

# NEW WINE



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## RENEWAL SUNDAY

Anyone who's had a subscription to a magazine, newspaper, or software knows what "renewal" means. Still, it's a strange word. Renewal sounds like a contradiction. How can something be new again? I thought everything "new" could only be new once. If you think about it, renewal sounds like a marketing term for used cars. "Come down today! Our renewed vehicles are like new but at used car prices!" That was the question Nicodemus had for Jesus when he insisted that we must be "born again." How can one, after he or she is old, return to the womb to be born a second time? Is someone trying to sell me a used car?

Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin was the Temple leadership that wrongly and illegally tried and convicted Jesus. Nicodemus had clout. He came to meet Jesus secretly one night to see if he was the Messiah. It is on this occasion that Nicodemus questions Jesus about being born again. Jesus is clearly frustrated with Nicodemus' ignorance. As a "teacher of Israel," he should have known better. Jesus explains that one must be born of water (physical birth) and the Spirit (spiritual birth).

There are many interpretations of "born again" but one of my favorites came from a young woman who happily declared that she was born again each morning she wakes. In other words, she is awakened to a new day! This may not be a Bible professor's answer to John 3, but who would dare criticize her for experiencing God by waking up in the morning! Each day, she is renewed! It sounds like the work of the Holy Spirit to me.

As the Spirit gives us new birth, so the Spirit renews us. God is always making us new! There is no getting old in the kingdom of God. Of course, we grow and mature in faith, but when we consider how old the universe is and how magnificent God is, we are always God's "little ones." We need the ever refreshing and renewing Spirit of God. Not because the presence of the Spirit gets old but because our human frailties limit our perspective.

Renewal Sunday is all about thanking God for the past and trusting God with our future. We are asking God to give us new energy, spirits, plans, hopes, strength, peace, healing, grace, commitment, and many, many other gifts God gives us through the Spirit.

Sunday, September 11, 2022 (the Sunday following Labor Day) is Renewal Sunday for us. I chose September 11 because Labor Day marks the end of summer vacations when kids are back in school, families return to their routines, and the church begins Fall ministries.

The last three years have been a struggle. Up until recently, it's been a challenge to care for one another and minister to our community while the pandemic raged on. We are tired and ready to go back to "normal." I suppose there are a few things that will look a little like normal, but I doubt things will ever be as they were. Which is just as well. Church is changing. The things that once worked don't seem to be working and we need fresh ideas, ministries, and worship experiences, as we step into the future. It is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will lead us into ministries we've never considered before.

Discipleship classes will begin Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome! Books are located on the round table at the back of the church.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tim Casey



# Happy Labor Day!

Let's celebrate the day to relax.



*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14*

Who: Children ages preschool thru 5th grade  
Where: Lemont United Methodist Church  
When: 3rd Sunday of each month (Sept-May), 10am  
What: An exploration of the bible through stories & activities

The Lemont United Methodist Church is committed to helping children develop a relationship with Jesus through bible exploration. You do not need to be a member of the church; all children ages preschool through 5th grade are invited to check out our new Bible Time program, where the focus is learning to "Love God and Love Our Neighbors." The program will be held on the **third** Sunday of each month. Children will start upstairs in the sanctuary with their parents for the welcome and after "Good News for Kids," they'll head downstairs for Bible Time activities in a one-room-schoolhouse format. Parents can continue their own worship time while the children begin developing their faith-foundation at an early age. It's been shown that a strong faith in God can help a person stay centered, strong, happy, and healthy even as they face the many challenges in today's world. Come join us! The first session will be held on Sunday, 9/18/22, and will feature the story of "Jesus and the Children."

***Plus bring your backpacks and book bags to church on Sunday, 9/11/22, to kick-off the school year with a Backpack Blessing!***





# Praise in the Park

WORSHIP SERVICE & PICNIC



Food & Fellowship



# CONNECTING!



VERY  
RELAXING!





FUN!



GOOD  
MUSIC







Great  
Conversations!



PLEASANT!





