

Pastor's Page

Desirable, But Optional?

Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed! What a glorious time this is for us! As we bask in the radiance of the Risen Christ we are reminded that God's love has conquered death! No matter how bad things get, Easter reminds us that God can turn scars into beauty marks. It has been very encouraging around here over the last few weeks to see so many people engaging in Bible studies and small groups. Almost daily someone tells me how much they have learned and grown from their "*24 Hours That Changed the World*" small group.

This is particularly inspiring to me after having seen the research from George Barna's new book, *Maximum Faith*. Barna concludes that most American Christians see spiritual growth as desirable, but optional. He rightly asserts that this is a spiritually dangerous attitude to have. Barna writes, "*Jesus did not die an unjust and excruciating death on the cross just so people could get a free ride into Heaven. In fact, Jesus' death was...designed to stimulate an intimate, life-altering relationship with us....*"

Barna is right. What we so often miss is that "*intimate, life-altering relationship.*" We like knowing that Jesus is our friend, but many of us cannot explain, or show evidence of, how our lives are different because of our relationship with Christ. Scripture is clear that the way we live our lives should be different because of our faith (*see particularly James 1:22-27; 2:12-26; 4:7-10*).

The research in *Maximum Faith* suggests that life transformation is something that few will experience because it demands that we surrender everything and submit every aspect of ourselves to God in order to be truly victorious.

That's why I'm celebrating the increased commitment to spiritual growth that I see within the life of our congregation. The need to work together on this is borne out by the interviews being done by our **Appreciate Inquiry team**. A group of our church members have been interviewing fellow church members about what has helped them grow spiritually. There are generous comments about our worship experiences and sermons, but the reports overwhelmingly point to spiritual growth coming through small groups studying the Bible together and holding each other accountable for living out their faith. Our **Appreciative Inquiry** team will continue to work through this information and present some proposals at a later date.

The events of Good Friday and Easter are meant to change us. When we face the ugliness of the cross, we will see the beauty of the empty tomb. The only sufficient response to the victory of God's love at Easter is our total surrender to God. It is not optional. I pray that, through regular worship attendance and participation in small groups, we will all find ways to surrender more of our lives to Him. Then we will know the true victory of Easter!

~ Jay



Children's Sunday Morning Classes in May

During May we will have nursery care and Sunday school classes for preschool thru 6th grade at both services. There will be a class for 7th graders at the 9 a.m. service only.

May 1 ~ Peter explains his belief that Jesus gives new birth and hope for our lives.

May 8 ~ We learn as Jesus returns to Heaven that we are to tell the world His story.

May 15 ~ God wants us to know that as Christians we need to treat each other with loving care.

May 22 ~ Stephen forgives his accusers as we learn how God is honored when we stand up for Him.

May 22 is the last day of Sunday school. A movie will be shown on the 29th and Summer Sunday school will begin on June 5. Watch for opportunities to sign up to teach this summer. Curriculum is available and easy to follow.



Please take a minute to thank the teachers that have taught this past year. They are truly the ones that secure the future of our church.

LIVE ~ LEARN ~ GROW

Following Christ's Example

Youth News for May

The **Confirmation Class** will visit Trinity UCC in Chicago on Sunday, May 15 for their 11 a.m. service. We will leave from our church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Anyone can join in and enjoy their lively and passionate worship style.

Muslim Mosque Prayer Service Visit

We will have an opportunity to attend and expand our interfaith dialogue and understanding on Friday, June 24 from noon - 2 p.m. by visiting a Muslim Mosque prayer service. Anyone is welcome. Sign up before Sunday, June 12 with Pastor Sarah. *This is one of the Confirmation Class summer projects.*

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or made donations to the *Youth's Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raising Event*. The profit will go toward their mission trip to Hurricane, West Virginia this summer.

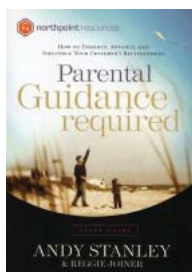
The Youth will be holding a **CAR WASH** on Saturday, May 21 from 1 ~ 5 PM in the church parking lot. Come get the grime off of your vehicle and have it shine in the spring sunshine!



