April 2015



April Worship Services 8:30 & 10:45 am

April 3rd Good Friday Service 7:00pm

April 5th Easter Service Weekly Meditations Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 1Corinthians 15:1-11 John 20:1-18 Communion

April 12th

Weekly Meditations Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

April 19th

Weekly Meditations Acts 3:12-19 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48 Coffee Fellowship after 10:45 Service

April 26th

Weekly Meditations Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

The Lemont United Methodist

The New Wine

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

"In Christ. God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God." 2 Corinthians 5:25 (The Message)

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In her book, *God Never Blink*, Regina Brett tells the story of Father Mike Surufa. In 2002, Father Mike received news that his home, the church rectory was in flames. Worse yet, the body of his housemate and friend, Father William Gulas, was found in the rubble. The person who shot Father William had set the rectory on fire to cover up his crime. This was a man, who once lived in the rectory with the two priests.

The next day, a woman from the congregation came to check on Father Mike and asked how he was doing. Assessing his somber situation, Father Mike replied, "I have nothing." He had lost his possessions, his home, and his closest friend. He thought this was the truth. The woman gently responded with three words that changed his life. "You have us." With these three words, everything changed. Father Mike then declared, "I have everything."

Brothers and Sisters, we're coming to the end of our Lenten journey. We had focused on the stories of Jesus' betrayal, suffering, and loss. We've also heard the accounts describing the apparent triumph of sin and death, sadness and despair. I invite you to join us on our Good Friday Service on April 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm to go through the twelve stations of the cross to remember Jesus' journey to the cross which stripped him of everything--his friendship, his comfort, his dignity, and his life.

The miracle of the resurrection is that when it appears that all is lost, we encounter the voice of hope. When death becomes victory, God removes the veil of despair and invites us to embrace the truth. Because of God's love, hope is never lost. Because of Christ resurrection, we are people who can declare, "We have everything."

I invite you to celebrate Easter Sunday with us on April 5, 2015 at the 8:30 am Traditional Communion Worship Service and the 10:45 am Family Worship Service. The Choir, both Junior and Adult and Praise Band will lead us to worship and to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Come, experience and celebrate the Risen Christ. Because Jesus Christ lives we have everything and we are able to come alive.

Joyfully your Pastor, Kelly T. Van

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs; ask yourself what makes you come alive, and then go do it. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

Howard Thurman

Celebrations in April

Happy Birthday:

April 3rd-Erin Cliff, and Cris Kerins

April 5th-Margaret Flynn

April 13th-Antonio Lange

April 14th-Kyleigh Janovyak

April 17th-Amy Cheehy

April 20th-Ellie Woytek

April 23rd-Sue Hinks

April 26th-Elizabeth Havemann

April 27th-Wendy Myers

April 28th-Emily Stood

Anniversary:

April 5th-John and Mary Jane Nelson

April 20th-Tom and Marge Fox

April 21st-Dawn and Tony Ferrazi

April 23rd-Stephen and Sherrill Weary



A Heartfelt Appreciation

There is a two-page single-spaced job description for the administrative assistant. Did you ever receive correspondence from a person or business as part of your volunteer committee work for the church? Thank Kathy Cliff. Did you and/or your child read the Sunday bulletin/children's bulletin? Thank Kathy Cliff. Did you ever call the church and request something or want to talk with Pastor Kelly? Thank Kathy Cliff. Did you ever receive a reminder about your role in Sunday's service? Thank Kathy Cliff. Did the church office need the copy machine repaired or office supplies? Thank Kathy Cliff for ordering those items and/or staying longer for the repairman to arrive. There are so many "jobs" that Kathy did. Did you take the time to say "Thank You"? When you see her in church, be sure to do so.

Kathy helped people in a calm and professional manner. There may have been as many as three needs being taken care of in a short span of time. Kathy handled those in a timely fashion. Kathy was so organized and courteous. She will be missed. We wish her the best with her new position at the Lemont Chamber of Commerce. We hope they appreciate her as much as we do.

A Friendly Reminder

Please be respectful of our Amy Cheehy's time in church. She is there with her family to hear God's Word and replenish her spiritual nature. If there are personal and/or church needs, please call or visit the church office. Amy is there Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. She is our new Administrative Assistant and enjoys her position.

Love in Action Thank You's

The new server table in the foyer coffee nook was given in memory of Anne & Michael Hannan by their children, Susan Slade and Michael Hannan. As we use it may we continue to be reminded of the happy times we had with them.

