

THE NEW WINE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PASTORS MESSAGE

BY PASTOR OH

Dear Members of Lemont United Methodist Church,

New Year Greetings! As we are looking back on things in the past, the year 2020 held challenges we have never ever seen or experienced before in our life time. Individuals, families, churches, businesses, and governments worldwide have been impacted by the Global Pandemic. Though we are about to flip to a New Year calendar, all our troubles are still our way. 2021 will still hold many situations that will require us to look too God for answers.

As a Church, we have done our best to be faith-filled and to stay connected with God and others while responding to things and events that came up. In my Seminary there was no "Pandemic 101 class." I just figured things out one at a time. Likewise, for many of us, the year 2020 has been a learning curve, filled with ups and downs, failures and successes.

As we forge ahead into 2021, isn't it good to know that we serve a God who never changes? Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." While this past year may have left a few scars along the way in all our lives, I pray that we do not dwell on those things. May we have the strength to look back and learn, but look forward and be inspired!

The Apostle Paul saw this as vital to the continual growth in God. Philippians 3:13-14 "Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." As we look forward to 2021, experience tells us that we have no idea all the New Year will hold. Yet, we can also rest assured that the same God who brought us through this past year will continue to be there for us whenever we reach out

to Him.

Many things about tomorrow are uncertain, but we know who holds tomorrow and we know who holds our hands. 2020 is Hindsight! Now, on to 2021! May it be a year that we ALL grow closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I wish you a Healthy and Happy New Year 2021!

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh.

Thank You Cards

Thank You
So Much

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the love
gift. I appreciate all of you
and the years I was able
to be your secretary.
Hopefully we will all be able
to see each other soon.
Love, Amy

Peace and joy
be with you
this Christmastime.

Thank you for the
Care Packages. We are doing
well & looking forward to the
New Year. May you all
Have a Happy Holiday
Yours in Christ
Dennis, Aaron, Heslop

Dear LUMC congregation,
Thank you again for the gift of a
scholarship and your support as I go through
school. It's nice to know there are people thinking
of me even when I'm far away from home,
especially this year. Your gift helps me pay
for supplies and produce the best work I can in
classes. It means a lot that our community is
so supportive.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!
- Emily Stood

We want to thank you
for the box of goodies we
received - yum, yum!
Totally unexpected, but
we are surely enjoying
the treats - Thanks
Bever + Becky

Thank you so much
for the advent gift
box I received. It
was a very pleasant
surprise at the end
of a boring day.
Please tell Pastor Oh
I have an enjoyable
cup of tea immediately.
A very Merry Christmas
to each and everyone.

12-2-2020

Wishing you
one beautiful moment
after another
throughout this
special season.

Greetings to the
members of the
Ad Council.

Thank you for yours.
Thank you for all the college
help you have given me through
the scholarship and the care
packages. I look forward to seeing
you all again.
Sincerely,
Michael (Mihashi)
Cheep

Dec. 3, 2020
Thank you to Pastor and the Ad
Council for thinking of us with the
Advent Care Package, and to Susan
for the special delivery. It was a
lovely surprise.
We hung the church ornament on
our Christmas tree and are enjoying
all the goodies.
We are using the Advent booklet
as our morning devotional with
breakfast.
Thank you and God bless you all.

thanks for all your
sunshine!

George + Alice

UMC Lemont
Thank you so very much
for the Christmas Gift, I'll be
enjoying for some time.
I've not called to tell you
I have been watching the church
service every Sunday, its great
that can enjoy from home with
this COVID thing!
Gods Love to all
(Dorothy Huber)

Dear Ad Council & Pastor Oh,
Thanks so much for the
fun treat box!
The ornament is pretty and
of course the cookies, candy, popcorn,
hot chocolate and tea are very
tasty! I appreciate all the time
and energy it took to get that
done for so many of us.
Blessings to each of you!
Debbie

United Methodist Men

Written by Dawn Ferrazzi

United Methodist Men – Saturday: January 9 @ 8 a.m. The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet via Zoom at 8 a.m. on January 9, (thanks to Phil Ramos). Lemont UMM meets on the second Saturday of each month. 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. If you are able to Join us via Zoom, please contact Phil Ramos for the Invitation to the Meeting: Phil's e-mail is bolingbrookramos@gmail.com and his phone number is 630-740-1513. Dawn Ferrazzi

Laity Convocation

February 13, 2021

Save the date for this Zoom videoconference "The Other Side: Making our churches vital in a post-pandemic world." Registration will open Jan. 2021.

