

NEW WINE LITE



THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

by Pastor Tim Casey

The Wonder of the Star, the Wonder of a Name, the Wonder of a Manger, and the Wonder of a Promise are all elements of Advent culminating on Christmas Eve into The Wonder of Christmas! I hope you will join us this season as Lemont United Methodist Church celebrates the season with two Christmas Eve worship services at 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

The Christmas Eve service for 4:00 PM is designed for families and children. Come ready to sing familiar Christmas carols and hear the story of Christmas with candlelight and a special appearance (after the service) by Santa Claus!

The Christmas Eve service for 8:00 PM will remind you of past Christmas celebrations. Christmas hymns, Holy Communion, Scripture, and candlelight are all meant to open our hearts for the arrival Immanuel, God with us!

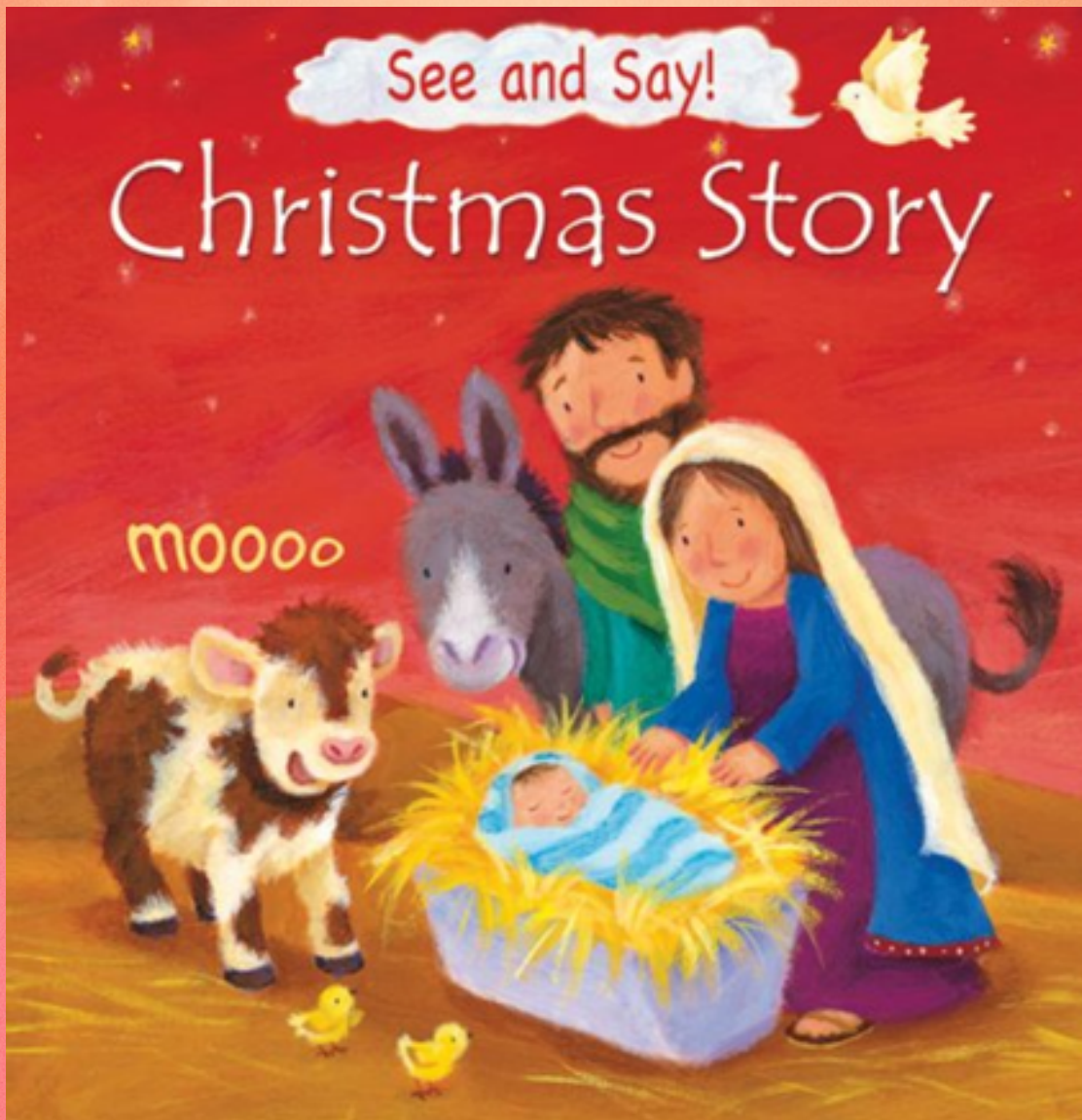
In both services, we will sing Silent Night as we passed the light of Christ from one candle to another. Come and celebrate The Wonder of Christmas through worship and friendship. Blessings to everyone in this Christmas season.

