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First Edition



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First United Methodist Church of Lockport

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+ 10:00am in person
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Fish Pantry

Bonnie Payette
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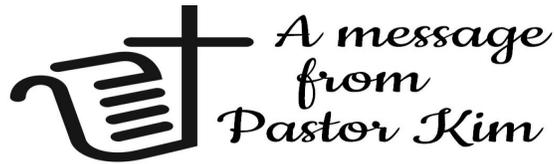
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I am writing this article while thinking of the interfaith support gathering that took place a week after the shooting in Highland Park that killed seven people and wounded 30 others. I wonder whether the majority of people think about that incident now as they continue their everyday lives. We have become desensitized to these incidents, easily forgetting about them until they happen again. We don't want to forget what happened, but also we don't want to remember what happened, because it is too painful for us to think about. The reality is that those innocent victims and their families mourn their lost loved ones every day. So I reflect on it and write about it today.

After worship on Sunday, Rachel and I drove to Glenco to be united in solidarity with the community of Highland Park. The people from the community gathered together with multiple service organizations from around the area as we shared our prayers, comforted and encouraged each other. Representatives from the service organizations took time to speak about what they were doing to assist the community as well.

After what happened in Highland Park, all hearts were broken and angry, but one thing is clear: just one individual cannot solve the problems. I learned that there are several hundred million guns owned by civilians in the United States. And innocent people are being killed. We are sad. Some of the citizens of the United States may be angry, overwhelmed. We want the government to hear our cries. Another way of looking at it is that WE are the government. It is up to US to run good candidates, vote for good candidates, write better policies and better laws, and propose new solutions. "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem."

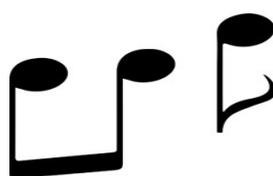
If we all grew up with love towards other people from the bottom of our hearts, there would be less violence in the world than there is now. Violence has many origins. Hate, discrimination, fear, and racism towards people who are different causes hate.

Desmond Tutu said, "We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family. God's family."

More gun violence happens in the U.S. per capita than almost any other country. Even though we may not know the people who were killed or injured in Highland Park, we are all connected. The pain is our pain, and their losses are our losses. Again, "If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem." Let us remember how serious violence is and let us be open to share how we can build peace against such violence as a community.

God's shalom sustains and holds us, and restores our strength in this hope that we will work together against gun violence.

GaHyung

August Scripture**Sunday August 7—****10:00 am Worship & Communion****Scriptures: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40****Sunday August 14****10:00 am Worship****Scriptures: Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56****Sunday August 21****John George—Preacher****10:00 am Worship****Scriptures: Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17****Sunday August 28****Rev. Phil Sheets—Preacher****10:00 am Worship****Scriptures: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14**


Welcome Emmanuel




I was born into the family of the late Archbishop Abraham Aiyelabola of the blessed memories. Been born into the family of clergyman in Nigeria, I developed my musical career right in the church. The church sent me to the school of music in Nigeria and thus it further enrolled me to do a diploma degree in the Royal College of Church music in England.

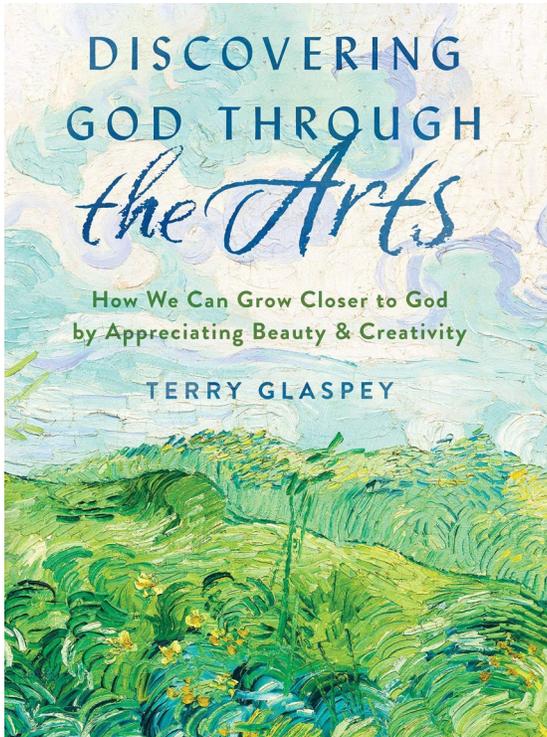
I studied organ and voice, along with computer science and physiology. But I continued my work as an organist and director of music in various churches. St. Peter Lutheran Church Joliet, Presbyterian Church Dallas, Cathedral Church Of Christ Lagos Nigeria, Methodist Church Nigeria, Salem Cathedral Church Nigeria.

