

NEW WINE LITE

Lemont United Methodist Church

ENDEAVOR 2022

BY BECKY CASEY

Do over, a clean slate, turning over a new leaf and making a fresh start, are all phrases we use to describe starting or beginning again. The New Year often brings thoughts of freshness, a chance to do something in our lives differently. Some people decided to diet, exercise, stop a habit or try to begin different activities as New Year's resolutions.

As 2022 begins, and we all get a clean slate, let's remember what the apostle Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:17-18, "If anyone belongs to Christ, there is a new creation. The old things have gone; everything is made new! All this is from God. Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself, and God gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with God." (New Century Version)

As Christians we are new creations in Christ. The old has gone and the new has come. We have just celebrated God's gift of Jesus to the world as a tiny baby. Sending Jesus to the world was how God made peace happen for humanity and personally in our lives. God tells us that it's our task to tell others about the peace we have in Christ.

Maybe that's our do over in 2022. To make it a priority to tell others about the peace Christ gives. In our words, actions and deeds let's resolve to turn over a new leaf and claim the fact that we are Christ's new creations and do the work of spreading the gospel, just as God commanded us to do. That's our endeavor for 2022. Let's make a fresh start.

Happy New Year!



*In person services are every Sunday
at 10:00 AM*

*Services will be online Sunday
evenings.*

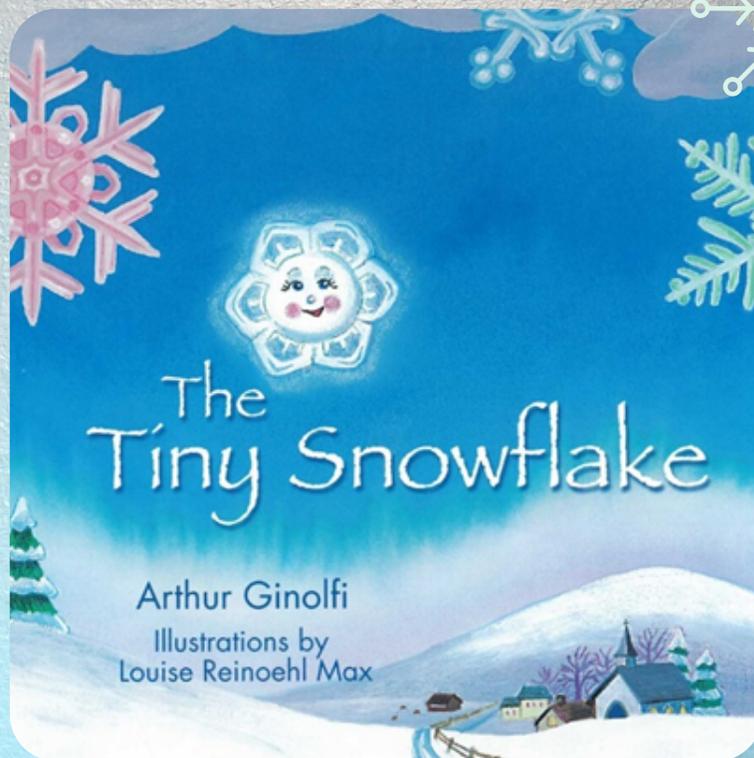
*Please continue to give via check,
online and Vanco Mobile App.*

Jesus and Me (JAM)

HAPPY HANDS



The students at Happy Hands will experience the wonder of being unique and loved by God through the story and song during JAM on January 11 and 12, 2022.

