



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

March 16, 2014
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Second Sunday in Lent

Today's Scripture Passage

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"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.



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



Gathering Music “Lamb of God” L. Larson
Heritage Bells directed by Beth McFarland

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** “Spirit Song” No. 347
Mary Kuhns, organ

* **Call to Worship**
Leader Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love and life,
 who creates us.
People **Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One,**
 who lives among us.
Leader Let us worship the Spirit, the Breath of God, who renews us.
People **To the one true God be praise in all times and places,**
 through the grace of Jesus Christ.

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

Special Music “Within the Darkest Night” D. Hakes

Scripture Reading John 3:1-17

Sermon “Where the Wind Blows” Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory “Pie Jesu” D. Wagner
* 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** “Freely, Freely” No. 389

* **Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude “O God, Be With Us” J. E. Kindermann



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



Gathering Music

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Unison Prayer

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit. Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Genesis 12:1-4a Jon Elsea

Word of Witness 30-Hour Famine Ben Hallett, Youth Director

Children's Message Pastor Jamie Williams

Special Music "Within the Darkest Night" D. Hakes

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn of Preparation** "To God Be the Glory" No. 98

* 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!

Second Scripture Reading

John 3:1-17

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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 (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!



*The altar arrangement this morning
reminds us of our Lenten Journey.*

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

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

Greeters: (9:30) Olaf and Darlene Hansen

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 Disciple Bible Study Class.

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 "Now That You're Near" Sampson

* Song "Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)" Baloché

Word of Witness 30-Hour Famine Ben Hallett, Youth Director

Children's Message Pastor Jamie Williams

* Song "Breathe On Me" Fisher

Scripture Genesis 12:1-4a

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Scripture John 3:1-17

Video "Kite Runner"

Sermon "Where the Wind Blows" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* Closing Song "I Will Follow" Tomlin

* 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.

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

Refreshments: Becky and Sue Ratzer

UMCL News & Notes ~ March 16, 2014

URNS OUT—30 hours ain't too bad! The Senior High Youth and Confirmands just finished our annual **30 Hour Famine** to help support World Vision's efforts to eradicate hunger around the world. We're making one last push today to get as much monetary support as we can. Our shantytown in the back of the sanctuary serves as a visual for some of the fun we had this weekend while growing in compassion and understanding of our brothers and sisters around the world. There is a table and a bowl if you would like to support World Vision. They say "\$1 feeds 1 child for 1 day."

OBSERVING 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 and East Room. Pick one up to enrich your Lenten journey.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in an Adult Sunday School Class that would meet from 10:45—11:45 each Sunday morning? If you are, please come to Fellowship Hall, Room C, **this morning at 10:45 AM!** Contact June McCoy for more information.

LAST CALL TO SUPPORT THE BOOK BRIDGE by donating new or gently used children's books (infant to age 18). Books may be placed in the wagon in the foyer through **tomorrow, March 17**. Thank you for supporting this organization that provides books to kids in crisis. Questions? Check out their website or contact Terry Johnson.

EAT AT CHILI'S AND SUPPORT PADS! Many local Chili's restaurants will be donating 15% of your purchase to PADS during the **month of March**. Pick up a coupon here at church, enjoy a meal, and benefit PADS at the same time!

CHECK OUT THESE NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES beginning **next Sunday, March 23rd, at 9:30 AM:**

- 1) **Chip Ingram's House or Home Parenting Edition: God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting.** In this ten-week series, Chip teaches timeless truths about parenting and offers a wealth of personal experience and practical help. "To say that parenting is a great challenge is a vast understatement. With so many competing ideas and philosophies, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and paralyzed.... But there is HOPE... God has given us a blueprint for parenting with clear, timeless truths that still work today." 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.** In this six-week DVD-based study, pastor/author/storyteller Ortberg "shows what it takes to really win at the game of life." He will guide us on how to "focus on keeping our eyes on the true prize in life—the one that unlocks the gate to the kingdom of God." Details: Ron Campbell (847-362-2913 or campbell.ronald@comcast.net).

RUTH CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday evening March 19th at 7:00 PM** for dessert, followed at 7:30 PM with a visit from our Children and Family Ministries Director Amanda Siebert. She will give us an overview of the program and the scope of events for the year. Come join us! We will meet at Mary Sue Welch's house (28588 Tanglewood Ct., Libertyville). Have a question? Call Mickey Donahue 1-847-367-4906.

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).

EASTER PARTY—APRIL 19, 10:00 AM-NOON. Children, birth through 5th grade, and their families, are invited to join in an Easter celebration! 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 April 12th. To register you can sign up online at www.umcl.org/cfm-easter or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER PARTY—Adults and youth interested in volunteering for the Easter Party can sign-up online at www.umcl.org/easter-party-registration or on the bulletin board. Please contact Amanda Seibert with any questions at AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com or by calling the church office.

UMCL News & Notes Continued

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

YOUNG COUPLES will meet on **Friday, April 4**, for dinner at Culvers at **7:00 PM** (803 E. Park Ave, Libertyville) and then work at Feed My Starving Children from 8:00-9:30 PM (742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville). Please RSVP as soon as possible to Charlotte and Scott Allen at allencs@comcast.net. (FMSC staff need the names of our team.)

PRIME TIME meets on **Monday, April 7**, at **Noon** for a **Potluck Lunch!** After lunch, Rev. David Seyller will be sharing information about Winchester House and his experiences as chaplain ministering to the residents there. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, April 4! We look forward to seeing you and sharing your potluck creations!

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE—Spring is coming (we hope) and your thoughts are turning to spring cleaning and getting rid of some of that stuff you never use (we hope). Think Spring. Think Rummage Sale. Mark a couple of boxes “rummage” and start filling them. Volunteers, mark your calendars for **May 5-10**. Contributors, you can start dropping off rummage starting Monday, May 5th. Thank you for supporting the rummage sale! Beth March (847-367-5175) and Barb Plohr (847-367-5556)

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RELOCATED FOR MARCH, due to renovations in the education wing. Classes for Preschool through Fifth Grade meet on the first floor of the education wing; Middle School Youth meet in the Upper Room (above the back of the sanctuary); High School Youth meet at Ben's house; and Adult Classes 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!

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. Information: www.reynoldswood.org.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of March 12, 2014

	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenues	\$20,493.00	\$153,860.26
Expenses	\$7,264.27	\$167,799.49
Difference	\$13,228.73	(\$13,939.23)

So far in March, expenses have been lower than normal, allowing us to reduce our year-to-date “gap” between revenue and expenses to just about \$14,000. Your continued support will help sustain that improvement through the coming months.

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 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)

Monday, March 17, 2014

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2014

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

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
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—Nominations Committee
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)

Thursday, March 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, March 21, 2014

6:00 PM—Intimate Evenings
7:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72

Saturday, March 22, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
9:30 AM—UMW Readers
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

Sunday, March 23 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)

Monday, March 24, 2014

7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team
7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class
7:00 PM—World's Religions Class

Tuesday, March 25, 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—Faithful Threads
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's

Wednesday, March 26, 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
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells

Thursday, March 27, 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 28, 2014

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

Saturday, March 29, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
8:30 AM—United Methodist Men
9:30 AM—UMW Readers
4:30 PM—PADS Set up & PADS

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