



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

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

The Season of Epiphany

Today's Scripture Passage

Matthew 6:24-34

No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



Gathering Music "The Prayer Carol" B. Sager
Cynthia Nash-Frye, piano

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** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

* **Call to Worship**

Leader Living God, come, be known among us.

**People Help us perceive your presence, as near as breath,
yet hidden.**

Leader Help us to seek you as you are seeking us.

**People Speak your word of power. Make us true disciples of Christ.
Transform us through your fiery Spirit.**

Leader Mighty God, stay with us as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith.

**People By your Spirit turn our fear to courage and our confusion to
confidence. Let your glory shine in our hearts and lives
through Christ, the Risen One.**

Musical Prayer "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" No. 349
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim
in the light of his glory and grace.
(Please be seated for this prayer.)

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon "Let Go and Let God" 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** "Leave It There" No. 522

* **Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



Gathering Music

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Unison Prayer

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in Spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21 Cecily Hetzel

Special Music "Zacchaeus," "1,2,3," "This Little Light of Mine" Traditional
Cherub and Joyful Noise Choirs

Children's Message Pastor Jamie Williams

Anthem "O Nata Lux" T. Porter
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* 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

* Hymn "Help Us Accept Each Other" No. 560

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 6:24-34

Sermon "Let Go and Let God" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Majesty" J. W. Hayford

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

* Prayer of Dedication

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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 "Leave It There" No. 522

* Benediction

Postlude "He Never Sleeps" arr. L. Shackley



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: Jesse Nixon **Acolytes:** (9:30) Ushers

Greeters: (9:30) Jason and Julie Holdeman

March Ushers: (8:15) Wayne Buck, Pat Conn, Larry Pflederer
(9:30) Jay Hazlett, Charles Hetzel, Jesse Michmerhuizen,
Steve Neil, John Oberrieder, Ted Zeng

Coffee Fellowship: (9:00—11:00) Please join us for coffee
and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall
and hosted by our Children's Ministry Committee.

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 "Let Everything That Has Breath" Redman

* Song "Our God" Tomlin

Children's Message Pastor Jamie Williams

* Song "Hosanna" Fraser

Scripture 2 Peter 1:16-21

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

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* Closing Song "You Never Let Go" Redman

* 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

UMCL News & Notes ~ March 2, 2014

THANK YOU to all who contributed food/supplies during February to help replenish the shelves at Libertyville Township Food Pantry. We collected a total of 542 canned and packaged non-perishable items; including salmon/sardines/tuna (92), pasta (77), fruit (58), miscellaneous (47), shampoo/conditioner (37), vegetables/beans (29), soup (28), milk (25), and 149 rolls of toilet paper. The guests at the food pantry will benefit greatly from your generosity. Thanks again, Outreach Committee

THANK YOU to Terry Johnson and her Books and Brunch Committee Bettylou Miller and Bonnie Klemp as well as all those from the church and community who helped to make Books and Brunch such a blessing. Neta Jackson and Pam Sullivan brought a ray of sunshine and praise into this vicious winter of 2014.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!

- Our **Ash Wednesday** service will be held this **Wednesday evening, March 5, at 7:30 PM**. Join us for worship as we enter the season of Lent. Childcare is provided.
- During the season of Lent, the **Prayer Labyrinth** is available each **Wednesday, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**, in the East Room. In the midst of our busy world, come away to this quiet place for prayer, reflection and meditation.
- Excellent **Lenten Devotional Booklets**, "From Fear to Love" by Henri Nouwen, are available in the foyer. Pick one up to read and enrich your Lenten journey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RELOCATED FOR MARCH—Due to construction (new flooring and paint) beginning this week in the education wing, our Sunday School classes will be relocated for four weeks beginning today. Classes for Preschool through Fifth Grade will meet on the first floor of the education wing; Middle School Youth will meet in the Upper Room (above the back of the sanctuary); High School Youth will meet at Ben's house; and Adult Classes will meet in Fellowship Hall or the New Room. Please check the foyer calendar for updated weekday committee and class locations. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins next **Sunday, March 9**. Remember to set your clocks ahead Saturday night!

PRIME TIME—It's Game Day!! Join Prime Timers for lunch (\$5) at **Noon** tomorrow, **Monday, March 3rd**. Bring your cards, dominoes and board games for after-lunch.

YOUNG COUPLES will meet **Friday, March 7th at 7:00 PM** at Viva le Vine in downtown Libertyville (338 Milwaukee Avenue) for a fun night of wine sampling, snacks and great conversation. Please RSVP to Amanda Seibert at ARH0509@yahoo.com or 312-607-0017 by Wednesday, March 5th.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY is **March 9**. It's time for the "wearing of the green" (or brown or blue) to church so that we can recognize all of you who are, or have been, a part of the Girl Scout program. If you can't wear your uniform, please wear your pin. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Beth March at 847-367-5175 or BethCMarch@aol.com

30-HOUR FAMINE—Our youth are starting to gear up for World Vision's 30-Hour Famine held **March 14-15**. This long-standing tradition at our church helps raise support for children around the world who live with hunger daily. If you would like to support World Vision and the children they sponsor, find an 8th-12th grade youth and ask them about it!