Laity are all invited to this event.

Aurora Spring Lay Academy.

Date: FEB. 21 AND 28; MAR. 7, 14, AND 21

SUNDAYS FROM 2 TO 4 P.M.

Join us as part of your Lenten journey!

Cost: \$20

Please register by February 15, 2021

Choose from the following classes:

Introduction to Lay Ministry:

Basic Course taught by Roger Curless

Called to Preach taught by Rev. Becky Nicol

Biblical Storytelling taught by Rev. JoAnne Chase

Leading Worship taught by Chuck Dexter

LUMC Tuesday Night Virtual

Fellowship! @7pm

The ever-popular Tuesday Night Virtual Fellowship Meetings are back and set for the new year and will take us up to Easter! Please join the group as GleeAnn Kehr, Phil Ramos, Debbie Hassert, and Bill Price alternate leading the 7 pm fellowship. It's a 40 minute chance to catch up, to see and to be seen, and to interact with other church members. The fellowship ends with a lesson, a devotional, or a story aimed to generate contemplation or reflection.

We use the Zoom platform for the fellowship. To attend, send Phil a note and he will send you the Zoom link. Phil's email address is bolingbrookramos@gmail.com. Hope to "See" you on Tuesday!

A Message from the Angelfish

Winter's Greetings to All our Friends!

The past year has brought many challenges to all of us personally, professionally, and certainly socially. Phil and I wanted to take a moment to thank the Angelfish for their dedication and hard work and their focus on what is most important in any fellowship-being there for one another. It would have been easy to say, "let's just wait this thing out" (and trust me, we were tempted in the beginning when everything seemed overwhelming), but we decided these are precisely the times when we call on our faith and our fellowship to give us the strength, patience and perseverance to push-on; for the love of our church and our congregation.

The learning curve has been a steep one and sometimes we have succeeded, sometimes...well-not so much! Yet, despite our ups and downs, we were able to create new music every other week without repeats and I have to admit that being involved with the Angelfish has certainly lifted my spirits on some of the darker days of the past year.

Finally, we want to thank our wonderful congregation and Pastor Oh for always lending your support to the Angelfish and for the lovely words of thanks from so many of you. Phil and I have been truly touched by your kindness. As we look ahead to a new year and a new beginning, we want to assure you that our intentions are to continue doing what we have been doing for the past 9 months until we have a solid "all clear" from the state and the Northern Illinois Conference.

Happy New Year to All!

Leslie

Happy Hands Preschool

Written by Karin Peraino

Santa came to visit the children at Happy Hands in early December. The children each got a chance to chat with Santa and tell them what they'd like for Christmas (everything from a horse to a sucker to a gift for my brother!). They brought him food to share with those in need, which helped to stock our Open Pantry shelves, and then they prayed that he'd have a safe trip on Christmas Eve. It was an exciting day for the children and Santa too!



We are seeking an Administrative Assistant / Director of Communications & Social Media to join our team!

Send resume to: gleeann.kehr@gmail.com

You will perform clerical and administrative functions to assist our congregation and pastor. This position may require a combination of working remotely and in-person. Position is part time, Office hours are typically from 9:00AM to 1:00PM Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (unless otherwise requested). Additionally, three to six hours per week are allotted for church marketing outreach including social media management. Three to six hours per week will be spent assisting the Pastor and Worship committee in preparing on-line or live-streamed worship services (making up an 18-24-hour week) or as agreed with Pastor and/ or Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC). The current pay is \$14.50 per hour.

