



The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville

May 11, 2014

8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Today's Scripture Passage *Proverbs 8, selected verses*

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: 'To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me. I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice, endowing with wealth those who love me, and filling their treasuries.

'The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

'And now, my children, listen to me: happy are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it. Happy is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord; but those who miss me injure themselves; all who hate me love death.'



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 am



Gathering Music "I Love Thee, My Lord" G. Shearing

Welcome & Greeting (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)
We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

* **Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

* **Call to Worship**

Leader We have gathered in the presence of God in whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its name.

People **We come in prayer, that the peace of Christ might dwell in our homes and our families, as we learn to love and serve one another.**

Leader We come in prayer, that the peace of Christ might dwell in our communities and in the world around us, as we seek to love and serve our neighbors and the whole human family.

All **May the joy and love of the risen Christ fill our hearts, our lives and our world, to the glory of God. Amen.**

* **Musical Prayer** "He Is Lord" No. 177

He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Proverbs 8, selected verses

Sermon "Women and Wisdom" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory

* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

* Prayer of Dedication

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Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

* **Closing Hymn** "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 102

* **Benediction**

Postlude



* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



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Prelude "I Love Thee, My Lord" G. Shearing

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*** Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

Unison Prayer

We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; grant us the assurance of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal to us your purpose as we seek to faithfully serve you, our families, our neighbors, and the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13 Alice Hubbard

Special Music "Behold, Behold" Cherub Choir

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Anthem "I Will Sing!" J. Raney
Men's Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

** Please consider completing a "Joys and Concerns" card and placing it in the box at the back of the sanctuary. The Pastors and Prayer Team will use the cards to guide weekly prayer. Thank you!

Second Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8, selected verses

Sermon "Women and Wisdom" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "Lord, Here Am I" J. N. Beck

* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Closing Hymn** "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 102

* **Benediction**

Postlude "Trumpet Tune" D. Lasky



A Warm Welcome to All!

We are delighted to have all of you sharing with us in worship! If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our Welcoming Ministries Coordinator, Joyce Bedell (joycebedell@sbcglobal.net), for more information about our church family. All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing from 9:00-11:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there. New member classes begin on May 17!



The rose on the altar this morning celebrates the birth of Loie Eryn Brown on May 1. Congratulations to parents Jeff and Eryn Brown and siblings Alex, Owen, and Hank!



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in honor of all mothers by the United Methodist Men of Libertyville.

Many thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning:

Sound Tech: Bert Kibbler

Greeters: (9:30) The Foley Family

Acolytes: (9:30) Makena Salm, Sofia Sapp

May Ushers: (8:15) Judy Awe, Larry Corrigan, Clem Vath
(9:30) Dan Joyce, Rob Kilmer, Bob Kowal,

Chris Skinner, Wes Swearingin, Karl Taylor, Jean Turner

Coffee Fellowship: (9:00—11:00) Please join us for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall and hosted by United Methodist Men.

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Countdown

Welcome & Announcements

We welcome you to our service today and invite you to greet each other with words of grace and peace. May God's blessing be upon us all as we worship together in spirit and truth.

* Song "Freedom Song" C. Hall

* Song "I Will Follow" C. Tomlin

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* Song "Come Let Us Worship" J. Reeves

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a, 13

Video "A Mother's Day Prayer"

Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Scripture Proverbs 8, selected verses

Sermon "Women and Wisdom" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Closing Song "Pass It On" T. Walker

* Benediction



Service Notes

Children are welcome in worship. We enjoy having kids with us in worship but there is also a special program for them called *Kids Own Worship* that takes place following the Children's Message. For those who wish, nursery care is available for infants and toddlers during the service in Room 100.

The Offering we give is both an act of thanks and faith – a way to offer back to God some of the blessings we have received and a response of trust that God will take care of us as we rely upon him. You are invited to place your gifts in the Offering Plate on the back table as you leave.

Please fill in the registration sheet that is passed around so you will be kept informed about what's happening at the church. Remember to include your email address.

