

**First United Methodist Church of Lockport  
1000 S. Washington St., Lockport, IL 60441**



# THE METHODIST CHIMES

**February  
2010**

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## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

We have entered already the month of **February**, the second month of the year 2010, I can't believe it! But I still do believe that we are still in the winter season and that's for sure. However, we have entered the New Year with high hopes and fervent prayers that this year will usher into a more cohesive and concerted efforts in advancing the mission of God and God's church the body of Christ.

This year our ministry teams and committees have already lined up ministry programs and events for the year, the others are still in the making. But more importantly we should always take the challenge that we are all **in ministry together**, that we are called to **be the hands and feet of Christ**. That we are to be like **catalytic converters** or **agents of change** in the church and the community. Please join me in my prayer and in the vision, to see our program ministry and mission be received positively by our constituents and community with joy. So that we can continue to witness to the love and saving grace of God to the unchurched in the knowledge and faith in God through Christ Jesus.

In three weeks our **Volunteers In Mission** team (VIM) leaves for another mission project to the **Philippines**. It is also important for you to know that I am the **Mission Interpreter** for the Philippines in our Conference (Northern Illinois Conference). There are several of us as Mission Interpreters for different countries where the United Methodist Church has established churches, mission sites and institutions all around the world. Our team is still collecting multi-vitamins to be distributed in health centers in the depressed rural barrios, and gently used neckties to be given to rural pastors. Our Chancel choir has already donated old but still usable choir robes, used Bibles and hymnals to a church which was under 10 feet of flood water in the after math of three hurricanes last October 2009.

Also this year, the month of February is the start of the Christian season of **Lent**. The third Wednesday of February the 17th, **Ash Wednesday** is the start of the Lenten season, and a sign of penitence. During Lent, the Christian tradition is that, it is a time of **fasting**, and giving up things that hinders our spiritual growth, to be better persons and better Christians. This year's joint Ash Wednesday service with the **First Congregational Church** of Lockport will be sponsored and hosted by us, the service starts at 7:00 p.m. Once again I am designing and preparing meaningful Lenten observance that will lead us to the **Easter** celebration with the help of our Worship team. The following are the ministry events for our Lenten observance: Joint Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesdays Lenten Supper and Study, Maundy Thursday Holy Communion/Tenebrae Service, Good Friday Community Seven Last Words Service (designed by the Lockport Ministerial Alliance). I encourage you to join us in these Lenten observances and join other Christians around the world in commemorating the Passion of Jesus Christ our Lord who paid all our sins.

*To God be the Glory For Great Things God Has Done!*

**+Pastor Noah**

Rev. Noah R. Panlilio – Senior Pastor



**Saturday, February 6 - Saturday Praise & Worship - 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah preaching; Music by: Eric Oberg

**Sunday, February 7 - 10:15 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany*

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13); Psalm 138 (UMH 853);

1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

*FISH Pantry Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Coffee Hour*



**Saturday, February 13 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah, preaching

Music by: Jerry Brown

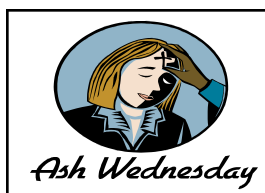
**Sunday, February 14 - 10:15 a.m.;** Pastor Noah, preaching

*Last Sunday after the Epiphany; Transfiguration of the Lord*

*Boy Scout Sunday (Scouting Ministries Sunday)*

Lectionary Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99 (UMH 819);

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 ; Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)



**Wednesday, February 17 - Ash Wednesday Service - 7:00 p.m.**

Combined Ash Wednesday service with the First Congregational UCC Church here at First UMC Lockport



**Saturday, February 20 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah, preaching

Music by: Eric Oberg

**Sunday, February 21 - 10:15 a.m.;** Pastor Noah, preaching

*First Sunday in Lent*

Lectionary Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)

Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

*Circle of Love Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion*



**Saturday, February 27 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.**

Bob Thompson, preaching

Music by: Mary Beth Davidson

**Sunday, February 28 - 10:15 a.m.;** Bob Thompson, preaching

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27 (UMH 758)

Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

*Change for Missions offering; Fourth Sunday Dinner*

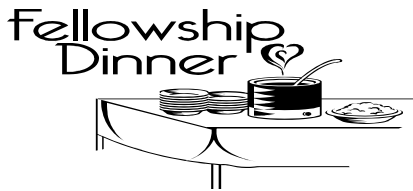
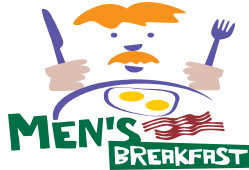


**UNITED  
METHODIST WOMEN**

*Bykota and Sarah will not be meeting in February.*

**Rachel Circle - Tues. Feb. 2, 7:30 p.m.** — Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Dystrup Study, Betty Shinn, hostess. **(weather permitting)**

All men and their sons are invited to our men's breakfast on **Sunday, February 7 at 7:30 a.m.** Come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship.



