

NEW WINE LITE

The Official Newsletter of Lemont United Methodist Church



Springing into Easter

I hate the cold. It isn't because I'm a quadriplegic though that has certainly intensified my dislike for the cold. I hated the cold before my accident. I've often wondered what it would be like to live in a place where it was warm throughout the year. I have sometimes wondered why I continue to live in Illinois. My brother lives in South Carolina and loves it. I understand. On the other hand, they get so hot in South Carolina in the summer time that I'm sure my wife, who hates being too hot, would melt into a puddle. She likes living in the north. Since I like my wife, I'm going to live where she is. So, here I shall remain.

I love Spring. Warm breezes, green grass, blooming flowers, singing birds, and bright sunshine energize me. I especially appreciate this season because I am a person of faith. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Everywhere I look I am reminded of the resurrection. Spring is the season of new life and new beginnings. Jesus is all about new life and new beginnings.

Easter is a season of seven weeks on the liturgical calendar. It ends with Pentecost Sunday which marks the birthday of the church, and more importantly, the coming of the Holy Spirit. It only gets better. I revel in the season of Easter because of the good news. Jesus has promised abundant life to all who are ready to put aside the cold, unfriendly, wintry like attitudes and actions of disbelief. Just as the season of Spring bursts forth with every kind of life, the season of Easter bursts forth with every kind of hope. Thanks be to God!

Have you embraced Easter? If not or if you're not sure, I recommend taking a walk on a warm Spring day and consider every beautiful thing you see as a gift from God. See the new life around you as God's message of resurrection and hope. If you can't take a walk, at very least spend a little time sitting outside or looking out your window. Even nature itself declares glory to God in the highest. Perhaps you've not embraced Easter, but if you give it a chance, Easter may embrace you. That's the power of the resurrection and new life.

God bless you.

Pastor Tim



HE IS RISEN

"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?"

"Resurrection Sunday"

**Let's come together and celebrate the
greatest event of all time!**

When: Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Where: Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer Street

Lemont, IL 60439

Time: 10:00 am

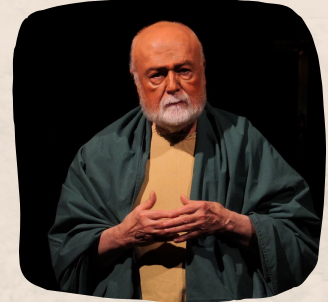
**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE GIVE US A CALL AT 630-257-5210 OR
EMAIL US AT LEMONTUMC@GMAIL.COM**

The Last Supper Portrayal

“Lord, Is It I?”

A play by Frederick S. Thompson

Nathanael (Justin Rigler), Philip (Phil Ramos), Andrew (Don Fisher), Simon Peter (Tim Peraino), James (Mark Huegelmann), John (Curtis Stelter), James the Younger (Kurtis Huegelmann), Matthew, Levi (Don Mueggenborg), Simon the Zealot (Don Farrer), Thaddeus (Lee Walter), Judas Iscariot (Ron Walter), Jesus (Jason Stood), Thomas (Erik Anderson)





PHOTOS BY JUAN GUTIERREZ & TIM PERAINO

What's Happening at

HAPPY HANDS

AN EASTER PARADE & PROGRAM!!



HOSANNA!



YES,
JESUS LOVES
ME!



JESUS AND ME (J.A.M)

HAPPY HANDS



OUR JAM BOOK FOR APRIL IS GOOD NEWS! IT'S EASTER BY GLENYS NELLIST.

For the back book cover: "This book introduces the Easter narrative in a playful and exciting way. It is full of colorful characters and happy rhyme. The tulip pops from the ground. The bunny bounces high. The butterfly spreads her wings, and every creature finds new life. As the book concludes, Jesus becomes the ultimate example of new life as He rises from the tomb bringing the gift of salvation."

The students will have JAM on Tuesday, April 5 and Wednesday, April 6. 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.



Today's Book: *Good News! It's Easter!* by Glenys Nellist

Explaining Easter to preschoolers

Preschoolers understand that Jesus is their friend. As they get a little older they will begin to understand Jesus as Savior. Here is a simple way to explain Jesus death and resurrection.

“Remember how we talked about Jesus coming as a baby in a manger? When Jesus grew up, He was ready to do something else very special. He died on a cross. It was very sad, but do you know what happened next? Jesus rose again! He did that so we could be forgiven!

Do you know what being forgiven means? It means that even when we do wrong things, Jesus love covers us so we can be God's child. We can say “I'm sorry” and God says “you are forgiven because of Jesus! I love you! You are my child.”

<https://thepurposefulmom.com/how-to-teach-your-preschooler-about-jesus.html>

Scripture to Remember

*“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* John 3:16

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)*

Daily Prayer

For the sun and rain,

We thank you God.

For our homes and food,

We thank you God.

For your love and care,

We thank you God.

