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# First Edition



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We have this  
**HOPE**  
as an anchor for the soul,  
**FIRM &  
SECURE.**  
Hebrews 6:19, NIV

## **First United Methodist Church of Lockport**

1000 S. Washington St., Lockport  
815-838-1017 - [www.lumclockport.org](http://www.lumclockport.org)



† **10:00am in person  
Worship Service**

**Minister:  
All Members**

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Linda Brown  
**Lay Leader**

Emmanuel Aiyelabola

**Organist &  
Choir Director  
Director**

Megan Hill  
**God Squad**

Kay Rothlisberger  
**Circle of Love**

Roseanne Wilson  
**Fish Pantry**

Michael Arends  
**Custodian**

Bernadetta Kopinski  
**Administrative  
Assistant**

Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri  
8:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
815-838-1017

*Meet the  
New  
Pastor  
and Wife*



I am David Hamer and I have been married to Becky for 38 years. We have two sons and one daughter and now have four grandsons. I have a little over 15 years of pastoral experience and another 20 years' experience leading and developing small groups. Besides being a homemaker, my wife Becky worked in the airline parts industry for fifteen years. Two years ago, she was able to leave her job to pursue an MDiv, hoping to become a visitation pastor or chaplain. I have a BA in Pastoral Ministry, an MA in Biblical Exegesis, along with an MDiv. I enjoy playing disc golf, working out, and playing the piano. Becky enjoys her grandchildren, walking, and watercolor painting. Together, like most families, we have had ups and downs, and higher ups and deeper downs than we ever imagined. Our life together is a testimony to God's faithfulness. One of my favorite songs is a song of praise to God: "All through my life you have been faithful; all my life, you have been so, so good; with every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God."

**Worship:**



<p><b>Sunday June 7th 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>Scriptures: Romans 4:13-25</b></p> <p><b>Clyde Odle will be preaching. Pastor David Kaller will do</b></p>	<p><b>Communion Sunday</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday June 14th 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>Scriptures: Romans 5:1-8</b></p> <p><b>Pastor David Kaller will be preaching.</b></p>	<p><b>Matthew 9:35-10:8</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday June 21st 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>Scriptures: Romans 6:1-11</b></p> <p><b>Jason Brashler will be preaching.</b></p>	<p><b>Father's Day</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 10:24-39</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday June 28th 10:00am</b></p> <p><b>Scriptures: Romans 6:12-23</b></p> <p><b>Pastor David Kaller will be preaching.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Coffee Hour right after worship</b></p>	<p><b>Matthew 10:40-42</b></p>



We warmly invite everyone to **Father's Day worship Sunday**, June 21st at 10:00am.

Jason Brashler will be preaching.

All are welcome!

Monthly Newsletters and Upper Room are available in the Narthex.



**Upper Room Zoom PRAYER GROUP on Wednesday Mornings at 9:00 am**  
 We are offering a prayer group on Zoom weekday mornings on Wednesday at 9:00 am. If you are interested in this, please contact the office at 815-838-1017.

Faith Development



First United Methodist-Lockport will be in the Parade this year!  
 Save the Date for Friday, June 12th.

More information to follow.

The Old Canal Days Parade is an annual community event that brings downtown Lockport to life with a colorful display of parade floats, marching bands, specialty units, and local groups. While the carnival and food tents open on Thursday, the parade has long been the first big moment that officially kicks off the festival's main attractions. It's a tradition that people look forward to all year, and it continues to grow with new floats, creative designs, and fresh energy. We can't wait to be a part of all the fun! **We will have a tractor wagon, gifts/candy to pass out and banner's** representing First United Methodist Church-Lockport.

All are welcome to join in on the fun!