Continuing my career I became a concert soloist and Performed opera music Oratorio, Handel messiah By George Fredrick Handel. Bach Oratorio, Joseph Haydn Creation, and many other great works.

I currently sing and play piano for Brookdale Lake Shore Chicago monthly and work at a midway neurology rehabilitation center at the moment. I relocated to the USA after the passing of my father in February 2015, and since then I have settled in Chicago Illinois.

Thank you Bonnie

We thank Bonnie for her final performance and service here at First United Methodist Church in Lockport. Bonnie's final performance, Summer Celebration Worship service and Concert for Peace and Justice. We thank Bonnie for her years of service with the church and we wish her the best of luck on her new journey. We thank her for always being apart of our church, from being attentive in our youth programs, to her dedication of the Chambers Ensemble. Your talent of composure and performance truly honored us all. We will always hold you in our prayers and cherish the contributions you have made for us. Thank you Bonnie. From all of us at 1st United Methodist Church in Lockport.



6-Week Bible Study

**Wednesday, September 7th– October 12th
at 11:00 am, in Yeoman Hall.**

Doreen Barton will be leading this group. If you are interested in joining; please contact the church office at 815-838-1017.

Weekly Reading

Week 1 (September 7)- The Best Kind of Heartbreak: Helping Us Deal with Our Emotions

Week 2 (September 14)- We are not alone: finding comfort and discovering courage

Week 3 (September 21)- a world bigger than me: Making us more empathetic

Week 4 (September 28)- Prophetic Voices: Awakening a Passion for Justice

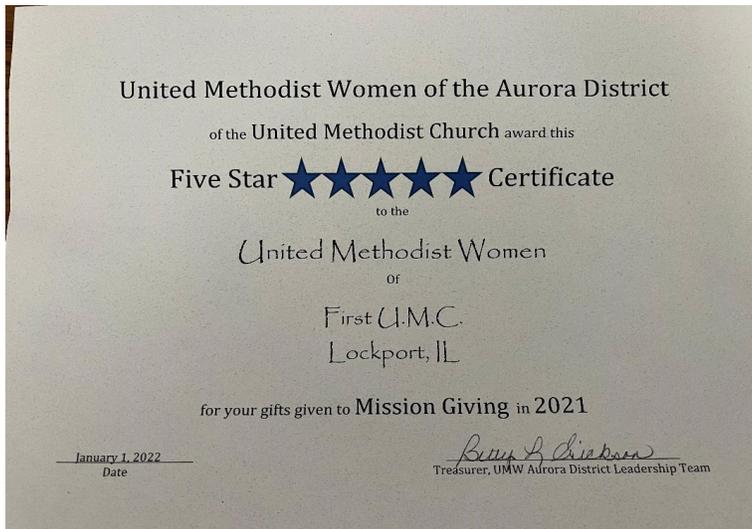
Week 5 (October 5)- Quite Places: Assisting Us in Prayer and Contemplation

Week 6 (October 12)- Soul Food: Resources for Your Spiritual Journey

Thank You



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We thank every woman from UMW for this wonderful award we received for the gifts we gave to “Mission Giving”. Let us continue to show our kindness and gratitude towards our community so that we may continue to grow as a group and continue to achieve our goals for a better community. Thank you all again.



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Dear Friend in Mission,

Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank you!

Since 1940, UMCOR has served as the humanitarian agency of The United Methodist Church, providing disaster response and relief to areas impacted by natural and man-made disasters around the world. And through your financial support, *you* are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly-frequent and destructive storms— sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need!

Together we may continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national background and to demonstrate genuine love for our neighbors.

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes, General Secretary

Supporting International disaster response and recovery



Online
Bible Study

A Small PRAYER GROUP on Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 am

We are offering a prayer group on Zoom weekday mornings on Wednesday at 10:00 am. If you are interested in this, please contact the office at 815-838-1017.

