



# The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

March 17, 2013  
8:30 & 10:00 am

*Today's Scripture Passage*

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

**I**f others think they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ--the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. I want to know Christ--yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



*A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION*

PASTORS

Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams

## *The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

*March 17, 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** "Lenten Chorale" W. Held

### **\* Call to Worship**

A great teacher once said, "When Jesus Christ calls us, he bids us come and die." We are the people who have responded to this call.

**Through Christ, we want to die to the fears that keep us from loving.**

Through Christ, we want to die to the stubbornness that keeps us from sharing our gifts.

**Through Christ, we want to die to seeking our own success and salvation in disregard for the good of all God's children.**

This is God's promise, that if we die with Christ, we will also rise with Christ.

**God be praised for the glorious promise of new life in Christ.  
Alleluia!**

**\* Hymn** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 327

### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

**O God, our Creator and Sovereign, you have made us to live in freedom and joy before you, in the oneness of love with others. We praise you for the goodness in the world and within us; we seek your help in fulfilling your intentions for us. Sometimes we give our loyalty to other gods. Sometimes we fall into despair or self-pity. Sometimes we separate ourselves from others by our self-centeredness. Fill us with new life, O God, with new joy and new hope, that we may help to make the world more nearly what you want it to be, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Special Music** "Oh, How Good Is Christ the Lord" Cherub Choir

**Children's Message** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:00)** UM Hymnal, page 39  
Michael and Jennifer Purkey present their son,  
Triston Lee Purkey, for Holy Baptism this morning.

### **Congregational Response**

**With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Triston Lee, 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.**

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*\* Those who are able are invited to stand.*

**First Scripture Reading**

John 12:1-8  
(8:30) Jane Aten (10:00) Sandy Marquardt

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

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

\* Hymn "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 298

**Second Scripture Reading** Philippians 3:4b-14

**Sermon** "Reaching For the Prize" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Offering / Offertory** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" C. Callahan

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* **Closing Hymn** "Marching to Zion" No. 733

**\* Pastoral Benediction**

**Postlude** "It Is Well With My Soul" A. Jordan

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*\*\* 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!*



**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](mailto: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!



*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by the Stephen Leaders in honor of our Stephen Ministers.*

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

**Sound Tech:** Barbara Sowa

**Greeters:** (8:30) Priscilla Mortland (10:00) Herb and Mary Spooner

**Acolytes:** (8:30) Ushers (10:00) Faith Conway, Mikaila Corrigan

**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 and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall and hosted by our Journey of Faith Sunday School class.

## News & Notes

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR OUR EASTER PARTY, 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 great event, go online at [www.umcl.org](http://www.umcl.org) or sign up in the office.** Adults and youth who would like to volunteer to help with this event can sign up online or contact DeeAnn Clausen at [deeann-clausen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deeann-clausen@sbcglobal.net).

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:** Please join us for worship during Holy Week ~

- **PALM SUNDAY, March 24 at 8:30 & 10:00 AM.** The children will lead us in a joyous processional with palms, and our Sunday School children will be singing during our 10:00 AM service. The Heritage Bells and Adult Choir will lead us in worship at both services. Pastor Jamie will be preaching at all services.  
**11:15 AM** - The Praise Band will lead us in special music. Children and adults will receive palms. Images and video will enhance this service.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE ~ Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 PM.** Join us for a service of Holy Communion with special music and prayer.
- **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ~ Friday, March 29 at 7:30 PM.** The Adult Choir will present selections from Handel's "Messiah" and the Faure "Requiem."
- **EASTER SUNDAY ~ March 31 at 8:30 & 10:00 AM.** A brass ensemble, beautiful Easter flowers and our Adult Choir will enhance the worship experience. Pastor Steve will be preaching at all services  
**11:15 AM** - The Praise Band will lead us in wonderful music. Images and video will enhance the service. Beautiful Easter flowers will decorate the worship area.

**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 and celebrating His resurrection.

- 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.

**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 on **Tuesday, March 19, at 9:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall, as we welcome our 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! Questions? Shirley Mason, 847-362-0523.

**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.

**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!

**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](http://www.umcl.org)).

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS:** Sign up on our website ([www.umcl.org](http://www.umcl.org)) to serve as a Sunday worship greeter or to donate altar flowers (April 7 & 14 and May 12 & 26 as well as summer dates are available). Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at [foleyszoo@aol.com](mailto:foleyszoo@aol.com).

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE:** Stephen Ministers Care, God Cures. If you would like to speak with a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Steve or Pastor Jamie.

**PRIME TIME** meets on **Monday, April 1**, for lunch at **Noon** (\$5). Jean Wilson will be sharing a program on the era of the 20's, 30's and 40's, and it's sure to bring back some good memories for many of us! Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, March 29! We are looking forward to sharing this time together.

**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). Thanks for your support!

**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](mailto:joycebedell@sbcglobal.net) or 847-362-2112)

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

**2013 MISSOURI MISSION TRIP—**Volunteers of every skill level are needed to help rebuild lives and homes in Missouri, two years after the catastrophic tornado strike. 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** (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](mailto: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.

**EARTH HOUR—MARCH 23.** Sydney, Australia started Earth Hour in 2007. By 2008, 35 countries, including 36 million people in the US, participated in this evening. Earth Hour is a global statement of concern about climate change. Individuals, companies, cities and state governments are urged to turn off all lights for one hour at **8:30 PM on March 23**. This will demonstrate our commitment to finding a solution to climate change. Light some candles and turn off your lights for one hour! Thank you, The Earth

**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 5,000 residents of the Fallay Wujah section. They are working toward purchase of a tractor to help with all their needs for wells and farming. Go to [www.umcmmission.org/](http://www.umcmmission.org/) advance #3021290 for more information.

**RECYCLING FOR ORPHANS OF THE STORM.** Here is a great opportunity to recycle and help Orphans of the Storm, an agency for saving animals! Girl Scout Amanda Brown is collecting newspapers (they need lots and lots of newspapers!), old towels or dishcloths, dog and cat toys, and additional items (listed on the tubs in Fellowship Hall). Donated items may be placed in the tubs in Fellowship Hall. Thank you, The Earth

# Church Calendar

## 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  
11:15 AM—God's Soul Girls  
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  
7:30 PM—Website Committee

## 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  
6:00 PM—God's Soul Girls  
7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)  
7:00 PM—SYNERGY  
7:30 PM—Missouri Mission Trip Orientation

## 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 & PADS

## Sunday, March 24, 2013

### Palm 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—Cherub Choir  
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  
11:15 AM—Joyful Noise Choir

## Monday, March 25, 2013

10:00 AM—Toddler Play Group  
6:30 PM—Young Life Capernaum  
7:00 PM—UMW Mission Team  
7:00 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study  
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72  
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's

## Tuesday, March 26, 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—Faithful Threads

## Wednesday, March 27, 2013

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)  
9:00 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
7:00 PM—SYNERGY

## Thursday, March 28, 2013

11:30 AM—Faith Study  
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Service

## Friday, March 29, 2013

6:00 PM—Adult Choir  
7:30 PM—Good Friday Service  
8:30 PM—Collision Lock-In

## Saturday, March 30, 2013

8:30 AM—Praise Band  
4:00 PM—PADS Setup  
6:00 PM—PADS

### UMCL Staff

Pastor Stephen C. Williams  
Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams  
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Junior High: Lindsey Junk  
Children & Family Ministries: DeeAnn Clausen  
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