



January 2025

# First Edition



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
**The people of The United Methodist Church®**



## **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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John George  
**Lay Leader**

Emmanuel Aiyelabola  
**Organist &  
Choir Director  
Director**

Megan Hill  
**God Squad**

Kay Rothlisberger  
**Circle of Love**

Roseanne Wilson  
**Fish Pantry**

Bonnie Payette  
**Custodian**

Bernadetta Kopinski  
**Administrative  
Assistant**

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

Have you ever thought about reading the Bible, the whole Bible in a year?

Several years ago, on one day in December, my younger sister who is living in California asked me and our other college friends to read the Bible daily from where we each live. She suggested that as we read the Bible, we select one verse that touches our hearts and send it in our group chat. We friends live in Illinois, California, Philadelphia and Dallas.

My sister told me that all her church members started a campaign to read the Bible daily and finish the whole Bible within the year. The church was encouraged to make small groups, whatever the groups can be such as by committees, by circles, by geographical location. And my sister chose to read out to her college friends. Six of us joined this group, reading the Bible daily.

It has been three years meaning that we finished reading the Bible daily three times. It has been challenging since there were days some of us could not read the Bible, then we all learned that we could read it the **next days for two days, sometimes for three days' worth. Wherever we would be, we were connected to each other by reading the Bible.**

Through this commitment, we learned that we as a group could read the Bible because of the power of community. I honestly feel that if I alone **read the Bible, I don't know if I could finish reading the whole Bible** within the year. Some parts of the Bible are boring, and hard to understand, but reading the Bible daily became a very important discipline to me.

Friends,

How about trying to read the Bible with your friends or more than anything, with your family in this new year 2025? As they read the Bible daily, let each family members select one verse that comes to your minds and share it with your family group chats. You can celebrate family connections with reading the Bible at the beginning of the New Year and start again. Let us challenge each other as we begin this new year.

GaHyung

**Worship:**



<p><b>Sunday January 5 10:00am</b>  <b>Scriptures: Ephesians 3:1-12</b></p>	<p><b>Communion Sunday</b>  <b>Matthew 2:1-12</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday January 12 10:00am</b>  <b>Scriptures: Acts 8:14-17</b>  <b>Love Message: Joanne Moan</b></p>	<p><b>Luke 3:15-17, 21-22</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday January 19 10:00am</b>  <b>Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11</b>  <b>Love Message: Megan Hill</b></p>	<p><b>John 2:1-11</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday January 26 10:00am</b>  <b>Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31</b>  <b>Love Message: Carolyn Brauch</b></p>	<p><b>Luke 4:14-21</b></p>



Please join us Sunday,  
 January 5th at  
 10:00am for Worship/  
 Communion Sunday.  
 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.

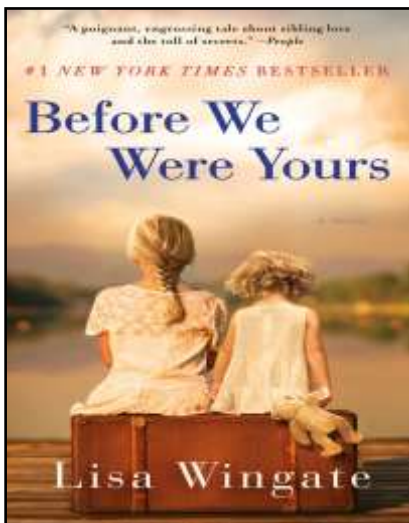
Faith Development



Advent Bible Study Group



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the generous staff Christmas gifts.



**Zoom Book Club**

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

**We will be reading**

**Before We Were Yours**

**by Lisa Wingate**

**Next Zoom Book Club will meet Thursday,**

**January 23rd at 7:00pm**



- January 1st Office Closed - Happy New Year!
- January 7th ESL Resumes
- January 8th Church Council Meeting
- January 11th Lunch Bunch in Yeomen Hall
- January 20th Office Closed - Martin Luther King
- January 26th Coffee Hour



Faith in Action

The Annual Cookies by the Pound Christmas Cookie Sale was a HUGE success! Patrons were lined up to enter right at 8:30am. We sold out earlier than ever before! Thank you to our amazing customers, volunteers, cookie bakers, and Faith in Action team members for a successful event! We couldn't of done it without you.