Amen

Seven Days of the Week

Seven, seven days of the week, *(show 7 fingers)*

It is Jesus that we seek. *(Hand above eyes and look around)*

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,

(Count off these days on your fingers)

Friday was a sad day *(Make a sad face)*

Saturday was a quiet day *(Finger over mouth, shhhh sound)*

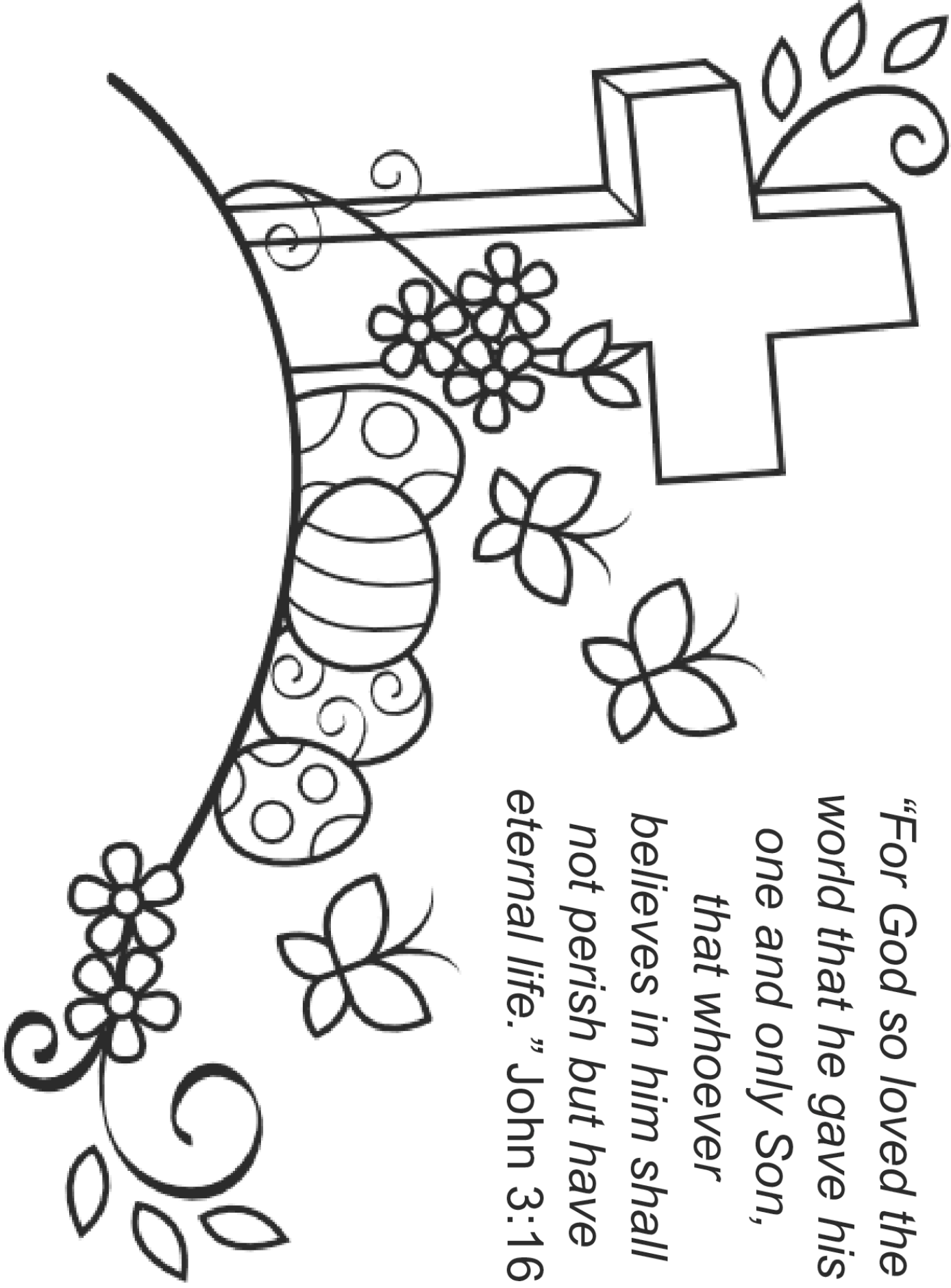
Sunday was a glad day, Jesus is alive! *(Shout, Jesus is alive)*



Lemont United Methodist Church, Sunday Worship at 10 am

Church Office: 630-257-5210 lemontumc@gmail.com

Join us for worship on Easter Sunday, April 17 at 10 am



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COMIC VIEW

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (THIS SUNDAY)

ACTS 10:34-43; PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26; JOHN 20:1-18 OR LUKE 24:1-12

ACTS 10:34-43

PETER'S VISION, THE ORIGINAL AYCE BUFFET.