Other News for May

Parenting Class

A parenting class will be held on the following Wednesdays: May 4, 11, 18 and 25. Class will be held from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. **Parental Guidance Required** by Rev. Andy Stanley.



Topics

“Experience Isn’t Everything”

“Out of Control”

“The Big ‘I’”

“3 Dials”

“Turning Spiritual and Relational Dials”

Sign up before Tuesday, May 3! The book is \$10. Contact Pastor Sarah for details.



Coffee Hour in May

- May 1 Adult Choir
- May 8 UMM
- May 15 Membership Committee
- May 22 Mission & Memorial Committees
- May 29 Trustees



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

On Friday, May 20th, the Children’s Ministry will be hosting a Family Game Night. Families of all ages are invited to come and bring their favorite board game(s) to share. The event starts at 6:30 and we ask that each family also bring a dessert to pass. Drinks will be provided and we hope to see some new games as well as several classics!

Contact Cindy DeNormandie with any questions:
815-838-4738 - cdenormandie@gmail.com



Vacation Bible School 2011



Shake it Up Cafe, is an interactive, energizing program that will give our children a recipe for living out God’s word. We are in need of help with music, bible storytelling, crafts, games, science, preschool, snack, and group leaders.

VBS will be held Monday, July 11th - Thursday, July 14th from 9:00am to 12:00pm. There will be a special program on the night of the 14th for families and the congregation.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Cindy DeNormandie:
815-838-4738 - cdenormandie@gmail.com

As of right now, we need the following:
empty Pringles cans with lids, red checkerboard plastic tablecloths, and empty paper towel rolls.
All donations will be collected in containers in Fellowship Hall.

Attention Members...

If you have lost your name tag or never received one, please contact Marty Driscoll for a new one.
You can reach Marty at
(815) 485-4122.

Children’s Mini-Concerts in May

- May 8 ~ 10:45 AM ~ Cherub Choir Mini-Concert
- May 16 ~ 9:00 AM ~ Celeste Choir Mini-Concert

Friendship Group

Friendship Group will meet on **Thursday, May 19, 2011** at **Al’s Steakhouse** in Joliet at 12:00 Noon. Hosts and Hostess will be Bruce and Joyce Tompkins, Fred and Vernetta Manzi and Lois Briddick. A program on Endowments will be given by Lorine Samuels. Please contact Martha Horsley at (815) 485-6935 or sign on the sign-up sheet on the church Welcome table in the Narthex to sign up. All seniors age 55+ are welcome. Come and bring a friend.

Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet is looking for *volunteer musicians* to play for our patients and their families at the bedside. Musicians can volunteer individually, in a duo, or trio. Volunteers would need to commit to volunteering once per week or once every other week in the afternoons or evenings for 2-3 hours. If interested or for more information, please contact Shannon Morgan-Jermal, Director of Volunteer Services, 815-725-7133 ext. 3466 or Shannon.morgan@provena.org



The Columbarium Committee is pleased to announce that columbarium niches may be purchased in the church office. Selection of niches will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Are You a Future Thinker???



The Audio/Visual Committee is seeking ideas and thoughts from our church members as to concepts for a/v innovations to be installed in our church building. These far-reaching ideas may be practical in years to come, but we would like to look at them now, while we are on the innovative subject as a committee. Express your thoughts verbally or in writing to any committee member. ***"If you can dream it, we can build it?"***

~ Jim Pitcairn

Our church family is cordially invited to a
Solo Violin Recital given by Julie Haring
Joined by Sooka Wang, piano

Saturday, May 21, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

Featuring works by Barber, Dvorak, Beach, and Bach

A reception will follow immediately.

Thanks.

Linda and Julie Haring



Note from Missions....

