

February 2017

The New Wine



Upcoming Services and Events

February 12

Boy Scout Sunday

February 19

Coffee Fellowship

February 26

*Loose Change for
'Easy Care Youth
Program'*

March 1

*Ash Wednesday
Service at 7pm
With imposition of
ashes*

March 5

*9:30 Combined
Service with
Brunch
'Heavenly Doors'
Play*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

I am grateful for the blessings God has given to our church in and through you for 2016. In December, Marty Knott, the finance committee chair anxiously shared with us that our December beginning balance of general fund was negative and pledge giving was behind unusually. However, we had a fruitful December that left me and our finance members speechless. According to Marty's finance report, we received exceedingly generous contributions in the general fund and in Christmas offerings. Praise God!!! Undoubtedly, your generosity and faithful commitment to the Lemont United Methodist Church has greatly enhanced our financial flexibility for 2017 and allowed us to fully pay our 2016 apportionment \$23,040.10 and all six Rainbow Covenant pledges.

Thank you so much for your extravagant generous supports for the local, regional, and global ministries and missions of The United Methodist Church! I would like to give special thanks to our finance folks, Marty Knott, Finance Committee Chair, Don Mueggenborg, Treasurer, Sue Hinks, Finance Secretary, Sharon Heslop and Wendy Myers, Bookkeepers, for their outstanding job all year long. Great job!!! With your supports and God's blessing, in 2017 we will continue to make our community and the world better place through making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

On February 12, we will recognize our Scout Troops and Mark Hueglermann, scoutmaster, will share the Scout ministries. As we enter into the season of Lent, we will start with Ash Wednesday Service on March 1, 2017, at 7 PM with the imposition of ashes. And also on March 5, our skit team and activity team will perform "Heavenly Door" during 9:30 AM combined service followed by brunch fellowship. Also, Lenten Study small groups on "Making Sense of the Bible" are coming. If you want to get connected to faith, please sign up. The sign-up sheet will be available in mid-February and the study will start in early March. I would like to invite you and your family to these special worship services and small group studies. As each of us grows, our church will grow. Come join us! May God bless you and give strength to be a witness and blessing to others.

P.S. I included our Bishop Sally Dyke's response to Executive Orders on Immigration. If you have any questions and reflections, please let me know.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

Bishop Sally Dyke's Statement on Executive Orders on Immigration

A Pastoral Letter to the Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Re: A Response to Executive Orders on Immigration

From: Bishop Sally Dyck, Resident Bishop of Northern Illinois Conference



Who is Our Neighbor?

What does the Bible say?

“Any immigrant who lives with you must be treated as if they were one of your citizens. You must love them as yourself, because you were immigrants in the land of Egypt; I am the Lord your God.” (Lev. 19:34, CEB)

What does the United Methodist Church say?

“We recognize, embrace, and affirm all persons, regardless of country of origin, as members of the family of God... We urge the Church and society to recognize the gifts, contributions, and struggles of those who are immigrants and to advocate for justice for all.” (Social Principles, par. 162H)

What does our country say?

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!
--Emma Lazarus' poem on the Statue of Liberty

What does the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church say?

“The very soul of our country is at stake. When we abandon strangers who are at risk of bigotry, xenophobia, and violence, we not only destroy their hope, we destroy our own souls... Christ calls us to tear down the walls around our souls that we might live fully and abundantly.”
--Bishop Bruce Ough, President of the Council of Bishops

But what do you say?

While I stand firmly within the traditions and values listed above on welcoming the immigrant, I understand that some United Methodists disagree with those principles and resolutions. Nevertheless, I call all of us to action:

- **Study what the scriptures say** about welcoming the immigrant. I recommend that you do so with the Common English Bible which translates words like “alien” or “foreigner” as “immigrant.”
www.relevantmagazine.com/god/what-bible-says-about-how-treatrefugees
- **Study the United Methodist Book of Resolutions** on immigration. (see below)
- **Have a conversation** with someone who disagrees with your opinion by telling the story of how your family came to the US (unless of course you are Native American and/or African American—these are other painful stories that reveal what happens when we don't regard our neighbor as ourselves).