A warm big Thank You for The Giving Tree gifts!



**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



**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.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Give the Warmth. We are still collecting if you can help.



Conference



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18**  
 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

SOUTH SUBURBAN KOREAN  
 UMC, 19320 KEDZIE AVE., FLOSSMOOR



Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the NIC's annual gathering on Jan. 19th, 3:00 p.m., at First UMC, Downers Grove. Rev. Danita R. Anderson, assistant to Bishop Dan Schwerin, will speak on "The Unfinished Agenda." The bishop will also offer remarks. The celebration will include prayers, testimonies, and music. Following will be a worship service and a light meal.



**LAITY CONVOCATION 2025**

*"HAVING BEEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS GRACE, WE MIGHT BECOME HEIRS ACCORDING TO THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE." - TITUS 3:7*

**SAT., FEB. 8**  
 9:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. NEW LENOX  
 UMC, 339 W HAVEN AVE., NEW LENOX

Childcare will be provided (ages 3-11). Parents and Guardians will need to provide snacks/lunch for children if the lunch option is not chosen. (No peanut products, please.) Sign-up for childcare will be a part of registration.

**COST:**

- \$15
- \$25 (with Box Lunch)

Walk Ins are welcome but registration preferred. Limited lunches available on-site.



**Lunch Bunch**  
 Join us **Saturday,**  
**January 11th at 12:00pm** in  
 Yeoman Hall.  
 Please bring a favorite dish to  
 share.  
 All are welcome!



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  
 Cost: \$4.00 Suggested donation for diners 60+



Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to join the choir? We want you! We practice every Sunday at 8:45am. Come check us out. No experience required. If you have any questions please call the office at 1-815-838-1017.

All are welcome!



**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 us after worship  
 Sunday,  
 January 26th for  
 Coffee Hour.  
 Bring a friend/ neighbor.  
 All are welcome!

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)\*                    \$101.69  
 \*(internet & church phone)

 NICOR                    \$423.79  
 Com Ed                    \$346.05

Lockport Water                    \$67.95

Waste Management    \$151.45



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), Betty Becker, David Matthew Huff (Beth Cross nephew has cancer), Beth, (Lynn & Paul Farr daughter), Pastor Lora, Ray Iraelson, Tom Gogerty, Duane Werner, Donna (Linda Helms daughter), David Hensen, **Sue Kaller, Gloria (Emmanuel's fiancé)**, Holly Carter, John (Cancer), and Diane Endebak, Andrew & Patti Partain & family.



- January 3rd Holly Carter
- January 8th Jorja Burek  
                  Mike Visser
- January 11th Beth Cross
- January 13th Samuel Dorion
- January 18th Iris Chapp



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.



**Don't want to cook come  
out to Brown's Chicken for  
the  
Manager's Special!**

Bring this flyer and \$5.00 from  
sales will be donated towards  
First United Methodist Church.

★ **Brown's Chicken** ★  
**Manager's Special**

10 Pc Chicken or Tenders  
2 Large Sides  
4 Biscuits or Breadsticks  
Choice of 1/2 lb. Mushrooms  
or Fritters  
**\$35.99**

**\$5 from sales will be donated  
towards 1st United Methodist Church**

**Browns Chicken**  
1055 E 9th Street  
Lockport, IL 60041  
815-524-5356



Dear Pastor Kim and fellow  
United Methodist members,  
I want to thank all of  
you for your prayers, cards  
and donations made in  
honor of Bob.

My family and I are filled  
with so much gratitude and  
love.

We are at peace knowing  
Bob is in heaven with Jesus.

We think how happy he  
must be! He can hear, see  
and walk and even run  
again!

Love to all, Rosemary

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

II CORINTHIANS 9:15 NKJV



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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.”