Joanne Goszczycki Chair Memorial Committee

To Church Family,

I am so grateful that all of you have welcomed me in the church. It really does feel like one big family. I am so excited to be a new member of the church. Pastor Kelly, thank you from the bottom of my heart for baptizing me. It was one of the greatest experi-

Tiffani Cheehy

ences in my life to

be closer to God.

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

April 2015 book reviews

A fiction book by Chris Fabry, "The Song" is my first pick: It's about young love-you remember young love. Those were the days that you analyzed everything you said to your beau-to-be. You knew God was in control, but you sometimes had to jump in and act on your own.

Also it's a story about a young man trying to make success happen with a song. Success does happen, but with it a price. The book explains how that price affects the young man and his family. How love heals.

Chris Fabry believes that with God's help love can be so rewarding. Rewarding in that his wife, Andrea, knows of his love, trusts his love, is encouraged by his love. He ends his book with a reminder from the book of Solomon.

The next love story is about a more mature love. Set in the mythical town of Mitford, Jan Karon tells us about "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good." Her enduring characters take over and set up events in which the power of faith and knowledge of God shine.

People who have read the Mitford series will be happy with this book that once again lets us see how in many situations strong belief in the Power guiding you, as written in 1 Timothy- 4, can make even the most hopeless-seeming event glorify God.

The next book discusses "The ISIS Crisis." The book is by Charles Dyer and Mark Tobey. Charles Dyer is a professor at Moody Institute, Mark Tobey is an adjunct professor. Both have studied the Middle East and its many factions and the events there. Several people at Moody Global Ministries oversaw the writing. With all this knowledge and research, the book was published in order for us to become more informed about ISIS.

Certainly the ISIS beheadings and terrorizing of many Christians in the Middle East, has been in the news lately and gotten our attention

This book explains that there is more to ISIS. Those ISIS barbarians terrorize for a reason: their view of their religious teachings, is right and they believe we need to see that. (We in the Christian world.) Yet we can't understand how any reasonably thinking person can be so barbaric as to take lives in the name of a God of peace. But maybe ISIS is not reasonable, as many barbarians have been through the ages. We don't understand how they can possibly justify their actions.

The book's statement "An uninformed public can pressure its leaders into making poor strategic choices. What we all need is understanding in order to respond to ISIS rationally and with resolve" is a good reason to read it to become informed and notify those making decisions. There are many peaceful Muslims in our midst, we need to understand that, too.

Finally, there is a little book for those 2 and up, it's a lift the flap book that appeals to the younger ones. "Five Little Loaves and Two Little Fish" is a Bible story we are familiar with and the miracle Jesus performed lends itself to this small, yet colorful and interactive book. Parents and grandparents take notice! "Answers to Your Kids' Questions" by Chuck Colson. Charles Colson's conversion to Christ after he was convicted in the Richard Nixon scandal was nothing short of amazing-but that's how God operates. He compiled this book as a answer to the many questions he received from parents who knew of his conversion and thus his evangelizing work with kids of prisoners. The book supplies the answers to many questions that any teen has asked. Hopefully, you'll find them helpful.

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.

Mooseheart Friends

On 3/01/15, the LUMC Sr. High Youth Group hosted a group of High School Students from Mooseheart Children's Home for a belated Valentine's Party. They enjoyed several friendship activities, including an hour of "Speed Meeting" (take-off on Speed Dating) and a "Dating Game" parody (take-off on the old TV show). The lesson for the evening focused on **The Love Tank**: Each person has a love tank for another person, which acts like the gas tank in a car keeping the relationship fueled. Thoughtful words and gestures fill the tank, while each unkind deed empties it a bit.

However, if a person does something really mean to the other person like lie or hurt them, that person's love tank can be punctured. When that happens, no amount of kind gestures in the future will completely fill their love tank because it has been damaged. In order to salvage the relationship, the tank has to be repaired. That means talking to the person, sincerely apologizing, and finding out what you can do to gain their forgiveness and repair the relationship. Every relationship is filled with ups and downs, but if we focus on regularly repairing damaged tanks, we can build strong foundations that will withstand a lot of strife.

The even better news is that God's love tank for us can never be damaged. When we were born, it was filled. Because Jesus died on the cross, it was sealed. If we do something wrong, it does not empty God's tank; He still loves us. All we need to do is repent and He gives us another chance. So if we are not feeling God's love, the separation is on our side. Perhaps our love tank is low and we need to figure out how to repair it. God's love is everlasting!





