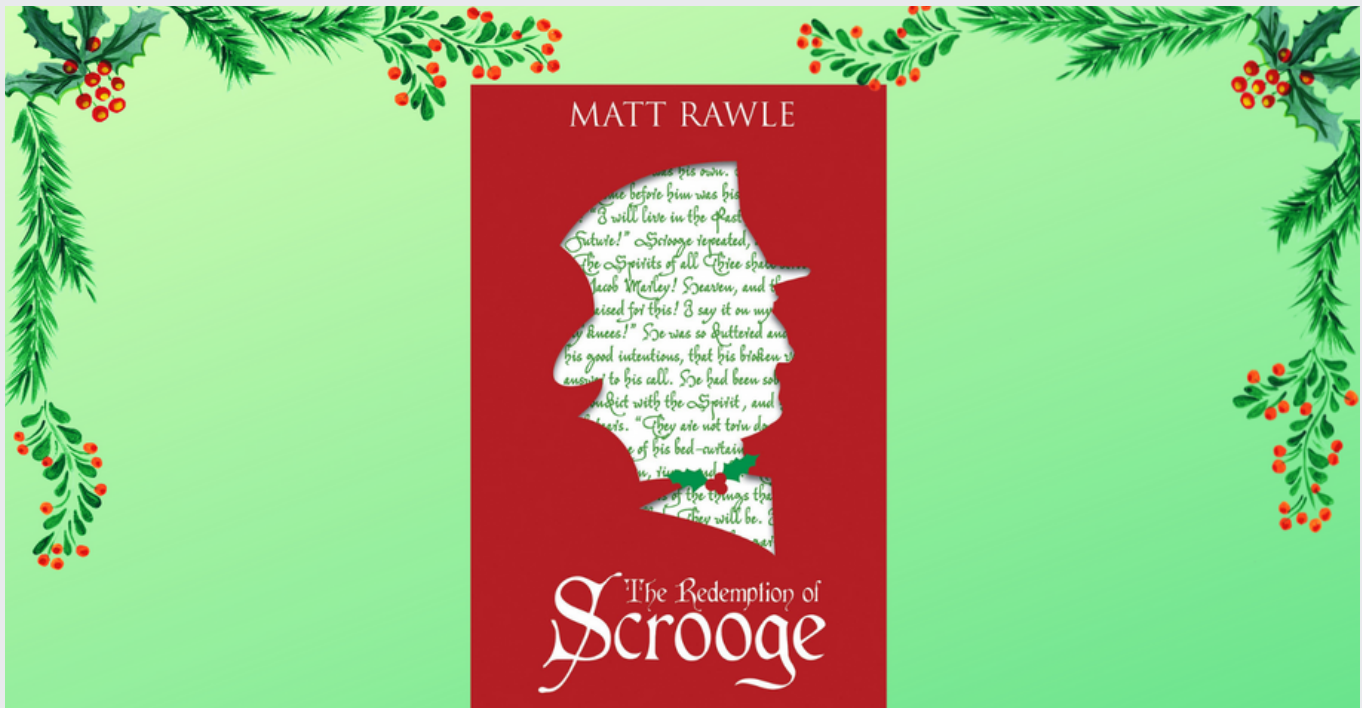


NEW WINE

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



The Redemption of Scrooge

Go from “Bah, Humbug!” to a Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas.

Ebenezer Scrooge is a man in dire need of a second chance. Is redemption possible for such a greedy, dark, and sad character? The Redemption of Scrooge, from Matt Rawle’s The Pop in Culture Series, shows us how the teachings of Jesus can be found in Dickens’ Christmas classic. From the ghosts of Christmas past, to the Life of the present, and the resurrection of Christmas future, this Advent study will “bless us every one” and reinvigorate our spiritual journeys as we look at this familiar story through the lens of faith.

Our study will begin, Thursday, December 1 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. The books have been ordered and you can sign up at church or you can call the office and leave a message for the Administrative Assistant at 630-257-5210. The book is \$10.

SUNDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS 2023 Calendar

SUNDAYS DETERMINED BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Christian Education, Disability Awareness, Golden Cross Sunday,
International Day, Rural Life

<p>JANUARY 1 Epiphany Sunday (White or Gold) Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795); Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12</p>	<p>APRIL 02 Passion / Palm Sunday (Purple or Red) <u>Palms Lit.</u>: Matt 21:1-11; Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839) <u>Passion Lit.</u>: Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 31:9-16 (UMH 764); Phil 2:5-11; Matt 26:14-27:66 or Matt 27:11-54</p>
<p>JANUARY 06 Epiphany of the Lord (White or Gold) Isa 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7 (UMH 795), 10-14; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12</p>	<p>APRIL 03 Monday of Holy Week (Purple or Red) Isa 42:1-9; Ps 36:5-11 (UMH 771); Heb 9:11-15; John 12:1-11</p>
<p>JANUARY 08 Baptism of the Lord (White or Gold) Isa 42:1-9; Ps 29 (UMH 761); Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17</p>	<p>APRIL 04 Tuesday of Holy Week (Purple or Red) Isa 49:1-7 (UMH 794); Ps 71:1-14; 1 Cor 1:18-31; John 12:20-36</p>
<p>JANUARY 15 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany (Green) Isa 49:1-7; Ps 40:1-11 (UMH 774); 1 Cor 1:1-9; John 1:29-42</p>	<p>APRIL 05 Wednesday of Holy Week (Purple or Red) Isa 50:4-9a; Ps 70 (UMH 793); Heb 12:1-3; John 13:21-32</p>
<p>JANUARY 22 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany (Green) Isa 9:1-4; Ps 27:1, 4-9 (UMH 758); 1 Cor 1:10-18; Matt 4:12-23</p>	<p>APRIL 06 Maundy Thursday (Purple or Red) Ex 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19 (UMH 837); 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35</p>
<p>JANUARY 29 4th Sunday After the Epiphany (Green) Mic 6:1-8; Ps 15 (UMH 747); 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12</p>	<p>APRIL 07 Good Friday (No Color) Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 22 (UMH 752); Heb 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 05 5th Sunday After the Epiphany (Green) Isa 58:1-9a (9b-12); Ps 112:1-9 (10) (UMH 833); 1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16); Matt 5:13-20</p>	<p>APRIL 08 Holy Saturday / Easter Eve (White or Gold) Job 14:1-14; Ps 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Pet 4:1-8; Matt 27:57-66</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 12 6th Sunday After the Epiphany; Scouting Sunday (Green) Deut 30:15-20; Ps 119:1-8 (UMH 840); 1 Cor 3:1-9; Matt 5:21-37</p>	<p>APRIL 09 Easter Sunday; Easter Vigil (White or Gold) Acts 10:34-43; Ps 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839); Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-18 or Matt 28:1-10</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 19 Transfiguration Sunday (White or Gold) Ex 24:12-18; Ps 99 (UMH 819); 2 Pet 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9</p>	<p>APRIL 16 2nd Sunday of Easter (White or Gold) Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Ps 16 (UMH 748); 1 Pet 1:3-9; John 20:19-31</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 22 Ash Wednesday (Purple or Grey) Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Ps 51:1-17 (UMH 785); 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6, 16-21</p>	<p>APRIL 23 3rd Sunday of Easter; Native American Ministries Sunday (White or Gold) Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837); 1 Pet 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 26 First Sunday in Lent (Purple) Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Ps 32 (UMH 766); Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11</p>	<p>APRIL 30 4th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold) Acts 2:42-47; Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137); 1 Pet 2:19-25; John 10:1-10</p>
<p>MARCH 05 2nd Sunday in Lent (Purple) Gen 12:1-4a; Ps 121 (UMH 844); Rom 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17</p>	<p>MAY 07 5th Sunday of Easter (White or Gold) Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31:1-5, 15-16 (UMH 764); 1 Pet 2:2-10; John 14:1-14</p>
<p>MARCH 12 3rd Sunday in Lent (Purple) Ex 17:1-7; Ps 95 (UMH 814); Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42</p>	<p>MAY 14 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day (White or Gold) Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:8-20 (UMH 790); 1 Pet 3:13-22; John 14:15-21</p>
<p>MARCH 19 4th Sunday in Lent (Purple) 1 Sam 16:1-13; Ps 23 (UMH 754 or 137); Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41</p>	<p>MAY 21 7th Sunday of Easter; Heritage Sunday; Ascension Sunday (White or Gold) Acts 1:6-14; Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 (UMH 792); 1 Pet 4:12-14, 5:6-11; John 17:1-11</p>
<p>MARCH 26 5th Sunday in Lent (Purple) Ezek 37; 1-14; Ps 130 (UMH 848); Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45</p>	<p><u>Ascension of the Lord Lections:</u> Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47 (UMH 781); Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53</p>



United Methodist
Student Day

DID YOU KNOW?



