

News & Notes

CONSTRUCTION NEWS...

- **Look up** to see the new roof being installed!
- **Building Access** during construction—We anticipate that beginning this week, the parking lot entrance will be closed, except for weekend elevator access. The Fellowship Hall and Brainerd entrances will remain open. A ramp has been installed at the Brainerd entrance. The Sanctuary, East Room, and Foyer will also be closed.
- **Sunday School**—During this construction season, 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.
- Please see our **website** for the most current construction and building details: www.umcl.org

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE—On Memorial Day weekend, **next Sunday, May 24**, we begin our Summer Worship schedule, with **ONE SERVICE ONLY** at 9:30 AM.

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT RETIREMENT GIFT. Our DS, Rev. Oscar Carrasco, is retiring in June. A special service and reception will be held for him on **June 7, 3:00 to 6:00 PM** at Crystal Lake UMC (236 W. Crystal Lake Ave., 60014). All are welcome to attend. A book of remembrances and a monetary gift to his mother's church in Chile will be given to him at this event. Rev. Carrasco's mother, Sara, turned 100 on May 3, 2015. The monetary gift will be for the completion of a small educational addition in his mother's honor at her home church in Curacautin, Chile. Envelopes are available in the pocket of the attendance pads or mark "DS Gift" on your check. Thank You!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS! We would like to recognize you in the bulletin and/or in person on **Family Sunday, May 31**, (9:30 AM) for your graduation! Please call or email the church office by **Wednesday, May 20**, if you would like your name printed and/or will be in the service on May 31. If you are graduating from college, please tell us where you are graduating from and degree obtained. We would love to share this accomplishment with you!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet for lunch at the Liberty at **11:00 AM on May 19**. The callers will be calling you with a reminder and you can let them know if you are able to come so we can give the Liberty an approximate number of people. Questions? Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523.

RUTH CIRCLE invites you to join us at the home of Cathy Dismer (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."

SUMMER 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! Sign up to help: Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org!

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 drop off and pick your kids up in the Grove for the Sunday School hour on May 24. If you are interested in helping with this fun event please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.

FAMILY SUNDAY—Please join us on **May 31 for Family Sunday!** There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for children and youth. Kids of all ages will join us during the 9:30 AM service as we celebrate our volunteers and graduates, hear a sermon from Amanda Seibert and say goodbye to Sarah Mitchell. There will be cake!

VBS! Register now for Vacation Bible School on **July 13–17, 9:00 AM to noon**. Children, ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to come and experience a week at "Everest! Where kids learn to conquer challenges with God's mighty power." **Please note that VBS will be held at the Mundelein Chapel (1966 W. Hawley Street Mundelein) this year due to construction. Amanda Seibert is still leading VBS and volunteers are still needed! Registration forms and more details are available on our website: www.umcl.org/vbs.

PRIME TIME will meet **Monday, June 1 at 12:00 PM**. A special treat... Ruth Circle is providing lunch (no charge) and the program—"Women of the Bible." PLEASE call or sign up in the church office before 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 29. We look forward to seeing you!

HELPING HANDS FURNITURE PICK-UP is planned for **Saturday, May 30**. All donated items should be in good condition and need to be reviewed before pick-up to be sure the items can be used. Please call the church office to make arrangements.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—The best way to love someone is not to change them but instead, help them reveal the greatest version of themselves. 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.

MAY SECOND MILE GIVING supports: **1) Mother/Child Survival.** This UMCOR program provides care to mothers and children using community-based programs to reduce infant and maternal mortality and morbidity rates by educating individuals about nutrition, oral rehydration, immunization, and growth monitoring. (www.umcor.org, "Projects") **2) Appalachia Service Project.** From June 6-13, Ben Hallett will lead our youth and adult chaperones to the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina where they will spend a week of service in ministry, helping locals make their homes warmer and safer. (www.asphome.org)

PADS BLANKETS need to be washed over the summer! Please take 2 or 3 blankets home, wash them, and bring them back at the end of the summer. Blankets can be found in the Fellowship Hall storage room, on the shelves to your right. Thank you so much!

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY - RECYCLE PLANT POTS! The Chicago Botanic Gardens will recycle plastic plant pots on World Environment Day, **June 6**. We will be collecting pots in a tub in the foyers (Brainerd and Fellowship Hall). Or, visit the Botanic Gardens yourself on June 6, recycle your pots and see all the exhibits celebrating the environment! Thank you, The Earth!

