

December 2015



**Combined
Worship Service
9:30am**

December 6

Weekly Meditations

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Potluck

Church Decorating

**Worship Services
8:30 & 10:45**

December 13

Weekly Meditations

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

December 20

Weekly Meditations

Micah 5:2-5

Luke 1:47-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Coffee Fellowship

December 24

4:00 Family Service

8:00 Candle Service

December 27

Weekly Meditations

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Psalms 148

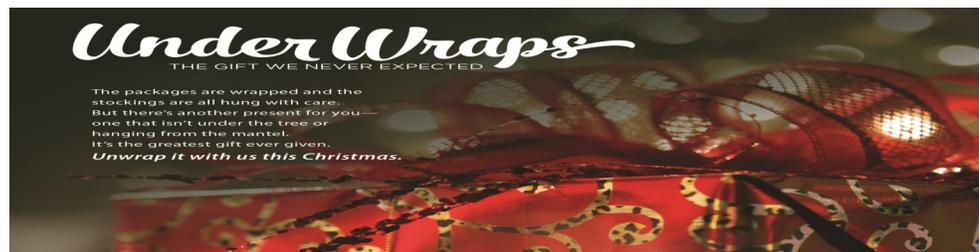
Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

Rev. Lora Zink

The Lemont United Methodist Church

The New Wine



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Advent--the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day is a special time for us. It challenges us to pause and remember the hope we have during a stressful season that all too often emphasizes on greed and spending. Advent allows us the time and space to refocus our hearts and minds of Jesus--the true hope of the season. This year Advent comes to us early. It begins on Sunday, November 29th, and we will start an exciting new Advent program, *Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected*. Prepared and piloted by The Woodlands United Methodist Church in Houston, this joyful program explores some of God's unexpected qualities, presented over the four weeks of Advent, plus the fifth week for Christmas Eve:

1. November 29th--God Is Expectant
2. December 06th--God Is Dangerous
3. December 13th--God Is Jealous
4. December 20th--God Is Faithful
5. Christmas Eve --A Season of Joy

Just as the first wrapped gift beneath the Christmas tree marks the new season, so the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day signaled that God's hope and salvation and redemption plan had come into the world. In Jesus, God gift-wrapped himself in human flesh and was born in a stable so he could come and live among us and offer us life and salvation that we could never gain on our own.

I invite you to join in and commit with us for the next five weeks as we explore the character of God. Let's use this opportunity to invite our family, friends, and neighbors so they too can explore God's character. I encourage you to take time to reflect, meditate, and pray, asking God to do a great work in our hearts as we remember the great gift given to us through his Son. God expects something amazing to happen in our lives at Christmas. During this Advent, let's unwrap God's greatest gift, our Savior Jesus Christ.

*Joyfully Yours Pastor,
Kelly T. Van*

Celebrations in December 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 1-Molly Stood
December 1-Debi Marie Meade
December 4-Bill Stelter
December 5-Shirley Stout
December 8-Carol Walter
December 8-Robert Nelson
December 9-Richard Pierce
December 10-John Nelson
December 12-Megan Cheehy
December 17-Sherrill Weary
December 20-Tucker Lange
December 21-Mark Huegelmann
December 23-Christian Van
December 25-Roland Tasker
December 26-Gabriella Vasquez



JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

I'd like to announce an upcoming service activity for the LUMC - JHYG.

Decorate the Church & DIY Snow Globes
12/6/2015, After Combined Service & Brunch
Meet Downstairs after Brunch



We'll join our church congregation after the Combined Service Brunch to decorate the church and play music.

We'll also have a special activity for our group - making Snow Globes to sell to raise money for Red Nose Day Fund, which supports charities associated with providing food, education and health care for children worldwide.

Details to follow.

Handyman wanted

We have widows in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs: basic maintenance and grass cutting or snow shoveling. Ideally it could be a retired man with experience in building. Please contact the church office at: 630-257-5210 if you are interested.

