



# NEW WINE LITE

December 2021

Greetings in Christ!  
'Twas the night before Christmas...

Those words are the beginning of a poem that we hear often during this time of year as children anticipate that morning they are able to gather around the Christmas tree to open gifts. "The night before Christmas" is, more importantly, a chance for us to gather around the altar of God and give praise for the gift of God's one and only son.

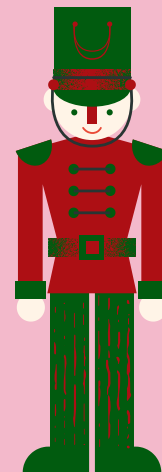
There will be two worship services on Christmas Eve. The service at 4:00 PM is designed for family and children. There will be familiar Christmas songs, the retelling of the Christmas story, and candlelight. The second service will begin at 8:00 PM and will be celebrated with music, candlelight, Scripture, and Holy Communion. I am looking forward to spending time on Christmas Eve with my church family. It is especially important since many (including me) will not be able to celebrate with family living far away.

Nevertheless, I know some of you will be traveling out of town or have plans with family that will prevent you from being at Lemont UMC on December 24. Whatever your plans, I hope that you experience Christmas as the fulfillment of God's promise to us spoken through the prophet Isaiah.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6, NIV). Those of you who are parents most likely remember that exciting time when you welcomed a child into your own family. If you are like me, you wanted to do your best to get the word out as quickly as possible about the good news! It seems though nowadays the best way to get the news out quickly is to use texting, Facebook or Twitter! Well, why not use these great tools to share the wonderful news of the Savior's birth and encourage the people you know with a heartfelt "Merry Christmas!"

I hope you will join us as we herald the good news of Jesus' birth again as if it were the first time. Christmas is about Jesus Christ and the light now shining in the world. Let this letter be your personal invitation to come worship Immanuel, "God with us." Merry Christmas!

As you make plans for gift giving, don't forget your church. Even if you are unable to attend a Christmas Eve service, I hope you include the church with your generosity. Your Christmas offering should be above and beyond your regular giving. Thank you.



*DECEMBER 2021*

## Upcoming Services

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

Services will be online Sunday evenings.

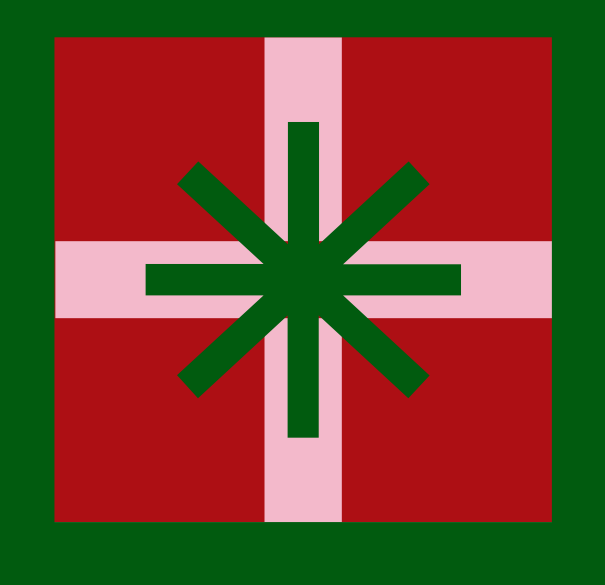
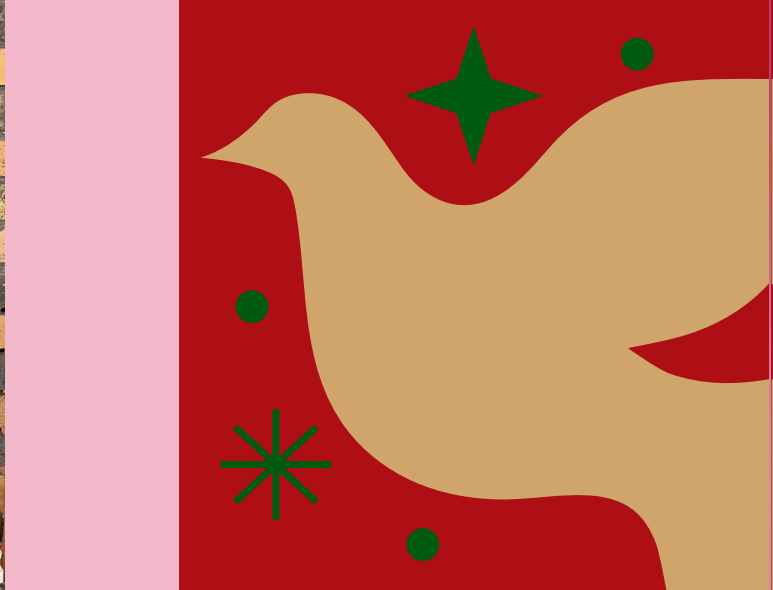
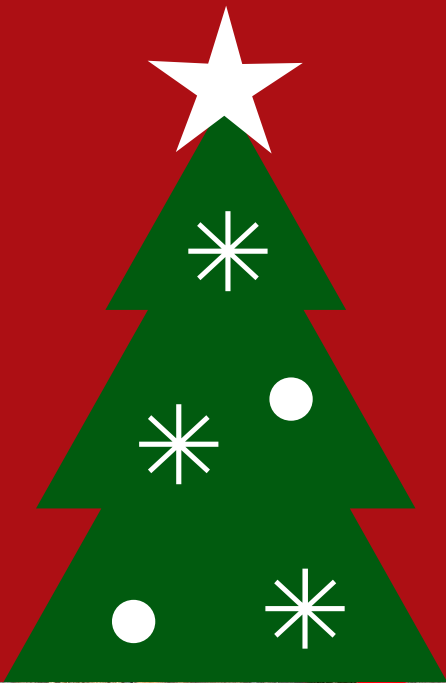
Please continue to give via check, online and Vanco.

