

THE NEW WINE

NEWSLETTER OF LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

BY PASTOR OH

Dear Members of Lemont UMC,

Welcome to Lent, the 40-day season of spiritual preparation for observing our Lord's passion and resurrection. This is a forty-day season that begins with ashes pressed upon our heads and ends with the triumphant song, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." I invite you, in the name of Jesus Christ, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

Lent is time for us to "Devote ourselves to these spiritual practices to nurture our abilities to notice God, find courage and hope amid life challenges, embrace change, let go of the things that you control, and reach out to our neighbors. These spiritual disciplines of Lent were set by Jesus during his forty days of solitude, prayer and fasting in the desert. This was an essential period of preparation for his public ministry. It was a time of denying his preferences for the sake of his kingdom purposes. It was a season of radical attentiveness to God to fulfill God's mission of redeeming the world.

This radical attentiveness and spiritual devotion to God remains the standard for all disciples of Christ. Jesus did not say hang around casually and you will be fruitful and everything will be okay. No, he makes it clear that attentiveness requires the hard work of holding oneself close to God.

John Wesley - the founder of Methodist revival and movement -- also spoke to this issue of radical attentiveness. He set the rule of life -- prayer, fasting, Holy Communion, Bible study, holy conferencing and acts of mercy and grace and he called the means of God's grace through which we draw closer to God. This Methodist rule of life is intended to bring an order, a discipline, a rule to our lives so that we can abide in Christ.

It is intended to keep us attentive to God and the movement of God's grace in our lives. It is intended to keep us to love God and build our capacity to love our neighbors. John Wesley said: "O Begin! Fix some part of everyday for private exercises....Whether you like it or not, read and pray daily.

It is for your life; there is no other way: else you will be a trifler all your days.... Do justice to your soul; give it time and means to grow. Do not starve yourself any longer."

As disciples of Christ we are called to a life of radical attentiveness to God

- by self-examination and repentance;
- by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and
- by reading and meditating on God's holy word. And by acting of mercy, compassion, love, peace, and justice.

So I encourage you to embrace this season of Lent as a time to "do justice to your soul, giving it time and means to grow." Devote yourself to prayer and all the means of grace that is the pathway to a life that is whole, complete, joyful, and abundant that God intends for you to live. "Do not starve yourself any longer."

I pray for you a rich and blessed Lenten journey.

In Christ,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

NOTABLE MENTIONS

Tuesday Night Fellowship

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, we had 14 people (that's the most we have had so far), having fellowship. We invite members of Lemont UMC to join our Tuesday Night Fellowship every Tuesday at 7 PM.

You may contact Phil Ramos to join the meeting at <bolingbrookramos@gmail.com>. Phil will send you a ZOOM invitation.



THANK YOU NOTES

DRIVE-THRU IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Dear LUMC,
We are so fortunate to belong to such a wonderful church family. Thank you to all who called, sent a card, emailed or texted during our recent bout with COVID - although we had a mild case compared to many, the fatigue was immense. We urge EVERYONE to stay diligent - wear a mask and be safe. A special thank you to Pastor Oh who called with prayers and concern. All were very appreciated -
Don + Loyyl Fisher

Dear Fellow LUMC Members -
Al + I would like to thank you for the prayers + well wishes extended to us as we recovered from COVID. I would also like to thank you for keeping me + my family in your prayers as we mourned the loss of my father. It meant so much to both of us to have your love + prayers to lift us up + support us through these difficult times. Thank you so much to everyone who reached out personally to us - it meant so much! Love,
Al + Judy Fisher



23 people joined

Note from Finance Committee

Annual giving statements were emailed on Jan 16, 2021. A couple days later, all the families without email, should have received their giving statement via regular mail. If you have not received your giving statement, please contact Peg Pecher at 847-204-1747.

Offering envelopes are available at the church during office hours or on Sunday. If you're unable to pick your envelopes up, please let Sue Hlnks know and she will mail them to your home.

We have not received very many pledges this year. It is not too late to send them to Sue Hlnks. Please consider this as we will be working on our budget and it helps to have your pledges to plan for next year.

We started off the General Fund in December with \$563.74. We received \$37,003.92 in donations in December. We had an additional \$20,174.94 in the General Fund due to the forgiven PPP loan that we applied for. We ended the year with \$43,464. 06. in the General Fund. Praise God!

The Maintenance and Capital Improvement funds also ended with healthy balances. If you have any questions or want to receive the Treasurer's report, please contact Don Mueggenborg.

