

UMCL News & Notes Continued

THE ADULT CHOIR invites each and every one of our church members to sing with the choir for Easter. Please contact Jeff Brown at jeff.brown@umcl.org for more information and to sign up for this short-term commitment.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS, "A Wondrous Love" by Henri Nouwen and C. S. Lewis, are available in the foyer; family devotionals are also available. Pick one up to read and enrich your Lenten journey!

PRAYER LABYRINTH—Come walk the Prayer Labyrinth this year during Holy Week, Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM in the East Room. Imagine yourself joining Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane as he prays in anxiousness of what is to come.

EASTER PARTY! Children, birth through 5th grade, and their families, are invited to join in an Easter celebration! On **Saturday, March 28, 10:00 AM to Noon**, we will take part in fun games, great stories, imaginative crafts and an exciting EGG HUNT! Lunch will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall. Families must be registered for this event by March 25. Register online at www.umcl.org/easter-party-registration. Volunteers needed!

EASTER PARTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Adults and youth interested in volunteering for the Easter Party can sign-up online or contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.

FEEDING CHILDREN—Mark your calendars for this "CHURCH FAMILY" event at the "Feed My Starving Children" packing location in Libertyville on **Saturday, April 25, 8:45 —11:00 AM**. More details coming soon.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—The grace, faith, love and power of God will uplift you to greater heights. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

NAME TAGS! Thank you for wearing your name tags on Sunday mornings in order to help us get to know one another and be more welcoming to our guests. Name tags can be found in the custom made wooden cabinets by the East Room. If you need a name tag, please let Joyce Bedell know at joyce.bedell@umcl.org. Thank you!

ADULT MISSION TRIP—The tornado which lashed across the city of Brookport, Illinois on November 17, 2013 has still left its scars across east Massac and Pope Counties. Volunteers of every skill level are needed in this vital ministry to rebuild homes and restore hope. This year's trip will take place from **April 19—25**, and we hope you will consider being a part of this life-changing ministry. The participant fee is \$250, which covers transportation, lodging, food, and supplies. Four scholarships are available to assist with cost. We need your commitment as soon as possible and your fee by **April 5**. Contact: Jeff Welch (jpwelch5@gmail.com or 847-372-6835).

ENDOWMENT EDGE—The Endowment Committee is accepting applications for this year's funding opportunities. Church committees and church members may apply. Pick up an application in the church office or apply online at www.umcl.org/endowment_fund. The deadline is April 3, 2015; but please complete your request as soon as possible. Last year we funded requests from \$300 to \$2,500 and remain excited about this year's applicants.

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. Remember that while we can always use women's and men's underwear, we don't have space to store additional toiletries, socks, and clothing right now. Thanks for your support!

THANK AND SUPPORT OUR PADS SUPPORTERS—During this PADS season we have been blessed with donated food from these area business: Pizza Hut (Mundelein), Picnic Basket, Auntie Anne's Pretzels (Hawthorne), and Lovin' Oven. Each of these restaurants provides food weekly and their supported is most appreciated, especially with the large number of guests we have had this year. Please support these restaurants and thank them!

MARCH SECOND MILE GIVING will help support: **1) Waukegan2College (W2C)**. Founded in 2009 with 25 students and their families, W2C has now grown to 80 students and their families, with a waiting list. W2C begins with students as young as the fifth grade and their families, and focuses on the premise that high academic expectations and hard work will make college attainable. The families of these students are provided with resources to help them get their children on the path to college, and to help them stay on this path. (www.waukegantocollege.org for information or to volunteer) **2) Street Children Ministry, Cambodia**. Northern Illinois Conference supported missionary Clara Biswas works with this ministry which serves four communities in Cambodia by providing better education, nutrition, fellowship, and by filling other needs to improve the quality of life for street children, including those children living in orphanages. (www.umcmmission.org (Projects Section) or call 212-870-3573)

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 1, 2015

~ **Only ONE Worship Service** ~
8:00 AM—Pilgrim Road Study
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:30 AM—Combined Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3 years)
9:30 AM—Sunday School for children and youth
(Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
10:40 AM—Joyful Noise & Choristers
10:45 AM—Special All-Church Conference
(Childcare provided during Church Conference)

4:00 PM—ALPHA Course
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Children's Choirs
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE
7:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee

Monday, March 2, 2015

12:00 PM—Prime Time
7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study Group
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Court of Honor

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

9:30 AM—Pilgrim Road Study
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations
7:00 PM—Pilgrim Road Study

Wednesday, March 4, 2015

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

Thursday, March 5, 2015

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

Friday, March 6, 2015

7:00 PM—Young Couples
7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's

Saturday, March 7, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Ad Board
4:00 PM—PADS Family Night
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS

Sunday, March 8, 2015

8:00 AM—Pilgrim Road Study
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
10:30 AM—Pilgrim Road Study
10:40 AM—Joyful Noise & Choristers
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)

Monday, March 9, 2015

4:00 PM—Children's Choirs
4:00 PM—ALPHA Course
4:00 PM—Confirmation
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE
1:00 PM—BookTalkers
6:00 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts
7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study Group
7:00 PM—Outreach Committee
7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

9:30 AM—Pilgrim Road Study
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:00 PM—Pilgrim Road Study
7:00 PM—New Membership Committee

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

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

Thursday, March 12, 2015

9:00 AM—Faith Circle
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
6:30 PM—Praise Band
7:00 PM—Introduction to the New Testament
7:30 PM—Disciple 3
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, March 13, 2015

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum
7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's
Saturday, March 14, 2015
8:00 AM—Men's Study
10:00 AM—Green Living Fair (off site)
12:00 PM—Children's Choirs
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

March 1, 2015

9:30 AM

The Season of Lent Building On Our Dreams

Today's Scripture Passage

You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what God has promised. For, God says, "My righteous one will live by faith." And, "I take no pleasure in one who shrinks back." But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not yet see. This is what our ancestors were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land, living like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so, from this one man and woman, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. For the joy set before him, he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition, so that you do not grow weary and lose heart.