2016 CALENDARS

Are available for pick up in the back of the church.



Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

I suggest the reading for the Christmas season is the Christmas story (**non-fiction**) found in Matthew 1: 18-25, Matthew 2: 2-12, Luke 1: 26-38 and 2: 1-20. These passages describe the GREATEST GIFT. Please don't just read them, thank God, worship, and be so filled with joy that you experience a wonderful holiday season that stretches throughout the year.

After that, a book I should have reviewed in November is "The Family Advent Reader-Handel's Messiah" the short stories are paired with the words of Handel's Messiah. Handel's Messiah is a piece written for Handel's worship and to remind us all to worship. Most recognize and have sung it many times. Concerts have been built around it. In olden days, as now, it was recognized as a truly great piece of work. Handel was in touch with God. That is evident.

The book recognizes the need to worship and presents an outlet to satisfy this need, besides offering little stories to go along and explain the words.

"Christmas Miracles" is another non-fiction to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas-Christ. The stories reflect Christ's promise that He came to give us hope-He will never leave us-His help is ever present. We only have to Trust and Obey. "Trust and Obey for there's no other way...."

Another short story book, this time fiction, gathers together Christmas stories written by Laura Ingalls Wilder, Frank Capra, James Thurber, John Cheever to name a few.

These Christmas stories reflect the author's understanding of Christ-mas giving. Giving to others is Christ's nature, isn't it? They can be construed as Miracles. Miracles occur when giving; when Christ is giving to us and when He is giving to others through us. We just need to be grateful for each gift. After all, if He created the world and us, what's a miracle? Just be on the lookout and when one occurs, give thanks-worship the One who blesses us. That's what He made us for isn't it?

For the kids(you might have to help read) "The Trees of the Dancing Goats." The most memorable passage is when Grampa says "miracles can happen every day." And they can. They do in this story.

Next "the Littlest Angel." Another miracle at Christmas is described. But really, Christmas is not the only time miracles can occur. We just need to acknowledge them and thank God.

The fictional tale of 12 cats is a take on the "Twelve Days of Christmas." Beautiful picture book.

Anyone wanting a large print book should read Tim LaHaye's-author of the Left Behind series- "The Secret of Ararat." It's the story of a man seeking Noah's Ark. You know the Bible story of Noah's Ark, now it is expanded a bit.



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, you can contact her at 630-257-6699.

OPEN PANTRY NEWS

Thanks to work by the Cheehy's the Open Pantry has received a much appreciated donation from the Teamsters Union. That consists of fifty bags of flour, sugar and bottles of oil. They will be put together into kits for the Open Pantry families to receive in December. If you are looking to support our food pantry we are currently in need of cereal; both hot and cold. Thank You



Sanctuary Volunteers Are Needed!

As you have seen, the video and audio are up and running. What we need now are volunteers! We do not want to have one person stuck in the booth every Sunday. Plus we need to spread the knowledge around so when someone goes on vacation, there will be someone to fill in. Our goal is to have 4-6 people who are comfortable flipping through the computer presentation slides and 4-6 people who are comfortable raising and lower the sound on a mic so we do not have feedback. You do not have to worry. We will walk you through the programs and train you so you feel comfortable with the devices! We just need volunteers!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for both sound and presentation volunteers. We need people for both the 8:30 and 10:45 services. The more we have the better. That means that everyone will be able to sit with their family most Sundays. So, please put your name on the sign up sheet or stop by the booth and let Jana Stelter or someone on the Worship committee know. We will get you familiar with the program so you can get in the rotation to volunteer for a service.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Do you love singing Christmas Carols?

Circle December 13th at 4:00 p.m. on your calendar for LUMC's annual Carol Lemont Event. Last year a group of Christmas Carol enthusiasts joined together for a sing along at the church. We hope to duplicate the festive atmosphere again this year.

