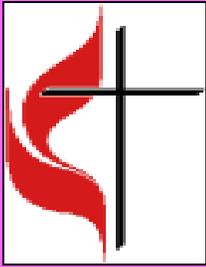


The Lemont United Methodist

The New Wine

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



February Worship Services

8:30 & 10:45 am

February 1st

Weekly Meditations
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28
Communion

February 8th

Boy Scout Sunday

Weekly Meditations
Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 15th

Weekly Meditations
2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9
Coffee Fellowship
after 10:45 Service

February 18th

Ash Wednesday

Service at

7:00 pm

February 22nd

Weekly Meditations
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Ever since I've been appointed to Lemont UMC in 2012, I've been listening to you and the leading of the Holy Spirit among us. I've heard your concerns, but more importantly, heard the dreams God has placed on your hearts. My role as your pastor is not to create a new vision, but rather to be the steward of the vision that God has revealed to us. That vision was to grow our ministry with children, youth and young families. We dreamed of growing in numbers and of being a missional church that blessed and served as Christ's hands & feet in our community.

For the past several months, I've been praying and envisioning about our congregation's strategic objectives. I've narrowed it down and now would like to invite you to consider the following three objectives: Blessing Children and Youth, Making New Disciples and Deepening Existing Ones, and Focusing Our Missional Impact.

1--Children and Youth: *"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."* - **Mark 10:14**

Ongoing development of **Children Ministry** (Sunday School, game/movie night, talent show ...)
Ongoing development of **Youth Ministry** (Jr. High, Breakfast Club, Youth Group Outings ...)
Ongoing development of **Annual Community Outreach** (VBS, Last Supper Drama, Easter Egg Hunt, Thanksgiving Service, Carol of Lemont, Breakfast with Santa ...)

2--Discipleship: *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."* - **Matthew 28:19**

Ongoing development of **Worship Services** that are welcoming and attractive to visitors.
Ongoing development of **Preaching** that addresses relevant life needs and questions of believers and non-believers and offer Christian discipleship.

Ongoing development of **Adult Discipleship Classes/Programs** that offer solid teaching on Basis of Christianity (Alpha) and Deepening Christian Faith (Adult Sunday School, Lenten Study ...)

Ongoing development of **Small Groups** that nurtures loving relationships (Choir, Care Bears, United Methodist Men, Primetimers, Young Couple ...)

Ongoing development of **Marketing/Publicity** aimed at introducing faith to our neighbors (Mass mailings, local events, local community expos ...)

3--Mission: *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* - **Matthew 25:40**

Ongoing support of **Missional Ministries:** Weekly Food Pantry, Wednesday Bread Day, Monthly DayBreak Shelter, Yearly Free Flu Shots, and Feed My Starving Children.

Ongoing development of **Youth Summer Camp and Mission Trips.** (Red Bird and local mission)

For the next few years, these objectives will guide the ongoing development of our ministry. I invite each of you to consider your role as individuals and families in helping us accomplish them. These objectives are only as effective as they are embraced by our leadership and larger church family.

Joyfully Your Pastor

Kelly T. Van

Celebrations in February

Happy Birthday: February 7th—Alberta Harden
February 11th—Jason Stood
February 14th—Logan Hennebry
February 15th—Mathew Hennebry
February 22nd—Dave Anderson
February 27th—Judy Janovyak



Be Happy!

For our January event, the LUMC Sr. High Youth Group held an overnight lock-in at the church. Our theme for the event was "Happiness" and throughout the night, we certainly demonstrated our ability to Be Happy! Adding to our joy was a visit by the youth from the Chicago FVUMC. Together we enjoyed getting to know each other, playing fun games, pizza tasting*, lesson, and a sing-along.

During the lesson, we agreed that we can **Choose to Be Happy**.

Why? God is with us! He has promised to care for us so if we truly trust Him, we don't have to worry.

When? The time is now! Make a decision to just Be Happy and do it now. Live and enjoy every moment of your life.

How? The best way to ensure our happiness is to help others achieve theirs.

With this in mind, we let go of our inhibitions to put together our own videotape to the "Happy" song. We ended the evening watching the movie, "To Save a Life," where we witnessed helping others in action. Then after a brief sleep, we reconvened for breakfast and church. All in all, it was a very enjoyable, Happy evening!

