

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 "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)" M. Crocker

* Song "Fairest Lord Jesus" T. Walker

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

* Song "Above All" L. LeBlanc

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Reading John 12:20-33

Sermon "Maximum Impact" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Closing Song "The Wonderful Cross" C. Tomlin

* 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: Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis, Jeanette Frisbey,
Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark and Janet Mason

Church Calendar

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
8:00 AM—Men's Study
9:00 AM—United Methodist Men
10:00 AM—Easter Party

1:00 PM—Spring Clean-up and Fix-up Day
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS

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4:00 PM—ALPHA Course

6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

Monday, March 30, 2015

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study Group

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
9:30 AM—Pilgrim Road Study
12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Pilgrim Road Study

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
9:00 AM—MEMOS
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

Thursday, April 2, 2015

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:30 PM—Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, April 3, 2015

8:00 AM-8:00 PM—Prayer Labyrinth (East Room)
7:30 PM—Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

March 22, 2015
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Lent

Today's Scripture Passage

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

— John 12:20-33



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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 am



Gathering Music "Psalm Tune" D. Locklair

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 "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

* Call to Worship
Leader God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.
People We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.
Leader God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and urge us to greater faithfulness.
All Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us. Amen.

*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 12:20-33

Sermon "Maximum Impact" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna 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 "Lift High the Cross" No. 159

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



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Prelude "Psalm Tune" D. Locklair

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Unison Prayer
Amazing Creator of ourselves and of our world, we thank you that you reveal yourself in the events of human history. We thank you that you have shown yourself in Jesus Christ, who shared human life, walking the path of selfless love and obedience all the way to the cross. May we also die to ourselves and live for the world, through the power and grace of your Spirit. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 Jules Traut

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

Anthem "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" G. Martin
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" No. 402

Scripture Reading John 12:20-33

Sermon "Maximum Impact" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* 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.

Offering / Offertory "Now the Savior Stands" R. Powell
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

* Closing Hymn "Lift High the Cross" No. 159

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Lenten Chorale" G. Merkel



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!



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in celebration of Spring!

The rose on the altar this morning celebrates the birth of Jillian Grace Holdeman on March 6, 2015. Congratulations to parents Jason and Julie, and big sister Jorah!



Many thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning!
Sound Tech: Bert Kibbler Acolytes (9:30): Ushers
March Ushers (8:15): Wayne Buck, Pat Conn, Larry Pflederer, Steve Rouse (9:30): John Aten, Mike Fennwald, 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 and hosted by Jan Grigsby and Mindi St. Peter.

UMCL News & Notes ~ March 22, 2015

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.

THANK YOU to everyone who came and supported Joyful Noise Choir and God's Soul Girls at the performance of "Here for the Gold!" Your presence was very appreciated. The kids felt your energy and it made for some heavenly praising!! Our free-will offering to celebrate the 75th anniversary of UMCOR brought in \$1,177.50. Yay God! --Blair Brockman

LAST CALL TO SIGN UP FOR THE EASTER PARTY! Children, birth through 5th grade, and their families, are invited to join in an Easter celebration! Next **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 register 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.

HELP NEEDED! The Board of Trustees would like your help at a Spring Clean-up and Fix-up Day, **Saturday, March 28, 1:00-4:00 PM**. Come out for a fun-filled day of basic cleaning and minor repairs. No experience necessary and all are welcome. Childcare can be provided with advance notice. Questions can be directed to any Trustee or to Ruth Ross (ruth.ross@umcl.org)

PRAYER LABYRINTH—Come walk the Prayer Labyrinth this year during **Holy Week**, (March 30-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.

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!

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.

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.

30-HOUR FAMINE—Make hunger YOUR fight! On **April 17-19** the youth of UMCL are going to embark on a 30 hour fast to help raise money for hungry kids worldwide. But they cannot do it with you! Our fundraising goal this year is \$6000 to help feed kids in areas where hunger is pervasive. Be on the lookout for youth fundraisers & check out our fundraising webpage— youth.worldvision.org - then search 'UMC Libertyville.'

ENDOWMENT EDGE—The Endowment Committee is accepting applications through **April 3** 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.

UMCL News & Notes Continued

NEW ADULT SUNDAY MORNING STUDY begins **April 12, 9:30 AM**. The eight-week DVD-based study is titled *The Wesleyan Way: A Faith That Matters* by Scott J. Jones and helps both seekers and believers to envision and practice discipleship as a way of life. Presenting Christianity from a Wesleyan perspective, Bishop Jones invites participants into a deeper, more thoughtful, more active commitment to Christ. Each week a different presenter shares their personal faith experience, including an interview or ministry story from the presenter's home church. Class time will also include discussion of related questions. An optional student book is available for \$10. This study will meet in the New Room (2nd floor of Education wing, near elevator). Drop-ins are welcome. All adults are invited! Details: Carol Sim-Campbell at simcampbell@comcast.net.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES are forming and will include these opportunities to learn more about the life and ministry of UMCL: New Member/Sponsor Coffee on **Saturday, April 18, 9:30 AM** (childcare available); New Member Sunday School classes on **Sunday, April 19 & 26, and May 3 & 10** (times TBA); with New Members welcomed on **May 17 at 9:30 AM**. Please contact Joyce Bedell (joyce.bedell@umcl.org or 847-362-2112) if you are interested in these classes!

JrHI SUMMER CAMP! Camp Adventure's Impact Camps provide a classic camp experience, featuring action-packed adventures including swimming, blobbing, paintball, and High Ropes. Most importantly, there is a deep focus on Christ through an amazing spiritual program including small groups, modern worship and opportunities to ask the tough questions. Come and join us **July 26-31!** Questions? Contact Ben Hallett or Sarah Mitchell.

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.

FEEDING CHILDREN! Come one, come all to this fun filled "CHURCH FAMILY" EVENT! Anyone, 5 or older, is invited to the "Feed My Starving Children" (FMSC) packing location in Libertyville on **Saturday, April 25, 8:45—11:00 AM**. We will pack meals to help children in need, while having fun and bonding with one another. Sign up in the church office or online at www.umcl.org/fmsc. If you are not able to pack meals but want to help, visit the big room upstairs where our Sunday School kids are collecting donations for FMSC.

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—Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. 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.

RUMMAGE SALE is scheduled for **May 8-9**. Preparations in the church building will begin **Sunday, May 3** and continue throughout the week. All help will be most appreciated in continuing this UMW tradition of raising money for missions and out-reach. Look for sign-up posters in mid-April. Thank you also for collecting and donating items for the sale. All kinds of household things, clothing, sheets, electrical appliances, garden equipment, furniture, etc. are accepted. Sorry, no computers. Donations accepted May 4-6. Questions? Contact Beth March or Barb Plohr.

ADULT MISSION TRIP—Volunteers of every skill level are needed in this vital ministry to rebuild homes and restore hope in the city of Brookport, Illinois as it recovers from the tornado of 2013. This year's trip will take place **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).

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!

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)