- **Attend the Northern Illinois Annual Conference's Summit on "Who Is My Neighbor?" hosted by our Hispanic/Latinx leadership on April 22, 2017 at Schaumburg: Our Saviour's UMC.** More details to come. It will be an opportunity to learn more about immigration policies as well as our biblical and UM traditions, how to be supportive of immigrants (of all nationalities), what it means to be a sanctuary church, how Justice for Our Neighbors is helping, etc. Most of all, I hope it will be a time when we truly build relationships across our cultural divide.
- **Pray! Pray! Pray!** Pray for our President, our country, and the communities of immigrants who are uncertain and afraid.
- **Support Justice for Our Neighbors** with a monetary gift. Our two lawyers, Jenny Ansay and Megan Davis, are working diligently to provide free legal advice to people in critical situations.

I am providing a list of resources that you can access online to begin studying and talking with one another. As you do, I trust that the prayers of our people will begin to rise on behalf of our neighbors.

Keep the faith!
Bishop Sally Dyck

Online Resources:

Bishop Bruce Ough's Council of Bishops' statement on Trump immigration order: www.umc.org/news-and-media/bishop-ough-issues-statement-on-trump-immigrationorder

Welcoming the Migrant to the United States #3281, a resolution from 2016 General Conference: umc-gbcs.org/resolutions/welcoming-the-migrant-to-the-united-states

Resources from the United Methodist Church: www.umc.org/topics/topic-immigration

UMCOR resources: www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Programs/Refugees/Refugees

UMW Global Migration and Immigration Rights Resources: www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/what-we-do/service-and-advocacy/mission-focus-issues/global-migration

A message from Thomas G. Kemper, general secretary of the General Board of Global Ministries www.umcmmission.org/learn-about-us/news-and-stories/2017/january-/0127ministrywithmigrantsandrefugees

Follow this link for a video that shares how United Methodist Churches around Germany are welcoming refugees and migrants: umc-gbcs.org/faith-in-action/living-love

Follow this link for resources from the General Board of Church and Society regarding immigration: umc-gbcs.org/issues/immigration Some of the resources include small group study guides.

Since the November election, more than 800 places of worship nationwide vowed to shelter and protect immigrants in danger of separation from their families or being returned to countries they fled. Follow this link to learn more: www.umc.org/news-andmedia/united-methodist-churches-offer-sanctuary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 4—Loren Kirkman
February 7-Alberta Harden
February 7-Bill Curry
February 11-Jason Stood
February 14-Logan Hennebry
February 15-Matthew Hennebry
February 15-Leslie Ramos
February 15-Kittiya Laemmer
February 22-Dave Andersen
February 27-Judy Janovyak

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

February 16-Bill & Bettye Curry



SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Friendly Scrip Reminder.....

Scrip can be bought as a gift card, or as your own card to be used as cash wherever your favorite place to shop may be. You buy a card for \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 and YOU GET \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 to use as cash. The church automatically gets a percentage. The list of all participating merchants, restaurants, gas stations are in the back of the church. I now have Meijer, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Walgreens, Walmart/Sam's Club, Panera, Jewel, Bass Pro Shop, Home Depot, Buffalo Wild Wings, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Target, and Kohl's. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF YOU BUY A KOHL'S CARD YOU CAN USE IT TO PAY YOUR CHARGE! AND THE CHURCH GETS THE PROFIT! At this point no other card that I know of Yet allows you to do that. Scrip is the easiest *Ongoing* fundraiser to participate in. We all just have to get in the habit of buying those cards to keep on hand for things we purchase or place we go on a regular basis. As proceeds build up, they can be dispersed where our current need is. **We started the program 12/7/2015 and as of 12/27/2016 our profits are \$968.44!** So basically all our profits will be kept until a need arises and the money will be there!

Fundraising Shop

WHILE YOU

Shop



Scrip fundraising is a no-selling program that enables families to raise money for their non-profit organization (NPO). Scrip is just another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks, and credit cards.

You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

Customize this field with coordinator contact info, enrollment code, and/or sign-up information.

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OPEN PANTRY NEWS

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Open Pantry. Hours are on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00, this is light work and helpful to families that work during the day. The Open Pantry is in need of pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter, ravioli cans, and medium cans of fruit.



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 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.

SUPER BOWL PIZZAS

We are selling Super Bowl Pizzas for \$10! Your choices are listed on the order forms which are located in the back of the sanctuary. Pizzas will be delivered at church on Sunday, February 5th. Volunteers are needed to prepare the pizzas on February 5th at 8:30 A.M. Any profit will benefit the Red Bird Mission. Please call the church office to help.