Following the caroling, cookies and warm beverages will be enjoyed. If you are able, please bring a dozen cookies to share.



RAINBOW COVENANT

December Loose Change Sunday (12/27/15)

Today is "Loose Change Sunday." All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant charities. For December, we are reviewing the Rainbow Covenant bands from this year.

- **Burgandy Band**—Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic
- **Red Band**—Tree of Life Ministry, Pierre South Dakota
- **Green Band**—Bethany Methodist Good Samaritan Program
- **Indigo Band**—missionaries, Mark & Rebecca Smallwood
- **White Band**—Community Partners for the Common Good Fund
- **Green Band**—Wesley Woods
- **Yellow Band**—UM Children's Fund for Christian Mission
- **Orange Band**—Heifer Project International
- **Blue Band**—Epworth Overnight Warming Center
- **Purple Band donations** go to Special Sunday collections for Human Relations Day, Souper Bowl Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace with Justice Sunday, World Communion Sunday, and United Methodist Student Day

Please place your loose change in the offering plate today to support these wonderful charities. If you would like to make a larger offering to any specific charity, write the name of the charity on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support through the year for the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Combined Service and Potluck



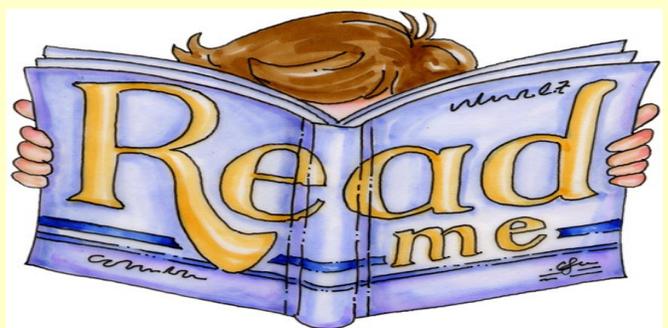
On December 6th, we shall have one combined service that starts at 9:30 a.m. There will be a brunch following the service at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the sheet at the back table if you are able please bring something to share.

Lemont UMC BOOKCLUB

Dec. 14 - The Most Beautiful Gift
(Jonathan Snow)

Meeting at 12:30 for Christmas
Luncheon

2016 No meeting Jan, Feb, &
Mar.



WEBSITE Has Sermons

<http://lemontumc.org/video> has a list of available sermons.

Services are being recorded almost every week thanks to Matt and Erik.

If you would like a video of a part of the service, like a baptism or someone playing a song, please contact Paul Froehle. He can copy it to a DVD or flash drive as a computer or phone readable video file. Thank You

SUGGESTED NEW MINISTRY

In a recent Upper Room devotional, the author talked about visiting a retirement center for fellowship and sharing with the residents. After reading this article, I was so moved. Maybe we could form a group to have this kind of ministry! In the Lemont area, there are many centers. Please call me if you are interested. My number is: [815 838 6318](tel:8158386318). Looking forward to hear from you. Paulette Fries

Liturgist Schedule

December 6
9:30-Mary Jane
Nelson

December 13
8:30-Jana Stelter
10:45-Margaret
Flynn

December 20
8:30-Bill Stelter
10:45-Jodi Stood

December 24
8:30-Jason Kehr
10:45-Marty Knott

December 27
8:30-Sue Gergesz
10:45-



Our Church Pillars **By Richard H. Lee**

Our funeral service for Paula Janssen today was very moving and comforting. I was tempted to say something about Paula but now it has come to me more clearly. We spoke the Sunday of All Saints Day in our adult Sunday school class and I learned her father and brother were (are) Walkers. So she was Paula Walker Janssen.

I told her the Walker family is well known in our church and was a beginning and continuing family of influential and people of service, such as Marie Walker Polson and Charles Walker. I said they were some of our church "pillars" that kept us going for many years and now a different group of Walkers is serving us. The dictionary says a pillar provides essential support and the Walkers did that for Lemont Methodist Church and apparently Lockport Methodist Church also. She thought the Brown family was the main pillar for our church and that is true but there were others that our history remembers.