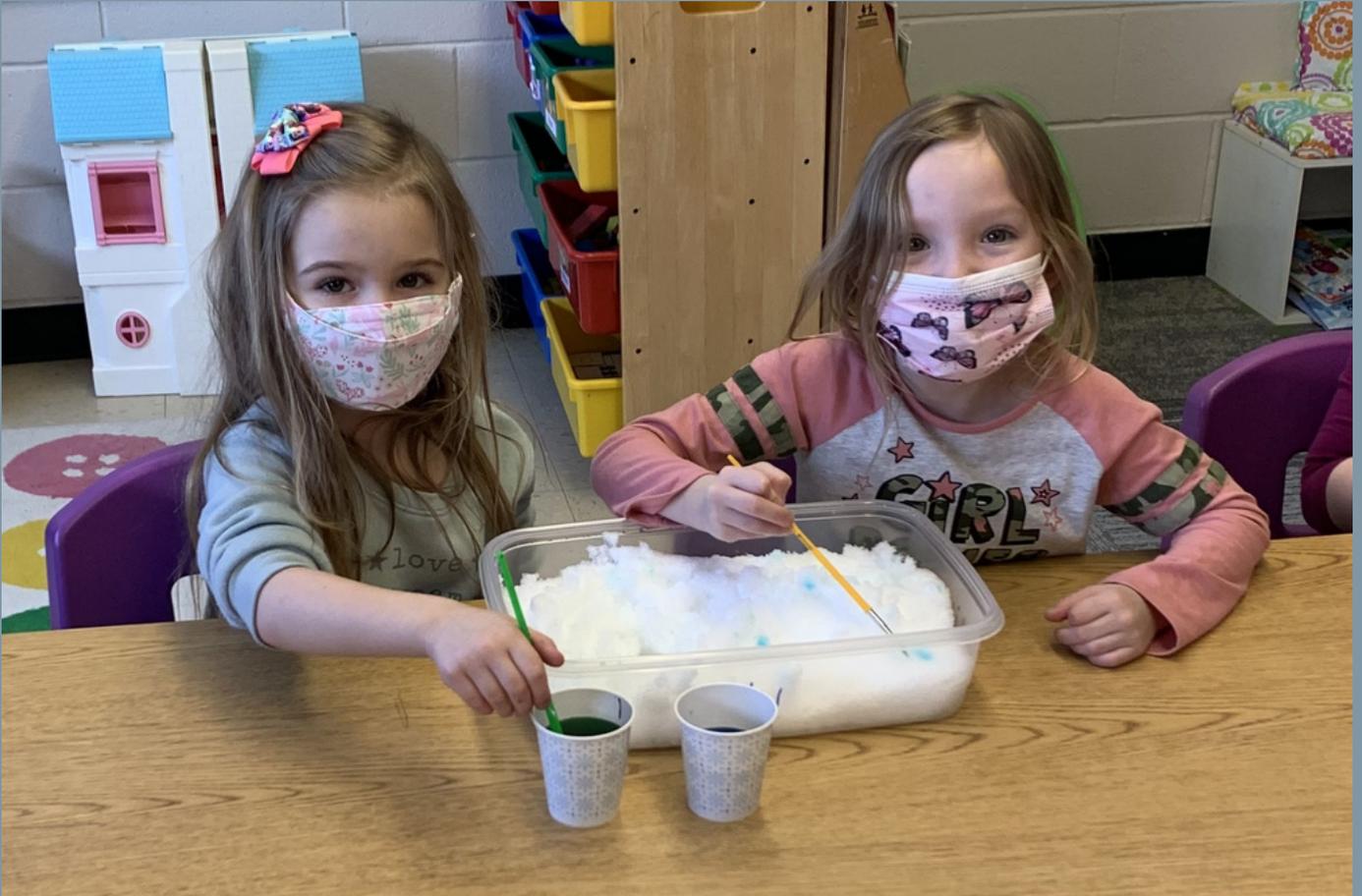
Thank you so much for your continuous generous support for the ministry and mission of Lemont UMC! It has been my honor to serve the church as the Finance Chairperson for the last three years.

Sincerely,
Peg Pecher

Thank you!



