

# NEW WINE

The Official Newsletter of Lemont United Methodist Church



## Between the Lines

By Pastor Tim Casey

I have a good education. It was a struggle and there were times when I wondered if I'd ever reach my goals. Thanks to the encouragement of my wife, friends and the grace of God, I got through. I'm grateful for everything I learned in and out of the classroom but I have one regret. I wish I had learned more about music.

I love music. All kinds of music. I like the way it makes me feel. Nothing can move my emotions like music. On days when I'm experiencing sadness or depression, certain music has a way of making me feel happy. There are times when music makes me feel defiant and strong. There are songs that have made me laugh hysterically and others that have made me cry. The world is better because of music.

In my teenage years, I was told that I should avoid certain kinds of music. Actually, I was only told to avoid one kind of music, rock. "It is the devil's music." I was a young Christian with a great desire to serve and live for God. It was a disappointment for me because I like rock music. I also like country, classical, pop, rockabilly, quartet style, hymns, contemporary spiritual, black spiritual, and a host of other genre of music. Liking rock music the way I did and being told it was evil, I did the only thing an obedient, teenage Christian boy could do, I listen to it in secret.

I believe there is a spark of God in everyone. I'm not surprised when musicians who have nothing to do with faith or Christianity write and sing songs that express principles and ideas that are relatable to faith. Everything good comes from God (James 1:17). Sometimes, goodness springs from someone that, at first glance, he changed it all the likely this one looks okay you are anything you want to know what might not seem good. I believe in God sightings! In other words, I believe in finding God everywhere and anywhere.

I also like a wide variety of music produced and sung by Christians. Spiritual songs, hymns, and praise music are meant to enhance and experience faith. Such music has often helped to heal my soul and raise my consciousness of God. It can direct my worship and transform my attitude. It is good to immerse yourself in as much Christian based music as you can. I love music that reminds me that I am a child of God. I can't imagine my faith without it.

This summer my sermon series is called Between the Lines. My intent is to use a few secular pop songs from over the past 40 years to teach us how to "read between the lines" and see God even if the author wasn't trying to teach us anything about faith.

I'm looking forward to our times of summer worship together. God bless you as you plan vacations and times of rest and relaxation.

If you would like to read another article that addresses what I'm talking about, check out Does the Bible Make a Distinction between the Secular and the Sacred? <https://www.gotquestions.org/secular-sacred.html>

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**JUNE 5, 2022 IS  
PENTECOST  
SUNDAY.**

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**PLEASE WEAR RED.**

# June 2022



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# Return Team Revised Plan June 2022

Cook County is now listed as being in the high COVID-19 community category along with DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Will, Grundy, Boone and Winnebago counties in the northern Illinois area according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Unfortunately, we need to go back to measures that will help keep people safe. Our Return Term guidelines indicate shifting with the numbers. Covid cases in Cook County are (or may be) red/high this Sunday. Our guidance should is as following:

- 1. Wear a mask indoors.
- 2. Stay home if you are sick
- 3. Consult with your primary physician on the best plan for you.
- 4. NO EATING or DRINKING in the building
- 5. Speakers and singers behind plastic barriers

The above guidelines are immediately in effect for our church. I know this is a drag! We want to continue keeping people safe and healthy. Let us continue to pray for one another and to do what's necessary to raise the quality of life for others.

We have some parishioners who do not use or rarely use email. If you know someone who is unlikely to get this message, please let them know of the change. Thank you.

Blessings to you.

Pastor Tim



For inquiries, contact Pastor Tim, GleeAnn Kehr or one of the Trustees if you have any questions.

# Church Planning Event



**Where: Lemont Public Library  
Learning Center  
50 East Wend Street  
Lemont, IL, US, 6043**

**When: June 4, 2022**

**Time: 9am to 12:30pm**





# Coping with Grief

Written by Pastor Tim Casey

We have all experienced loss. In the last couple of years, we've all lost friends, missed important events, and grieved nearly every day. There is no timeline for grief. Everyone processes loss differently. Even Jesus, the son of God, experienced grief.

On Sunday, June 5, 2022, our church is offering the class Coping with Grief. The class will meet in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service, about 11:15 am and last for 90 minutes. The cost is \$10 and can be paid with cash or check at the event. Sign up for the class at the table in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office 630-257-5210 or email [lemontumc@gmail.com](mailto:lemontumc@gmail.com)

The group will be led by Nancy J. Nelson, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Certified Grief and Loss Specialist. Pastor Tim has known Nancy for 5 years and is impressed by her intelligence, sensitivity, wit and professionalism.

## **Nancy's biography:**

Nancy Nelson, LCSW and co-founder of Aspire-Center for Positive Change. Helping others who are experiencing mental health struggles is a passion of mine. I believe that everyone deserves to tell their story in a safe and understanding environment.

My focus is in the area of crisis intervention and grief and loss issues. I believe that through grief and loss recovery a person can find opportunity to grow.

I have been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker for 30 years. Those past 30 years have been devoted to helping children and adolescence who have been diagnosed with emotional and behavioral disabilities

I provide mental health services to all ages. I have extensive experience in grief and loss, anxiety, depression, and other mental health challenges. I believe that everyone has a story, and that story needs to be told. Your Story Matters.





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**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)

**OPEN REGISTRATION**

Please contact the Church Office for registration at [lemnontumc@gmail.com](mailto:lemnontumc@gmail.com).

**We will be accepting donations for LUMC Open Party.**

For more information, questions or concerns, please contact Jodi Stood at [vacationbibleschoollumc@gmail.com](mailto:vacationbibleschoollumc@gmail.com).





