



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



March  
2010

## THE METHODIST CHIMES

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### THE PASTOR'S LENTEN MESSAGE

By the time you're reading this article, our VIM team is still on our mission trip to the Philippines. During the whole month of March, it's that time of the year we observe the Lenten season started on Ash Wednesday. This year once again we are going to have Wednesday evening Lenten Supper and Study. Every Wednesday starting March 3, 10, 17 and 24, we will start at 6:30 p.m. with a light supper of soup, salad, bread and dessert. The supper will be followed by a short study.

Our Lenten study would be a variety of subjects which includes a study in prayer, community/team building, life's questions and our sacraments, baptism/communion. I believe that these subjects will continue to deepen our understanding in our spirituality as a church and as an individual. Our leaders for those Wednesday evenings are Paul Farr, John George and Jim Shinn.

Please allow me to urge you to mark your calendars on those Wednesdays that I mentioned above. Let us gather together as a church in this season of prayer and self introspection. Let Christ our Lord prompt us to offer ourselves this season of Lent to purge us to experience spiritual renewal and empowerment.

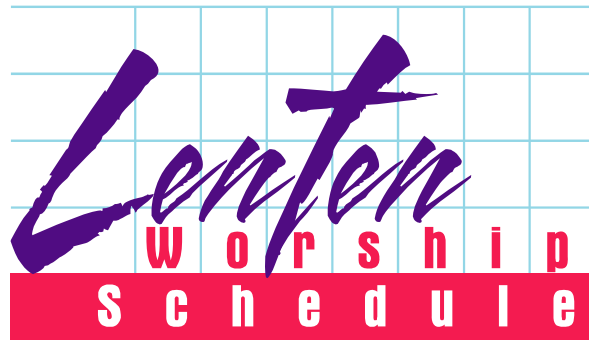
In addition to our Mission trip project in the Philippines, I will also be finishing some requirements for my Doctoral degree in Ministry at Wesley Divinity School for graduation on March 16.

Finally, Jim Koger, Gary Marinellie and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one of you and the whole congregation for your support, prayers, and encouragement to make our VIM project a great accomplishment. We would like to share with you our life changing mission experience sometime in April.

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

*+Pastor Noah*

Rev. Noah R. Panlilio – Senior Pastor



**Lenten**  
**Worship**  
**Schedule**



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

Rev. David Kaller, preaching      Music by: Eric Oberg

**Sunday, March 7 - 10:15 a.m.;** Rev. David Kaller, preaching

**Third Sunday in Lent**

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8 (UMH 788);

1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

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



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

John George, preaching

Music by: Larry & Rick Patrick

**Sunday, March 14 - 10:15 a.m.;** John George, preaching

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**Girl Scout Sunday; One Great Hour of Sharing (offering)**

**Daylight Saving Time begins**

Lectionary Readings: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32 (UMH 766);

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 ; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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

Pastor Noah, preaching

Music by: Eric Oberg

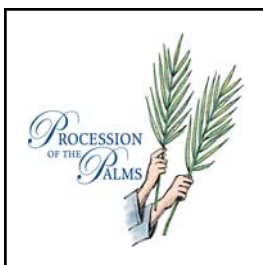
**Sunday, March 21 - 10:15 a.m.;** Pastor Noah, preaching

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126 (UMH 847)

Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

**Circle of Love Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion**



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

Pastor Noah, preaching

Music by: Andrea Veltri

**Sunday, March 28 - 10:15 a.m.;** Pastor Noah, preaching

**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday School Children singing**

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)

Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

**Change for Missions offering; Fourth Sunday Dinner**



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METHODIST WOMEN**

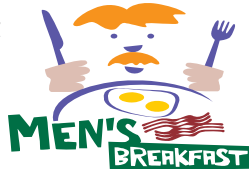
**Rachel Circle - Tues. March 2, 7:30 p.m.** — Rachel Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in

Dystrup Study.

**Bykota Circle - Tues. March 9, 1:00 p.m.** — Bykota Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 9 at 1:00 p.m. in Dystrup Study. Joyce Volling will be hostess. Circles please bring paper towels for Lamb's Fold.