—Hebrews 10:36-11:3; 8-12;12:1-3

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

Combined Worship Celebration



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 "Nearer, My God, to Thee" D. Bish

* Call to Worship

Leader Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

People Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

People For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness to all generations.

* **Opening Hymn** "God of the Ages" No. 698

Unison Prayer

O Wisdom on high, by you the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly. Grant us, in all doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, and be saved from all false choices. In your light may we see light, and in your straight path not stumble, through the power of our Risen Lord. Amen.

Children's Message Rev. Jamie Hanna Williams

Anthem "True Light" K. Hampton
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn** "Many Gifts, One Spirit" No. 114

Scripture Reading Hebrews 10:36-11:3; 8-12;12:1-3

Sermon "Something Beautiful for God" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Wonderful Words of Life" J. Kerr

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

* Prayer of Dedication

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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** "Hymn of Promise" No. 707

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Jerusalem" J. Welch



For reflection...

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Be completely humble and gentle;

be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as God called you to one hope.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of us all,

who is over all and through all and in all." —Ephesians 4:1-6

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!

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of our church community.



"According to God's power that is at work within us,

to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus

throughout all generations, for ever and ever!"

Ephesians 3:20-21

Many thanks to the following people for helping

with our services this morning!

Sound Tech: Tom Seibert **Acolytes** (9:30): Ushers

March Ushers (9:30): John Aten, Steve Neil, John Oberrieder, Ted Zeng

Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee and refreshments

served in Fellowship Hall (9:00—10:45 AM)

and hosted by the Spiritual Growth Committee.

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SPECIAL ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE ON THE BUILDING PROJECT

TODAY at 10:45 AM, after the 9:30 AM Worship Service, we will consider and vote on architectural plans, costs, and financial plans related to the proposed building remodeling project that has emerged from our Dream Process.

Your voice and vote are important!

During the Church Conference, **Nursery care** will be available for children up to 4 years old. **Children and youth** in preschool through 7th grade are invited to Room 206 for movie time and snacks.

All youth who are confirmed or who are full members of the church are invited to be part of the building discussion and voting process.

THANK YOU from the Outreach Committee to all who contributed food/supplies during February to help replenish the shelves at Libertyville Township Food Pantry. We collected a total of 227 canned/package non-perishable food and supplies. The guests at the food pantry will benefit greatly from your generosity!

PRIME TIME will meet **Monday, March 2, 2015 at 12:00 noon** for lunch (\$5). Cathy O'Brien will share pictures and highlights of her tour in Thailand! **Everyone** is welcome to attend the Thailand presentation at 1:00 PM in East Room!

MARCH YOUNG COUPLES will meet **Friday, March 6, at 7:00 PM** at Brad & Jennifer Johnson's House (1033 Garfield Ave., Libertyville) for appetizers and birthday cake (it's Brad's birthday)! Feel free to bring an appetizer to share (not required). Questions, call or text Jennifer at 847-902-0998.

AD BOARD MEETING—Our Administrative Board meets on **Saturday, March 7, at 8:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. All members are welcome to attend!

FAMILY MISSION NIGHT FOR PADS: All members of the church are invited to volunteer on **Saturday, March 7, 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. Please contact Amanda to donate supplies or attend this event at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY IS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 8! Girls and adults who have or are participating in Girl Scouts are invited to "show their colors" by acting as a greeter, coffee host or scripture reader on Girl Scout Sunday, March 8. Be sure to wear your badge, sash, vest or one of your pins/emblems on March 8! Please contact Beth March (bethcmarch@aol.com or 847-367-5175) or Jennifer Johnson (jenj823@gmail.com or 847-680-7288).

AN INVITATION! The Joyful Noise Choir is proud to present the innovative musical production of "Here for the Gold" on **Sunday, March 15 at 2 PM** in the sanctuary. The children have been working hard and are excited to share the play with you! A suggested free-will offering of \$0.75 will be received to help celebrate the 75th anniversary of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Hope to see you there to support both UMCOR and the children!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for **March 15** when UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) celebrates its 75th Birthday and you will want to be a part of the celebration. Attend the Children's Choir Musical (here at UMCL) where "tickets" are a \$.75 free-will offering OR donate items for UMCOR health kits (goal is 75 kits) OR donate (individually or combining resources) an amount containing the number 75 (100 people giving \$.75=\$75.00) AND share info about UMCOR with others. Watch for UMCOR facts as we celebrate.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday evening **March 18**, at Libertyville's Feed My Starving Children facility at 742 East Park Avenue. We should arrive at **5:45 PM** so we are prepared to start at 6:00 and our shift will be over at 7:30. We have reservations for 20 people, so please call Mickey Donahue (847.367.4906) to get your name on the list. Following our shift, we will go across the street to Culvers for dinner or dessert! Come join us for a fun evening!

GREEN LIVING FAIR—Save **Saturday, March 14, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM** for the annual Green Living Fair at Libertyville Civic Center. Please note: NO electronics recycling this year.

MOMS NIGHT OUT—Calling all ladies! You are invited to come to our mom's night out at Color Me Mine (700 N Milwaukee Ave, Vernon Hills) on **Friday, March 20, 6:00-9:00 PM**. You pick out any pottery pieces from the store that you wish to decorate. Then we gather in a private room to paint, eat snacks and socialize. Please RSVP to Deborah Carlberg at 540-589-3980 by March 18.