

NEW WINE

The Official Newsletter of Lemont United Methodist Church



The results are in and the reviews were marvelous! Vacation Bible School at Lemont UMC was filled with singing, bible stories, games, treats and wonderful imagination.

The kids are saying they loved it and wished it would have lasted longer! That's pretty great praise from the 35 children enrolled.

It's fantastic to have youth, who attended as kids, come back and help as crew leaders. We had 15 youth and they did an extraordinary job.

Our 15 adult leaders told the story of Joseph throughout the week through servings treats, leading games, challenging the kids thoughts at the Imagination Station, singing and seeing and experiencing the bible story at the Bible Adventure Station.

This was a year of rebuilding. Our last VBS was in the summer of 2019. This is a ministry that has been missed by the church and the community during the pandemic. Praise God it's back.

Thank you to VBS Director Jodi Stood and all who participated as leaders, helpers and most of all the kids! Thank you to Pastor Tim and the church who faithfully supported the effort with prayers and monetary donations.

May we always remember that our God is awesome and celebrate God's greatness.

June 2022

2022 LEMONT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Picture Caption

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 6pm Daybreak Shelter 6:30pm Return Team Meeting	2 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Troop# 49B & 49G	3	4 9am Church Planning Event
5 10am Worship 11:15am "Coping with Grief"	6 7pm Worship Committee 7pm 149 Leaders	7 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Tuesday Night Fellowship	8 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm No Trustee Meeting	9 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Troop# 49B & 49G	10	11 8am UM Men's Breakfast
12 10am Worship 6:30pm Vacation Bible School (VBS)	13 6:30pm Vacation Bible School (VBS)	14 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Tuesday Night Fellowship 6:30pm Vacation Bible School (VBS)	15 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 6:30pm Vacation Bible School (VBS)	16 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Troop# 49B & 49G 6:30pm Vacation Bible School (VBS)	17	18
19 10am Worship Father's Day Juneteenth	20 4:45pm Troop# 75700	21 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Tuesday Night Fellowship	22 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Zoom Ad Council Meeting	23 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Troop# 49B & 49G	24	25
26 10am Worship	27	28 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Tuesday Night Fellowship	29 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry	30 9:45am-11:00am Open Pantry 7pm Troop# 49B & 49G		

2022



VBS



DAY 1

Bible Story: Joseph's family feuds. (Genesis 37)
Bible Verse: "Your unfailing love will last forever." (Psalm 89:2)
Bible Point: God loves you no matter what.

DAY 2

Bible Story: Joseph is imprisoned. (Genesis 39–40)
Bible Verse: "For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)
Bible Point: God is with you everywhere.



DAY 3

Bible Story: Joseph gets new responsibilities. (Genesis 41)
Bible Verse: "How great is our Lord! His power is absolute!" (Psalm 147:5)
Bible Point: God is in charge.

DAY 4

Bible Story: Jesus dies and comes back to life. (Luke 23–24:12)
Bible Verse: "And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love." (Romans 8:38)
Bible Point: God is stronger than anything.



DAY 5

Bible Story: Joseph reunites with his family. (Genesis 42–45)
Bible Verse: "Come and see what our God has done, what awesome miracles he performs for people!" (Psalm 66:5)
Bible Point: God is surprising.







Father's Day



PASTOR TIM'S SERMON:

"Happy"



LITURGIST/GOOD NEWS
FOR KIDS:

Becky Casey



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
FROM VBS DIRECTOR:

Jodi Stood

Juneteenth

For every cage,
A free spirit was born.

For every chain,
A free soul was unleashed.

For every drop of blood,
A hymn of hope was sung.

For every life lost,
Another life fought back - no matter the cost.

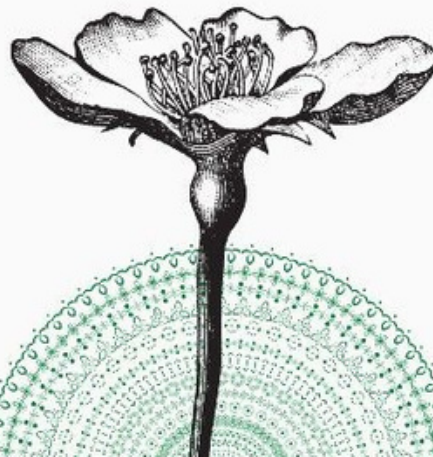
June 19, 1865.

A slave no more. A free person for life.

