



May 2024

First Edition



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The people of The United Methodist Church®



First United Methodist Church of Lockport

1000 S. Washington St., Lockport

815-838-1017 - www.lumclockport.org



† 10:00am in person
Worship Service



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Fish Pantry

Bonnie Payette
Custodian

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Assistant**

Office Hours:
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There are so many printed devotional booklets available that we use in our Christian daily life. Additionally, each Christian devotional message is particularly designed and focused on that particular season. For example, devotions related to Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, lent, Easter, and Pentecost are available too. Every church has many different kinds that are placed on the table in churches so that anyone can use them for their daily life.

We appreciate these devotional matters. Though there are many devotional booklets, it is still meaningful if we write our own devotional. In the Worship Team meeting, we talked about making our own devotional booklet so that we can share our faith journey with members and friends of our church. Share your story or faith experiences with one another so we can all grow in our faith.

Here is a devotional that was written by a faithful member of my previous church, Jeffrey.

“Whenever someone gets an eyelash in their eye, all they can think about is getting it out. Something so tiny can pretty much disable the whole human, until it is removed. Though an extreme example, people are much more prone to focusing on what is wrong in their lives, than what is right. It is human nature, but not God’s nature.


If one is thankful, it is very hard to focus on what is negative. A thankful person not only appreciates the small beauties in life, but also radiates the heart of God to others. A thankful person does not complain. A thankful person is more likely to forgive. A thankful person is someone everyone wants to be around.

As you go throughout this week, spend time with God just being thankful for what is good, and what is right. See how this changes your perspective. Perhaps overtime that eyelash won’t seem like a log anymore.”

Whenever you have a “God’s moment”, whether at work, home, or with family and friends, use it as a personal devotion. Create your own way of expressing your experiences- there’s no specific format! Send your experiences to our administrative assistant Bernadette so we can put together our own devotional booklet. What a wonderful Christmas gift this could make!

GaHyung

Worship:

	
<p>Sunday May 5th 10:00am Scriptures: 1 John 5:1-6</p> <p>Love Message: Sandi Jacobson</p>	<p>Communion Sunday John 15:9-17</p>
<p>Sunday May 12th 10:00am Scriptures: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26</p>	<p>Happy Mother's Day John 7:6-19</p>
<p>Sunday May 19th 10:00am Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21</p>	<p>John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15</p>
<p>Sunday May 26th 10:00am Scriptures: Romans 8:12-17 Love Message: Carolyn Brauch</p>	<p>John 3:1-17</p>



All are welcome to the Parsonage which will also be Lunch Bunch on Saturday, May 11th from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. At 1:00pm Hymn Sing Along with Emmanuel playing the piano.



LITURGIST LIST

We invite you to share with the congregation as a liturgist!
 The new sign up sheet is available in the Narthex!

Monthly newsletters 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.

Lunch Bunch!
Come enjoy great food and fellowship.

Same day same time at Parsonage
Saturday, May 11th at 12:00pm.



THANKS FROM THE HEART

Thank you for supporting the **Faith in Action Committee** and especially for your continuing generosity. Big thank you to our volunteers and cooks for making **Sloppy Joe's**. We couldn't of done it without you.



Someone who can walk up stairs.

I am looking for someone who will run the sound system on the days I am not available.

The hardest part of running the sound system is walking up and down a flight of stairs.

Training is available. You must have a 4th grade education as a minimum.

Great opportunity for Community Service Hours!



Join us after worship
Sunday,
May 19th for
Coffee Hour hosted
by
Mary Whitman

Dear, you are invited.

District Outreach and Discipleship, our District "Go Plan."

We will have a series of zoom trainings, planned for one each month, as follows:

May 4 - June 1 - July 13 -

August 3

Join Zoom Meeting
10:30am - 12:00pm

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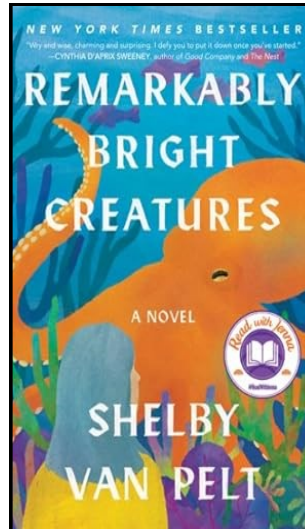
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Please plan to attend each training session. Thank you so much for your interest in this mission.