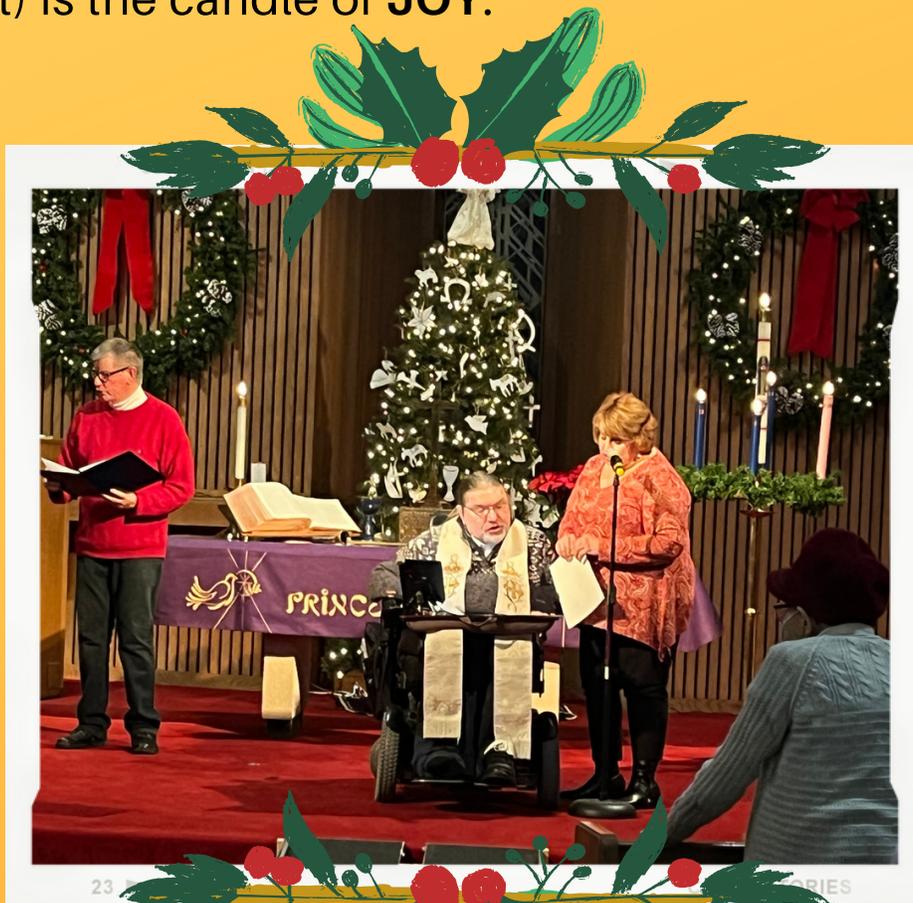


Our JAM book for January is *The Tiny Snowflake* by Arthur Ginolfi. “Swirling her way through a quiet, wintry night, Lacy the snowflake longs to discover what makes her special. All the other snowflakes around her all seem to have their special purpose, whether it’s making the snow soft or deep or slippery. But what is Lacy’s purpose? With a little help from friends along the way, she soon finds her unique place among God’s creation.” This book summary was taken from the book jacket. Watch for a take home paper recapping what we did during our time together. This is our JAM (Jesus and Me) time. Each month Pastor Tim and Becky Casey read a story, sing and share about Jesus.

**CHRISTMAS EVE 8:00 P.M.
A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
WITH SCRIPTURE, CAROLS AND CANDLES**



Left: (Liturgist) Bill Stelter lights the Advent Wreath. **Right: Pastor Tim & Becky Casey:** As each candle is lit, Pastor explains what each candle represents: The first (shortest) candle is the candle of **HOPE**. The second (increased in size) candle is the candle of **PEACE**. The pink candle is the candle of **LOVE**. The blue (tallest) is the candle of **JOY**.



FIRST CHRISTMAS

READINGS FROM THE GOSPELS



Galilean Couple

THE BIRTH OF JESUS
THE MESSIAH

Matthew 1: 18-21



A Little Town Called Bethlehem

LUKE 2:1-7



The Shephard and the Angels

LUKE 2:8-20



Jesus Christ the Son of God

LUKE 2:39-40



The Consecration

LUKE 2:821-35

Hymn of Praise: "Oh Come All Ye Faithful"

Hymn of Response: "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem"

Hymn of Response: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn of Response: "What Child Is This"

Closing Hymn: "Joy To The World"

Led by Sue Gergescz



Choir Anthem: "All Is Well"

"Jesus Comes to Earth"