Thank You!

Calling All Musicians

We are encouraging all musicians and singers who are interested in joining the Praise Band to contact Leslie, Bob, or Jana.

Come join us!



FUN OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a fun way to participate and serve our church? Then think about joining our Activities Committee. We will be planning activities that include everyone for the year. Some suggestions have been a talent show, a ladies luncheon, a game night, a campfire and movies. If you are interested, please contact Peg Pecher: (847-204-1747) or the church. Come help us make our church a joy filled church.



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

February 5
8:30-Sue Gergesz
10:45-Marge Fox

February 12
8:30- Bill Stelter
10:45-Tim Peraino

February 19
8:30- Jana Stelter
10:45-Vickie
Olinger

February 26
8:30-
10:45-Jodi Stood

When You Doubt By Richard H. Lee

On my way to breakfast this morning (Jan 17) I heard on the radio station WMBI someone talking about a new book on faith by a police officer. He was talking about the evidence of our faith, which includes the many miracles of Jesus here on earth. Then the author mentioned there was much more evidence after the resurrection that I had read recently found useful.

The Bible tells us in Luke's book of Acts first chapter that Jesus appeared and showed his disciples many more miracles and truths for forty days after the resurrection. Unfortunately we don't have much written about what that refers to but I'm sure these disciples had weak faith and doubts about what Christ taught them, even then. Then I remembered a verse in John's Gospel (14:9) where Christ told them, "Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father" or that Christ is divine and represents God's character and plan.

In one of those post-resurrection meetings with Christ he promised them, "In just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). That was necessary to give them certain faith and power for the ministry. Another illustration of the doubts of the disciples is in the story of Jesus walking on the water and coming to the fearful disciples in a storm. After calming the sea He said to them a famous saying, "O ye of little faith" from Matthew 8:26 (King James Version). So don't get too discouraged about having doubts for we are not greater than the disciples are we?



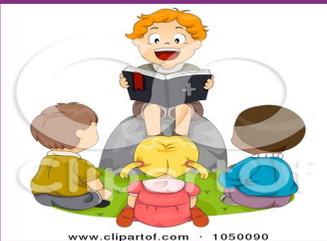
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Children's Message Schedule

Volunteer's Needed

Please contact the church office if you are interested.



Greeters

**February 5
8:30-Sue Hinks
10:45-Cliff Family**

**February 12
8:30-Sharon Heslop
10:45-Boy Scout Sunday**

**February 19
8:30-Kennedy Family
10:45-Peraino Family**

**February 26
8:30-George & Alice Lange
10:45-Anne Wesolowski & Zoe Jackson**

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For More information please contact the church office at (630)257-5210 or ministry leaders.

SMALL GROUPS

- Bible Study: TBA
- Prayer Meeting: TBA
- ALPHA: July 10th John Nelson 630-254-0867
- Methodist Essential: Bill Price 630-754-7667
- VBS: Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
- The Last Supper: Arlene Knott 708-301-2023
- Adult Sunday School: Richard Lee 630-257-7339
- Sr. High Youth: Karin Peraino 630-846-1415
- Jr. High Youth: Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
- Breakfast Club: K. Peraino 630-846-1415
- Jr. High Sunday School: K. Peraino 630-846-1415
- Children's Sunday Sch: K. Peraino 630-846-1415
- Prime Timers: Joyce Koon 630-257-6275
Joanne Goszczycki 630-257-6790
- Men's Group: Tony Ferrazzi 815-886-4177
- Couples: Tim and Karin Peraino 630-846-1415

MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR CHURCH

- Prayer Warrior: Pastor Oh 847-769-1125
- Care Bear: Alice Lange 815-838-5158
- Coffee Social: Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
- Script Fundraising: Marge Fox 630-243-8166
- CAPS: Cris Kerins 630-257-5660
- Audio and Visual: Jana Stelter 630-243-9122
- Handyman: Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
- Landscape Team: Bill Stelter 630-243-9122
- Hospitality Team: Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
- Widows Group: Richard Lee 630-257-7339
- Usher Team: Mark Olinger 815-838-0660
- Welcoming Team: Sue Hinks 630-257-6743
- Worship Choir: Sue Gergescz 815-483-7282
- Praise Band: TBA
- Junior Choir: Cris Kerins 630-257-5660
- Any Other Ministry You Would Like to Start

