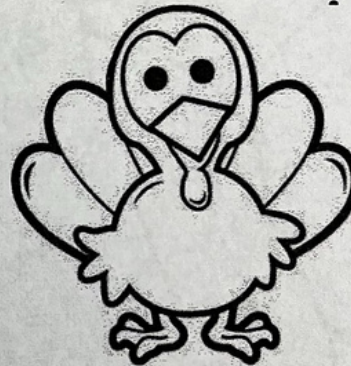
(Make binoculars with your fingers)

Someone very special, someone very special

(Hands out to the side, palms up)

God made me *(both hands reach up)*

God made me! *(Point to yourself)*



Turkey Poem

The turkey is a funny bird, its head goes bobble, bobble, And all he knows is just one word and that is gobble, gobble.

I am thankful for this...

Ask everyone around your thanksgiving table to name one thing in each category they are thankful for.

1. Person
2. Food
3. Toy
4. Animal
5. Nature
6. Place

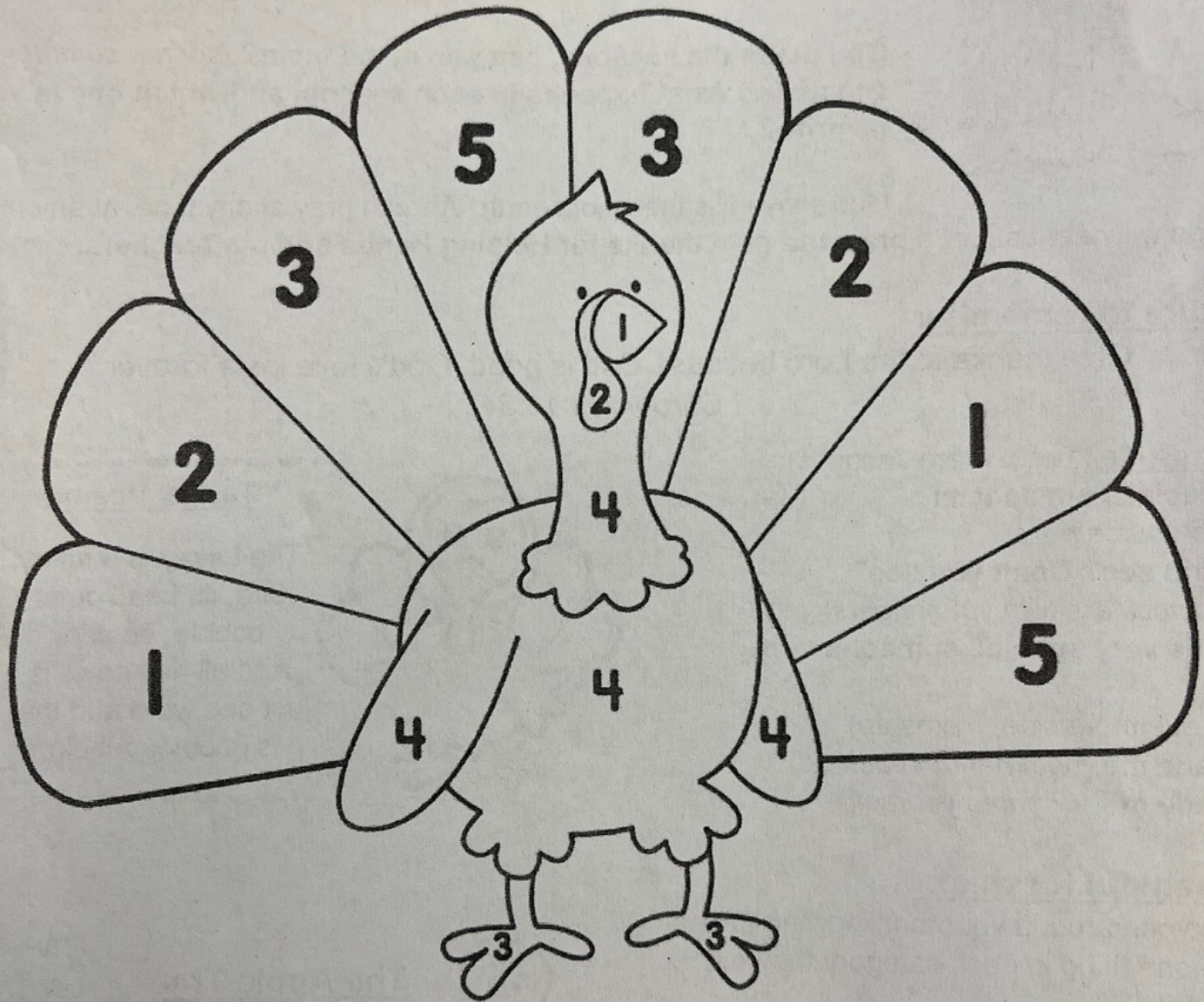
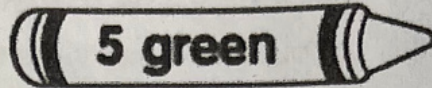
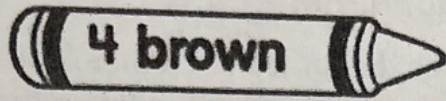
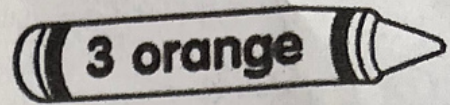
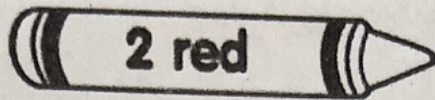


