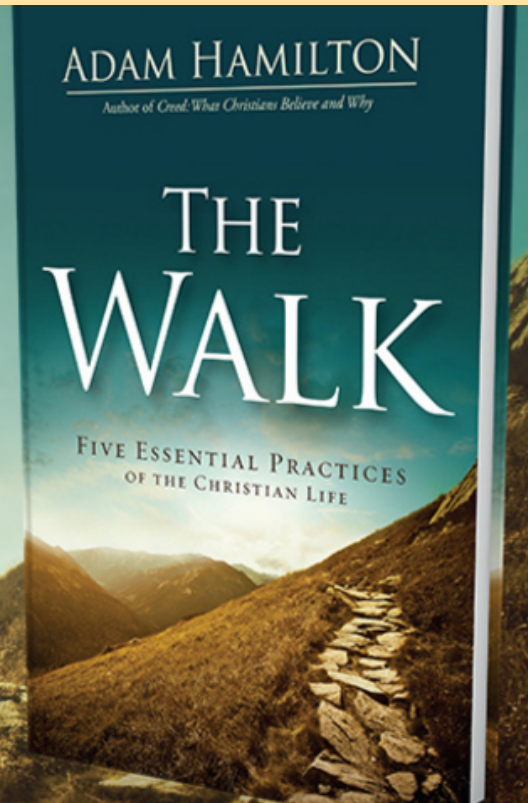


# THE NEW WINE LITE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Discover five spiritual practices to help you  
**WALK CLOSER**  
 with **GOD**



Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is March 2, 2022. We will have a worship service this evening at 7:00pm in the church. Watch for the announcements for further details.

How do we walk with Christ—daily follow him, grow in him, and faithfully serve him? In the Gospels, Jesus modeled for us the Christian spiritual life. The apostles taught it in their writings. And the Church has, through the last 2,000 years, sought to pursue this Christian spiritual life.

In *The Walk*, Adam Hamilton focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament. Each of these practices is intended as part of our daily walk with Christ while also being an essential part of growing together in the church.

In each chapter, Hamilton explores one of these practices, its New Testament foundation, and what it looks like to pursue this practice daily in our personal life and together in the life of the church. Deepen your walk with Christ as we explore the five essential practices of worship, study, serving, giving, and bearing witness to our faith.

The classes are scheduled for Tuesdays, beginning March 8, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom. There are six sessions. The last session is April 12, 2022. Sign up in church narthex or send an email to Nelta at [lemontumc@gmail.com](mailto:lemontumc@gmail.com). The cost of the book is \$10.00. The books have been ordered. Put money in an envelope when you sign up. If you prefer the Kindle or Audible edition, go to Amazon.com and search for *The Walk* by Adam Hamilton. You will need to purchase them on your own.

Thank you!

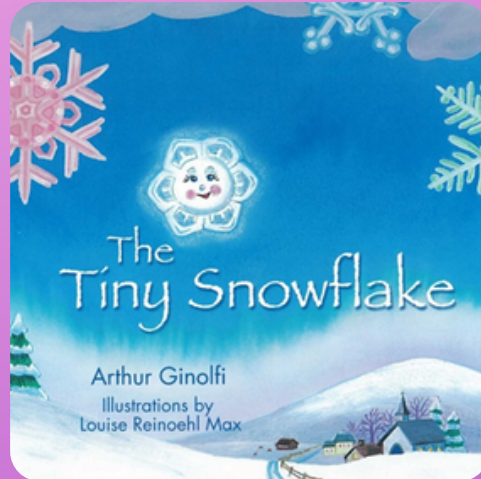
Pastor Tim



# Jesus and Me (JAM) ❄️

HAPPY HANDS ❄️

The students at Happy Hands will experience the wonder of being unique and loved by God through the story and song during JAM on January 11 and 12, 2022.



Our JAM book for January is *The Tiny Snowflake* by Arthur Ginolfi. “Swirling her way through a quiet, wintry night, Lacy the snowflake longs to discover what makes her special. All the other snowflakes around her all seem to have their special purpose, whether it’s making the snow soft or deep or slippery. But what is Lacy’s purpose? With a little help from friends along the way, she soon finds her unique place among God’s creation.” This book summary was taken from the book jacket. 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.