OUT-REACH MINISTRIES

- Pantry Workday: Debbie Chappell 815-836-0256
- Panera Bread: Debbie Chappell 815-836-0256
- Daybreak Shelter: Vickie Olinger 815-838-0660
- Worthy Treasures: Paulette Fries 815-838-6318
- ESL: Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699
- Red Bird: Steve Walter 630-783-1621
- **Any Other Ministry You Would Like To Start**

Stewardship Minute

Marty Knott
Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

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.

“We Did It!”

Yes, the General Fund received some big contributions in December and on Christmas and it will start the new year off with a good balance of \$32,421. Please keep up your contributions to this important church fund as it pays salaries, utilities, church and office expenses, and our world-wide Christian outreach.

The Capital Repair Fund is also starting a new year and will need your contributions to pay off the member loans made to finance much of the church work and upgrades.

One of my tasks at this time of year is to prepare an annual summary report for the Administrative Council showing the year-long activity of all of the church funds. It always amazes me to learn that our church disburses over a quarter of a million dollars to pay its bills and to do Christian outreach!

And here is another amazing fact – of this total, over 15% of that total is Christian outreach. This includes our conference apportionments, the many special offerings, funds to help Open Pantry families, and our semi-annual Red Bird Mission outreach. And, don't forget that this outreach does not include the food donated by us to the Open Pantry or the dinners prepared and served monthly at the Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet.

So, keep up the good work in 2017 thou good and faithful servants!

General Fund beginning balance: (negative) \$1,292

Receipts: \$48,531

Expenses: \$14,534

Ending balance: \$32,705

Maintenance Fund balance: \$53,306

FEBRUARY 2017

RAINBOW COVENANT

By Karin Peraino

February Loose Change Sunday (2/26/17)

Today is “Loose Change Sunday.” All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant charities. For February, we are highlighting the **blue band charity, “Easy Care Youth Program”**. The philosophy of this program is to provide a safe, structured and supervised environment for Blackhawk Middle School students whose parent/guardian is not able to be home with them during the after school hours. The program will allow working parents the opportunity to enroll their youth in a quality program instead of worrying about their welfare. Please place your loose change in the offering plate today to help with their ministry. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write “Easy Care Youth Program” on a pew envelope. This year’s Rainbow Covenant charities have been selected by the Sr. High Youth Group. Thank you for your support of these special ministries.

Remembering Ellen Davey

Ellen Marie Davey (nee Hurtgen), 95, a longtime resident of DuPage County, died on Jan. 25, 2017. She was a member of Lemont United Methodist church. She is survived by her children, Jo Ellen Davey Cohen (Michael Henry Cohen), Gregory Wayne Davey, Susan Davey DeGuzman (Armando DeGuzman) and Bruce Wesley Davey; her three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three siblings; her niece, Eileen Semph; and many other nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Wesley Davey; and her parents, Albert James Hurtgen and Sarah Amanda Hurtgen (nee Sabby).



Services and interment were held at Bronswood Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Drechsler Brown & Williams Funeral Home.

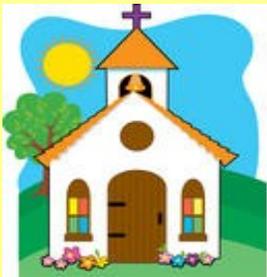
If you would like to send a sympathy card to the family the address is:
Susan DeGuzman 525 W. Hawthorne Chicago, IL 60657
we, as a church will be celebrating her life and resurrection during our 10:45 AM
worship service at a later date. We will keep you posted. Thank You.

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

February 2017 Book Reviews

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.



ESL Tutoring

Kay Norfleet has graciously offered to teach English as a second language to anyone in need.

If you are interested, you can contact her at 630-257-6699.

Place your faith in who God is. Have a relationship with him. Know that He is the one in charge of your life (you're not, although you need to plan within His goals.) Manny Mills book on "Radical Prayer" reminds us of the concept of putting our trust in God. According to the book's contents, prayer should be persistent and in line with God's purposes (which hopefully you have learned from your experiences as a Christian-- allowing love of others and Him to be the main themes.) Then you must act out your LOVE. God says that's most important...to love Him and others. Praise Him always. Thank Him for whatever He gives you or allows you to do. (I don't think this is brown-nosing, but only doing what we should realize is most important.)