United Methodist Student Day was the original Special Sunday created by United Methodist Church Sunday Schools who collected offerings to help advance education for their children. The fund was originally established in 1872 as the Children's Fund.

Today United Methodist Student Day Sunday has the same purpose, calling upon the denomination to support their students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith. The funds received from the offering go into the United Methodist Student Loan Fund to underwrite scholarships for United Methodist students.

Currently, there are over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Students can apply for scholarships or loans at gbhem.org/loansandscholarships.

DID YOU KNOW?

United Methodist Student Day was the original Special Sunday?

100% of your UM Student Day donation funds scholarships and loans for students?

There are over 70 scholarship programs available for United Methodist Students?

The United Methodist Student Day donations support United Methodist schools and grants?

The UM Student Day offering supports scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral UM students?



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church®



Scholarship Sunday



Liturgist: **Emily Stood**
Senior at Kent State
University, Kent, OH
Major: Civil Engineering



Acolyte &
Gathering/Welcome/Opening:

Molly Stood

Freshman at Missouri State
University, Springfield, MO

Major: Child & Family
Development





Samantha Vazquez
Senior at Illinois State
University, Normal, IL
Major: Criminal Justice

Sara Vazquez
Senior at Illinois State
University, Normal, IL
Major: Education

Greeter: ***Michael Cheehy***
Junior at Bradley University,
Peoria IL
Major: Civil Engineering

