

THE NEW WINE

LEMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

BY PASTOR OH

Easter has become a celebration of spring: Days are longer, the grass is greening, leaves are popping out on the trees, and flowers bring color back into the world. It is a season of full of life that has been buried under the ground. It is the reason we celebrate Easter.

On that first Easter, the women came to the tomb, wearing their Easter outfits, carrying Easter baskets filled with chocolate bunnies and marshmallow eggs. No!!! It was not that victorious. The women were "bewildered and afraid, risking their safety to go out into the darkness to buy burial spices. They were preparing to say a final goodbye to Jesus not only to Jesus but goodbye to their hopes and dreams. Suddenly, the young man says to them. "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him." The darkest place of hopelessness and alone, became the place light, life, hope and promise for them.

Then, the men said to them, "Go to his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." And they ran to the disciples to tell what they heard and witnessed. I am curious Why especially Peter? What would it have meant to Peter that the messengers of God have specifically singled him out, asking, the disciples to go to Galilee to meet the risen Jesus? As we have been studying on Peter, he had completely collapsed under sin and failure. He committed the worst kind of denials. Peter was defeated and full of shame and sadness. His ministry, his goals, and ambition, his dreams and hopes, everything, was dead and gone.

Jesus singles him out to make sure he receives the most important news. Jesus opened the door for the restoration of Peter's called ministry. The words "Especially Peter" offers us hope and grace. Failure cannot separate us from the risen Savior's love. Even though Peter's failure was as bad as any of sins... CHRIST'S LOVE WAS GREATER THAN PETER'S FAILURE and ours.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

Christ's love is based on grace, not human effort. God's grace is unmerited favor. That means that you cannot do anything to deserve it. You cannot earn it by good deeds or by extra effort. The only proper response to grace is to receive it. This grace humbles us because the only way we can receive it is when we realize that we don't deserve it.

"After hearing the women, the disciple didn't believe them. But Peter ran to the tomb. When he bent over to look inside, he saw only the linen cloth. Then he returned home, wondering what had happened. Peter still was not convinced that Christ is risen despite the testimony of the women, despite he saw the empty tomb, and despite Jesus had told him he would rise a few times. Peter remains unconvinced that Jesus has in fact been raised. He would have thought that someone had opened the tomb and removed Jesus' body to desecrate and humiliate him. He was simple, not sure what to think.

Peter and the other disciples went back to fishing, but they caught nothing all night. On the way back to closer to the shore the next morning, they saw a man standing around a fire, cooking fish for breakfast. He shouted out to them. "So did you catch anything?" "No" they shouted in response. The man shouted back, "Cast your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." As they lowered their nets, suddenly their nets were filled with fish, so they couldn't haul in the net. It was John that instantly knew who the man was on the shore. The man there was the same one who had told Simon Peter to cast out the nets into the deep water three years earlier, a catch of fish that changed their lives forever. "It's the Lord. Simon Peter grabbed his cloak, put it on and jumped into the water, run as fast as he could. Peter, cowardice, became changed to be courageous after encountering and believing the resurrection of Jesus. It is God's plan to restore Peter and mankind to Himself from the sins.

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Resurrection happens each time someone reaches for recovery. Resurrection happens when broken hearts discover the flame of love leaping up again. Resurrection happens when relationships that had frozen over and become lifeless grow once more. As sure as the seedlings that sprout forth in a burned-out forest, resurrection happens. As sure as the night turns to dawn, resurrection happens. Places of our failures and despair can be transformed and re-born to be places of life, hope, peace, love, and grace. When we are with each other in the places of the failures with compassion and solidarity, resurrection is realized, felt, and tasted. Through Jesus' life, death and resurrection, we learn that God will never break solidarity with us: God's love for us is constant. This love is always and forever the promise of new life.

Happy Easter,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh



The United Methodist Church

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Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. (Isaiah 1:17, NIV)

On behalf of the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, the Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, we condemn the shootings in metropolitan Atlanta on March 16 that left eight people dead and one injured. We recognize that these shootings were not a random attack. Six of the eight people killed were Asian American women.