The second book, a non-fiction, listening to God- the same topic that the Pastor has been preaching on lately, is "Knowing God's Voice" by Kenneth Ulmer. The theme of the book is knowing how to listen and RECOGNIZING God's voice. That means that after we pray or commune with God, the One in Control, we must listen to understand what His replies are. We must allow time to meditate, hopefully in a quiet place. And FOCUS! You have to have a relationship with Christ and ask for forgiveness of past hurts, sins, then try not to repeat those. Pray, and wait for a reply. Realize that God's timing is not always instantaneous, as you would probably like, but His timing is always perfect. He may not respond immediately, but He will speak. Know God and His answers to your situation are only possible IF you have a relationship with Him. Believe that He will answer if you are asking something in line with His teaching. All this and more relate to your part in the relationship. (Warning: Don't put God in a box, realize that He will always know your thinking, but your knowledge of Him will be incomplete.) (I've heard that in certain churches, I think in Canada, the sermon is given then a quiet time follows to think about what the sermon means. Not a bad idea.)

Carol Walter again gave the library a book: "Sarah" the wife of Abram. A bit of historical fiction. Sarah existed, that part is true, but the writer filled in the details between the historical events we know took place. Sarah (Sarai) did her own thing until she married Abram and changed history. (God has a way of taking those who seem unfit and turning them to His purpose). (Actually Abram was sort of a rebel, too.) But back to Sarah. as the wife of Abram, unable to conceive, Sarah suffered with Hagar's presence, (Hagar was sort of a surrogate, and you know the story.) Sarai went through all sorts of tribulations always petitioning the Supreme Being she knew, but finally realized that Abrams' God was the one she should appeal to. He answered her.

"The Drop Box", a DVD, is a bit of information about how other countries are alleviating the abandoned baby problem. We here in our mostly Caucasian southwestern suburb of Chicago do not have direct knowledge of this-yet some other places do. This shows another place. The head of the program there, and those involved in several other places, realize that God put the babies on earth for a purpose and are trying to help that purpose along. They find that their helping is benefitting to them and others. Would that we had several people who felt that way. (However we do have some involved with the Right to Life. Also now several sites, like the fire departments in some cities, will accept the unwanted child with no questions asked. There is an argument that providing somewhere for new mothers to leave their children promotes promiscuity, well maybe it does, but then what would happen if...?) "The 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade decision (is near)...when a small life is snuffed out. We lose children who might have become pianists, medical researchers, farmers, soldiers, artists, and moms and dads themselves." Children God put on earth for a purpose. Or just children whose lives, no matter how deformed their bodies are might encourage us to further developments. Perhaps we become more thoughtful, more giving, or maybe find a cure for them, or future them. They glorify the Lord. Think of the boy, in the DVD, who said he wanted to carry on his dad's work. A CD audio book of "The Hiding Place" is now available. Certainly by now you're aware of the two ten Bloom sisters in Nazi-occupied Holland who hid Jewish people during WW II. Their unselfish acts were finally revealed by the Nazis, and the sisters were sent away to a concentration camp. Even there they had their hiding place. (I'll never forget the anecdote told about Corrie ten Bloom after the war. She was at a large gathering of some kind, and realized that also at that gathering was a man who had been a guard at the concentration camp where she was housed. She went over to him and introduced herself and explained her situation. Then to his amazement, she forgave him. Wow! He was one who had not only guarded her in the camp, but who had given her and her sister such a hard time. ((Her sister had died there.))



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Beggorrah It's the.....Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade

Saturday, March 4 @ 1:00 p.m.

12:30 line-up at Lemont Safety Village (55 Stephen Street)

Irish families of all nationalities are invited to march or just come out and have fun!

Parade route: South on Stephen Street to Main Street, west to the VFW Hall at 15780 New Avenue

Sponsored by the Village of Lemont



For additional information: 630-243-2700



The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.

Mother Teresa

Share the
love of Christ
on Valentine's Day.