Worship Choir





The Sacrament of Holy Communion

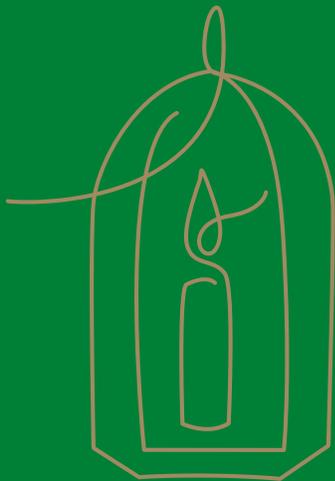


Pastor Tim Casey & Sue Hicks





Below: Bob Gergescz
Prelude/Offertory/Postlude



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CANVA STORIES

The Lighting of the Candles

The light which comes from the Christ candle is now spread throughout the congregation. "The light shines in darkness, and darkness has not put it out!"



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CANVA STORIES

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

January 2 - Abby Cliff
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January 6 - Sue Gergescz
January 7 - Mary Jane Sykes
January 8 - Beverly Svoboda
January 9 - Linda Kennedy
January 10 - Jodi Stood
January 11 - Bonnie Flounder
January 14 - Joan McKinney
January 12 - Joanne Goszczycki
January 24 - Jessica & Jackie Kehr
January 26 - Pastor Tim Casey
January 28 - Tom Gebel
January 30 - Rob Lange
January 30 - Shelby Fox
January 31 - Willeta Price



Anniversaries

January 27 - Dave & Wendy Myers

LOCATION: TBD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

REGISTRATION AND MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON.

LAKE SOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING



ZOOM Methodist Mens' Meeting

2nd Saturday of each month @ 8am

Please join the Lemont United Methodist Men (LUMM) Breakfast Zoom Meeting. This group is led by Tony Ferrazzi and is made available for the fellowship of all men of the church and all are welcome to attend. The meetings are about 45 minutes and include fellowship and a devotional with time to reflect and discuss. Hope to see" you at the next LUMM breakfast meeting.

Primetimers

January 15th

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Fork and Spoon.

If you have any questions, please call:

Kay Norfleet

630-257-6699

or call the church office.

Tuesday Night Fellowship



Call Phil Ramos to join the meeting or click the link below:
[https://tuesfellowshipinfinityfreeappcom.webnode.com/](https://tuesfellowshipininfinityfreeappcom.webnode.com/)

AA Meetings with the Boondocks

AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm. If you would like further information.

Please contact:

Bill at (708)653-2869

LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY & "MISSION LINKS"

WHAT IS MISSION LINKS? The Rainbow Covenant has been revamped to tie this second-mile giving to the beatitudes and is now called, "Mission Links." Each church is asked to pay an annual fee, called an apportionment, to help the United Methodist Church carry out our work in the world. Beyond that, each church is called to a second level of giving by contributing to specially approved charities that help "Advance" the work of Christ both locally and globally. These Advance charities are encompassed in the "Mission Links." Any church that pays their full apportionment and contributes to all of the Advance giving categories is designated as a "Mission Links" Church. LUMC has proudly been contributing to this second-mile giving, for over 30 years! Let's keep the trend going.

HOW DOES IT WORK? 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 "Mission Links" Advance Charities. Even a small contribution can make a significant difference when it is combined with the contributions from other churches. Through "Mission Links," our church provides monetary donations to pre-approved charitable efforts throughout the world. 100% of the amount donated goes to the designated charity. Each month we will highlight one of these charities and general donations during Loose Change Sunday will be split between them at the year's end. If you would like to make a larger donation to any specific cause, please use a pew envelope and write the name of the charity on the outside. Look for more information on each of these important Advance ministries throughout the year and plan to drop your loose change in the offering plate on the FOURTH* Sunday of each month. (*Please note that collections for Special Sundays will fall on their designated dates.) Thank you!