May 15 will be observed as Native American Ministries Sunday. This Sunday is especially close to our hearts since we now support **Meri Whitaker** at **Cookson Hills Oklahoma** and sponsored **Clinton Mission** in the past and will continue to do so as able. **Clinton Mission** now has a new Director, Donna Pewo. The Rev. David Dunson, minister at Okmulgee's Newton UMC, one of the oldest churches in Oklahoma says, *"I've learned about perspectives on faith, ministry and culture. But I'm also learning ways to bridge the gap between Christianity and our Native history and traditions."*

May is also a 5 Sunday month, so there will be an envelope in the bulletin on May 29 for **United Voice for Children**, (**Child-Serve** is one of the 4 organizations supported by this special Sunday).



May Birthdays



5/1 Trent Pitcairn
Renee Vogen

Terrence Ter Haar

5/24 Logan Burgess
Michael Cook
June Miller
Megan Mitera
Lucas Ramirez
Jim Warning

5/2 Louise Chase
David Ciarlette
Krystle Klausing
Sara Swanberg

5/14 Charlie Bain
John Brink
William Mildice
Nicole Swanberg

5/3 Callie Kosmatka
Kayla Motto
Ashleigh Sargent
Melanie Skiniotes

5/15 Sandy Alles
Stefanie Daniels
Steven Kline
Susan Kline
Jessica Marchert

5/25 Peter Bonebrake
Bruce Jasurda
Deborah Magsam
Mary Trent

5/4 Jessica Cimaroli
Jerry Lewis
David Longtin
Susan Wychocki

5/16 Alaina Clark
Scott Creech
Blake Gleason
Shirley Kovale
Elle Penczek
Emma Penczek
Delos Schad
Meri Sorgatz



5/26 Jessica Brooks
Courtney Moore
Teresa Randolph
Peter Stefanelli

5/5 Marjorie Gait
LaRae Hirsch
Michelle Melhorn
Marsha Nelson
Laura Pomes

5/17 Stacey Kapusta
Wesley Kelly
Joshua Mackowiak

5/27 Robert Kapusta
Jim Vinson

5/6 Angela Hedman
Karin Ulstad
John Williams

5/18 Isabelle Alberico
Judith Bettenhausen
Joseph Carr
Brittany Prince

5/28 Christopher Darche
Jeffrey Day
Andrew DeHoog
Andrew Webb
Ronald Whitaker

5/7 Emma Sauriol
Alexandra Wieclaw

5/19 Robert Pomes
Christopher Power

5/29 Alyssa Ingram
Susan Klaczak
Steve McCarthy
Scott Sommers

5/8 Carrie Dvorak
Colleen Taylor
Alyssa Ter Haar

5/20 Julie Blecker
Anne Clark
Jennifer Hendrickson
Susan Predl
Maria Robertson
Jamie Sommers

5/30 Joann Gardner
Lynda Thornley

5/9 Hannah Buthowski
Erik Nelson



5/31 Muriel Devine
Mark Harvey
Nichole Keogh
Susan Oram
Kirk Nelson
Gary Thalacker

5/10 Jessica Sanielson
Ben Luksetich

5/21 Justin Cornelius
Alfred Longtin
Tristan Nanor

Mia Thode
Judy Williams
Robert Zdych

5/12 Alan Platt
Jori Shivers
Hugh Tinman
Emily Winterfeldr

5/22 Kristen Creech
Owen Hopper

5/13 Dylan Bethman
Dominic Flamini
Dylan Frank
Charlene Schroeder

5/23 Brenda Carr
Brooke Jessen
Ana Thode



The United Methodist Men's monthly breakfast meeting will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 8:00 a.m. A program will immediately follow breakfast. Adjournment will be at 9:20 a.m.

21 Methodist Men, sons and a daughter attended the *Fishers of Men Unity Breakfast* at the Christian Youth Center on April 2. One of the speakers was a former NFL & CFL Kicker/Punter, Nick Setta.

On April 9, a delegation of 8 United Methodist Men attended the *Aurora District Lenten Communion Service and Breakfast* at the Fourth Street UMC in Aurora. The Aurora District totals 65 United Methodist Churches.



