# September 2015



# Last Summer Worship Service

September 6

Weekly Meditations Proverbs 22:1-9, 22-23 Psalm 124 and 125 James 2:1-10, 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

> Communion Potluck

## Return to Two Services 8:30 and 10:45

September 13

Weekly Meditations Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

#### September 20

Weekly Meditations Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8 Mark 9:30-37 **Coffee Fellowship** 

September 27 Weekly Meditations Esther 7:1-10, 9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

# The Lemont United Methodist The New Wine

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A mom from our Happy Hands Methodist Preschool said the other day that she has been lonely and is looking for a church. Her statement challenges me to view church in a broader way. As we continue to explore about sharing our faith, viewing the church solely as a "Come-Structure" may be the wrong place to begin a discussion about evangelism. In my recent training for congregational development, I learned that we must perceive the church as a "Come-And-Go Structure." In addition to being the place for spiritual and moral instruction, the church historically has been a safe haven from oppression, a strategic planning center, an economic empowerment office, and a social gathering place. Even a person who did not attend church would embrace some definition of what church stood for to him or her and the community. At the training, we were challenged to define "church" and to think about what is involved with inviting an "outsider" to church.

Kena Kwasi, the coordinator of congregational development from General Board of Discipleship informed that before inviting people to come inside our church, we must trace the history of our congregation and consider the following types of questions:

- 1) What significant events and ministries shaped our church's identity?
- 2) How do we describe who we are and what do we stand for?
- 3) What does our congregation call people to be and to do?
- 4) What, through Christ, does our congregation have to offer the people in the community?
- **5)** Has our church developed a relationship with the community in any way?
- **6)** Has our congregation connected with the people who have transitioned into the area?
- **7)** Is our church aware of the major concerns of the people in the surrounding community?
- **8)** What do people in this community expect from a church and what would make church meaningful for them?
- **9)** Is our congregation's concept of church similar to or different from the concept of church held by people in the community?
- **10)** If our congregation were to invite people from the neighborhood who have vastly different understandings of church, who bears the responsibility of bridging the communication gap?

During my training in Portland, Oregon, I got a chance to attend worship at the church where I had grown up, 27 years ago. Unlike Lemont UMC, there were only two pillar families left and the rest of the congregation were new members to the church. They said that they have practiced the "Come-And-Go Structure" and their church attendance is close to 150 each Sunday. They claimed that "Going Out Precedes Coming In." To be an effective evangelistic congregation, we must concentrate on inviting people outside to "come" into the church and also equipping members inside to "go" out and reach people for Jesus. Let's go out to engage the world with the love of Jesus Christ. For the ministry of going out actually prepares us for the ministry of coming in. Jesus said to his disciples and also to us:

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Luke 10:2

Joyfully Your Pastor, Kelly T. Van

## Celebrations in September 2015

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September 5-Richard Meade

September 8-Don Farrer

September 8-Pat Farrer

September 8-Geoffrey Pierce

September 8-Sue Tasker

September 9-Lynne Vavra

September 10-Samantha Meade

September 14-Jodie Nelson

September 21-Paula Janssen

September 22-Sheila Farrer

September 25-Mike Cheehy

September 25-Bill Kerins

September 27-Cyndy Havemann



#### **ANNIVERSARY**

September 1– Ron & Carol Walter September 3– Marty & Arlene Knott September 6-Brian & Tricia O'Neill September 20-Ted & Judi Friedley September 23-Bill & Juanita Hill

## Combined Service and Brunch, Sunday, September 6th

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 6th. As we head into Fall and our services split from one to two, we will fellowship together at our Brunch. The final combined service for the summer starts at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Brunch will follow at 10:30 a.m. 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 breakfast casseroles with fruit and other delicious sides. Come and break bread with us.



## **ESL Tutoring**

Kay Norfleet has graciously offered to teach English as a second language to anyone in need in our church family. If you are interested, please contact::

Kay at 630-257-6699.

## **Senior High Youth Group**

Tentative event dates for 2015-2016 are as follows. Information about each event will be sent via email; if you would like to be included on the email distribution, please contact the church office at 630-257-5210. September 13, 2015, October 25, 2015, November 15, 2015, December 13, 2015, January 24, 2016, February 28, 2016, March 20, 2016, April 17, 2016 and May 15, 2016 (Q-Quest graduation).