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (NEXT SUNDAY)

ACTS 5:27-32; PSALM 150; REVELATION 1:4-8; JOHN 20:19-31

JOHN 20:19-31

POOR THOMAS...HE'S MAKES ONE MISTAKE AND IT BLOWS HIS WHOLE REPUTATION.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 3 - Cris Kerins

April 3 - Erin Cliff

April 5 - Margaret

April 6 - GleeAnn Kehr

April 13 - Antonio Lange

April 14 - Kyleigh Janovyak

April 16 - Bill Price

April 17 - Amy Cheehy

April 21 - Bob Nelson

April 23 - Sue Hicks

April 26 - Elizabeth Havemann

April 27 - Wendy Myers

April 28 - Emily Stood

ANNIVERSARIES

April 20 - Tom & Marge Fox

April 21 - Tony & Dawn Ferrazzi





When: Sunday, June 12, 2022 thru Thursday, June 16, 2022

Where: Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer Street

Lemont, IL 60439

Church Phone: 630-257-5210

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Cost: \$30 per child

Ages: 3 years old to entering Kindergarten (Preschool)

1st grade through entering 5th grade (Elementary)

REGISTRATION

Church members: Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Happy Hands families: April 19 – 21, 2022

Open registration: Thursday, April 26, 2022

We will be accepting donations for LUMC Open Panty.

For more information, questions or concerns, please contact Jodi Stood at vacationbibleschoollumc@gmail.com or 630-863-3529.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



AmazonSmile is a way customers can support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon, at no additional cost.

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Customers who shop at smile.amazon.com will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate a portion of the eligible purchase price to the charity of your choice.

How to sign up for AmazonSmile

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

- Visit smile.amazon.com
- Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
- Select your charity
- Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity.

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

- Open the Amazon Shopping app
- Navigate to the main menu (=)
- Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
- Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
- Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.

Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit smile.amazon.com/onthego to learn more.

LIBRARY

In the library there is a book "The Secret Supper" which is encompasses another slant on the Biblical. The author uses an interpretation using information on the Catharist movement. The Catharists were people in medieval France(13th -14th century.) They challenged the authority of the Catholic church.

Our version of "The Last Supper" is coming up on April 10th.

Kay Norfleet



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

WE NEED YOU! VBS Volunteers

Contact Jodi Stood at vacationbibleschool@gmail.com or
630-863-3529



Tuesday Night Fellowship



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

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.



Primetimers

Primetimers will be held, Saturday, at April 16, 2022. 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.

****SCRIP CARDS****

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO LOOK AT THE 2 FOLDERS I RECENTLY PLACED IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH MARKED: SCRIP BY CATEGORY AND SCRIP ALPHABETICAL. FEEL FREE TO TAKE THE LIST AND BROWSE THROUGH THE MANY MANY RETAILERS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

ALSO PLEASE KNOW THAT VISA CARDS ARE AVAILABLE IN INCREMENTS OF \$50, \$100, AND \$250. THERE ARE MANY RETAILERS THAT OFFER "VISA FIVE BACK" WHICH MEANS IF YOU GO TO A PARTICIPATING RETAILER, THEY WILL PUT 5% OF YOUR PURCHASE BACK ON YOUR CARD.

RED LOBSTER, OUTBACK, PANERA, SEPHORA, RED ROBIN, OLD NAVY AND BAKERS SQUARE ARE JUST A FEW. FOR MANY MORE PLEASE VISIT WWW.FIVEBACKGIFT.COM FOR A COMPLETE LIST.

AGAIN, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROGRAM!

MARGE FOX

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)



LUMC RETURN TEAM BRIDGE PLAN MARCH 2022

Ephesians 5:19, "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord."

We are entering a new Phase of our response to the COVID-19 Pandemic with a revised plan that follows CDC and State Guidelines which as we cross from Phase 4 to the final phase, Phase 5



1

New Features of this Bridge Plan include:

- Masks are optional
- Social distancing suggested
- In-person meetings MAY take place in the building

2

Procedures continued in this Bridge Plan:

- Attendance will be taken prior to the service.
- If you are sick stay home
- If you test positive for COVID-19 inform the church and we will look back on the attendance form and get word out to those who might have come into close contact.

3

Restrictions still in place in this Bridge Plan:

- No eating or drinking. (will be evaluated in April or May)
- Any use of the building is subject to approval by the Pastor or the Trustees.

4

Your LUMC ReTurn team will continue to monitor the pandemic and will revise the plan as appropriate. Please read the full LUMC ReTurn Bridge Plan.

5

FOR INQUIRIES, CONTACT PASTOR TIM, GLEEANN KEHR OR ONE OF THE TRUSTEES IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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 optional.

Thank you!

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



**LUMC FOOD PANTRY IS NOW
OPEN FOR THE PATRONS TO
SHOP FOR THEMSELVES.**



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



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

**CANNED DICED TOMATOES
PASTA SAUCE
GRAPE JELLY
PEANUT BUTTER**

MEANINGFUL MOMENTS WITH GOD

Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

*Bill Price – healing & recovery

Tom (Don Mueggenborg's friend)
hospice with heart & liver problems

Tabitha and Groelle (Pastor Tim's sister & brother-in-law)
Earl have 2 broken legs from accident in January: home therapy

Those struggling with all kinds of Covid; Healthcare workers;
everyone in Ukraine.



*Church members

Appeal For Peace In Russia-Ukraine Conflict

Posted: February 24 2022 at 12:57 PM

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.



By helping others...
...we help ourselves

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God loves you!