**Sarah Circle will not be meeting.**

There will be NO UMM Breakfast on Sunday, March 7. See you next month in April when we have our Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 4.



The UMM will be organizing a food drive on Sat, March 20 to collect donations for the Lockport FISH pantry. We will be taking volunteers to collect donations at Jewel on 159th St. in Lockport. More details to come."



**On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!  
Come To The:  
J-Team Faith and Fun Night!  
March 13; 6:00-8:00 PM**

Come dressed in the jersey or colors of your favorite sports team and join us for a night of fun!!

We will be serving hot dogs and chips for dinner. Following dinner we will have a variety of activities related to our theme: *The J-Team*. Activities include: crafts, relay races/games, a Bible story and making homemade pretzels. Come and join the J-Team!!

The First United Methodist Church will again be awarding scholarships to our graduating high school seniors. Applications are now available in the church office or from Peggy George. Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted no later than Sunday, March 21.



**Book Club News**

The FUMC book club enjoys lively discussions and dessert monthly. All are welcome. Our book for the March meeting is "The Time Travelers Wife," by Audrey Niffenberger. The next meeting is March 25, 2010. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month in Dystrup Study.

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, March 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



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, MARCH 14** - Spring is moving forward, so you will need to remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.





The UMM will be holding an afternoon of fun at the Strike and Spare bowling lanes on Sunday, April 11th at 2:00 p.m. **ALL MEN AND WOMEN** are welcome. The cost for bowling 3 games is \$10.00 and \$1.50 for shoe rental.

Please call the church office at 815-838-1017 or Len Chapp at 815-838-0717 if you plan to attend.

## WEDNESDAY LENTEN SUPPER AND STUDY SERIES



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### Serving at Daybreak on March 17<sup>th</sup>

The Growth and Outreach Team will be serving breakfast at Daybreak on March 17th. We start cooking at

the center at 5am, serve at 6am, stop serving at 7am, and are cleaned up and on our way before 7:30am. Some folks head off to work, others back home to send kids off to school or enjoy their day. Usually a few people car pool. Sound like something you'd be interested in supporting? If you would like to join the group on March 17th, or if you would like to organize a crew of 5-6 people to serve dinner, contact Pattie Piotrowski at 815.838.0435 or [piotrowski@iit.edu](mailto:piotrowski@iit.edu)

Here are some ways that you can help:

- Donate food. We need gallons of milk, apple, orange or grape juice, granola bars, yogurt, pancake mix, regular and sugar-free pancake syrup, bacon and breakfast sausage, fresh fruit. Check with the Pattie Piotrowski about perishables or what is needed for March.
- Donate money. Servers can purchase what is not donated. Simply place your donation in the collection plate in an envelope labeled Daybreak.
- Donate your time. We need one person to turn pancakes, one to grill up sausages and the other 2-3 people setup, restock and wipe up. Check with Pattie if you're interested.

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

Many thanks to everyone for the Prayers, calls, cards and concern since my auto accident.

— Donald Grady

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Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for the honor of choosing me to be the Woman of the Year for 2009.

Sincerely — Joyce Volling

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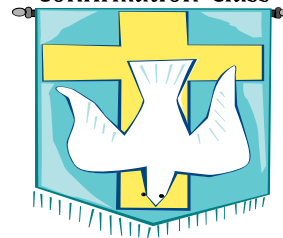
To our First United Methodist Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, calls and support during this difficult time. We appreciate all you who were able to attend the wake and funeral service, it truly was a blessing. We are currently attending Calvary Church in Lemont with my family and my brother's children, who are in the Sunday school program there, during this time of healing. Blessings, Kim and Sean Kelly

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**Thanks for a Successful Chicken ala King Dinner—** A note of thanks to everyone who had a part in the chicken ala king dinner on February 5. From biscuit makers and pie bakers, to folks who posted signs, to folks who showed up to fill containers and a special thanks to the UMY for running up and down the stairs taking and delivering orders to cars, the dinner could not have been successful without you.

