

August 2015



**Summer
Worship Service
9:30 a.m.**

August 2

Weekly Meditations
2 Samuel 11:26-12:13
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35
Communion

August 9

Weekly Meditations
2 Samuel 18:5-9,15,
31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35,41-51
Church Picnic

August 16

Weekly Meditations
1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58
**Coffee Fellowship
Rev. Beth Galbreth
Preaching**

August 23

Weekly Meditations
1 Kings 8:22-30,41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69
**Rev. Juancho
Preaching**

August 30

Weekly Meditations
Song of Solomon
2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2,6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8,14-15

The Lemont United Methodist

The New Wine

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to share with all of you what I've heard around our community. *"Lemont UMC Food Pantry is a life savior for my family; it's the best pantry I've been to."* *"My children went to Happy Hands Methodist Preschool and they are all in colleges now."* *"I went to Happy Hands and now my children are going there."* *"I am doing better and attending Saturday AA meetings at your church."* *"I love your Last Supper event and have seen it many times."* *I would drive two hours from Rockford to come and worship with all of you."* *"We came and stay because there is a special connection here."* *"This church is doing so many different ministries for its size."*

Do you see why I continue to share how blessed and grateful I am to be a part of Lemont United Methodist Church? Lemont UMC has a great reputation and so much to offer. The community would definitely miss us if our church no longer existed. I've been recently reminded: *"Without evangelism, the church will cease to exist."* This statement speaks volumes to me; it answers why evangelism is so important.

Through our ministries, our church has been practicing various acts of mercy such as feeding the hungry who come to our Food Pantry and Daybreak Shelter, and welcoming those who are strangers; however, we are shy about evangelizing, which is sharing our faith and inviting people we daily meet, work with, and even have a relationship with to follow Jesus Christ.

Evangelism has become a sticky term for many in the 21st century. In order to understand evangelism more fully, let's examine the word evangel. Evangel is a Greek word that has three separate words in it. These words mean, to tell the good news, to bear witness, and to proclaim. Jesus commissioned his disciples to show and share what they had seen and known about Jesus as the Christ and to assert to the truth of the facts of Jesus' life, his deeds and his words. People outside of the faith want to know, *"What difference has Christ made in your life?"* Thus, the key concern in our Christian witness is the personal evidence that Christ is alive in us.

My goal for the rest of this year is to encourage you to reach out to people wherever they are and receive them as they are and invite them to come to our church and experience God's love. By Christmas, my hope for them is to respond to God's gift and begin a relationship with Jesus Christ. But before reaching out to people, we must first have a confident belief and trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who died and was resurrected from the grave. Second, we must boldly tell the story of Jesus' ministry, his deeds, his miracles, his teachings and relate it to our personal lives. Third, we must think about our own Christian formation experience and share about a time when we felt fully empowered by or in touch with the Holy Spirit, with God, or with Jesus Christ. Let people see and know *How Christ makes our lives different?*

Evangelism is ultimately the work of the Holy Spirit, therefore start with prayer and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. May God empower us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and live out the great commission. ***"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...and teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20.***

Joyfully, Your Pastor, Kelly T. Van

Celebrations in August

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 5-Hannah Van
August 6-Emily Hennebry
August 10-Nathan Villacres
August 12-Marci Pierce
August 14-Jane Woytek
August 18-Rebecca Peraino
August 19-Ron Walter
August 20-Jacob O'Neill
August 22-Stephen Weary
August 24-Mary Jane Nelson
August 26-Daniel Stood



ANNIVERSARY

August 2- Deb & Chuck Belander
Sue & Dave Hinks
August 6- Mike & Amy Cheehy
August 13-Roland & Sue Tasker
August 17-Dale & Paula Janssen
August 28-Bill & Margaret Flynn
August 29-Karin & Tim Peraino



Worship Committee Researching Enhancements for the Sanctuary and Services

The Worship Committee is involved in a joint project with the Trustee Committee. This project involves new lighting in the sanctuary and new audio/visual equipment that will allow graphic and textual enhancements during the service. The Trustee Committee is contacting vendors for lighting that will increase what we currently have and also switching the church to LED fixtures that are more energy efficient. The Worship Committee is researching screens and computer programming that will update and enrich the worship experience for our congregation. These upgrades will allow scripture and song lyrics to be displayed where all can see, even when standing and singing, as well as add graphics or video that support the theme of the sermon. Ultimately, this ties in to videotaping the services to reach out to our members and the community who are not in attendance. Though we are small, we are committed to increasing the disciples of Jesus Christ through our ministry.