Monday, December 19th at 6:00pm - 2021 Christmas Carillon in the Parking Lot

Friday, December 24, 2021 at 4:00pm Family Christmas Eve Worship

Friday, December 24, 2021 at 8:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Service





Looking forward to seeing you in the New Year

*the LU MC family!*



**BLUE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021**

**6:30PM – 7:30PM**

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK LAWN  
10000 CENTRAL AVENUE  
OAK LAWN, IL**

**REV. JACQUES A. CONWAY**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE BLUE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION VIRTUALLY? DO YOU HAVE A RELATIVE WHOSE NAME YOU WOULD LIKE US TO REMEMBER AT OUR BLUE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION? PLEASE EMAIL ME AT [JCONWAY@UMCNIC.ORG](mailto:JCONWAY@UMCNIC.ORG).**

**I WILL BE HOSTING A “BLUE CHRISTMAS” SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO LIKE MYSELF ARE EXPERIENCING GRIEF AND STRUGGLING WITH LOSS DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. THIS SPECIAL SERVICE IS ABOUT COMFORTING EACH OTHER WITH MUSIC, SPOKEN WORD AND THE SHARING OF PRECIOUS MEMORIES WITH THE HOPE THAT TOGETHER WE CAN FIND JOY AND PEACE DURING THIS SEASON.**

**REMEMBER YOU CAN STILL JOIN US VIRTUALLY AS WELL WHEN YOU SEND US YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION.**

**WHETHER VIRTUAL OR IN PERSON, PLEASE ALSO SEND US THE NAME OF THE LOVED ONE YOU WANT US TO REMEMBER.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



“Surround yourself with people who will make it less difficult than it is already is.”



# HAPPY HANDS: JAM (JESUS AND ME)



Pastor Tim & Becky reading, "*See and Say Christmas Story*,"  
by Victoria Tebbs





**Today's Book:** *See and Say Christmas Story* by Victoria Tebbs

**What We Learned**

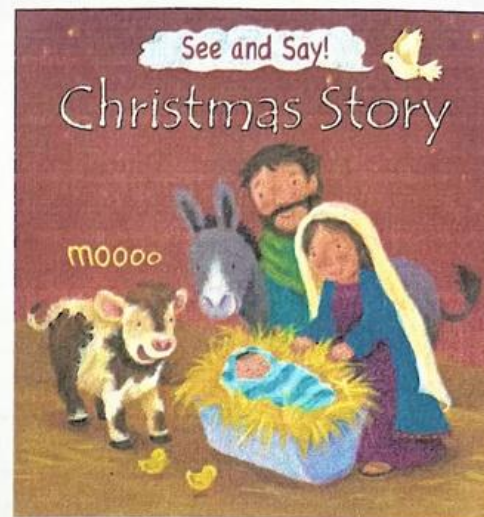
Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Whose birth do we celebrate on Christmas? **Jesus**

