



August 2025

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.1umclockport.org



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



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Emmanuel Aiyelabola

**Organist &
Choir Director
Director**

Megan Hill
God Squad

Kay Rothlisberger
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Fish Pantry

Bonnie Payette
Custodian

Bernadetta Kopinski
**Administrative
Assistant**

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

Northern Illinois Annual Conference 186th Session was held Monday, June 9th through Wednesday, June 11th over 800 people (clergy and laity) met together and Bishop Dan Schwerin presided. This was the first time I had attended Conference so everything was new to me, but I will try to just report on the items I think we all need to be aware of.


Although the cost of Pensions and Health Benefits is going up 12% there is no increase to the local churches. The Conference will cover 6% and clergy will cover 6%. Two more churches have closed -Franklin Grove UMC and Malden UMC. Clergy are now required to participate in the Conference Health insurance. Minimum salaries for full time elders will increase by 7% next year.

The Conference has reaffirmed their commitment to connectivity. Recognizing our diversity, we celebrate one another and respect difference, giving our full apportionment to support ministries across our conference, nation and the world. We support Immigration Law and Justice Network and other advocacy and support groups. We urge our churches to work with immigrant rights groups including "Know Your Rights" trainings. We support Human Rights Advocacy and the Right to Engage in Nonviolent Actions including boycotts and Free Speech. The Northern Illinois Conference supports the boycott of Chevron. The NIC denounces religious nationalism in all its forms as a distortion of the Christian faith and commits to resisting it wherever it appears, for the sake of the Gospel and the good of our human family. The NIC and General Conference resolutions call on Morocco, Turkey, and Israel to end their prolonged military occupations.

The new vision statement for the United Methodist Church is: The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections. I have 20 pages of notes, lots of handouts and pamphlets and several new contacts and friends. If you have questions, ask me! I'd love to go through anything you want to know about and if I don't know I'll find out.

Linda Brown

Worship:

		
Sunday August 3	10:00am	Communion Sunday
Scriptures: Colossians 3:1-11		Luke 12:13-21
Sunday August 10	10:00am	
Scriptures: Hebrews 11:3, 8-16		Luke 12:32-40
Sunday August 17	10:00am	Back to School Blessing
Scriptures: Hebrews 11:29-12:2		Luke 12:49-56
Sunday August 24	10:00am	
Scriptures: Hebrews 12:18-29		Luke 13:10-17
Sunday August 31	10:00am	
Scriptures: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16		Luke 14:1, 7-14



The week of August 6th will begin the project of painting the exterior of the church. We have contracted with Don Dvorak to do this job. All painted surfaces on the exterior of the church will be done. This project will cost just under \$10,000.00. We will be asking for special donations toward this project starting now. Please pray about this and donate whatever you are able to. Donations can be mailed to the church or placed in the offering plate (marked PAINT). Pray for good weather too! Thank you.



August 17th at 10:00am

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

We are excited to announce Sunday School will continue through summer!



We welcome all children to Sunday School on the last Sunday of the month at 10:00am.

Next one is

Sunday, August 31st.
Sunday School will continue through the summer.



**MorningStar
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July 14, 2025

First United Methodist Church
1000 S Washington St
Lockport, IL 60441-3443

Date of Gift: July 14, 2025

Amount of Gift: \$100.00

Dear First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$100.00 on July 14, 2025.

These past few years have been tough on everyone. Most of us have come through relatively unscathed. But many here in our community had little to begin with, and they have lost everything. Your support for MorningStar Mission gives them a hand up during a hard time.

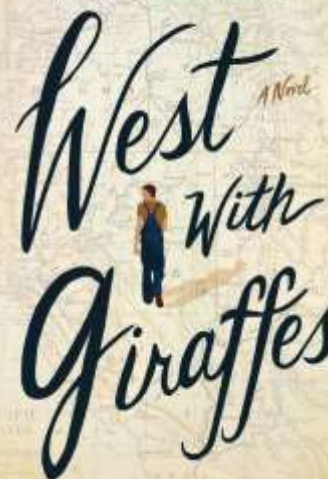
God bless you for your timely and generous response!



August 2nd Go Team Zoom Trainings
August 3rd Worship Communion Sunday
August 7th Worship Team Meeting
August 9th Lunch Bunch/ Bingo - All are welcome!
August 13th Church Council Meeting
August 31st 5th Sunday Potluck

LYNDA RUTLEDGE

AUTHOR OF FIFTY DASH DARING'S LAST GARAGE SALE



Zoom Book Club

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

We will be reading
West with Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge

Next Zoom Book Club will
meet Thursday,

September 18th
at 7:00pm

Faith in Action



Next Bible Study Group coming this Fall.