And yet,
Freedom is hard to find.

In a world that has gone blind,
To ones who got left behind.

Judy R. Sebastian



#SEE ALL THE PEOPLE

United Methodist Communications

Nashville, Tenn.: A new survey (May 17, 2018) of spiritual "seekers" finds that the top motivators for considering a church are knowing that everyone will be welcomed (32%), making friends and nurturing friendships (29%), support during difficult times (28%) and learning more about God (27%). Less motivating are opportunities for Bible study, volunteer opportunities, discussions of issues and topics and the provision of child care.

The survey, conducted by the Barna Group on behalf of United Methodist Communications, included people aged 25-49 who consider themselves spiritual, socially conscious and seeking meaning in their lives, but who are not affiliated with a church.

"The findings point to a desire for genuine community," said Dan Krause, general secretary of United Methodist Communications. "About three-quarters of those who might visit a church said that having friendly and welcoming people might cause them to continue attending."

Among survey respondents, women were more interested in being welcomed into a church and the relationships that might develop, while men were relatively more interested in knowledge about God. About one in three said they do not believe church has anything to offer them.

Enjoyable sermons and insightful teaching rank high as attractive church characteristics among both men and women, and were twice as likely to be named as a motivator than the worship experience.

What do spiritual seekers spend their time doing? Two-thirds spend free time at restaurants and coffee houses, especially high-income earners and those without children, while parents are more often found at parks. Prayer is the most common spiritual activity, practiced daily or weekly by 48 percent of respondents, followed by spending quiet time alone reflecting on spiritual life and spending time reflecting in nature. More than 90% use smartphones and Internet daily, while 83% use social media every day and about half watch TV or listen to radio.

This data provides insights into how and where churches can connect with people who may be looking for a faith community where they can belong," said Krause.

Ninety-four percent have heard of The United Methodist Church and about half are familiar with it. More people have a favorable impression than not, though about half have no opinion. The denomination's tagline, "Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors." was considered somewhat or very appealing to 88 percent of survey respondents. Among those who are more educated, those in the Midwest and South and those who live in small town or rural areas, The United Methodist Church is regarded somewhat more favorably than in other parts of the U.S.

#SEE ALL THE PEOPLE

The study was conducted in November 2017 and included 606 interviews with a nationally representative sample of U.S. adults drawn from an online panel. Individuals on the panel were screened to identify people who met criteria identifying them as a “seeker.”

The results of the survey were not markedly different from a similar survey conducted in 2015, although the definition of a "seeker" was adjusted to be somewhat more targeted. As a result, respondents in the 2017 survey were more likely to be interested in spiritual matters, yet less likely to be immediately open to attending church.

###

About United Methodist Communications

As the communications agency for The United Methodist Church, United Methodist Communications seeks to increase awareness and visibility of the denomination in communities and nations around the globe. United Methodist Communications also offers services, tools, products and resources for communications ministry.

Article from UMC, May 17, 2018

#SEE ALL THE PEOPLE

What would happen if we stopped fixing our church and started seeing all the people Christ calls us to reach?

A movement of United Methodists who have decided to keep our focus on the main thing: making disciples of Jesus Christ.

What is #SeeAllThePeople?

This is not a program. It's not a means to promote our congregation, or to "get people to come to our church".

See All The People is a movement of United Methodists who have decided to keep our focus on the main thing: Making disciples of Jesus Christ.

It's about developing authentic, organic and consistent relationships with our neighbors. Real relationships create space and provide natural opportunities to introduce the beginning of discipleship. It's using Jesus as an example to see all the people who live around our churches.

Making disciples is not about filling pews, raising budgets, or even keeping our church alive. Rather, disciple-making occurs when congregations have a system, method, or intentional process to shepherd those outside our church into a fuller and mature understanding of the Christian faith.

#SeeAllThePeople

In the days, weeks, and months to come, you will hear a lot about **#SeeAllThePeople**. **#SeeAllThePeople** is a guide that consists of four books (and other resources) on congregational and personal discipleship. The first book is here and available to those who came to our first planning meeting on June 4. I will order more books as the demand requires. I would like to have everyone who is interested in Christian discipleship to be involved.

To order the book, **#SeeAllThePeople - Developing an Intentional Discipleship System: a Guide for Congregations** please email the church at lemontumc@gmail.com. There is an electronic and paper version of the book. Please indicate which version you would prefer (I'm sorry there is not an audio version).