Come one, come all for our 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday dinner on Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> after the 10:15 worship service lunch will be served. Not a potluck, so nothing to bring and the Go Team tries to always provide salad, low fat or no-dairy options so all dietary restrictions are welcome too! This is a great opportunity for fellowship – to greet familiar faces or meet new friends – so make plans to stop by for a quick bite.



**CHILDREN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

There will be a children's pancake breakfast for the Sunday School children on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m. in Yeoman Hall. All Sunday School children are invited.



**Book Club News**

The FUMC book club enjoys lively discussions and dessert monthly. All are welcome. Our book for the February meeting is "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle," by David Wroblewski. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, our next meeting will be on February 25, 2010.

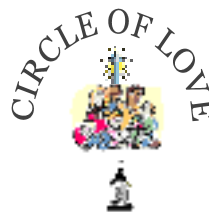
If you enjoy reading a variety of books, along with conversation and dessert, give this group a try. We always have a great time. Questions....call Lynn Farr @815-838-8554 or email @ [RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net)



Please let Pastor Noah or Mary, our Administrative Assistant, know if you are in need of a pastoral visit in the hospital or at home or if you are in need to have a meal prepared because of a hospitalization. Call the church office at 815-838-1017.

**FIRST UMC  
SENIORS FELLOWSHIP**

All beautiful people 60+ are invited to our Luncheon fellowship on Saturday, February 6 at 11:30 a.m. in Yeoman Hall. This will be a potluck luncheon bringing your own table settings. But if you can't bring any dish to share, don't fret, know that you are still welcome and bring along a friend with you.



Thank you to everyone who continues to support Circle of Love through their time and financial gifts. Circle of Love is always in need of people to work on Wednesday mornings. Thank you for supporting this special ministry. — Jennifer Queeney

## Thinking of Lent

Advent prepares us for Christ's birth; Lent prepares us for the glorious act of Christ's resurrection. Churches have special services during the weeks of Lent, but it's what each of us does regarding our spiritual life that makes Lent most meaningful.

Lent is a good time to read, study and inwardly digest the four gospels. (The word gospel means "good news.")

A college student decided to work his way through Matthew, Mark, Luke and John for his Lenten devotional time. Soon he was fascinated by the stories, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trap Jesus in debate. The brilliant Jesus handled every occasion with wisdom, leaving the authorities dumbfounded.

During his devotional time, the student was filled with laughter and amazement at the brilliant son of God, who was only in his 30s. Get to know the good news, and you'll understand the young man's amazement.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

We will be having a combined Ash Wednesday Service with First Congregational United Church of Christ on Wednesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. The service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Lockport.



## Partners in Prayer

Our church will again be doing "Partners in Prayer" starting on February 14. Everyone will be drawing a name (family/individual) during church services in February. The name you choose will be your "Partner in Prayer" for the remainder of this year. Let your partner know you are praying for them any way you choose (for example: conversations at church, give them a phone call or send them an occasional card) but remember to continue praying for your "Partner in Prayer" just as yours will pray for you. And remember that you can continue to pray for your partner that you had for the past year.

**THANK YOU!**  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To First UMC Education,

Thank you so much for the gift cards. They will definitely be put to good use. It was so sweet of you to remember me and I wish you all a very happy & healthy New Year. Thanks again! — Katie Stein

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To First United Methodist Church Family,

I would like to take this time to thank Church Council, UMW and the congregation for your gift to missions in my name. I was very honored that you chose this way for my time as Church Council chair for nine years. I felt truly blessed.

Thank you — Mary Schehr

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Thank you to Susan & Tim Bown for installing new panel curtains at the parsonage. The parsonage has a new look.



## Souper Soup Buffet

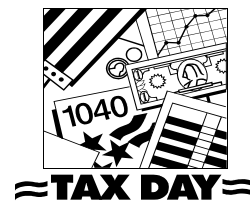
## SOUPER SOUP SUPPER

Aah, the choices; hot bowls of Ham and bean, Meatball minestrone, Green pepper and Chicken noodle soup. What could be better on a cold, blustery day than to come to the Mission Committee's annual soup supper on Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving all these soups

plus rolls or crackers, drinks and dessert. Bring your friends and family or come by yourself and make new friends here. We are always happy to see you.

That's Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 PM in Yeoman Hall. All you can eat, \$5.00 for adults \$3.50 for children three to twelve, children under 3 eat free. Carry outs available.

See you there.