Happy Hands Preschool



Snow Fun

Remember how much fun winter was when you were a child? Well, we're making the most of it here at Happy Hands too! We sing songs about winter like, "Sing a Song of Winter," "Snowflakes, Snowflakes," and "Skating, Skating" while pretending to skate on an icy pond. One of the children's favorite winter songs is, "I'm a Little Snowman," because when the sun comes out at the end, they get to melt down ... "Ooops, I'm a puddle!" Our winter activities have included making snowman puppets and putting on a show (which we taped to send home to parents), painting a shaving cream snowman, and even painting with colored water in snow! It might be cold outside but the creativity inside Happy Hands is red hot!

Karin Peraino
Director of HH

**Sunday
March
14**



Daylight Saving Time, also colloquially referred to as “daylight savings,” begins on the second Sunday in March. That means you need to move your clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 14, 2021, and we “lose” an hour of sleep as we “spring forward.”

Calling off of The Last Supper Performance 2021 Due to the condition of COVID-19



After discussion about trying to video tape the Last Supper, the Lemont UMC Last Supper team in conjunction with Ad. Council decided to put on hold the performance this year due to the current condition of COVID-19. Mark Huegmann, the new Director of the program promises us to make the 2022 Last Supper special and more meaningful. Thank you so much for your understanding!

HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday Service - March 28, 2021

Good Friday Online Service - April 2, 2021

Easter Sunday Service - April 4, 2021

Easter Flowers



We are offering a way to purchase high-quality Easter flowers again this year to decorate our altar since we offer In-person service.

If you would like to purchase a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, they will be listed in the Easter bulletin and the plants may be taken home following the 10:00 a.m. Easter Service. There will be an order form in future. Orders are due by Tuesday, March 20, 2021.

Let us fill our Sanctuary with flowers this Easter in celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY & RAINBOW COVENANT

Loose Change Sunday is designated as the FOURTH Sunday of each month. All loose change collected in the offering on those days will be donated to our Rainbow Covenant Charities. Even a small contribution can make a significant difference when it is combined with the contributions from other churches. Through the Rainbow Covenant, our church provides monetary donations to pre-approved charitable efforts throughout the world. These charities are divided into six different categories, designated as different color bands of the rainbow.

Each month we will highlight one of these charities. If you would like to make a larger donation to that specific cause, please use a pew envelope and write the name of the charity on the outside. Any church that pays their full apportionment and contributes to all six bands of the rainbow is designated as a Rainbow Covenant Church. LUMC has proudly been a Rainbow Covenant Church every year, for over 25 years! Let's keep the trend going.

Please look for more information on each of these important ministries throughout the year and plan to drop your loose change in the offering plate on the fourth Sunday of each month. Thank you!



March 2021 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 March, we are highlighting the green band charity, Outdoor and Retreat Ministries "Camperships" Scholarships.

ORM Camps provide fun outdoor experiences, experiential discipleship, Christian community, leadership development, and creation care. Camp Scholarships help persons to attend these camps at Reynoldswood and Wesley Woods when they are in need of assistance. Check them out at <http://niccamp.org/>. Please bring in plenty of change on March 28th (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "Camping" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Library Column

Written by Kay Norfleet

Genesis spends too little time-or maybe we are the ones who do- on the fact that GOD CREATED US AND OUR WORLD. He is THE INTELLIGENT CREATOR. (Although others do try, but fail completely, to suggest an alternate creator;for example, Big Bang.) Who can believe an idea that DOESN'T explain how and why plants grow, how and why animals exist, etc. and the big question: HOW DID COMPLICATED MAN AND WOMAN COME INTO EXISTENCE...emphasis on Complicated. (Physical and Mental complications...ie. think of your ability to think.).

How God, even though man is often trying to confuse His plans, always ALWAYS is able to bring about a good result. Sometimes we don't know that good result is good until later on in our lives. Or maybe later than that. For example, we often aren't able to see the promise of God in the divine institution of man and woman. They are different yet both made to worship God. The woman is man's second self, yet unique. God willed to man the woman as man's help mate. (God knew man would have to have a help mate.)

Consider the beginning of the world we know. God gave that to us. GOD gave that to us. (No that's not an accidental repeat...it's A WONDER!). He gave us moon and the stars and the waters and the sky and day and night, and the little world that each of us has. So WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO TO MAKE IT BETTER, TO MAKE IT AS GOD WISHES?. The Spirit of God tried to convince men, by sending Enoch, Noah, and perhaps others, to preach to them; by waiting to be gracious, notwithstanding their rebellions; and by exciting alarm and convictions in their consciences. But the Lord realized that his Spirit should not thus strive with men ALWAYS; He would leave them to be hardened in sin, and ripened for destruction.