Our congratulations and support go forth to one of our own, **Larry Bettenhausen**, who accepted the office of **Vice-President of the Aurora District United Methodist Men**.

The **Mens' Ministry in Milling** has finished cutting up some of the the fallen trees to sell as firewood in an effort to raise funds for the scholarships they sponsor. The wood will be sold in small bundles (\$5) as well as face cords (\$100). Order forms to purchase the wood will be available soon. It's a great time to stock up on wood for the summer time fires!

GREAT GIFT IDEA!!!



The United Methodist Men would like to offer shirts for sale to our congregation. *These shirts make wonderful gifts for those that already "have everything."*



Both Polo Shirts are available for \$27 each. One polo shirt has the picture of The United Methodist Church of New Lenox and comes in white ~ the other is for The United Methodist Men with the Cross and Flame,

with the option of adding personalization for an additional \$5.

To order, please fill out an form that can be found at the information table or welcome table turn in to the church office.

UMM SHIRT ORDER		
White with Picture of Church	Black with Cross and Flame for United Methodist Men	*Personalization (fill out below)
Quantity	Quantity	
___ Small	___ Small	_____
___ Medium	___ Medium	_____
___ Large	___ Large	_____
___ X Large	___ X Large	_____
___ 2XL	___ 2XL	_____
*Personalization = additional \$5 (please personalize with the following)		
Name _____		Phone # _____
Address _____		
City _____		State _____ Zip _____
Total Number Shirts ordered _____		Total Cost \$ _____
Paid by: ___ Cash		___ Check # _____
Thank you for supporting The United Methodist Men of New Lenox.		

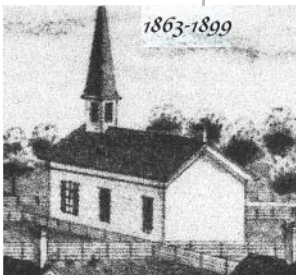
Finance Ministry ~ Rooted in History: Giving for the Future.....



The first quarter report of our church’s Financial Ministry reflects a positive balance of \$18,778 or approximately 3% of our total budget. However, we were blessed with an advanced pledge payment in January ~ without the advance we would be reporting a deficit for the quarter. Total disbursements were under budget for the quarter by 10.2%, which is a combination of Property Ministries being over budget by 8.4% - church utilities, repairs and building and grounds – required more resources, coupled with Ministry to Others – and TWG Reserve and Conference Claims - being under budget by 51.4%. At this time, in the budget year, we have chosen not to fund the TWG Reserve, thus causing expenses to be under budget.

We are hopeful, that the second quarter ending balance will be positive and we can fund the TWG Reserve (building fund). Please continue to pray for the financial health of our congregation and for the financial leadership. We thank you for your gifts which enable our other ministries, local and global. Remember, *“Giving is not God’s way of raising money; it is God’s way of raising people into the likeness of His Son.”*

New Lenox United Methodist Church			
Finance Ministry Quarterly Report			
As of March 31, 2011			
	Year-to-Date	% Budget	Annual Budget
Receipts:			
General & Unidentified Pledges	\$ 151,551	26.3%	\$ 575,500
Loose Offerings	3,008	19.2%	15,700
Holiday Offerings Other Receipts	4,989	13.8%	36,100
Total Receipts	\$ 159,548	25.4%	\$ 627,300
Disbursements:			
Pastoral	\$ 44,163	24.9%	\$ 177,700
Program Ministry	36,027	24.2%	148,800
Property Ministry	43,531	27.1%	160,600
Ministry to Others	17,049	12.2%	140,200
Total Disbursements	\$ 140,771	22.4%	\$ 627,300
2011 Year-to-Date Balance (Deficit)		\$ 18,778	
		3.0%	



The Finance Committee
Laura Christiansen, Chairman





The Sanctuary

Mary Alice & Richard Jafolla

Far into the Arabian desert, so far that few have seen it or even know of its existence, stands a small fortress. In silence and isolation, the sanctuary rises out of timeless sands, ready to offer safety and provisions to anyone who might come upon it.

