



**Upcoming
Services and
Events**

December 1st

9:30 Combined
Service
Scholarship
Sunday

December 8th

8:30 Traditional
Service
10:45 Blended
Worship
Jr. Choir Christ-
mas Program

December 15th

8:30 Traditional
Service
9:30 Sunday
School Pancake
Breakfast
10:45 Blended
Worship
Coffee Fellowship

December 22nd

8:30 Traditional
Service
10:45 Blended
Worship
Loose Change
Sunday

December 24th

4:00 Family
Service
8:00 Candlelight
Service

December 29th

8:30 Traditional
Service
10:45 Blended
Worship

Dear Members of Lemont United Methodist Church

No one knows when Jesus was born. December 25th was chosen not because someone had a copy of Jesus' birth certificate, but because, as the early church pondered when to celebrate Jesus' birth, the winter solstice seemed the perfect time. I believe they chose this date because on this night the heavens themselves seemed to tell the Christmas story. Under the old Julian calendar, the winter solstice was set as December 25th. The Gregorian calendar we now use has the winter solstice occurring in the Northern Hemisphere on December 21/22, but this calendar was not adopted until the 1500s. At the winter solstice, the world seems to change. Up to that day, the nights have been growing longer and the days shorter. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." When better to celebrate the one who himself was light, who defeated the darkness, than on the winter solstice!

In the Bible, light is a metaphor for several things and is always understood over and against darkness. Sometimes, darkness is synonymous with spiritual blindness or a failure to understand what it means to be human. Sometimes, darkness refers to evil. Jesus came to dispel the darkness and the light for us and for the world. Yet, we cannot appreciate the light until we recognize the darkness. This year, we have seen darkness in the act of violence in schools and a community square. We have seen it in Hurricane Dorian that swept away Bahamas and the wildfire in the West that destroyed the well established communities and killed people. We have seen it in the poverty, violence, drought, corruption, suffering of immigrants and refugees, and human trafficking in many places and countries. We have seen the darkness when some of our church members received frightening cancer diagnosis. Some of us have walked through the valley of darkness when our loved ones died. Some of us have experienced it when losing our ways.

The Good news is Jesus is the light that can guide us and help us see the way by the things he taught and by what he showed us in the example of his life. We, at times, love the darkness rather than light. But the darkness could not overcome Christ's light. Jesus will be at our side, granting us courage in the face of life's adversities and remaining with us even through death, drawing us into new life. When we walk in the light of Christ, when we listen to, hear, and accept God's Word, and believe in Jesus, we have light, life, and hope. God came to us in Jesus Christ to dispel the darkness with his light. Jesus came to show us that God is, that God loves, and that hate, evil, illnesses, and even death will not ultimately prevail. The birth, life, ministry, crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus are the evidence that the darkness did not overcome the light. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world!" He also said, "You are the light of the world. "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

Christmas is God's gift to us, a gift of light and life, hope and grace. The gift is a reflection of God's concern for the world, and God's desire to heal it and drive away its darkness. God wants to do it in and through us. We must bear Christ's light into the world by our love, expressed through works of mercy and justice.

This year, you have been pushing back the darkness out locally, regionally, and globally through your generous donations to Bishop's Appeal to Youth Ministry and Farmers, Ellie Cuiching, Emma and Jacob's college fund, the people in Bahamas, the global missionaries, Open Pantry, Day Break Shelter, Care Bearer Ministry, scrip card fundraiser, Happy Hands, giving tree tags, college students, Praise Band, Good Samaritan Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, memorial fund, endowment fund, Rainbow Covenant Bands, full apportionment, general fund, maintenance fund, and capital fund. To name many more. You have been bearing the light, walking in the light, and taking the light into our community, and the world. Thank you so much for all you have done!!!

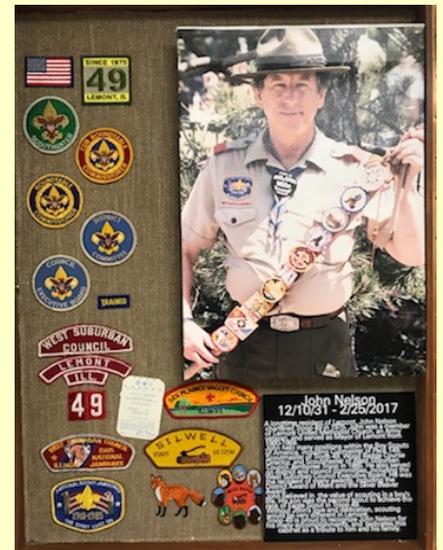
God invites all of us to continue to dispel the darkness of this world through our ministries and missions until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at heavenly banquet. In the meantime, everyday we have to decide whether we are going to walk in the darkness or walk in the light pushing back the darkness in our life and others. Dear brothers and sisters, let us choose to shine Christ's light by our good works, to push back the darkness of both evil and hopelessness through our work of generosity, mercy, love, and justice. May God's gift of light shine within you and others.