Mark your calendars... Our next SHYG gathering is scheduled for the evening of Sunday, February 22nd. We will be hosting the youth from Mooseheart at the church for a fun Valentine-themed event. All high-school-aged youth, hope you will come and bring a friend!

*PS: In case you are wondering, the youth chose the Best Pizza in Lemont through a blind taste-testing of sausage pizzas from six different places. Their top choice was Turnabout pizza.



Jr. High youth group met and "Went Bananas!!". They performed banana surgery and learned things taken apart such as relationships are not easily put back together. They enjoyed banana bread, banana splits and other banana snacks! Attached are pictures of their dressed up bananas.



Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

Joys

For Rev. David Kaller Preaching on Sunday January 4th, 2015

For Tucker Lange's Baptism on Sunday January 11th, 2015

For Mark Huegelmann sharing a message on Boy Scout Sunday February 8th, 2015

Love in Action Thank You's

For George, Alice, Gina & Peg – braving the cold to take down the Christmas decorations.

For Julie Phillips' Pizza samples.

For the hospitality team who prepared the fellowship.

For all who helped with Day-Break

For Gina Walter & Mark Huegelmann for helping with the Food Pantry

OK-it's cold outside, not to mention that white stuff that you tried to maneuver, but now you're inside, maybe comfortably seated, etc. time to pick up a good book.

A good Christian book I'd recommend is "Borders of the Heart" by Chris Fabry. Chris has a weekday radio program on Moody. 90.1 on your radio dial. He is from West Virginia, has lots of kids, used to live in Bolingbrook (while he was there he wrote a column for "The Met" (the Norfleet newspaper on the stands for about twenty years-yes I'm prejudice and don't mind tooting the Norfleet horn.) Anyway, Chris has experienced a lot, has dealt with so many learning experiences...not only with his kids, but with relationships with the many people that his large family and many living situations have come into contact with.

So he set his story in Arizona, and introduces us to a young man who is put into a situation that forces him to make a Choice. That Choice segues into a thrilling, and scary, race for him. Please read.

A little book by James Dobson "In the Arms of God" has pictures and thoughtful sayings...ideas that are worth meditating on. All the thoughts are backed up by verses from the Bible. For instance, one of my favorites, is the thought that we should "never assume God's silence or inactivity is evidence of his disinterest."

"Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall cause thee to inherit the land:..."

Well I don't want to inherit the land, but it is nice to know that the Creator of the world, has a good plan for me."

"Heaven" is a book for kids that charmingly explains where their canine friend went. I don't know about you, but I have always found this to be a difficult subject to discuss with young boys or girls. Personalizing the dog who goes to heaven and the little girl who misses him afterwards seems to be one explanation.

Dogs do seem to have an uncanny, God given?, sense of future events, except when they are responding to an owner's request, like the time my dog was hit by a car because I stupidly called to him.

However, I also have experienced dogs who were sick and knew they were dying, yet tried to respond to me. Anyway, enough of this morose rambling, I really think this book's topic might be relevant and worth the time to read or read to a young one experiencing such a loss.

"Seeds of Heaven" is another book for young people. In it an adult points out the many different "seeds of heaven" made by our Creator: the sand and the water nearby, the buds on a tree which become leaves, the flowers and wheat that spring from seeds that are planted; the birds of the air, and sometimes their nests filled with eggs which become more birds; trees, and how did they grow?, pearls in oyster shells, the knowledge we all have, birds and man, to understand how God wants us to fulfill our needs. This book tells the story with beautiful pictures, and bible verses.

A Request from the Board of Trustees

We are asking all of our Committee and Ministry chairs and members to do the following:

Over the next few months go through the items that are currently stored within our facility to take an informal inventory of what you have. If these items have not been utilized within the past few years, please find another home for them. If you have items that the committee is saving because "maybe we could use this someday" or "maybe another group could use this," please find another home for those items.

In early April, the trustees will be doing a walk through of our storage areas to assess current utilization. Our intent is to reduce the "clutter" that has accumulated and to increase accessibility and provide safety.