It is said that Thomas E. Lawrence, better known as "Lawrence of Arabia," found refuge and sustenance in the little fortress on numerous occasions. When under attack, often against overwhelming odds, he would make his way to the remote desert sanctuary. It was his life-support, providing him with food, water, safety and opportunity to regroup, so that when he was ready he could face the world again.

At times, each of us longs for a sanctuary far removed from current challenges and busyness. However, you do not have to go off to a far away place; you have your own sanctuary – always ready, always waiting. It is the safety, the protection, the peace and the comfort you experience when you enter into conscious communion with God.

Prayer opens the door through which you enter a sanctuary of strength and safety, protection and renewal. Times of prayer, of conscious contact with God, provide you with sustenance and renewed vigor so that when you are ready you can face the world again – uplifted, refreshed and empowered.



The New Lenox Township Food Panty is experiencing high numbers of residents who are visiting the pantry. The pantry is having difficulty keeping up with the demand. Please continue to bring donations to our “pantry cart” that can be found in the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

These are the food items the pantry is most in need of...

chicken noodle soup	instant flavored rice
tomato soup	peanut butter
tuna fish	breakfast cereal
mac-n-cheese	spaghetti sauce and
ravioli or spaghettios	spaghetti noodles
green beans, corn, peas	noodle side dishes like
instant mashed potatoes	pasta or noodle roni



Prayer Team Ministry ~

Have you ever experienced the power of prayer? Do you believe the prayer is the basis of wholesome worship? Please join the “prayer team” who will pray during the 9:00 and 10:45 worship in the Narthex. See Pastor Sarah if you are interested in joining this ministry.



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Women of the church, please consider joining a circle. It's a great way to meet new friends within the church family as well as to serve God and others in the community and around the world.

Women interested in joining a Women's Circle who aren't sure which one they may enjoy the most, please contact Ruth Johnson or Wendy Miller at the church office (815) 485-8271. They will be able to explain the age groups and meeting times of the various circles and the contact name of the person for that circle.

Hannah Circle's last meeting until this fall will be May 13. Please let Jane Corradetti know if you would like to hostess, co-hostess, or share devotions. We will prepare a Memorial Day basket for the veterans in Manteno. You may donate any of the following: *AA batteries, chocolate, body wash for men and women, cologne for men and women, flashlights, universal remotes (Menards and Walmart have less expensive ones), watches with big numbers, pudding, applesauce, Jell-O, chips (all individual servings).* We will also send cards to our servicemen and women in May. Susan will also share the first Food and Faith study in May.

Lydia Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 17 at the home of Ruth King, 10810 Turnberry Drive, Frankfort. Please RSVP regrets only to 815-469-3853.

Rebecca Circle will meet on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m. every other month. Contact Amie Burgess at 815-834-6295 for more information on the next meeting.

Ruth Circle will meet at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 4 at the home of Bonnie Patrick (directions will be given). Co-hostess will be Marsha Nelson and devotions by Joyce Tompkins. Marion Geyer will present the program, "Mothers and Daughters."

The Cookbooks Are Coming! The Cookbooks Are Coming!

Celebrate our church's history by purchasing the UMCNL 175th Anniversary Cookbook! It's the perfect gift for Mother's Day! More information will be available soon.

You are cordially invited to a

Ladies' Tea

Honoring the Matriarchs of our church

Saturday, May 14th, 2011

12:30-3:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Area in

The United Methodist Church of New Lenox
339 West Haven Avenue, New Lenox, Illinois

\$10 per ticket

Sunday hats strongly encouraged

Limited seating available

Tickets will go on sale April 17 from
9:00-11:30 a.m.

Hostessed by *Sarah Circle*

Questions?