These shootings are the product of a culture of violence, misogyny, and hatred against Asian American people—particularly Asian women and senior citizens—that has intensified over the last year. The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has fueled a significant increase in anti-Asian rhetoric, hate crimes and acts of violence against our Asian American siblings. According to [a recent report](#), Asian Americans have experienced a 150% increase in hate crimes in major cities over the last year, and “Asian American women reported harassment incidents 2.3 times more often than their male counterparts.”

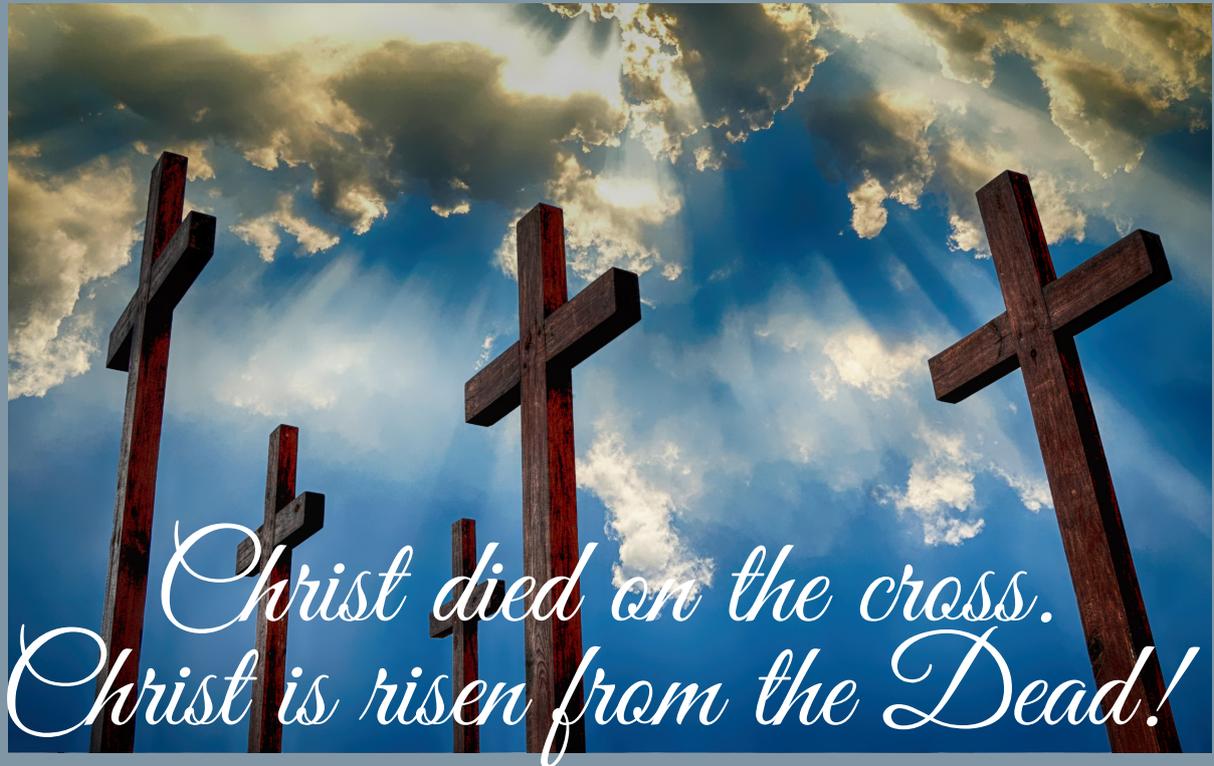
We acknowledge that this most recent event is another chapter in a long history of violence and hate directed at Asian American people, and we grieve the pain, fear and anger it has engendered. As we lift our hearts in prayer to God for the families, friends and neighbors of all whose lives were touched by Tuesday evening’s shootings, we are reminded that God’s response to our prayer is often a call to action for our communities.

Heeding God’s call today, we recommit to standing up and speaking out against violence, hate, gender and sexual bias, economic discrimination, and racism of all types. We commit to establishing and deepening our relationships and partnerships with our Asian American siblings in Christ. In the wake of this most recent tragedy, we commit to listening more deeply to the particular challenges facing our Asian American siblings so that together we can work to combat the forces of evil and hate that provoke unspeakable acts of violence like the one we now mourn.