*Keep up the
good work!*

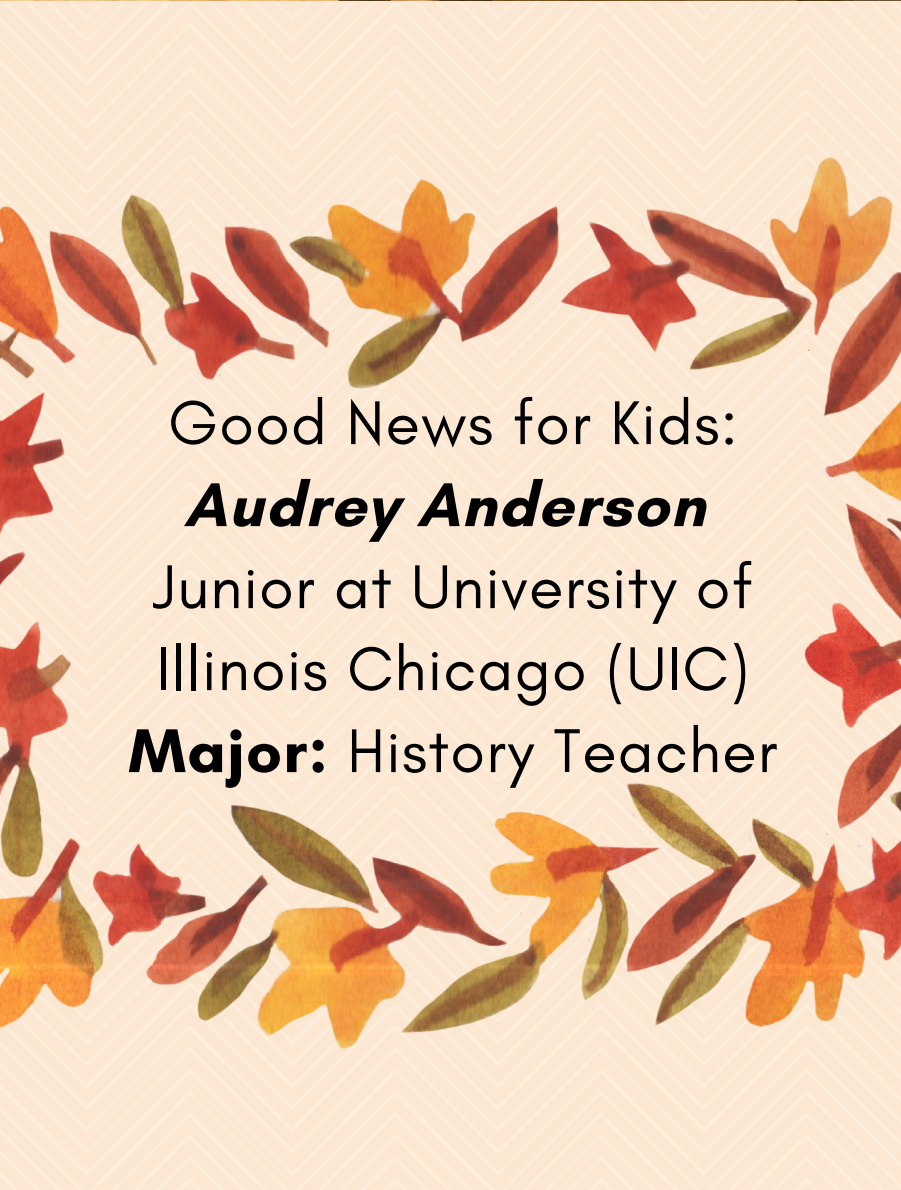




David Lange

Junior at North Central
College, Naperville, IL

Major: Music Education



Good News for Kids:

Audrey Anderson

Junior at University of
Illinois Chicago (UIC)

Major: History Teacher



LUMC CRAFT CLUB





LUMC CHURCH CONFERENCE

FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH 2022





COME AND JOIN US

CHRISTMAS EVE

24

DECEMBER

LEMONT UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

25 WEST CUSTER STREET
LEMONT, IL 60439

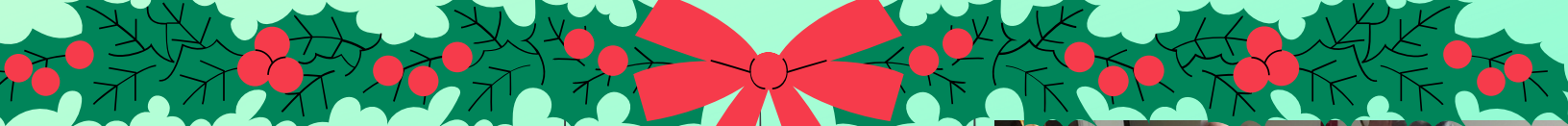
4PM CHILDREN SERVICE
8PM CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT
SERVICE

***THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY
CHRISTMAS SERVICE***



Christmas Eve





Merry
CHRISTMAS





HAPPY HANDS



WRITTEN BY KARIN PERAINO

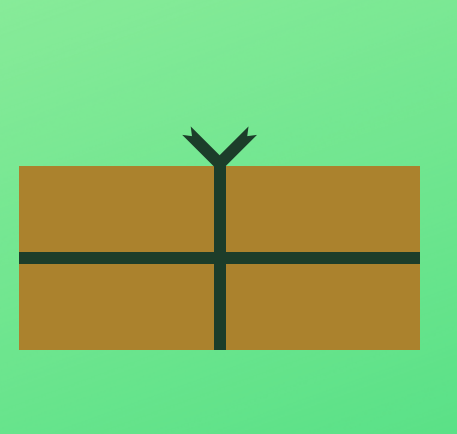
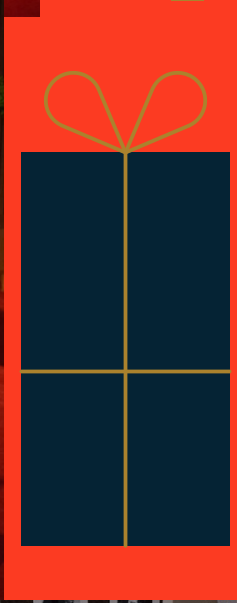
December is another busy time of the year at Happy Hands. Santa* came to visit the children at the beginning of the month. In addition to telling Santa their wishes (like a sucker, an iPad, or a tiny robot pig), the children brought food items for Santa to bring to children in need during his rounds. 50 bags of food and more were donated to the food pantry. Pastor Tim and Becky shared the Christmas story with the students during their JAM sessions. And the 4s students have also been practicing for their upcoming Christmas program, "Christmas Around the World." They will be singing holiday songs from Mexico, England, and Germany, as well as acting out the nativity story. It is always a heartwarming event!