Contact Teresa Randolph at (815)464-4491
or

randolphtwins@SBCGlobal.net

Our Purpose

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

SEPTEMBER - 21-25 Branson Trip
4 nights and 5 days \$870.00

Luxury motor coach transportation leaving from church
 4 nights at the new Hilton Hotel
 Breakfast and dinner each day

The following shows to be included:

12 Irish Tenors

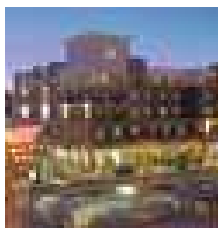
Yakov

Shoji

Noah's Ark

The Branson Bell (Showboat cruise)

Eureka Springs – Passion Play



*For more information or to sign up, contact Faith UMC in
 Orland Park at (708) 444-8560*



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Old Campground Festival will take place Saturday, June 25, 2011.

Anyone interested in serving on a committee, please contact Jim Speicher at (815) 485-4794. *The festival will conclude our 175 year history celebration!*



Worried about your next big presentation? TOASTMASTERS CAN HELP!

Sponsored by The United Methodist Men and the Men's Ministry of New Lenox (12 Area Churches), Toastmasters can help you develop better speaking and presentation skills, learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet AND build strong leadership abilities. On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, Toastmasters meets from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM in the Chapel of the United Methodist Church. The Toastmasters program will help you to develop your communication skills and open doors in your personal and professional life. Instead of laboring in an academic setting, or spending up to thousands on costly seminars, you learn in a self-paced atmosphere of understanding and helpful fellowship. To learn more about Toastmasters International and our unique Communication and Leadership program, contact Chuck Kozielski.

**VISIT US ON
 OUR NEW WEBSITE!!!**

www.newlenoxtoastmasters.org



Together We Grow

Rooted and grounded in love...

Growing disciples in Christ

Ephesians 3:17,20

TWG Fund Account as of March 31, 2011

February 28, 2011 balance	\$541,650.07
March receipts from pledges	16,563.50
Interest	200.00
Other Receipts (Recycle)	0.00
TWG Other Income	93.58
March expenditures	0.00
March mortgage & interest payment	-12,415.88
TWG Fund balance as of March 31, 2011	\$546,091.27

Thank you! The Youth Mission Team made \$260 on Sunday, April 10 by selling sandwiches and cookies at the Vendor Fair sponsored by Rebecca Circle.



Thank you to Aija Bjorklund, Marsha Nelson, Cheryl Bruozas, Connie and Marty Shifflet, Bob and Jenny Field, Teresa and Chris Randolph and Jan Bates for volunteering and organizing the Joliet Food Pantry Service in March and April.



Thank you to the Myotte family, Roby Enge, Michaella and Alyssa, and the McCarthy family who volunteered January through April at the Morning Star soup kitchen.

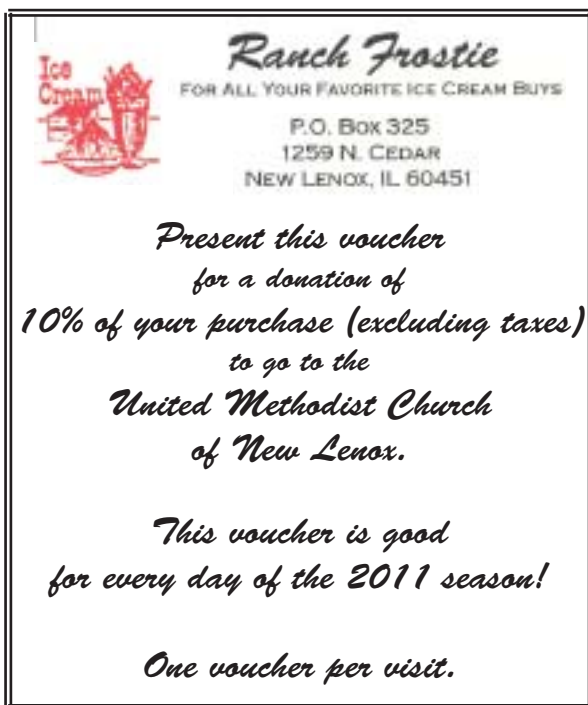


Thank you to the Huddlestun family, Longtin family, Lever family, Veihl family, Lindsey Murphy, Jessica Marchert, Mikayla Keogh, Michaella Johnston, Leah Luksetich, and Cari Floyd, who volunteered to sort out donated items at the Treasure Chest II in February, March and April.