We welcome you to Holy Communion to experience the grace and love of God. We celebrate Communion on the first Sunday of the month. All who are seeking the grace of God through the presence of Jesus Christ are welcome to the table.

Worship Team: Julie Bakus, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis, Jeanette Frisbey, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark & Janet Mason

Refreshments: Becky and Sue Ratzer

UMCL News & Notes ~ May 11, 2014

BISHOP'S APPEAL OFFERING—The Bishop's Appeal is an offering that allows us to pool our resources from the pew to the Annual Conference floor. This year's Bishop's Appeal is designated to support "Imagine No Malaria," with the goal of raising one million dollars for this global health initiative. Every single dollar donated will be used to save lives in Africa, especially the most vulnerable—mothers and young children. Our church is receiving a Special Offering **today and next Sunday, May 18**, for this purpose. Special envelopes are available in the pews and in the East Room. We invite you to prayerfully consider what you might give. Checks may be written payable to UMCL, with "No Malaria" on the memo line. Thank you!

EASTER OFFERING! Many thanks for the generous Easter Offering of \$8,163 to help at-risk youth and assist in eradicating malaria. Your generosity makes a difference!

NEW MEMBER CLASSES are forming! It's not too late to register for the New Member Classes that will begin with Brunch on **Saturday, May 17, at 10:00 AM**; followed by three Sunday School classes on **May 18 & 25, and June 1**; with New Members welcomed on **Sunday, June 8 at 9:30 AM**. Please contact Joyce Bedell TODAY to register. Childcare is available at the brunch. (847-362-2112 or joycebedell@sbcglobal.net)

PRIME TIME will meet on **Monday, May 12 at NOON** for lunch (\$5). After lunch we'll play Bloomin' Bingo. No cost to play and there will be prizes for the winners!!

TODDLER PLAY GROUP meets on **May 13, 11:00 AM—12:30 PM**. Parents and their babies/toddlers (age birth-preschool) are invited to visit and play in the church nursery on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Julie Holdeman at julieballing@gmail.com or 847-986-6081.

ALL-STARS—Kids in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are invited to the final night of All-Stars before our summer break. We will celebrate the 5th graders and welcome in the 2nd graders! Join us **Wednesday, May 14th, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided. Friends are always welcome!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL—Sunday School teachers are needed for May through August! Since people are busy with summer travel, we are changing our teaching commitment to a week at a time. This means we need A LOT of volunteers! Please sign up to help for a few Sundays this summer on the bulletin board outside of the nursery.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! Registration is now open for **VBS ~ July 14 - 18!** Children, pre-school age to 5th grade are invited to come and experience a week of Weird Animals! Where kids learn how Jesus' love is one of a kind! Registration forms are available in the church office or on our website www.umcl.org/vbs. *Volunteers needed!

AD BOARD MEETING—Our next Administrative Board meeting will take place on **Saturday, May 17, at 8:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, May 20th at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Mary Ann Burson will give us a report from the UMW assembly that she recently attended. All are welcome. For more information, call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—If you have a mom, there is nowhere you are likely to go where a prayer has not already been. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please call Kevin Garren (847-816-7374), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of April 30, 2014

	Month-end	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenues	\$92,007.35	\$290,752.68
Expenses	\$65,314.78	\$300,902.51
Difference	\$26,692.57	(\$10,149.83)

Generous gifts moved us into a positive position for April and reduced the gap between year-to-date income and expenses. Your generous giving throughout the year will help us continue on this positive trend. Thank you.

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RUTH CIRCLE meets on Wednesday evening, **May 21, at 7:00 PM** at the home of Nancy Grange-Sullivan (17309 Westwind Dr., Gurnee, 847-553-4440). Dessert will be served, then Jeff Welch, who organizes the Adult Mission Trips, will report on this spring's trip to Waynesville, Missouri. Come join us, hear the stories and maybe you'll decide to go on a trip too!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS! We would like to recognize you in the bulletin and/or in person on **Sunday, June 22**, for your big accomplishment... graduating! Please call or email the church office **by Wednesday, June 11**, if you would like your name printed and/or will be in one of the services on Sunday, June 22. If you are graduating from college, please also tell us where you are graduating from and the degree obtained. We would love to share this accomplishment with you. Congratulations again!

