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Official Newsletter of the Lemont United Methodist Church



Gathered Up in Jesus

LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERIES

The Season of Lent

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The season of Lent is both rich and scary. The season is rich because we are invited to dig deep into our faith practices and determine whether we are on the right path to becoming disciples of Jesus Christ. We are encouraged to look at our whole lives and then to lay them alongside the life of Christ and see how we measure up. That is where the scary part comes in.

Being honest with ourselves is a difficult exercise; that's part of why we need forty days to do it. It takes diligence and discipline and a whole lot of grace to see ourselves as we truly are. In fact, it might be argued that we are incapable of doing this Lenten thing on our own. It is simply beyond our capabilities and certainly beyond our inclinations. The only hope we have is to be gathered up in Jesus.

The guiding image for this series is found in Jesus' own words. In Luke 13:34, the gospel text for the Second Sunday in Lent, Jesus tells us how he wants to gather us up, like a mother hen gathers her brood. He wants us to claim him, to run to him, to be loved and cared for by him. But this is not to avoid the Lenten examination. Rather, it is to be able to endure it. We can stand the scrutiny of the questions about the state of our souls because we have one who will love us no matter what we find. We can be honest with our failings and our successes because there is one who cheers us on no matter how we have run the race so far.

The season of Lent is essential for those who truly seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because a part of what we learn in this time of self-examination is that we are what might be most in need of transformation. We might find that what might need to grow in faith and discipleship is the church and that the transformation of the world begins with building bridges and gathering up rather than with condemnation.

We hope you'll join in with churches around the world as we seek to be gathered up in Jesus.

**UPCOMING EVENTS & SERVICE
IN PERSON SERVICES ARE
EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:00 AM**

Services will be online Sunday evenings.

**Please continue to give via check, online
and via mobile app: Vanco.**

Scripture Readings & Sermon Titles for Lent 2022

DATES	FIRST READING	PSALM	SECOND READING	GOSPEL	SERMON TITLE
ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2, 2022	JOEL 2:1-2, 12-17 OR ISAIAH 58:1-12	PSALM 51:1-17	2 CORINTHIANS 5:20B-6:10	MATTHEW 6:1-6, 16-21	PIETY PRACTICE
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 6, 2022	DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11	PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16	ROMANS 10:8B-13	LUKE 4:1-13	AN OPPORTUNE TIME
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 13, 2022	GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18	PSALM 27	PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1	LUKE 13:31-35 OR LUKE 9:28-36, (37-43A)	UNDER THE WINGS
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 20, 2022	ISAIAH 55:1-9	PSALM 63:1-8	1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13	LUKE 13:1-9	IF IT BEARS FRUIT
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 27, 2022	JOSHUA 5:9-12	PSALM 32	2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21	LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32	LOST AND FOUND
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT APRIL 3, 2022	ISAIAH 43:16-21	PSALM 126	PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14	JOHN 12:1-8	FILLED WITH THE FRAGRANCE
LITURGY OF THE PALMS APRIL 10, 2022 SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT		PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29		LUKE 19:28-40	THE LORD NEEDS IT
LITURGY OF THE PASSION APRIL 10, 2022 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN LENT	ISAIAH 50:4-9A	PSALM 31:9-16	PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11	LUKE 22:14- 23:56	(PASSION OF JESUS READING)

It's time to...



STOP, PRAY, WORK, PLAY & LOVE

Appeal For Peace In Russia-Ukraine Conflict

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Author: Roland Fernandes

The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church is deeply troubled by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the ominous implications it has for escalating tensions between Russia and Western nations. We join many Christian leaders and organizations worldwide in deploring the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, and we ardently pray for a redirection of military action toward diplomatic measures to resolve grievances. United Methodists are people of peace.

The United Methodist Church has mission-founded congregations in both Ukraine and Russia, some from the pre-Soviet period and others dating from post-Soviet years. Both countries are geographically within the Eurasia Episcopal Area and relate to the United Methodist central conferences of Europe. Bishop Eduard Khegay, the resident episcopal leader in Eurasia, is based in Moscow.