When all is finished, the Worship Committee will be looking for interested individuals who would be willing to monitor the presentation equipment for each service. Our hope is that we would have enough people that felt they could serve the church in this way so that no one person would be solely responsible. Please think about this for the future. Remember, we would make sure that you would be trained and comfortable with the job.

**HISTORICAL
MUSEUM
STREE FAIR**



Lemont Area Historical Society museum's street fair on September 19th from about 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a bake sale, music, clown for the kids, and pumpkins for sale - along with fall items like corn stalks and gourds. All of Lemont Street first block off Illinois Street will be closed off. Tours of the Old Stone Church will also be available. Contact the museum for more information at [630.257.2972](tel:630.257.2972).

August 2015 Book Reviews

Here are several more books on prayer. Why? Because prayer is such a necessary part of our lives. We cannot make it on our own. Our God made us to **worship** and **praise** and **rely** on Him for our needs. We all have needs. This book addresses the woman specifically. "The Power of a Praying Woman." Stormie Omaritan looks at the woman's needs. But first she encourages women to look at themselves **HONESTLY**, then pray and ask God to show them the sins, doubt, selfishness, gossip, and unloving actions for example. Do you ever doubt that the Lord can do something? Remember it has to be according to His will. Are you sure it's according to His will? Are you willing to keep asking for something-that often will give you insight? She also points out that we need to be **doing** His word, not just knowing it. That sort of goes along with asking God to show you what HE wants you to do. God wants doers, not just thinkers.

Another book on prayer is "The Praying Wife", which, of course is directed more specifically. **Instead of arguing, pleading, cajoling** (or whatever other method you might find convincing) **pray first. Pray for wisdom and understanding of your husband. Sometimes that takes patience, so pray for that, too.** If your husband is not living in accordance to God's wishes, accept him and respect him and **PRAY** that he changes to conform to God's wishes. You do the praying. You be the example that God wishes of a wife. (Maybe you need to involve a marriage therapist. Pray about that, too.)

Also, "Praying through Life's Problems." God gave us free will. That's what Adam and Eve wanted. So that's what they got. Now we could just continually blame them for whatever is confronting us, or we could do something about it with God's help.

Also, "The Power of a Praying Husband." In it, Stormie Omartian looks at a man's need to bless his wife and their relationship. Some of the suggestions she makes might seem self-serving, but

For the kids, they can read or you can read, the book/CD set containing Frank Peretti's (a renowned Christian writer) "Wild Wacky Totally True Bible Stories." It is very entertaining and helpful since it points out ways these stories could apply to kids today. And, I have included several Large Print books by Beverly Lewis, another Christian writer. These books are part of her writings on the Amish ways.

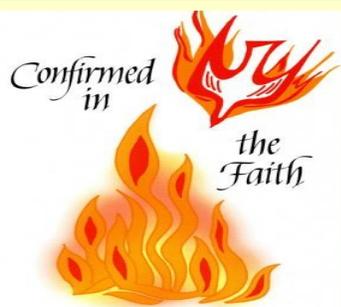


Thank You to Bill and Willetta Price for leading our 1st Methodist Essentials Class! We enjoy your Southern twang and hospitality. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us.



CHURCH PICNIC

The Vasquez's have graciously offered their home for our church picnic, Sunday August 9th. It will be immediately following our church service. The church will provide the chicken. Please bring a dish to pass. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church. Paper products and drinks will also be needed. There is a pool for swimming and a large back yard for some serious game playing! Their home is located at 21524 S. Mattox Lane, Shorewood Il. There is a column on the spreadsheet for car pooling for those who need/want a ride. Let's make this the best picnic ever! Please call the church at [630-257-5210](tel:630-257-5210) or Peg Pecher at [815-524-3014](tel:815-524-3014) if you have any questions.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our next confirmation class will start this fall on September 13, 2015 for 7th and 8th graders. The class will run through the whole year. For more information contact the church office.