FEBRUARY 2015

THANK YOU'S

Our grateful thanks for the many holiday greetings and memorable notes sent by so many of you. We have many wonderful memories of the Church and the congregation, the music, the profound messages and the friendship extended to us. In the many years ahead, may the church continue to grow, fulfill the needs of the congregation and add hope to all.

With love and prayers, Paul & Marin Jacques

Dear Church Family

Thank you again so much for being very generous with the scholarship gift. It is greatly appreciated and will surely help me on my college journey.

Love, Kayla Walter

Dear LUMC

Thank you all so much for the support and generosity you presented to me with the college scholarship. This is going to help so much and I really do appreciate it!

Thank you all, Chris Walter

Dear Mrs. Kerins and Mrs Tasker,

I would like to take a moment to thank you both again for all that you have done and continue to do for us college students. I know that we seem to always thank you for the same things, but that is because we truly appreciate it. We appreciate the packages and scripture readings that we receive at school because in a way it puts all our stressors on hold, even for the brief amount of time it takes to read the scripture. Also, to know that we have the support of many people back home helps us get through classes like thermodynamics and differential equations (quite a change from Mrs. Kerins' third grade class). Basically, all that you do for us helps alleviate the stresses of college.

I am hoping to actually be around Lemont this summer, so I would like to give back by helping out around the church and VBS. Thank you also for the generous scholarship, that is always appreciated.

Respectfully, Mark Kirkman

Hello Church Members,

I just wanted to say thank you for giving me the scholarship for my last year of college at ISU. It has been very useful for paying of books as well as the spring break trip that I will be going to Sumter, South Carolina to help out with Habitat for Humanity with the Wesley Foundation at Illinois State University. Thank for supporting me these last four years at college with all the packages that I get over the years including the scriptures that I get with them. They are very encouraging, when I'm very stressful at times with all the deadlines coming for big projects in classes. Hope everything is going well with the church and I can't wait to see everybody when I come back into town.

From, Tyler Phillips

Dear Church Congregation,

Thank you for the generous Scholarship that I was just given. Obviously this will help me with the financial burden of college, but it means so much more than that. Being selected for the CAP scholarship further emphasizes just how much the church cares about me. I appreciate the warm welcome and all the loving support I get when I'm at home, as well as all the prayers I get when I'm away. It's your guidance and encouragement over the years that helps me make good decisions when I'm many miles away. Thanks again for your support. I look forward to seeing everyone at Christmas.

Sincerely, Ryan Peraino

Dear Church Family,

We are so blessed by the amazing support from our family here at LUMC. It is so nice to come back into town and see everybody and catch up. The generosity from such loving, caring people is truly humbling. I am very thankful and hope that I get the chance to see and visit with everyone.

This scholarship program means a lot to the group and myself as we continue our journey through school.

A special thank you to Mrs. Kerins and Mrs. Tasker for making all this possible.

God Bless,
Eric Kirkman

Combined Service and Brunch Sunday, March 1st

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 1st. We will be having a combined service starting at 9:30 am. Fellowship and Brunch will follow at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We are hoping for a great turn out. If you are able to attend please sign up on the sheet on the back table in the Sanctuary. We will need to know numbers for food preparation. You can also sign up to bring something if you are able. The menu will be Pancakes and Sausages with fruit and other delicious sides. Come and break bread with us.

Liturgist Schedule

February 1st

**8:30— Sue Gergescz
10:45—Marge Fox**

February 8th

**8:30— JanaStelter
10:45—Tim Peraino**

February 15th

**8:30—
10:45—Vickie Olinger**

February 22nd

**8:30— Bill Stelter
10:45—Jodi Stood**

The Last Supper is Coming

Arlene Knott, Director

The disciples are being contacted, the musicians and singers are preparing, table decorators are ready, and makeup ladies are being contacted by the leader of that department, Carol Walter. The event will take place on March 29th, Palm Sunday evening at 7:30pm. Rehearsals will be at 7pm on the two Wednesdays and one Saturday prior: They are March 18th, 25th, and 28th (final “dress” rehearsal).

Church members, friends and families, please mark your calendars and join us for the 33rd annual production of this event.

