

APRIL YOUNG COUPLES will meet **Friday, April 3**, at the Twedell Home (328 Southfield Drive, Vernon Hills) before and/or after the Good Friday service for pizza and games! Questions? Call or text Andrea at 773-682-8282.

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. 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.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet **Wednesday, April 15, at 7:00 PM** at the home of Nancy Grange Sullivan (17309 Westwind Drive, Gurnee, 847-533-4440). All women are invited... you might even meet some interesting women from Bible times who plan to attend!! Meet at the church at 6:30 PM to carpool.

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR—Are you concerned about having enough money to last your lifetime, pay for college or increasing healthcare expenses, care for elderly parents, fund your retirement, or give to the church or other missions? Receive helpful information on these concerns by attending a Financial Planning Seminar, open to everyone, sponsored by the Endowment Committee on **Thursday, April 16 at 7:00 PM** at the church. Local financial planner, Pete Crabtree, will be covering budgeting and investing as foundations to financial planning, as well as strategies to maximize your resources to accomplish your goals. Time will be provided for questions and answers. Childcare will be provided. Information: Joyce Jeffries (john.joycej@yahoo.com) or Ron Campbell (campbell.ronald@comcast.net).

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.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—The greatest thing anyone can do for God or man is pray. (S.D. Gordon). 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.

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.

2015 ADULT MISSION TRIP—to Brookport, Illinois is planned for **April 19—25**. You can still sign up to help rebuild homes and restore hope for this community recovering from the tornado of 2013. The participant fee is \$250, which covers transportation, lodging, food, and supplies. Four scholarships are available. Sign up today; fee is due 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. Thank you for your faithful support!

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The United Methodist Church of Libertyville
Palm / Passion Sunday

March 29, 2015

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



Today's Scripture Passage

It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

— Mark 14:1-9



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION
PASTORS
Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

UMCL News & Notes ~ March 29, 2015

PRAYER LABYRINTH THIS WEEK! Come walk the Prayer Labyrinth 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS ~

- **CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL**—*This morning*, all children are invited to meet in the East Room before the 9:30 AM service 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 celebrate Palm Sunday with a movie.
- **EASTER SUNDAY**—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.

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE—We are looking for people to read scripture during the Good Friday service on **April 3 at 7:30 PM**. The readings will be taken from the Gospel of Mark, chapters 14 and 15 – the story of Jesus' suffering and death. Please contact the pastors or office staff if you would like to help with the readings. Thank you.

THANK YOU to everyone who came out to our Easter Party yesterday! This event was a success with 75 people rotating between three exciting stations. We ended the afternoon by eating a yummy lunch and enjoying each other's company. A BIG thanks to the amazing volunteers that helped hide eggs, tell stories, lead songs, play games and assemble crafts!

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 this week, by 10:00 AM on this Friday, April 3.

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!

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 without 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.'

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.

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.

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 and Celebration with Palms** "Hosanna, Praise Is Rising" Baloche

* **Song** "This Is Amazing Grace" Wickham

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

* **Song** "Hosanna" Fraser

Scripture Mark 11:1-11

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Mark 14:1-9

Sermon "Something Beautiful for Jesus" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* **Closing Song** "The Same Love" Baloche

* **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. Nursery care is available in Room 100.

Worship Team: Jonathan Wepler, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis, Jeanette Frisbey, Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark & Janet Mason

First Light Service ~ 8:15 am

Gathering Music on "Ellacombe" by M. Helman Heritage Bells

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 as we worship together.

* **Hymn and Celebration with Palms** "Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!" No. 278

We invite you to celebrate Jesus' procession into Jerusalem by waving your palms as we sing.

* **Call To Worship**

Leader Come! From the city streets.

People Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

Leader Come! From your busy homes and places of business.

People Put down your work in joyful celebration!

Leader Come! Lay down your sorrows and worries,

People Turn your eyes toward the Savior whom God has sent!

Leader Let us all join in joyful song.

People Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is Jesus Christ, who comes in the name of the Lord. Amen.

* **Musical Prayer** "His Name Is Wonderful" No. 174

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Mark 14:1-9

Sermon "Something Beautiful for Jesus" 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** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" No. 298

* **Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



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Prelude on "Ellacombe" M. Helman
Heritage Bells

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Opening Prayer

Loving God, thank you for sending Jesus to us - for his humility, love and power. Help us to humble ourselves in love and service to him and to others, so that we might be children who truly resemble our heavenly Father. Amen.

Children's Special Music Our Sunday School Children

Palm Sunday Scripture Mark 11:1-11 Katelyn Viant, Abigail Rounds

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

Anthem "Behold, Behold Your King!" L. Shackley
Adult Choir; Jonathan Weppler, Guest Conductor

** Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer No. 895

*** Hymn of Preparation** "My Jesus, I Love Thee" No. 172

Second Scripture Reading Mark 14:1-9

Sermon "Something Beautiful for Jesus" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "Gabriel's Oboe" T. Fettke

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

* Prayer of Dedication

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

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Ride On in Majesty" J. Behnke



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We are delighted to have 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@umcl.org), for 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: Jon Elsea **Acolytes:** (9:30) Ushers

March Ushers: (8:15) Wayne Buck, Pat Conn, Larry Pflederer, Steve Rouse

(9:30) John Aten, Mike Fennewald, Steve Neil, Tom Plohr, Ted Zeng

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

* 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!