



# The Lemont United Methodist Church

## The New Wine

FEBRUARY 2014

### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Weekly Meditations  
Micah 6:1-8;  
Psalm 15;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Communion at both  
services  
Choir sings at 10:45

### February 9<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Sunday Service at 10:45

Weekly Meditations  
Isaiah 58:1-9  
Psalm 112:1-10;  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:13-20  
Communion at 8:30  
Choir sings at 8:30

### February 16<sup>th</sup> Baptism for Eva

Weekly Meditations  
Deut. 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37  
Communion at 8:30  
Coffee Fellowship  
after 10:45  
Baptism at 10:45  
Choir sings at 10:45

### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

Weekly Meditations  
Lev. 19:1-2, 9-18  
Psalm 119:33-40  
1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23;  
Matthew 5:38-48  
Communion at 8:30  
Choir sings at  
8:30

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Valentine's Day is coming and love is in the air especially at Lemont UMC.

I have witnessed glimpses of heaven these past months in Lemont and wanted to celebrate and affirm all of you for living out the love that Jesus is talking about when he asks Peter: *"Do you love me?"* and Peter answers him three times, *"Yes Lord, you know that I love you."* Jesus first summons, *"Feed my lambs,"* second, *"Tend my sheep,"* and third, *"Feed my sheep."* John 21:15-17. Jesus used the word *agapao* (love). However Peter responded with *phileo* (like). Agape love is the love that God implemented when God gave his only begotten Son. That kind of love is one-sided and unconditional. It is a promise from the giver to the receiver with a commitment to continue that love regardless of feelings, situation, or reciprocation. Human love, on the other hand, is *phileo* love, which is based on mutual fondness. But when crisis erupts and differences of opinions develop, the "like" shows its flaw because it is not "love."

Last week, our food pantry was bare and as soon as the announcement was made, everyone pitched in to help in any way that they could. This reminded me of an incident that Mother Teresa had experienced. She shared the following story:

One night a man came to our house and told me, "There is a family with eight children. They have not eaten for days." I took some food with me and went. When I finally came to that family, I saw the faces of those little children disfigured by hunger. There was no sorrow or sadness in their faces, just the deep pain of hunger. I gave the rice to the mother. She divided the rice in two, and went out, carrying half the rice. When she came back, I asked her, "Where did you go?" She gave me this simple answer, "To my neighbors--they are hungry also!"

God's love stimulates good works. It causes us to share even the least of what we have. God's love produces confidence and even fearlessness. It is God who gives us the spirit of power, love and self-discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7) With that we grow in our ability to understand and cope with life. And as we continue to abide in God, God's love enables us to love others as God has loved us. (John 13:34) Brennan Manning says, "The litmus test of our love for God is our love of neighbor." Go in peace to love God and your neighbor. Let everyone know God loves them too.

Joyfully Your Pastor,  
*Kelly T. Van*

# 50 Promises For Marriage

## Adult Sunday School

When: Sunday Mornings  
9:30 am --- 10:30 am

Where: Conference Room

Who: All are welcome

Study: *Be Attitudes*

Come join with various leaders for great discussion.



Dear Lemont UMC  
Congregation,

I want to thank you for the generous scholarship that I received in November. Your continued support really shows me how much everyone cares about my future success. I not only appreciate the financial support, but your packages and prayers, too. It is always great knowing that I have a solid church behind me supporting my every move. Thanks for helping make my education goals possible.