Jesus wasn't born in a hospital or even at home. Where was Jesus born? **Jesus was born in a stable with animals and placed in a manger.**

What were some of the animals in the story? **donkey, bird, cat cow, mouse and sheep**

Who did the shepherds see and hear singing in the sky? **Angels**  
What did the angels sing? **Glory to God!**



**The Christmas Story Luke 2:5-18** *New Century Version of the Bible*

<sup>5</sup> Joseph registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was now pregnant. <sup>6</sup> While they were in Bethlehem, the time came for Mary to have the baby, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her first son. Because there were no rooms left in the inn, she wrapped the baby with pieces of cloth and laid him in a feeding trough. <sup>8</sup> That night, some shepherds were in the fields nearby watching their sheep. <sup>9</sup> Then an angel of the Lord stood before them. The glory of the Lord was shining around them, and they became very frightened. <sup>10</sup> The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I am bringing you good news that will be a great joy to all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today your Savior was born in the town of David. He is Christ, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This is how you will know him: You will find a baby wrapped in pieces of cloth and lying in a feeding box." <sup>13</sup> Then a very large group of angels from heaven joined the first angel, praising God and saying: <sup>14</sup> "Give glory to God in heaven, and on earth let there be peace among the people who please God. <sup>15</sup> When the angels left them and went back to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem. Let's see this thing that has happened which the Lord has told us about." <sup>16</sup> So the shepherds went quickly and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in a feeding trough. <sup>17</sup> When they had seen him, they told what the angels had said about this child. <sup>18</sup> Everyone was amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

**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)*

**4:00 pm Family Christmas Eve Worship**

Designed for children and families  
Christmas carols, children's sermon,  
candle lighting and a visit from Santa

**8:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship**

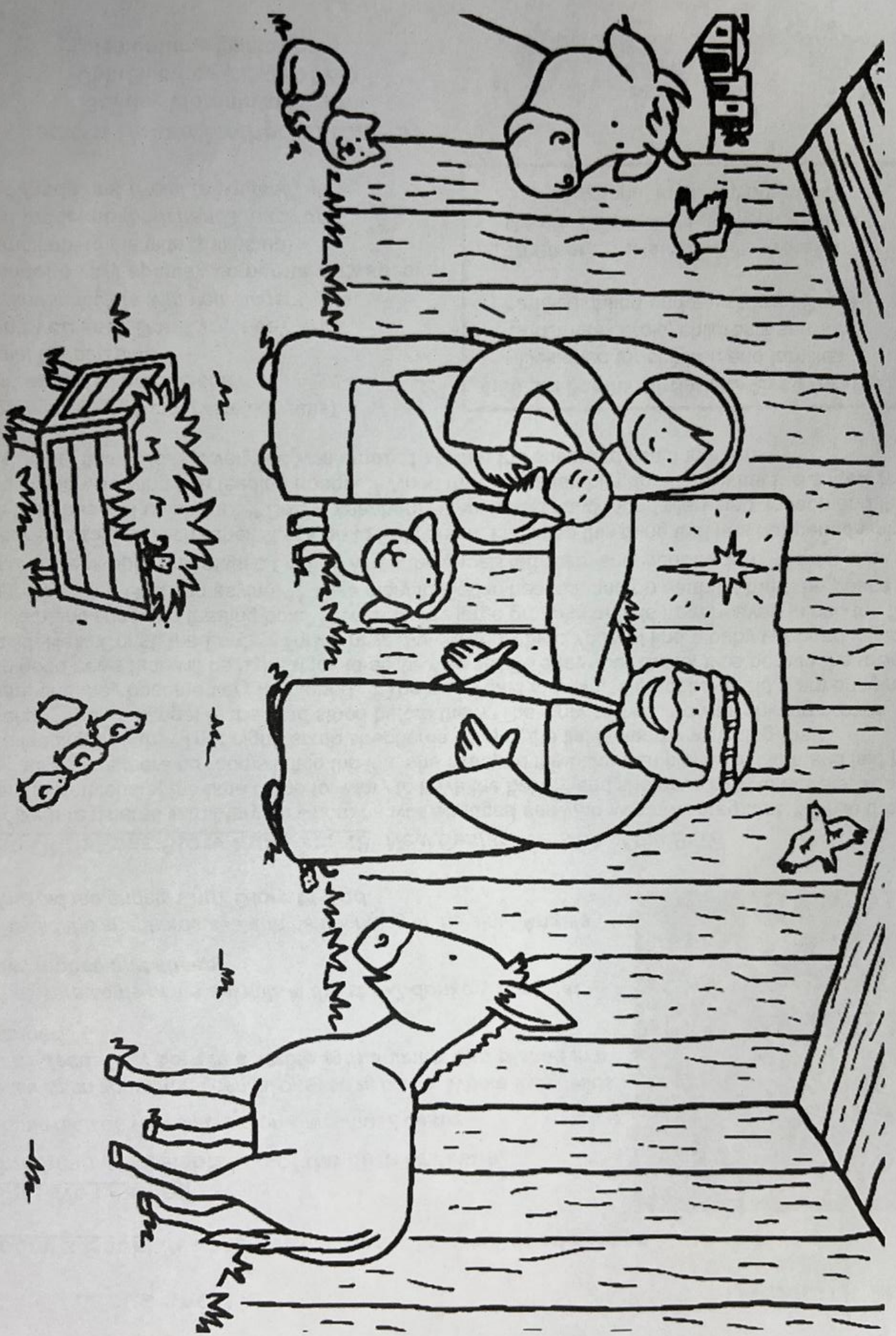
Carols, Candle light and Communion  
Inspirational music by our choir