A detailed explanation of the SHYG Q-Quest Program can be found on the church website: <a href="www.lemontumc.org">www.lemontumc.org</a>. Just click on the "Ministries" tab at the top and then look under the TEEN section. Thanks! --Karin

# SEPTEMBER 2015

MUSEUM STREE FAIR



Lemont Area
Historical
Society
museum's
street fair

September 19th 11 am - 5 pm

BAKE SALE
Music, Clown for
the kids, Pumpkins for sale,
along with fall
items like corn
stalks and
gourds.
All of Lemont
Street & Illinois
Street will be
closed off.
Tours of the Old
Stone Church
will also be

available.

Contact the

museum for

more information at 630.257.2972.

# Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

"Pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children." That's what Lamentations 2:19 implores us to do. I'd like to leave out the word "young" so that the sentences encompass all our children. ('Course I guess in relation to you, your children are young. Whatever.) Anyway, the Lord admonishes us to pray for them. I do, even though sometimes I'm not sure what I'm praying for. My kids are busy and not all of them live nearby, so I really don't know what's going on all the time. Even when they lived here I often didn't know what was going on. Enough about me. The Lord knows. They are his children. That's a relief, really, since you're not sure of the outside influences...friends, classes, transportation, health, language, interests....need I go on. Praying parents, that's a no-brainer. Remember, school is starting...that brings with it a whole new set of subjects to pray for. My first granddaughter is going off to college. I hope Taylor University knows what they're getting. Also I hope she knows what she's getting into, makes good decisions, etc. Although I've been told that they remind her 'God is in control' daily.

A fiction book, "The Yada Yada Prayer Group Gets Down" is about how some find a need to pray. The Yada Yada Group feels for prayer **all the time.** The book explains the personalities involved and the different situations that they think need prayer. Neta Jackson, the author, sets this story in Chicago, and many of the locations are familiar and some are fiction. The people are like those we might know-know...at least they remind us of someone. In other words, it is an easy book to read quickly. It is enjoyable. The book often causes a memory of something or some feeling we recognize. AND Yada Yada knows how important it is to pray. (Did I say that before?)

"Playing with a Purpose" is a compilation of stories of individual basketball players who have given their lives to the Lord. The book was put together by Mike Yorkey, who acknowledges that it was God who gave him the ability to put together this book, along with several -more than several- other books about sports, the people in them, and God who gives them purpose.

Did you know that the man who invented basketball was a Christian. His name was James Naismith, who saw basketball more as a ministry. He got the idea for basketball as a way to keep young men, restless from confining winter weather, busy. He got some help from the janitor at the YMCA where he was working. The janitor supplied James with two peach baskets which he stationed on poles on either ends of a playing area. And that was how basketball came into being. The book includes chapters on Kyle Korver, who plays for the CHICAGO Bulls, Anthony Parker, now Cleveland; Chris Kaman ,Jeremy Lin.... Not only are these guys all enthusiastic Christians and athletes -surprise- each has had some conflict in their lives and they'll tell how the Lord has helped them work it out.

Sandy Patty, Christian vocalist, Grammy winner, is not a saint. Just like so many people in the Bible she has her flaws, some pretty major. Yet she admits them and winds up writing an enjoyable book that tells about how she wound up. "Life in the Blender" is about her now large family and tells their many bumps in the road of living and their practical decisions that helped smooth out those bumps, guess how they got them. The book has its funny and rather heartfelt moments. Only those who aren't saints should read it.

#### **Tried and True:**—Window/ Mirror Cleaner

In an empty spray bottle put...

- 1/4 cup rubbing alcohol
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1 tbsp Corn starch
- 2 cups warm water

Add a scented oil of your choice as a great way to make everything smell great as you clean! I get mine in the candle making section at Michael's. (add the corn starch to the warm water, it will be easier to mix together) Then add all the rest to the spray bottle and Shake Well. It will be a milky color, and remember, every time you use this solution you will have to shake the bottle well. Happy cleaning! Marge Fox

# Thank You

Thank you to the Vasquez family for their gracious hospitality in hosting and providing a delicious potluck for our gathering. We had a wonderful church picnic!



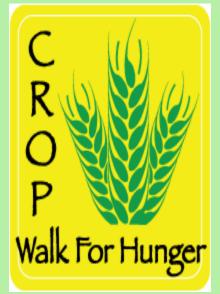


#### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Our next confirmation class will start this fall on September 13, 2015 for 7th and 8th graders. The class will run through the whole year. For more information contact the church office.

## 2015 CROP WALK

The Crop Walk this year will be on 9/27/15 at Dellwood Park. Registration is at 1:30 and step-off is at 2:00. The goal this year is 6K. There will be a Christian band playing at the band shell prior to the start of the walk and when walkers are returning. Donation of water and snacks are requested the day of the walk. Also, 25% of the funds collected will be equally divided between the three are food pantries (Lockport, Lemont, and Fairmont). Hope to see you there!



