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NOVEMBER 2024 Newsletter



LAMONT LEGION FISH SUPPER



Friday, November 8, 2024

Lamont Legion Hall : Serving from 4:30 to 7:00 PM(Or run out)

\$13 Small Fish Meal = 2 pc fish, FF, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw & roll

\$15 Large Fish Meal = 3 pc fish, FF, potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw & roll

\$15 Just Fish Meal = 5 pieces of Fish only

Water, Milk and Coffee are available at no cost. Pop is \$1

Dine in or Take out only, no drive up.

Shut-ins Call (563) 929-3060



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NEWS FROM

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF



AURORA



LAMONT



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Greetings, Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

I can't believe that it is time to start thinking about November events: In-Gathering on November 2, All Saints Day on November 3, UMYF Hot Potato Bar on November 6, Veterans Day on November 11, Christ the King Sunday on November 24 (which is also Hanging of the Greens Sunday) and Thanksgiving Day on November 28. And then we will begin the Advent Season on December 1 which will include an Advent Study.

It makes me tired thinking about all there is to do and I'm still trying to recover from my October trip to Greece and Turkey which took me halfway around the world from here, a total of eight time zones – about a twelve-hour flight from Chicago to Istanbul. This trip included eight flights, eight hotels, over 140 hours of bus travel, 15,000 – 20,000 steps per day on my tracker, over 28 hours of flight time and over 24 hours of being awake the day we returned. Over the course of the two weeks together on the trip, many of us picked up colds and viruses. My roommate ended up with bronchitis and was sick most of the trip, and I started getting sick the last couple days of the trip and am still battling a virus. It was a grueling schedule, getting up most mornings between 5:30-6:30 AM, on the road between 7:30-8:30 AM, a full day of climbing hills and cobble stone roads and lots of steps and then getting back to the hotel about 6:00 PM to eat a quick supper and repack our suitcases for the next day. I was also asked to organize devotions and be the song leader for our devotion times during the trip, so I posted words to hymns either when I got back each day or as we traveled on the bus.

My head is still spinning from all I've seen and experienced, and I haven't even wrapped my mind around how the Apostle Paul did all this travel and ministry in places that were foreign and strange, people who had worshipped idols and other gods in pagan religions, and did it

all by foot or on ships. As I left for the trip, I wondered how we would be received as travelers from the US, but we were met with kindness and hospitality in every place we traveled. That confirmed the need to focus on kindness for the month November in my sermons, as we think about how divided and polarized the toxic political climate has separated us and yet calls us as Christians, to continue to build deep and meaningful relationships with each other, as we continue to focus on the ministry of Jesus to be a beloved community that bridges political and theological divides, no matter what part of the world we live in.

In September, I attended the Leadership Institute at the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. They challenged us to join them in a "kindness campaign" to cultivate kindness, compassion, humility, respect and love for one another and for the good of all the world, no matter what political party or ideology we might choose. Let's choose to discover the beauty that can be created when we work together to make the world a better place. We begin with the Golden Rule which is a common value of nearly every religious denomination around the world. We hear the familiar words: "Do unto others, as you would want them to do unto you." I pray that you as you move through the month of November and think about those things for which you are thankful, be thankful first of all that God has showed us a love that inspires us to love others, as God loves us. You can start with the suggestions on the 30 Acts of Kindness you will find later in the newsletter. Give thanks that God will help us be faithful in sharing kindness.

*Serving Christ
Together!,
Pastor Lisa*

Regular Worship Times

1st Sunday of the month
2nd Sunday of the month
3rd Sunday of the month
4th Sunday of the month
5th Sunday of the month

Lamont

9:00 AM

9:00 AM
9:00 AM

Aurora

9:00 AM
10:30 AM

Strawberry

10:30 AM
10:30 AM
10:30 AM Guest Speaker
10:30 AM

Joint worship service with location TBA @ 10AM

This & That

Dollar Fresh MANCHESTER is now providing food for our church food pantry. Please support them as much as possible as a thank you. Joe Rawson has been contacting Jane and Deb when he has food available for the them to pick up.

Jerry Griffin, JoAnn Crow, Jarrod & Joanne Lamphier attended the 2024 Charge Conference in Edgewood on Sunday, October 13, 2024.