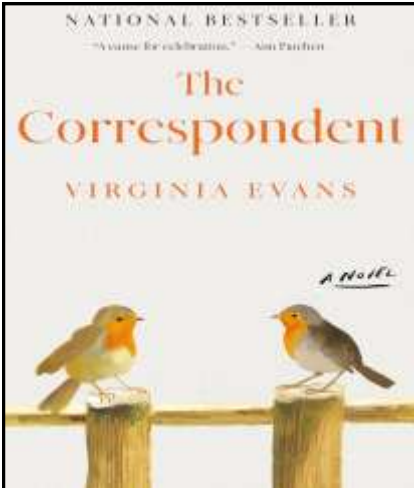
## Parade Committee

Would you like to be a part of the  
 Parade Committee for

First United Methodist Church-Lockport?

We would meet in June to discuss the plan for  
 Friday, June 12th. Please talk to Linda Brown or  
 email [1umclockport@ameritech.net](mailto:1umclockport@ameritech.net) or call the  
 office at 1-815-838-1017 if you are interested.

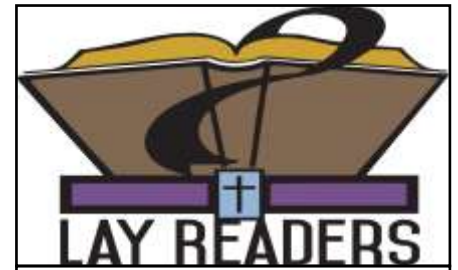
Faith in Action



Zoom Book Club  
We will meet every other month on a Thursday, in the evening at 7:00pm.

We will be reading  
The Correspondent  
by Virginia Evans

Next Zoom Book Club will meet  
Thursday,  
July 30th at 7:00pm



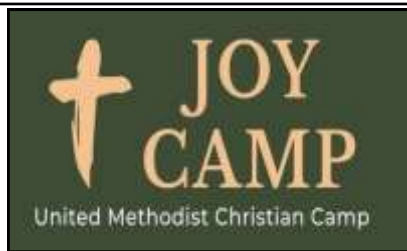
We are in need of  
Liturgists. Please help  
us if you can. Sign up  
sheet in the Narthex.  
Blessings

**FISH Pantry Donation List**

The following items are  
needed

**1st Sunday of Every Month**

- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- Cereal
- Ramen noodles
- Bath Bar Soap
- Canned fruit
- Hamburger Helper
- Mayonnaise
- Any Monetary donations are  
also  
Welcomed!



**June 21 – 27** Located at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, IL

JOY Camp is a week-long overnight camp focused on delivering the message of God's love through fun, fellowship, nature, scripture, and worship. All are welcome, regardless of where you are in your journey of faith. Serving youth from ages 5th grade to high school seniors.

**Circle of Love**

Job loss, illness, injury. You name it. There are many reasons why people cannot afford to supply all their own needs; but then again, we were never made to be totally self-sufficient. If we all could do everything for ourselves, then of what importance would relationships be? Remember life is unfair but God is good. Thank you to everyone who supports this important ministry. Your time, donations, and prayers are priceless. Circle of Love provides items not provided by state assistance, such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, and incontinent products.



Suicide Hotline available  
For those contemplating suicide or who just desperately need someone with whom to talk. It is confidential and free. Just call 988. The service has also been expanded for Spanish-speaking persons and deaf or hard-of-hearing persons, including those who use American Sign Language.

**WE WANT YOUR TORN, WORN, STAINED CLOTHING!**

As you begin your spring cleaning keep in mind the two green bins in the parking lot. USAgain – a leader in the textile recycling industry – is a for-profit company with a mission of diverting textiles from landfills. We collect clothes, shoes and linens you would not give to clothing drives because they are worn, torn or stained. Simply place them in a plastic bag and drop the bag in the bin. Items are then sent to graders and wholesalers who recycle them into new products.



Conference
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## 187th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

Sunday, June 14 -  
Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center  
1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg Ill.

Under the theme "Practicing Hope," clergy and elected lay members will gather for the Northern Illinois Conference's 187th Annual Conference session, June 14–16, at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, 1551 N. Thoreau Dr., Schaumburg, IL. The theme invites participants to explore how hope shapes ministry, mission, and the future of the church. "Hope allows for newness. Hope allows that God will call us forward. Hope allows us to say yes to whatever call is placed on our lives," said Bishop Schwerin.