HAPPY HANDS: JAM (JESUS AND ME)

WHAT WERE THE SOUNDS MARY AND JOSEPH HEARD ON THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT? JESUS WASN'T BORN IN A HOSPITAL OR EVEN AT HOME, HE WAS BORN IN A STABLE. IT WAS POSSIBLY THE LOWER FLOOR OF A PEASANT HOME WHERE THE ANIMALS WERE KEPT. CAN YOU IMAGINE? THE STUDENTS AT HAPPY HANDS WILL EXPERIENCE ALL THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS ON DECEMBER 7 AND 8 DURING JAM.

OUR BOOK FOR DECEMBER IS, SEE AND SAY CHRISTMAS STORY BY VICTORIA TEBBS. THE STORY, SONGS, AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES WILL FOCUS ON THE STORY OF JESUS BIRTH AND WHAT IT MEANS TODAY.

WATCH FOR A TAKE HOME PAPER RECAPPING WHAT WE DID DURING OUR TIME TOGETHER. THIS IS OUR JAM (JESUS AND ME) TIME. EACH MONTH PASTOR TIM AND BECKY CASEY READ A STORY, SING AND SHARE ABOUT JESUS.



Happy Hands "I Love You" 2021 GRANDPARENTS DAY PROGRAM



The four- year olds' walking in procession into the Sanctuary.

Photos by Nelta Neal



Pastor Tim, saying the opening prayer.



Children singing "I Love You," to their grandparents, (top left hand corner). Karin Peraino (Director) & children are praying, (bottom right).



COLLEGE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM (CAP) RECIPIENTS

SARA
VAZQUEZ

*with her
sisters:
Gabriella &
Samantha*



SAMANTHA VAZQUEZ



MIHASH
CHEEHY



LET'S
CELEBRATE

EMILY
STOOD

OLIVIA NELSON

Purdue University
Kinesiology
Delta Gamma
Director of Special Events



JASON KEHR

WITH VANESSA URBÁN

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE CLASS OF '22
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC EDUCATION



David Lang



Continue
to
Shine!



well
done!





COLLEGE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PROGRAM (CAP) & FIRST ADVENT SUNDAY

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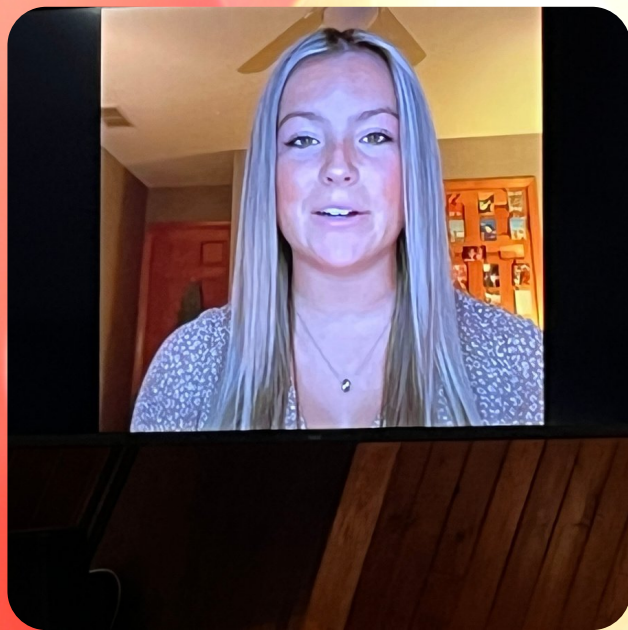
Top Left: Emily Stood (Liturgist)
Bottom Left: Samantha Vazquez (Advent Reading) welcomes everyone to the First Sunday of Advent celebration; Scripture reading for advent. **Right:** Leslie Ramos interpreting the service through sign language.



Top Right: Sara Vazquez (Acolyte/Advent Reading) lighting the first candle of the Advent wreath. **Bottom left:** Sara reading for advent and the prayer.



Top Right: Dawn Ferrazzi
and Cris Kerins presents
scholarships to Mihash
Cheehy; David Lange;
Jason Kehr;
Audrey Anderson;
Middle: Sara Vazquez;
Emily Stood;
Samantha Vazquez &
Bottom: Olivia Nelson



Special
Video

OLIVIA
NELSON





Good News for the Kids

AUDREY ANDERSON

"The Wonder of Hope"

Sermon by Pastor Tim Casey



JASON KEHR

Offertory Music

hope

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

December 1 - Molly Stood
December 1 - Debie Marie Meade
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 - Ascher Laemmer
December 25 - Roland Tasker
December 26 - Gabriella Vazquez
December 26 - Becky Casey
December 31 - Willetta Price

Anniversaries

December 21 - Bill & Willetta Price
December 27 - Nathan & Kexia LaFramboise-Van

ZOOM Methodist Mens' Meeting

2nd Saturday of each month @ 8am

Please join the Lemont United Methodist Men (LUMM) Breakfast Zoom Meeting. This group is led by Tony Ferrazzi and is made available for the fellowship of all men of the church and all are welcome to attend. The meetings are about 45 minutes and include fellowship and a devotional with time to reflect and discuss. Hope to see" you at the next LUMM breakfast meeting.