Thank You From Our College Students

Dear Lemont Church Family,

Thank you so much for the \$1,500.00 scholarship that you awarded me. I truly am thankful for your support and guidance. I know with this money I can really achieve my goal on becoming an adoption social worker. I hope that you all know that your support has helped me grow closer in God and in my church family. If there is anything that I can help you with in the future, please feel free to ask me! Keep doing the great work and spreading the love of Christ to others!

Sincerely,

Yaso Laemmer



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Hi Everyone,

Here's a quick recap of our last Sr. High Youth Group Event. Thanks to all who were able to attend!

Our lesson was titled, "Blasting Barriers," and we discussed how to knock down the apparently impenetrable barriers in our lives and achieve our goals. Using famous role models like the Wright brothers, Jackie Robinson, Roger Bannister, John F. Kennedy, and Sandra Day O'Connor, we realized that sometimes the "barriers" are just a state of mind. If you have a worthwhile, God-given goal, and you are determined to succeed, you can! As Thomas Edison said when he was trying to develop the long-lasting light bulb, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that don't work!" The keys to accomplishing an "impossible task" are to make sure it's God's will (pray), have a positive attitude, work hard, don't give up, learn from your mistakes, and rely on God's support and guidance (again, pray). Prayer is an important element in this equation. The bible tells us, "There is one thing we can be sure of when we come to God in prayer. If we ask anything in keeping with what He wants, He hears us. If we know that God hears what we ask for, we know that we have it." ~1 John 5, 14-15

After our lesson and a dinner of pizza, we headed to Strike and Spare 2 for a little crazy bowling and a little regular bowling. We learned that Pastor Oh is a master bowler and Mihash has the crazy down! Mostly, everyone had a lot of fun ... knocking down pins and blasting barriers! Pictures are attached (a second email will follow with more).

Mark your calendars for our next SHYG even on Sunday, February 26th.

In the meantime, may God guide and encourage you!

--Mrs. Peraino & Mrs. Kirkman



Combined Service and Brunch, Sunday, March 5th

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 5th. As we head into Spring, we will fellowship together at our Brunch. On the 5th we will have only one service starting 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.

HAPPY HANDS METHODIST PRESCHOOL Annual Fashion Show

It is nearly time for the Happy Hands annual fashion show! This is their biggest fundraiser of the year. Donations are being accepted for their silent auction and raffle. Examples are: gift cards, products for gift baskets, and gift certificates for services. This is a great way to help our school and obtain recognition for any business. You may also include a business card or advertisement for an additional \$20.00 donation. Ads and donations are needed by February 3, 2017. Proceeds from last years fashion show enabled Happy Hands to purchase a welcoming entryway sign. This years fashion show will be held during the school days of Thursday, February 23rd and Friday, February 24th. The children will be modeling the clothes from "Seasons of the Year". Proceeds will be used to update our classrooms, keeping toys fresh and enticing for the children. To arrange a donation or program ad please contact Karin Peraino, Happy Hands Director, at 630-257-3112.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES: Ages pre/k-5/6
JUNIOR HIGH: Grades 6th—8th
BREAKFAST CLUB: High School freshman-senior
ADULT CLASSES: In the Conference Room
Please come join us! All are welcome!



Lenten Bible Study

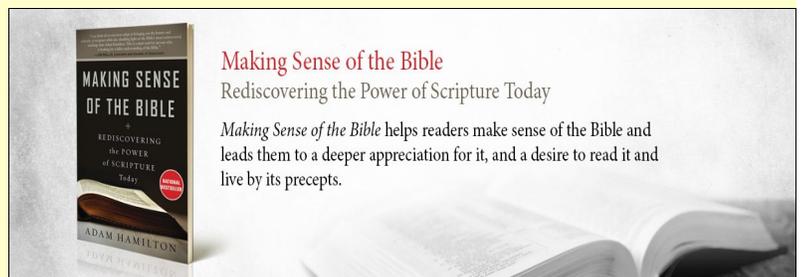
“Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn’t about a particular social issue, but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world’s bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country’s leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to “keep silent in the church?” Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving.”

Please join this study in the coming Lenten season. If you want to lead or host one in your home or participate, please contact at the church office. The copies of the book will be available in the office at \$ 8.00 as well as a sign up sheet.