**Today's Book:** *The Tiny Snowflake* by Arthur Ginolfi

**What We Learned**

Who made you? And what does God think about you?

- God made me and I am special.
- There is no one else exactly like me. I am unique, one of a kind. There are no two snowflakes that look the same, and no two people are the same.
- I am loved by God.



**Scripture to Remember**

*"I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way."* Psalm 139:14

**God Made Me**

(Tune: Frere Jacques)

**I am special, I am special**

*(Point to self, one finger, then the other)*

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

*(Make binoculars with your fingers)*

**Someone very special, someone very special**

*(Hands up next to head, palms up)*

**God made me** *(point to self, one hand)*

**God made me!** *(Point to self, other hand)*



**Snowflake Dance**

(Tune: Are you Sleeping)

Dance like snowflakes

Dance like snowflakes

In the air

In the air

Whirling twirling snowflakes

Whirling twirling snowflakes

Here and there

Here and there

**Snowflakes falling down**

**Snowflakes falling down**

*(Lower hands while fluttering fingers)*

**Falling to the ground**

*(Bend knees and go down to the floor)*

**Big, white fluffy flakes**

*(Make circles with thumbs and index fingers)*

**They don't make a sound**

*(Put fingers to lips and shake your head)*



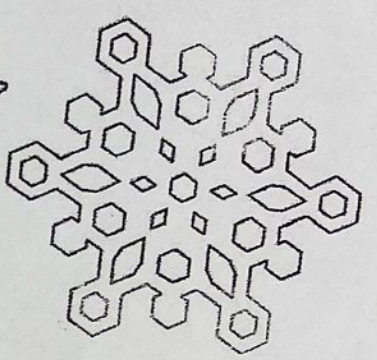
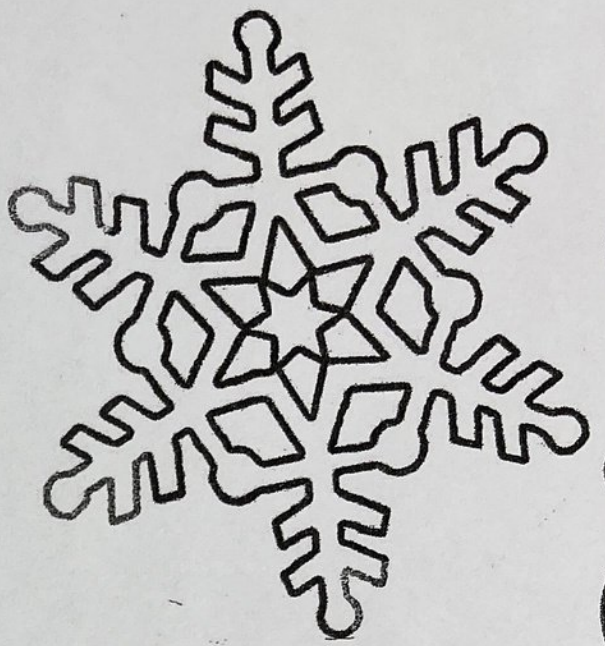
**Daily Prayer**

*Dear God,  
Thank you for  
making everyone  
special, even little  
kids like me.*