Responsibilities:

- Working on Audio-Visual presentation and editing. This includes assisting with preparation for live worship services, live streaming of services and on-line pre-recorded services or any combination of these.
- Regularly update website and social media accounts. Assist with content.
- Draft correspondences and emails
- Prepare worship service bulletins & newsletters
- Answer inbound telephone calls
- Maintain church records
- Perform all other office tasks

Qualifications:

- Previous experience in office administration or other related fields
- Proficient in Microsoft Publisher, Photoshop/ Graphic Design software, MailChimp/ Constant Contact ProPresenter, Canva & iMovie or willingness to learn
- Experience in website and social media management marketing preferred
- Ability to learn & master new technology skills in required.
- Ability to prioritize, multitask and being flexible
- Excellent written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- Must have strong organizational and time management skills with accuracy and attention to detail.
- Must be a team player.

Come work in a supportive, friendly environment with opportunities to try new things and have hands-on experiences in learning & growth.

NIC Interim Bishop John Hopkins



Bishop John L. Hopkins, a retired Bishop of The United Methodist Church.

“I look forward to overseeing the good work Christ has already begun in Northern Illinois. In this time of COVID-19, racial injustice, and deep cultural divisions, I have faith in the power of God to transform the world through the witness of the church. I seek to serve you in the words of Ephesians 4 and ‘lead a life worthy of the calling to which (I) have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.’”

Bishop John L. Hopkins was born in Montgomery, Alabama, and his childhood was spent in Montgomery, Houston, Atlanta, and Ft. Wayne. After marrying Elaine M. Smithson in 1964, he attended Indiana University, receiving a B.A. with Honors in Psychology. He graduated

from Yale Divinity School and was selected for the two-year Wheelock Residency at the Church of Christ at Dartmouth College where he practiced hospital, campus, and parish ministry. During this residency, he served as the Protestant Chaplain at Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Hanover, New Hampshire. He was ordained deacon and elder in the North Indiana Conference.

After serving a two-point charge in LaPorte, Indiana, Hopkins was appointed in 1976 as Wesley Foundation Director at Ball State University. In 1983 he became Director of the Council on Ministries in North Indiana and, in 1989 was appointed in South Indiana as Senior Pastor at The Methodist Temple in Evansville. He was elected to the episcopacy in July 1996 at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to the Minnesota Area for eight years. In September 2004, Bishop Hopkins was assigned to the Ohio East Area until retirement in 2016.

Bishop Hopkins was appointed by the Council of Bishops from 2004-2012 to serve as the first Chair of the Connectional Table which provides a forum for the understanding and implementation of the vision, mission, and ministries of the global church. During this time, Hopkins helped lead The Call to Action effort focused on increasing vital congregations around the world.

He has served on the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops, the United Methodist Publishing House Board, the General Board of Church and Society, the General Council on Ministries and the Committee for the Advance for Christ and His Church. His episcopal responsibilities have included serving on the trustees of Hamline University, Ohio Wesleyan University, Mt. Union University, Baldwin Wallace University, and The Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Bishop Hopkins was instrumental in the formation of Operation Classroom in Sierra Leone and Liberia. His mission travel has included Angola, Mozambique, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Korea, China, Japan, Mexico, Bulgaria, Germany, Philippines, and Vietnam. Currently, he serves on the board of Educational Opportunities, Inc. that provides scholarships for clergy to study in the Holy Land.

Bishop Hopkins and Elaine live in Indianapolis. They have three sons and seven grandchildren. Bishop Hopkins enjoys exercise, technology, kite flying, music, and guitar jams.

Bishop Sets New District Boundaries

Written by Bishop Sally Dyck

At our recent virtual annual conference session on November 14, 2020, the Northern Illinois Annual Conference voted to reduce the number of districts (and district superintendents) from six to five, effective July 1, 2021. You can find the letter sent out on November 18, 2020, explaining the history and process of this action [here](#).

Let me remind you that the Book of Discipline states that the annual conference decides the number of districts and the bishop, in consultation with the Cabinet, draws the lines for the districts (par. 415.4).