2015 CROP WALK

The Crop Walk this year will be on 9/27/15, meeting at Dellwood Park from 1-4PM. Registration starts at 1:30 near the band shell area. The goal this year is 5K as we raised just under that in 2014. This year there will be a praise band at the park on the walk date. Railing meeting scheduled for 8/10/15 at 6PM at the 1st Congregational Church in Lockport. Donation of water and snacks are requested the day of the walk. More info on routes to come at a later date.



AUGUST 2015

RAINBOW COVENANT

August Loose Change Sunday (8/23/15)

Today is "Loose Change Sunday." All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant charities. For August, we are highlighting the **green band charity, Wesley Woods**. This is a Christian summer youth camp and adult retreat center in Wisconsin. Their mission is to Impact Lives with Jesus Christ. This mission is fulfilled through high-energy worship, creative and unique programs, and an exciting team of believers who love serving our Lord. Your gifts will help Wesley Woods upgrade the quality of their amenities to enhance the camping experience. Please place your loose change in the offering plate today to help the Wesley Woods. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write "Wesley Woods" on a pew envelope. Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Attention Parents of College Students living away from home



The Cap Program provides letters, cards, snacks and encouragement throughout the school year for students living away from home. Please call Cris Kerins at 257-5660 or Sue Tasker at 257-5664 with your child's school address so they can be included this year. Also, we welcome anyone wishing to donate items to be sent.

Thank You

Happy Hands

Happy Hands is looking forward to a wonderful school year! They have a few openings left for our 4's, 3's, young 3's and 2's classes.

Spread the word!



FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of condensed soups. Creamed, tomato, and chicken noodle. Thank you all for your help with this ministry.



9th Annual Kops N Kidz Day

Kops N Kidz Day will be Saturday August 8th at Centennial Park from 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. There will be tons of free demonstrations and activities such as a police scavenger hunt, photo booth, face painting, petting zoo, inflatables, live D.J., pony rides, and more. LUMC will have a stand and provide free water bottles for all attendees. We need water bottles donated, the use of coolers on wheels and volunteers.

Liturgist Schedule

August 2nd
9:30—Mike
Chappell

August 9th
9:30—Ryan
Peraino

August 16th
9:30—Jana Stelter

August 23rd
9:30—Cris Kerins

August 30th
9:30—Mark
Huegelmann



The Greatest Power Source

By Richard H. Lee

I was reading in last week's newspaper that Argonne National Laboratory is starting to build a new power plant to replace their 50-year old coal-fired plant. The new plant is a co-generation plant that will produce electrical power and heat from steam to heat most of the site's buildings. Then I started thinking is this the future of electric power because it is easy to build and low in cost – about \$40 million.

The winds always blow around the earth and are driven by the sun's heating. Moving water can generate a lot of power, such as Niagara Falls that produces much of New York's electrical power and this power is almost free for the taking. I'm told the greatest power on earth comes from the sun and for illustration we have the Polar Regions that are permanently cold (-70F) because they receive no direct sun. The sun is so damaging it can burn our skin and degrade or make brittle materials like plastics.

Focusing the bright sun into a small area you can start fires or cook food! So then I thought about the Bible's description of the end times in Revelation 21 with a marvelous new power source for the earth, the City of Light. The last living apostle and writer John has a vision of the new heavenly city, Jerusalem the Holy City, coming down shining with the glory of God (Rev. 21:11). The city has no need of the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God shines on it, and the Lamb is its lamp. (V.23 GNB) Continuing in chapter 22, "There shall be no more night, and they will not need lamps or sunlight, for the Lord God will be their light" (V. 5), and the Lord is also called "the Bright Morning Star"

