



# The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

March 10, 2013  
8:30 & 10:00 am

## *Today's Scripture Passage*

*Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

**N**ow all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"



*A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION*

PASTORS

Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Girl Scout Sunday  
March 10, 2013*



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

We welcome you to our service today.  
May God's blessing of peace and grace be with you.

**Prelude** "Nocturne in C Minor" M. Helman  
Heritage Bells

**\* Call to Worship**

Gracious and loving Creator, we come today in joy;  
**We come to celebrate your love in our midst;**  
We come here secure and assured—  
**Of your forgiveness and truth,**  
Your salvation and joy,  
**Your sustaining love and your alluring will.**  
Yet in this hour we know, too, and confess our weakness—  
**Our faltering faith and our broken lives.**  
Lead us, great God, in faith, through the hours and days ahead,  
**To glorify you and to serve one another. Amen.**

**\* Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

**Silent Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Eternal and Almighty God, you have long sought us and we have fled. You have offered us an easy yoke, and we have tied ourselves down with cares and burdens. You have forgiven us, and we have complained against our sisters and brothers. Give us a conversion that turns us around to face the light; teach us a repentance that lives in works of love; lead us into the narrow path; guide us through the valley of the shadow of death. Call us to follow Jesus Christ and in his way to live and suffer, die and rise again. Amen.**

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

**Prayer for Scout Sunday**

**O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. We lift to you the ministry of scouting. We offer you thanks for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home; for study and work, to build character; for service, to see our responsibility to those in need; for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith. Bless the work of scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its efforts, the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with you and all people. Amen.**

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*\* 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 prayer. Thank you!*

**First Scripture Reading**

Psalm 32  
(8:30) Beth March, Girl Scout Volunteer  
(10:00) Cecily Hetzel, Junior Girl Scout

**Anthem** "Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love" G. Faure  
Adult Choir

**\*\* Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**\* Hymn** "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling" No. 348

**Second Scripture Reading** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

**Sermon** "Come Home" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

**Offering / Offertory** "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" C. Callahan

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

**\* Closing Hymn** "Amazing Grace" No. 378, verses 1-3, 6

**\* Pastoral Benediction**

**Postlude** "Agincourt Hymn" J. Dunstable



*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Beth and Steve March in honor of Girl Scouts past and present. The daisies on the communion table honor the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low who called the first Scout meeting on March 12, 1912.*

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

**Sound Tech:** Jon Elsea

**Greeters: (8:30)** Jennifer Johnson, Girl Scout Leader  
and Sara Johnson, Brownie Girl Scout

**(10:00)** Gayla Velez, Girl Scout Volunteer; Gabby Velez, Daisy Girl Scout  
and Cecily Hetzel, Junior Girl Scout

**Acolytes: (8:30)** Ellie Mayes, Lane Mayes **(10:00)** Chris Randall

**March Ushers: (8:30)** Pat Conn, Steve Emminger, Jack Hansen,  
Larry Leon, Larry Pflederer, Tom Plohr

**(10:00)** Charles Hetzel, Jesse Michmerhuizen, Steve Neil, John Oberrieder, Ted Zeng

**(9:30)** Please join us for coffee, juice, and Girl Scout cookies served in Fellowship Hall  
and hosted by Girl Scouts and adult volunteers.

## *News & Notes*

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!** We are delighted to have you sharing with us in worship today. 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, cookies and community sharing from 9:30—10:30 AM, between the services. We look forward to seeing you there!

**EASTER FLOWERS:** It's time to order the flowers which will decorate our Sanctuary and East Room on Easter Sunday! If you would like to place an order, please complete an online form on our website ([www.umcl.org](http://www.umcl.org)) or fill out the form found in today's bulletin and return it to the marked basket in the foyer or the church office. Checks should be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Libertyville and turned in to the church office or accompany your order. Orders and payment are due by **Tuesday, March 12**.

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS:** Sign up on our website ([www.umcl.org](http://www.umcl.org)) to donate altar flowers or serve as Sunday worship greeters. Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at [foleyszoo@aol.com](mailto:foleyszoo@aol.com).

**PRAYER LABYRINTH**—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.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE**—Please join the women of Priscilla Circle at their meeting on **Tuesday, March 19, at 9:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall, as we welcome our program speaker, Chaplain Lindsey Halpern-Givens. She began her ministry at Winchester House last fall and has introduced the residents to two of her favorite companions, Frieda and Lorelei. Find out what a difference they make in daily life at Winchester! Contact Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523 with any questions.