Special Message:

Dear Lockport UWF,

Thank you for keeping us in your prayers and for supporting the ongoing campaign to help Jane heal. We are very grateful for your constant friendship and camaraderie, which helps us move forward with hope!

We took a break from email updates, *Morning Meds with Jane* in June, so you have not missed any briefs!

By God's grace, Jane was able to keep her Write to Publish Conference (Wheaton) commitments, delivering an inspiring keynote address for aspiring writers, entitled, "Dangerous Writers!" It took twice as long to prepare and twice as long to recover (as in days). There she also enjoyed a *first-time-in-person* meeting with fellow writers whom she is mentoring, through her zoom *Power Writers* ministry. Meanwhile, Jane's double vision, which unfortunately, is about the same.

Rich has been quite busy with the incredible honor of mentoring Hispanic local church pastors, teaching an extension course through Garrett Evangelical Seminary. The subject was preaching and the course was in Spanish, so May and June were about study and re-immersion into the language. Students zoomed in from No. IL, New York and Puerto Rico. What a privilege to be a part of what God is doing around the world!

Jane found this passage in the Message (Eugene Peterson's paraphrase of the Bible) very inspiring and relevant:

"God, my God, I yelled for help and you put me together. You pulled me out the grave, gave me another chance at life when I was down and out. So, all you saints, sing your hearts out to God. Thank him to his face!" Psalm 30

We will keep *thanking* God and we're so grateful for your friendship which continues to strengthen us! May you know God's abounding loving kindness *towards you*. Please let us know if there is anything we can be of service to you, now or in the days ahead.

With amending hopes,

Rich and Jane

Rich and Jane Rubietta

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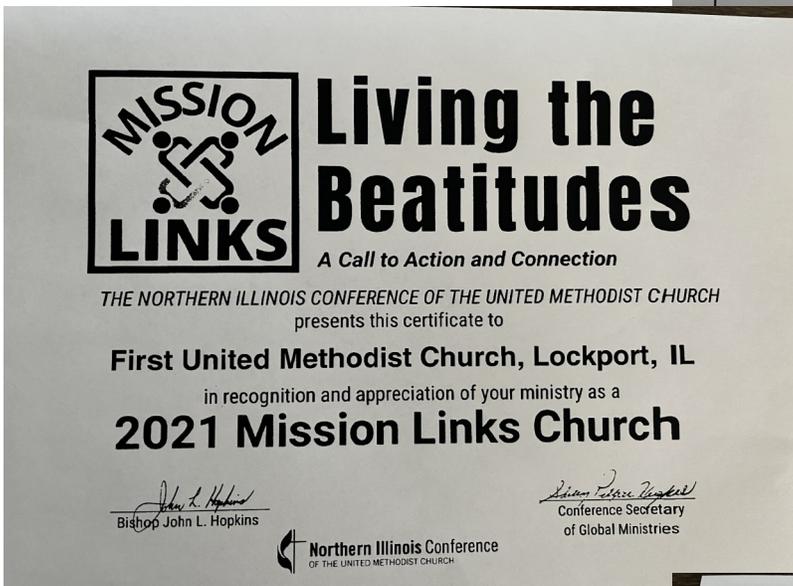
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Special Events:

THANK YOU

Thank you all for your donations for the church. Locally and Nationally



Special /Seasonal Events

Mission Opportunity and Annual Conference



Faith in Action:

Weekly

Sunday

Giving

Schedule:



1ST SUNDAY - FISH FOOD PANTRY

2ND SUNDAY- ADOPT A BILL

*3RD SUNDAY- CONFERENCE
SPECIFIC*

(SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE)

4TH SUNDAY- GENERAL MISSION

*5TH SUNDAY- CONFERENCE
SPECIFIC*

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We are here and honored to pray for your joys and concerns. Feel free to contact Carolyn Brauch at 815-836-0137. God bless you.

Prayer List—Please keep the following people in your prayers

John George, Paul Farr & family, Joe and Franco Governale, Adam Porto, Cindy Thur, Winter family, Rick Young, Cindy Thur, Marge Wiley, Bob Hoffman, Roger Jacobson, Pastor Lora Zink and Bob Thompson.