*Amen.*

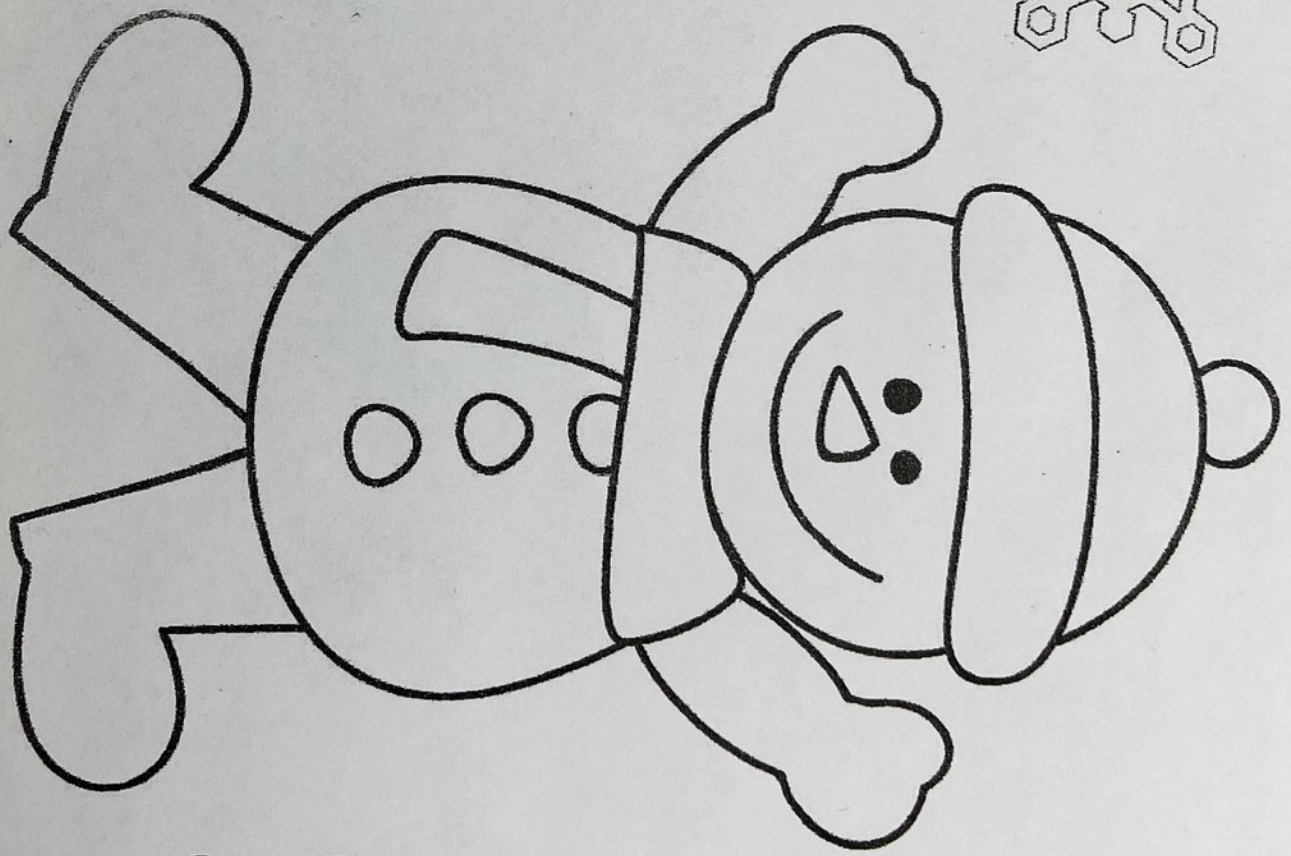






I praise you  
because you made  
me in an amazing  
and wonderful way.

Psalm 139:14





# “CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS”

## FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP 4:00 P.M.

The 4pm service was tailored to families with young children. We had Christmas music, the traditional Silent Night with safe candle-lighting, and a special surprise guest at the end of the service...SANTA!











# MERRY CHRISTMAS





We  
wish  
you  
a  
Merry  
Christmas











It was  
THE NIGHT  
before  
CHRISTMAS





# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays

January 2 - Abby Cliff  
January 2 - Teague Cliff  
January 6 - Sue Gergescz  
January 7 - Mary Jane Sykes  
January 8 - Beverly Svoboda  
January 9 - Linda Kennedy  
January 10 - Jodi Stood  
January 11 - Bonnie Flounder  
January 14 - Joan McKinney  
January 12 - Joanne Goszczycki  
January 24 - Jessica & Jackie Kehr  
January 26 - Pastor Tim Casey  
January 28 - Tom Gebel  
January 30 - Rob Lange  
January 30 - Shelby Fox  
January 31 - Willeta Price