**RUTH CIRCLE** meets **Wednesday, March 20**, at the home of Beth March (15660 Timber Lane, Libertyville, 847-367-5175). Dessert is served at **7:00 PM**, followed by a presentation from a representative of a Lake County faith-based ministry, FIT Moms. This organization offers an evening meal, fellowship, life skills training and Bible study to young women in their program. Come join us as we learn more about this group.

**OUR EASTER PARTY** is planned for **Saturday, March 23, at 10:00 AM**. Children, birth through 5th grade, and their families, are invited to join in the fun. We will have fun games, great stories, imaginative crafts, and the exciting EGG HUNT! Lunch in Fellowship Hall will follow immediately. To register your family for this event, go online at [www.umcl.org](http://www.umcl.org) or sign up in the office. Adults and youth interested in volunteering for this event can sign up online or contact DeeAnn Clausen at [deeann-clausen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deeann-clausen@sbcglobal.net).

**PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL**—Just as in Biblical times, children take a leading role in UMCL's services commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On **Palm Sunday, March 24**, all children meet in the East Room before worship. Each child receives a palm branch before lining up to process into the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service. Sunday School kids will sing at the beginning of this service. After the Children's Message, older children are encouraged to rejoin their parents for this special worship service and younger children can be dismissed to room 206 for a special Children's Church time. On **Easter Sunday, March 31**, children will start in worship with their families. After the Children's Message, older children are encouraged to rejoin their parents for this special worship service. Younger children can be dismissed to room 206 for a special Children's Church time.

**SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR**—Come to say "Good-bye" to **Earl and Ros Hoover** during an extended coffee hour on **Sunday, March 24, 9:30-11:30 AM**. Earl and Ros are moving to Boise, Idaho at the end of the month. They will be in Fellowship Hall from 9:30 to 11:30 AM on Palm Sunday (March 24) for friends to drop in and say good-bye. Church friends will be hosting our coffee hour for the entire morning. Come any time for as long as you like! Hope to see you there!

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE:** You are never given a wish without also being given the power to make it come true. (R. Bach)

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** are forming! The next session of New Member's Classes will begin with Coffee and Dessert on **Friday, April 12, at 7:00 PM**; followed by four Sunday School classes at **10:00 AM on April 14, 21, 28 and May 5**; Coffee with sponsors on **Saturday, May 18, at 10:00 AM**; and New Member Sunday on **May 19**. Please contact Joyce Bedell if you would like more information or are interested in being a part of our church family! (joycebedell@sbcglobal.net or 847-362-2112)

**SUMMER 2013 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.** Mark your calendars for the week of VBS ~ **July 15—19!** Children, pre-school age to 5th grade, come and experience a week of **KINGDOM ROCK! Where Kids Stand Strong for God!** Registration forms are available on our website (www.umcl.org)

**FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—UMCL's next volunteer slot for the Northern Illinois Food Bank is **Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**. If you want to make a difference in our community, then this is the right volunteer opportunity for you. The Northern Illinois Food Bank provides food to all of the local food pantries. They depend upon people like you and me to make this happen. If you have never volunteered at the Food Bank before, March 13th is the perfect time to start. Call (847)922-5069 or email Diana Natsch @ dnatsch1@gmail.com for more info and to get on the volunteer list.

**GREEN LIVING FAIR** is presented by Lake County Green Congregations on **March 16, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM**, at the Libertyville Civic Center. Come to enjoy educational activities and to recycle: electronics (no TV's), children's books, bicycles (working or not), packing foam, eye glasses, hearing aids, ink cartridges, plastic bags, and tape dispensers. Plan ahead to bring these items to be recycled! Thank you, the Earth.

**BOWLING FOR KIDS' BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER: Saturday, March 16, 1:30 PM.** Stop by the UMCL office to pick up a registration form to register your group by March 7. Breakfast Club is powered by Word of Life and supporters. Questions? Contact Jim Stewart, Jim Zimmerman or call 847-549-3040 or email wol.breakfast\_club@yahoo.com.

**HELPING HANDS FURNITURE PICK-UP** is planned for **Saturday, April 6** If you have furniture or other gently used household items you would like to donate, please contact Jeris Boyce (847-295-0409) or Gladys Griffin (847-816-3492). Thank you for your continuing support!

**SAVE THE DATES!** Spring Rummage Sale will be held **May 10-11**.

**HOME TOUCH** is a monthly publication offering devotions, scripture readings and activity pages (Sudoku, crossword puzzles, word games, etc.). This is perfect for the homebound person who likes a daily devotional with scripture and activities to sharpen the mind! Copies of the March issue will be available by MEMOS in the foyer and church office. Feel free to take one for a loved one or friend. If you know someone who would enjoy receiving Home Touch on a monthly basis, please call Jan Grigsby at 847-362-8473.