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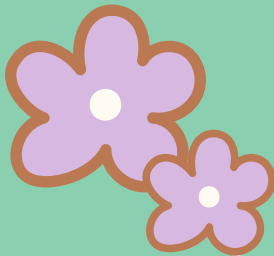
# Happy Hands

In the Month May

THE RELEASE OF THE BUTTERFLIES,  
HATCHING OF CHICKS AND THREE'S  
TEA & SERVICE



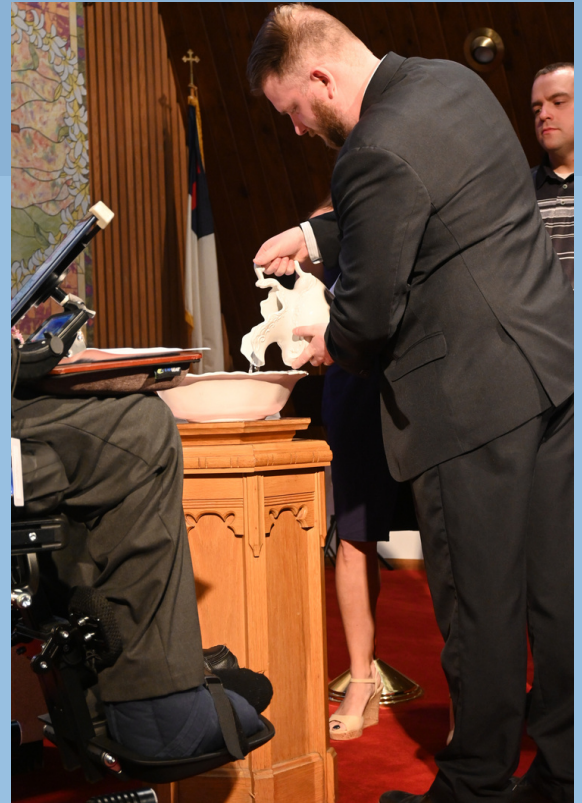






# ***Baptism Sunday***

***For James Patrick Stankus***









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celebrating  
dads  
everywhere





# JUNETEENTH

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# COMIC VIEW

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (THIS SUNDAY)

ACTS 2:1-21; PSALM 104:24-34, 35B; ROMANS 8:14-17; JOHN 14:8-17, (25-27)

## ROMANS 8:12-17

2021-05-26 — WE MAINTAIN A HIGHLY DETAILED IMBALANCE SHEET HERE AT AGNUS DAY CENTRAL.



LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (NEXT SUNDAY)

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31; PSALM 8; ROMANS 5:1-5; JOHN 16:12-15

## ROMANS 5:1-8

2005-06-12 — "NO PAIN, NO GAIN."





# Thank you!

The Open Pantry was the beneficiary of three recent food drives. Scout Troops 49, 149, 249, and Pack 149 sponsored a food drive and on April 9, delivered the donations they collected. The scouts and volunteers from the Lemont High School National Honor Society helped Dale Janssen and Mary Englund date and store all the donations. On May 7, members of the NHS brought and sorted 253 grocery bags of food and cash donations from their food drive. The NHS volunteers that day were Sydney Nelson, Jack Madera, Lilly Dudney, Julia Janowski, Tarika Oberai, Molly Stood, and her dad Jason. This year's Postal Carriers food drive on May 14 brought us many (we didn't get an official total) pounds of food. The sorting crew was Mary Englund, Mary's sister Janette, Charles Englund, Carolyn Stelter, Curtis Stelter, Bill Stelter, Jana Stelter, Margaret Clausius, Dave Clausius, and Don Meuggenborg. We would like to thank everyone involved with these food drives, as well as our community and this congregation for the ongoing support of the Open Pantry. Without everyone's help, we wouldn't be able to serve approximately sixty families a month.





# The US Postal Service Food Drive



Thank you

AWESOME!







# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 2 - Adam Anderson

June 2 - Philip Ramos

June 6 - April Lange

June 10 - Al Janovyak

June 15 - Grace Kirkman

June 18 - Alice Lange

June 19 - Marge Fox

June 19 - Jordan Kehr

## It's Our Anniversary

June 2 - Pastor Tim & Becky Casey

June 3 - Don & Pat Farrer

June 13 - Steve & Gina Walter

June 24 - George & Linda Lubben

June 28 - Tom & GleeAnn Kehr





# 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](https://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](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for your chosen charity.

Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://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](https://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](mailto:vacationbibleschool@gmail.com) or  
630-863-3529





# Tuesday Night Fellowship



Call Phil Ramos to join the meeting or click the link below:  
<https://tuesfellowshipinfinityfreeapp.com.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 May 21, 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](http://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)





# 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.**

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

SALAD DRESSING  
MAYO  
RELISH  
KETCHUP  
PICKLES

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





# 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**

Tabitha and Earl Groelle (Pastor Tim's sister & brother-in-law)

Earl has 2 broken legs from accident in January; home therapy

Mike (Paulette Fries' cousin) cancer

Shelley (Becky's cousin) blood clot and heart issues

Kathryn Jones (Charry's Aunt) active heart failure: prayers for strength, patience & positive outlook

Louise Kobernus (patron from the Food Pantry) prayers for mental & physical health, strength & God's guidance

Judy Curry (Betty Curry's sister) is having consultation for cancer- praying for good report

Pastor Casey – praying for transportation; strength & patience.

**\*Dale Janseen -Covid - speedy recovery**

Sean Clarks' mom is having a consultation on 6/9; praying for good report

Juan Gutierrez – Covid – speedy recovery

Those struggling with all kinds of Covid; Healthcare workers; families of the victims in Buffalo, NY, Uvalde, Texas, and Tulsa, Oklahoma shootings; everyone in Ukraine.



# **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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