



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

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

The Season of Epiphany Boy Scout Sunday

Today's Scripture Passage

And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him — these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. —1 Corinthians 2:1-16



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



Greetings & Announcements (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.

Prelude "Fairest Lord Jesus" M. Hayes
Cynthia Nash-Frye, piano

Posting of the Colors Members of Pack 72 and Troop 72

* Call to Worship

Leader Sing a new song to the Lord, who has worked wonders, whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation.

People **The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations; has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel.**

Leader Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.

People **Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.**

Leader Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

People **For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, great God of heaven and earth.**

* **Opening Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 327

Unison Prayer

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us a desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 58:1-4, 6-9a, 11 Nicholas Minor

Children's Message Peggy Berryman

Anthem "Give Me Jesus" L. Fleming
Adult Choir

Word of Witness Kevin Garren, Panama Mission Trip

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn** "Lord of the Dance" No. 261, verses 1-3, 5

* 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

Second Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Sermon "Hidden in Plain Sight" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

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

* **Closing Hymn** "Trust and Obey" No. 467

* **Benediction**

Postlude "The Kingsfold Trumpet" A. Fedak



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!

*In celebration of Boy Scout Sunday,
the flowers in our sanctuary are provided by Pack 72.*

*Pack 72 and Troop 72 are sponsored by
the United Methodist Church of Libertyville.*

*The Pack has been sponsored by the Church
for over 50 years and the Troop for over 75 years.*



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

Sound Tech: Jon Elsea **Acolytes:** (9:30) Ushers

Greeters: (9:30) Members of Pack 72 and Troop 72

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
and hosted by Cub Scout Pack 72 and Boy Scout Troop 72.

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.

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| * Song | "My Redeemer Lives" | Morgan |
| * Song | "King of Heaven" | Baloche |

Children's Message

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| * Song | "Come Let Us Worship" | Tomlin |
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Word of Witness Kevin Garren, Panama Mission Trip

Scripture Isaiah 58:1-4, 6-9a, 11

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Scripture 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Sermon "Hidden in Plain Sight" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* **Closing Song** "Shout to the Lord" Zschech

* 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.

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.

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

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark & Janet Mason

UMCL News & Notes ~ February 9, 2014

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE invites you to "imagine"
the dreams of our church family coming to life:
* Imagine... an inviting hospitality center.
Thank you: The Building Committee

BUILDING CONCEPTS OPEN MEETING—There is growing excitement within our congregation about the possibility of remodeling our sanctuary, creating a new entry area, and adding a second-floor restroom in the education wing. The Building Committee has been working closely with our architects, developing design concepts and preliminary plans related to these dreams. Recognizing that all members of the congregation need to be included in this process and may have excellent questions, ideas, thoughts or suggestions that could contribute to the overall design, the Building Committee and architects have scheduled an Open Meeting on **Wednesday evening, February 19 at 7:00 PM in the East Room**. Anyone who is interested is encouraged to attend this meeting. The architects and the Building Committee will be present to describe the design plans, answer any questions, and receive ideas or suggestions.

THE VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE will be held **this 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

REGISTER TODAY FOR OUR ALL-CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT! Please stop by the registration table in the entry area on Sundays, February 9 & 16 to register for this overnight Women's Retreat entitled "Nature, Prayer and the Grace of God," which will be held from **Friday evening, February 28, through Saturday afternoon, March 1, 2014** at St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center in Mundelein.

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 today in the entry area, or online** at www.umcl.org/books-and-brunch. Questions? Contact MaryAnn Burson at 847-270-0633 or Terry Johnson at 847-223-1944.

LIBERTYVILLE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY—Jesus calls us to feed the hungry. The Outreach Committee is asking for your help to replenish the shelves at our local food pantry by donating the following items: **canned salmon or sardines, canned fruit, canned condensed milk or powdered milk, pasta, shampoo or hair conditioner, and toilet paper**. Please return donated items to the Food Pantry Boxes (in the Foyer, Christian Education wing, or Fellowship Hall) starting **Tuesday, February 11th until noon on Sunday, February 23rd**. Questions? Contact Carol Sim-Campbell at (847) 362-3971 or simcampbell@comcast.net.

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...

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—No exercise is better for the human heart than reaching down and lifting another up. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.

UMCL News & Notes Continued

FAITH CIRCLE will meet this **Thursday, February 13, 9:00—11:00 AM** in the East Room. Rev. Gregg Dana from the Samaritan Counseling Center will lead a discussion based on the book "How To Improve Your Marriage Without Talking About It." Childcare is provided. We will also 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.

UNITED METHODIST MEN will meet **Saturday, February 22nd at 9:00 AM** in room 101. Our guest speaker is from "Center For Changing Lives", affiliated with the United Methodist Church of Humboldt Park. We'll be learning how our contributions to this group are being put to use in the Humboldt Park area. The meeting is open any and all members of our congregation!. Coffee and pastries will be served.

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 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!

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. Application deadline is March 15, 2014. Funding will be awarded in May, 2014.

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.

SAVE THE DATE for an "Almost Spring" Concert on **Sunday, March 16, 3:00 PM** at UMCL. This concert will feature the Heritage Bell Choir as well as piano-organ duets presented by guest organist Mary Schecher, Cynthia Nash-Frye, and Jim Grace.

GREEN LIVING FAIR—MARCH 15. Lake County Green Congregations will again sponsor a Green Living Fair at the Libertyville Civic Center on **Saturday, March 15, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM**. This is an educational event and also a great recycling opportunity! Recycling opportunities include: electronics, batteries, CDs, cameras, white packing foam, ink cartridges, wine corks, tennis shoes, and more. We are also in need of a few folks to help with some of these activities (like transferring items into the recycling bins.) Please put the event on your calendar. Contact Cathy O'Brien (847-367-8062 or cobrien1021@hotmail.com,) if you have questions or can help!

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. Information: 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. For additional information, please go to www.prisonerreleaseministry.com.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of January 31, 2014

	Month-End	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenues	\$80,640.75	\$80,640.75
Expenses	\$86,192.93	\$86,192.93
Difference	(\$5,552.18)	(\$5,552.18)

2014 is off to a pretty good start! Expenses are higher than normal, primarily for two reasons—the weather (impacting heat and snow removal expenses) and the timing of our bi-weekly payroll (three this month instead of the usual two).

Church Calendar

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
7:30 PM—Board of Trustees

Friday, February 14, 2014

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
9:00 AM—Youth Ski Trip
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
6:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, February 16, 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

Monday, February 17, 2014

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Endowment Committee
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's
7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee

Wednesday, February 19, 2014

9:00 AM—MEMOS
9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
9:45 AM—Faith Study
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM—Building Concepts Open Meeting
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY

Thursday, February 20, 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 21, 2014

12:00 PM—Books & Brunch Set-up
4:00 PM—Youth Faith & Sexuality Seminar
6:00 PM—Intimate Evenings

Saturday, February 22, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
9:00 AM—United Methodist Men
9:00 AM—Books and Brunch
9:00 AM—Youth Faith and Sexuality Seminar
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
6:30 PM—PADS

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