*Sincerely, Ryan Peraino*

## Children's Message Schedule

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Kelly

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> Marty Knott

Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Julie Phillips

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> GleeAnn Kehr

1. Start each day with a kiss
2. Wear your wedding ring at all times
3. Date once a week
4. Accept differences
5. Be polite
6. Be gentle
7. Give gifts
8. Smile often
9. Touch
10. Talk about dreams
11. Select a song that can be "our song"
12. Give back rubs
13. Laugh together
14. Send a card for no reason
15. Do what the other person wants before he or she asks
16. Listen
17. Encourage
18. Do it his or her way.
19. Know his or her needs
20. Fix the other person's breakfast
21. Compliment twice a day
22. Call during the day
23. Slow down
24. Hold hands
25. Cuddle
26. Ask for each other's opinion
27. Show respect
28. Welcome the other person home
29. Look your best
30. Wink at each other
31. Celebrate birthdays in a big way
32. Apologize
33. Forgive
34. Set up a romantic getaway
35. Ask, "What can I do to make you happier?"
36. Be positive
37. Be kind
38. Be vulnerable
39. Respond quickly to the other person's requests
40. Talk about your love
41. Reminisce about your favorite time together
42. Treat each other's friends and relatives with courtesy
43. Send flowers every Valentine's Day and anniversary
44. Admit when wrong
45. Be sensitive to each other's sexual desires
46. Pray for each other daily
47. Watch sunsets together
48. Say "I love you" frequently
49. End the day with a hug
50. Seek outside help when needed.

By Steve Stephens

## Happy Hands News

Door Prizes and Silent Auction Items Needed!

It is time for our annual Fashion Show (All Things Disney) 2014! This is an exceptionally fun event for our students and families. It is also our biggest fundraiser of the year! Our earliest fashion show was held in 1987. It had a train theme titled "Fashion Express ABC Line".

Every year there are door prizes available. A silent auction is held for those willing to bid. All funds go directly to Happy Hands Preschool. Right now, we're looking at replacing our copier from 1997.

If you have any new items, such as a gift basket or gift card, that you would be willing to donate, it would be appreciated. If you have a business or know someone with a business and would be willing to donate products, services, or gift certificates to help Happy Hands Preschool, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. All individuals and businesses who donate will be recognized in our program. We will also advertise any business card in the program for \$20.00. Together we can make this wonderfully successful fashion show an event to remember! Please contact Julie Phillips, Director, to arrange your donation before February 18, 2014.

# Mountain Top Experience



In January, the Sr. High Youth Group participated in a ski retreat in Wisconsin. We spent Saturday night at the beautiful Methodist retreat center, Wesley Woods, where the youth director led us in a series of activities and discussions...learning more about each other and our faith. We were encouraged to look for God every day and were reminded that it is our obligation as a Christian to reach out and engage others in conversation. We put these lessons into practice the next day as we talked to people in the ski-lift lines and saw God in the awesome sunset.

We also had a lesson on the **Mountain Top Experience**. Here's a recap of that lesson:  
A "mountain top experience" is what some people call an overwhelmingly uplifting, inspiring, and perhaps life-changing experience. It's probably called a "mountain top experience" based on the story of Jesus' transformation in Matthew 17. This is what many people are looking for in their relationship with God—that AHA moment that proves to

them that God is who he is. But even without it, we can still have a deep relationship with God. Jesus taught us how in his "Sermon on the Mount." The more we practice thinking and living like God wants us to, the closer we will find ourselves growing closer to God:

1. **What God values**--God does not value money, popularity, power or fame as we do. Instead he told us in the Beatitudes that he values the pure in heart, those who seek him and help others.
2. **Anger & Revenge** – Jesus encouraged us to stay on good terms with everyone. If we get angry, we should not hold a grudge or try to get revenge, but should quickly reconcile. We should even love our enemies!
3. **Marriage** – According to Jesus, marriages are meant to be forever!
4. **Prayer** – He gave us the "Lord's Prayer" as an example of how we should pray. Whether or not we say the exact words, he wants us to honor God, accept his will, acknowledge his daily gifts, repent for our sins, and seek his guidance.
5. **Money** – Jesus wants us to understand the value of money as something that can be used to help others...not something to be coveted, hoarded, or worshipped. He said, "You cannot serve both God and money."

6. **The Golden Rule** – He also gave us this advice, "Treat people the way you would want to be treated."

**Trust God** – He reassured us that God would take care of us. "...your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."