- May 5th Communion Sunday - Pastor David
- May 11th Parsonage Lunch Bunch at 12:00pm
- May 12th Mother's Day
- May 14th Trustee's Meeting @ 6:30pm
- May 19th Coffee Hour right after Worship
- May 27th Happy Memorial Day



Zoom Book Club

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

We will be reading

Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

Next Zoom Book Club will meet Thursday, May 16th at 7:00pm

Faith in Action

**Congratulation to our Woman of the Year
Mary Whitman**



5th Sunday
Pancake Brunch

Join us in Yeoman Hall after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for pancakes, sausage, juice, and fellowship!

Free Will Offering to Support Missions



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CLEAN SWEEP 2024
SATURDAY - MAY 18, 2024 - 8:30 TO 12:30 PM



HELP CLEAN, SWEEP & PLANT DOWNTOWN LOCKPORT!
Meet at the Scale House - 201 West 10th Street - South Public Landing Parking Lot
Free T-Shirts & Lunch for Volunteers
(Grilling Hot Dogs on the Plaza!)

Sign Up at: VisitLockport.com, click Events

Hosted By...   Partner: 

Events:



Let's pray for all the delegates and volunteers. A group of U.S. delegates has released a statement on three legislative proposals they are endorsing at **General Conference, scheduled for April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, N.C.**

LOCKPORT RESOURCE CENTER PRESENTS

Annual Bicycle Drive And Re-Homing Event

with the Lockport Police Department



- Bicycle collection begins April 15 and ends May 15, **2024 ALL Bikes to be dropped at the Lockport Police Department office on Farrell Road** between 9 am and 4 pm
- Bicycle Work Day May 18 at Lockport Police Department and Cross of Glory Lutheran Church – email lockportresource@gmail.com to volunteer or message Lockport Resource Center on Facebook
- Bicycle Sale is Saturday, May 25, beginning at 9:00 am. Sale instructions and guidelines will be posted at www.lockportresource.org or the **Lockport Resource Center Facebook page**.
- All proceeds benefit the Lockport Resource Center Transformation Scholarship Program. All residents of Lockport Township and Homer Township are eligible for ANY level of education.



185th Northern Illinois Annual Conference

**Sunday, June 16 -
Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

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



Know Someone Who is Graduating? We would like to continue our tradition of celebrating all graduates by recognizing them in next month's newsletter. We would like to honor graduates from grade school, high school, college, tech school, etc. Please send us the graduate's name, school, degree earned, honors received, and relationship to graduate. **Please email us by May 21st at 1umclockport@ameritech.net Graduation Sunday will be held Sunday, June 2nd.**



Calling all 5th through 8th graders. It has been way too long since I have seen you. I know that you have grown and changed. I would like to meet and catch up with you in the fall. Starting October 27, let's get together during church time and get reacquainted. We could meet once a month on the last Sunday for fellowship and fun. I hope you are up for it. I am! Miss Holly

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!



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)* \$101.40
 *(internet & church phone)

 NICOR \$465.01
 Com Ed \$310.55

Lockport Water \$36.65

Waste Management \$235.64



IN OUR
 THOUGHTS
 &
 PRAYERS



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

The family of Julien Guzaldo, Roseanne Wilson, Jonathan Strong, Barbara Ott (Sheridan of Oak Brook), Iris Chapp (Lemont Nursing Home), Lillian Davis, Betty Becker, David Matthew Huff (Beth Cross nephew has cancer), Beth, (Lynn & Paul Farr daughter), Rich Goltermann, Jan Hoffman, Niyada, Pastor Lora, Pat Burnett, Dick Burnett, Ray Iraelson, Tom Gogerty, and Wynne Beaver (mother of Bonnie Johansen-Werner).



- May 5th** Bob Hoffman
- May 7th** Bob Thompson
- May 11th** Pastor GaHyung Kim
Evelyn Moan
- May 18th** Molly Lynn Curtis
- May 19th** John George



- May 12th** Doug & Mary Schehr
- May 24th** David & Josefina Kaller
- May 26th** Dick & Pat Burnett

