

MARCH 30, 2023

VOLUME 27

# NEW WINE



EASTER DAY

## The End that Wasn't

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

**When: Easter Sunday, April 9, 2022**

**Where: Lemont United Methodist Church  
25 West Custer Street  
Lemont, IL 60439  
Time: 10:00 am**

# HOLY WEEK



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

## This is the Day

IN AWE OF GRACE WORSHIP SERIES

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY  
APRIL 2, 2023

### REFERENCES

Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

MAUNDY THURSDAY  
LENTEN STUDY ON COMMUNION  
APRIL 6, 2023  
7:00PM  
(HYBRID)

### REFERENCES

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10) 11-14  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (UMH 837)  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
John 13:1-17, 31b-35



MAUNDY THURSDAY

## Commanded to Love

IN AWE OF GRACE WORSHIP SERIES



GOOD FRIDAY

## Dancing in the Dark

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GOOD FRIDAY  
APRIL 7, 2023  
7:00PM SERVICE

### REFERENCES

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Psalm 22 (UMH 752)  
Hebrews 10:16-25  
John 18:1-19:42

**HOLY SATURDAY  
VIGIL**

**APRIL 8, 2023**  
(NO SERVICE)

**REFERENCES**

Job 14:1-14

Psalm 31:1-4

Peter 4:1-8

Matthew 27:57-66



HOLY SATURDAY

**Hush**

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HOLY SATURDAY INVITATION

*On this final day of the season of Lent,  
a season of self-examination, repentance,  
prayer, fasting, and self-denial,  
we are invited once again to observe a holy Lent  
by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word  
and praying as we sit vigil at Christ's tomb.*

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# SUNDAYS & SPECIAL DAYS 2023 Calendar

## SUNDAYS DETERMINED BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

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

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



The Lemont United Methodist Church  
presents  
The 38th Annual Performance of



# The Last Supper

A pre-Easter drama and tableau inspired  
by Leonardo DaVinci's painting.

**When:** April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday Evening

**Where:** Lemont United Methodist Church

25 W. Custer Street

Lemont, IL

**Time:** 7:30 P.M.

For further information, call (630)257-5210

All are welcome!!!



# EASTER FLOWERS

<b>GIVEN BY:</b>	<b>IN HONOR OF:</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF:</b>
Karin & Tim Peraino	Ryan & Rebecca Peraino	June Mueggenborg
Bill & Jana Stelter	Emily Stelter & Mary Jane Sykes	Billy Gene Sykes & William H. Stelter
Bill & Cris Kerins	Our parents	Priscilla Ludwig
Wendy Myers		
Deb Neitzel		Edwin & Roberta Neitzel
Pastor Tim & Becky Casey	Esther & Maggie our granddaughters	Phyllis & Marilyn, our moms
Mary Jane Nelson		John & Max Nelson
Don & Loryl Fisher		Eugene & Lucille Fisher; Abraham & Antoinette Kromray
Tim & GleeAnn Kehr	GleeAnn's parents	
The Haveman Family		Michael R. Havemann
Debbie Hassert		Dorothy & Howard Hassert
Nelta Neal		Grandparents & Delores' Parents
Ron & Carol Walters	Rowan, Soren, and Kai Walter	Jared Monnett's college graduation
Don Mueggenborg		Elmer & Alcey Mueggenborg



In Loving Memory of



PRISCILLA  
LUDWIG

APRIL

SATURDAY

15

11:00AM

LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH,  
25 WEST CUSTER STREET,  
LEMONT, IL 60439