- The Rev. Paula E. Clark, Bishop-Elect, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
- The Rt. Rev. Yehiel Curry, Bishop, Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Bishop John L. Hopkins, Interim Bishop, Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church

This statement is endorsed by the Union of Black Episcopalians, the Very Rev. Kim L. Coleman, National President.

Holy Week and Easter Services



Good Friday Online Service -April 2, 2021 at 10AM
Meet us on YOUTUBE or Facebook

Easter Sunday Service - April 4, 2021 at 10AM
In-Person or Online



facebook

Notable Mentions

The Worship Committee of Lemont UMC along with the members of the church packed over 90 Easter Care Boxes on March 21, 2021, and delivered them to the families of the church. Happy Easter to you and your Family!

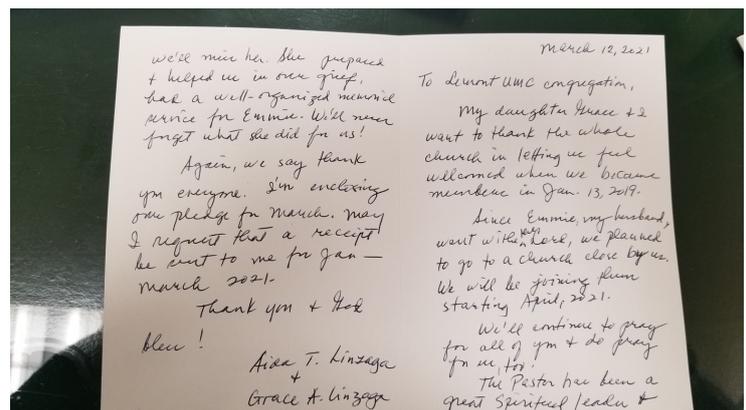
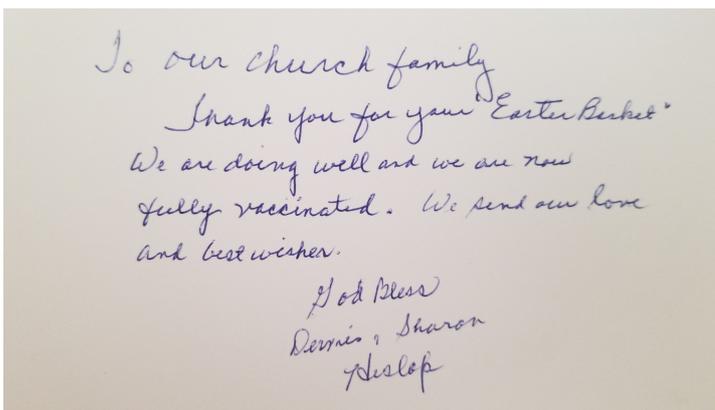
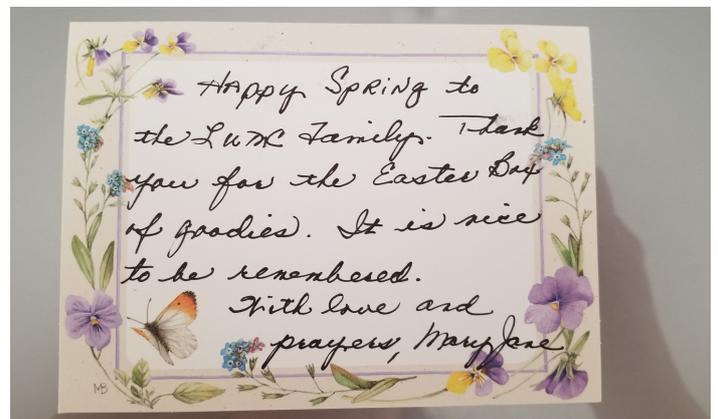


Notable Mentions

Thank you to Cris Kerins who made 18 Easter Baskets for kids and delivered them.