*Santa will be back for the 4pm service on Christmas Eve!



Grandparent's Day





Christmas Around the World



★ FELIZ ★
NAVIDAD
Y
PRÓSPERO
AÑO NUEVO ★



★
We
wish
you
a
Merry
Christmas

The Nativity Story

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN:
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER:
AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL, COUNSELLOR,
THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

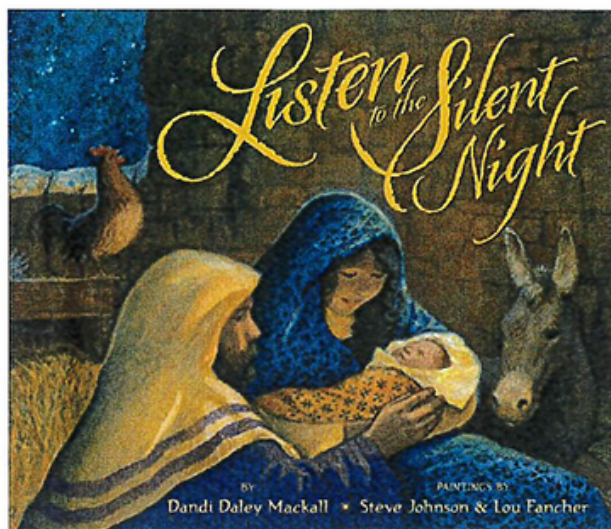
The Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6



Joy to the World





Today's Book: *Listen to the Silent Night* by Dandi Daley Mackall

What We Learned

Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus.

*Whose birth do we celebrate on Christmas? **Jesus***

*Jesus wasn't born in a hospital or even at home. Where was Jesus born? **Jesus was born in a stable with animals and placed in a manger.***

*Who appeared in the sky and sang to the shepherds? **A choir of angels.***

Baby Jesus Went to Sleep

Baby Jesus went to sleep
On a bed of hay
In a manger soft and deep
Baby Jesus lay

Mother Mary tucked him in
Warmed his tiny feet
Sang a lullaby to him
Sleep my baby sleep

The First Christmas

Clop, clop, clop went the donkey's feet,
Clop, clop, clop down the stony street.

Nod, nod, nod went Mary's head.
She was tired, and she needed a bed.

Knock, knock, knock went Joseph at the door.
"Do you have room for anyone more?"

"No, No, No!" the innkeeper said,
"I don't even have one more bed."

"Wait, wait, wait," the innkeeper said,
"You can use my stable for a bed."

"Shh, shh, shh...What is that I hear?
The cry of Baby Jesus, oh so dear!"