Happy Hands Preschool News

On February 26 and 27, Happy Hands held their annual Fashion Show fundraiser. The theme was "A Day in the Life of". Children dressed based on what they might enjoy during a typical day. The parents wrote the description that was read while the child walked the runway, which was located in the middle of our church. The children received a resounding round of applause. Thanks to the ticket sales and donations from Lemont and surrounding community businesses, parents, and church members, we raised over \$6,000.00. The money that was raised will enhance the technology for the students. Families left our church with smiles, photos, door prizes, raffle items, and silent auction items. We also enjoyed refreshments after the show. What a success and a good time by all who attended!

Yes, it took many hands to pull off this fashion show. Thank you to Dale Janssen, Tony Ferrazzi, Rob Lange, Mike Cheehy, and Patrick Woytek for setting up the tables that created the runway. Thank you to Megan and Tiffani Cheehy for emptying the papers and pens from the pews. Thank you to Jodi and Molly Stood, and Megan and Mihash Cheehy for last minute help on Tuesday night. Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 49 who set up the 17 tables and chairs in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to Jana Stelter for making the cushions for the wooden benches, Jim Ludwig for donating The Core membership, and Dave Kennedy who built two wooden rocking horses which were part of the silent auction. Many people helped by selling and collecting tickets, making coffee, serving cookies and ice cream, and the big clean-up the day of: Jana Stelter, Cris Kerins, Alice and George Lange, Paulette Fries, Peg Pecher, Joanne Goszczycki, and Mark and Amanda Huegelmann. If I forgot anyone, it was not intentional. Thank you to Pastor Kelly and the many church members who kept us in their prayers.

There were over 150 people who attended each day and without all this help from our church members and Happy Hands staff, it would not have been so successful. We look forward to next year!

Julie Phillips, Director

Liturgist Schedule

April 5th 8:30— Jana Stelter 10:45– Marty Knott

April 2th 8:30— Bill Stelter 10:45—Bev Svoboda

April 19th 8:30— 10:45—Dale Janssen

April 26th 8:30— Paulette Fries 10:45—Tim Peraino

The Greatest Illustration of the Trinity

By Richard H. Lee

I heard Michael Rydelnik say Saturday morning on Moody radio that even though the theology is difficult to understand, we can believe in the trinity of Romans 10:9-10. I was surprised to hear that these two verses contain the theology of the trinity, so I went back and read it again. He tried to explain to the caller's question how this works.

First we have to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ was divine or also God (in the flesh); incarnate and came to reconcile us to God by taking our sin and paying the price for it (death). Then we see God the Father raising Him to life again but now eternal life that is no longer human but a spiritual being (life in the Spirit). We see this recorded in the Gospel accounts when Jesus came to meet His disciples after the resurrection. He could suddenly appear and disappear without any limitations of doors or walls.

We see the Spirit in Jesus in a new body that even Mary in the Garden did not recognize. And we see the Spirit acting in us, the believers, to confess the reality and miracles of Christ when he has changed us. We are even enabled or empowered to witness or testify that we are new changed people (like Christ!). Remember that we are the brethren that Jesus became the first of in Romans 8:29. We can't very well testify about something that has not yet happened. We also see a preview of this transformation on the mountain when Jesus met Moses and Elijah who apparently looked real good and were glad to see Jesus in His glory. So Jesus is now a glorified body without physical limitations.

APRIL 2015

Children's Message Schedule

April 5th Pastor Kelly

April 12 Ron Walter

April 19 GleeAnn Kehr

April 26

Schedule for Sunday Greeters

April 5th 8:30-Chappell Family 10:45-Stood Family

April12th 8:30—Norm Ellison 10:45—Steve and Gina Walter Family

April 19th 8:30—Sue Hinks 10:45—Huegelmann Family

April 26th 8:30—Sharon Heslop 10:45—Nelson Family

Mr. Electric

Mr. Electric is now hiring. Service Electricians must know electrical codes. Mr. Electric is a world renowned company that offers steady long term employment with benefits. If interested please contact Richard Meade at: n5391p@yahoo.com or 630-975-6910

Stewardship Minute

Marty Knott—Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

General Fund Beginning Balance: \$ 20,379
Receipts: 9,777
Disbursements: 11,705
Ending Balance: 18,451
Maintenance Fund Balance: \$ 5,567

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. "Apportionments"

As you probably already know, much of our contributions go to help those in need. In fact, at our church that amounts to over 20% of all giving of money, to say nothing about your contributions to the Open Pantry, the Daybreak Homeless Shelter, and the many chores done for the church itself.