## **RAINBOW COVENANT**

## September Loose Change Sunday (9/27/15)

Today is "Loose Change Sunday." All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant charities. For September, we are highlighting the **yellow band charity**, **United Methodist Children's Fund for Christian Mission**. This band supports four projects, two international and two US-based, that are chosen for their value in helping children understand what it means to "be in mission." Please place your loose change in the offering plate today to support these projects. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "UM Children's Fund" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

# Attention Parents of College Students living away from home



The Cap Program provides letters, cards, snacks and encouragement throughout the school year for students living away from home. Please call Cris Kerins at 257-5660 or Sue Tasker at 257-5664 with your child's school address so they can be included this year. Also, we welcome anyone wishing to donate items to be sent.

**Thank You** 

## Lemont UMC BOOKCLUB 2015 LIST

Sept 14 - When the Storm Breaks Bonnie Leon

Oct. 12 - Follow the Stars Home Luanne Rice

Nov. 09 - Where do I go Neta Jackson (yadayada series)

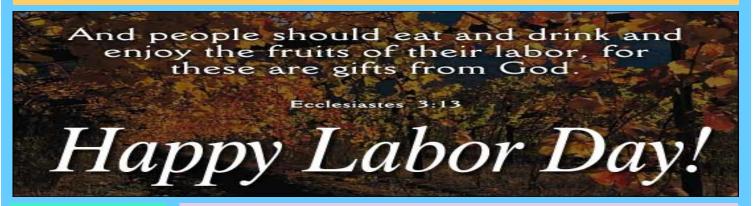


#### **School Supply Collection**

The collection for the school supplies was a great success with \$525 collected. A total of 81 kits were assembled. The break down was 51 Elementary kits, made with new items, to the specifications of Dis-



trict 113A supply lists. Since the high school has no specific lists, the 25 kits contained supplies of paper, portfolios, notebooks, pens etc. that all students use. Bethany has been providing these kits for the last 17 years and with our help, it has been the best year yet. Thank you for your generous support.



#### **Liturgist Schedule**

September 6 9:30-Tim Peraino

September 13 8:30-Bill Stelter 10:45-Cris Kerins

September 20 8:30—Richard Lee 10:45-Joanne Goszczycki

September 27 8:30-Paulette Fries 10:45-Sue Gergescz



# The Greatest Misfits By Richard H. Lee

I never thought much about myself as a misfit until I heard it described as a person who is not worldly or "out of touch." But in terms of modern technology I am definitely a misfit or technophobe. I struggle with making DVD videos and using things like chat media like Facebook. I had a new "Smartphone" but soon found it too complicated to use so took it back and was surprised to find the dealer didn't want it back. People don't return them except for a newer one.

The Bible has an interesting section that talks about Christians as "fools" or misfits I just read in 1 Corinthians chapter 4 especially verse 10. What the world calls popular and exciting is not interesting to me or most misfits of Christ. Paul himself was not a popular or well respected and was actually punished, pursued, whipped, and stoned by the Jews. The same is true of the disciples and Reformation leaders who became martyrs. Other terms related to misfits are foreigner, monk, and pilgrim.

Paul writes to the immature church at Corinth trying to prepare them for service with understanding. He describes misfits as: (1) "We who bear His message" in verse 9, (2) "On stage where no one wants to buy a ticket", (3) "like an accident in the street people stare at" (4) with frailties and uncertainties, mostly kicked around in verse 11, and (5) May not have enough to eat, wear old clothes, rejected, pick up odd jobs in verse 12 (Message translation). But it gets worse. "We are called names, spread rumors about us, treated like worthless garbage, while we say, "God bless you" (v. 13). No wonder 80% of young people don't want to be in church and leave the faith by the time they graduate. They need a challenge and a purpose to be different!

# SEPTEMBER 2015

#### **Stewardship Minute**

#### Marty Knott

#### Children's Message Schedule

September 6 Pastor Kelly

September 13 Ron Walter

September 20 GleeAnn Kehr

September 27



#### Schedule for Sunday Greeters

September 6 9:30-George & Alice Lange

September 13 8:30-Myers Family 10:45-Kehr Family

September 20 8:30-Ende Family 10:45-Cheehy Family

September 27 8:30-Chappell Family 10:45This 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. "Love"

I recently received an email about letters that been written by the famous genius Albert Einstein to his daughter Leiserl. Einstein requested that these letters not be published until 20 years after his death. Below is a portion of the letter to his daughter.