With Christ' bright shining Light,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

JOHN NELSON SCOUT MEMORIAL

Thank you to everyone who attended the Scout Memorial for John Nelson on November 24th.

It was a wonderful celebration for us all to remember what John contributed to the Scouts, LUMC, and the community.





CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24th

4:00 p.m. Family Service
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Please join us in celebrating the Lord's birth.

Combined Service

December 1st is our 9:30 a.m. combined service. It is a special service where we will be distributing the college scholarship funds to our students. Please join us to celebrate them.

After the service, we will be serving pizza and cake in the back of the sanctuary instead of going downstairs for a potluck. In order for us to have a proper count for the pizza order, we need you to sign up on the sheet at the back of the sanctuary. For those who would like to, we are collecting a donation of \$5 toward the purchase of the pizza. There is a Red box with a Gold bow on the round table at the back of the sanctuary next to the sign up sheet. Please sign up on the sheet, and if you can, drop some money in the red box. We will collect it to use toward the purchase. There are only two Sundays left so please don't forget to sign up.

Thanks again and we hope to see you all there to support our college students before they hurry back to campus for finals week!

Worship Committee



Scrip Checks

If you purchase Scrip cards please put your check in the red box located at the back of the sanctuary.

Thank You





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**Episcopal Address at Special Session of NIC
Kishwaukee College
Malta, IL
November 16, 2019**

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. In so far as it depends on you, live peaceable with each other. Romans 12:5, 18

As we gather for this special Annual Conference session, I want to take the opportunity to express a few thoughts about where we are as the UMC in light of the Traditional Plan which is to go into affect January 1. To say that many clergy—LGBTQ and straight as well as concerned and allied laity—are very anxious is to understate the situation.

The Traditional Plan imposes severe and very punitive action against clergy who are LGBTQ and/or performing same-gender weddings. I want to say, as I have before, that the Traditional Plan is untenable for many of us and specifically for this Annual Conference. We have incredibly gifted clergy who serve with us who are LGBTQ. In fact, I would like for you to express your love and appreciation for our LGBTQ clergy at this time.

Colleagues who are LGBTQ: we see you, we love you, and our hearts break at the damage that the church is doing in forcing shame, isolation, silence, and fear in your lives right now. How can a church that is based in grace do this in the name of Jesus Christ? As I said, the Traditional Plan is untenable and we cannot live “as usual” into it.

Let me be clear. I will not facilitate or move on toward trial complaints against LGBTQ clergy or clergy who perform same-gender weddings. I joined the UMC years ago because it welcomed and provided space for someone like me to be in ministry. How could I deny a welcome to belong and fully serve Christ and the church to someone else? This is my heart and has been for decades as I have been a pastor in a local church—the first RMN church in East Ohio—a district superintendent and a bishop.

In addition to this being my heart, it's important to remind you how you have directed me as the bishop of NIC. In June 2019, the Annual Conference voted overwhelmingly, without any or minimal debate, on legislation that the Northern Illinois Conference...

- a. *Will “allow no funds or monies (either directly through payments or indirectly through the time of employees of the Conference) to be expended in legal fees for the purpose of background investigations, complaints, just resolutions, or clergy trials pertaining to LGBTQIA+ ordination and officiating same sex marriages or unions.”*

Let me add, you need to know that refusing funds isn't a small matter; a church trial costs between \$50,000 and \$100,000. It's a fiduciary responsibility to avoid trials in addition to conscience.



b. Directed "Our Bishop in Residence to limit complaints and trials against clergy persons (unless they specifically request such) for the accusations of being a self-avowed practicing homosexual or officiating same sex marriages or unions," and

c. Urged the Resident Bishop to "only pursue trial for clergy that perform same sex weddings or self avowal at the request of the clergy person."

These were actions that you took to instruct me as the bishop. But I want to remind you that you also took actions that instruct you as well.

d. Called upon "the clergy and lay persons of the Northern Illinois Conference to refrain from bringing complaints upon those in our connection for the accusations of being self-avowed practicing homosexual or officiating same sex marriages or unions."

e. In a straw poll, you voted overwhelmingly against the Traditional Plan (84.8%) and with the desire that the church allow for both traditionalists and full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in ministry.

You voted to be a fully inclusive church that includes people who don't think or believe like you, but you will live together as one. The heart of this Conference is to give space for persons who are fulfilling their calling and their pastoral ministry (to do weddings) as well as to insure space for those who won't do a wedding.

These are important actions that you took to direct me and you as a Annual Conference as we come to exist under the Traditional Plan. I take them very seriously and will insist that you take them seriously as well.

Furthermore, the NIC has declared itself a Reconciling Conference since 1986 in spite of the fact that it was ruled out of order by the Judicial Council. This has defined who we are as an Annual Conference even as I know not everyone agrees. At the June session, you reaffirmed this commitment to inclusion as a Reconciling Conference.

In addition, the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOOM) has stated since 2016 that they will not ask about a candidate's sexual orientation for commissioning or ordination but will recommend to the clergy session only those candidates which they affirm as fit for ministry. The clergy session has followed suit in terms of approving candidates coming to them from the BOOM. And, to be clear, I will commission and ordain whomever the clergy session approves.