Stewardship Minute

Marty Knott

**Children's Message
Schedule**

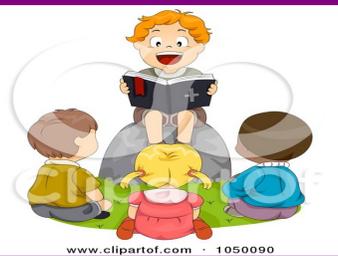
**August 2nd
Pastor Kelly**

August 9th

**August 16
Marty Knott**

**August 23rd
Ron Walter**

August 30th



**Schedule for Sunday
Greeters**

**August 2nd
9:30-Ron & Carol
Walter**

**August 9th
9:30—Shirley Stout &
Dottie McAdams**

**August 16th
9:30—Marty & Arlene
Knott**

**August 23rd
9:30—Juanita Fick**

**August 30th
9:30-Phillips Family**

Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

This is the next in a series of articles about stewardship. In these articles I will try to inform you about the many ways you can contribute to your church's programs.

“A Conference Apportionment Benefit for Our Church?”

You no doubt remember my discussions over the years about Conference Apportionments. Each United Methodist Church is “Apportioned” an amount to contribute for the country- and world-wide Christian outreach conducted by the conference on our behalf. The amount apportioned to a church is calculated based on that church's membership, its local outreach, and other local factors such as building funds.

Our church has always been faithful about paying our apportionments in full each year. In fact, our apportionment was lowered for this year in recognition of our many local outreach programs.

One of the missions of the conference is to help churches and pastors deal with the changing world and for this reason a program entitled the “Institute for Congregational Development & Academy for Faith Community Development” has been established in the amount of \$35,000. Relatively new pastors are encouraged to take part in this program. As it turns out the bishop recommended that our Pastor Kelly sign up for this program.

She will be attending sessions of this program for the next two years starting this September. Her tuition cost will be only \$450 for the two years due to the above described support by the conference. Our church will be paying for her tuition costs of course.

So you see that our church will benefit from the Conference Apportionments that we always thought was for the benefit of Christian outreach throughout the world.

General Fund Beginning Balance:	\$15,008
Receipts:	10,597
Disbursements:	10,801
Ending Balance:	14,804
Maintenance Fund Balance:	minus \$9,372

JUNIOR CHOIR

What can you hear but cannot touch or see? What has 88 keys but cannot open a door? These are some musical riddles for you and the answers will come at the end of this note. I hope that you have been enjoying your summer and that you've spent some time singing. I think God must feel happy when He hears you sing. We will begin Jr. Choir in September so watch for information in the late August bulletins or in your mailbox for the date. If you have a friend or relative who enjoys singing, ask her/him to join us. O.K.— here are the answers: your voice, a piano.



Church Projects in the Months of July and August

AV and Sanctuary Upgrades

The worship Committee has been working on upgrades that include audio, video, and physical changes to the front on the Sanctuary. After visiting several churches in the surrounding area and contacting sound and technical consultants, a plan was developed for the upgrades. An electrical company was selected to complete the work in conjunction with the lighting project. The following upgrades are on track for this summer. In the months of July and August, there will be work done in preparation for improved internet services. There will be two large flat screen monitors mounted in the sanctuary, upgraded sound system, and computer to run AV programs during the service.

One physical change that you will see include a new sound booth built in the back of the sanctuary where the computer, sound board and camera will be located and operated. Additionally, the choir loft will be leveled off allowing for a multipurpose area in the front for performers (choir and praise groups). This should minimize the clutter and wiring in front of the kneeling rails. Please excuse the mess while we move toward the completion of these changes.

Lighting Upgrades

The board of Trustees obtained technical advice from local churches, lighting specialists, and electrical contractors. After careful consideration, the Trustees received bids and selected an electrical contractor for the project. The lower level of the church has had new LED fixtures installed in all the rooms not included previously in the food pantry / Kitchen project. The emergency exit lights have converted to LED as well.

The sanctuary will receive eight LED fixtures to improve lighting capability. We saved about \$10,000 by purchasing some lights from another church, having them rewired and updated. In addition, some supplemental LED lighting will be installed on the ledges on either side of the sanctuary. With these improvements, our church has been accepted into the ComEd energy savings program. We will be receiving a grant of at least \$1,498.00 to help offset the cost of the project. ComEd has completed an energy survey of our church and has concluded that the energy savings will pay the cost of the total project within 3.9 years.

