



April 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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Director**

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Kay Rothlisberger
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Fish Pantry

Bonnie Payette
Custodian

Bernadetta Kopinski
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Assistant**

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

Toward the end of March, pastors were called to gather together as the Committee of Elders of Order called us. All elder pastors of the Northern Illinois Conference were invited. We all talked about our own failures during our church ministry. With laughter we listened to the stories that were told. Then we talked about how failure is an opportunity. Let go of the fear of failure. God has never failed to forgive our failure and give us another chance to do ministry in the love of God.

Then we talked about what things the church needs to let go of.

We have done this and that to promote church growth.

As long as you come to our church, we will welcome you.

The church worship has to be for 60 minutes maximum- **Don't go over.**

Memories are attached to the things that we keep- **don't throw them** away.

We are a friendly church.

The pastor is the only one who says a prayer during the worship.

Don't try to do things so hard because we will never grow anyway.

The pastor did not visit a member who is in the hospital.

The assumption is that the pastor has a Facebook so she/he should know.

Our sharing time and conversation gave opportunities to think about our **church's ministry.**

My church family and friends, we as Christians experience lostness and fondness, sin and forgiveness, estrangement and reunion, separation and reconciliation in the life of the church.

The heart of the gospel is not about right behavior, perfection, or exemplary living.

We are like the lost sheep that went astray and the children who lost sight of our true home. We need to come home to experience the love of God in Christ Jesus in our faith community and beyond. Jesus is the good shepherd who cares enough to risk his life for us. The heart of the gospel is that though we are sinners, Christ died for us, and because of that sacrificial love, we are reconciled to God and to one another.

GaHyung

Worship:

	
<p>Sunday April 6 10:00am Scriptures: Philippians 3:4-14</p>	<p>Communion Sunday John 12:1-8</p>
<p>Sunday April 13 10:00am Scriptures: Philippians 2:5-11 Love Message: Megan Hill</p>	<p>Palm Sunday Luke 22:4-23:56</p>
<p>Thursday April 17 7:00pm Scriptures: John 13:1-15</p>	<p>Maundy Thursday</p>
<p>Sunday April 20 10:00am Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43 Love Message: Joanne Moan</p>	<p>Easter Sunday John 20:1-18</p>
<p>Sunday April 27 10:00am Scriptures: Acts 5:27-32 Love Message: Carolyn Brauch</p>	<p>John 20:19-31</p>



Easter Sunday is Sunday, April 20th.
 We welcome everyone to join us for
 Easter Sunday Worship at 10:00am
 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



Maudy Thursday

April 17th at 7:00pm
Handwashing Service
Everyone is welcome!

Good Friday

WALK OF THE WAY OF
THE CROSS
"The Seven Last Words"
Starts at NOON from:
Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran
Church
925 E. 9th Street, Lockport IL 60441

Easter Sunday

Worship at 10:00am
Everyone is welcome!

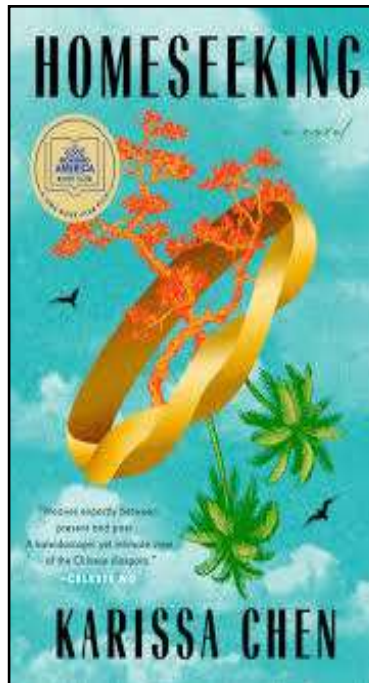


We welcome all children to Sunday School on the last Sunday of the month at 10:00am. Next one is Sunday, April 27th.

UPCOMING

Mark your Calendars!

- April 6th Worship - Communion Sunday
- April 8th Lenten Study
- April 12th Lunch Bunch - All are welcome
- April 13th Palm Sunday
- April 15th Lenten Study
- April 17th Maundy Thursday
- April 20th Easter Sunday



Zoom Book Club

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

We will be reading
Homeseeking
by Karissa Chen

Next Zoom Book Club will meet Thursday, May 29th at 7:00pm

Faith in Action



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.

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 are excited to announce the new Church Directory is done and available in the Church Narthex.



JUNE 22 - 28

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.

Conference



Being United Methodist means being connectional, which means all local United Methodist churches working together. The main way we can be connected is by paying apportionments to support the Northern Illinois Conference and the worldwide United Methodist Church. Do you know that in the 2025 budget (which was passed unanimously by the members of the annual conference in session):

- 16 percent benefits local churches and districts through equitable compensation, creation of new faith communities, and congregational redevelopment
- **30 percent funds programs that support the NIC’s ministries, including the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Annual Conference Shepherding Team**
- 29 percent supports clergy leadership for conference, districts and local churches
- 25 percent makes possible conference services, including the Board of Trustees, Archives and History, and Finance and Our apportionments to the worldwide UMC (sometimes called “the general church”) **contribute to the World Service Fund, Episcopal Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Black College Fund, General Administration Fund, Africa University Fund, and Interdenominational Cooperation Fund.** These funds support ministries that benefit our churches and our shared witness across the globe. Apportionments—“a portion meant for others”—is the priority for all UMC churches. Local churches, please pay your apportionment at 100 percent, if possible. Your faithful contributions benefit all NIC churches. By working together, we are much stronger than we would be as an individual church. This helps all of our sibling churches grow and make new disciples of Jesus Christ.

