

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 Never Let Go" Redman

* Song "King of Heaven" Baloché

Children's Message

Scripture Psalm 126

* Song "Revelation Song" Riddle

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Matthew 18:1-6, 10-14

Sermon "Heaven's Gate" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* Closing Song "I Will Follow" Tomlin

* Pastoral Benediction



Children are welcome in worship. We enjoy having kids with us in worship! 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.

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.

Worship Team: Julie Bakus, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis, Jeanette Frisbey, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark & Janet Mason

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 29, 2014

~ Family Sunday ~

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
 9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
 9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
 (Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
 10:30 AM—Coffee Time
 11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
 (Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
 12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee
 6:00 PM—Dinner Theater Call-Out

Monday, June 30, 2014

Tuesday, July 1, 2014

12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA
 7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's

Wednesday, July 2, 2014

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
 9:00 AM—MEMOS
 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
 7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY

Thursday, July 3, 2014

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
 7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's

Friday, July 4, 2014

~ Office Closed ~
 2:00 PM—Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, July 5, 2014

8:30 AM—Praise Band
 3:00 PM—Wedding

Sunday, July 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
 9:15 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
 11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
 (Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)

Monday, July 7, 2014

12:00 PM—Prime Time

Tuesday, July 8, 2014

11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group
 12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA
 7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group) @ Ben's
 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)
 7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision
 7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, July 9, 2014

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
 7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
 7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee

Thursday, July 10, 2014

9:00 AM—Faith Circle
 12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
 7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's

Friday, July 11, 2014

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum
 6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)

Saturday, July 12, 2014

8:30 AM—Praise Band



**The United Methodist Church
 of Libertyville**

June 29, 2014

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

Family Sunday

Today's Scripture Passage

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea."

"Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost."

- Matthew 18:1-6, 10-14

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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 am



Gathering Music "Après un Rêve (After A Dream)" G. Fauré
Tim Johnston, Bass Solo

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 Loves Me" No. 191

* Call to Worship

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, come:

People Free us from all fear. Give us strength to carry on. Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day.

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, come:

People Give us power to be your church. Impart your gifts to our members that we may be the body of Christ. Bind us close together. Come and make us one.

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, come.

People That all may be one in Christ, the source of true unity, who is in us and with us all, today and tomorrow and always, even to the end of time. Hallelujah! Amen.

* **Musical Prayer** "Spirit of the Living God" No. 393
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:1-6, 10-14

Sermon "Heaven's Gate" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" J. Carter
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

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Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

* **Closing Hymn** "Children of the Heavenly Father" No. 141

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Thy Word" J. Carter



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



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Prelude "Après un Rêve (After A Dream)" G. Fauré
Tim Johnston, Bass Solo

* **Call to Worship** Alexandria Sapp

Leader Come, Holy Spirit, come:

People Free us from all fear. Give us strength to carry on. Give us hope and joy sufficient for each day.

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Leader Come, Holy Spirit, come.

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Unison Prayer

Eternal God, Creator and Redeemer, we praise your name above all others, giving you thanks for the gifts of life and love. Though we were born children of earth, you have taken us up in your arms and made us children of heaven. Let your spark of divine love glow within us once more, that through our lives others will come to know your grace, power, and love. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Scripture Reading Psalm 126 Nick Minor

Special Presentation: A VBS Skit Mitchell Brockman, Kylie Miller, Sofia Sapp

Children's Message Christina Parmar

Special Music "Everything Glorious" Ben Hallett

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn** "Children of the Heavenly Father" No. 141

* 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!

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* Prayer of Dedication

* **Closing Hymn** See insert
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms / 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Thy Word" J. Carter



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 at 10:30 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Sound Tech: Jeff Welch **Greeters:** (9:30) The Socie Family

Acolytes: (9:30) Anna Becker, Megan Nostrand

June Ushers: (8:15) Wayne Buck, Pat Conn, Larry Pflederer

(9:30) Kircher Family

Coffee Fellowship: (9:00—11:00) Please join us for coffee

and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall.

Closing Hymn (9:30 Service)

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms / ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace that's mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Lord I'm leaning, leaning; safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh I'm leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh I'm leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, oh I'm leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Jesus, Jesus how I trust you, How I proved you o'er and o'er.
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus, Oh for Grace to trust Him more.

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His word
Just to rest upon his promise, Just to know, thus saith the Lord.

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him, How I proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus, Oh for grace to trust Him more.

UMCL News & Notes ~ June 29, 2014

FAMILY SUNDAY—Today is our first ever 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. Nursery is available for children through age 5.