# *Good Food & Good Vibes!*





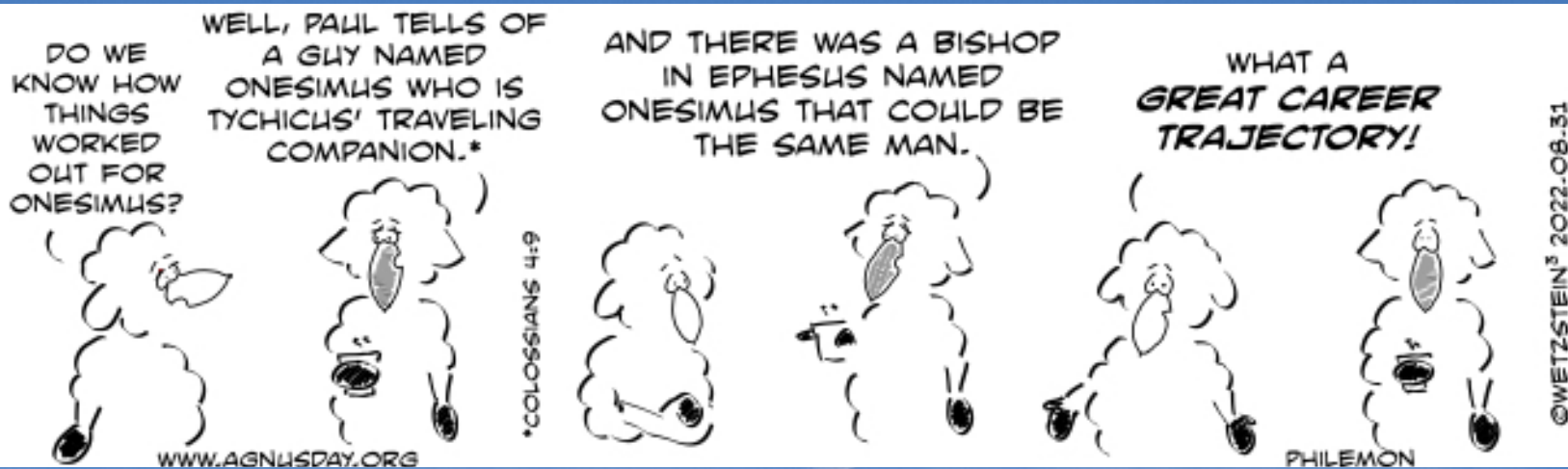
# COMIC VIEW

## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (THIS SUNDAY)

JEREMIAH 18:1-11; PSALM 139:1-6, 13-18; PHILEMON 1-21; LUKE 14:25-33

### PHILEMON 1:1-21

2022-08-31 — PAUL REALLY KNEW HOW TO WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION!



## LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS (NEXT SUNDAY)

JEREMIAH 4:11-12, 22-28; PSALM 14; 1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17; LUKE 15:1-10

### LUKE 15:1-10

2004-09-08 — I'M THINKING THAT THERE IS A THEOLOGICAL COROLLARY TO THE STANDING-IN-THE-FANCY-JEWELRY-STORE DICTUM "IF YOU HAVE TO ASK HOW MUCH, YOU CAN'T AFFORD IT."





**September 2 - Eric & Mark Kirkman**

**September 3 - Donna Vasquez**

**September 4 - Elena Talos**

**September 5 - Richard Meade**

**September 5 - Audrey Anderson**

**September 8 - Don & Pat Farrer**

**September 8 - Geoffrey Pierce**

**September 8 - Sue Tasker**

**September 9 - Lynn Vavra**

**September 10 - Samantha Meade**

**September 22 - Sheila Farrer**

**September 25 - Bill Kerins**

**September 27 - Cyndy Havemann**

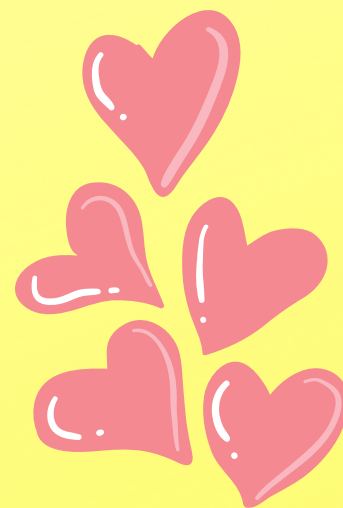
**September 29 - Nelta Neal**

**It's Our Anniversary**

**SEPTEMBER 1 - RON & CAROL WALTER**

**SEPTEMBER 6 - BRIAN & TRICIA O'NEILL**

**SEPTEMBER 23 - BILL & JUANITA HILL**





TIME TO  
Celebrate



One year Anniversary working at  
Lemont UMC!



# 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

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

The Family of Ron Zeitler (Alice Lange's uncle) – Passed away in July. He was a member of LUMC for many years.

One of the fathers\* in our Happy Hands program just found out that he has cancer; praying for healing & strength

Sean Clark tested positive for Covid - speedy recovery

\*Peg Pecher fell – praying for healing & speedy recovery

George & Linda (Peg Pecher's friend Al's relative) Linda had a stroke – praying for healing, strength & speedy recovery

Pastor's mother – hospice - praying for strength

Those struggling with all kinds of Covid & Monkey Pox; Healthcare workers; everyone in Ukraine, in the Mississippi floods, and the children, teachers and administrative staff returning back to school.

## JOYS

\*Bill Price – healing & recovery

Sue Gergescz – eye surgery successful & speedy recovery

**\*Church Members**



## 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

BY: PASTOR TIM D. CASEY

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](mailto: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.

There will be a brief congregational meeting on July 24, 2022 immediately following the Worship Service.

There will be a celebration of life gathering for Paul and Marion Jacques, parents of former LUMC Pastor Susan, on Saturday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m. at Lake Ellyn Boathouse at 645 Lenox Road in Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

Everyone is welcome to attend!



# LUMC RETURN TEAM REVISED PLAN AUGUST 2022

Going forward LUMC, if two of the three surrounding counties (Cook, Will, DuPage) turn red we will follow the IDPH guidelines for Covid 19 protocols.

**Covid is here to stay. No longer need to social distance, but masks are recommended.**

Please feel free to wear your mask if you want and feel comfortable doing so.

**If you are sick stay home. If you have Covid stay home. Once you test negative and return, wear a mask 5 days afterward.**

**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.**

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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.

# 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  
RAMEN NOODLES  
GRAPE JELLY  
PEANUT BUTTER  
SPAGHETTI PASTA

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





# **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



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Youtube: Lemont UMC

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## **September 2022 New Wine**

**God loves you!**