ENDOWMENT EDGE—Forty-five people attended the Estate Planning Seminar in early April. A big thank you to Bill Graham for his presentation. We trust those who were present received information for their future plans. Contact an Endowment Committee member, or leave a message at the church office, if you have comments or suggestions.

PADS SEASON HAS ENDED—NOW WHAT CAN YOU DO? You could help wash the PADS blankets over the summer! Volunteers are needed to take 2-3 blankets home and wash them, returning them to church in late summer. Blankets will be out in Fellowship Hall for anyone to take home. Thanks in advance for your laundering help!

PADS SUMMER LUNCHESES—Our season for providing shelter for the homeless ended on April 26, but we still provide **40 lunches on the second Tuesday** of each month during the summer (May—September). These lunches can be provided by a group, a couple of families working together, a class, etc. Please contact Cathy O'Brien (847-367-8062) for more information or to sign-up for a date. Thank you!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet every Sunday morning and are glad to welcome new members! Cornerstone Class, studying 30 Life Principles by Dr. Stanley, meets 8:00-9:15 AM in Fellowship Hall C, led by Dave LeValley (drlevally@gmail.com). Explorer Class meets 9:15-10:30 AM in Room 101, led by Woody Bedell (lwbedell@sbcglobal.net). The group studying Chip Ingram's God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting meets 9:30-10:30 AM in the New Room, led by Jason and Julie Holdeman (julieballing@gmail.com). The group studying John Ortberg's When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box has one class session left this season, on May 18, 9:30-10:30 AM in Fellowship Hall B, but is considering another Ortberg study for the fall. This class is led by Ron Campbell (campbell.ronald@comcast.net). Take advantage of one of these great opportunities to grow in faith and community!

DID YOU KNOW THAT HELPING HANDS accepts wheelchairs, walkers, and other medical equipment that can be loaned out to our church family as the need arises? Please let Jeris Boyce, Gladys Griffin or the church office know if you have medical equipment to donate, and we will pick it up.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS: Sign up on our website (www.umcl.org) or call the church office to serve as a Sunday worship greeter or to donate altar flowers. The altar flowers each Sunday are given in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events. Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR MAY WILL SUPPORT 1) Bethany Terrace Dementia Care Center. This residential center, part of the Bethany Methodist Communities, provides high quality, compassionate and holistic care for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias. The center also provides family education, support groups, and outreach to local churches and community organizations. Located in the Chicago area and therefore part of the Northern Illinois Conference, their program is nationally recognized. For additional information on this and other Bethany Terrace programs, please go to www.bethanyterrace.org or contact them at 847-965-8100. **2) Mother/Child Survival.** The goal of this UMCOR project is to reduce both infant and maternal mortality by providing education in the areas of nutrition, oral rehydration, immunization, and growth monitoring. This program has over 20 years of proven success globally. Additional information can be found in the Projects area of the UMCOR website: www.umcor.org.

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 11, 2014

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages
(Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)

Monday, May 12, 2014

12:00 PM—Prime Time
1:00 PM—BookTalkers
7:00 PM—Outreach Committee
7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
9:45 AM—Faith Study
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM—All Stars
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY

Thursday, May 15, 2014

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's
7:30 PM—Adult Choir
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study

Friday, May 16, 2014

6:00 PM—Intimate Evenings

Saturday, May 17, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
8:30 AM—Ad Board
10:00 AM—New Members Brunch

Sunday, May 18, 2014

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
9:30 AM—Sunday School for all ages
(Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
10:40 AM—Children's Choir
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)

Monday, May 19, 2014

7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Resource Committee
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:00 AM—MEMOS
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
9:45 AM—Faith Study
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM—UMW Interfaith Committee
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)

Thursday, May 22, 2014

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's
7:30 PM—Adult Choir
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study

Friday, May 23, 2014

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

Saturday, May 24, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band

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