



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

February 2, 2014
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Epiphany

Today's Scripture Passage

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

—1 Corinthians 1:18-31



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



Gathering Music "Fugue in C Major" D. Buxtehude

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** "Morning Has Broken" No. 145

* Call to Worship

Leader Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us.

People Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

Leader Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire, who renews us.

People To the one true God be praise in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

* **Musical Prayer** "There's Something About That Name" No. 171

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, There's just something about that name.
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Let all heaven and earth proclaim;
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,
But there's something about that name.

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon "Looking Like Fools" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. 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** "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations" No. 569

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



Greetings & Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)

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Prelude "Fugue in C Major" D. Buxtehude

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An Invitation to the Holy Spirit

O God, the Holy Spirit, come to us, and among us; come as the wind, and cleanse us; come as the fire, and burn; come as the dew, and refresh; convict, convert, and consecrate many hearts and lives to our great good and to thy greater glory; and this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake, our great friend and your great gift. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Micah 6:1-8 Jon Elsea

Children's Message Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams

Anthem "Sunshine in My Soul" Coates
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** "Rejoice in God's Saints" No. 708

Second Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon "Looking Like Fools" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* 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

Invitation to Holy Communion

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Offering / Offertory "Nun Bitten Wir" D. Buxtehude
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

Thanksgiving and Celebration of Holy Communion UM Hymnal page 9

Gluten free wafers are available.

All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. The Communion Rail is also open for prayer.

* **Closing Hymn** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" No. 569

* **Benediction**

Postlude "Tocatta in F Major" D. Buxtehude



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!

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

Sound Tech: Jeff Welch **Acolytes:** (9:30) Ushers
February 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
by the Explorers Sunday School Class.

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 "How Good and Pleasant" Walker

* Song "Whom Shall I Fear God of Angel Armies" Tomlin

Children's Message Pastor Jamie Williams

* Song "You Are My King" Foote

Scripture Micah 6:1-8

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon "Looking Like Fools" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

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Song "Revelation Song" Riddle

* Closing Song "Sing, Sing, Sing" Tomlin

* 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.

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 & Janet Mason

Refreshments: Gayla Velez

UMCL News & Notes ~ February 2, 2014

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE invites you to "imagine"
the dreams of our church family coming to life:

* Imagine... a second-floor children's wing restroom.

Thank you: The Building Committee

PRIME TIME MEETS TOMORROW, FEBRUARY 3! Join us for lunch (\$5) at Noon. Search your home for items that were common in the 50's and 60's and bring them for our program. Points will be given for items and the table with the most points WINS!! A list of suggestions will be next to the sign up sheet in the office.

MONDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP—Beginning tomorrow, **February 3** at 7:00 PM, the Monday Night Study Group will be studying The World's Religions by Huston Smith. Questions? contact MaryAnn Burson at 847-270-0633 or bookwormburson@att.net.

BOOKS AND BRUNCH is coming—"A Yada/Yada Morning with Neta and Pam" is planned for **Saturday, February 22, 9:00 AM—Noon**. At this UMW event, you will enjoy brunch and fellowship, a program by Neta Jackson and Pam Sullivan (from the Yada Yada Prayer Group series), a book exchange and the opportunity to purchase copies of books by Neta Jackson. (Donations will be accepted for "The Book Bridge" in Grayslake.) Cost is \$10. **Register online** at www.umcl.org/books-and-brunch. For more information, contact MaryAnn Burson at 847-270-0633 or Terry Johnson at 847-223-1944.

ALL-CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT COMING SOON! An overnight Women's Retreat entitled "Nature, Prayer and the Grace of God" will be held from **Friday evening, February 28, through Saturday afternoon, March 1, 2014** at St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein. **Brochures are available today in the entry area. Please pick one up and don't miss this retreat!**

THE VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE will be held on **Friday, February 14th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM**. Come and shake a tail feather at this great fellowship opportunity for all ages! We'll have a DJ spinning our tunes in Fellowship Hall and enjoy some sweet treats. Cookies are needed! If you can help or have questions, please contact Amanda at the church office or email AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com

CALLING ALL KIDS! All children ages 3 to 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday School each week following the Children's Message in the 9:30 AM service. This month we are learning about the miracles and messages from Jesus! See you at Sunday School!

FAMILY MISSION NIGHT FOR PADS—All members of the church are invited to volunteer on **Saturday, March 1st, 4:00—6:00 PM**. In support of our church's PADS mission, we will be making lunches, setting up Fellowship Hall, and cooking dinner. Our Sunday School kids will be collecting items for lunches on Sunday mornings. Please email Amanda at AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com if you can help or have questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Vacation Bible School this summer from **July 14—18**. This year's VBS theme will feature some wild and WEIRD animals...