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 17, 2015

~ **New Member Sunday** ~
8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 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
11:00 AM—Contemporary Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship (room 201)
11:00 AM—Children's Ministries Committee
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

Monday, May 18, 2015

7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study Group
7:00 PM—Troop #72
Tuesday, May 19, 2015
9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
11:00 AM—Priscilla Circle (Off site)
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
7:00 PM—Resource Committee
7:30 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

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—Ruth Circle (off site)
7:30 PM—Troop #72 Committee

Thursday, May 21, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:30 PM—Disciple 3
7:30 PM—Adult Choir
Friday, May 22, 2015

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum
7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's
Saturday, May 23, 2015
~ No Scheduled Events ~

Sunday, May 24, 2015

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 AM—Summer Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
9:30 AM—Breakout Sunday School in the Grove
9:30 AM—Youth and Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

Monday, May 25, 2015

~ Memorial Day—Office Closed ~

Tuesday, May 26, 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, May 27, 2015
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study

Thursday, May 28, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:30 PM—Disciple 3
7:30 PM—Adult Choir
Friday, May 29, 2015
7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's
Saturday, May 30, 2015
8:00 AM—Men's Study



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

May 17, 2015
9:30 & 11:00 AM

Ascension and New Member Sunday

Today's Scripture Passage

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

— Luke 24:44-53



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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 "Appalachian Praise" B. Nix

* Call to Worship

Leader Let us gather with the faithful from every nation, race, people, and language worshipping the God made known to us in Jesus Christ.

People **To God, the Ruler of the universe, and to Jesus, the King of glory who has risen from the dead, be blessing and honor, power and might forever and ever.**

Leader Let us gather in God's presence, singing songs of praise and joy with the people of God in every place and time.

People **Holy, holy, holy, great God of Hosts! The whole earth is full of your glory. Glory be to you, O God most high! Amen.**

* **Opening Hymn** "Jesus Shall Reign" No. 157

Unison Prayer

God of grace, you have come to us in Jesus Christ so we might have new life here on earth with each other. We are witnesses of your goodness and mercy. Give us power and strength to love as you have loved us and to reach out to the world with the Good News you have freely shared with us, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Reception of New Members UM Hymnal, page 33

First Scripture Reading Psalm 47 Cecily Hetzel

Welcome, Introduction & Word of Witness Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
Dr. Marge Nykaza and Harmony, Hope and Healing Ensemble
Word of Witness ~ Amanda Asque

Special Music "Every Praise" Walker/Bratton
"Come, Holy Spirit" J. Robertson
The Harmony, Hope and Healing Ensemble & the UMCL Adult Choir
Dr. Marge Nykaza, director

Sharing our Joys and Concerns** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

* **Hymns** "Majesty" & "He Is Lord" Nos. 176 & 177

* 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.

Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53

Sermon "You Are My Witnesses" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory Anthem "Total Praise" R. Smallwood
UMCL Choir and Dr. Jeff Brown, director

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

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

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Closing Hymn** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" No. 304

* **Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude "Peace Like a River" J. Sanborn



A Warm Welcome to All!

We are delighted to have all of you sharing with us in worship! This morning we welcome New Members to our church family. We also welcome the Harmony, Hope, and Healing (HHH) Gospel Ensemble who will join with our choir/band to perform and share their beautiful music and inspirational words. HHH is an organization which provides creative, therapeutic and educational music programs offering emotional and spiritual support to homeless and under-served women, children and men in the Chicago area. Through the restorative power of music, participants discover their authentic voice and are able to advocate for themselves and their children. A Love Offering will be taken this morning to support this ministry (www.harmonyhopeandhealing.org). Baskets for your offering are placed at the entrance and the back of Fellowship Hall.

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 the following people for helping with our services this morning!

Sound Tech: Darin Chartier **Greeter:** Bettylou Miller
Acolytes: Ushers

May Ushers (9:30): Rob Kilmer, Bob Kowal, Chris Skinner, Wes Swearingin
Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service.

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** "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Baloché

* **Song** "Shout to the Lord" Zschech

Video

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Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Meditative Song "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" Medema

Gospel Reading Luke 24:44-53

Sermon "You Are My Witnesses" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* **Closing Song** "The Same Love" Baloché

* **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