The Greatest Day in History

By Richard H. Lee

I heard a sound byte on the radio yesterday that said the greatest day in history is coming. I wondered for a moment what that could be and thought about world war and that’s one possibility. Then I thought about the worst day in history, which the radio speaker said was the day we crucified our Lord and savior.

That was because He had no one to defend Him or intercede, although Pilate tried to do that. But that was part of God’s plan for us, even though it doesn’t make much sense to us. But with great enthusiasm, the speaker said the greatest Day, That Day as the Bible calls it, is when Christ returns to begin transforming His people and the world!

The Bible is full of prophecy of what this will be like, but you don’t want to be on earth when it does happen. Jesus tells us He will come for His own and they will rise to meet him in the sky. There will be no doubt about what is happening for, “all will see him coming” (Luke 21:27 and Revelation 1:7). The Adventists have this as their main focus or hope and there is more good news. The book of Hebrews has a great text in 9:28, “So also Christ died only once as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again but not to deal with our sins again. This time He will bring salvation to all those who are eagerly waiting for Him” (NLT).

Are you expecting Him? Are you ready and prepared? The Internet has a site where more information may be found: www.bibleinfo.com/en/topics/second-coming-Jesus and I am compiling a playlist called “Return” from my iTunes music library.

HAPPY HANDS PRESCHOOL FASHION SHOW

We are having our big fundraiser on February 25 and 26. The money raised will go toward improving technology for the students. The Fashion Show theme is “A Day in the Life of. . .”, so whatever a regular day would be like for the student, that is what he or she will be wearing.

I am asking two things of our church members: would you consider donating something toward a door prize, raffle, or silent auction? We also offer printing a business card in the program for \$20.

The second thing is we need help from 9:15 A.M. - Noon or any part there of: making coffee, selling tickets, serving refreshments, cleaning up, etc..

Please let Julie Phillips know if you are interested in any of the above, sooner rather than later.

Thank You.

Stewardship Minute

Marty Knott
Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

**Children's Message
Schedule**

February 1st
Pastor Kelly

February 8th
Marty Knott

February 15th
Ron Walter

February 22nd
Glee Ann Kehr

Finance Numbers for December

General Fund beginning balance:	\$ 212
Receipts:	\$33,635
Expenses:	\$13,591
General Fund ending balance:	\$20,256
Maintenance Fund ending balance:	\$10,610

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.

"Excitement and Worry"

Wow! Did you see the General Fund ending balance for December? I think that \$20,000 is the highest ending balance that we have ever had for this fund. The prayers of the Finance Committee have certainly been answered! This was of course the result of generous giving on Christmas and throughout December as many of you celebrated that wonderful day and strived to complete your financial pledge for the year.

Speaking of pledges, I am afraid that pledging for the new year has been disappointingly low so far. The number of pledges received is down 24% and the amount pledged to all funds is down by 16%. I must apologize if the fault for this situation is mine – did I talk too much or too little or did I say the wrong things? Hopefully it is because many have forgotten to turn in their pledge cards. Your pledges will be welcome at any time and there are still cards in the church pews for you to use.

This big start for the General Fund in 2015 could be considered an opportunity for new and exciting goals and activities for our church, but the drop in pledging will no doubt get the Finance Committee worrying. Let me wish you all a happy new year and another successful year of mission for our church.

**Schedule for Sunday
Greeters**

February 1st
8:30—Sue Hinks
10:45—Ferrazzi Family

February 8th
8:30—Stelter Family
10:45—Boy Scouts

February 15th
8:30—Sharon Heslop
10:45—Cliff Family

February 22nd
8:30—Ende Family
10:45—Peraino Family

Family Game Night

Beat the winter "blahs" by joining us for game fellowship, (G.I. F. T.—Gamers in Fellowship Together) on Friday, February 13th at 7:00 pm. Bring a snack to share and your favorite game or simply come as you are to have fun and learn a new game. We welcome traditional and speed games. This event is for all ages. Please contact Peg Pecher at (815) 524-3014 if you have any question about the group.