But, what about our outreach beyond our town, region, state and country? That outreach is done with our contributions to the larger United Methodist Church community by a system of Apportionments. As the word implies, each church is apportioned a share of the needed funds according to their size, budget, and history of giving. This amount usually increases each year due to the needs of the world, but our apportionment for this year actually went down over 9%! The reason is that the conference learned of our extensive and many local outreach efforts.

The following excerpts from a United Methodist publication lists some of the categories that are supported:

Support for Ordained Leadership Fund

This fund supports pastoral and lay leadership through District Superintendents & Administrators, District training events, clergy moving costs, equitable compensation, emergency grants, and scholarships for seminarians through the Ministerial Education Fund

Mission & Evangelism Fund

This fund supports new church development & redevelopment, NIC programming (including Outdoor & Retreat Ministries, Campus Ministries, Witness & Advocacy), and mission at all levels of the UMC, including the World Service Fund, Black College Fund, and Africa University.

Strengthening the Connection Fund

This fund strengthens our United Methodist connection at all levels with funding for Conference communications, the Annual & General Conference sessions, NIC administrative costs, the Treasurer's office, the Episcopal Fund, General Administration Fund, and Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.

Our church has a long history of paying its apportionments in full every year, so keep up the good work everyone!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to the director, cast, make-up artists, prop designers, and everyone involved in the 32nd annual presentation of The Last Supper. Praise God for the talented disciples of our church.

Thank you for all church members who showed radical hospitality to the friends and family that came to celebrate and send off the Chapel Choir Concert on their 44th annual tour.

CARING FOR THE ELDERLY

I would like to announce and ask for volunteers to assist in an initiative for the widowed. We have several church members who are widows and may appreciate some help or wish to receive visits or come to church. They would probably need to be picked up and brought or maybe be taken out for breakfast.

Please let Pastor Kelly or me know if you'd like to be involved. Let's not forget to ask these widows or widowers if they would like a Bible. Anyone with lots of free time can enjoy reading the Scriptures and maybe they would enjoy a gospel music DVD.

Richard Lee

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 15—June 19

Lemont United Methodist Church invites children to Everest.

At **Everest** VBS, kids embark on the coolest adventure of the summer! VBS is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences— kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Each day concludes with Summit Celebration - a celebration that gets everyone involved in celebrating Jesus' love. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us daily for this special time at 11:20 A.M.

We will also continue our mission project for needy children in Lemont. Please donate brand new school bags, notebooks, paper, pens and pencils, folders, and glue sticks. They will be accepted every day. Please be generous to others.

Everest begins Monday, June 15 and continues through June 19, 2015. The starting time every day is 8:30 A.M. We will end at 11:30 A.M.

The cost is \$25.00 per child. Cash or check payable to LUMC is accepted. Children must be at least 3 years old and potty-trained. Children through 5th grade are invited to attend. Registration for church members is Sunday, May 3 and 10. Youth (6th grade and older) and adults are invited to volunteer. Adults or high school students are needed to lead some sessions. If you have any questions, please call Julie Phillips (630-257-1782).

LUMC WELCOMES OASIS 7th DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

The Administrative Council and the Board of Trustees have welcomed a new group to use our church. The Oasis 7th Day Adventist congregation has been approved to use our church for their services on Saturdays. The new group will be given access to the Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, the Kitchen, and 3 classroom meeting areas.

This is a growing congregation and they have rented space in several area locations previously, but have a need for a larger worship space. They have a praise band and singing groups that will set up on Friday evenings to facilitate the transition to worship groups and services on Saturday mornings. They are an active church under the direction of Pastor Frendell Reyes. Their church service starts at 11:20 am and includes a praise band and singing groups. Guests are welcome.

This agreement goes into effect on Saturday April 4th and will run for a trial basis of 4 months. If both parties agree, the agreement will be renewed every 4 months. They have agreed to be flexible to changes of our schedule for special events, weddings, funerals, etc.

We are looking forward to seeing new faces coming into our building and our community, especially those interested in worshiping God, our creator, sustainer, and provider.