JoAnn and Terry Crow drove to Jefferson Iowa to be trained and pickup a plastic bag loom. This loom will be utilized by the UMYF as a mission project. The entire church is encouraged to bring their extra plastic shopping bags with them to drop off so they can be made into mats for the homeless.

Pastor Lisa spent time on a trip to Turkey and Greece to fulfill her Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth allowance. JoAnn Crow and Josh Troutman filled in for pastor. Pastor Moody also filled in while Lisa was in Kansas City for her Leadership Institute Conference.

Missionary Doug Williams came to Lamont on Sunday, October 27, 2024 to speak of his missionary work and experiences in Argentina. A light supper was served afterwards.

There were some uninvited guests to worship service on Sunday, October 20, 2024. These

guests were of the "flying" kind. There were wasps flying around and swarming near the ceiling where the ceiling fans are installed. A solution to get them removed from the sanctuary is underway.

JoAnn Crow drove to Cedar Falls on November 2, 2024 to deliver the InGathering kits and money for the blankets.

Pastor Lisa returned from her trip to Turkey and Greece very ill. She was down for several days including missing in-person worship service the Sunday afterwards. JoAnn Crow covered for her.

Christmas Shoeboxes will be collected here in November.

The UMYF is planning a Baked Potato Bar fundraiser on November 6 at the Grace Lamont.

Be sure to call the Common Grounds by Friday to pick up your lunch on the following Wednesday. These volunteers work hard to bring a great homemade lunch to the community.

Once a month, the Aurora Legion is serving breakfast. This is such a great meal. If you haven't been there, you really need to make the trip.

The Livestream service has been well received. We are getting many visitors watching the videos. The AV team is working on getting it connected to YouTube as well.

Our website visits have been increasing. You can check it out at www.LamontAuroralowaUMC.com

Cards are always nice to receive. Check out the Card Shower section for addresses.

Sunday School has been back in session and starts approx 10:15 a.m. after worship service. If you know any children that would enjoy getting together with other children they are all invited. This is open to all children of the community.

Grace Food Pantry

Thank you all that keep our Matthew 25 project going! We are truly blessed. We are able to help many community families. Anyone in need of food, please contact Deb Brown or Jane Richmond.

Food Pantry Needs:

Canned Fruit; Dish detergent; Laundry detergent

Mobile Food Pantry

When: Typically the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. But their Holiday Schedule is: Thursday, Nov 21 & Dec 19 **Where:** Line up in the alley behind the fire station in Lamont. **Note:** Bring two empty boxes to exchange for full boxes.

Hospitality Signup

Each Sunday after worship service, everyone is invited for fellowship. Goodies and coffee is served. If you would like to signup to bring treats, the notebook is in the library.

Prairie Hills Worship

Join us on the 4th Wednesday every month at 9 am in Independence at Prairie Hills Assisted Living.

Working Hands

Typically meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at GUMC in If you crochet or knit or sew, please come and join us or just come to see what we are up to!

Offertory

If you are unable to make it in-person, offertories can be mailed to your church at the address on page 1 of this newsletter.

SPRC/AD Council Meeting

The 2nd Monday of the month at 6pm in the basement Grace Lamont

Lamont Community Club Meeting

2nd Tuesdays of the month at the Lamont Community Center. Checkout their facebook page for more details.

Common Grounds Meeting

The 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10am at the Common Grounds. Checkout their facebook page for more details.

Lamont City Council Meeting

The 2nd Wednesday of the month at City Hall 7pm

Card Shower

Karen Murley
Edgewood Convalescent Home; 513 Bell St
Edgewood, IA 52042

Harlan Murley
Lincolnwood Assisted Living; PO Box 10
Edgewood, IA 52042

Mission Statement

Making God's love and grace known to all of his children.

Vision Statement

To see God's grace and love made known to all of His children regardless of age, race, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, religious preference or any other human condition.

UMYF FUNDRAISER BAKED POTATO BAR



November 6th

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Grace Lamont United Methodist Church
745 Washington St Lamont, IA

FREE WILL OFFERING

Funds go towards mission projects.