You can also go to the website to learn more about **#SeeAllThePeople**. You'll find a number of resources that will help us in this endeavor to be stronger disciples. Thank you.

God bless.

Pastor Tim

COMIC VIEW

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (THIS SUNDAY)

1 KINGS 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15A; PSALM 42 AND 43; GALATIANS 3:23-29; LUKE 8:26-39

GALATIANS 3:23-29

2019-06-19 — CLOTHES DON'T MAKE THE MAN, THE SON OF MAN MAKES THE CLOTHES.

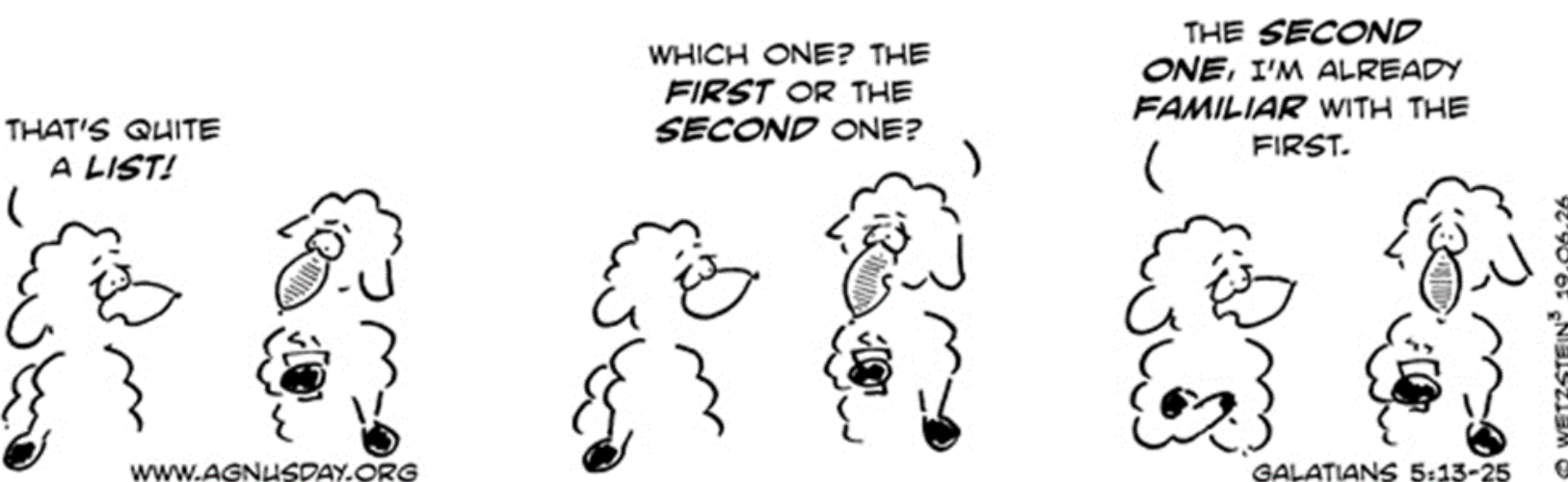


LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (NEXT SUNDAY)

2 KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14; PSALM 77:1-2, 11-20; GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25; LUKE 9:51-62

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

2022-06-22 — WE ALL HAVE OUR PET SINS. WE JUST WISH OURS WOULD STOP SHEDDING ON THE SOFA.





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 28 - Tom & GleeAnn Kehr



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

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) surgery next month – trying out another cardiac device: prayers for successful surgery, strength & speedy recovery

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

Judy Curry (Betty Curry's sister) breast cancer & surgery; praying for good report

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

*Sue Gergescz- cataract surgery- speedy recovery

Becky (Linda Kennedy's daughter) iron infusions – maybe Lupus;

Dave (Linda Kennedy's husband) running test on knee

Roberta has been in the emergency room in Bolingbrook for 2 days without any support

Joe Plata (Gina Walter's Father) undergoing test to find out why he's feeling so bad

* Steve Walter – gall bladder surgery – praying for speedy recovery

*Jana Stelter prayers that she finds a new facility for her mother; and strength

*Pat Farrer fell and fracture her back- praying for healing & speedy recovery –the family has requested no phone calls or visitors please

Ron Zeitler (Alice Lange's uncle) bleeding in the brain from fall; prayers for healing & 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.

