



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 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" G. Kendrick

* Song "Mighty To Save" R. Morgan

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

* Song "Cornerstone" J. Myrin

Building on Our Dreams Announcement

Litany of Celebration

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "The New Community" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Closing Song "Everyday" J. Houston

* Benediction



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.

Please fill in the registration sheet that is passed around so you will be kept informed about what's happening at the church. Thank you for including 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.

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.

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

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark and Janet Mason

Refreshments: Michelle Haddon

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 11, 2015

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 0-3 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—Joyful Noise & Choristers
 10:45 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
 11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
 (Nursery care available for ages 0-3 years)
 11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Time)

4:00 PM—Confirmation
 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE @ Ben's

Monday, January 12, 2015

1:00 PM—BookTalkers
 6:00 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts
 7:00 PM—Inquirer's Study Group
 7:00 PM—Outreach Committee
 7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
 7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
 7:30 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, January 14, 2015

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
 5:30 PM—All Stars
 6:00 PM—Building Committee
 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
 7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee
 7:30 PM—Troop 72 Committee

Thursday, January 15, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
 6:30 PM—Praise Band
 7:00 PM—Interfaith Group
 7:30 PM—Disciple 3
 7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, January 16, 2015

6:00 PM—Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's

Saturday, January 17, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study
 8:00 AM—Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
 10:00 AM—UMW Leadership Retreat
 4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS

Sunday, January 18, 2015

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 0-3 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—Joyful Noise & Choristers
 10:45 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
 11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
 (Nursery care available for ages 0-3 years)
 11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Time)

2:00 PM—Panama Mission Trip Orientation
 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE @ Ben's

Monday, January 19, 2015

9:00 AM—Confirmation Day of Service
 6:00 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts
 7:00 PM—Inquirer's Study Group
 7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, January 20, 2015

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
 9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
 1:00 PM—Endowment Committee
 7:00 PM—Resource Committee

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

9:00 AM—MEMOS
 9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
 6:00 PM—Ruth Circle
 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells

Thursday, January 22, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
 6:30 PM—Praise Band
 7:00 PM—Introduction to the New Testament
 7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations
 7:30 PM—Disciple 3
 7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, January 23, 2015

12:00 PM—Faithful Threads Retreat
 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's

Saturday, January 24, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study
 9:00 AM—Faithful Threads Retreat
 9:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Committee
 4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

January 11, 2015
 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Celebration Sunday in the Season of Epiphany

Today's Scripture Passage


In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?"

For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

— Matthew 2:1-12

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 A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION
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 Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 am



Gathering Music "What Is This Lovely Fragrance?" P. Manz

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** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 220

*** Call to Worship**
Leader The magi came from distant lands, following a star.
People We come to worship, and the star sheds light on our lives.
Leader The magi brought gifts to offer the Child.
People We too bring gifts -- ourselves, our hopes, our dreams.
Leader Shepherds and magi -- the meek and the mighty -- all were welcome in Bethlehem.
People We too come to Bethlehem and then return to our homes rejoicing. Glory be to God who has sent us the Christ, Savior of the world!

***Musical Prayer** "O Come, All Ye Faithful" No. 234, verse 1
O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Quiet Reflection and Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Building on Our Dreams Announcement

Litany of Celebration See insert

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "The New Community" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion UM Hymnal, page 13
Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

*** Closing Hymn** "The First Noel" No. 245

*** Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude



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

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



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Prelude "What Is This Lovely Fragrance?" P. Manz

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*** Opening Hymn** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 220

Unison Prayer
Radiant God, all nations are drawn to your light; all people proclaim your praise. You befriend the forsaken and the hated; you are the help of the oppressed; for you have come to us in Jesus Christ. We rejoice in your great love for the world and rise to praise you with open hearts, together with the people of all nations. Glory to you, O God! Amen.

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 60:1-6 Jon Elsea

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

Anthem "Go, Tell It On the Mountain" H. Helvey
Adult Choir

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Litany of Celebration See insert

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** "The First Noel" No. 245

Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon "The New Community" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

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Offering / Offertory "In the Town" R. Hudson
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

*** Closing Hymn** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" See insert

*** Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J. S. Bach



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 (Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org), 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!



Many thanks to the following people for helping with our Services this morning!

