

News & Notes

CONSTRUCTION NEWS...

- **Building Access** during construction—Beginning today, the parking lot entrance will be closed, except for access to the elevator. The Fellowship Hall and Brainerd entrances will remain open, but it will not be possible to walk through the building from Fellowship Hall to the Education Wing. Please plan to enjoy the springtime weather as you travel around the exterior of the building! The Brainerd entrance will be made handicapped accessible.
- **Sunday School**—Beginning today, kids need to be dropped off in room 206 (the big room) in the Education Wing prior to the start of service. They will remain in Sunday School for the entire worship hour. Parents, please come to your children's individual classrooms to pick them up after the service. The same applies for **Kids Own Worship** but please drop off and pick up kids in room 201 before and after service.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY: On Sunday, May 3, at our 9:30 AM service, we will confirm twenty-five youth who have participated in the Confirmation Program this year. Please join us for this joyous and significant moment and keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY began a six-week Chipp Ingram study on Heaven yesterday at 8:00 AM. New members welcome! Contact: Scott Allen.

VISITATION TEAM welcomes new members! We meet **Monday, April 27, at 7:00 PM** in the New Room (Education wing, second floor). We work in many ways to reach out to those who are shut in, lonely and would welcome a phone call or visit. Please call the church office if interested.

AD BOARD MEETING—Our next Administrative Board meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, May 2, at 8:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend!

RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP AND CLEAN-UP –AN INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT. Bring the whole family to help set up the Fellowship Hall for the spring rummage sale, **Sunday, May 3, starting at 2:00 PM** (later than usual). Men, women and children will be transforming our church into a stellar rummage sale destination by moving tables and hanging signs. ! No experience needed; we train with a smile! Help is also needed on **Saturday, May 9** starting at **11:30 AM** to tear-down. You may choose to work inside or outside. Your help is needed to make this mission benefit happen...and we have fun!

RUMMAGE SALE: You are invited to help with the Rummage sale! **Monday, May 4,** through **Wednesday, May 6,** donations of clothing, linens, books, audio and videotapes, DVDs, craft items, small electronics, toys and infant equipment, etc. will be accepted at the Fellowship Hall door. Larger items, furniture, sports equipment, tools etc. will be accepted at the church garage.

Set-Up: Sunday afternoon, May 3, 2:00 PM until finished

Drop-off & Sort: Monday-Wednesday, May 4-6, any time between 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

Display Arrangements: Thursday, May 7, any time between 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

Sale Hours: Friday, May 8, 9:00 AM—7:00 PM

Last Sale Day Saturday, May 9, 9:00 AM—Noon. (\$5/bag day)

Clean-Up Saturday, May 9, 12:00 to 3:00 PM (approximately)

Friday all inside sale items are \$1.00. Outside items are as marked. Saturday is bag day; everything you can get in one of our bags is \$5.00; outside items are half-price. Volunteers are especially needed Friday morning and Saturday afternoon. The sign-up poster is in Fellowship Hall. You may also donate food or money to provide meals for the volunteers. Questions? Please call Barbara Plohr (outside sales) at 847-367-5556 or Beth March (inside sales) at 847-367-5175.

PRIME TIME LUNCH (\$5) is planned for **Monday, May 11, at Noon** (second Monday of May, due to the Rummage Sale). As a courtesy to the lunch preparers, please sign up **BEFORE** 10:00 AM on Friday May 8, at the church office (847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org). See you there!

RUTH CIRCLE invites you to join us at the home of Cathy Dismar (1016 Michael Lane, Libertyville, 847-367-5502) on **Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 PM**. We will be viewing the 2013 documentary "Finding Vivian Maier." Vivian moved to Chicago in the 1950's, employed as a nanny. Her passion for photography and her thirst to be "cultured" led her around the globe, and back to Chicago.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKOUT SUNDAY! May 24 is our first Breakout Sunday, where Sunday School will "breakout" of the classroom and meet outside! (weather permitting) Please pick your kids up in the Grove following the 9:30 AM service on May 24. If you are interested in helping with this fun event please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL –Sunday School teachers are needed May through August! Since people are busy with summer travel we are changing our teaching commitment to a week at a time. This means we need A LOT more volunteers than usual! Please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org if you are able to give up an hour or two of your summer!!

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PADS SUMMER LUNCHESES—With our PADS site finished for the season, the homeless are truly homeless. We have committed to making 40 lunches the second Tuesday of each month for the next months. Sign up: Cathy O'Brien (cobrien1021@hotmail.com or 847-367-8062).

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance. 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.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS! We would like to recognize you in the bulletin and/or in person on **Sunday, May 31**, for your graduation! Please call or email the church office by **Wednesday, May 20**, with your graduation details and if you'll be attending worship on May 31.