We join with Bishop Christian Alsted of the Nordic and Baltic Episcopal Area and chair of our denomination's Connectional Table in the prayer that conflict involving political matters will not break the unity between United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia.

Ties broken by Communism between Methodist communities in the Soviet bloc and the United Methodist denomination were re-established in the 1990s through a number of mission initiatives related to Global Ministries. That work led to the inclusion of the whole of Eurasia into the organic structure of the church through the creation of the Eurasia Episcopal Area.

While Global Ministries has no administrative role in the affairs of annual conferences, districts or congregations in Russia or Ukraine, we are partners in mission with church units and projects in those countries. We have placed numerous missionaries and young adult Global Mission Fellows in the region over the years and accept applications for missionary and mission volunteer service from both countries. We currently have no mission personnel in Ukraine.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the humanitarian relief arm of Global Ministries, is in communication with partners in the region and actively exploring the coordination of humanitarian response in Ukraine. Support UMCOR's international disaster response efforts by making a gift to **Advance #982450**.

We pray for the peace and security of United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia and for all of their neighbors, and that tranquility will prevail over their lives and countries.

*Roland Fernandes is the general secretary of Global Ministries and UMCOR. Your contribution to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) **Advance #982450**.

Give knowing that 100% of your gift will be used to help the program, ministry or missionary you designate. This is possible through The Advance, an official program of The United Methodist Church for voluntary, designated, second-mile giving. The Advance allows United Methodist annual conferences, districts, local churches and organizations, as well as individuals and families, to choose to support mission programs or mission personnel with their financial gifts. Each Advance project has been vetted and approved by Global Ministries and Advance staff to ensure that projects are aligned with the goals of The United Methodist Church in the local area, help develop partnerships that are mutually advantageous, tell the story of projects and missionaries, and report how giving is making an impact.

Your generosity makes a difference! You can either click on the link above or you can contribute through our church. Be sure to put the advance number on your check or envelope. Thank you.



JESUS AND ME (JAM)

This Month At Happy Hands



Our JAM book for March is Don' t Forget to Remember by Ellie Holcomb.

TO CELEBRATE SPRING, OUR BOOK FOCUSES ON CREATION. WE CAN SEE GOD IN THE SUN, RAIN, FLOWERS, STARS, RAINBOWS AND ANIMALS. THE STUDENTS WILL HAVE JAM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 1 AND WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2.

WATCH FOR A TAKE HOME PAPER RECAPPING OUR TIME TOGETHER, INCLUDING A PICTURE FOR THE STUDENTS TO COLOR. 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

★ 2022 FASHION SHOW ★



COMIC VIEW

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (THIS SUNDAY)

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11; PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16; ROMANS 10:8B-13; LUKE 4:1-13

ROMANS 10:5-15



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (NEXT SUNDAY)

GENESIS 15:1-12, 17-18; PSALM 27; PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1; LUKE 13:31-35

PHILIPPIANS 3:14 - 4:1

"IT WAS SO HARD"





March 1 - Anthony Havemann

March 5 - Bill Hill

March 5 - Kristen Nelson

March 5 - Jantha Laemmer

March 9 - Ryan Peraino

March 12 - Julie Rainaldi

March 25 - Don Fisher

March 29 - Linda Lubben

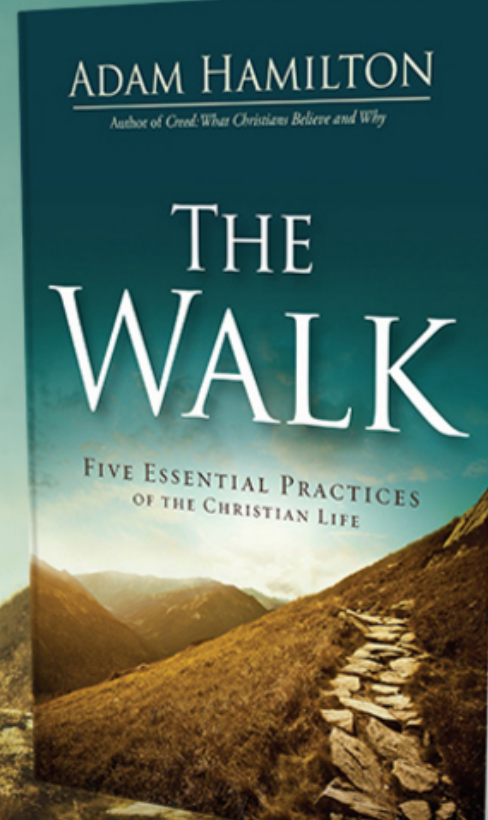
ANNIVERSARIES

March 11- Teague & Kathy Cliff



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



ZOOM Methodist Men's 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.