Making Sense of the Bible– Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today

1. Making Sense of the Old Testament
2. Making Sense of the New Testament
3. Questions about the Nature of Scripture
4. The Bible and Science
5. Violence, Suffering, and Other Troubling Issues
6. Wrestling with Issues of Sexuality and Relationships



Making Sense of the Bible

Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today

Making Sense of the Bible helps readers make sense of the Bible and leads them to a deeper appreciation for it, and a desire to read it and live by its precepts.

Come join our Lenten Bible Study

Group 1—Date: March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 5 & 12
Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
led by Pastor Oh

Group 2—Date: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9
Every Sunday at 9:30 AM led by Richard Lee

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:

Roger Malak, intensive care
Jim Sebastian, jaw cancer
Mickey Dorencz, pancreatitis
*Kexia, possible residency in Indianapolis
Cindy Hudon, cancer, chemotherapy
*Debbie Belander, mastectomy postponed
*Dale Janssen, recovering from elbow surgery
*Bill & Mary Jane Sykes, health & strength
*Bill Curry, chemotherapy
Betty's family, strength
Bonnie, MS, lost her son
Mike Pasiak, cancer
Sandy, testing for cancer
Nancy Rose, surgery
Colleen Andrew, cancer treatment
Beverly Scholtes, stage four gallbladder cancer
Amber Neitzel, awaiting foot amputation
*Bobbie Legan, chemotherapy
Anderson family health issues
*Mary Ende, chemotherapy
Jean Heney, pancreatic cancer/chemotherapy
Ken, rehabilitation
Ashley & Brian, difficult pregnancy
Sandy Lauer, severe back pain
Dana Patterson, MS and brain tumor
Mason Patterson, surgery
Judy Olinger, lymphoma
Anna Palmer, brain tumor surgery
Ken, bone cancer
Dave & Julie, neurologist testing & support
Sandra, auto immune disease
Margaret Nielsen, fell/broke bones in wrist

Jamie Davis, successful surgery
Frank, knee replacement
Kyle Kohler, non-hodgkin's lymphoma
*Sheila Farrer, surgery
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis/testing
Lou Gunder, lymphoma
Paulette (Varnon), early onset alzheimer's & dementia
Ellie Cuiching, clinical trial for cancer
*Virginia, new adjustments
Jim & Linda, hospital and dementia
Lois, stage 3 cancer
Marilyn Troyer, breast cancer
Suzanne Moake, breast cancer
Barbara Reynolds, stent
Christine, double mastectomy on August 10th
Kathy, cancer
Sally, fighting lung cancer/husband for support
Mary Daum, cancer spreading
Angie Neitzel, two valve replacements, infection
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
Sandie Koelbel, lung and bone cancer, chemo
Suebea Wright, cancer
MaryLou, peace and strength
Ken Mackey, ALS testing
Mary, cancer spread
Kay, cancer
Brian, fighting alcoholism
Margie, heart issues
Tom Ligman, pacemaker
Sally, congenital heart failure, insurance
Mason Walters, 10 yrs old, brain cancer
Maureen Robinson, serious health issues
LeeAnn Rolph, hemorrhage in brain

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Blessings for the New Year!
*George Lange helping with
Panera Bread pickup
*Senior High Youth Group
Bowling Outing
*Yaso Laemmer's wonderful
Children's Message!
The birth of Leon Craig
Randall (Baxter)
Everyone who helps with
Daybreak Shelter!

Coffee Fellowship February 19

Marge Fox
Sue Tasker
Mary Ende
Lynne Vavra
Dottie McAdams
Juanita Hill
Joanne Goszczycki
Pat Farrer



Expanding Care Bear ers Ministry

Please let Pastor Oh know if you
if are "home bound" or need a visit for
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 :
Church: 630-257-5210

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

Return Service Requested

NEW WINE February 2017

The Hindu Clinic

The Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago has offered the use of their clinic to anyone in need of medical help. The clinic is open the first Sunday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Their address is 10915 Lemont Road, Lemont and their phone number is 630-972-0300.

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**

WEBSITE

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

United Methodist Men



Saturday February 11

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.



For those of you that might not be aware, we DO have a FB page. Please try and visit it regularly. As time goes on we will be posting more and more.

There are actually 3 FB pages that were started, but the one you should be using has a picture of the sanctuary on it.

I am one of the Admin's so bear with me while I get used to my new role. I will do my best but do not know all the rules and settings so be patient :)

Marge Fox

Primetimers



Saturday February 18 1:00 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