On December 17, 2020, the Cabinet and I approved the redistricting plan. As you can see, the names of the districts are **Lake North, Lake South, Prairie Central, Prairie North, and Prairie South**. I am setting the boundaries of these districts as of December 31, 2020. Any additional reconsiderations may be submitted with a rationale to your current district superintendent by January 15, 2021. The interim bishop and Cabinet will make a final determination by January 31.

In addition to setting the boundaries, I am also announcing the following appointments to these new districts, effective July 1, 2021:

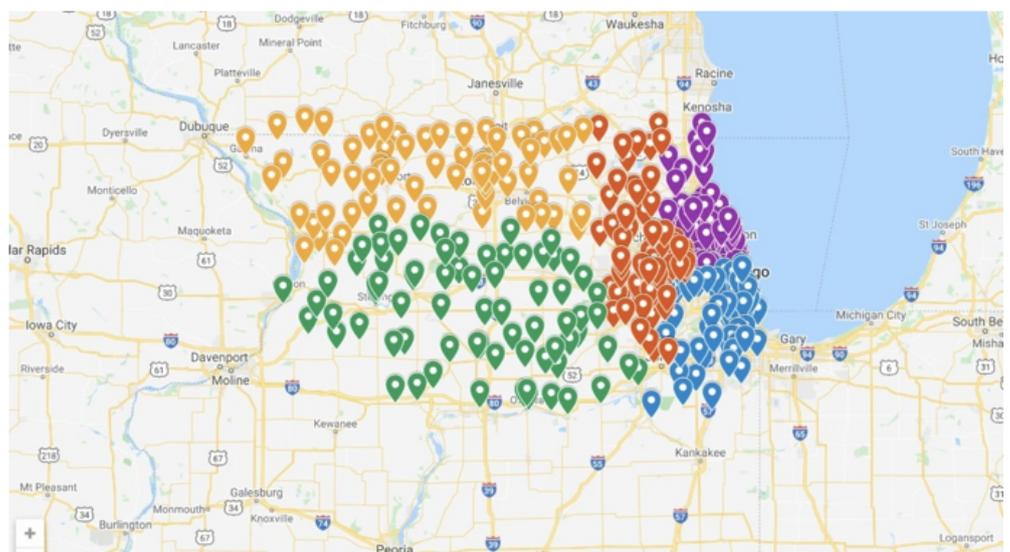
Prairie South – Rev. Brian Gilbert
Prairie North – Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer
Prairie Central – Rev. Jeffrey Bross
Lake South – Rev. Jacques Conway
Lake North – Rev. Brittany Isaac

I thank you for your spirit of cooperation in making this change. Again, I encourage you that you not let redistricting be a distraction as much as an opportunity to align anew so as to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Sincerely,
Bishop Sally Dyck

Lake South

Alsip: Christ
Blue Island: Grace
Blue Island: La Gracia de Dios NFC
Brookfield: Compassion
Chicago: Amor de Dios
Chicago: Chicago Lawn
Chicago: Clair Christian
Chicago: East Side
Chicago: Englewood-Rust
Chicago: Faith
Chicago: First (Temple)
Chicago: Freedom
Chicago: Gorham
Chicago: Grace Calvary
Chicago: Greenstone
Chicago: Hartzell Memorial
Chicago: Hyde Park Korean
Chicago: Ingleside-Whitfield
Chicago: Kelly/Woodlawn
Chicago: Lincoln
Chicago: Maple Park
Chicago: Morgan Park
Chicago: New Gresham
Chicago: Resurrection
Chicago: South Shore
Chicago: Southlawn
Chicago: St. Mark
Chicago: Trinity
Chicago: Union Avenue
Chicago: United Church of Hyde Park
Chicago: Urban Village Hyde Park/Woodlawn NFC
Chicago: Urban Village South Loop NFC
Chicago: Wesley
Cicero: Wesley
Crete
Dolton: Faith
Downers Grove: Faith
Downers Grove: First
Evergreen Park: First
Flossmoor: South Suburban Korean
Frankfort
Green Garden
Harvey: Transformation Community
Hazel Crest: Community
Hinsdale
Homewood: St. Andrew
LaGrange: First
Lansing: First
Lemont
Lisle: Faith
Lockport: First
Manhattan
Mokena
New Lenox
Oak Lawn: First
Olympia Fields
Orland Park: Faith
Palos Heights: Orland Park Korean
Palos Heights: Palos
Park Forest: Grace United Protestant
Peotone
Riverside
Thornton
Tinley Park
Western Springs
Wilmington
Wilton Center Federated Church