Thank you notes



Lists of Easter Flowers Donors

April 4, 2021



Name	Flowers	In honor or In memory of
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh /Seung Woo Lee	1 Lily	In memory of Jae Yeob Lee, Father of SW
Jana Stelter	2 Tulip (Yellow & Purple)	In Memory of Bill Sykes, Father In Honor of Mary Jane Skyes, Mother
Mary Jane Nelson	2 Tulip (Pink & Purple)	In Memory of John Nelson, Husband In Memory of Max Nelson, Son
Don Meggenborg	1 Tulip (Assorted) 1 Hyacinth (Assorted)	In Honor of his family and friends
Wendy Myers	1 Tuilp (Pink) 1 Hyacinth (Purple)	In Memory of her parents In Memory of her siblings
Karin & Tim Peraino	1 Hyacinth (Purple) 1 Lily	In Memory of June Mueggenborg, Mother In Memory of Sue Bea Wright, Friend
Dale Janssen	3 Hyacinth (Assorted)	In Memory of Paula Janssen, Adam Janssen, and Byron Janssen
Linda Kennedy	1 Tulip (Purple) 1 Hyacinth (Purple)	In Memory of Urban & Joyce Festin, Parents
Bill & Cris Kerins	1 Tulip (Purple) 1 Lily	In Memory of the Vana (Parents) In Memory of the Kerins (Parents)
Don & Loryl Fisher	1 Tulip (Yellow) 1 Hyacinth (Purple)	In Memory of Gene & Lucille, Fisher In Memory of Abe & Toni Kromray
Ron & Carol Walter	2 Tulips (Pink) 1 Lily	In Memory of all those a have died of Covid-19 this past year
Linda Lubben	1 Lily	In Memory of George Lubben
Bob & Sue Gergescz	1 Tulip (Assorted) 1 Tulip (Assorted) 1 Hyacinth (Purple)	In Honor of Worship Choir In Memory of Steve & Irene West/Mike & Rose Gergescz (Parents) In Memory of Steve West * Dave Gergescz (Brothers)

JERICHO

From the Oct 27 Tuesday Night Fellowship

By Phil Ramos



I'm going to go old testament tonight and talk about Joshua 6:1-27. A story about a promise, a story about Faith, and a story about when the walls of Jericho crumbled.

There were the Israelites and they had just crossed over the Jordan River to the land of "Milk and Honey" after 40 years in the desert. The Promised Land, now the Land of Canaan and one of the first things the Hebrews encounter is the walled city of Jericho occupied by the Canaanites. Joshua wanted that city for his people. It was promised to his people. So, he did two things: First, Joshua sent two spies in to the city to collect intelligence. And then he prayed for an answer from God.

The two spies entered the city, and were doing what spies do and were nearly caught. As they were fleeing, they found and entered, Rahab's house. Rahab was classified as a "common harlot". And she hid them under a layer of flax until they were safe. Rahab told the two spies that all of Jericho was horribly afraid of the Israelites because God had dried up the Red Sea to allow them to cross, to arrive at Jericho, and to take the town. Rahab's house was next to the wall and when it was safe, she lowered them out of her window with a rope. But not before she swore secrecy and the spies pledged that she and her family would be spared in forthcoming the attack. She was to put a scarlet robe in the window so the Israelites would know who she was.

Joshua debriefed his spies and continued to pray. Was Joshua scarred...terrified? You better believe it. His very first encounter was this heavily fortified city, His "army" was rag-tag and had no military experience at all! Joshua continued to pray and was visited by what looked like a military man. Joshua asked, are you God and the figure said, "I am the commander of the Army of the Lord". Joshua bowed, he was told to remove his sandals as this was holy ground, and was given God's instruction. Now, Joshua knew what he had to do.

JERICHO

(continued)

Joshua gave the orders for all the Israelites to wake up in the morning and to silently march around the city, carrying the Ark of the covenant. He told them to be silent as they circled the city and to have seven priests blow air through the horns of seven rams. When they returned, Joshua told them they must wake up the next morning and do it all over again! And they did. They did so each morning for six consecutive days. On the seventh day, Joshua gave them different instructions.