Jana Stelter



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*

Immediate Prayers

Nelva Piersma, heart operation
Dick Arcus, cancer treatments
Bob Bacigalupo, dialysis
Dale Janssen, home projects
Dan Sorensen, healing in family
DeMarkus Family
Joe Sigety, ALS
Gabrielle Tabor, surgery
Shirley Chappell, health issues
Alexandria Stojaov, brain tumor
*Mark Ende, surgery for broken arm
Jodi Rigoni, breast cancer
Terri Janovyak breast cancer
* Kexia Van to past the Board Exam
* Bob Norfleet's cancer treatment
*Kyleigh Janovyak, tonsillectomy
* Roland Tasker, Colitis
Dave Mlady, illness
* Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis
Dale Chappell, health issues
Suzanne Gallardo, foot surgery
Heather Livengood, broken wrists
Karen Livengood broken arm
Sandi Halicky, heart issues
Jeff Freeman, cancer
Connor Kratochvil, cleft palate
Lowry Family
Roberta Walbert, chemotherapy

Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
Deanna, relapse
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Bill B. fighting cancer
Doreen Alvarado, cancer
Brian, healing and strength
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
Bruno Belmont, lung cancer
Mike Bromberek, ALS
Esther Gores, home hospice
Florian Talos, stroke
Paul & Gayla Griese
Don Campbell, back surgery
Happy Hands enrollment
Hannelin Family
D.S. Wisdom's wife car accident

JOYS

Kelly Janssen, safe delivery of a baby girl
Bill Hill for playing the organ
Methodist Essentials Class
Twins Lily & Carl
Newborns, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Graduations
Vacations, Family Reunions
Water leakage fixed
Exchange students
Keeping our bank accounts safe
New members
Summer worship childcare

Important Dates in August

August 5th-Daybreak
August 9th-Church Picnic
August 11th-Outreach Meeting
August 12th-Trustees Meeting
August 16th-Rev. Beth
Galbreth Preaching and
Coffee Fellowship
August 19th-Ad Council
Meeting
August 23rd-Rev. Juancho
Preaching
August 30th-UVC Offering

Coffee Fellowship August 16th

Karin Peraino
Kathy Cliff
Jodi Stood
Kristen Nelson
Amy Cheehy
Amie Topete



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bear Ministry

Pastor Kelly takes communion to the "home bound" and visits those who are in the hospital. We are looking for people to prepare a home cooked meal and be with members when they have serious medical concerns-praying and providing support when needed. If you feel called to this ministry but are unable to cook, please donate gift cards from various places like Subway, Celina's or others in town, to distribute to members in need if Carebearers would not be able to provide a meal. Please consider this ministry prayerfully and contact :

Pastor Kelly: 773-428-787
Church: 630-257-5210

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25 West Custer
Lemont, Illinois 60439
Phone: 630-257-5210

Return Service Requested

New Wine August 2015



Sermons and Videos on Website

Worship services and other videos have been added to the website. From the home page <http://www.lemontumc.org> click the "Watch" link. For each sermon, there is a "Watch" link and a "Listen" link. The Watch shows the video using a Flash player. The Listen button will play or download an mp3 file. If you have an mp3 player, it can copy it

United Methodist Men

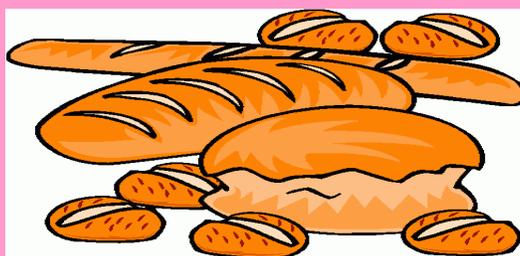


**Saturday,
August 8th
8:00 am**

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.

Bread at Lemont UMC
Come, take and Share with your neighbor every day during office hours Tuesday–Thursday 9:30 am –12:30 pm



Lemont UMC BOOKCLUB 2015 LIST

June 8 - The Kitchen House Kathleen Grissom
July 13 - Hidden Places Lynn Austin
August 10 - Wildflower Hill Kimberley Freeman



Primetimers



**Saturday
August 15th
12:00 p.m.**

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd or 4th Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch at the church parsonage. Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon. If you have any questions, please call: Juanita Fick