Church Calendar

Sunday, April 26, 2015

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class

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 meets

in Education Wing

10:30 AM—Coffee Time

10:45 AM—New Member Class

11:00 AM—Contemporary Service

(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)

11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship (meet in room 201)

4:00 PM—Confirmation

6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

Monday, April 27, 2015

6:00 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts

7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study Group

7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team

7:00 PM—Visitation Team

7:00 PM—New Membership Committee

7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, April 28, 2015

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth

12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA

1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study

7:00 PM—Faithful Threads

Wednesday, April 29, 2015

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting

9:45 AM—Lectio Divina

1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study

7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE

7:00 PM—Resource Committee

Thursday, April 30, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

6:30 PM—Praise Band

7:30 PM—Disciple 3

7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, May 1, 2015

6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)

7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's

Saturday, May 2, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study

8:30 AM—Ad Board

Sunday, May 3, 2015

~ Confirmation Sunday ~

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class

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 meets

in Education Wing

10:30 AM—Coffee Time

10:45 AM—New Member Class

11:00 AM—Contemporary Service

(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)

11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship (meet in room 201)

2:00 PM—Rummage Sale set-up

6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

7:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee

Monday, May 4, 2015

9 AM – 8 PM – Rummage Sale Drop-off/Set-up

7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study Group

7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

9 AM – 8 PM – Rummage Sale Drop-off/Set-up

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth

12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA

1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study

1:00 PM—Endowment Committee

7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

9 AM – 8 PM – Rummage Sale Drop-off/Set-up

9:00 AM—MEMOS

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting

9:45 AM—Lectio Divina

1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study

7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE

7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

Thursday, May 7, 2015

9 AM – 2 PM – Rummage Sale Price and Sort

9:00 AM—Faith Circle

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

6:30 PM—Praise Band

7:30 PM—Disciple 3

7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, May 8, 2015

9 AM – 7 PM – Rummage Sale

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's

Saturday, May 9, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study

9 AM – 12 PM – Rummage Sale

11:30 AM—Rummage Sale Clean-Up



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

April 26, 2015

9:30 & 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Today's Scripture Passage

Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

— John 10:1-4, 8-11, 14-18



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



Greetings & Announcements (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.

Prelude "Great Is Our God" D. Wood

* Call to Worship

Leader Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing to the glory of his name.

People All the earth worships you, O Lord. All the earth sings praises to your name.

Leader Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with songs of joy.

People For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

Leader God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

People Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises!

* **Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

Unison Prayer

Spirit of the Living God, be with our kaleidoscopic church. We are many-colored and multi-shaped, with fragments that focus and focus again in different patterns as we turn to the light of your presence. Help us to love the patterns and the turning, and to trust in the beauty of a wholeness we long to see. Thank you for Jesus, who leads us to your light and your wholeness. Thank you for the blessed assurance that we are accepted in the Beloved. Amen.

First Scripture Reading 1 John 3:16-24 Jill Natzke

Anthem "In This Very Room" R. Harris
Adult Choir

Community Time

* What is your middle name and how did you get it?

* Where did you live when you were 10 years old and what was your favorite thing to do in the summer?

Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 381

* 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 Fellowship Hall. The Pastors and Prayer Team will use the cards to guide weekly prayer. Thank you.

Scripture Reading John 10:1-4, 8-11, 14-18

Sermon "Dreams of Our Shepherd" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Blessed Are They" J. Leavitt

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

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Closing Hymn** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" No. 133

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Psalm 19" B. Marcello



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 at the entrance to Fellowship Hall 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 stay after the service for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing. We look forward to meeting you!

Many Thanks to All who have worked so hard in our transition from the East Room and Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall for worship. The people organizing and working on this have been: Mark & Janet Mason, Joannie & Mike Foley, DeLynn Vang, Herb Spooner, Ben Hallett, Jeff Brown, Jim Grace, Joyce Bedell, Amanda Seibert, Peg Berryman, John & Jane Aten, Jan Grigsby, Ruth Ross, Karla Bolkema, Valerie Baker, Scott Allen, Pastors Jamie & Steve Williams and many others! Thank You!

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

Sound Techs: Mark Mason & Tom Seibert **Greeter (9:30):** Bettylou Miller

Acolyte (9:30): Chris Randall

April Ushers (9:30): John Aten, Jay Hazlett, David Natzke, Bill Vanni

Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee and refreshments following the service, hosted by the Children's Ministry Committee.

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** "King of Heaven" P. Baloché

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

Celebration of Holy Baptism

Jeff and Eryn Brown present their daughter, Loie Eryn, for Holy Baptism this morning.

Congregational Response

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Loie Eryn, 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.

Skit "Green's Call"

Community Time

* What is your middle name and how did you get it?

* Where did you live when you were 10 years old and what was your favorite thing to do in the summer?

First Scripture Reading 1 John 3:16-24

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Reading John 10:1-4, 8-11, 14-18

Sermon "Dreams of Our Shepherd" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* **Closing Song** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" R. Founds

* 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 meets in room 201 during the service. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers 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.

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 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