WOULD YOU LIKE an Adult Sunday School Class that meets from 10:45—11:45 each Sunday? If you are interested in this, please come to Fellowship Hall, Room C, on **Sunday, March 16 at 10:45 AM** to see if there is enough interest to begin planning.

THE BOOK BRIDGE is a non-profit organization that provides books to kids in crisis and was supported by "Books and Brunch." Their red wagon is parked in the foyer through **March 17** to receive any new or gently used children's books, from infant to age 18. For more information, check out their website or contact Terry Johnson.

TWO NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will begin **March 23rd at 9:30 AM:**

1) Chip Ingram's House or Home Parenting Edition: God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting. Details: Julie Holdeman at julieballing@gmail.com or 847-986-6081

2) John Ortberg's When the Game is Over it All Goes Back in the Box: Living Life in Light of Eternity. Details: Ron Campbell at campbell.ronald@comcast.net or 847-362-2913
More information on these classes will be available in MEMOS.

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UMW READERS will meet on **Saturday, March 22, 9:30—11:00 AM** in Fellowship Hall. We will talk about books we have read, preview new books, and have coffee and a snack. Please RSVP by March 19 to June McCoy or the church office (847-362-2112).

SERVE LORD WITH GLADNESS! Please stop to check out the new bulletin board in the main entrance area, between the windows! This board is filled with opportunities where you can sign up to serve: Worship Greeters, Coffee Hosts, Acolytes, Altar Flowers, Sound Board, Church Sign, and Memos/Mailings. Thank you for your support!

SAVE THE DATES! Easter Party—April 19; Spring Rummage Sale—May 9-10; Vacation Bible School—July 14-18.

2014 U.S. ADULT MISSION TRIP—is planned for **April 27th—May 3rd**. Volunteers of every skill level are needed in this vital ministry to rebuild homes and restore hope in Waynesville, Missouri, a community damaged by flooding in August 2013. Please consider being a part of this life-changing ministry. The fee is \$250, which covers transportation, lodging, food, and supplies. Three scholarships are available. We need your commitment **as soon as possible** and the fee by April 6. Questions? Contact Jeff Welch (jpwelch5@gmail.com or 847-372-6835) or see our website: www.umcl.org/adult-mission-trip

UMW's ELGIN DISTRICT DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL is **March 15** at McHenry UMC. Registration deadline is March 9th. See the UMW Bulletin Board or church website for information or call/email MaryAnn Burson (bookwormburson@att.net or 847-270-0633). Carpooling will be available.

THE HERITAGE BELLS are always happy to welcome additional substitute ringers! If you'd like to be a part of this group, please contact Beth McFarland at 847-528-6917.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.

GREEN LIVING FAIR is presented by Lake County Green Congregations on **March 15, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM**, at the Libertyville Civic Center. Come to enjoy educational activities and to recycle: electronics, batteries, CDs, cameras, white packing foam, ink cartridges, wine corks, tennis shoes, bikes, bike parts, and more. Volunteers are needed! Contact Cathy O'Brien (847-367-8062 or cobrien1021@hotmail.com) to help or with questions.

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.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR MARCH will include: **1) Street Children Ministry, Cambodia.** Missionary Clara Biswas, sponsored by the Northern Illinois Conference, spearheads this ministry that focuses on street children in Cambodia, including children in orphanages and poor communities. This project seeks to improve the quality of life for these children by enhancing their educational opportunities, by helping them get better nutrition, and by teaching them about the Bible. Information: www.umcmmission.org, search for Street Children Ministry, Cambodia Project. **2) Renovations to Reynoldswood Christian Camp and Retreat Center.** This center, located near Dixon, IL, is a Northern Illinois Conference camping property consisting of 170 acres of woods and meadows. The dining hall, Manor House, and other camp buildings require upkeep and repair. This facility is open year round to church and other groups. Information: www.reynoldswood.org or 815-284-6979.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of February 26, 2014

	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenues	\$52,720.50	\$133,365.00
Expenses	\$54,063.34	\$140,256.27
Difference	(\$1,342.84)	(\$6,891.27)

As we come to the close of February, total revenue is short of total expenses. The financial year usually begins slowly due to bad weather and family budgets. Your faithful support can help us turn things around as we move into March and the hope of Spring.

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 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)
12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee

Monday, March 3, 2014

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

Tuesday, March 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) @ Ben's
7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

~ Ash Wednesday ~

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
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—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee
7:30 PM—Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 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, March 7, 2014

6:30 PM—Young Couples

Saturday, March 8, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Administrative Board
8:30 AM—Praise Band
10:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Committee
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

Sunday, March 9, 2014

~ Daylight Savings Time Begins ~

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, March 10, 2014

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

Tuesday, March 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—Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
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

Thursday, March 13, 2014

9:00 AM—Faith Circle
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
4:00 PM—Building Committee
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's
7:30 PM—Disciple 2 Bible Study
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, March 14, 2014

6:00 PM—30-Hour Famine Begins

Saturday, March 15, 2014

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

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