Confirmation Class



## ATTENTION: PARENTS OF 8TH AND 9TH GRADERS

We are in the planning stages for a Confirmation Class for 8th & 9th graders. There will be a round up meeting on April 25, Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. Pastor Noah and Gary Marinellie will be helping out in the Confirmation program. Please call the church office 815-838-1017 to give the name of your youth who will be attending the meeting.



**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; healing for Richard Eckman, who had surgery for bladder cancer; healing for Glenna, Maxine Smith's friend; healing for Maxine Smith (Brian's mother), who had back surgery; healing Debbie, friend of Linda Brown, who is receiving radiation treatments; healing for the mother of Debbie Raymond and Pat Jobin, who is receiving treatments for cancer; Prayers for

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; Pam, friend of Susan Knowles, who has been diagnosed with cancer; Rella Sutton and also for Louella Landon for better health; Christine Santerelli, granddaughter of Winnie Johnson, who is pregnant and due in April; Prayers for the people of Haiti; Linda Vruwink, Lynn Farr's cousin, who is doing well, but will be receiving round 4 of chemo treatments; Tony, a friend of Jim Koger, who is in the hospital; Reanna's grandmother, who had a hip replacement; healing for Amy Milligan's father, who had a heart attack; Dale Mech's wife, Dolyce Mech, who has been diagnosed with stage 2 lymphoma cancer-Dale is a friend of Paul Farr's; Pastor Noah's friend Danny (in Manila) who had colon surgery; Joyce Flanagan's friend, Elizabeth Homan, who fell and broke her legs and had surgery; JoAnne Reeves, who is recuperating from back surgery at Rush-St. Luke Hospital in Chicago; prayers for better health for Elena Winters; Sue King's friend, Janet, who has lung nodules; Don's Smith's family, as his cousin passed away; Bob Peterson (husband of co-worker of Bob Thompson), who has liver cancer; Nancy White (cousin of Bob Thompson), who has ovarian cancer; Dave Cash (co-worker of Joyce Flanagan), who has a brain tumor; Beth Xoxakos, who is being treated for cancer and also for her husband Stavros (they are friends of Sara Dunn); complete recovery for Barb Bush (friend of Sara Dunn), who had surgery for stomach cancer; prayers for the family and friends of Charles Jacobs (Sue Bown's Uncle), who passed away; Prayers for the family and friends of Hazel Adamson (Sue Bown's friend) who passed away; Prayers for Pastor Noah and Reanna, whose dog passed away; 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.

## “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

On Palm Sunday, many congregations sing a hymn written for children but loved by adults, too. Jeanette Threlfall, an Englishwoman, composed “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” in 1873.

Threlfall's parents died when she was still very young, so she was sent from one relative to another. She also had two serious accidents during childhood, leaving her disabled.

Threlfall handled her difficulties by developing a beautiful, cheerful character. She was more concerned about others than herself. People loved to visit her because they left feeling uplifted and joyous. Threlfall became known for her sacred poems and hymns. Many are considered classics, filled with sound doctrine and fervent devotion.

Here is the first stanza of her Palm Sunday anthem:

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

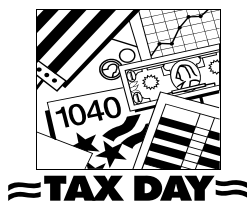
- March** 2 - John & Peggy George (1974)  
 15 - Marc & Ryan Sontag (2008)  
 25 - David & Iva Weyant (1989)

**BIRTHDAYS**

- March** 1 - Giada Liccardi  
 3 - Nicholas Seiler  
 4 - Jason Jungles  
 Richard Llewellyn  
 5 - Nathan Landig  
 6 - Justin Hill  
 Andrew Nelson  
 10 - Katherine Navin  
 14 - Dan Bowlan  
 Seth Bowlan  
 15 - Benjamin Markham  
 Kevin McNamara  
 16 - Alan Knowles  
 17 - Glenn Chirko  
 20 - Bethany Nunley  
 21 - Beth Bettenhausen  
 Joan Biltgen  
 Carol Smith  
 23 - Ellie Curtis  
 24 - Mike Rinke  
 25 - Barbara Dystrup  
 Matthew Seiler  
 27 - Gilly Culbreth  
 28 - Charles Groner  
 Becky Meyer  
 29 - Geraldine Baxter  
 Megan Hill  
 Natham Kamm  
 30 - Brandan Bowlan  
 Sara Cabreda  
 Thomas Watkins  
 31 - Marilyn Greene  
 Hazel Revels