You've heard my heart, and have been reminded of your directions for me and for yourself as an Annual Conference. But at recent meeting of the majority of North Central Jurisdiction (NCJ) delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference, it was declared among other things "*we call NCJ laity, clergy, Annual Conferences and bishops to covenant to a moratorium on complaints, charges and trials related to officiating same gender wedding and LGBTQIA+ identity and credentialing.*" This statement passed with an 80% support of the delegates from our jurisdiction.

I recognize that not everyone agrees with these decisions on the part of the Annual Conference, the BOOM, the majority of the jurisdictional delegates or me as the bishop. But our history and culture is one of inclusion, not exclusion; grace and not judgment.

Let me remind you what a complaint is meant to do. The word gets thrown around and few know what it really entails. Complaints are meant to address harm. Every Annual Conference in the connection who has brought a clergy person to trial for being LGBTQ or doing a same-gender wedding has lived with the after affects of harm for years to come. One only needs to think about the trial of Rev. Greg Dell in 1999 in this Conference and the hurt, anger and division continues to this day.



This Annual Conference has lived together in its diversity of conviction about LGBTQ persons and same-gender weddings for many years. Therefore, the greater harm to individuals as well as the Annual Conference itself is to bring someone under complaint and potentially to trial. It goes against the spirit and the will of this Annual Conference as evidenced in the legislation you have approved overwhelmingly. The only reason I can see that would motivate someone to now bring complaints against clergy for same-gender weddings and/or being LGBTQIA+ under the Traditional Plan, as it takes affect January 1, 2020, is to be spiteful and mean-spirited; it is to do harm.

Since we don't know what will happen at General Conference 2020 (GC20), we need to allow everyone to get through it in good standing rather than jeopardize our brothers and sisters as we approach yet another critical milestone in what it means to be the church. *"In so far as it depends on you, live peaceable with each other."* (Romans 12:18)

The NIC Exploration Team has shared their draft statement that includes being clear and building consensus about who we are and what our values are as an Annual Conference. This is for the purpose of knowing how to proceed immediately after GC20 if the Traditional Plan is not relaxed or repealed. As an Annual Conference, we may need to affiliate with other Annual Conferences and local churches who also cannot live in The United Methodist Church under the Traditional Plan.

Some of you, some bigger, stronger local churches, are already contemplating disaffiliating with the denomination. I would strongly encourage you to keep this Annual Conference strong. There are smaller, less financially strong local churches who don't want to live under the Traditional Plan, too; they need you and frankly you need them in all the places where we have a UM witness. We are better together than separated or even shattered. Let's work for affiliation with others who want an inclusive church rather than jeopardize the witness of the whole.

Right now in the UMC it feels like there's not a lot we can do to know or determine the future of the denomination. What's important in a time of uncertainty about the future is to do what we can see to do now. What we can do now is to make sure our local churches and our Annual Conference are as strong as possible. This is not a time to hold back—financially or otherwise.

In a time of uncertainty, sometimes it feels like the one thing we have control over is money, using it as leverage or even a stick. We'll vote on a budget today. Whatever you say and however you vote, let your speech and your vote strengthen our Annual Conference. Do no harm; do good.

I know that not all of you agree with who this Annual Conference and I have clearly said we are. But you too included and loved. We are better together even in our differences when we allow those differences to be portals of the gospel, reaching out to different kinds of people who need the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

When you find yourselves as clergy and laity in different positions, go deeper into a conversation with a sister or brother so as to seek to understand as much as you seek to be understood. When one is suffering or weeping from the burden of this disagreement, we weep together; but when one is rejoicing in being who God has created them to be—actually each and everyone of us—we rejoice together.

My heart is where this Annual Conference has repeatedly stated that it is. But more than my heart, it's important that you recognize and support what the heart of this Conference has been from the 1980's at least. The heart of this Conference is what will endure into the future with your next bishop...and that holds a future with hope.


Bishop Sally Dyck

Congratulations to Linda Kennedy

On Wednesday November 29th Linda Kennedy was honored as “Lemont’s Best” private school educator. Congratulations Linda! We are so proud to have you as a Happy Hands teacher and a member of Lemont United Methodist Church!



Thank you for your pledge cards for 2020!

We will keep you updated in January’s newsletter with the results of the 2020 pledges.

Thanks be to God for my Lemont Methodist Church family. I am so thankful for all your prayers and concerns.. I know your support has helped so much in my surgery and healing. Thanks also for all the rides, food, cards, calls, and all you’ve done for me. I am so grateful for all of you. To God be the glory!

In His Care and Love,
Bev



AURORA DISTRICT



ADVENT COMMUNION SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 7th 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM

UMC of New Lenox
339 Haven Ave.
New Lenox, IL 60451
Hosted by the Men of New Lenox

Come celebrate a Worship and Communion Service with our brothers from across the District and bring your pastor.