So let us remember how Paula loved and served our dear churches and pick up the task of leading and nourishing our church families. I learned that she was an experienced teacher of the Bible and taught all four levels of Disciple Bible Study in her years at Lockport. That would be an excellent thing to do in our church and open it up to the community!

**Children's Message
Schedule**

**December 6
Pastor Kelly**

**December 13
Marty Knott**

**December 20
Ron Walter**

December 27



Greeters

**December 6
9:30-Janovyak Family**

**December 13
8:30-Chappell Family
10:45-Woytek Family**

**December 20
8:30-Sue Hinks
10:45-Bill & Cris
Kerins**

**December 27
8:30-Tasker Family
10:45-**

Little guitar pickers

This class is designed for your 5 to 9 year olds. Our patient, experienced instructor will teach fun songs with one finger chords. This method will enable your child to achieve a measurable success and perform a song for you by the end of each lesson. Imagine the joy and self-confidence this will bolster. Authentic and pleasant sounding child sized guitars with bags can be rented for \$10 per 4 week session. Steel string guitars are preferred. Please indicate if you want to rent when registering.

Guitar lessons

Guitar lessons start by evaluating the student's present level of skills. Then the teacher presents the required guitar skills needed. Then he tailors an approach best for each individual to achieve those skills. The teacher also tailors the lesson around the music the student likes.



Audio-Visual Sanctuary Update

Changes are in the air. The sound booth is taking shape. In the mean time, the new sound system and flat screens are installed. A computer is already stationed in the booth.



We appreciate your patience during the construction phase and in the future as we work to become familiar with the new presentation program and AV equipment. This too will take time to get the most out of the resources that we have added.

DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES: Ages pre/k-5/6

JUNIOR HIGH: Grades 6th—8th

(No Sunday School 12/20, 12/27)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST 12/13

BREAKFAST CLUB: High School freshman-senior

(No Breakfast Club This Month)

ADULT CLASSES: Everyone on Sunday morning.

NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES THIS MONTH

Please come join us! All are welcome!



Lemont Township Giving Tree – Wish Ornament

On the front window are individual wish ornaments for a child in our town. When you fill this “wish” of a child you will be providing a gift for a child living in a financially strained household. Suggested gift range is \$25-\$30. Please take an ornament tag. All gifts are to be dropped off by Dec. 7th to the Township Office. Thank you for your generosity.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Hi Everyone,

Last Sunday the Sr. High Youth Group had the pleasure of a guest speaker-Judy, a Hearing Interpreter from the Lemont High School. Using games and internet exercises, she helped us understand what it might be like to have a physical disability. She explained how she got became a hearing interpreter, helped us understand some of the challenges they face and advances made to help the deaf, and encouraged us to get involved and "do something." When meeting a deaf person, she explained that we should face them and talk clearly so that they may read our lips to help with understanding. We should be friendly, inclusive, and helpful, just as we would for any other person that we meet. Judy reminded us that we all face challenges in our lives, whether they are physical or emotional or spiritual; the key is to not let them hold us back. A challenge can only become a disability if we let it. Conversely, God has given each of us strengths and she encouraged us to use them; find your passion and make the most of it! This event fulfilled the Spirituality quadrant for Q-Quest.

Save the Date

Mark your calendar for our next SHYG event...