What's Happening at  
**HAPPY HANDS**

**Leprechaun Visits**



Feeling  
**LUCKY**

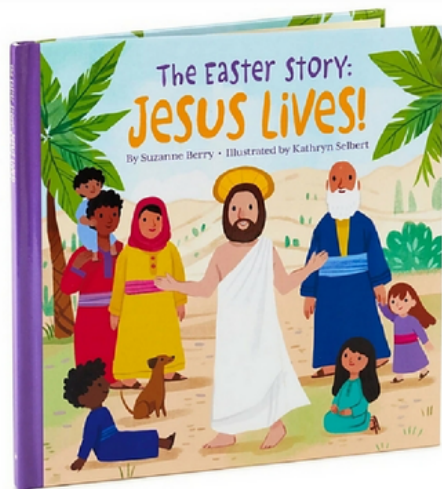
**Learn Dental Care**



**Easter Parade**







**Today's Book:** *The Easter Story: Jesus Lives*  
by Suzanne Berry

### **Explaining Easter to preschoolers**

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

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

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

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

### **Scripture to Remember**

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

### **Christ Is Risen! Jesus Is Alive!**

*(Sing to the Tune of London Bridge)*

Clap your hands and shout hooray,  
Shout hooray, shout hooray.  
Clap your hands and shout hooray,  
Jesus is alive!

### **Seven Days of the Week**

Seven, seven days of the week, *(show 7 fingers)*  
It is Jesus that we seek. *(Hand above eyes and look around)*  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
*(Count off these days on your fingers)*  
Friday was a sad day *(Make a sad face)*  
Saturday was a quiet day *(Finger over mouth, shhhh sound)*  
Sunday was a glad day, Jesus is alive! *(Shout, Jesus is alive)*

### **Daily Prayer**

*For the sun and rain,  
We thank you God.  
For our homes and food,  
We thank you God.  
For your love and care,  
We thank you God.  
Amen*

*Lemont United Methodist Church, Sunday Worship at 10 am  
Church Office: 630-257-5210 [lemontumc@gmail.com](mailto:lemontumc@gmail.com)  
Join us for worship on Easter Sunday, April 9 at 10 am*

# Rejoice







## **Red Bird Mission 2023**

**Good news! Lemont United Methodist Church will be attending the Red Bird Mission Work Camp the week of June 4th-9th 2023.**

**At this time we are looking for volunteer adults and youth entering high school or older. All are welcome and there are no construction skills needed to attend. If you are looking for a rewarding experience we would love to have you join us this year!**

**For more information please contact Steve Walter: email [swalter@pbaclaims.com](mailto:swalter@pbaclaims.com) or 630-853-9514.**

**Brochures and Sign Up Sheet are on the table in the back of the church.**



## 2023 Vacation Bible School

*Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light*

Sunday, June 11 thru Thursday, June 15

Lemont UMC, 25 W Custer St

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Kids age 3 years (potty trained) to entering fifth grade  
The cost is \$30 per child

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

April 11, 2023 Happy Hands Preschool & Church Members

April 18, 2023 Community Registration

*Volunteers needed! sixth graders through adults*

Click below for the online forms:

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/LUMC4/\\_2023VBSRegistrationFormPreschool3Yrs](https://www.cognitoforms.com/LUMC4/_2023VBSRegistrationFormPreschool3Yrs)  
[EnteringKindergarten](https://www.cognitoforms.com/LUMC4/_2023VBSRegistrationFormElementaryEnteringKindergarten)

[https://www.cognitoforms.com/LUMC4/\\_2023VBSRegistrationFormElementaryEnt](https://www.cognitoforms.com/LUMC4/_2023VBSRegistrationFormElementaryEntering1st5thGrade)  
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<https://www.cognitoforms.com/LUMC4/VBSVolunteer>