Breakfast will be served at 8:30 followed by a presentation on projects units can do to serve their communities. A short District UM-Men meeting will follow and conclude with a Worship Service lead by Rev. Matthew Krings, Associate Pastor at UMC of New Lenox.

Please RSVP to Bob Bruozas at (708) 429-9151 or e-mail rjb9151@sbcglobal.net or UMC of New Lenox church office at (815) 485-8271 or e-mail office@umcnl.com by 12/5/19 to let them know how many men from your church will be there for breakfast.

Directions and Website: [http:// umcnl.com/](http://umcnl.com/)

HOLIDAY SCRIP CARDS

Marge now has \$5 Starbucks and Panera cards available. In addition we have extra \$10 Jewel cards. Get yours while they last. 1 or 2 more orders will go into Scrip in time for Christmas, the date is TBD so be ready!

An updated list was put on the back table for your convenience.

Thank You~



Lemont Township “Giving Tree” Program

If you are able, please take a tag from the foyer. Suggested gift selections are listed on the tag or choose an age appropriate gift. Gift cards for teens are great! Suggested gift amount is \$25-\$30 per tag. Please have the present wrapped and return to the Lemont Township Office no later than December 12th. All children participating are from families utilizing the Lemont Open Pantries.

**Thank you so much for your
kindness and generosity.**



HAPPY HANDS

Happy Hands celebrated Grandparents Day on
November 25th and 26th.

Thank you to all who helped make it a success!



Loose Change Sunday & Rainbow Covenant

December 2019 Rainbow Covenant

In addition to our annual apportionment, LUMC makes monetary donations through the Rainbow Covenant in order to support specific causes. All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant. Each month we highlight a charity from one of the bands of the Rainbow Covenant. For December, we are reviewing the Rainbow Covenant bands from this year.

February– Blue Band: Empowering North Korean refugees

March– Yellow Band: Tree of Life Ministry, Pierre South Dakota

April– Purple Band: missionary, Betty Tshala in Zambia

May—Bishop's Appeal

June– Green Band: North Central College Albright-Wesley Society

August– Blue Band: Morning Star Mission

September– Yellow Band: Caretakers of God's Creation

October– Orange Band: UMCOR--Undesignated

November– Red Band: Grace Children's Hospital and Pediatric Clinic

December – recap of all charities

Your gifts help all of these different charities. So please bring in plenty of change on December 22nd (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. 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 throughout the year for these special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Native American Message

Lorraine Gerhart, daughter of Pastor Coats from the 1920's, will be speaking on December 10th at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. The title of her message is "Our Lost Heritage."

Please contact Richard Lee if need transportation.

Upcoming Worship Services & Events

December 1st-Combined 9:30 a.m. service/Scholarship Sunday

December 4th-Daybreak Shelter 6:00 p.m.

December 8th-Junior Choir Christmas Program

December 14th-United Methodist Men 8:00 a.m.

December 15th-Sunday School Pancake Breakfast/Coffee Fellowship

December 21st-Primetimers 12:00 p.m.

December 22nd-Loose Change Sunday/**No** Youth Sunday School

December 24th-Family Service 4:00 p.m./Candlelight Service 8:00 p.m.

December 25th-Merry Christmas!

December 29th-**NO** Youth Sunday School

Seen this and had to share!!!! No words needed, just sit and think about it! She doesn't know it's a statue, or the story of Christ. She just sees suffering and wants to help! Why can't we be like this child ?????



Poinsettia Orders

Let us fill our Sanctuary with flowers this Christmas in celebration of our Lord and of all that he has given us. Remember that special person or occasion in your life by ordering a Christmas poinsettia. A list of those remembered or honored will be listed in the Christmas bulletin, and the poinsettias may be taken home following the 10:45 a.m. January 5th service. Orders are due on December 8th. Please put your order form and money, \$15.00 each, made out to LUMC in the large envelope on the back table.



SHYG

The Senior High Youth Group made 50 cookie kits on November 24th for the open pantry. Thank you David, Sydney, Molly, Audrey and Mihash!
Next meeting will be in January 2020.



Did you know this? The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ. -Two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments. -Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love. -The four calling birds are the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John. -The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of ...the Old Testament. -The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation..... -Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy. -The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes. -Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. -The ten lords a-leaping are the ten commandments. -The eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples. -The twelve drummers drumming symbolizes the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed. So there is your history for today. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!** ♡ yes, I said **MERRY CHRISTmas** because Christmas is not without **CHRIST!**

Thank you Bob for your 40 years of Service!!!



Thank you, Praise Band, for your music ministry!

Support UMC Global Missionaries



Rev. Woo, Kyeong-Ah Advance #3022319

Serving At: World Council of Churches

Home Country: United States of America, North America

The Rev. Kyeong-Ah Woo is a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries serving as Coordinator of the World Mission and Evangelism (CWME) of the World Council of Churches. She is based in Geneva, Switzerland and was commissioned in the June of 2017.