AUROMA LEGION & AUXILIARY

**SUNDAY
BREAKFAST
8:00 AM
to NOON**

HELD AT EACH BREAKFAST
**50/50
RAFFLE**
NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

All you can eat pancakes



Carry-outs Available

NOVEMBER 3
DECEMBER 1
JANUARY 5
FEBRUARY 2
MARCH 2

All you can eat pancakes; also biscuits & gravy, sausage, ham & scrambled eggs with milk, juice or coffee

ADULTS	\$10.00
5-8 YEARS	\$5.00
PRESCHOOL	FREE



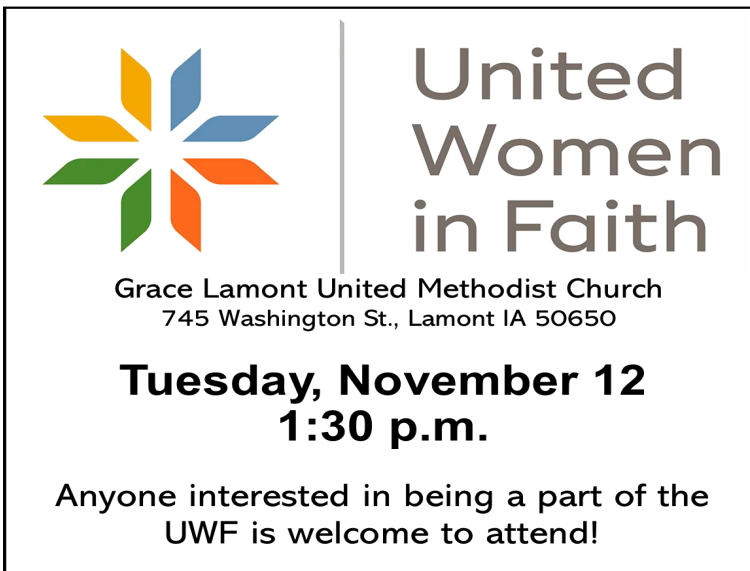


Common Grounds
 MON - SAT 6 to 9am
 621 BUSH ST, LAMONT IA
 563-924-2367

PREORDER: Call (563) 924-2367 or (530) 300-0317
By 9am the Friday before

NOV 6	PORK LOIN
NOV 13	GOULASH
NOV 20	TURKEY & DRESSING
NOV 27	BBQ SANDWICHES
DEC 4	SWISS STEAK
DEC 11	CHICKEN CASSEROLE
DEC 18	CHICKEN & NOODLES
DEC 25	NO MEAL -
	MERRY CHRISTMAS

\$8
 Carry-out only



United Women in Faith
 Grace Lamont United Methodist Church
 745 Washington St., Lamont IA 50650

Tuesday, November 12
1:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in being a part of the UWF is welcome to attend!

United Women in Faith

October 8, 2024 - Pres. Jane opened the meeting at 1:30 with Psalm 55:22, 8 members present.

Deb read the Least Coin. The Sept. minutes were read with amended dates of Oct 8-23 for Pastor's Greece/Turkey trip; minutes accepted.

Treasury is \$3238.23 now with all bills paid from the Fall Supper except for possibly advertising. The profit was \$4177.27. A generous member donated the cost of the steak (\$505.49). 131 meals were served. Possible tweaks to consider for next year: fine tune the serving sizes, send postcards before hand. All went well+ customers liked the variety of desserts. JoAnn reported from the district meeting new info about our account :she will consult with local bank about changing the name on our checks from UMW to UW in Faith.

Pie Fund is \$1498.32

OLD BUSINESS:

The Crows will go to Midwest Missions in Jefferson on Oct 14 to buy the loom for UMYF to make plastic bag mattresses and be trained. The Lamont Fire Dept. is also donating surplus equipment to the Missions.

NEW BUSINESS:

We selected 2 people to receive Mission Recognition pins. Nov 6 the Youth will have a potato bar from 5-6:30 PM.

Oct 24 the city will have a public workshop from 9-3 PM about preventing falls at the Community Room, a \$25 donation is suggested but not necessary.

Blankets & kits for Ingathering will be blessed Oct 27 at service. UM in F will buy 5 blankets with our extra change jar money.

Pastor Doug will share his experiences of his Argentine mission also on Oct 27 at 3:30 PM with a light supper to follow.

We will be doing the Christmas boxes for Samaritans Purse again, possibly due Nov 17-more info to come.

Marcia moved, JoAnn seconded a motion to keep the same officers for 2025. But next year we will need a nomination for President; 2025 will be Jane's last term.

Deb did the lesson, Joyce was hostess.