JOYS

*Pastor Tim – has received car settlement and now looking for transportation

*Bill & Jana Stelter – their granddaughter who has down syndrome is graduating

LUMC website will be created for free by Happy Hands web designers

*Bill Price – healing & recovery

Debbie Smith & Tony Smith (Charry's Aunt & Uncle) successful surgery – received her new pacemaker; Tony Smith arrived safely back at his home

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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

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:

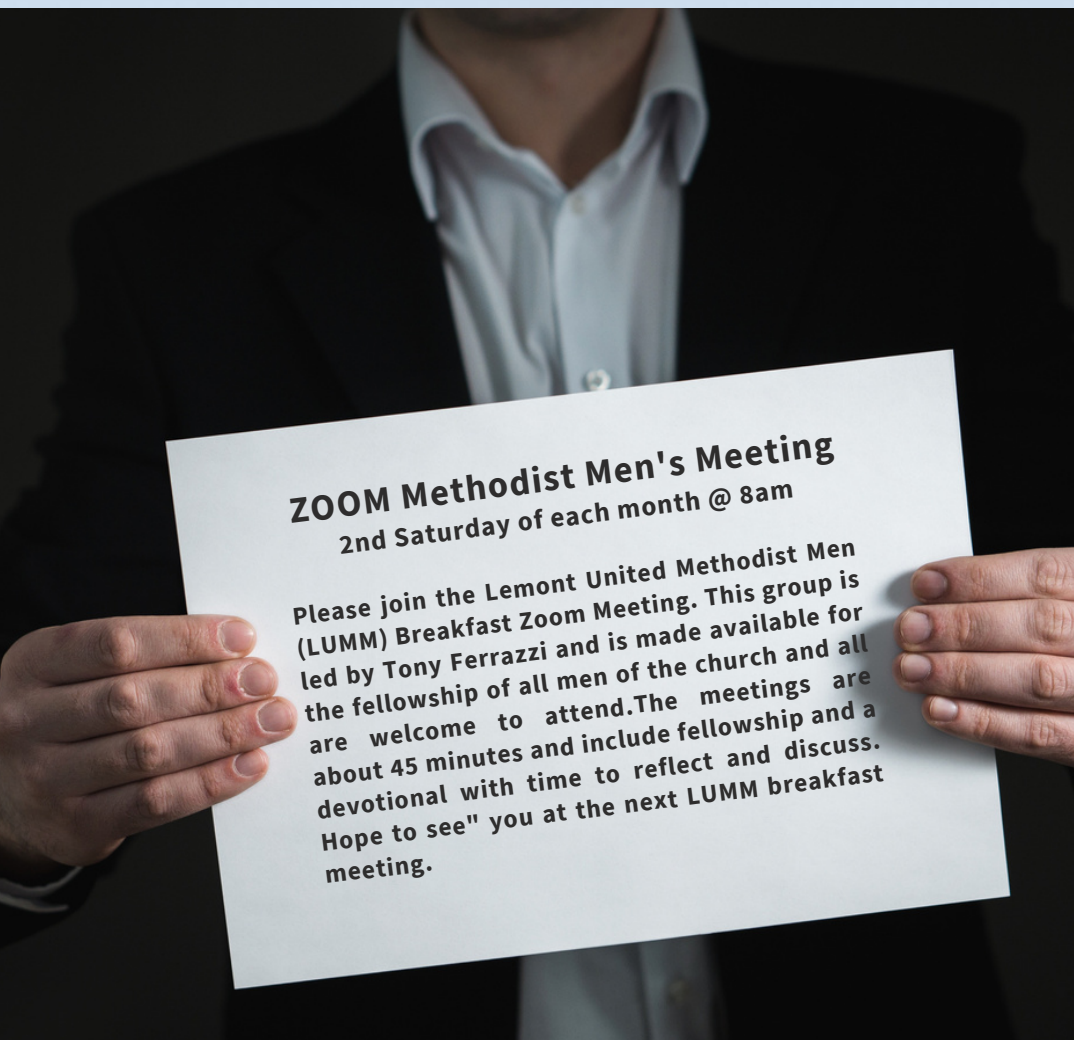
- Open the Amazon Shopping app
- Navigate to the main menu (=)
- Tap on Settings and then select "AmazonSmile"
- Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
- Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will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

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.

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"

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**



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!



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

JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



You can find us online :

Instagram : @lemontumc25

Facebook: Lemont United Methodist Church

Youtube: Lemont UMC

Lemont United Methodist Church



25 W Custer Street
Lemont, IL 60439

June 2022 New Wine Lite

God loves you!