



***Historic Lemont, Illinois  
Established 1836***

***Come for the History  
Stay for the Charm...***

Nestled among the bluffs of the DesPlaines River Valley lies the historic community of Lemont, Illinois. Established in 1836 and Incorporated in 1873, Lemont's early settlers were the immigrants who came to dig the I&M Canal – the waterway envisioned by explorers Father Marquette and Louis Joliet to connect the Great Lakes with the Mississippi River. These immigrant settlers remained to quarry the famous limestone, "Athens Marble," used to construct many local buildings and historic edifices in Chicago and Springfield.

In its stone quarry heyday and during construction of the Sanitary and Ship Canal in the 1880's, Lemont became legendary for its "Smokey Row," one of the wildest sin strips in the Midwest.

Out of these beginnings evolved the community of Lemont. Its buildings remain in a picturesque downtown that time has forgotten.



***Lemont Area Historical Society  
306 Lemont Street • Lemont, IL 60439***

**Services:**

Historic Exhibits in our Museum  
Genealogy Research by Appointment  
Extensive Photograph Collection  
Census Information  
Group Tours of Museum, Historic District  
and Lemont Quarries  
Gift Shop



***Your  
Wedding at ...  
The 1861 Old  
Stone Church***

- Graceful antique curved pews seat up to 120 guests
- Turn of the century stained glass windows imported from Italy
- Intimate chapel setting
- Officiant of your choice
- Every effort made to accommodate your special requests
- Historic Landmark



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*Schedule Your Wedding,  
Renewal of Vows, Christening  
Or Very Special Event at the*

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in the 1861

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**CONTACT THE EVENTS COORDINATOR**

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for information  
regarding our attractively priced  
custom wedding packages  
including

**1 hour rehearsal and  
2 hour ceremony**

**Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday and Friday	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**CHAPEL VIEWS**



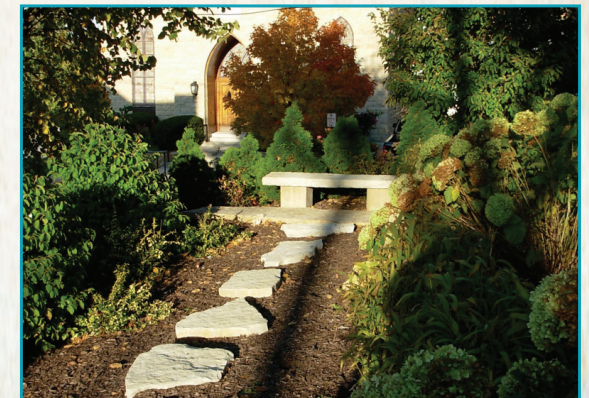
## **THE STORY OF THE OLD STONE CHURCH**

The Old Stone Church is the oldest church structure in the historic Village of Lemont, IL. It served as the Lemont Methodist Episcopal Church for 100 years, from 1861 to 1970, when it was deeded to the Lemont Area Historical Society for a historical museum.

The church was used as a center for community activities throughout its history. During the Civil War, it was used as a recruiting depot. Today, the Old Stone Church is a National Landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The building is constructed of Lemont quarry stone laid 22 inches thick. Beautiful stained glass windows in hues of amber, imported from Italy, were installed at the turn of the century. Graceful curved pews can accommodate 120 guests.

The Old Stone Church provides an intimate yet elegant setting for a wedding, renewal of vows or special event.



**OUTDOOR GARDEN**