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 1 - Anthony Havemann

March 5 - Bill Hill

March 5 - Kristin Nelson

March 7 - Jantha Laemmer

March 9 - Ryan Peraino

March 12 - Julie Rainaldi

March 25 - Don Fisher

March 29 - Linda Lubben

## ANNIVERSARY

Teague & Kathy Cliff



# 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

\*Alberta Harden has issues with her eyes; praying for healing  
Tom [\*Don Mueggenborg's friend] is going into hospice  
Jeff [\*Don Mueggenborg's friend] is having medical issues; prayers for Jeff & Becky  
Jessenia Diaz [\*Dawn Ferrazzi's co-worker's wife] evaluated for a lung transplant..  
The family of Margaret [Open Pantry Volunteer]; her sister passed away this week  
\*Mary Jane Sykes - in rehab; praying for healing & speedy recovery  
\*Joyce Koon is in Palos Hospital; praying for strength & comfort  
Healing for our church family, Locally and Worldwide  
Margie [\*Joan Makinney's lifetime friend] is very ill; prayers for healing & speedy recovery  
The prayers for the family of \*Matt Ludwig  
Victor [\*Sue Gergesz's grandson] has a sport injury, pray for healing.  
Margy [\*Joan Makinney's friend] has found peace, praying for her family  
Sharon [\*Jodi Stood's aunt] passed away; pray for her family  
Jamie Darper [\*Jodi Stood's brother] praying for healing and speedy recovery  
Joanne Goszczycki\* prayers for friend's daughter; suffering from seizures.  
Jana Stelter\* mother Mary Jane Sykes\* recovering from falling injuries has relocated to a different facility.  
Prayers for healing.  
Don Moos [Alice Lange's Brother] is home from the hospital & is recovering.  
Tim Peraino\* Nephew's stepson had surgery and will have a long recovery. Prayers for healing.  
Dottie McAdams\* friend, Donna is ill and she is a care provider for others. Pray for healing.  
Marge Fox\* Pray for guidance for son, Eric.  
Sue Hinks\* Dave is having testing on Monday. Pray for good news.  
Ronda Hamelen Jenkins - Having surgery to restore her eyesight.  
The family of \*Marci Pierce's father, Jerry Egermaier\* passed away  
Peg Pecher to have outpatient surgery this coming week  
Steve [Dottie McAdams\* nephew] going into Hospice Care  
Charlotte Havemann\* friend's family dealing with health issues  
David Kennedy\* dealing with health issues; praying for healing & speedy recovery  
Victim's families of the Tennessee shootings and the victims of the tornado in Mississippi

## JOYS

Happy Birthday to those who are celebrating in March!  
Sue Hinks's\* son, Jim s sold his home in one day.  
Alice Lange's\* brother is now home and regaining strength.  
Sean Clark\* thanks to Tony Ferrazzi\* for sponsoring the Men's Club.  
Bill Price\* does not need heart surgery.  
Jodie Stood\* Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 11 thru June 15. Starting time is 6:00 p.m.  
Registration for Bible School will be open to members on April 11 on the internet.  
Steve Walter\* Going back to Red Bird Mission. Dates June 4 thru June 9  
Steve Walter\* son Christopher\* and wife are relocating to this area. New employment  
Dawn Ferrazzi\* prayers for uncle's healing [\*Alice Lange's brother] is still hospitalized.  
Bob & Sue Gergesz\* grandson Victor is back at school and working with a trainer. Prayers for continuing healing.  
\*Tony Ferrazzi's niece is home recovering from surgery.  
Don Moos [\*Alice Lange's Brother] is home from the hospital & is recovering  
Bob & Sue Gergesz\* grandson Victor is back at school and working with a trainer. Prayers for continuing healing.  
For all the workers who are working on Priscilla's house. Thanks to all those who cared for Priscilla Ludwig in so many ways.  
Pastor Tim enjoyed a drive in his van individually this past week.

\*Church Members

Note: We are renewing our prayer list every 30 days.



# LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY & "MISSION LINKS"

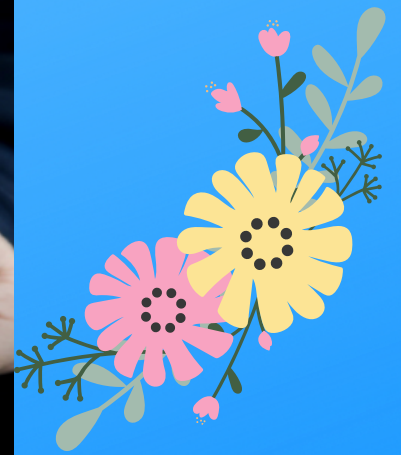
**WHAT IS MISSION LINKS?** The Rainbow Covenant has been revamped to tie this second-mile giving to the beatitudes and is now called, "Mission Links." Each church is asked to pay an annual fee, called an apportionment, to help the United Methodist Church carry out our work in the world. Beyond that, 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.**

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

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

**SALAD DRESSING  
RAMEN NOODLES  
GRAPE JELLY  
PEANUT BUTTER  
SPAGHETTI PASTA**



# 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 GleeAnn Kehr, Deb Neitzel or Debbie Hassert 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.

## **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



# JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



You can find us online :

Instagram : @lemontumc25

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## **March 2023 New Wine**

**God loves you!**