The CWME is one of the most broadly inclusive ecumenical organizations, comprised not only of representatives of the Protestant and Eastern Orthodox member of the World Council of Churches but also of persons from the Roman Catholic Church and Pentecostal and Evangelical traditions. Global Ministries is an active participation in the commission. The CWME plans a major World Mission Conference in 2018, and the organization of that event is a responsibility of Kyeong-Ah.

Kyeong-Ah is an ordained elder of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference. She came to the United States in the mid-1990s and served as a US-2 missionary. She received her bachelor's degree from Lambuth University, Jackson, Tennessee, and the Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois. She served as the solo pastor of East Jordan UMC, as an associate pastor in Glen Ellyn and as the lead pastor of the Burlington United Methodist Church, ILL, and of First United Methodist Church, Kirkland, IL. Kyeong-Ah is married to the Rev. Dr. Jin Yang



Rev. Kim, Jin Yang Advance # 3022322

Serving At: Korean Peninsula Dialogue and Peacebuilding of the WCC

Home Country: United States of America, North America

The Rev. Dr. Jin Y. Kim is a missionary with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries serving as the coordinator of Korean Peninsula Dialogue and Peacebuilding of the World Council of Churches, based in Geneva, Switzerland. He was commissioned in the Spring of 2017.

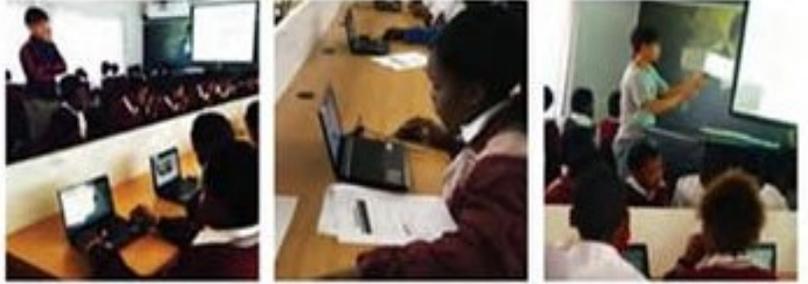
At its 10th Assembly in Busan, South Korea, in 2013, the World Council initiated a Pilgrimage of Justice and Peace for the long-divided Korean peninsula. This was given organizational form in 2016. Dr. Kim coordinates a series of pilgrim teams that visit churches in the region to promote justice and peace. Peace and reunification in Korea are long-standing mission goals of The United Methodist Church and its mission agency, Global Ministries.

Dr. Kim is an ordained elder in the Northern Illinois Annual Conference and pastored the Creston/Steward United Methodist Church in Steward, Illinois from late 2011 to mid-2017. He also served as an auxiliary faculty member in Old Testament Studies in the 2016-2017 academic year at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. After three years in the Presbyterian pastorate in Korea, he came to the United States to pursue advanced studies in theology and Old Testament. He earned a Master of Art in Theological Studies degree from the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, and Master of Theology and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Dr. Kim says he was drawn to The United Methodist Church and ordination because of its strong emphasis on mission. "I came to understand," he says, "that Methodists are nothing but the people of mission." In baptism, "I heard the good news that God claimed me: 'You are beloved, you're precious,

Support Global Mission in S. Africa

TOWNSHIP SCHOOL EDUCATION SUPPORT



JOHN MASIZA PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
IN WALMER, PORT ELIZABETH

They have been supporting the local school in Walmer Township in Port Elizabeth with teaching computer skills, youth activities, supporting preschools and more as missionaries with Christian Cultural Youth Mission.

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Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint

Playing games, music, movies and etc by using computer

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Support these 8 students for their High School Education

Township School Education Support wants to offer \$500.00 scholarship to 8 Christian students as they are about to enter High School. They need tuition fee, uniforms, backpacks, shoes, and school supplies. If you are interested in supporting one student, your gift will enable the student go to High School And enhance the students to become a Christian leader.



South Africa
Port Elizabeth



Missionaries: Rev. Kim and
Lee



Adult Sunday School

In 1741, John Wesley preached his famous sermon titled "The Almost Christian" in which he encouraged people to follow Christ wholeheartedly.

We should not be satisfied with being almost Christian but rather strive towards being altogether a Christian.

Explore love, joy, hope, and peace from a Wesleyan perspective this Christmas in this new book and Bible study experience.

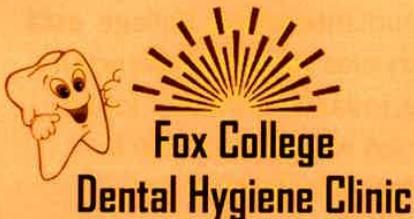
Please join us Sunday mornings
at 9:30 a.m.



ALMOST CHRISTMAS

A WESLEYAN
ADVENT EXPERIENCE

MAGREY R. DEVEGA · INGRID MCINTYRE
APRIL CASPERSON · MATT RAWLE



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Please contact Shelby Fox

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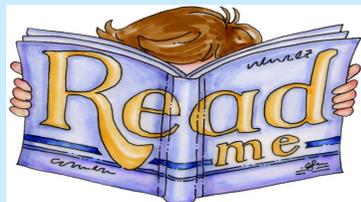
Expect no less than 3 sessions

Thank You~

LUMC Women's Book Club

Stay tuned for new books to read in 2020!