YOUNG COUPLES—will meet **Friday, February 7th at 7:00 PM** for a night of card games and snacks at the home of Jesse and Melissa Michmerhuizen (1907 Darnell Street Libertyville). Please RSVP TODAY to Melissa at octoberhoneybee@yahoo.com or 847-668-1713.

LAITY CONVOCATION—The 2014 Laity Convocation, titled "Who Can't I See?" will be held on **Saturday, February 8, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM** at Barrington UMC. Workshop topics include domestic violence, homelessness, immigration, and urban strategy initiatives. Brochures are available in the foyer or register online at www.umcnic.org

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—The kindness of sensitive listening is the precise touch that can heal painful wounds. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.

UMCL News & Notes Continued

ENDOWMENT EDGE: The Endowment Committee is now accepting applications for funding. A total of \$5,800 is available. Applications are available in the church office. Who can apply? Church Committees and individual members. What can be funded? Scholarships, enhancements to existing church projects where funding is not included in the church budget, and new ministries that fulfill the mission of the church. Regular expenses from the annual operating budget are not included. Application deadline is March 15, 2014. Funding will be awarded in May, 2014.

FAITH CIRCLE—Love is in the air—or at least it will be a topic for discussion at our next meeting! It will be held on **Thursday, February 13, 9:00—11:00 AM** in the East Room. Rev. Gregg Dana from the Samaritan Counseling Center is coming to lead a discussion based on the book "How To Improve Your Marriage Without Talking About It." Childcare is provided. We will also take a few minutes to do a chocolate swap. Bring about a dozen chocolates (they don't need to be expensive) to share, and we will have some fun trading them. Details: Sheila Hillier at schillier@comcast.net or 224-358-5841.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet at **7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26th**, at the home of Karen Kuhlman (840 Hawthorne Lane, Libertyville, 847.680.5845). Kate Berryman and Hanna Brockman, two of our high school youth, will speak to us about their October Plumblin Tour trip to the Church Center at the United Nations in NYC. These sessions deal with reflecting on various social justice issues from a Christian perspective. Come join us for an interesting evening!

PADS HELP NEEDED—We are called by Jesus to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Please consider serving with PADS! Volunteers are ALWAYS needed for **overnight shifts** (11 PM—3 AM or 3-6:30 AM) or **clean-up** (5:30-7:15 AM). The PADS sign-up book is in Fellowship Hall during coffee time and in the foyer for our third service, or call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062.

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.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR FEBRUARY will support— **1) Waukegan to College.** Founded by Lake County United, Waukegan to College (W2C) now functions on its own, working with families and students in Waukegan to help students get on and stay on the path to college by offering support programs like tutoring and coaching. Through the dedication of these students, their families, and many volunteers (some from our church), the W2C students all continue to graduate from high school and go on to college. For more information, please see their website: www.waukegantocollege.org. **2) Prisoner Release Ministry, Inc.** This organization, founded by United Methodist men and women from the Northern Illinois Conference, seeks to find jobs for men and women upon their release. Since June 1, 1976, Prisoner Release Ministry has found jobs for over 15,000 clients, primarily working with employers in Kane and Will counties. After helping their clients to change and improve their quality of life, they report that 70% of their clients do not go back to prison if they get a job. For additional information, please go to www.prisonerreleaseministry.com.

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Church Calendar

Sunday, February 2, 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
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6
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)
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee

Monday, February 3, 2014

10:00 AM—College Box Assembly
12:00 PM—Prime Time
7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class
7:00 PM—World's Religions Class
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72 Court of Honor

Tuesday, February 4, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)
7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations
7:00 PM—Choir/Music Focus Group

Wednesday, February 5, 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—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Children/Families Focus Group
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Focus Group
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

Thursday, February 6, 2014

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

Friday, February 7, 2014

7:00 PM—Young Couples (off site)

Saturday, February 8, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
9:00 AM—Building Focus Groups
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
6:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, February 9, 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
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6
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)
12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee
4:00 PM—Confirmation

Monday, February 10, 2014

1:00 PM—BookTalkers
7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class
7:00 PM—World's Religions Class
7:00 PM—Outreach Committee
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, February 11, 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—TNT (Senior High Group)
7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:30 PM—Women's Retreat Planning Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 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—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee

Thursday, February 13, 2014

9:00 AM—Faith Circle
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, February 14, 2014

7:30 PM—Board of Trustees
6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum
7:00 PM—Valentine's Dance

Saturday, February 15, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
6:30 PM—PADS

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