On Sunday we headed to Alpine Valley for a fun-filled day of skiing. Although many of us were a little rough when we started the day, our skiing improved with practice...and we confirmed that our faith will also improve through practice. We realize that whether we reach the top of the mountain through a moving "mountain top experience" or a gradual climb, the result will be equally as rewarding.



## Youth Group Roller Skate Outing

*A fun time was had by all as we roller skated to fun music, played games and enjoyed a great night out. Thank you to the families who braved the snow and participated. Congrats to Annie Woytek for winning the "dice" roller skating game.*



## February Rainbow Covenant By Karin Peraino

In addition to our annual apportionment, LUMC makes monetary donations through the Rainbow Covenant in order to provide support to specific causes. All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant. In addition, each month we will highlight a charity from one of the bands of the Rainbow Covenant. For May, we are highlighting the **burgundy band** charity,

Lee Memorial Girls Dormitory, India.

**The Lee Memorial Girls Dormitory** is a residential school for girls in an area where girls are largely overlooked. Nurturing and educating the orphaned and destitute, this school makes it possible for girls to receive a basic education and learn skills for their future. Your gifts help the Lee Memorial Girls Dormitory to continue to provide these services and

bring a brighter future to the girls! So please bring in plenty of change on February 23<sup>rd</sup> (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "Lee Memorial" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.



### Sermons and Videos on Website

Worship services and other videos have been added to the website. From the home page <http://www.lemontumc.org> click the "Watch" link. For each sermon, there is a "Watch" link and a "Listen" link. The Watch shows the video using a Flash player. The Listen button will play or download an mp3 file. If you have an mp3 player, it can copy it

### LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH PRESENTS 2014 CONFIRMATION CLASS!!

All 7-8th graders ( or older) are invited whether you attend Lemont UMC or not!

Informational meeting 1/26/14 at 12:00 noon  
Classes begin February 9th 9:30 am.  
Confirmation Sunday will be June 8th, 2014

QUESTIONS OR TO REGISTER—Please contact:  
Kelly Van, Pastor or the Church office at 630-257-5210

### The Gift of "Peace of Mind"

If you have ever gone through the loss of a loved one, you know the multitude of details and decisions that need to be made at a very emotional time. There is a way to help your family during the difficult time of a death. Pastor Kelly is offering the 5-Wishes planning for any church members who are interested. The information will help minimize the questions your family might have and insure that your wishes for your funeral or memorial are made known to your loved ones.

### Acolyte Schedule

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Kehr  
  
February 9<sup>th</sup> Boy Scout Sunday  
  
February 16<sup>th</sup> Sarah Cliff  
  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> Ellie Woytek

### Calendar & Newsletter on Website

The most current church calendar can now be accessed through the church website at: <http://lemontumc.org/calendar.htm>.

The newsletter can be accessed through: <http://lemontumc.org> Feel free to contact those websites

### Did You Know By Richard Lee

After the great purging and attempted shutdown of the sin strip known as "Smokey Row" about 1896, the village began to change from a "Sin City" and place of revelry to a Village of Faith with recovery and repentance. Our Reverend Clancy was certainly glad to

see this and feel it was worth the danger and hatred of local people and business owners.

Sometimes the only way to be rid of corruption and sin is to expose it and we can look to the Bible and book of Ephesians to find a relevant verse, which I call "Clancy's

verse." "Have nothing to do with the worthless things that people do, that belong to the night. Instead, bring them out into the light (it is really too shameful even to talk about the things they do in secret). (Ephesians 5:11-12 GNB).

## Marty Knott Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

### Book Club

We will not meet during the months of Jan, Feb, and March.

We will start again in April. April's book is "The Light Between Oceans" by M.L. Stedman

### Schedule for Sunday Greeters

#### 8:30 am Worship Service

Feb. 2 Stelter Family  
 Feb. 9 Sue Hinks  
 Feb. 16 Sharon Heslop  
 Feb. 23 Kennedy Family

#### 10:45 am Worship Service

Feb. 2 Stood Family  
 Feb. 9 Boy Scouts  
 Feb. 16 Cliff Family  
 Feb. 23 Peraino Family

### Liturgist Schedule

#### February 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 Sue Gergescz  
 10:45 Marge Fox

#### February 9<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Peg Pecher  
 10:45 Tim Peraino

#### February 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 Jana Stelter  
 10:45 Cris Kerins

#### February 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 Mark Huegelmann  
 10:45 Sue Gergescz

This is the next in a series of articles about stewardship. In these articles I will try to inform you about the many ways you can contribute to your church's programs.