MEANINGFUL MOMENTS WITH GOD

*"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 2:17-18*

Immediate Prayer:

John Pearce, recovering from stroke (Tony Ferrazzi)
Ron Hameler, Alzheimer's (*Joanne Goszczycki)
Ed, stage 4 colon cancer (*Janovyak's)
For all those suffering with cold/flu illnesses
Esther Gores, home hospice (*George Lange)
*Bob Norfleet, depression
*Roland Tasker, Colotis
Joey Udziela's Family, going through tough times (*Gina Walter)
Debbie Angileri, liver tumor (*Peg Pecher)
Connor Kratochvil, cleft palate (*Farrer's great nephew)
Lowry Family, (*Kay Norfleet)
Grandpa Bob, aortic aneurism sugery (*Havemann's)
Joe, has ALS & prayers for his wife Carole (*Cris Kerins)
Jeff Freeman, diagnosed with cancer (*Judy Janovyak)
Sandi Halicky, heart issues (*Halicky Family)
Robert Andreas, bladder cancer (*Gina Walter)
*Ellen Davey, dealing with depression
Bob, on dialysis, (*Peraino's friend)
Dan, looking for healing in family (*Ron&Carol Walter's Nephew)
David Mlady, illness (*Alice & George Lange)
Dale Chappell, (*Mike Chappell)
Alexandria Stojanov, 4 yr old w/brain tumor (*Rob Lange)
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis, treatments at home
Shirley Chappell (*Mick Chappell)
For all troops and people in harms way
For all those that are looking for work

Answered Prayers: On the Road to Recovering

Amanda Huegelmann back in college
Mike Connelly, rehabbing from heart surgery (*Linda Kennedy)
*Sarah Strohl, rehabbing from knee surgery (*Sue Gergeszc)
Julie, breast cancer (*Rosalie Lind's daughter)
*Juanita Hill
Nancy Martin, home (*Kay Norfleet's sister)
*Alberta Harden
Neil Janssen, keeping up with therapy/continued healing
*Josh Miller
Chuck Herron rehabbing from blood clots (*Christine Miller)
Heidi Dupont, MS (*Rich & Barb Lee's daughter)

Grieving

The family & friends of Michael Hannan
The family & friends of Keith Harryman
The family & friends of Rev. Greg Connour
The family & friends of James Rapinac (*Cheehy)
The family & friends of Patricia Smith
The family& friends of Glenna Billings
The family & friends of Priscilla Ludwig's Brother
The family & friends of Tom Anderson
The family & friends of Marv Deer
The family & friends of Bonnie Campbell
The family & friends of Jerry Monnett
The family & friends of John Kettle
The family & friends of Leona Wies

For Joys:

For those celebrating birthday's and anniversaries
For those visiting our church

Important Dates in February

February 8th—Boy Scout Sunday
Mark Huegelmann Sharing

February 11th—Ad Council Meeting

February 13th—7:00 pm
Family Game Night

February 18th—Ash Wednesday
Service at 7:00 pm

February 22nd
Youth Gathering with Mooseheart

Coffee Fellowship February 15th

Marge Fox
Debbie Chappell
Sue Tasker
Cindy Durley
Mary Ende
Lynne Vavra
Dottie McAdams
Juanita Hill



Expanding Care Bear Ministry

Pastor Kelly takes communion to the "home bound" and visits those who are in the hospital. We are looking for people to prepare a home cooked meal and be with members when they have serious medical concerns-praying and providing 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: 773-428-7877
Church: 630-257-5210

Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer
Lemont, Illinois 60439
Phone: 630-257-5210

Return Service Requested

New Wine February 2015

Youth Breakfast Club

**Youth Group meets on
February 1st, 8th, and 22nd
around 9:30 am**

**At the youth lounge
Lemont United Methodist Church
25 West Custer Street**

Contact Pastor Kelly 630-257-5210

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

United Methodist Men



**Saturday,
February 14th
8:00 am**

Come and join us! The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet in **Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am**. 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. Information about meeting dates and times are posted in the church calendar and bulletins.

Jr. Choir for children ages 6—13

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Contact the Church office at 630-257-5210

Come sing with us

Bread at Lemont UMC

**Come, take and Share with your
neighbor every Wednesday**

9:30 am —12:30 pm

**"All are from the dust,
and to dust all return."
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV**



Ash Wednesday Service

February 18, 2015 at: 7:00 pm

**Lemont UMC 25 W. Custer St.
All are welcome.**

Primetimers



**Saturday,
February 21st
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
630-257-7639