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 TO REQUEST A SHIPMENT. IT IS LIVE NOW!

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

Tuesday Night Fellowship



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

PRIMETIMERS

Primetimers will be held, Saturday, at February 19. Please join us at Fork and Spoon at noon. Primetimers is a group of the Lemont Methodist Church. It's for people 50 years old or older (actually we really don't need to know the number of years you have blessed this planet with your being here)...we won't ask you specifically. While we are there besides ordering a meal, we have conversations that YOU choose, and Share things that you choose and hopefully, if needed , speak encouraging words to the others.

Oh, and we always celebrate birthdays.

The people who come are Alberta Harden, besides being a wonderful artist, who has interesting opinions; Priscilla Ludwig, a very determined lady; Mary Jane Nelson, so much fun; Dale Janssen, who tells us about the trustee council; Don Mueggenborg, canoeist and pickle ball player with such an knowledge of the history of Lemont; Joyce Koon, who keeps up with whatever is happening; Willetta and Bill Price, gracious and very knowledgeable; Joanne Goszczycki, who started the group and is so thoughtful in bringing cards for others in not such happy circumstances; and me, Kay Norfleet, I like to listen and contribute to conversations.

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

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)



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.**

Thank you!

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



**MARY ENGLUND
SERVING A PATRON.**



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

**THE OPEN PANTRY
NEEDS THESE
FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

CANNED DICED
TOMATOES
PASTA SAUCE
GRAPE JELLY
PEANUT BUTTER



Patron's Comments about the Open Food Pantry.

THEY OFFER THE
EXTRA HELP TO
MAKE ENDS MEET.
THEY ARE
WELCOMING,
HELPFUL AND HAVE
OTHER RESOURCES
TO OFFER!

I THINK IT IS
PERFECT & MORE
THAN YOU CAN
ASK FOR!

THE FOLKS
ARE VERY
FRIENDLY!

I WOULDN'T
CHANGE
ANYTHING!

GRATEFUL!

VERY
GRATEFUL FOR
EVERYTHING!

I LIKE THE
WARMTH,
VARIETY AND
THE ABILITY TO
CHOOSE WHAT
I'LL EAT.

THE FOOD
PANTRY HELPS
ME, AND THE
GIFT CARDS
HELPS ME PAY
FOR NECESSITIES
SUCH AS TOILET
PAPER, SOAP
AND OTHER
NEEDS


I LIKE THE
PROXIMITY
AND STAFF

WE
APPRECIATE
EVERYTHING!



The food pantry
helps
supplement my
grocery budget.

Prayers and Concerns

A close-up photograph of a green stem with several bright yellow flowers. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The background is a soft, out-of-focus yellow, suggesting a field of similar flowers.

***Alberta Harden (health issues); home from the hospital**
Kelly (Dottie McAdam's granddaughter) healing & recovery
Katy (Kay Norfleet cousin's daughter) several possibilities
for a kidney conation- pray for a match
Harper - covid & leukemia
Marilyn (Dottie McAdam's daughter) appendix surgery -
healing & recovery
Kathryn Jones - active heart failure
Alan Brown (Wife Pat Brown passed away) and Family
Jordyn (Peg Pecher's granddaughter) Crohn's disease
Jameson (Amy Cheehy's nephew) diabetes
***Bill Price - healing & recovery**
***Dottie McAdam (son Kevin passed away) and family**

Those struggling with all kinds of Covid
Health care workers; everyone in Ukraine

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Facebook: Lemont United Methodist Church

Youtube: Lemont UMC

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God loves you!