When I proposed the theory of relativity, very few understood me, and what I will reveal now to transmit to mankind will also collide with the misunderstanding and prejudice in the world. I ask you to guard the letters as long as necessary, years, decades, until society is advanced enough to accept what I will explain below. There is an extremely powerful force that, so far, science has not found a formal explanation to. It is a force that includes and governs all others, and is even behind any phenomenon operating in the universe and has not yet been identified by us. This universal force is LOVE. When scientists looked for a unified theory of the universe they forgot the most powerful unseen force. Love is light, that enlightens those who give and receive it. Love is gravity, because it makes some people feel attracted to others. Love is power, because it multiplies the best we have, and allows humanity not to be extinguished in their blind selfishness. Love unfolds and reveals. For love we live and die. Love is God and God is Love. This force explains everything and gives meaning to life. This is the variable that we have ignored for too long, maybe because we are afraid of love because it is the only energy in the universe that man has not learned to drive at will.

There is more to the letter but I think you can see the message he was giving to his daughter and to us these 20 years later. Stewardship is a form of love in that it expresses our love for God and his mission in the world. Please contribute to our church so that it can show God's love to the world.

### Finance numbers for July

General Fund Beginning Balance	ee: \$14,804
Receipts:	7,735
Disbursements:	9,285
Ending Balance:	13,254
Maintenance Fund Balance:	Minus \$8,640

#### **IUNIOR CHOIR**

Wow! Summer has flown by so quickly and your school days have begun. Our Jr. Choir practices will also begin soon. I'll be excited to see everyone on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. If you can think of someone from Sunday School or a friend who enjoys singing (grades K-6) invite him or her. Here are a few more riddles for you. Why do hummingbirds "hum"? They never learned the words! What is a mosquito's favorite sport? Skin –diving! Bring a joke or riddle to share with us.

Mrs. Kerins

# Thanks for your Patience During the Sanctuary Update

The Worship Committee and the Trustees would like to thank you for your support and patience during the implementation of the summer work projects. Some of the church lights have been installed; but the Trustees are looking into different bulbs, or other options, to increase the amount of light in the Sanctuary. The AV project has be-



gun as you can see. The booth is in progress, and there are final wiring, carpentry and painting details that are yet to come as well. The Audio Visual equipment should be installed by late August. Our goal is to be up and running sometime in September if all goes as planned. We hope that you are excited by what you see now and in the future.

As Christians we know that Worship and the gathering of God's Community is as significant as eternity mandates. God is entitled to our best efforts through worship that helps to open our hearts so that God's word and the Holy Spirit may enter. Come with open minds and open hearts to celebrate all that God has given.

# STEPHEN MINISTRY INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

This is a half-day workshop featuring:

- \* Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief:
- \* Introduction to Stephen Ministry
- \* How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way.

When: Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 2:000 p.m. to 6:00p.m. Where: Living Water Community Church in Bolingbrook.

Pastor Kelly will be going and would like to invite anyone who is interested to go with her. Please contact the church office at **630-257-5210**.

#### METHODIST OPEN GOLF OUTING

Saturday, September 26th, 2015

Start time: 1:00 p.m.

Join us for our combined Men's and Women's

"Annual Golf Outing." The outing will be held at the Downers Grove Golf Club. The registration fee is \$25.00 per person. If you are interested there are registration forms located in the back of

the church.



#### Handyman Wanted

We have widows in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs, basic maintenance and grass cutting. Ideally it could be a retired man with experience in building.

Please contact the church office at: 630-257-5210 if you are interested.

#### Do you know someone with small children?

**Happy Hands** still has a few openings, especially in our 11-12:30am 2s class. Preschool for 2-year olds? Absolutely! The program at Happy Hands is specifically designed for 2-year old children. The class meets for a short duration, two days a week. It is led by a loving, enthusiastic teacher with a maximum 8/1 child/teacher ratio. The biggest benefits children receive from this 2s program are an opportunity to play and socialize with children their own age, deal with separation, and build confidence. They will learn to share, take turns, and follow simple rules. However, this is much more than a play group since we focus on mental as well as social stimulation. The curriculum includes sensory, motor, perceptual, and language skills. Children will be exposed to colors, shapes, numbers, days, months, alphabet, sound recognition, and more. They will also enjoy music and motor skills as part of their daily activities. The 2s curriculum uses age-appropriate books, toys, and craft projects. We focus on encouraging socialization skills and introducing new concepts, while still allowing kids to be kids. Each child will attain his/her own level of successes and be celebrated without pressure. If you know someone who might be interested, have them contact the Happy Hands office: 630-257-3112 or lemonthappyhands@gmail.com.