If you'd like to plan ahead, here are the charities that we will be highlighting this year:

- February 27th – Global Advance: Grace Children's Hospital
- March 27th – Missionaries: David Makobo
- April 24th – UMCOR: Global Refugee/Migration Response
- May—Bishop's Appeal
- June 26th – U.S. Based Projects: Tree of Life Ministries
- July 24th – District Projects: Housing Forward
- August 28th – Conference Projects: North Central College United
- September 25th – Conference Projects: Kids Above All
- October 23rd – UMCOR: United Methodist Committee on Relief-Undesignated
- November 06, 2022* – Special Sundays: Accessibility Sunday
- December – recap of all charities

FYI, we may also do collections on Conference-Designated Special Sundays: Human Relations Day (1/16/22), Souper Bowl Sunday (2/13/22), UMCOR Sunday (3/13/22), Native American Ministries Sunday (5/01/22), Peace w/ Justice Sunday 6/12/22), World Communion Sunday (10/02/22), and UM Student Day (tba)



OPEN FOOD PANTRY

Open Pantry Hours

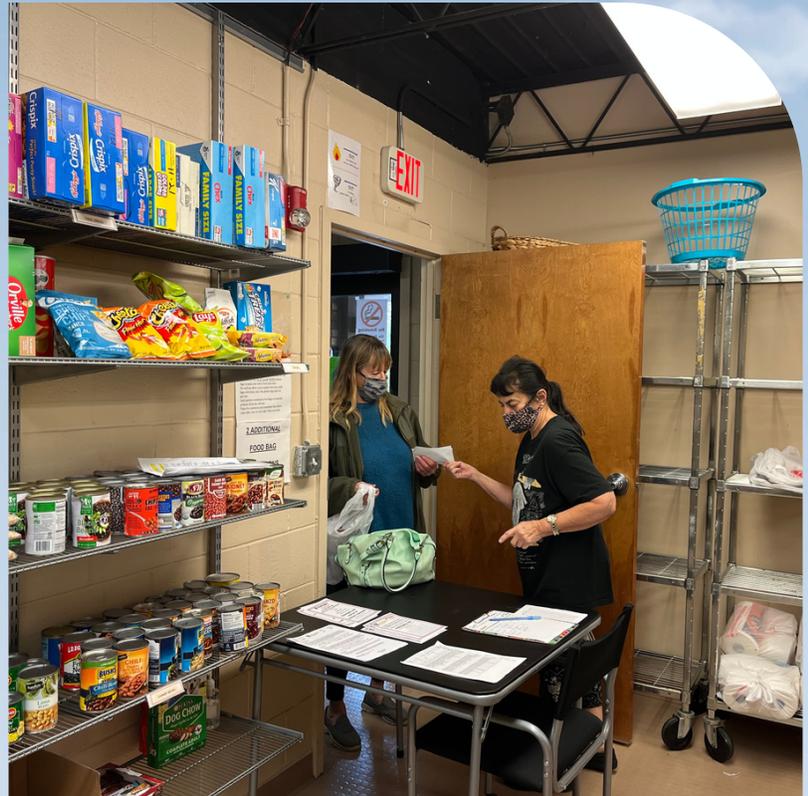
Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday

from 9:45 AM to 11 AM

Office: 630-257-5210

**Closed Thursday, Thanksgiving Day,
November 25, 2021**

**In-Person contact - masks are
required.**



Mary Englund serving a patron.



**KRISTEN NELSON PREPARING FOOD BAGS
FOR THE PATRONS**

*Thank
you!*

**To to our
volunteers,
Dale Janssen,
Kristen Nelson,
Mary Englund,
& Margaret!!!!**



TOO
CUTE



A Special Delivery to the
Open Food Pantry:
Food Donations from
the girls and boys at
KinderCare

GOOD
JOB!!



Prayers and Concerns

*Alberta Harden (health issues); home from the hospital
Kelly (Dottie McAdam's granddaughter) healing & recovery

Katy (Kay Norfleet's cousin's daughter) needs a kidney

Harper - covid & leukemia

Kevin (Dottie McAdam's oldest son) bone cancer

*Shirley Stout & family - covid

Reggie Burris (Nelta's cousin)

Earl Groelle (Pastor Tim's brother-in-law) car accident

Richard Thomas (Amy Cheehy's stepfather) hospice care

June (Charry's boyfriend's mother) proper treatment for
gallbladder attacks

Kathryn Jones - active heart failure

Those struggling with all kinds of Covid

Health care workers

People in Afghanistan, Louisiana, Haiti, and those
suffering after tornadoes in Kentucky,

Mississippi and Illinois

***Church members**



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God loves you!