Church Conference General First United Methodist Lockport Apportionments paid in full. Thank you for your continued support.

Lemont 100% 100%, Lena 100% 71%, Leon 100% 0%, Libertyville 100% 95%,
Lighthouse 100% 50%, Lockport: First 100% 0%, Lombard: Faith 71% 0%



Lunch Bunch

Join us **Saturday,**

April 12th at 12:00pm in
Yeomen Hall.

Please bring a favorite dish/
dessert 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 right after worship

Sunday,

April 27th for

Coffee Hour. If you would
like to host a Coffee Hour
please talk to Linda Brown
or call the office.


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)* \$101.81
 *(internet & church phone)

 NICOR \$693.35
 Com Ed \$447.54

Lockport Water \$41.11

Waste Management \$184.07



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



April 3rd Betty Becker

April 17th Jeanette Baker

April 26th Bonnie Payette

April 28th Craig Gilkerson



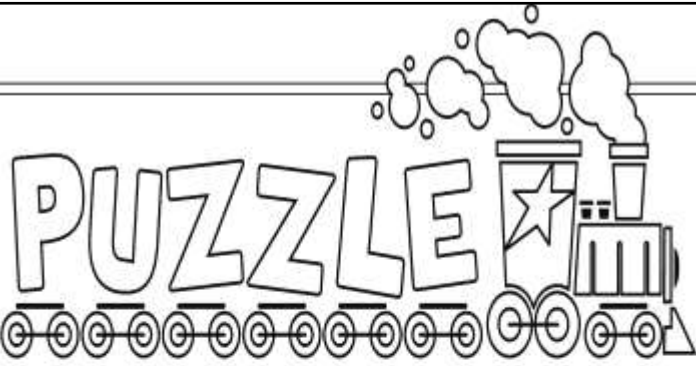
Happy Anniversary!

April 4th

Ed & Jenny Frayne

April 14th

Phil & Jan Rittenhouse



A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.

- plants grow here
- seeds are planted in this
- to coil and jump (also a season of the year)
- when watered, these make plants
- to expand and get bigger
- another word for seedling

For as the _____ makes the _____

_____ come up and a _____ causes

_____ to _____, so the

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness

and praise _____ up before all nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

Answer: soil, sprout, garden, seeds, grow, spring



Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A= E= I= O= U=

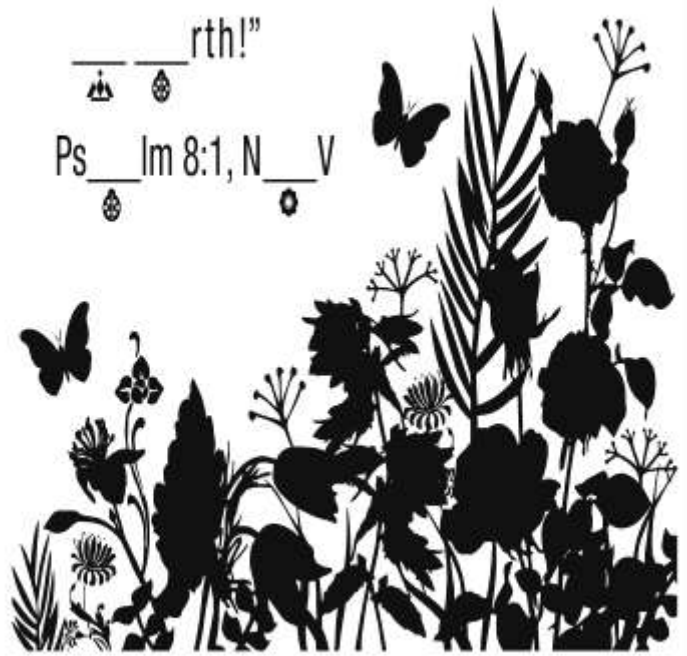
"L_____RD, _____r L_____rd, h_____w

 m_____j_____st_____c _____s y_____r

 n_____m_____n _____ll th_____

 _____rth!"

Ps_____lm 8:1, N_____V



Answer: "LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1, NIV

Become the **AMAZING**
DONOR

*Unlock Your
Superpower!*



DONATE BLOOD

Saturday
April
26

9:00AM - 1:00PM

Helpful tip:
**Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOCATION: BASEMENT HALL
1000 Washington St, Lockport 60441

Give blood. Be a Hero. Donate and receive a Superhero t-shirt, while supplies last.

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED/WALK INS WELCOME

Please book an appointment online using the QR Code attached:-



Every donor can help save 3 lives in the Community
Please help make that difference



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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.”