**Lemont United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship at 10 am**

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

**Join us for Worship
and Sunday JAM
A special time just for kids on the
third Sunday of each month**



**Christmas Eve Worship
Saturday, December 24**

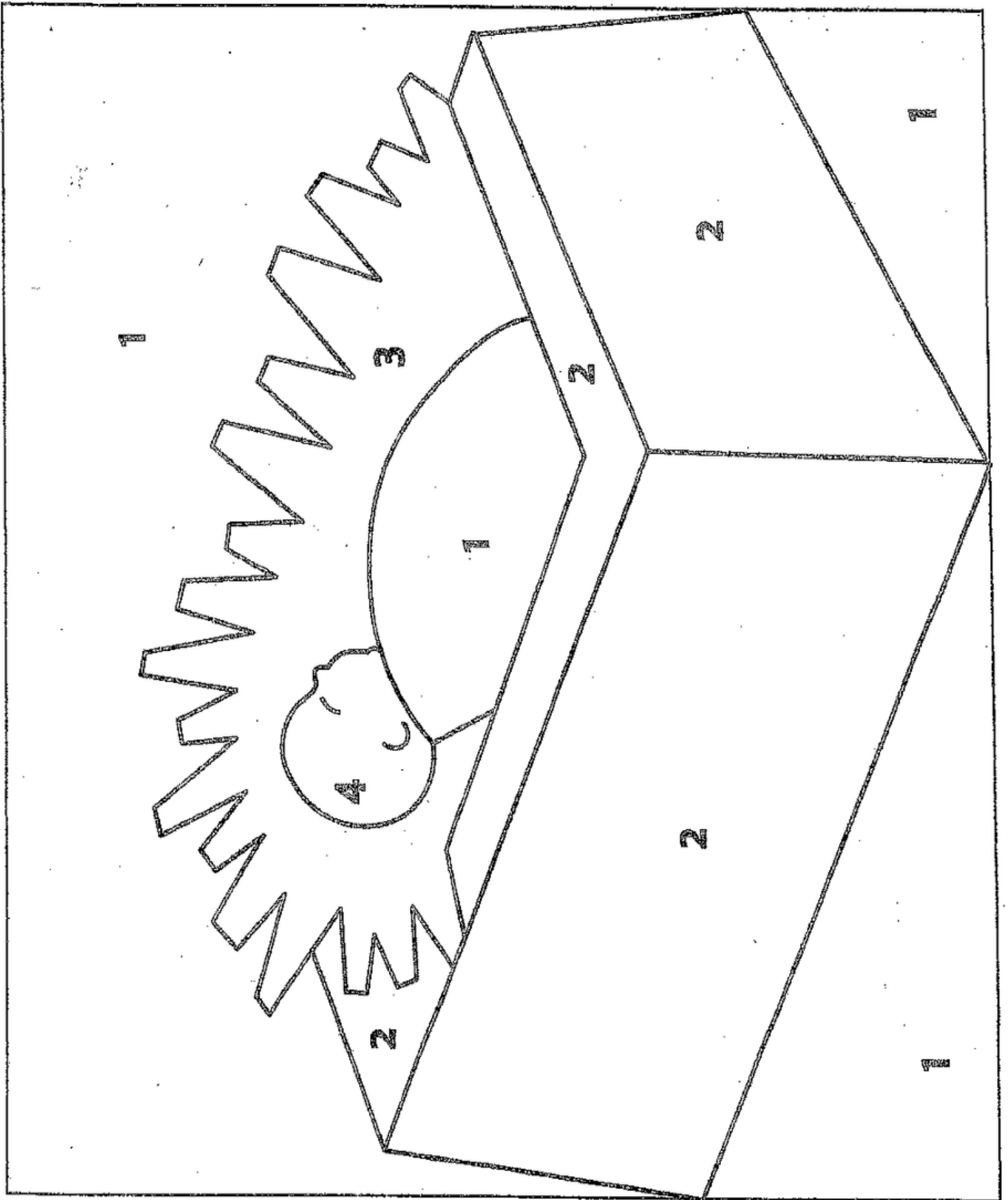
4:00 pm Family Service
Designed for children and families
Christmas carols, children's sermon, Silent
night by candle light

8:00 pm Christmas Eve Worship
Carols, Candle light and Communion
Inspirational music by our choir

Baby in a Manger

Color baby Jesus in the manger, using the number code.

1. Blue 2. Gray 3. Yellow 4. Tan



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1 - Molly Stood

December 1 - Debie Marie Meade

December 2 - Sandy Arcus

December 5 - Shirley Stout

December 8 - Carol Walter

December 9 - Richard Pierce

December 12 - Megan Cheehy

December 20 - Tucker Lange

December 21 - Richard Lee

December 21 - Mark Huegelmann

December 23 - Ascher Laemmer

December 25 - Roland Tasker

December 26 - Gabriella Vasquez

December 26 - Becky Casey

December 31- Willetta Price

It's Our Anniversary

December 21 - Bill & Willetta Price

NIC CELEBRATION OF A DAY OF CALL

Epiphany Sunday

January 8

Resources will be provided mid December

Dear siblings in Christ,

Once again, your Board of Ordained Ministry invites a celebration of a Day of Call throughout NIC, to focus our attention on God's ongoing call to ministry of all kinds. We plan to celebrate on Sunday, January 8, 2023 (Epiphany Sunday). The Lectionary texts for the day and the traditions of Epiphany line up well with our hearing and responding to God's call to faithful discipleship.

We already have a set of resources from past Days of Call and will offer some for this year that are specific to Epiphany and the texts chosen for the day. We encourage the use of the NIC archive of video testimonies of call stories, and we ask that if your congregation develops resources, you might share them with our colleagues throughout Northern Illinois.