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



**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 from February 2 through April 13 from 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



- Tammy (Biltgen) Wischnack's husband has received a job offer in Washington, D.C. (Tammie will be staying at her church until April).
- Louella Landon celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- A friend of Linda Brown gave birth to a baby boy who has been named Noah.
- Maxine Smith is home from having back surgery and doing well.
- David Michael Visser is doing very well and weighs 10 lbs. now!
- Congratulations to Jim Endebak and Joyce Volling for being recognized as Man and Woman of the Year!
- Chicken Ala King Dinner was great!
- Joyce Flanagan's friend Elizabeth is much better.
- Congratulations to Don and Maxine Smith on their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on the 20<sup>th</sup>!
- Congratulations to Phil Rittenhouse who was appointed as the new Emergency Management Authority Coordinator for the City of Lockport.
- Congratulations to Pastor Noah on receiving his Doctor of Ministry from Wesley Divinity School while in the Philippines. He was also the Baccalaureate speaker at the graduation ceremonies.

**All You Can Eat Spaghetti  
 Dinner  
 Saturday, March 27, 2010  
 5-7 pm**



Includes: Unlimited Spaghetti and Salad, Bread and Dessert, Water, Tea, and Coffee. Soda available for purchase

Adults \$7  
 Children (4-12) and Seniors \$5

Held at Christ United Methodist Church, 224 Bruce Road, Lockport, IL 60441 — 815-726-1041  
 Information, Questions, Group Tickets call 630-968-1858 or 815-212-3369



# Sunday School News

**On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!**

Come To The:

**J-Team Faith and Fun Night!**

**March 13; 6:00-8:00 PM**

**Come dressed in the jersey or colors of your favorite sports team and join us for a night of fun!!**

We will be serving hot dogs and chips for dinner. Following dinner we will have a variety of activities related to our theme: *The J-Team*. Activities include: crafts, relay races/games, a Bible story and making homemade pretzels. Come and join the J-Team!!



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,  
Thank you for sending your Son to die  
on the cross for my sins. 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!**



**March 13:**

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

**March 20:**

Movie Night; 6:00 PM

**March 28:** Palm Sunday

Children sing during 10:15 church service

**April 4:** Easter Sunday

6:30-Sunrise Service

8:00-Easter Breakfast

9:00-10:00-Easter Egg Hunt

10:15- Easter Church Service

## Mission Project

March 7 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

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# DIRT CUPS

Make this easy snack for your family or your friends at Sunday school. As you eat it, celebrate the miracles God brings in the spring.

**What you need:**

- 2 cups milk
- 1 (4-serving size) box of chocolate instant pudding
- 1 (8 oz.) tub of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 1 (16 oz.) package Oreo cookies, crushed
- 8 (9 oz.) plastic cups
- gummy worms and frogs
- plastic flowers (optional)

**What you do:**

1. Mix milk and pudding in a large bowl. Beat with a whisk until well blended. Let stand 5 minutes.
2. Add whipped topping and half of the crushed Oreos.
3. Place 1 tablespoon crushed Oreos in each cup. Fill cups <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> full with pudding.
4. Top with remaining crushed Oreos.
5. Chill at least 1 hour or until ready to serve.
6. Decorate with gummy worms and/or frogs.
7. Place the stem end of the plastic flower into the center of the pudding dessert.

*God's teaching is like....*  
In Deuteronomy, Moses' words to the children of Israel remind us of spring, which brings growth and new life.

Use the flower code below to fill in the blanks, revealing Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV.

CODE 
  
 "Let my teaching fall like 
  
 and my words descend like 
  
 like 
  
  
 like abundant

Answers: rain, dew, showers on new grass, rain on tender plants