On the morning of the seventh day, they marched around the city seven times, carrying the Ark of the Covenant, with the seven priests blowing air through the horns of seven rams. When they were finished, Joshua commanded them to, "Shout, for the Lord has given you this city". At Joshua's command came a powerful roar and the walls fell. The walls of Jericho were obstacles in the way of what the Israelites wanted, of what they were promised. Was there a military strategy or an engineering solution to defeat the walls?

No. This story is about faith in God and God's promise. It was Faith in God that brought those walls down. God had made a promise. the Israelites kept their faith and they obeyed God's command, and then God followed through with his promise. They had just finished 40 years in the desert eating manna. They kept believing and God kept providing. When they got to Jericho, the Israelites did precisely as they were told, even though it didn't seem to make any sense at the time...walk around the city blowing air through ram's horns, and then shouting! But they had faith and they obeyed.

Faith without any works is shallow and dead. You can say. "I believe in God" and still live your life in an ungodly manner. If you truly believe in God, you will want to obey His words and live and act accordingly. THAT is putting your faith to work. It is your obedience to the word of God that is the evidence of your faith for everybody else to witness. It's your actions. It's you getting up and marching around that city every morning. Your obedience is evidence of your faith that God will deliver on his promise of heaven.

Consider

Are the walls our everyday struggles and shortcomings in life?

·Could Jericho be heaven?

·Why did Rahab hide the spies?

·Who was the commander of the Lords army?

·What do you think the people thought when they first heard that they were to march quietly around the city?

·Are we circling the city repeatedly and seemingly ending up at the same place?

Note From The Angelfish

The Lemont UMC Praise Band has been learning how to, and trying persistently to furnish fresh recordings for the services for a year now! We were not expecting to and we did not know how, but we knew we wanted to do something. This week, Tony Ferrazzi wrote the following heartwarming note that I would like to share:

"Hello Fish

Well, do you remember where you were one year ago? Let me refresh your memory. There was a new bug going around and it was scaring the heck out of us. The changes we had made in our lives up to that day, changes we thought were drastic, were nothing compared to the changes to come.

We only had a few days warning when they announced that everything was closing down. Schools, Jobs, restaurants, movie theaters, sporting events, any place where people could gather. Churches were on that list also. Only hours before we had to retreat into our own homes for the lockdown and before gathering and singing in church was to be banned, Leslie and Phil came up with an idea and a plan. The entire LUMC Praise Band was invited to a fully sanitized 830 Lenox Avenue. for a 2 day, 18 song recording marathon. J. J. stepped up to be our cameraman working his Mom's cell phone camera to make the videos. We stayed socially distant, spreading out all around the kitchen and family room, on designated spots that Leslie and Phil had pre-determined would work so we could all be seen on the videos.

We quickly ran through a song to practice, receiving guidance and instruction before recording the song usually on one or two takes. Leslie would greet the prospective church viewers and introduce each song. Bruce brought several different instruments and I am pretty sure he played them all. We even brought a change of clothing so it wouldn't look like we did it all in one day. We recorded 9 songs Friday night and came back on Saturday morning to record 9 more. Speaking for myself, I will never forget the feeling of joy and sense of accomplishment that I felt leaving Leslie and Phil's house. LUMC would not have to do without songs from the Praise Band and those 18 songs would surely get us through till we could all gather at church again (or so I thought). I truly believe the Holy Spirit was with us all on those days one year ago as we gathered to praise Jesus and worked to share that praise with our church.

I could never have imagined the changes to come in the year ahead. Click tracks, separate videos, shared google drives, Phil's Zoom meetings, special computer programs and Leslie spending hours and hours to put it all together. The recent hiring of Juan, a special tech guy to help produce all of the videos for a hybrid church service and let's not forget our incredible Pastor who worked so hard to provide meaningful and beautiful church services every week no matter what the new technology was. One thing that will never change is how happy and blessed both Dawn & I are, to be a part of this group of people we call the Angel Fish.