If your congregation would like to consider participating in this year's Day of Call, please have someone (pastor or worship planner) reply to this email. Resources will be published by mid-December, and we will invite interaction among those who respond to help with planning.

Thank you for your faithful work in the local congregation and for your part in building up the ministries of the NIC.

Blessings,

GleeAnn L. Kehr, for
Board of Ordained Ministry Recruitment Team
Caleb Hong, Chair

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

Tom [Dottie McAdams' brother-in law] fell- broke hip in 3 places - healing & speedy

Both of Mary Jane Nelson's sisters have fallen – prayers for healing

*Carolyn Stelter broken foot – praying for healing and speedy recovery

Linda [Sue Tasker's friend] young daughter passed away

Amber [Joanne Goszczycki's niece] had an arm amputated

Al Novak [Betty Curry's friend] prayers

Friend of [Judy Janovyak] going through medical testing

Nephew of [Alberta Harden] having surgery

Kyle Monett passed away [Ron Walter's son-in-law's, nephew] prayers for the family

Michele [Peg Pecher's daughter] had a stroke and month ago and is having surgery: hole in her heart; praying for improvement

from her stroke and successful surgery

Safe travels for those who are traveling home and on vacation.

Melissa [Peg Pecher's daughter] prayers for successful surgery & speedy recovery

Happy Hands father [Karin Peraino's friend] traveling to Texas for cancer treatment

John Morrison [Ron Walter's, grandson's father-in-law] passed away- prayers for the family

Prayers for the Earl and the Ackerman Family

Stewart Herron [Christine Miller's father] –passed away; praying for the family - memorial service at later date

Prayers for Phil Casey's friend's family on the death of their son.

Prayers for Tom Kehr's* Mother, who lives in Kentucky.

*Cris Kerins fell outside the church; broke her pinky finger & has 3 stitches in her chin- prayer for healing

*Rosalie Lind tested positive for Covid; praying for a speedy recovery

Pastor and Becky Casey's Brother-in-law who now faces an extended hospitalization.

Mary Ann, [Jeff Gorham's mother] health issues; praying for healing & speedy recovery

*George Lange fell off of the step stool & injured his hip; praying for healing & speedy recovery

*Willetta Price has shingles; praying for healing & speedy recovery

*GleeAnn Kehr has bronchitis; praying for healing & speedy recovery

*Debbie Hassert - health issues; praying for healing & speedy recovery

*Kay Norfleet- health issues; praying for healing & speedy recovery

JOYS

Happy Birthday to those who celebrated in December

*Amy Cheehy – mother has made arrangements to move to assisted living

Enjoyable Christmas concert at the Olivatte Nazarene College

Bob & Sue returned with enthusiasm from their European Tour. It was a once in a lifetime. Joy to have their musical talents.

The College Students who received scholarships: Audrey Anderson, David Lange, Olivia Nelson, Emily Stood, Mihash Cheehy, Molly Stood, Sara and Samantha Vasquez

Thanks for the beautifully decorated church to Gina and Steve Walter and Deb Neitzel

*Pastor Tim's family will be visiting for Thanksgiving

Jackson [Mary Jane Nelson's grandson] promoted to Sergeant [Marine]

*Ron and Carol Walter have a new granddaughter by the marriage of *Chris Walter

*Sue Hinks another grandbaby on the way

Dave [Wendy Myers's husband] negative Covid test and is feeling better

Larry Funkhauser [Charlotte Havemann's uncle] is home and recovering

*George and Alice Lange joined us in worship after a very eventful vacation this year.

*Dawn Ferrazzi, Aunt of *David Lange shared the news of a successful vocal recital. David is a Junior working towards his Music Degree.

*Ryan Peraino safe travels; attending World Soccer Games

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)



The Heritage Group

Social Impact Task Force Collection Drive

On Thursday, November 17, company-wide Day of Service, in partnership with the United Way, they created a variety of special service opportunities for employees in the local communities where we live and work. They took all donated items to Lemont Food Pantry located at the United Methodist Church.



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!!!!**



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



**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**

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



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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.

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

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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December 2022 New Wine

God loves you!