



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Today's Scripture Passage *John 9:1-7, 13, 15-16, 24-39*

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. Therefore the Pharisees asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided.

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God by telling the truth," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" Then they asked him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered, "I have told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples too?" Then they hurled insults at him and said, "You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." The man answered, "Now that is remarkable! You don't know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly person who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



Gathering Music "Andante from Fourth Organ Sonata" F. Mendelssohn
Mary Kuhns, organ

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** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

* Call to Worship

Leader In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

People Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

People He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader Come now, all who thirst,

People and drink the water of life.

Leader Come now, all who hunger,

People and be filled with good things.

Leader Come now, all who seek light,

People and be warmed by the fire of love.

* **Musical Prayer** "Fill My Cup, Lord" No. 641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.

Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.

Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;

fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading John 9:1-7, 13, 15-16, 24-39

Sermon "Illumination" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Theme from Third Movement of Roma Suite" G. Bizet

* 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** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" No. 454

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Excerpt from Athalie" F. Mendelssohn



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



Gathering Music

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Unison Prayer

O Lord, you have given us your Word for a light to shine upon our path. Illuminate that Word, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more until the perfect day. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 Christina Parmar

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Anthem "Kind Maker of the World" S. Curry
Adult Choir; Miranda Farmer, piano

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* 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!

* Hymn of Preparation "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 206

Second Scripture Reading John 9:1-7, 13, 15-16, 24-39

Sermon "Illumination" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Theme from Third Movement of Roma Suite" G. Bizet

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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!

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

Sound Tech: Jon Elsea

Acolytes: (9:30) Lexi and Sofia Sapp

Greeter: (9:30) Bettylou Miller

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 the Worship Committee.

Lent ~ The Elements ~ Light
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** "You Shine" Doerksen

* **Song** "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" Redman

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Song "Hear Us From Heaven" Anderson

Scripture Ephesians 5:8-14

Prayer

Scripture John 9:1-7, 13, 15-16, 24-39

Sermon "Illumination" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* **Closing Song** "I Saw the Light" Williams

* **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: Kathy Locke

UMCL News & Notes ~ March 30, 2014

FIRST GRAND OPENING OF REVITALIZED EDUCATION WING—Sunday, April 6.

You are invited to join us between services on Sunday, April 6, to see the improvements that have been made to our Second Floor Sunday School wing. New windows, fresh paint, and new tile flooring have all been installed or completed over the past few weeks. We are thankful to the donors and excellent workers who made these improvements possible: Ruth & David Arendsen, Mike & Joannie Foley, Steve & Beth March, Ruth Ross, Bill & Kelley Wilson, and the great workmen of DiVinci Painters. Additional decorating with colorful murals in the hallway and the classrooms, thematic design elements, and some new furniture will be added in the next few months.

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 enjoy fun games, great stories, imaginative crafts and an exciting EASTER 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.

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.

EASTER FLOWERS: On Easter Sunday, April 20, we will decorate our Sanctuary and East Room with beautiful flowers! If you would like to place an order, please complete the form on our website (www.umcl.org/easter-flowers) or in today's bulletin and return it to the basket in the foyer or 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 **Tuesday, April 8**.

LOOKING AHEAD: Plan to attend Worship Services for Holy Week! **Palm Sunday** Services on April 13 (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM); **Maundy Thursday** Service with Holy Communion on April 17 (7:30 PM); **Good Friday** Service with Special Choral Music on April 18 (7:30 PM); and Celebratory **Easter** Worship Services on April 20 (8:15, 9:30, 11:00 AM)

GOOD FRIDAY SPECIAL MUSIC—Please join us at **7:30 PM on April 18, 2014** for an evening of special worship on Good Friday. Our Adult Choir will be presenting selections from the Faure "Requiem" and "The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross," a dramatic musical presentation by Robert Farlee. We hope to see you there!

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!

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR—"Preparing for Your Financial Future." Plan to attend this free seminar sponsored by the UMCL Endowment Committee on **April 7 at 7:00 PM**. See the bulletin insert or our website for more information: www.umcl.org/estate-planning

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on Wednesday evening **April 16** at Feed My Starving Children to work the **6:00 PM** shift. You are invited to join us. Please call Mickey Donahue (847.367.4906) to reserve a spot. When our task is complete, we will cross the street and eat dinner (or have dessert!) at Culvers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for **Vacation Bible School** this summer, **July 14—18** (9:00 AM—Noon). This year VBS will feature some wild and WEIRD animals...

UMCL News & Notes Continued

LAST CHANCE—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!

HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH PADS—Please consider serving with PADS at our church on Saturdays! Volunteers are desperately needed for **overnight shifts** (11 PM—3 AM or 3-6:30 AM) or **clean-up** (5:30-7:15 AM). Make a difference in someone's life this week! 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.

BLOOD DRIVE! The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Blood Drive with Life Source on **Saturday, April 26th** from **8:00 AM—1:00 PM**. Life Source supplies 100% of the blood that is used at Advocate Condell Hospital, so your contribution could be used by your neighbors, friends or even family. We are asking that the donors sign up for an appointment in advance so that Life Source can get a head count for staffing and supply needs. Sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall OR contact Diana Natsch at dnatsch1@gmail.com. For more information regarding qualifications, please see the website www.lifesource.org. Please consider participating, as your gift truly is a life saver!

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

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)

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—Faith is seeing light with your heart when all your eyes see is darkness. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of March 26, 2014

	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenues	\$54,359.18	\$187,726.64
Expenses	\$56,762.98	\$217,298.20
Difference	(\$ 2,403.80)	(\$29,571.56)

As we come close to the end of the first quarter, we presently have a \$29,000 gap between revenue and expenses. We encourage you to catch up on your giving this month if you have gotten behind. Your support and faithfulness are critical to our ministries. Thank you.

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Church Calendar

Sunday, March 30, 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 31, 2014

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

Tuesday, April 1, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Endowment Committee
1:45 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Worship Committee
7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's

Wednesday, April 2, 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
12:30 PM—Libertyville Clergy Luncheon
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee
8:00 PM—Ad Board Task Force

Thursday, April 3, 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
7:30 PM—Board of Trustees

Friday, April 4, 2014

7:00 PM—Young Couples (off site)

Saturday, April 5, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
10:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Committee
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
6:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, April 6, 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
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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)

12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee

4:00 PM—Confirmation

4:00 PM—Cub Scout #72 Committee

Monday, April 7, 2014

12:00 PM—Prime Time
7:00 PM—Estate Planning Seminar
7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class
7:00 PM—World's Religions Class
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, April 8, 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—Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's

Wednesday, April 9, 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
5:30 PM—All Stars
6:00 PM—Lake County United
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee

Thursday, April 10, 2014

9:00 AM—Faith Circle
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, April 11, 2014

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum
7:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72

Saturday, April 12, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
6:30 PM—PADS

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