LAST CALL FOR LIBERTYVILLE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY—Jesus calls us to feed the hungry. The Outreach Committee is asking for your help to replenish the shelves at this local food pantry by donating food/supplies. We are collecting the following items: canned salmon or sardines, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned condensed milk or powdered milk, trash bags, and baby wipes. Please drop off donated items in the Food Pantry Boxes in the Foyer, Christian Education/Office wing, or Fellowship Hall, through **noon TODAY!** Details: Carol Sim-Campbell at (847) 362-3971 or simcampbell@comcast.net.

PASTORS' VACATION—Pastors Steve and Jamie will be on vacation for the next two weeks and will be back in the office on July 15. Rev. David Seyller will be preaching and leading Holy Communion on July 6. Mr. Jim Stewart will be preaching on July 13, kicking off a special sermon series on Spiritual Growth. Please join us for worship on these Sundays and keep the church in your prayers. Thank You!

PRIME TIME will meet on **Monday, July 7 at Noon** for a Potluck Lunch. Dessert will be provided. After lunch, join Jean Kowal for her program on “Who Knows Why The Wind Blows? (We Do!).” Please RSVP to the church office by Thursday, July 3 (847-362-2112 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net). We hope to see you there as we welcome Jan Grigsby as the new co-chair. ~ Mary Montgomery, Priscilla Mortland

YOUNG COUPLES will gather for a summer BBQ on **July 11 at 6:30 PM** at Scott and Charlotte Allen's home (1201 Hampton Lane, Mundelein). Please RSVP to allensc@comcast.net or 847-968-4565. Come join us!

UMCL News & Notes Continued

ARE YOU READY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

- * **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TOMORROW!** Registration forms are available in the narthex or on our website www.umcl.org/vbs.
- * **SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED!** Donation slips are available in the narthex, please take as many as you feel you can fulfill by July 13th.
- * **T-SHIRT DECALS AND MUSIC CDs** will be available for pick up in the Narthex on Sunday, July 6th and 13th between church services.
- * **DECORATING PARTY**—Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, July 13th, after church, to transform the church into a wild, weird and crazy place. Come for an hour or stay the whole afternoon! Lunch will be provided, please RSVP to Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.
- * **YOUTH SUNDAY** is planned for July 20th. Mark your calendars!

THE UMCL YOUTH are proud to invite you to another **Summer Theatre Production!** On **Saturday, July 19th at 6 PM** in Fellowship Hall we will be presenting Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat for your viewing pleasure. Tickets will be \$10 and will go on sale Sunday, July 6th at church and sell all the way up until Friday July 18th. No sales at the door. We only have 150 tickets—so come get them quick!

RUTH CIRCLE will meet at 6:00 PM on Wednesday evening, **July 16th** at the home of Beth March (15660 W. Timber Lane, Libertyville, 847-367-5175) for a planning meeting to discuss program ideas for next year. You are asked to bring a potluck salad or dessert to share, as we have found we think better while eating together... come join us and bring ideas! Please RSVP to Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com or 847-367-4906).

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please call Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

SAVE THE DATE FOR MISSION U—It's that time of year again where women and men gather to worship, laugh and learn of social justices within our world. Come for a weekend of faith, fellowship and fun at MISSION u at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb Illinois **Thursday, July 17 through Sunday, July 20**. If you can't make it for the weekend, come for the day on Saturday, July 12. Registration is underway; for more information, please contact Bonnie Lill at 847-987-2541, or pick up a brochure in the literature rack in the foyer. Hoping to see you there for a weekend of inspiration and fun!

FAITH CIRCLE—VBS is fast approaching! Let's help Amanda on **Thursday, July 10th from 9:00 to 11:00 am**. She will assign us a few decorating and craft preparation tasks to get ready for the fun week ahead. It is a good idea to dress yourself and your kids (if they choose to help) in clothes that can get messy. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Amanda at amanda.seibert@umcl.org.

PADS SUMMER HELP—Volunteers are needed to take 2-3 PADS blankets home and wash them, returning them to church in late summer. Blankets are out in Fellowship Hall for anyone to take home. Thanks in advance for your laundering help!

HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of June 24, 2014

	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenues	\$55,468.00	\$389,857.95
Expenses	\$69,795.27	\$441,842.55
Difference	(\$14,327.27)	(\$51,984.60)

While we have a gap between income and expenses, it is less than we had anticipated to see at this point in the year. Your generous giving through the summer months and into the Fall will help reduce that gap between income and expenses, bringing us closer to our goal of balanced financial results. Thank you for your continued support!