Next meeting will be Tues. Nov 12. JoAnn will have the lesson; everyone is to bring a sample of their favorite appetizer; Marcia will be hostess.

Glenda, Secretary

November Communion

Server - Terry Crow
 Supplies - JoAnn Crow

December Communion

Server - John Richmond
 Supplies - Jane Richmond

Ushers

Nov 3 - Elaine B & Marcia M
 Nov 24 - Leon G & Randy M

Dec 1 - Brittany & Nicole
 Dec 22 - John & Jane Richmond

Scripture Readers

Nov 3 - Kaye Downer
 Nov 24 - Leon Goedken

Dec 1 - Elaine Bliss
 Dec 22 - John Richmond

30 Acts of kindness in Thirty Days

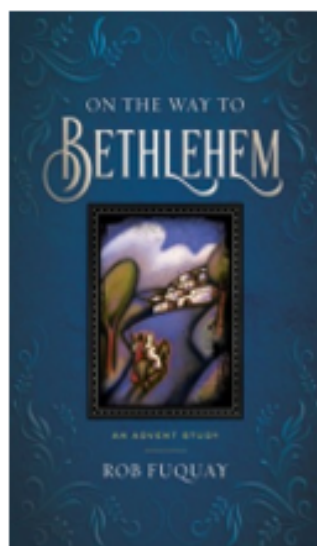


Let's spread kindness throughout our communities!

We challenge you to complete at least one act of kindness each day for the next 30 days. We've gotten you started with our list of small ways you can positively impact those around you. Feel free to be creative and come up with your own acts of kindness!

Kindness is a ripple effect – encourage others to join the challenge by sharing your acts on social media!

- ☐ List 30 people and pray for one each day.
- ☐ Take a walk in your neighborhood and pray for each house.
- ☐ Leave the largest tip you can afford for a kind server.
- ☐ Write a letter to someone who has made a difference in your life.
- ☐ Chalk a sidewalk with uplifting messages.
- ☐ Send encouraging text messages to 5 people.
- ☐ Write cards for a local hospital.
- ☐ Pay for the person behind you at a drive-thru.
- ☐ Donate seasonal clothes to a clothing pantry.
- ☐ Compliment the first 3 people you talk with today.
- ☐ Reconnect with someone you haven't spoken with in a while.
- ☐ Donate towels, blankets and toys to an animal shelter.
- ☐ Surprise a neighbor or friend with freshly baked treats.
- ☐ Give parents a night out by offering to babysit for free.
- ☐ Give a thank-you treat to your mail, delivery and sanitation employees.
- ☐ Donate new socks and underwear to a local shelter.
- ☐ Post an encouraging sticky note message on a mirror or door.
- ☐ Host a clean-up party at a nearby park.
- ☐ Donate books to your local library or a book drive.
- ☐ Send a 'Thank You' card to your local police or fire station.
- ☐ Leave your server an encouraging note on their receipt.
- ☐ Post a positive and encouraging message on social media.
- ☐ Help your neighbor with their yard work.
- ☐ Donate packages of diapers and wipes to a local agency supporting families.
- ☐ Pause to hold the door open for someone behind you.
- ☐ Surprise someone with flowers.
- ☐ Participate in a blood drive.
- ☐ Donate food to a local food pantry.
- ☐ Write a positive review online for a local business.
- ☐ Pray for government leaders and send a note thanking them for their public service.



ADVENT STUDY – BEGINNING NOVEMBER 26 TUESDAYS AT 6:30 PM

On the Way to Bethlehem follows the long journey to Christmas. The story begins in Rome with a decree issued from the seat of worldly power for a census, setting into motion events leading to the birth of the Savior of the world in a town that represents the very opposite of worldly power, Bethlehem.

Author Rob Fuquay provides insight into the geographical and historical significance of Rome, Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, along with the important characters through whom the Christmas drama unfolds. You will be drawn into those places in a way that helps you experience the spiritual truths each location holds. The reflection we give in these places prepares the heart and soul to experience wonder, awe, mystery, and joy. Celebrate the birth of Jesus as you celebrate the presence of Jesus in your life today, tomorrow and forever.