Sound Tech: Zach and Connor Clausen
Acolytes (9:30): Ushers
January Ushers (8:15): John Aten, Tim Henthorn, Larry Neal, Pete Palmi
(9:30): Dan Bollinger, David Natzke, Bill Wilson, Bill Vanni
Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall (9:00—11:00 AM).

UMCL News & Notes ~ January 11, 2015

THANK YOU! We are in the Commitment Follow-up phase for the Building on Our Dreams Campaign. If you have not yet responded to this campaign, we hope you will do so today! Commitment forms are available in the foyer. We are thankful for the many generous responses received to date. Contact the finance office if you need a commitment packet or have any questions.

MANY THANKS to Joannie Foley, Mike Foley, Debbie Broughton, members of the Worship Committee, Kathie Slocum, Gladys Griffin, and all those who donated poinsettias—for the wonderful Christmas decorations in the sanctuary this season. They are beautiful and added greatly to our celebration and services.

MANY THANKS to Jim Grace, Jeff Brown, and members of the Adult Choir and the Heritage Bell Choir and to Blair Brockman and members of the Children's Choirs, and to all the excellent soloists for the great music you shared with us during Advent and Christmas. It lifted our hearts and helped us enter into the spirit of this holy season.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY:

- The Cornerstone Class (**8:00 AM**, Fellowship Hall C) begins a study of "Twelve Ordinary Men" by John MacArthur. Dean and Terri Dreher are leading this class. Everyone welcome! Contact: Tom Plohr (tplohr73@gmail.com).
- The Journeys in Faith Class (**9:30 AM**, New Room) begins an 8-week study of "Spiritual Simplicity: Doing Less, Loving More" by Chip Ingram. This DVD-based study will help you experience a shift from complex to simple, from hurried to peaceful, from 'never enough time' to 'time enough for those you love'. This study is open to all adults—no advance preparation needed, and drop-ins are welcome. Contact: Scott Allen (Scott.R.Allen@jci.com).
- "The Jesus Lifestyle," a 6-week class, meets at **10:30 AM** (Fellowship Hall C). Do you feel strong in resolve on Sunday morning but challenged to live a Christian lifestyle as you move into Monday? Join speaker Nicky Gumbel (from the Alpha series) for this class to explore the ways that Jesus' words can reverberate in our very real and messy lives. Contact: Kathy Locke (klocke@ameritech.net) or Jim Stewart (jstew0819@aol.com).

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY GROUP resumed meeting yesterday, **8:00-9:00 AM**. This group is studying John Maxwell's "Ethics 101, There's Only One Rule for Making Decisions" for approximately 7 weeks, using video and the book to explore applying the Golden Rule in life and in leadership positions. Contact: Luis Villa-Arce at lou12sue13@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S TUESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP meets at **9:30 AM** in room 101 for study and discussion. The focus for the start of 2015 will be the "Wired World" which relates current events to Biblical commentary and personal lives. All are welcome! Contact: Doreen Barton at 847-883-8713.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Have you wanted to learn more about David and Solomon in the Bible? The Women's Bible Study is about to embark on the study of 1 and 2 Samuel. We meet on **Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM** at church. Study guides for this series are \$7.70. Contact: Joyce Jeffries at 847-566-6944. Or, just come on **January 21** for the first lesson!

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT—is a 10-week Disciple Class that will meet on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM**, beginning **January 22**. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Joyce Jeffries, Pastor Steve, or the church office to sign up.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, January 20 at 9:30 AM** in the fellowship hall. Looking forward to seeing you all there! All are welcome. Questions? Call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet at church on Wednesday, **January 21, at 6:00 PM**. (Note earlier time.) Bring your dinner with you and join us for fellowship. Afterwards, about 7:00 PM, we will be working on a special craft project. All supplies will be available. We would love to have you join us. For further information, contact Janet Hartkopf (cnhjhb@aol.com).

CHRISTIAN UNITY—The churches of Libertyville invite you to the **Ecumenical Celebration of the Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. This year's observance will take place on **Friday, January 23, 7:30 PM** at St. Joseph's Church (121 E. Maple Street). This year's theme is "Jesus said to her 'Give Me a drink.'"