### Fill the Truck Mission Challenge Collection Drive

Please bring donations to church by Sunday, June 7th. Thank you in advance.

#### MIDWEST MISSION CURRENTLY HAS URGENT NEEDS FOR:

##### Home Care Kits

- Liquid Household Cleaner, 54 - 80 oz. (no spray bottles)
- Liquid Dish Soap, 42 - 64 oz.
- Liquid Laundry Detergent, 100-150 oz.
- Scrub Brushes
- 5 Gallon Round Buckets With Resealable Lid

##### Personal Dignity Kits

- Hand towels (no kitchen towels)
- Washcloths (no dishcloths)
- Toothbrushes (no multipack)
- Bars of Soap, 3-4 oz.
- Shampoo Bottles, 12-19 oz.
- Deodorant, 2-3 oz. (stick, roll on, or pump)
- Lotion Bottles, 8-10 oz.
- Gallon Resealable Plastic Bags

### Lake South District Monthly "Go Team" Meetings

Next meeting: May 2nd [Join Online Via Zoom](#)

EVERYONE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND - 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

[Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 964 1732 9893 Passcode: 081053



**Lunch Bunch/ Bingo**

We will take a break over summer and continue Lunch Bunch/ Bingo on **Saturday, September 12th at 12:00pm** in Yemon Hall.



**THANK YOU, GOD, FOR MY BIRTHDAY!**

Let's start the new year with a new kind of birthday celebration! When it's your special day, commemorate the event by gifting the church with a dollar for every year of life!

For example:

1 year old= \$1

50 years old= \$50

100 years old= \$100

No cards to buy or gifts to wrap. Just use a pew envelope, put your name on the outside and your age dollars on the inside. A great way to thank God for your birthday!



**A DAILY PRAYER**

Since God will be my end  
Let him be my beginning,  
So that I may fully live  
Instead of falling, straying, sinning.

-Angelus Silesius



In observance of 4th of July Office will be closed Monday, July 6th.



An important celebration comes on June 19: Juneteenth! This is when we remember June 19, 1865, the day the news of the Emancipation Proclamation finally reached all enslaved people in the United States. Slavery had been abolished, and they were freed!



Back to School Blessing Service  
Sunday, August 16th at 10:00am.



*Congratulations to all graduates and many blessings on the road ahead.*



Soren Moan - son of Joanne and Chris Moan 2026 Lockport Township High School graduate  
Soren has enjoyed a vibrant high school experience in Wind Symphony, Chamber Choir, Madrigal Court, Off the Record, All-State Chorus, All-State Theatre, various Porter Player productions and AP and Honors classes! He is excited to start a new chapter at Luther College in Decorah, IA, majoring in education, music and science. Thank you for your support!



Julia Visser is graduating from Lockport Township High School this year. She will be attending Joliet Junior College in the fall. Proud grandparents are Jim and Jan Koger.



Ellie Curtis is graduating from the University of Wisconsin Parkside with a Bachelor of Science. Majored in Psychology with a minor in Sociology. She graduated Magna Cum Laude. Ellie will be attending Lewis University in July for a **Master's program in Speech Language Pathology.**



Lucas Berard will be graduating from 8th grade this year from Milne Grove. Grandson of Robyn Baumgartner.



Addyson Hill is graduating from Lockport Township High School. During her time at LTHS, she was a varsity golf player, member of the Orchesis Dance Club (President 2025-2026), and a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to attend the University of Iowa in the Fall, where she will peruse a degree in elementary education.


PV2 Burek, Jorja A. graduation from Army basic training. Immediately after graduation she reports to Fort Sam Houston for advanced training as a combat medic. Proud aunt Mary Whitman.

Joseph Marino - JJC Fire Academy  
Nathan Marino - Lincoln Way Central High School  
Proud parents are Donnie & Alana

First UMC regularly receives bills for miscellaneous items that are necessary in the day-to-day operation of the church. If you can help out by paying a bill, please indicate "Adopt A Bill" on the memo line of your check made out to Lockport First United Methodist and put it in the weekly collection. To contribute towards these bills (just a portion would help out) just mark your envelope with "Adopt A Bill". Thanks for a helping hand with our expenses!