"It's That Time of Year"

Well, winter is surely here and we are having to plow snow from the church parking lot and spread salt to help prevent falls. Another unfortunate event is the problem we are having with our west-side furnace. The Board of

Trustees are planning on a replacement program and this will be another large expense for the Maintenance Fund. At a recent Administrative Council meeting, Pastor Kelly asked that the furnace replacement be addressed and solved before the parsonage foundation work is done – thank you, Pastor!

On the bright side, generous December contributions to the Maintenance Fund and a substantial increase in pledges to that fund for 2014 should enable us to solve this

problem. Thank you to all that made those contributions and pledge increases!

As you can see, just like your house, the house of God requires care and maintenance over the years.

Another "That Time of Year" event is coming as we prepare our income tax returns. Your 2013 contribution reports are now available on the sign-up table in the church to be used in the "Good News" section of your report.

## \$ Financial Report \$ December, 2013

General Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 4,033
Receipts	16,163
Expenses	12,108
Ending Balance	8,088
Maintenance Fund Balance	\$25,939
Capital Repair Loan Balance	\$54,026

## The Greatest Gems By Richard H. Lee

I recently purchased a bunch of small gemstones made of topaz from Jewelry TV and when they arrived each was packed in a nice plastic box with a blue velvet pouch for all. I wondered what am I going to do with all these lovely stones? Then I received an Email from the church about children's sermons for next year and I immediately thought of these gems for a subject to talk about. Was this a coincidence?

Gems are usually considered to be precious and valuable and some are more beautiful than others. They are generally rare and difficult to mine and then

polish into nice gems for jewelry. Children too are rare and valuable, especially to God who watches each one like we may watch little birds like sparrows. Children are especially valuable because they are learning and are considered innocent until they are able to understand the Scriptures or characteristics of God and Jesus.

Did you know each child has a guardian angel? The Bible tells us in Psalm 91:11 that God sends angels to watch over you and so we need not fear for we are in His care. It also says we are like precious jewels to Him and there is a

song about this based on Isaiah 49:18, "When He Cometh" or "Jewels". I found on the Internet a nice video about children and the background music from "Jewels" that would be good for the church congregation to see that will further illustrate the principle.

To reinforce the principle of the value of children, Jesus told his disciples that they must become like little children to enter the Kingdom of God in Matthew 18:2-3 and I like the Amplified Bible translation that explains this so well, "And said, Truly I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all]."

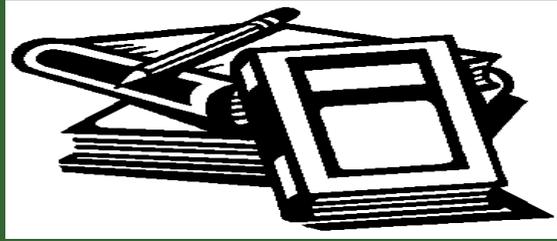


**United Methodist Men**  
**Saturday, February 8th at 8:00 AM**

Come and join us! The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet in Fellowship Hall. Lemont UMM meets on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast. This group is made available for the fellowship of all the men of the church and all are welcome to attend.

**Primetimers**  
**Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm**

This is a group made up of adults at least 50 years old. Primetimers meet monthly on the third Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall at noon. Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon. If you have any questions, please call Juanita Fick at: 630-257-7639.



**Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet**

This month I picked C.S. Lewis' book "Mere Christianity" to review so that you'd have more fuel for persuading someone to come to church. What! You hadn't intended to do such. Well, do, as you might have noticed, we need more attendees, and more attendees do need church. Of course, there's the more altruistic and important view that men need Christ. Since this book is an apologetic like no other apologetic, your reading it might help your persuasion speech to anyone who seems like a likely candidate, and really that might be anyone.

