

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 "This Is Amazing Grace" P. Wickham

* Song "One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)" B. Johnson

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Song "Revelation Song" J. Riddle

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-10

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Reading John 3:11-21

Sermon "Got Salvation?" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* Closing Song "In Christ Alone" K. Getty

* Benediction



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.

Please fill in the registration sheet that is passed around so you will be kept informed about what's happening at the church. Thank you for including your email address.

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, Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark and Janet Mason

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 15, 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 0-3.5 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 0-5 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Time)
2:00 PM—"Here For the Gold" Children's Musical
4:00 PM—ALPHA Course
4:00 PM—Confirmation
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

Monday, March 16, 2015

7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study Group
7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, March 17, 2015

9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
9:30 AM—Pilgrim Road Study
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Resource Committee
7:00 PM—Pilgrim Road Study
7:30 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

9:00 AM—MEMOS
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
5:45 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)
7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Building Committee
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee

Thursday, March 19, 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 20, 2015

6:30 PM—Cub Scouts #72
7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's
Saturday, March 21, 2015
8:00 AM—Men's Study
9:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Committee
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS

Sunday, March 22, 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 0-3.5 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 0-5 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Time)

4:00 PM—ALPHA Course

4:00 PM—Confirmation

6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

Monday, March 23, 2015

6:00 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts
7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study Group
7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, March 24, 2015

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

Wednesday, March 25, 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

Thursday, March 26, 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 27, 2015

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum
7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's

Saturday, March 28, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study
9:00 AM—United Methodist Men
10:00 AM—Easter Party
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

March 15, 2015
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Lent

Today's Scripture Passage

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

— John 3:11-21



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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 am



Gathering Music "Spirit Song" J. Carter

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 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 381

* Call to Worship
Leader Arise, shine, for your light has come!
People **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**
Leader Let us praise the Lord together.
People **The sun shall no longer be our day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us.**
Leader For the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.
People **The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow
will end. Come, let us sing to our light and our salvation.**

*Musical Response "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420, vs. 1
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading John 3:11-21

Sermon "Got Salvation?" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Lamb of God" J. Carter
* 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 "Living For Jesus" See insert

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "An Early American March" J. Spong



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



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Prelude "Spirit Song" J. Carter

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Prayer of Confession

God of all mercy, in our baptisms you have marked us as your own; you have given us new identity and made us part of the body of Christ. But we have not been faithful to your call. We have forged our own identity and held to destructive habits. We confess we have failed to welcome others, broken bonds we have had with brothers and sisters, and served ourselves more than you. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Children's Special Music "Love Light/Here for the Gold" S. Smith
Joyful Noise Choir; Caroline Guiard & Gabby Velez, soloists
Jackie: Sophia Zumwalt; Lauren: Ashleigh Velez;
Haley: Sara Johnson; Alex: Sophie Hillier

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:1-10 Mike Fennewald

Sacrament of Holy Baptism UM Hymnal page 39

Bryan and Virginia Rounds present their sons,
Brady Kent Rounds and Francis McLaren Rounds, for Holy Baptism this morning.

Congregational Response

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Brady Kent and Francis McLaren, surrounded by our community of love and forgiveness, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

* 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.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn "Amazing Grace" No. 378, verses 1-4

Scripture Reading John 3:11-21

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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!

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

Sound Tech: Darin Chartier **Acolyte (9:30):** Chris Randall

March Ushers (8:15): Wayne Buck, Pat Conn, Larry Pflederer, Steve Rouse
(9:30): John Aten, Mike Fennewald, Steve Neil,
John Oberrieder, Tom Plohr, Ted Zeng

Coffee Fellowship (9:00—11:00 AM): Please join us
for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall.

UMCL News & Notes ~ March 15, 2015

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL THIS AFTERNOON! The Joyful Noise Choir is proud to present the musical production "Here for the Gold" **today at 2:00 PM** in the sanctuary. The children have been working hard and are excited to share this play with you! A suggested free-will offering of \$.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!

TODAY UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) celebrates its 75th Birthday! Help mark this special day by attending the Children's Choir Musical 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. Please take note of the UMCOR insert in your bulletin and the facts posted around the building. Details about the items needed for health kits can be found in Memos or on the UMW bulletin board in the foyer.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE THIS WEEK! On Easter Sunday, April 5, we will decorate our Sanctuary and East Room with beautiful flowers! If you would like to place an order, please complete an online form on our website (www.umcl.org/easter-flowers) or fill out the form in today's bulletin and return it to the basket in the foyer or to 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 **Wednesday, March 18**.

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**, (March 29-April 3) **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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **PALM SUNDAY**—On March 29, all children are invited to meet in the East Room at 9:15 AM for a processional with palms into the sanctuary. Sunday School children will sing at the beginning of this service. Since this month Family Sunday falls on Palm Sunday, there **WILL BE** Sunday school up to 5th grade. Older kids are encouraged to attend this special service with their families. Children up to 5th grade will be celebrating Palm Sunday with a movie.
- **EASTER SUNDAY**—On April 5, children will start in worship with their families. After the Children's Message children are invited upstairs for Sunday School lessons taught by Senior High students.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Please join us for worship during Holy Week!

- **PALM SUNDAY, March 29 ~ 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM.** Children's Processional with Palms, music by Sunday School Children, Heritage Bells, and Adult Choir at 9:30. Heritage Bells at 8:15. The Praise Band, palms, images and video at 11:00.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 2 ~ 7:30 PM.** A service of Holy Communion with special music and prayer.
- **GOOD FRIDAY, April 3 ~ 7:30 PM.** A solemn service of remembrance with special music presented by the Adult Choir.
- **EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 ~ 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM.** Brass Ensemble, Organ, Adult Choir and Easter flowers at 8:15 & 9:30. The Praise Band, special music, images, video and Easter flowers at 11:00.

Childcare is provided for all services.

UMCL News & Notes Continued

PADS THANK YOU! The Children's Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone that came out to our annual Family Mission night for PADS on Saturday, March 7. We made 120 sandwiches, packed 60 lunches, set out beds and cooked a delicious dinner of sloppy joe's and macaroni and cheese! Your time and energy are much appreciated!

VBS! Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School this summer from **July 13-17**, from 9:00 AM to Noon. This year VBS will feature some snowy mountain animals! Stay tuned for more details.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH DIRECTOR PART TIME POSITION—The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is interviewing persons now for a 10-hour-a-week Spiritual Growth Director position at UMCL. Please contact Jill Natzke at jnatzke@msn.com for more information or to apply. Thank you.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, March 17, at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We will have fellowship & refreshments, then MaryAnn Burson will have a program for us on the 75 years of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Hope to see you there!

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday evening **March 18**, at Libertyville's Feed My Starving Children facility at 742 East Park Avenue. Plan to arrive at **5:45 PM** so we are prepared to start at 6:00 PM; our shift finishes at 7:30 PM. 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!

MOMS' NIGHT OUT—Calling all ladies! You are invited to come to our Moms' 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**.

PRIME TIME will meet **Monday, April 6, at 12:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served (\$5) followed by Bingo! Please sign up in the church office before 10:00 AM on Friday, April 3.

ALTAR FLOWERS! Call the church or go to our website (www.umcl.org/altar_flowers) to donate altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events. Several May and June dates are available! Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark. 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.

ADULT MISSION TRIP—The tornado which lashed across the city of Brookport, Illinois in 2013 has still left scars. 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. 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**, 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 DONORS—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 support is most appreciated. Please thank these businesses!

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. (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)