The Apple Tree



Way up in the apple tree
Two little apples smiled at me.
I shook that tree as hard as I could.
Down came the apples,
Mumm were they good!

Color the turkey using the number key.



“Give thanks to the Lord because
God is good. God’s love lasts forever.”

1 Chronicles 16:34

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

November 1 - Tim Peraino
November 2 - Dam Harden
November 4 - Arlene Knott
November 5 - Sydney Nelson
November 7 - Tom Kehr
November 8 - Lino Vasquez
November 9 - Mark Olinger
November 20 - Debbie Hassert
November 22 - Jana Stelter
November 22 - Vickie Olinger
November 23 - Olivia Nelson
November 25 - Trace Lange
November 28 - Dale Janssen
November 29 - Kathy Cliff



Anniversaries

November 1 - Donna & Lino Vasquez
November 22 - Don & Loryl Fisher
November 26 - Marci & Richard Pierce
November 27 - Sue & Bob Gergescz
November 28 - Philip & Leslie Ramos

TIME

TO

CELEBRATE!

United Methodist Men – Saturday: November 13th 8 a.m. The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet via Zoom at 8 a.m. on January 9, (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

Tuesday Night Fellowship



Call Phil Ramos to join the meeting or click the link below:
<https://tuesfellowshipinfinityfreeappcom.webnode.com/>

Primetimers

November 20th

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.

AA Meetings with the Boondocks

AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm. If you would like further information.

Please contact:
Bill at (708)653-2869

OPEN FOOD PANTRY

Open Pantry Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday

from 9:45 AM to 11 AM

Office: 630-257-5210

Closed Thursday, Thanksgiving Day,
November 25, 2021

In-Person contact - masks are
required.

*Thank
you!*

To to our volunteers, Dale Janssen,
Kristen Nelson, Mary Englund, &
Margaret!!!!



Mary Englund serving a patron.

Items the Pantry Needs

paper towels,
peanut butter,
grape jelly, mac
and cheese,
pasta sauce, dog
and cat food



KRISTEN NELSON PREPARING FOOD BAGS FOR THE PATRONS

Prayers and Concerns

- *Mary Jane Nelson – home from the hospital
- *Bill Price (health issues) – home from the hospital
- *Priscilla Ludwig – on dialysis
- *Amy Cheehy – (lipoma between shoulder blades removed)
- Rich Thomas - pancreatic cancer surgery – successful
- Kathryn Jones, living with Heart Failure (Cyndy Havemann's sister)
- June Bradley, continuing Stomach Cancer treatments
(mother of the boyfriend of Charlotte Havemann)
- David Goreham, blood disorder (boyfriend of Elizabeth Havemann)
- Krystyn Kochanny, long recovery and rehab from Covid-Pneumonia
(coworker of Charlotte Havemann)
- Vicki Zec, reconstructive surgery on 8/31 was successful
- The family of Denise Huguelet - She was the woman who was fatally shot on the Dan Ryan.
- Jordyn Milinis (Pecher), Crohns
- Neil Janssen (strength)
- Sheila Farrer (health issues)
- *Tom Gebel (arthritis)
- *Bev Svoboda (strength)
- Katy (Kay Norfleet's relative-kidney disease)
- *Joyce Koon (health issues)
- *Mary Jane Sykes (increased memory issues)
- Clint (Kay Norfleet's friends son) Guillan barre
- Harper (Kay Norfleet's relative) leukemia
- *Joanne Goszczcki (health issues)
- *Alberta Harden (health issues)
- Godwin Izekor,(God's financial provision)
- Kelly (Dottie McAdam’s granddaughter) healing & recovery



Those struggling with all kinds of Covid

Health care workers

People in Afghanistan, Louisiana, the east coast suffering after effects of Ida, the west coast suffering from wildfires, and Haiti

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God loves you!