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—New Year: a time for new beginnings and the celebration of life. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7374), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES UPDATE—

- **Souper Saturday** is a fun and flavorful multi-generational afternoon planned for **Saturday, January 31, 12:00-3:00 PM**. Bring your favorite game to share and a crock pot of your favorite soup—prizes will be awarded to the top 3 favorite soups! We will have games from Scrabble to Nintendo Wii and everything in between. Cost of admission is a non-perishable item per person—maybe a can of soup!? Please sign up in the narthex or email Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.
- **Acolytes** are needed on Sundays for the 9:30 AM service. This is an opportunity for all children from third grade and above to be a part of the church service. If your child is interested, sign-up at www.umcl.org/worship or contact the church office.
- **Help Needed**—Our Sunday School and Kids Own Worship classes are in need of teachers for 2015. We ask volunteers to commit for a month at a time, or find a friend to share a month with. Please sign up at the bulletin board across from the nursery or contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org
- **All-Stars** (3rd, 4th, 5th grade youth group) meets on **January 14 & 28, 5:30-7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3). Friends are always welcome!
- **Dancing Through the Decades** (Valentine's Dance) will be held on **Friday, February 13, 7:00 to 9:00 PM**. All ages are invited to this sock-hop complete with ice cream sundaes. Stay tuned for more details!

PRIME TIME will meet on **Monday, February 2, 2015 at 12:00 noon**. Ruth Circle is providing lunch (no charge) and a fun day of Bingo! Hope to see you there! Please sign-up no later than 10:00 AM on Friday, January 30, at the church office!

ALTAR FLOWERS! Call the church or go to our website (www.umcl.org/altar_flowers) to donate altar flowers. Altar flowers are given in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events. Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP—If you would be willing to help with Sunday morning Coffee Time, please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0

WORSHIP SERVICE GREETERS play a vital role in making members, friends, and visitors feel welcome at church each Sunday morning. Volunteers meet and greet worshipers as they arrive for the traditional service (from 9:15-9:30 a.m.) on Sunday mornings. Please sign up on our website www.umcl.org/worship or contact Joyce Bedell (joyce.bedell@umcl.org) if you are interested.

FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE OFFICE

- **BOXES OF 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Heritage area of the foyer. Please help us save on postage by picking up your box TODAY making sure to verify your name and address. Please contact the Finance Office if you have questions or have trouble locating your offering envelopes.
- **NEW ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTION**—Remember that electronic transfers from your bank account to ours are now available. To participate, you'll need to complete an authorization form. Those forms and the details on this new capability are available from the finance office and were mailed with your 2015 commitment confirmations. The current capability of making your contribution through an online bill paying system will continue to be available. Questions? Please contact Ruth Ross (847-362-2112) or via email (ruth.ross@umcl.org).

PADS HELP NEEDED especially for overnight shifts (11:00 PM—3:00 AM or 3:00-6:30 AM) or clean-up (5:30-7:15 AM). Sign up in the PADS book on Sundays or call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062. Thank you to all who donated during the holiday season for PADS. We currently have plenty of socks and most clothes, so please hold off on clothes donations due to storage constraints (however we can always use women's and men's underwear.) We are also set on toiletries, thanks to your donations. Our guests really appreciate your kind donations!

JANUARY SECOND MILE GIVING will support: **1) Lake County United**—This broad-based non-profit citizen organization, comprised of churches, synagogues, mosques, civic, and labor groups has been addressing common goals since April 2003. Last fall the group joined United Power in a meeting with the governor to discuss expanding affordable housing across the state. For updates please go to www.lakecountyunited.org or call 630-743-9649. **2) Panama Mission Trip**—Our church helps sponsor this trip and several members of this church volunteer to go to Panama every winter for a week of hard but rewarding work. The volunteers, which include physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and nurses, see hundreds of patients every trip and provide much-needed care to those in remote regions of Panama. Watch the church bulletins and MEMOs for updates!

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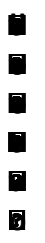
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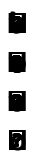
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Thank you for the generosity of those who have gone before us.
May we learn to walk in their footsteps.



In this Season of Epiphany, may the light of your grace shine like a great beacon to all people. May our gifts and your grace bring peace to those who are troubled, confused, and lonely. May our generosity be the energy that forms a congregation of people who reach out in love for the transformation of the world.



Amen!