## FRESH BREAD MISSION

THANK YOU to all the following volunteers who helped keep the **Panera Bread Mission** going this summer: **Amie Topete, Don Mueggenborg, Dave Andersen, George Lange,** and **Debbie Chappell.** Pastor Kelly received a well-deserved break from the weekly bread pick up. The Open Pantry families do appreciate the fresh bread every week. Please let Pastor Kelly know if you would like to be a help with the bread pick up when she attends ICD training once a month on Wednesday's.

## Fiesta Ranch Chicken Pasta Salad

- 1 pkg. of pasta (rotini, bowtie, tri-colored, etc)
- 3 boneless chicken breasts, cooked and diced (I usually use a rotisserie chicken)
- 1 packet taco seasoning mix
- 1 can black beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can corn
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 can of olives, sliced
- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 2 tomatoes, chopped

Cook pasta, drain and cool. Add all of the other ingredients and then mix up the dressing.

#### Dressing:

2 cups mayonnaise; 1 cup buttermilk; 1 pkg. Hidden Valley Fiesta dip mix (at Walmart)

Add dressing to the salad and keep refrigerated until ready to serve. Right before serving, add in Frito corn chips to taste. Enjoy! Marge Fox



#### 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:

Joe Lahey, stem cell surgery
Dick Arcus, cancer surgery
Anna, pneumonia
Bob Bacigalupo, dialysis
Rudy Vana, rehab
Dan Sorensen, healing in family
DeMarkus Family
Joe Sigety, ALS
Our teens going to college
Shirley Chappell, health issues
Michelle Croft, lost her husband
Alexandria Stojaov, brain tumor
Marilyn, back surgrey
\*Bob Norfleet, healing from surgery

Jodi Rigoni, breast cancer Terri Janovyak breast cancer

- \* Kexia Van to past Board Exam
- \* Bob Norfleet's cancer treatment
- \* Roland Tasker, Colitis

Dave Mlady, illness

\* Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis

Dale Chappell, health issues

Uncle Bud, rehab

Heather Livengood, broken wrists

Karen Livengood broken arm

Sandi Halicky, heart issues

Jeff Freeman, cancer

Connor Kratochvil, cleft palate

Lowry Family

Roberta Walbert, chemotherapy Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's Gabrielle Tabor, surgery E.D. McCormick, cancer Mary Jane Nelson broken ankle Doreen Alvarado, cancer Brian, healing and strength Lori Bartwick, breast cancer Bruno Belmont, lung cancer Mike Bromberek, ALS Esther Gores, home hospice Florian Talos, stroke Paul & Gayla Griese Don Campbell, back surgery Tom & Paula, radiation & chemo Hannelin Family

Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's

#### Joys:

The Birth of Emma Grace Janssen
The Praise Band
Kexia and Nathan Engaged!
Kurt Huegelmann's successful surgery
Great Turn Out For Kopz and Kidz
Successful Church Picnic
Exchange Students
Vacations and Family Reunions
Newborns and Birthdays
Anniversaries

# Important Dates in August

September 2-Daybreak
September 6-Potluck
September 7-Labor Day/No
Open Pantry Work Day
September 9-Trustees Meeting
September 13- Return To Two
Services
September 16-Ad Council
Meeting
September 20-Coffee
Fellowship

# Coffee Fellowship Sept. 20th

Marge Fox
Sue Tasker
Debbie Chappell
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: 773-428-787 Church: 630-257-5210

#### **Lemont United Methodist Church**

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

**Return Service Requested** 

# New Wine September 2015

#### **Sunday School Rally Day:**

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>
Theme: SMILE, JESUS LOVES YOU!

We'll kick off the year with a fun morning of games and snacks, learning how a life with Jesus will make you happy!

Children in Kindergarten thru High School are invited to join us at 9:30am.

#### Sermons and Videos on Website

Worship services and other videos have been added to the website. From the home page <a href="http://www.lemontumc.org">http://www.lemontumc.org</a> 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, September 12th 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.

# Bread at Lemont UMC Come, take and Share with your neighbor every day during office hours Tuesday—Thursday 9:30 am —12:30 pm



## **ADULT CHOIR**

Adult Choir will begin practicing on September 8th at 7:00 p.m.

#### **PRAISE BAND**

If you are interest in joining our praise band please contact Pastor Kelly at 773-428-7877.

#### **Primetimers**



Saturday September 19th 12:00 p.m.

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch at the church parsonage. Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon. If you have any questions, please call:

Juanita Fick