Tuesday Night Fellowship



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

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

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY & “MISSION LINKS”

WHAT IS MISSION LINKS? The Rainbow Covenant has been revamped to tie this second-mile giving to the beatitudes and is now called, “Mission Links.” Each church is asked to pay an annual fee, called an apportionment, to help the United Methodist Church carry out our work in the world. Beyond that, each church is called to a second level of giving by contributing to specially approved charities that help “Advance” the work of Christ both locally and globally. These Advance charities are encompassed in the “Mission Links.” Any church that pays their full apportionment and contributes to all of the Advance giving categories is designated as a “Mission Links” Church. LUMC has proudly been contributing to this second-mile giving, for over 30 years! Let’s keep the trend going.

HOW DOES IT WORK? Loose Change Sunday is designated as the FOURTH* Sunday of each month. All loose change collected in the offering on those days will be donated to our “Mission Links” Advance Charities. Even a small contribution can make a significant difference when it is combined with the contributions from other churches. Through “Mission Links,” our church provides monetary donations to pre-approved charitable efforts throughout the world. 100% of the amount donated goes to the designated charity. Each month we will highlight one of these charities and general donations during Loose Change Sunday will be split between them at the year’s end. If you would like to make a larger donation to any specific cause, please use a pew envelope and write the name of the charity on the outside. Look for more information on each of these important Advance ministries throughout the year and plan to drop your loose change in the offering plate on the FOURTH* Sunday of each month. (*Please note that collections for Special Sundays will fall on their designated dates.) Thank you!

If you’d like to plan ahead, here are the charities that we will be highlighting this year:

- February 27th – Global Advance: Grace Children’s Hospital
- March 27th – Missionaries: David Makobo
- April 24th – UMCOR: Global Refugee/Migration Response
- May—Bishop’s Appeal
- June 26th – U.S. Based Projects: Tree of Life Ministries
- July 24th – District Projects: Housing Forward
- August 28th – Conference Projects: North Central College United
- September 25th – Conference Projects: Kids Above All
- October 23rd – UMCOR: United Methodist Committee on Relief-Undesignated
- November 06, 2022* – Special Sundays: Accessibility Sunday
- December – recap of all charities

FYI, we may also do collections on Conference-Designated Special Sundays: Human Relations Day (1/16/22), Souper Bowl Sunday (2/13/22), UMCOR Sunday (3/13/22), Native American Ministries Sunday (5/01/22), Peace w/ Justice Sunday 6/12/22), World Communion Sunday (10/02/22), and UM Student Day (tba)

Meeting needs uncovers more needs

WRITTEN BY TERRI
O'NEILL-BORDERS

Old Quarry Middle School will be our landing place for the 17th Christmas Outreach. Our Jewel Food Store has been absolutely amazing in helping us meet needs here in our arm's reach. Thank you to all who have donated at the register!!! We will be gifting dinners this Saturday and on Christmas Day because of your donations at the register.

I have worked with Jewel to pre-order fully cooked hams to offer for Christmas. We are planning on offering a ham to homes we gift Christmas to and support that with cooked side dishes (potatoes, veggies, pastas, etc.), rolls/butter, desserts that our walking angels will drop off on Christmas Day.

We are hoping we have many who can offer a dish to help us create these dinners once again. We will begin collecting care bag donations on December 1st (cleaning products, personal care items, paper products) through December 21st to create Care Bags of essential needs that are so very hard to afford for so many here in our community.

We'll have volunteers assisting with our Care Bag sorting day (Tues. Dec 21st 4-6pm) and with Christmas Dinner Assembly (Sat. Dec. 25th 1:30-3pm) and Christmas Dinner Deliveries (Sat. Dec 25th 3-4:30pm)

If you can offer donations to the Care Bags or the Christmas Dinners you will join us in helping more than 150 homes of seniors, single parents, those who are battling illness, loss, or financial setbacks, offering something as simple as a bag of toilet paper, shampoo, razors, cologne, detergent and disinfectant spray!

If you'd like to offer hands and feet visit this link

<https://signup.com/go/AbWBWwJ>

*No time for rest....We've already been
working on Christmas!!!*



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

Rich Thomas - pancreatic cancer spreading (Amy Cheehy's step-father)

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

Katy (Kay Norfleet's cousin's daughter) needs a kidney

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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