UMCOR - United Methodist Committee On Relief
7th - 8th

Join us in prayer for those impacted by devastating floods and landslides in South Korea, caused by days of torrential rainfall last week. We especially pray for those who have lost or are searching for their loved ones.

We are communicating with partners in South Korea and are prepared to support their response efforts as needed.

[#BeUMC](#) [#PrayforSouthKorea](#)
[#SouthKorea](#)

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!

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



Pastor Kim, Linda Brown, and David Kaller attended the 186th Northern Illinois Annual Conference.



The Korean Caucus Choir at the Conference.



Donation Collected for the Annual Conference.

Lake South District Monthly Go Team Trainings

Saturday, August 2nd

Join us Online Via Zoom on the First Saturday of the month.

PASTORS ONLY 9 – 10 a.m.

EVERYONE - 10:30a.m. – noon

Zoom link Meeting ID: 964 1732 9893
Passcode: 081053

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Lunch Bunch/ Bingo

Join us **Saturday,**

August 9th at 12:00pm in
Yeomen Hall.

Please bring a favorite dish/
dessert to share.

All are welcome!



We are in need of
Liturgists. Please
help us if you can.

Sign up sheet in
the Narthex or call
the office.

Blessings



Fifth Sunday Potluck

Join us **Sunday,**

August 31st at 11:00pm in
Yeomen Hall.

Please bring a favorite summer
dish/ dessert to share.

All are welcome!



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



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!



Join the CNNSSA for a warm
meal and friendly conversation!
Please call the café location for
registration information and to
make your dining reservations.
Senior Services of will County
provides monthly activities and
presenters for all participants.

Lockport Township
1463 S. Farrell Road

Lockport, IL 60441
815-351-8963

11:15am to 12:15pm Monday-
Friday

Woman of the Year

Congratulations to Debra Chapp on
Woman of the Year!



— The Finance Committee



August 1st	Barbara Ott
August 3rd	Brian Hill
August 9th	Bob Walker
August 11th	Rachel Kim
August 15th	Diane Endebak
	Amy Visser
	Kenny Frayne
August 20th	Jan Hoffman
August 21st	Lori Smith

The family of Julien Guzaldo, Jonathan Strong, Barbara Ott (Sheridan of Oak Brook), Betty Becker, Beth, (Lynn & Paul Farr daughter), Pastor Lora, Tom Gogerty, Duane Werner, Donna (Linda Helms daughter), David Hensen, Sue **Kaller, Gloria (Emmanuel's fiancé), John** (Cancer), Evelyn Lindstrom, Andrew & Patti Partain & family, Joselyn Amaro, Haley Roberts, Earl Meseth, Sue Rittenhouse, Patrick Schwar, and Roseanne Wilson (Renwick Nursing)



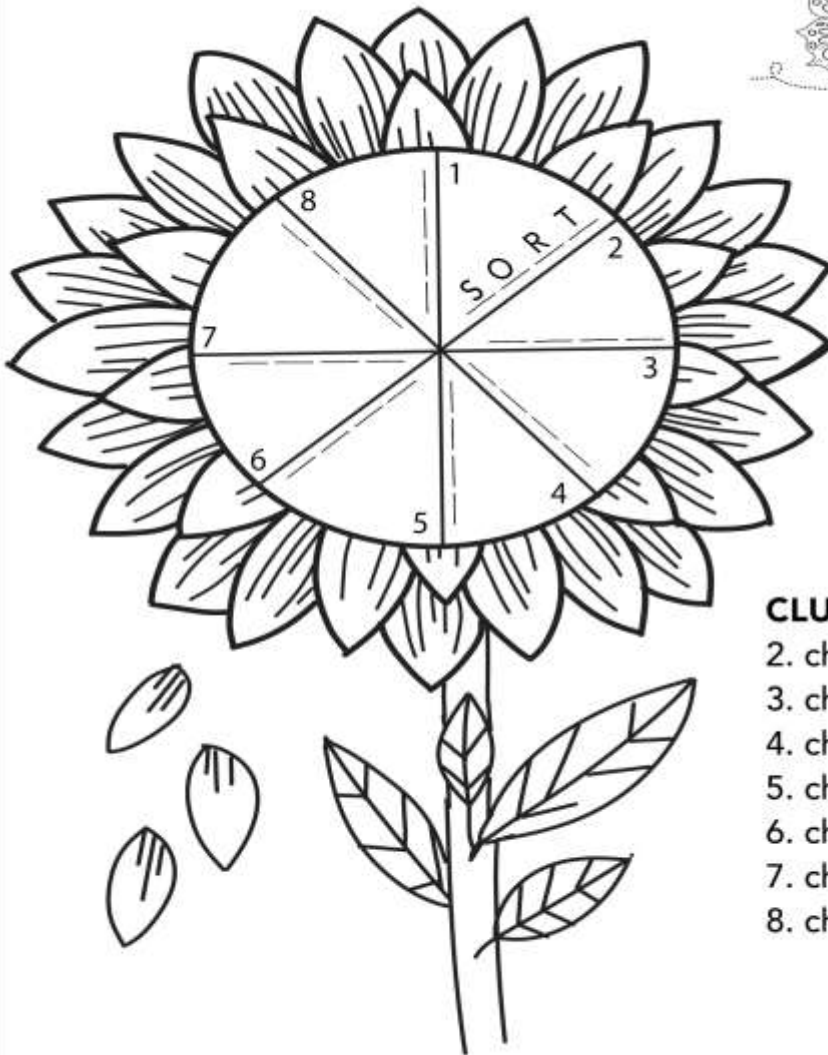
August 2nd	Brian & Lori Smith
August 6th	Clyde & Marilyn Odle
	Mike & Amy Visser
August 17th	Earl & Wendy Meseth
August 20th	Jim & Jan Koger