Thank you for all who donated cookies and sweets for the Easter Nursing Home Visits. We visited residents in Joshuah Arms and Sunny Hill. A special thanks to the Praise Band, who cam and played at Joshua Arms on April 10.

Ranch Frostie's Gives Back...

Ranch Frostie's is again allowing us to purchase their delicious treats this season and in exchange, when you present the voucher below at time of your purchase, they will donate 10% of you buy. What a fun way to treat yourself and your family this summer and give to the church at the same time!



Scout Cabin Dedication Set for June 5

By the action of our own UMCNL Trustees and Administrative Board, the Village of New Lenox and the Will County Historic Commission, the Scout Cabin has been designated as a Will County Historic Landmark. Dedication of the Scout Cabin as a landmark will take place on Sunday, June 5, at 2:00 pm. There will be a brief ceremony followed by an ice cream social.

The cabin has been awarded landmark status by Will County for its uniqueness. It is the only known building in New Lenox Township built from telegraph poles. It is also the only known still existing Boy Scout Cabin in Will County. Now the UMCNL with the assistance of the Boy Scouts and the New Lenox Area Historical Society will be returning the cabin to its original function and arranging a display honoring the Eagle Scouts of Troops 49 and 12, the latter sponsored by the UMCNL.

The cabin was built long after the camp meetings ceased to be held on the campground property. Arvid Swanson, a member of the New Lenox Methodist Church and superintendent of the New Lenox Pole Yards, supplied poles for the telegraph lines running along the railroad tracks. He had excess poles transported to the campground and with the help of other men from New Lenox built the cabin, probably in 1929.

All are welcome to attend.

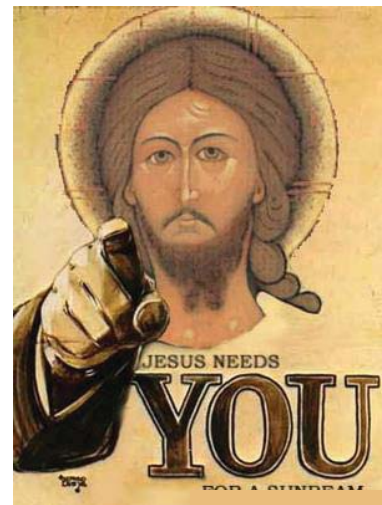


Cleaning for a Reason



If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to

do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. *Cleaning for a Reason* will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information



We are in need of volunteers willing to be a liturgist at the 10:45 A.M. service. If you are interested, please contact Maria Roe at (815) 671-0325. Thank you.

2011 Altar Flowers



There are many opportunities to sign up for flowers for the altar for the 2011 worship year. Please sign up by picking up an envelope from the desk of the church office, fill out the front, place payment inside and turn in either in the offering plate or in the church office.

Eat Out Twice a Month at Chili's and Help Support the Church at the Same Time!!!

What a great excuse to eat out on May 4 and 18...to help support the church! Every first and third Wednesday of the month through December of 2011, take one of these vouchers with you and **10% of your bill will be donated back to the church!** The voucher is good only at the Chili's on Route 30 in New Lenox. (Give the other voucher to a friend, relative or neighbor to do the same! **What a delicious way to help raise money for our church's General Fund.**



Pepper Profit Program

Bring this voucher when you visit (Dine In or To Go) the **Chili's** location identified below and 10% of your purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit:

**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF NEW LENOX**

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each Month
JANUARY - DECEMBER, 2011

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili's restaurants only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

**2390 E. Lincoln Hwy New Lenox
815-463-8743**

Chili's Location/Telephone



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Chili's Location/Telephone

Shop & Share at Berkot's

Remember to participate in the monthly Shop & Share at Berkot's. The first Monday and second Tuesday of the month (May 2 and 3, 2011). Use one slip and give one to a friend!