Event: Visit to Mooseheart

When: Sunday, December 13th,
4:30-8:30pm

Theme: Gifts

RSVP by December 4th



You are welcome to invite friends. RSVP is required so that we have enough drivers and can give Mooseheart a count to plan for food and activities. In addition to the lesson, dinner, games, and fellowship, they have offered to guide us through their Holiday Light Show. We always have a wonderful time with our friends at Mooseheart so plan to come and bring a friend. In the meantime, have a Happy Thanksgiving!
--Mrs. Peraino & Mrs. Kirkman

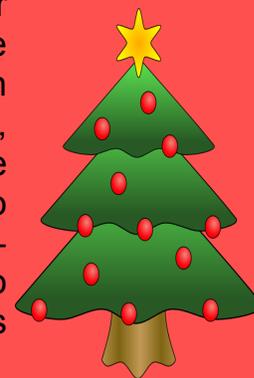
Ladies Christmas Tea

The ladies Christmas Tea will be held on December 12th at 2:00 pm at the home of Marge Fox. There is a sign up sheet in the church sanctuary. We hope all ladies will be able to attend.



Church Decorating

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on December 6th after the potluck. There will be cookie and church decorating, craft making, music, and fellowship. We welcome any youth who would like to play their instrument. Please plan to stay for the Christmas Story!



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

Madison Walter, in Belgium
*John Nelson, heart issues
*Rosalie Lind, eye surgery
*Marty Knott, dialysis
*Sue Gergesz, tendonitis
Herb Clark, pancreatic cancer
Jerry McElwee, cancer
Dick Arcus, recovering from surgery
Joe Lahey, stem cell surgery
Bob Bacigalupo, new kidney
Dan Sorensen, healing in family
DeMarkus Family
Joe Sigety, ALS
Shirley Chappell, health issues
Dick Cesaretti, intestine cancer
Alexandria Stojakov, brain tumor
Bob Billings, money problems
Luther Davis, cancer spread
Jodi Rigoni, breast cancer
Marty Rolin, cyst, nerve damage
Melissa Schuster, healing
Jim Kratochvil, lung cancer
*Bob Norfleet, cancer treatment
Patti Burk, breast cancer
Shirley Cerniuk, loss of sons
Dave Mlady, illness
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Dale Chappell, health issues
Uncle Bud, rehab
*Mike Cheehy, personal struggles
Jeff Freeman, cancer

Connor Kratochvil, second surgery
Lowry Family
Roberta Walbert, brain cancer
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Michelle Croft, lost her husband
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
Bruno Belmont, lung cancer
Janice Peters, viral infection
Esther Gores, home hospice
Florian Talos, Parkinson's
Tom & Paula, radiation & chemo
Hannelin Family
Fred Walker, continued healing
Marge Good, broken nose
*GleeAnn Kehr, torn ACL
Gerry, health issues
Charlie, parents going through separation
*Becky (Kennedy) Kocur, preeclampsia
Gia Shah, testing for ulcerative colitis
Judy Bramill, cancer

Joys:

The birth of Addison Grace Myers
*Cris Kerins, helping serve at Grandparents Day
All who helped set up for Grandparents Day
Successful Happy Hands Grandparents Day!
Baptism of Nora Allimae Hennebry
Birth of Abigail Rose Polo
Newborns, Birthdays,
Anniversaries, and Vacation

Important Dates in December

December 2-Daybreak Shelter
December 6-Potluck and
Church Decorating
December 9-Trustees Meeting
December 12-United Methodist
Men
December 19-Primetimers
December 20-Coffee Fellowship
December 24-Christmas Eve
Services
December 25-Merry Christmas

Coffee Fellowship December 20

Christine Miller
Sue Hinks
Judy Janovyak
GleeAnn Kehr
Shirley Stout
Kay Norfleet
Christy Brousseau
Denise Miglio



Coffee Fellowship

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 December 2015



AA MEETINGS

AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further Information please contact:

Pat at (815) 274-4244

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,
December 12
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



CHOIR

Junior Choir will be practicing on Tuesday's at 6:30. Adult Choir will be practicing on Tuesday's 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
December 19
12:00 p.m.**

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch at the church fellowship hall.

Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon.

If you have any questions, please call:

Juanita Fick
630-257-7639