Prayers and Concerns

Rich Hudik, bone marrow cancer
*Priscilla Ludwig, going to Lemont Cnt
Anna (Fries), bladder surgery
*Neil Janssen, strength
Ron, cancer treatment
Jordyn Milinis (Pecher), crohns
*Sheila Farrer, health issues
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
*George Lange, healing
Jim Ludwig, hip surgery
Elena Winters (Miller), health issues
*Tom Gebel, arthritis
*Bev Svoboda, strength
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
Joe Sigety, ALS
Lou Gunder, lymphoma/chemo
*Grieving Families
Mike Mandziara, brain cancer
Katie (Norfleet), kidney disease
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Jamie, brain aneurysm, surgery
Linda, dementia
Judy (McAdams), cancer
Debbie Turner (Knott), psoriasis
David Goreham, blood disorder
Erv Rose (Baxter), prostate cancer
Valerie O., ovarian cancer
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
Mike Overmeyer, throat cancer
Stephanie Wiley, breast cancer
*Jacob Monnett, health issues
Jim Kratochvil, eye stroke
*Dale Janssen, strength
*Joyce Koon, health issues
Andrew (Pecher), cancer
Fran (McAdams), cancer/chemo
*Rich Thomas (Cheehy), cancer
*Mary Jane Sykes, strength
Clint (Norfleet), Guillain-barre
Melanie Foster, ovarian cancer
June (Havemann), stomach cancer
Harper (Norfleet), leukemia
The wildfires & natural disasters
*Amanda Hill, blood clots
Lois, stage 3 cancer
Jim Durham, cong. Heart failure
*Sandra, autoimmune disease
*Joanne Goszczycki, health issues
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Gabrielle Blunt, Alzheimer's
*Alberta Harden, health issues
Chuck Herron (Miller), strength
All youth attending school
Kathy Burke, cancer
*Dan Harden, home/rehab

Police officers who keep us safe
**Annie W., home, healing
Peggy Fornero, healing
*Paulette Fries, moving to FL
Annette Greis, healing
*GleeAnn's siblings, covid19
Gena (Kehr), blood clots
Loretta Kramer, cancer
*The loss of Pastor Susan's mom
Thor (Fries), health issues
Margie, heart issues
Marge Good (Kehr), strength
Brian, fighting alcoholism
Rick Young (Baxter), dementia
Lorene Baldwin, cong. heart failure
Alice Lang, heart issue
Richard Lee, healing & recovery
Priscilla Ludwig, moving to long term facility
Jim Ludwig, recovery
Phil (Anderson & Beck families), still going through testing
Charles (nephew to Dottie McAdam), critical condition
COPD and pneumonia
Behling Family, fighting COVID
Anonymous Church Member, health issues, upcoming
hysterectomy, and divorce stress
Alice and George Lange, strength and recovery
Those who are struggling with COVID
Joanne Goszczycki & family, death of her husband, Gene
Stephen Weary, trip to Arizona
Antonio Lange, service in Europe.
Reopening of Happy Hands Preschool
Church members who have health issues
Health care workers & first responders
All those who have lost their loved ones to COVID
Our country

Birthdays Anniversaries

January 2- Rylee Rainaldi January 27- Dave & Wendy
January 2- Abby Cliff
January 2- Teague Cliff
January 6- Sue Gergesz
January 7- Mary Jane Sykes
January 8- Beverly Svoboda
January 9- Linda Kennedy
January 10- Jodi Stood
January 11- Bonnie Flondor
January 12- Joanne Goszczycki
January 14- Lisa Anderson
January 21- Don Farrer, Jr.
January 24- Jessica & Jackie Kehr
January 28- Tom Gebel
January 30- Rob Lange
January 30- Shelby Fox