**2013 MISSOURI MISSION TRIP**—Volunteers are still needed in Missouri two years after the catastrophic tornado struck Joplin. Volunteers of every skill level are needed to help rebuild lives and homes. This year's trip is planned for **April 14—20**, and we hope you will be a part of this experience. The cost is **\$200/person**, and three scholarships are available. We need your commitment and check, including medical release forms, by **March 31**. Questions? Contact Jeff Welch at jpwelch5@gmail.com or 847-372-6835.

**PADS NEEDS**—Volunteers continue to be needed to work the overnight shifts (Saturday evening—Sunday morning, 11:00 PM—3:00 AM, 3:00 AM—6:30 AM, and clean-up 5:30—7:15 AM)! Contact Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062 or look for the volunteer sign-up book in Fellowship Hall after our 8:30 service and in the foyer after our 10:00 and 11:15 services.

**SECOND MILE GIVING FOR MARCH** will support **1) Aprendiendo Jugando**, which is a local (Hawthorn School, Vernon Hills) after school program, mostly for Hispanic children. It was designed to provide help with school work for children in grades 1-5. Contact Ruth Brockman for further information (847-362-7115). **2) Pan-African Rural Health & Social Services.** This agency works in Sierra Leone to provide clean water, education and reduce hunger for its 50000 residents of the Fallay Wujah section. They are working toward purchase of a tractor to help in all their needs for wells and farming. Go to [www.umcmmission.org/](http://www.umcmmission.org/) advance #3021290 for more information.

# Church Calendar

## Sunday, March 10, 2013

### **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

#### **Girl Scout Sunday**

- 8:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care is available at all services for ages 0-2 years)
- 8:30 AM—Children's Worship Time  
(ages 3 yrs-Kindergarten)
- 9:30 AM—Coffee Time
- 9:30 AM—Cherub Choir
- 10:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00 AM—Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
- 4:00 PM—Joyful Noise Choir
- 4:00 PM—Confirmation
- 7:30 PM—Youth Orchestra

## Monday, March 11, 2013

- 10:00 AM—Toddler Play Group
- 1:00 PM—BookTalkers
- 7:00 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
- 7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72
- 7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's

## Tuesday, March 12, 2013

- 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
- 1:00 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth
- 1:30 PM—Disciple 3 Bible Study
- 7:00 PM—Worship Committee
- 7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
- 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
- 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's
- 7:30 PM—Resource Committee

## Wednesday, March 13, 2013

- 8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
- 9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
- 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
- 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
- 5:30 PM—All-Stars for Jesus
- 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
- 7:00 PM—SYNERGY
- 7:30 PM—Dream Initiative Leaders
- 7:30 PM—Board of Trustees

## Thursday, March 14, 2013

- 9:00 AM—Faith Circle
- 12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
- 7:00 PM—Facilities Task Force
- 7:30 PM—Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 7:30 PM—Adult Choir

## Friday, March 15, 2013

- 7:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72

## Saturday, March 16, 2013

- 7:30 AM—Men's Saturday Study
- 8:30 AM—Praise Band
- 4:00 PM—PADS Setup & PADS

## Sunday, March 17, 2013

### **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

- 8:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care is available at all services for ages 0-2 years)
- 8:30 AM—Children's Worship Time  
(ages 3 yrs-Kindergarten)
- 9:30 AM—Coffee Time
- 10:00 AM—Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00 AM—Sunday School for all ages
- 11:15 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
- 4:00 PM—Joyful Noise Choir
- 4:00 PM—Confirmation
- 5:45 PM—Confirmation Dinner
- 7:30 PM—Youth Orchestra

## Monday, March 18, 2013

- 7:00 PM—Outreach Committee
- 7:00 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
- 7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72
- 7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's

## Tuesday, March 19, 2013

- 9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
- 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
- 1:00 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth
- 1:30 PM—Disciple 3 Bible Study
- 7:00 PM—Facilities Task Force
- 7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee
- 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's

## Wednesday, March 20, 2013

- 8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
- 9:00 AM—MEMOS
- 9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
- 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
- 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee
- 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
- 7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)
- 7:00 PM—SYNERGY

## Thursday, March 21, 2013

- 11:30 AM—Faith Study
- 12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
- 7:00 PM—Facilities Task Force
- 7:30 PM—Disciple 1 Bible Study
- 7:30 PM—Adult Choir

## Friday, March 22, 2013

- 6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

## Saturday, March 23, 2013

- 7:30 AM—Men's Saturday Study
- 8:30 AM—Praise Band
- 10:00 AM—Easter Party
- 4:00 PM—PADS Setup
- 6:00 PM—PADS

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