THE LOVE CYCLE

In 1 John 4, God instructs us to love other people. Where does our love come from?

Directions: Starting at #1 and going clockwise, solve each clue to create a new four-letter word. Then write the eighth word in both blanks below to complete 1 John 4:19, NIV.



We _____
because [God] first
_____d us.

1 John 4:19, NIV

CLUES

2. change 1 letter: a tent to play in
3. change 2 letters: a crease in paper
4. change 1 letter: a precious metal
5. change 2 letters: a beautiful dress
6. change 1 letter: opposite of up
7. change 2 letters: a type of bird
8. change 1 letter: God is this
(see 1 John 4:16).



Fundraiser for
First United Methodist Church - Lockport
20% of event sales will be donated
Religious organization non-profit. Raising
funds to help community missions locally
and worldwide.

How to Order:

Order ahead or on the event day Friday, August 08, 2025

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser
flyer (paper copy or digital image) with each order to receive credit
towards the

fundraiser.

When: Friday, August 08, 2025

Time: 10:30 AM to 9:30 PM

Where:

Panda Express located at:

16000 Farrell Road Lockport IL 60441

(815) 846 - 7188

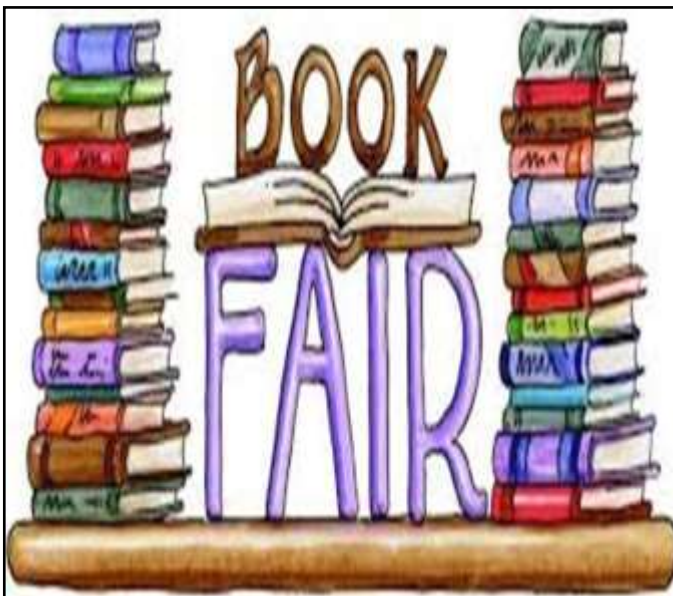
Online:

PandaExpress.com or the App.

Enter 3841495 in the fundraiser code box

or

In-Person: Bring paper flyer or show it on
your smartphone.



St. John's Church

312 E. 11th St. Lockport, IL

Will be having a Book Fair August 15th & August 16th.

Please help by donating your new or used
books by August 10th.

Please call or text: Jan McElheny 630-776-3409

Or

Erin McElheny 630-776-9216



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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.”