## SENIOR SERVICES OF WILL COUNTY TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Senior Services Center of Will County will again be providing 2009 tax assistance for anyone in need of this service at the First United Methodist Church of Lockport in Dystrup Study. They will be at the church every Tuesday starting February 2 through April 13 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



**REMEMBER TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS:** To those that have been hospitalized and are now recuperating; all our homebound; our missionaries in Zimbabwe, Larry & Jane Kies and their four children; Ken Clark; Carlton and Marilyn Baumgartner; for our Natural Church Development Health Team; people losing jobs or unemployed; homeless and hungry people; Joyce Volling, who has been feeling ill; Don Grady, who was in an automobile accident; Gary Marinellie's nephew, Ken, who was seriously injured in a car bombing incident in Afghanistan; Debbie Beshoar, daughter of Bev and Dan Price, whose pancreatic cancer has returned after many years of remission; Jeanette Hicks and her family as her husband Al is being

deployed to Afghanistan; prayers for the people who live near the erupting volcano in the Philippines; Linda Brown's brother Reid; Lynn Farr's cousin Linda Vruwink, who started chemo treatments; Tom Jenkin's mother, who is showing improvement; prayers for the family of Pat (a friend of Maxine (choir) Smith, who passed away; Bob Gilkerson, who was recently hospitalized but is home now; Debi Batchelor, who had gall bladder surgery; Debbie Zurn, who is receiving chemo & radiation therapy; Debbie Raymond's Mom, Mrs. Filip, who has been diagnosed with stomach cancer (Debbie is a friend of Sara Dunn); Prayers for Wendy and Earl Meseth, Don and Linda Brown, Dave and Mary Ellen Brown and their families on the loss of Lois Brown, who passed away on 12/31/09; Prayers for Sean and Kim Callahan-Kelly and their family on the loss of Kim's brother Jeff, who passed away on 12/30/09; Rosemary (friend of Ronda Jenkins), whose cancer has spread; Bob Gilkerson and Juanita Gilkerson, may life get a little easier; prayers for Sue King's friend Janet, who has Pneumonia; Joyce Ganz's husband Bob, who is battling cancer; the Endebak family on the passing of Diane's mother; the Krueger Family (Ronda Jenkins cousins) on the passing of Carol after a car accident; Prayers for the people of Haiti; Elena Winters for upcoming dental procedures; Donna Nygaard, friend of Patti Piotrowski's parents, who has been diagnosed with Stage 3 Brian Cancer; Cindy Nelson's friend Bill, who has been diagnosed with cancer; Maddie Stein's friend Sara, whose grandfather has been diagnosed with cancer; Iris Chapp's and Virginia Coffeen's friend Jean Pieper, who will be having a tube put in her eye; Rella Sutton and also for Louella Landon for better health; Christine Santerelli, granddaughter of Winnie Johnson, who is pregnant and due in April; the family and friends of Barb (Kiehl) Pisut who passed away on 1/13/10; Robert Ortiz, First Lieutenant with U.S. Army Reserves - Afghanistan; Jennifer Smith-Navy Band-Washington DC; Erin Johnson - Peace Corp; Sean Kennedy - Serving in US Navy ; for all the men & women serving our country in the military. May we keep all in need in our prayers - those who are grieving, those taking care of the aged/sick/dying, and our own special intentions that we hold dear in our hearts.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Gillian "Jill" Zarek** - I was born in Brighton, England. I and my parents immigrated to the United States following World War II. I grew up on the south side of Chicago. Met my husband, Leonard, through associates in high school. We have been married for 48 years. We have two grown children, Sue and Jim, and six grandchildren. We have been living in Romeoville for all our married life. My hobbies and interests include music, painting and member (Queen) of a Red Hat Society chapter. I grew up as a Methodist in Chicago and, since my fiance was Roman Catholic, I took lessons in that faith and converted to Catholicism. In recent years, I haven't felt the spiritual need from my church and haven't attended services. I felt a void and was uplifted when the call came from Paul Farr for my daughter and I to join the choir. It was a definite sign to me and I am rejoicing in becoming a member of First United Methodist Church of Lockport.

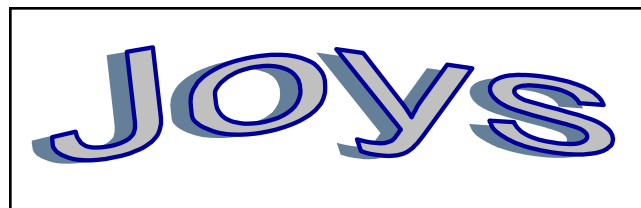
**Susan Lynn (Zarek) King** - Born Susan Lynn Zarek (married name King) on 8/3/64 to Leonard and Gillian Zarek. I have lived in Romeoville all my life. I have 1 brother James (Jim) Zarek. I graduated from Romeoville high school in 1982 and attended Joliet Junior College off and on majoring in music, and fire science. I finally graduated in 2004 with an Associates in General Studies. I married Kevin King in 1994. I have two step children, Patrick 25, and Lorraina 21. I currently work for Valley View School District transportation as a school bus driver. I am very happy to become a member of a church such as 1st United Methodist Church of Lockport. This church has such a warm and welcoming ambiance. Everyone is so nice. I am looking for peace in my life and I know that this church will help me find some peace. I have been away from God and Jesus and I need them back in my life. I need some balance and structure and this church, I feel, will give me that. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to put my life back on track and refresh my relationship with God and Jesus.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Feb. 12 - Robert & Linda Walker (1977)  
 14 - James & Jeanette Baker (1969)  
 16 - Thomas & Ronda Jenkins  
 20 - Donald & Maxine Smith