CS Lewis was a philosopher, but with a twist. He had the ability to put over ideas by using description, remember he wrote the Narnia series and thus knew how to describe in simple terms so that kids could understand. I believe that ability was carried over to "Mere Chris-

tianity" in which he wrote plausible answers for us when talking with atheists or just non-sure people.

The Bible, the most persuasive book and most read book, is true...history plus other documents of that time prove its happenings. Enter author CS Lewis, a very intelligent Christian

In MC on page 38 I found one of his most persuasive arguments: God gave us a beautiful world, one which many atheists might proclaim as cruel and unjust. But to be able to claim that the world is cruel and unjust, the atheist must be able to imagine a kind and just world. He cannot proclaim everything is bad without measuring it against good. He has to admit that God' good world exists and it is against that he is measuring his bad..

MC also talks about forgiveness. The atheist is interested in this. Our ability to for-

give others, as God asks, is easier if only we forgive what the man DID, not who he is. Separate them. Now the atheist can see that we can forgive what he is doing, not who he is. That's practical Christianity. Forgiving relieves. Then we can deal with the person.

MC can be overwhelming, but opening and reading Lewis' words, even a chapter at a time, is mind-boggling.

MC is nonfiction, for something lighter I offer a fictional account of a world after the apocalypse :Ted Dekker and Tosca Lee's "Forbidden."

The book imagines a world of perfect peace. In this world emotions have become dulled. But through life changing blood administered by a character the hero FEELS again. This feeling brings about all sorts of situations. Some are fearful, some not.

### 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*

### Immediate Prayers

\*Sue Hinks, slow recovery from dental work  
Bob Dilling, acute myolitic leukemia (\*Pat Brown)  
Madeline Adamoli, breast cancer (\*Shirley Stout)  
\*Peg Pecher, flu  
\*Pat Farrer, recovering from illness  
\*Don Farrer, recovering from illness  
\*Melody Hall, pregnant with triplets  
\*Josh Miller  
Brian Shepherd, leukemia (\*Linda Lubben)  
Grace Amato, emotional issues (\*George & Alice Lange's niece)  
Rudy Vana, (\*Cris Kerin's Uncle)  
John Ekkert, 1<sup>st</sup> tour of duty in Afghanistan (\*Halicky Family)  
\*Carol Walter, continued healing  
Maribeth, high risk pregnancy w/twins (\*Paulette Fries)  
Neil Janssen, in hospital for chemo and stem cell transplant  
Susan, not healing well, needs MRI (\*Shirley Stout's daughter)  
Bob rejected kidney transplant (\*Karin Peraino)  
\*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis, ongoing treatment at home  
Cynthia, colon cancer (Leslie Buch's sister in law)  
Jessica Hampton, Crohn's disease (\*Ron & Carol Walter)  
Yvonne Chappell, pulmonary hypertension (\*Mick Chappell)  
Dale Chappell, sarcoidosis (\*Mick Chappell)  
John Kline, cancer (\*Sharon Heslop)  
Marcella Van, safety in Nigeria (\*Pastor Kelly)  
Adam Hopkins, second tour of Afghanistan (\*Carol Walter)  
Brian Allen, (\*Jane Woytek)  
Bryan Vogt, lymphoma (\*Amy Cheehy)  
David Mlady, (\*Alice Lange)  
For all troops and people in harms way  
For all who are looking for work  
For all who are working outside in this freezing winter  
For those who are homeless and do not have a place at the table.