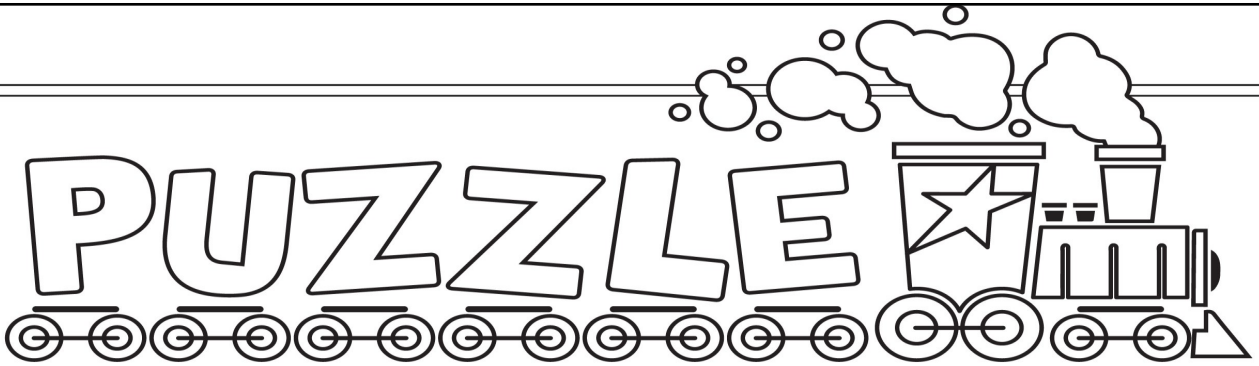


THANK YOU, GOD, FOR MY BIRTHDAY!

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



UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

*Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.*

flower, stem, bee, leaf

—○—

pink, red, yellow, blue

—○—

mother, sister, brother, aunt

—○—

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

—○—

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

—○—

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

—○—

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

—○—

my, our, she, your

—○—

faith, family, love, hope

—○—

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

—○—

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

—○—

silver, white, gold, bronze

—○—

“Rather, it should be that of your inner self,
the unfading beauty of a g _____
and qu _____ p _____, which is
of great worth in God’s sight.” 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Monthly Financial Status Report

2024	Monthly Budget	Actual General Fund Income	Actual Expenses	Difference	YTD Difference
January	19,413	14,942	21,943	-7,001	
February	19,413	26,431	19,096	7,335	334
March	19,413	13,060	14,771	-1,711	-1,377
April	19,413				
May	19,413				
June	19,413				
July	19,413				
August	19,413				
September	19,413				
October	19,413				
November	19,413				
December	19,413				
TOTAL		54,433	55,810		

Our budget for 2024 is \$232,952.
 Just to simplify matters, the monthly budget is 1/12 of that.
 The reality is we need more some months and less others.
 The actual expenses are the bills that were paid that month.
 The difference is how much over/under we are for the month.
 The YTD difference is our cumulative surplus or deficit.



2024
BISHOP'S APPEAL
 Giving Abundantly, Generosity Overflowing



This year, the Bishop's Appeal will support United Voices for Children (UVC). For 45 years, UVC has continued advocating on behalf of children, youth, and families for its three affiliated child-serving agencies, Rosecrance, Kids Above All (formerly ChildServ), and MYSI (formerly Methodist Youth Services Inc). The Bishop's Appeal is a wonderful opportunity to engage those who do not yet know about these three long standing, child-serving agencies and their impact throughout the NIC. The members of the Board of United Voices for Children (UVC) are grateful to be chosen this year as the Bishop's Appeal Recipient. They invite the over 66,000 United Methodists in the Northern Illinois Conference (NIC) to support and advocate for our Methodist-affiliated child-serving agencies and our children in the NIC. Bring your congregation's donation to Annual Conference for the Monday afternoon collection or donate online (choose Bishop's Appeal 2024 from the drop down).

Monthly Calendar:



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Upper Room Zoom 9:00am Circle of Love 9:00am-12:00pm	2	3	4 District Outreach Training Zoom 10:30am- 12:00pm
5 Worship 10:00am	6	7	8 Upper Room Zoom 9:00am Circle of Love 9:00am-12:00pm	9	10	11 Lunch Bunch at Parsonage Open House 12:00pm- 3:00pm
12 Worship 10:00am Happy Mother's Day	13	14 Trustee Meeting 6:30pm	15 Upper Room Zoom 9:00am Circle of Love 9:00am-12:00pm FIA Zoom Meeting 7:00pm	16 Zoom Book Club 7:00pm	17	18
19 Worship 10:00am Coffee Hour right after worship	20	21	22 Upper Room Zoom 9:00am Circle of Love 9:00am-12:00pm	23	24	25
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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.”