Prayers for members that are homebound or in nursing facilities:

Iris Chapp (Lemont Center) and Linda Kriete (home).

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!



Faith Development:

Join us at 1st
 United Methodist Church of Lockport's

PARTY IN THE PARKING LOT

SEPTEMBER 18TH
 11:00-1:00

1000 S. Washington St.
 Lockport, IL 60441

All are welcome!
 Come enjoy food, games & fun with Bob-O the clown! He will do magic, balloon twisting, and even teach you how to twist balloons!



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 (elevator) \$137.53

AT&T (U-verse)* \$98.72

*(internet & church phone)

 NICOR \$158.42

Com Ed \$387.14

 Lockport Water \$45.94

Waste Management \$311.04



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

Any Monetary donations are also

Welcomed!



FUMC/Local Happenings:

Welcome ESL's

Let us welcome ESL's as they begin a new journey at our church with free English classes for our Latinx community!

STARTING SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 - APRIL 29, 2023

HOURS

TUESDAY 7-9PM

SATURDAY 9:30-11:30AM

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For more information call the office 815-838-1017

Josefina 815-483-8274

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Pasto Kim will be on vacation August 15-29

For any emergency please contact church office 815-838-1017

Rev. Charles Yoon

815-590-6282 (Cell)

630-968-0442 (Office)



The Faith in Action Committee would like to say thank you to the congregation for their support in the Will County Back to School Fair mission project. We were able to order 12 K-5th Grade backpack kits and 12 6th-12th Grade backpack kits on behalf of 1st United Methodist Church of Lockport. It is a joy, blessing, and honor to be able to help prepare 24 students in our area with the necessary supplies needed to go back to school in August!



Thank you so much!
Megan



We invite you get involved!

Coffee hour has returned!!

A BIG thank you to Craig Gilkerson for being the coffee hour coordinator!

Volunteers needed once a month!

Please contact the office if you are interested at 815-838-1017



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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries:

August 1 Barb Ott

August 3 Brian Hill

August 9 Bob Walker

August 11 Rachel Kim

August 15 Amy Visser

Diane Endebak

Kenneth Frayne

August 21 Lori Smith



Brian & Lori Smith

August 2, 1986

Congratulations on 36 years of marriage!

Bob & Rosemary Thompson

August 5, 1972

Congratulations on 50 years of marriage!

Clyde & Marilyn Odle

August 6, 1966

Congratulations on 56 years of marriage!

Mike & Amy Visser

August 6, 2005

Congratulations on 17 years of marriage!



Monthly Calendar:



2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7pm- Zoom Church Council	2	3 Prayer Group 9am Circle of love 9am-12pm	4	5	6
7 Worship 10 AM	8 Faith in Action Meeting—7:30pm (Zoom)	9 Trustee committee meeting 6:30pm	10 Prayer Group 9am Circle of love 9am-12pm Finance Committee Meeting—7:30pm	11	12	13
14 Worship 10 AM Back to School	15	16	17 Prayer Group 9am Circle of love 9am-12pm ————— Pastor On Vacation —————	18	19	20
21 Worship 10 AM	22	23	24 Prayer Group 9am Circle of love 9am-12pm ————— Pastor On Vacation —————	25	26	27
28 Worship 10 AM ————— Pastor On Vacation —————	29	30	31 Prayer Group 9am Circle of love 9am-12pm			

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4 Worship 10 AM	5	6 Faith in action meeting 7:30pm zoom ESL 1st class 7-9pm	7 Prayer Group (zoom) 9am Circle of love 9am-12pm Bible Study— 11am	8	9	10 ESL 9:30-11:30am
11 Worship 10 AM	12	13 Trustee Meeting 6:30pm ESL 7-9pm	14 Prayer Group (zoom) 9am Circle of love 9am-12pm Bible Study— 11am	15	16	17 ESL 9:30-11:30am
18 Worship 10 AM Parking lot Party (after worship)	19	20 ESL 7-9pm	21 Prayer Group (zoom) 9am Circle of love 9am-12pm Bible Study— 11am	22	23	24 ESL 9:30-11:30am
25 Worship 10 AM	26	27 ESL 7-9pm	28 Prayer Group (zoom) 9am Circle of love 9am-12pm Bible Study— 11am	29	30	

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



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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.”