### Answered Prayers: On the Road to Recovering

\*Alice Lange, feeling better  
Jim Draper, at home recovering (\*Jodi Stood's Dad)  
\*Sue Gergescz, continued peace & healing through rehab  
\*Debbie Hassert, recovering with therapy  
Dick Arcus  
Sheila Farrer, recovering at home from surgery  
Esther, doing well in rehab (\*George Lange's sister)  
Marilyn, chemo is going well (\*Dottie McAdams' daughter)  
Jason Waskevich, (\*Jodi Stood)  
\*Bettye Curry  
\*Bob Norfleet  
\*Ellen Davey, at Oak Park Arms Nursing Home  
\*Evelyn Johnson, recovery at home  
\*Linda Penney, recovery at home  
Heidi Dupont, MS (\*Rich & Barb Lee's daughter)

### Grieving

The family & friends of Betty Schfransky  
The family & friends of Dorothy Zuk  
The family & friends of Don Mueggenborg's Aunt Jean

### Joys

For our members who put away our Christmas decorations  
For Grant McBride joining the Worship choir  
For the Ende's new grandson  
For a fun family / youth roller skating event  
For a successful SHYG overnight and day of skiing  
For Karin, Tim and Grace chaperoning the ski trip  
For Amanda & Kurt Huegelmann's Baptism  
For those who helped with Day Break  
For college students returning to school safely  
For 1<sup>st</sup> Place LHS Varsity Cheer-Erin & Becca  
For the Trustees and all their hard work  
For those who gave to the food pantry, cook and serve at Day Break Shelter and donate used eye glasses for Bolivia  
For those who are visiting our church.

## Calling All Prayer Warriors

With prayer, all things are possible. We are looking for people who believe in the power of prayer to pray for Lemont UMC members, Happy Hands Pre-school families, people who use our Food Pantry and Daybreak Shelter and any prayer requests that has been voiced aloud or written down and dropped in our prayer boxes. Please contact Pastor Kelly to be a Prayer Warrior.

## Coffee Fellowship

### Team #1 - February 16, 2014

Marge Fox	630-243-8166
Debbie Chappell	815-836-0256
Sue Tasker	630-257-5664
Cindy Durley	708-361-6904
Mary Ende	630-257-5306
Lynne Vavra	630-257-2922
Dottie McAdams	815-838-0264
Lisa Erdmier	630-243-0174
Juanita Hill	630-243-1379
Paula Ivancicts	630-243-1829



## Expanding Care Bear Ministry

Pastor Kelly will take communion to the "home bound" once a month and visit those who are in the hospital. We are looking for people to prepare a home cook meal and be with members when they have serious medical concern--praying and being a support when needed. If you feel called to this ministry but are unable to cook, please donate gift cards from various places like Subway, Celina's or others in town, to distribute to members in need if Carebearers would not be able to provide a meal. Please consider this ministry prayerfully and contact pastor Kelly at: 773-428-7877

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### Return Service Requested



## The Fellowship Feast

As many of you know, I am working towards my Girl Scout Gold Award. This is equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Award. The project I have chosen is called the Fellowship Feast. I will be hosting a dinner at the church for the community and the food pantry patrons. I chose to do this project because I believe that the food pantry patrons will appreciate a home-cooked meal. For the past year, I have been working with an organization called "Cakes for a Cause" where we make cakes and donate them to the food pantry. We have received very positive feedback from the people who attend the Food Pantry, which shows me how much they enjoy home-baked goods. While the Food

Pantry is very helpful in providing them with necessities, I thought it would be nice for them to also have a home-cooked meal.

The Fellowship Feast will be held the evening of Sunday, March 30th and I can use help with this dinner. Can you please plan to come and bring a side dish to share? It will be a great opportunity for all of us to interact with other members of the community and show them how friendly and helpful our church can be. I will have a sign up sheet in the back of the church and in the church office for those who wish to participate.

I also wanted to extend a big Thank You to all who have sup-

ported my efforts so far by ordering breads from my Christmas fundraiser. If anyone is still interested in purchasing homemade breads, I will be selling them through March 3rd. Just contact me ([630-257-1414](tel:630-257-1414)) or fill out a form at the back of the church. The money raised from this fundraiser will be used to provide a welcome gift bag (fresh foods, etc) to the food pantry patrons who attend the dinner.

I really appreciate your support and hope to see many of you there on March 30th.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Peraino