2141 Calistoga Dr., New Lenox, IL 60451

Store #300 Checker # _____

United Methodist Church of New Lenox

Berkot's Community Involvement Days are good for:
May 2 and 3, 2011 (Mon/Tues)

Total amount of purchase _____
(Excluding tobacco, cigarettes, liquor, or tax)

Date of Shopping _____

Customer's Signature _____



2141 Calistoga Dr., New Lenox, IL 60451

Store #300 Checker # _____

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May 2 and 3, 2011 (Mon/Tues)

Total amount of purchase _____
(Excluding tobacco, cigarettes, liquor, or tax)

Date of Shopping _____

Customer's Signature _____

36th Annual OLD CAMPGROUND FESTIVAL

Saturday June 25, 2011 - 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Rain Date: June 26 - Noon-5:00 P.M.

Sale of Arts and Crafts - 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.
Paintings - Ceramics - Wood - Craft Items
Instrumental, Singing and Dance Groups
Children's Games 10 am - 2 pm

Face Painting
Free Entertainment
Free Parking and Admission

Hot Sandwiches - Pie - Popcorn - Snow Cones - Pop

New Lenox Methodist Church Campground
Located on U.S. 30, 1 Mile East of Interstate 80
Exit No. 137, 4 Blocks West of Cedar Road - New Lenox
815/485-8271

175th
Special Events
Go Back in Time
Period
Costumes

Free
Shuttle from
Community
Center 9-3



Sketch of Georges Seurat's "Sunday Afternoon On the Island of La Grande Jatte"

Serving God In This Community For Over 175 Years

Old Campground Festival ~ The 36th Annual Old Campground Festival, sponsored by our church will take place on Saturday, June 25, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. outdoors in our beautiful campgrounds. Rain date is Sunday, June 26 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. Applications for arts and crafts spaces are available in the church office. Space size is 12 ft. x 15 ft. for \$45.00 or \$50.00 with parking space.

All funds generated from the Old Campground Festival go to the church. This year's festival is the culmination of our 175th Anniversary. Plans are for special entertainment on the new stage and much more!

Festival Needs Many Volunteers! Please Sign Up Below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Games | <input type="checkbox"/> P.A. System | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up Grounds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Face Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Food Stand Worker | <input type="checkbox"/> Set Up Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information | <input type="checkbox"/> Tables/Chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Tear Down Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Table Hostess | <input type="checkbox"/> Cashier | <input type="checkbox"/> Bake/cut/wrap pies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parking | <input type="checkbox"/> Cook Barbecue | <input type="checkbox"/> Use me wherever |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Check in Crafters | <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Sitter for workers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pop/Ice/Coolers | <input type="checkbox"/> Tractor w/cart | <input type="checkbox"/> Children |

I will need babysitter for children while I'm working at festival.

Name _____ Phone _____

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United Methodist Church of New Lenox

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Welcome Home!!!



Bulletin Board Postings

The bulletin board in the Fellowship Area is a great way to let the church family know what is going on within our church and community. The posted information needs to meet the following 4 criteria so that there is a consistent guideline to follow in approving those items that are posted on the bulletin board and that these guidelines adhere to the values of our church and the advancement of our ministry purposes:



Postings should include these 4 core values of ***belonging, growing, reaching and serving***. By meeting these four criteria, we hope to further the Kingdom of God and one's growing in Christ.

To have an item posted on the bulletin board, please bring it to Robin or Wendy in the church office.



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Articles for the ***Church Guide*** should be put in the mailbox in the church office, or they may be e-mailed to umcnlooffice@comcast.net. E-mail is preferred, but not required. Articles may be edited for content and/or space. Questions should be directed to Wendy Miller or Robin Sommers by calling the church office at (815) 485-8271 or by e-mailing the above address.