Bill Stelter, Chair of Trustees

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 Prayers

E.D. McCormick cancer Deb Zohn *(Sue Hinks)

Neil Janssen had a seizure (*Dale and Paula Janssen)

Safe delivery of twins for Katy and Jim (*Bill & Juanita Hill)

Bill fighting cancer (*Debbie Hassert)

Faith having back surgery (*Ron & Carol Walter)

Doreen Alvarado, cancer (*Donna Leonard-Vazquez)

Brian, personal healing & strength (*Donna Leonard-Vazquez)

Lori Bartwik, breast cancer (*Tim Peraino)

Bruno Belmont, stage 4 lung cancer (*Tim Peraino)

Karen Livengood fell and hurt shoulder (*Pat and Don Farrer)

Jake, ear infections (*Richard Lee's, grandson)

*Shelia Farrer, health issues

Florian Talos, diagnosed w/parkinson's (*Janovyak's)

*Charlotte Haveman, various health issues

Mike, Mayo Clinic (*George Lange's nephew)

Nanette Walsh, premature baby-Emmet (2 lbs)(*Gina Walter)

Kathy Parcell, complications/spinal surgery (*Arlene Knott)

Mike Parcell, five weeks of radiation therapy (*Marty Knott)

Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's (*Joanne Goszczycki)

Esther Gores, home hospice (*George Lange)

*Bob Norfleet, depression

*Roland Tasker, Colotis

Connor Kratochvil, cleft palate (*Farrer's great nephew)

Lowry Family, (*Kay Norfleet)

Joe, has ALS & prayers for his wife Carole (*Cris Kerins)

Jeff Freeman, diagnosed with cancer (*Judy Janovyak)

Sandi Halicky, heart issues (*Halicky Family)

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)

Answered Prayers: On the Road to Recovering

Joan Makinney, patience and speedy recovery from shingles

Debbie Angileri tumor was benign (*Peg Pecher)

Mason, recovering from brain surgery (*Dottie McAdams)

*Ellen Davey

Julie, breast cancer (*Rosalie Lind's daughter)

Nancy Martin, home (*Kay Norfleet's sister)

*Alberta Harden

Heidi Dupont, MS (*Rich & Barb Lee's daughter)

Thor Tessem healing from pneumonia (*Paulette Fries)

<u>Grieving</u>

The family of Helen Duffey (*Pat Farrer)

The Janovyak's lost their dog, Nick, at 17 ½ years old

The family of Carlene Wesolowski , Heather

The family & friends of Edward Caps

Jovs

The Chapel Choir Concert and potluck

The 32nd Annual Last Supper

The well attended combined worship service

The baptism of Tiffani Cheehy

Renewed teaching contract for Stephanie Phillips

The New Birth of the Praise Band

Happy Hands successful fashion show

Amy Cheehy new administrative assistant

The coffee nook in the narthax

Internship for Ryan Peraino

Study abroad for Rebecca Peraino

For Harold Mahler chosen to go on the Honor Flight

The tuning of our organ and piano

For those celebrating birthday's and anniversaries

For our troops

For new job positions

For those visiting our church

Important Dates in April

April 1st-Day Break Shelter

April 3rd-Good Friday Service

April 5th-Easter Sunday

April 8th — Trustees Meeting

April 15th—Ad Council Meeting

April 19th-Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship April 18th

Margaret Flynn
Arlene Knott
Mick Chappell
Joanne Goszczycki
Julie Phillips
Deb Neitzel
Mary Jane Nelson



Expanding Care Bear Ministry

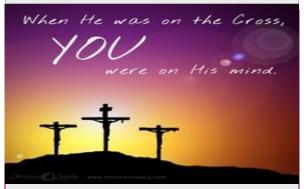
Pastor Kelly takes communion to the "home bound" and visits those who are in the hospital. We are looking for people to prepare a home cooked meal and be with members when they have serious medical concerns-praying and providing support when needed. If you feel called to this ministry but are unable 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

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Return Service Requested



Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm

New Wine April 2015

Why would I go to CHURCH on

- If you've never stepped into a church in your life...
- If you've been burned by "Christians..."
- · If you think church is just for "good people" and you want nothing to do with it ...
- ...find out why this event would be perfect for you!

Easter Services April 5, 2015 at 8:30 & 10:45 am

Youth Breakfast Club

Youth Group Meets on Sunday around 9: 30 am at the youth lounge **Lemont United Methodist Church**

United Methodist Men



Saturday, **April 11th** 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

Tuesday-Thursday 9:30 am -12:30 pm

Lemont United Methodist Church



When: 10 am, Easter Sunday, 4/05/15 Where: LUMC Sanctuary



Primetimers



Saturday, April 18th 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