**Lemont United Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship at 10 am  
Church office 630-257-5210  
lemontumc@gmail.com



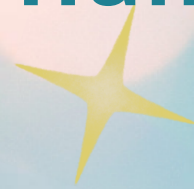






# Santa Visits Happy Hands

*before Christmas!*



It was a chaotic year at school and we had a lot of fun. We made new friends and loved every second of our time together.



Even though it's the Christmas season, Santa's not too busy for the children at Happy Hands or LUMC. He stopped by earlier this month to visit and hear the students' Christmas wishes. The children were very excited to spend time with Santa and they brought over 30 bags of food for Santa to give to families in need (which were donated to the Open Pantry). In turn, he gave each student a "Kindness Elf" that can watch over and inspire them to do good deeds during this holiday season. Santa will be back at the Lemont United Methodist Church on Christmas Eve to visit with children after the 4pm service.

Merry Christmas to all!





*what a year it was!*

It's the perfect time to look back at  
our most memorable moments.





Some of the classes  
said a prayer over  
Santa, asking God to  
guide him on his  
journey.





## SECOND ADVENT SUNDAY



Left: Bill Stelter (Liturgist)



Right: (Advent Reading) The Tamarro Family (Parents: Brad & Denise; children: Abbie & Theo) welcomes everyone to the Second Sunday of Advent celebration; Scripture reading for advent.





Left: Denise Tamaro (Acolyte) with her children, Abbie & Theo lighting the second candle of the Advent wreath



## Good News for the Kids

BECKY CASEY WITH THE TAMMARO FAMILY





# PRAISE SONG

Worship Choir



**2 Samuel 4:4.**  
**"Theirs A Seat  
Reserved For You  
at the Table" "**

Special Guest/Sermon :  
Jacques Conway



# Holy Communion



**Pastor Tim & Guest Speaker: Jacques Conway**



**Congregation receiving Holy Communion**



# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## **Birthdays**

**December 1 - Molly Stood**  
**December 1 - Debie Marie Meade**  
**December 2 - Sandy Arcus**  
**December 4 - Bill Stelter**  
**December 5 - Shirley Stout**  
**December 8 - Carol Walter**  
**December 8 - Robert Nelson**  
**December 9 - Richard Pierce**  
**December 12 - Megan Cheehy**  
**December 20 - Tucker Lange**  
**December 21 - Mark Huegelmann**  
**December 21 - Richard Lee**  
**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**





# **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"

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**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)





# 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 Goszczki (health issues)
- \*Alberta Harden (health issues)
- Godwin Izekor,(God's financial provision)
- Kelly (Dottie McAdam's granddaughter) healing & reco
- Katy (Kay Norfleet's cousin's daughter) needs a kidney
- Kevin (Dottie McAdam's oldest son) bone cancer
- \*Shirley Stout & family – Covid



Those struggling with all kinds of Covid

Health care workers

People in Afghanistan, Louisiana, Haiti, and those suffering after tornadoes in  
Kentucky, Mississippi and Illinois



# JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



You can find us online :

Instagram : @lemontumc25

Facebook: Lemont United Methodist Church

Youtube: Lemont UMC



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## **November 2021 New Wine Lite**

**God loves you!**