This group meets at Margaret Flynn's house.



Open Pantry

Starting in March we began collecting food donations from our own church family for the Open Pantry.

We will continuously do this the 1st **Sunday** of every month.

Thank You!

Finance Committee

General Fund beginning balance:	\$ 4,226.01
Receipts:	7,985.59
Disbursements:	14,024.59
General Fund ending balance:	\$ 1,812.99

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,

First and Third Sundays of the month

ADULT CLASSES: In the Conference

Room/Church or Karin's Office

Labor Day-Memorial Day

*We will not be teaching Youth Sunday School when the children have a three day weekend.

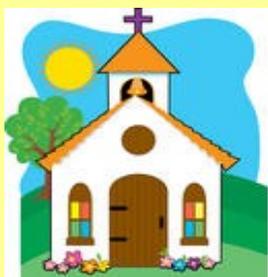
Please join us!

All are welcome!



Handyman Help

If there is anyone in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs, basic maintenance, or grass cutting, Tom Gebel has offered to help. His number is 312-438-5605.



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.

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

December Book Reviews

So many books-Christmas is a popular theme for the authors :

For adults, "The Christmas Box" by Richard Paul Evans. You can't help but become more infused with the Christmas spirit of love and gratitude than when you consider the characters and their reactions of the Christmas box.

"Christmas Miracles" Miracles are unexplained. They are occurrences that benefit-well God knows, it's just that we don't always understand, but we are grateful. The short stories in this book are about Christmas, and those occurrences. Aren't you glad that God is patient and we can just enjoy those "miracles."

"Stories behind the great traditions of CHRISTMAS."

Read and decide whether you want to take part in a certain tradition. If so, you could impress your friends with a little knowledge.

"Finding Noel" A book also by Richard Paul Evans (The Christmas Box) that describes another way of celebrating Christmas. Hint: the main characters are Macy and Mark.

Several music CDs: "Christmas" piano renditions of Christmas favorites. "Christmas Treasures" Orchestral Christmas and "For God so Loved" an instrumental Christmas.

And a book "Shepherd's Abiding." The town of Mitford, all of the different characters there, celebrate Christmas. This is a part of the popular series by Jan Karon.

There are four more copies of "The Case for Christmas" by Lee Strobel (please take one). The first several pages draw you in, the theme is gratitude. Does that sound familiar? In the end, though, Christmas is about the Christ Child-that's it. Believing in the Savior who came to, yep, SAVE US and Believing is all we need to do for that saving. Our Savior was born on Christmas, or thereabouts. But anyway, HE WAS BORN. That's what Christmas is! Lee Strobel is quite the journalist, but, he says, shouldn't our faith answer the Christmas question.

A DVD "The Last Straw" might help. Another imagination piece, but maybe you can relate to a few of the situations and reactions.

For the young ones: "Room for a Little One" The author describes The Room in which Christ was born and its other inhabitants.

"One Small Donkey" is another way of looking at the helpers of the Christ Child. (They helped Him and then he helped them.)

For children a bit older, beginning to ask questions such as: how did all involved, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, etc. know the baby was the Christ, "The First Christmas."

*Thank you Lord for giving
me the strength,
To take the test of life,
Thanks for standing with me,
In all my struggles and strive,
On this occasion of Christmas,
A special thanks to the Almighty,
Thank you for keeping me blessed,
Merry Christmas!*

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Liturgist Schedule

December 1

9:30-Kurt
Huegelmann

December 8

8:30-
10:45-Joanne
Goszczycki

December 15

8:30-
10:45-Jodi Stood

December 22

8:30-
10:45-

December 24

4:00-Jason Kehr
8:00-Marty Knott

December 29

8:30-
10:45-Sue Gergesz

Only One Lost

By Richard H. Lee, LUMC historian

I saw a Billy Graham old TV program where his message was about the lost in Luke 15. There are three different but important lost things; one lost sheep and a party after it was found, one lost coin, and one lost son who was also given a party. The he goes on to explain for His disciples that this pictures the saving of one lost soul or person, and that there is great rejoicing in heaven over the conversion of this lost soul (Luke 15:10).

How precious is a soul or person who comes to the saving knowledge and decision to follow Christ. And how valuable is that person who can spread the good news to others and testify about the change in their life.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 1-Molly Stood
Dec. 1-Debie Marie Meade
Dec. 4-Bill Stelter
Dec. 5-Shirley Stout
Dec. 6-Bill Shelby
Dec. 8-Carol Walter
Dec. 8-Robert Nelson
Dec. 9-Richard Pierce
Dec. 12-Megan Cheehy
Dec. 17-Sherill Weary
Dec. 20-Tucker Lange
Dec. 21-Mark Huegelmann
Dec. 23-Ascher Laemmer
Dec. 25-Roland Tasker
Dec. 26-Gabriella Vazquez
Dec. 31-Willetta Price

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Dec. 21-Bill & Willetta Price
Dec. 27-Nathan & Kexia LaFramboise Van



****Scrip Cards****

I encourage you to look at the 2 folders I recently placed in the back of the church marked: **SCRIP by Category** and **SCRIP Alphabetical**. Feel free to take the list and browse through the many many retailers that participate in this program.