Tue, November 26, 6:30 PM - Lamont:
Tue, December 3, 6:30 PM - Strawberry Point:
Tue, December 10, 6:30 PM - Lamont:
Tue, December 17, 6:30 PM - Strawberry Point:

Rome – A Place of Longing
Jerusalem – A Place of Waiting
Nazareth – A Place of Simplicity
Bethlehem – A Place of Humility



Reverend Doug Williams, Missionary spent a few hours at Grace Lamont United Methodist Church on Sunday, October 27, 2024. He spoke of his work and experiences in Argentina. Following the presentation, a light supper was served.



The UMYF group has been working diligently on one of their mission projects. They purchased a loom that utilizes your plastic shopping bags to make heavy blankets for those in need of some warmth.

The UMYF meets twice a month on Wednesday nights. All area kids from 6th to 12th grade are welcome to join.



Ancient Corinth – where Paul preached and was a tentmaker

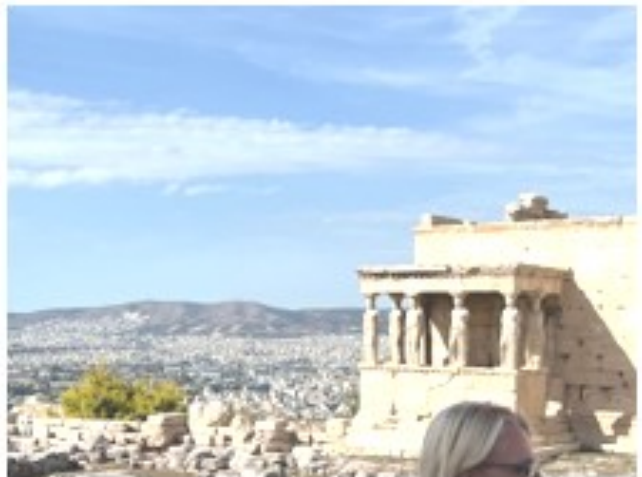


Location where Paul baptized Lydia and other believers – the 1st in Europe



Bishop Kennetha sprinkling water as we remember our baptisms

Parthenon and the view from the Acropolis – ancient Athens, Greece




Exploring the streets and theater of ancient Philippi



NOV 2024

WEDNESDAY - Pick up your Common Grounds Special between 11am and Noon
FRIDAY - Order your Wednesday Special from Common Grounds by 10 am
FRIDAY & SATURDAY - Pastor's regular day off

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>DEC 3: ADVENT STUDY 630-S-STRAWBERRY POINT</p> <p>DEC 4: UMYF LAMONT 630PM</p> <p>DEC 9: SPRC/AD COUNCIL 6PM LAMONT</p> <p>DEC 10: UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH 130PM</p> <p>DEC 10:ADVENT STUDY 630PM LAMONT</p> <p>DEC 14: WORKING HANDS—LAMONT</p> <p>DEC 17 ADVENT STUDY STRAWBERRY POINT</p> <p>DEC 19: LAMONT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY 330PM</p> <p>DEC 24: CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE LAMONT 630PM</p>			 <p>Bring your poinsettias for Hanging of the Greens in remembrance of your loved ones.</p>			1	2 IN-GATHERING Set clocks back 1 hour
FIRST SUNDAY	<p>3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY</p> <p>Aurora Legion Breakfast till noon</p> <p>9am - Lamont Worship</p>	<p>4 FIRE MEETING</p>	5	6 UMYF POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER 5-6:30pm	7	8 LEGION FISH FRY 430-7 pm	9 WORKING HANDS 9am
SECOND SUNDAY	<p>10 9:00 am - Aurora Worship</p>	<p>11 SPRC / AD Council 6pm</p> <p>VETERANS DAY</p>	12 UMF 1:30 pm COMMON GROUNDS MONTHLY MEETING LAMONT COMM CLUB MEETING	13 CITY MEETING 7pm	14	15	16
THIRD SUNDAY	<p>17 9:00 am - Lamont Worship 10:30 am - Aurora Worship 2pm—Church Basement in use</p>	<p>18 FIRE MEETING</p>	19	20 UMYF 630pm	21 LAMONT MOBILE FOOD PANTRY 330PM	22	23
FOURTH SUNDAY	<p>24 9:00 am - Lamont Worship HANGING OF THE GREENS</p>	<p>25</p>	26 ADVENT STUDY 6:30 PM—LAMONT	27 PRAIRIE HILLS WORSHIP INDEPENDENCE 9AM	28 THANKSGIVING	29	30