— The Finance Committee

AT&T (U-verse)\*                    \$113.16  
 \*(internet & church phone)

 NICOR                    \$316.96  
 Com Ed                    \$391.01

Lockport Water                    \$45.60

Waste Management    \$90.78



Happy Birthday!  
 June 2nd Ryan Dorion  
 June 4th Joanne Moan  
 June 11th Glenn Volling  
 June 23rd Marilyn Odle  
  
 Happy Anniversary!  
 Alan & Beth Cross June 18th



We are here and honored to pray for your joys and concerns. Additionally our team prays every Wednesday at 8:00am or during our personal prayer time specifically our church community, country, and the world. Feel free to contact Carolyn Brauch at 815-836-0137 for prayer request or to learn more about joining our team.     God Bless Carolyn

**Prayer List—Please keep the following people in your prayers**

Barbara Ott (Sheridan of Oak Brook), Betty Becker, Beth, (Lynn & Paul Farr daughter),

Duane Werner, David Hensen, Gloria (Emmanuel's fiancé), Evelyn Lindstrom,

Earl Meseth, Sue Rittenhouse, Roseanne Wilson, Paul Farr, Hazel Davis, Lynette Casey, Pat Burnett, Phil Winters, and Marilyn Odle.



Happy Birthday!  
 July 3rd Linda Brown  
    Linda Walker  
 July 5th Jennifer Frayne  
 July 6th Sandi Jacobson  
 July 11th Evelyn Lindstrom  
 July 14th Marylynn Farr  
 July 15th Mary Schehr  
 July 18th Debra Chapp

Happy Anniversary!  
 Bob & Jan Hoffman July 14th



# FATHERS OF FAITH

Fathers do amazing things for their families, but the greatest gift our dads can share with us is their faith in God.

Complete this puzzle to read Isaiah's advice to fathers.

Directions: Working left to right, first write down all the 1's in the word blanks. Continue with the 2's and finally the 3's.

1 The	2 as	3 tell	1 living
2 I	3 their	1 the	2 am
3 children	1 living	2 doing	3 about
1 they	2 today	3 your	1 praise
2 parents	3 faithfulness	1 you	



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\_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 38:19, NIV

Answers: The living, the living—they praise you, as I am doing today; parents tell their children about your faithfulness. Isaiah 38:19, NIV

# Puzzle!

## HOW'S THE WEATHER?

Use the code below to fill in these forecasts in places where Jesus traveled:

CODE:

A=☺	D=☼	H=☼	M=☆	P=◆	T=■	W=☁
B=♣	E=+	I=*	N=↑	R=●	U=□	Y=☂
C=☼	G=●	L=★	O=↓	S=○	V=☒	Z=☂

Mt. Hermon ○ ↑ ↓ ☒      Jericho ☼ ↓ ■

Jerusalem ☆ \* ★ ☼

Dead Sea Area ■ ● ↓ ◆ \* ☼ ☺ ★ ☼ + ☺ ■

Sea of Galilee ● □ ○ ■ ☂ ☒ \* ↑ ☼ ○

Mediterranean Coast ● ● + + ☂ ☂



Answers: snow, hot, mild, tropical heat, gusty winds, breezy



Farewell  
to our  
Pastor





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**Mission Statement for First United Methodist Church of Lockport**

“The church is the foundation of Christian life in accordance with the teachings of the Christ. We are people who believe that the love of God was revealed in Jesus and having accepted that love, we are committed to sharing this good news of God’s love by making disciples and teaching and nurturing them. To that end, we will:

- † provide an inclusive environment for Christian worship and learning,
- † strive to be understanding and accepting of other cultures and faiths as we work toward peace and justice for all persons,
- † nurture our children so that they will embrace the Christian life, and
- † support, with our prayers and actions, our brothers and sisters in our local and global communities.”