## Anniversaries

January 27 - Dave & Wendy Myers

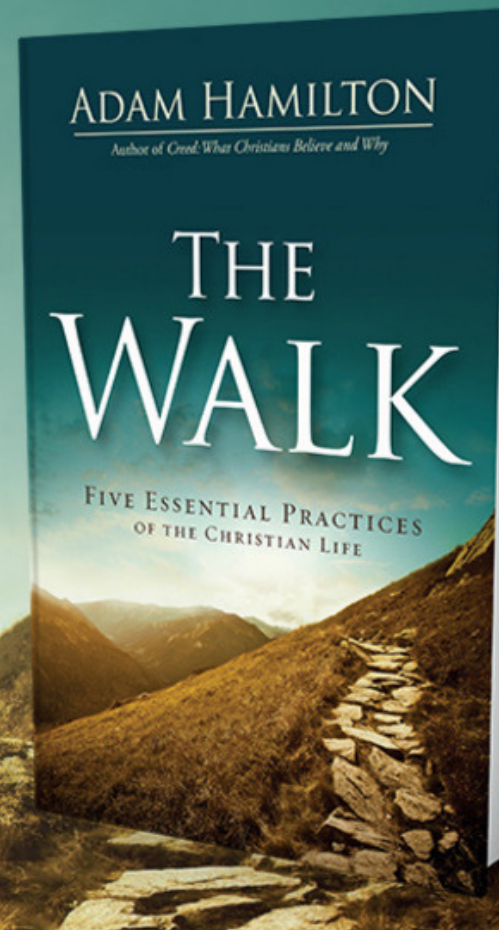


# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Postal Service is delivering one shipment of 4 COVID tests per residential address. Enter your name, address and email at [www.usps.com/covidtest](http://www.usps.com/covidtest) to request a shipment. It is live now!



Begins Tuesday, March 8,  
@7:00 PM via Zoom.  
Sign up in Narthex.  
\$10 for book.





# **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.**

**PRIMETIMERS**

**FEBRUARY 19TH**

**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:**

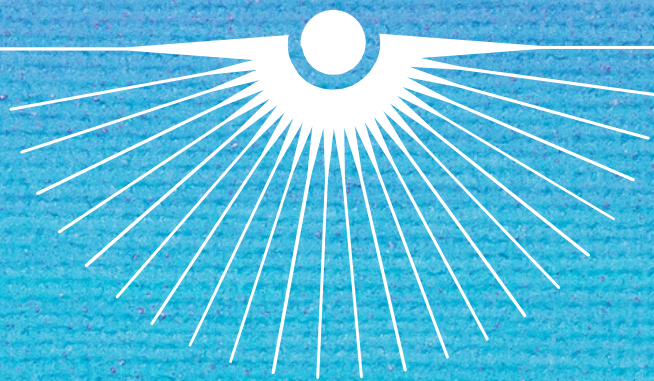
**KAY NORFLEET  
630-257-6699  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



# 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

**In-Person contact: masks are  
required.**



Mary Englund serving a patron.



**KRISTEN NELSON PREPARING FOOD BAGS  
FOR THE PATRONS**

*Thank  
you!*

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





TOO  
CUTE



A Special Delivery to the  
Open Food Pantry:  
Food Donations from  
the girls and boys at  
KinderCare

GOOD  
JOB!!







## Prayers and Concerns

\*Alberta Harden (health issues); home from the hospital  
Kelly (Dottie McAdam's granddaughter) healing & recovery  
Katy (Kay Norfleet's cousin's daughter) needs a kidney  
Harper - covid & leukemia  
Kevin (Dottie McAdam's oldest son) bone cancer  
\*Shirley Stout & family - covid  
Reggie Burris (Nelta's cousin)  
Earl Groelle (Pastor Tim & Becky's brother-in-law) car accident  
Richard Thomas (Amy Cheehy's stepfather) hospice care  
June (Charry's boyfriend's mother) proper treatment  
Kathryn Jones - active heart failure  
Darren Monnett (Carol & Ron Walter's son-in-law) healing and recovery  
David Nommensen (stroke) & family - healing & recovery  
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

**\*Church members**





# JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



You can find us online :

Instagram : @lemontumc25

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## **January 2022 New Wine Lite**

**God loves you!**