Love, Tito"



L to R, Goldie, Catfish, The Guppy, Ivoryfish, Titofish, Sunny, Tuna, and Starfish (missing is Butterfins)

History for John Quinn

By Richard H. Lee, LUMC historian



Do you remember what the 99 year-old woman, Lorraine said about her days in Lemont when she was the daughter of Rev. Coats (1925-1930) and how He confronted the “goons” or persuaders of the famous Al Capone. They came to the church office to have him stop opposing a new bar or tavern in Lemont. They didn’t know Rev. Coats had a loaded revolver in his desktop drawer in case of violence but he was very convincing so they left and stopped their threats. Maybe they set up shop in the basement of the Freehauf Building downtown.

The Coats family decided to leave Lemont and go to Chicago because the Lemont schools could not give accreditation for college. We even had some teachers who had only high school education. In the 1960s, the church was using the house on the north-east corner of Lemont and Cass (311 Lemont Street) for the parsonage and Sunday adult Bible study. That’s where I met my wife in 1964. In early 1970 they decided to purchase a house on Schultz Street for the parsonage and left Lemont Street. Reverend Leo came in 1970 and was the first pastor on the new Lemont United Methodist Church on Custer Street and lasted longer than any other pastor, about 10 years.

Library Column

Written by Kay Norfleet

Exodus is account of how Moses and Aaron led Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. It lists the plagues Moses and Aaron used to persuade the Pharaoh 'to let my people go.' (The Pharaoh was a stubborn guy, even after Moses and Aaron were able to blight the land with flies, blood(in the Nile), frogs, lice, a pestilence, boils, hail and locusts and the final straw which decided in favor of Moses, the killing of the firstborn.

All these were declared by the Lord because He wanted His people out of Egypt...He had plans for them. But let's regress a bit. Moses was born an Israelite whose life was in danger from that Pharaoh. For part of his young life(some say 3 mos.) his mother, Jocheved, hid him. Yet she feared that she could not continue to do this because the Pharaoh of Egypt had ordered the killing of baby boys. Then with faith in a God who protected, she set him in a basket and floated the basket down the Nile. Her daughter, Miriam, watched the basket as it floated and then she saw the Pharaoh's daughter enter the Nile to bathe. The Pharaoh's daughter saw the baby Moses and claimed him for herself .

He was raised in the palace. (God does protect, AND He wasn't finished with His Plan.) As Moses grew to young manhood, he carried out the wishes of the Palace. However, one day he confronted an Egyptian who was displeased with the work of an Israelite slave and killed him and then Moses killed the Egyptian. (Why?) (What was God's thought on this. Especially since he picked Moses to lead.) Then Moses fled to Midian, where he met his wife, Zipporah. There God talked to him through a burning bush and persuaded Moses to go get His people out of Egypt. (You need to consider what faith(and inevitable questions) Moses had for God- who had directed his life so far.) (Also you need to consider how complicated and loving God is for His people.) When Moses had used the persuasions of the Lord and led the Israelites from Egypt, they stopped at Mount Sinai. Moses ascended the mountain and met God, really met God! who gave him the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 20-)

There are a lot of other admonishments of the Lord...but the main idea is that in that time they're to be followed...religiously. Since then we need the common sense the Lord gave us. (Ask the Lord for Th common sense...then listen to him.)

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!



April 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 April, we are highlighting the blue band charity, Hesed House PADS. Hesed House equips ninety area churches 1) to provide food, shelter and services to its homeless neighbors, 2) to provide the opportunity to hope again (job training, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, legal services, veteran's services, etc.), and 3) to work for systemic and societal justice on behalf of the least of these

Please bring in plenty of change on April 25th (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "Hesed House PADS" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Happy Hands Preschool

By Karin Peraino

The annual Happy Hands Fashion Shows in February were a huge success! In order to provide a safe environment, we held single-class shows with limited attendance and other restrictions. The theme, "Seasons of the Year," gave us a chance to reflect on the blessings of each season as the students took us on a tour of fashions and activities throughout the year. A true highlight was watching the children clap and encourage one another. Both the students and families had a wonderful time and one mom shared that her children continued to play "Fashion Show" all weekend. Thanks to the generosity of families, friends, and local businesses, the proceeds raised from this fundraiser will help off-set the additional costs due to COVID-19 precautions this year.