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Feb. 1 - Louella Landon  
 John Nunley  
 2 - Dorothy Kurtyak  
 3 - Mildred Powers  
 5 - Corey Volling  
 7 - Sylvia Wynveen  
 9 - Beth Czako  
 Elena Winters  
 10 - Diane Drick  
 11 - Jeff Wigton  
 12 - Harry Hartman  
 Gehrig Hollatz  
 Sara Smith  
 Roman Stein  
 13 - Douglas Sartori  
 Sheila Stempien  
 14 - Eric Oberg  
 Robyn Potaczek  
 16 - Maryann Groner  
 Penny Sartori  
 George Skirha  
 Robert Startz  
 Alma Yates  
 18 - Toni Bacino  
 19 - Denise Curtis  
 20 - Richard Jerrick  
 22 - Deanna Breheny  
 Daniel Dorion  
 23 - Abigail Horeis  
 Aidan Horeis  
 Kimberly Rinke  
 Andra Voulgaris  
 24 - Brian Smith  
 26 - Luke Burnett  
 Charlie Jacobson  
 27 - Max Burnett  
 Helen Cagwin  
 Len Chapp  
 28 - Janet Rittenhouse



- David Michael Visser is finally home and is doing very well.
- 16 People attended the Advent Study Group.
- The November Shop 'n' Share coupons raised \$102.31, which will go towards Circle of Love.
- Thank you to those who donated towards the gift cards for college students – 10 college students received a \$30 gift card.
- Joyce Volling, Sharon Petty, and Hazel Revels were back in church Sunday.
- I Am Resurreccion was home visiting from Alabama.
- Linda Brown announced the Midwest Crossroad Chorus is in the Top 5 and will be going to Seattle in the Spring to compete.
- Elena Winters made out better than expected when she went for dental work evaluation.



If you have any additions or corrections, please notify the church office, 815-838-1017.

# Sunday School News

This year has been busy for all our Sunday School Classes.

The children have learned all about Moses, collected money for the Heifer project and discussed Advent. We are excited about the second-half of the Sunday School year. Our focus will be stories from the New Testament. We will also learn about Lent and will be collecting money for TLC Animal Shelter.

**Parents after dropping off your children for Sunday School stop by and visit our adult Sunday Class.**

***We are always in need of volunteers to help out in classrooms, substitute or even to teach. If you are interested please call the church office.***

Did you know...

Prayers should be a part of your daily life—even children should pray to God as often as they can!

Say this prayer everyday through out the coming month:

Dear God,  
Help me to use the talents you have given me to do your work. Amen.



## Joyful Noise Children's Choir

The children's choir is up and running! If you have not yet come we would love to see you! The children's' choir is open to children ages 4 and up. Rehearsals will be held in the singing room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education building). The choir will be led by Kristin Price (a local musician who sings periodically at our church) and Ashley Koger will be assisting her.

**Rehearsals are:  
Every Saturday from 3:30-4:30**  
We hope to see you there!

## Mark Your Calendars!



### February 7:

9:00 AM- Children's Breakfast in Yeoman Hall

### February 20:

6:00-8:00 PM- Movie Night

### March 13:

6:00-8:00 PM- Faith and Fun Night (following the 5:00 Praise Service)

### March 28: Palm Sunday

Children sing during 10:15 church service

## Mission Project

The children have done a great job collecting money for the Heifer project. Next month we will be starting our spring mission project. This will be a local mission project. We will be collecting things for the TLC Animal Shelter. More information will be sent home with your child soon!



Let ***First United Methodist Church of Lockport***  
warm your body and soul with its famous  
**Chicken Ala King Dinner**

**\*\* featuring \*\***

**Fresh Baked Biscuits & Fresh Baked Pies**  
**Friday, February 5th      4:00-7:30 pm**  
**Tickets \$8.00 each**

Limited Number of **\*\*Buy 3 - Get 1 Free\*\*** Tickets

**Purchase your tickets at the door or by calling:**  
**815.838.1017**  
**10<sup>th</sup> and Washington Street**  
**<http://1umclockport.org>**

Dinner is **drive-thru**, brought to your car.  
You stay warm and cozy and we do dinner for you!