This He determined because man was flesh: not only frail and feeble, but carnal and depraved; having misused the noble powers of his soul to gratify his corrupt inclinations." God saw(sees) all the wickedness that is among the children of men; that cannot be hid from Him and if it be not REPENTED OF, it shall be made known by Him shortly. Can God change, or be unhappy.Yes, to both. Does God thus hate our sin? Of Course!

God repented that he had made man; but we never find him repent that he REDEEMED man. God has given man second, and more than that, chances. But none are punished by a just God, but those who hate to be reformed by the grace of God. (Gen 6:8-11) However God has promised no more floods. But that shouldn't relieve us. We should pray and pray for wisdom that we are doing the "right thing living in HIS world."

God works through individuals and nations, but his plans endure regardless of the temporary success of nations and worldly kingdoms and individuals. Sometimes that success is permanent-God decides. My opinion is that Genesis is a warning and a commitment: GOD IS WITH US ALWAYS. What are we going to do with everything He gave? We better do as He wishes. So pray and love and act as you believe God wants(always check with Him.) That's my take on Genesis. LIVE each day of 2021 always seeking God's advice.

Sympathy Notice



It is with deep sadness to share with you that Richard (Dick) Arcus died on Friday, February 12, 2021, at home in Lemont. Dick was a former member of Lemont UMC and a good friend of the many members of the church.

A memorial service and burial will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date in Spring.

Words of comfort may be sent to Dick's wife:

Sandra Arcus
524 Keepataw Drive
Lemont, IL 60439



May God's peace bring comfort to all who grieve.

Celebration of 90th Birthday



Rev. Marge Good, a mother of GleeAnn Kehr and retired clergy of the United Methodist Church, celebrated her 90th birthday on February 24, 2021. It is a such a joy and blessing to celebrate the special birthday amid her health challenges in the past few years. It is also our joy to see her in the picture with the flowers that LUMC sent. Rev. Good has been attending our online service since the pandemic and feels more connected with us.

Happy Birthday to you and we all wish you a happy and healthy year and many more!!!

You may send her a birthday card to Rev. Marge Good
19254 Co untry Road 36, Sterling, CO 80751

March Birthdays

March 1-Anthony Havemann

March 5-Bill Hill

March 5-Kristin Nelson

March 7-Jantha Laemmer

March 9-Ryan Peraino

March 12-Julie Rainaldi

March 12-Tiffani Cheehy

March 16-Rybecca Janovyak

March 23-Mike Pelikan

March 25-Don Fisher

March 29-Linda Lubben

Anniversaries

March 11

Teague and Kathy Cliff



United Methodist Men

Saturday: March 13 @ 8 a.m. The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet via Zoom at 8 a.m. on March 13. 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**.

Tony Ferrazzi, the President of UMM

Open Pantry Ministry

Open Pantry Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
from 9:45 AM to 11 AM

Items the Pantry Needs

needs paper towels, pork and beans, mac and cheese, tuna, chili, hash, spaghetti, pasta sauce.



Contact Number: 630-257-5210



Hope this finds you all well. I will be putting in a Scrip order on Friday the 12th, Please let me know if you would like to place an order.

Phone: 630 207-1151 or **Margefox2366@gmail.com**

Thank you~ Marge Fox

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 for healing and recovery
Alice and George Lange, strength and recovery
Joanne Goszczycki & family, death of her husband, Gene
Judy Janovyak who are grieving upon the death of her father
Antonio Lange, service in Alaska
Christine Miller for healing from fall
Craig Baxter, for rotator cuff surgery and recovery
Marge Herron, for low oxygen, blood clots, and hip and knees pain.
Chuck Herron, having rehab at Mother Teresa Home
Chuck Anderson, a lot of health issues
Fred Walker, removed three toes. Pray for healing.
Seung Woo Lee for healing and recovery from spin fusion surgery
Sue Gergescz who grieves upon the passing of her 18 years co-worker, Steve. Pray for his family and friends.
Al and Judy Janovayk for full recovery
Don and Loryl Fisher for full recovery
Prayer for our country and the new administration
Those who are struggling with COVID
Health care workers & first responders
All those who have lost their loved ones to COVID
Fast distribution of Covid-19 vaccines

Please let us know your prayer requests by sending an email to the church office at (lemontumc@gmail.com).

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**

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