Fashion Shows



Easter Parades

Children walked around the building waving palm leaves (that they had cut out) and singing "Hosanna"



United Methodist Men

Saturday: April 10th @ 8 a.m. The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet via Zoom at 8 a.m. on April 10th . 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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays



- Apr. 3-Cris Kerins
- Apr. 3-Erin Cliff
- Apr. 5-Margaret Flynn
- Apr. 6-GleeAnn Kehr
- Apr. 13-Antonio Lange
- Apr. 14-Kyleigh Janovyak
- Apr. 16-Bill Price
- Apr. 17-Amy Cheehy
- Apr. 20-Ellie Woytek
- Apr. 21-Bob Nelson
- Apr. 23-Sue Hinks
- Apr. 26-Elizabeth Havemann
- Apr. 27-Wendy Myers
- Apr. 28-Emily Stood

Anniversaries



- Apr. 5-Bill & Mary Jane Sykes
- Apr. 20-Tom & Marge Fox
- Apr. 21-Tony & Dawn Ferrazzi
- Apr. 23-Stephen & Sherrill Weary

Tuesday Night Fellowship



Call Phil Ramos to join the meeting or
click the link below:

<https://tuesfellowshipinfinityfreeappcom.webnode.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**

Power of Attorney

For Free of Charge

Bill Shelby, has been made aware that there are a number of LUMC Members who do not have their Powers of Attorney (Health Care and Property) completed and available in case of emergency. Every person has the right to make their own decisions involving their health and property.

A power of attorney (Health Care and Property) assigns someone you TRUST to make these decisions on your behalf should you become incapacitated. Everyone should have these documents available in the event they are needed. Because of this, I am offering to provide help to our Church members and family in preparing these documents at no cost to you. I will provide the documents (Health Care and Property) and the notary stamp. You will need to provide the names and addresses of the Agent(s) that will be given the power of attorney....or "attorney in fact." Should you wish to meet and have these documents prepared, please let me know. You can reach me at (630) 379-4023.

Bill Shelby

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Fundraising for Rev. Joseph Kim

March 16, 2021

Dear Friends and Colleagues in Ministry in Aurora District of NIC,

Greetings! I hope you are healthy, happy, and safe. My name is Hyo Sun Oh, currently serving Lemont UMC in Aurora District.

I am writing this letter to Aurora District clergy after consulting with D.S. Rev. Jeffry Bross, knowing that your support means everything to the family of Rev.



Joseph Kim, as they have been navigating this painful time. It was a shock to many of us that Rev. Kim, age 55, passed away all of sudden on March 3, 2021 after having multiple strokes. He was a faithful and active member of the Northern Illinois Conference since 2009 and served Fenton, Lockport: First, and Wheaton: Aldersgate. Nothing has prepared his family and all of us for this immense feeling of loss and sorrow. Some of you already have reached out and extended your kindness and sympathy to the family. Thank you!

This time, I would like to invite you and your church to join the fundraising for the family as they are financially struggling, not only to pay for the funeral expenses, but also for the future of the family since Rev. Kim was the breadwinner of the family and served the UM Churches only for 12 years. The family has been living in an apartment with the housing allowance from the church.

My heart goes to Rev. Kim's wife, Jennifer, daughter, son and the elderly parents, knowing that it is not only their struggle but also ours. If you and your church are able, please help the family by sending funds in any amount you're comfortable with to **Lemont United Methodist Church at 25 W Custer Street, Lemont, IL 60439 by April 10, 2021**. You may also give it online at lemontumc.org or using **GivePlus App** on your cellphone (find Lemont United Methodist Church and click Memorial for Rev. Joseph Kim).

Together, as the Aurora District churches and colleagues, we can share their financial burdens as they've been navigating uncharted water. Thank you so much for your support in advance! May God bless your generous hearts!

With appreciation,

Rev. Hyo Sun Oh, Lemont UMC (847-769-1125)

Rev. Jeffry Bross, Aurora District Superintendent

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).

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April New Wine

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