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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There are many retailers that offer "**Visa five back**" which means if you go to a participating retailer, they will put 5% of your purchase back on your card.

Red Lobster, Outback, Panera, Sephora, Red Robin, Old Navy and Bakers Square are just a few. For many more please visit www.fivebackgift.com for a complete list.

Again, I Thank You for your participation in this program!

OPEN PANTRY NEWS

Volunteers are needed to stock shelves for 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 paper towel, toilet paper, peanut butter, pop tarts, chili, hash, and tomato soup.**



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.

DAYBREAK SHELTER NEEDS YOU!

Our church has had very consistent, dedicated cooks for the last 10 plus years, lets give them a well deserved reprieve. There are so many able bodied cooks in or congregation...how bout sharing your talents and a little of your time? Remember it's only once a month, and if you double it, you have your personal dinner as well :) Marge

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!



Stewardship Campaign

November is our annual pledge or giving month. For the next few Sundays, members will be sharing their thoughts on giving. As we prepare our hearts to listen, also reflect on your blessings.

I have a sign in my bedroom above my bed that says "Blessed, Thankful, Grateful." I see it first thing in the morning and last thing at night. I love it because it reminds me how very blessed I am. Because I'm so very grateful and because I love this church, I choose to give as much as I can. I hope you will consider your blessings and your love of our church and give generously in 2020.

Peace, Peg Pecher, Financial Chairperson and Friend in Christ

It is possible
to give without loving,
but it is impossible
to love without giving.

-Richard Braunstein



**Lemont
United Methodist
Church**

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors!

Our Mission

The Mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world through inspiring worship, growing discipleship, and serving others.

We are a generous church! Some of the outreach missions that we support are:

- Open Pantry
- Daybreak Shelter
- Vacation Bible School
- Happy Hands Preschool
- Red Bird Mission
- Scout Ministry
- AA Meeting
- UMCOR
- Crop Walk,
- Rainbow Covenant
- Lanterns for Puerto Rico
- Good Samaritan
- Many more locally, regionally, globally

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2020 Annual Giving Commitment Card

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

2020 Pledge:

General Fund: \$ _____

Maintenance: \$ _____

Capital Improve: \$ _____

Other: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Giving Method: (put an X next to your choice)

Weekly _____

Monthly _____

Annually _____

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

Kathy Burke, cancer
*Carol Kowalski, shoulder surgery
Elena Winters (Miller), health issues
Titan Gorum (Kehr), born 11 wks early
Anna (Fries), bladder cancer
*Bill Hill, Jr., health issues
*Neil Janssen, strength
*Marty Knott, health issues
Ron, cancer treatment
*Bev Svoboda, recovering
Jordyn Milinis(Pecher), colonoscopy
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
*Sheila Farrer, health issues
Joe Sigety, ALS, home
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Lou Gunder, lymphoma/chemo
*Elizabeth (Olinger), leukemia
Maureen Robinson, health issues
*Dick Arcus, no cancer spread/home
Mike Mandziara, brain cancer
*Stewart Herron, health issues
Katie (Norfleet), kidney disease
June (Havemann), stomach cancer
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Harper (Norfleet), leukemia/home
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
*Shelby Fox, strength
Linda, dementia
Florian Talos, parkinson's
Lois, stage 3 cancer
Debbie Turner (Knott), psoriasis
David Goreham, blood disorder
*Sandra, autoimmune disease
Tammy (Janovyak), ovarian cancer
Mary, stage 4 cancer

*June Mueggenborg, strength
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
*Dave Mlady, lingering illness
Judy Bramill, cancer
Jill (Lange), healing
E.D. McCormick, cancer
*Jacob Monnet, health issues
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke
Betty Broderick, rehab
*Jim Ludwig, at Meadowbrook
*Alberta Harden, health issues
*Joyce Koon, triple bi-pass
*Seniors & Primitimers
Andrew (Pecher), cancer
Jim Durham, cong. heart failure
Gloria Egermaier (Pierce), health issues
Valerie O., ovarian cancer
Frank Burns (Olinger), mass on his lung
Elida Ferrazzi, rheumatoid arthritis
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
*Mary Jane Sykes, strength
*Sherrill Weary, health issues
Tom Ligman (McAdams), health issues
Lorene Baldwin, cong. heart failure
Rick Young (Baxter), dementia
*Gene Goszczycki, health issues
Thor (Fries), health issues
Brian, fighting alcoholism
Margie, heart issues
Greta Peart (Cliff), accident
Paul Sharp (Curry), kidney biopsy
Diane Dorencz (Cheehy), health issues
*Bobbie Legan, broken wrist

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Dave Hinks is cancer free!
*All Saints Sunday
*Veterans Day
*John Nelson Scout Memorial
*The birth of Titan (Kehr)
*Theo Nelson is a marine!
*Pledge Sunday
*Successful Surgeries!
*Thanksgiving Day!
*Birthdays!
*Anniversaries!

Coffee Fellowship December 15th

Peg Pecher
Dawn Ferrazzi
Charlotte Havemann
Annie Wesolowski
Kay Norfleet
Paulette Fries
Joan Makinney



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bearers Ministry

The Care Bearers are a group of people to help provide an occasional meal (home cooked or purchased) for members of our congregation who are recovering from a serious illness, birth of a baby, or the loss of a family member. Meals are **only occasionally** needed in our church, and it is a wonderful mission!

Alice Lange: 815-838-5158
Wendy Myers: 630-257-7689

December 2019

**Children's Message
Schedule**

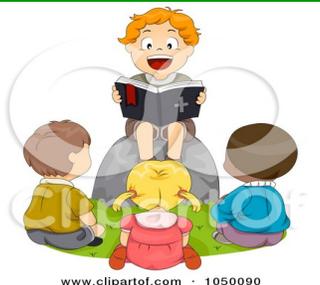
December 1
Megan Cheehy

December 8
Mark Huegelmann

December 15
Richard Lee

December 22
Marty Knott

December 29
Erik Anderson



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Greeters

Dec. 1 9:30
Shelby Fox & Jake
Kirkman

Dec. 8
8:30 Sue Hinks
10:45 Bill & Cris
Kerins

Dec. 15
8:30
10:45 Kehr Family

Dec. 22
8:30 Sharon Heslop
10:45 Cheehy Family

Dec. 29
8:30 Wendy Myers
10:45 Dale Janssen

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study:	Dale Janssen & Pastor Hyo Sun Oh
Prayer Meeting:	TBA
ALPHA:	Craig Baxter 815-685-1900
Methodist Essential:	Bill Price 630-754-7667
VBS:	Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
The Last Supper:	Arlene Knott 708-301-2023
Adult Sunday School:	Dale Janssen 815-485-4929
Sr. High Youth:	Kristin Nelson 630-257-8072
Jr. High Youth:	TBA
Breakfast Club:	Mark Huegelmann 630-257-3181
Jr. High Sunday School:	Mark Huegelmann 630-257-3181
Children's Sunday Sch:	Mark Huegelmann 630-257-3181
Prime Timers:	Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699
	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
CAP:	Cris Kerins/Dawn Ferrazzi
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 Gergesz 815-483-7282
Praise Band	Phil & Leslie Ramos
Junior Choir	Cris Kerins 630-257-5660

****Any Other Ministry You Would Like to Start**

OUT-REACH MINISTRIES

Happy Hands Preschool	Karin Peraino 630-257-3112
Pantry Workday:	Church Office 630-257-5210
Panera Bread:	Church Office 630-257-5210
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**

UPCOMING HOPE AND FRIENDSHIP ACTIVITIES

Thur Dec 5th 7-9pm- Duck, Dive, Dodge Dodgeball Tournament at the CORE.
Come out and have a blast while helping to make the 15th Hope and Friendship Christmas Outreach the best ever. \$100 for a team of 6-10 persons. Donations of personal care items welcome for our Care Bags!!! More information on our website, or email me for a registration form and more info!

Sat Dec 7th- 11am-3pm- Holiday Vendor/Crafter Market @ Gelsosomos's Pizzeria on Hometown Holidays Day!!!

Mark your calendar to come do some serious shopping at the very 1st Holiday Vendor Crafter Market that Gelsosomo's and Hope and Friendship have teamed up to offer! So many crafters/vendors are already preparing to "wow" you and put a dent in your budget!!! Stay around for Hometown Holidays in Downtown Lemont which begins at 3pm after our market ends!

Mon Dec 16th- Dine in at Gelsosomo's Pizzeria 5-9pm and 50% of your meal will help with the Hope and Friendship Christmas and winter assistance

Thur Dec 19th 6-8pm- Mission Stay Caroling- meet at Lemont Police Dept-
we will go to homes that are struggling with Christmas happiness and bring some love and light to their door and baked goods!

Sat Dec 21st 10am-12noon @ Old Quarry Middle School- Care Bag Sorting/Creating Day!!

Donations of personal care items, paper and cleaning products needed. Any item you need we need to fill our Care Bags! Drop off to the entryway of Old Quarry Middle School beginning Dec 1st, or to the bin at the Lemont Police Dept or to "Blue the Trailblazer".

Wed Dec 25th- our 15th Christmas Dinner Delivery Day @ Old Quarry Middle School!!!

11:30-1pm food donation time; 1:30-3pm sorting time; 3-5pm delivery time.

Wishing you peace,

Terri



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Return Service Requested

NEW WINE December 2019

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



December 14th

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.

We have reached 1,440 people through Vacation Bible School video clips and pictures! If you have not seen them please go to facebook and click LIKE.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lemont-United-Methodist-Church>

Primetimers



December 21st

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:

Kay Norfleet
630-257-6699
or call the church office.