

## News & Notes Continued

**CENTER FOR CHANGING LIVES FUNDRAISER**—John and Elise Grosspietsch are hosting a delicious and charitable afternoon fundraiser for the **Center for Changing Lives** (formerly Humboldt Park Social Services, see [www.cclconnect.org](http://www.cclconnect.org) for more information) on **Saturday, July 25, 3:00-6:00 PM**. Suggested ticket price is \$50/person, and tickets are available from Elise Naccarato-Grosspietsch ([eliseng1005@gmail.com](mailto:eliseng1005@gmail.com), 847-362-0029) or Diana Natsch ([dnatsch1@gmail.com](mailto:dnatsch1@gmail.com), 847-362-1385).

**SCHOOL BAGS FOR UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief) are available in the Fellowship Hall and Education Wing for pick-up and filling. The supply list is located by the bags. Please return the filled school bags by **August 5!**

**ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS MISSION TRIP**—Please consider joining us to help our neighbors near the Rochelle area that were hit by a tornado on April 9, 2015. We will be helping two families rebuild their homes **August 10-14**. No construction skills required, only a willing spirit to help others. Ages 16 and above welcomed. You can volunteer for the whole week or just a day. Approximate drive time to Rochelle is one hour, 40 minutes. The local Methodist church will provide lodging. Interested? Contact Jeff Welch at 847-372-6835 or [jpwelch5@gmail.com](mailto:jpwelch5@gmail.com).

**UMW SAVE THE DATE**—Elgin District UMW Annual celebration at Arlington Heights First with Rev. Ouk-Yuan Jueng as our speaker will be held on **September 19**. Cost \$12-\$15 with details coming soon. Carpooling will be available. Contact Mary Ann Burson or Bonnie Lill for additional information.

**ALTAR FLOWERS!** Call the church or go to our website ([www.umcl.org/altar\\_flowers](http://www.umcl.org/altar_flowers)) to sign up to provide altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events. July and August dates are available! Cut flowers arranged in a vase from your own garden are welcome as well. Contact: Joannie Foley at [foleyszoo@aol.com](mailto:foleyszoo@aol.com).

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME** is a wonderful time for fellowship. Volunteers are needed for making and serving coffee from 8:30 AM through a short time after the service. A sign-up sheet is located by the donation basket on the table as you walk into the kitchen 'entrance' door. We hope your family or church group will consider helping! If you have any questions, please call Jan Grigsby at 847-362-8473.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING!** As you are making summer plans, why not also plan to move to the new electronic giving option? Monthly electronic funds transfers (EFTs) can be set up through the Church's bank to make your contribution even when you aren't able to be here in person. Registration forms are available from the Church Finance or Main Office. Questions can be directed to Ruth Ross, Business/Operations Manager, at the church.

**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 (so the washed blankets stay separate from those not yet washed). Blankets can be found on the back counter of Fellowship Hall. Thank you so much!

**2016 PANAMA MISSION TRIP**—While you are out shopping for school supplies for your children and the UMW school bags, please pick up some extra supplies for the Panama children. We are in need of crayons (8, 16, or 24), pencils, stickers, and VERY THIN coloring books. We can also use toothpaste, toothbrushes (children and adult sizes) and "beanie babies" or very small stuffed animals. Donations can be dropped in the Panama Bin in the back of Fellowship Hall or in the office. Thank you for your continued support for this very important mission. Questions? Please call Becky Traut (847-367-0295) or Linda Kraemer (847-816-8896).

**JULY SECOND MILE GIVING** supports: 1) **Beacon Place**. Targeting the nutrition, health, and education needs of those in Waukegan, their core programs include a summer lunch and day camp program for children who rely on subsidized meals during the school year, a backpack program to provide food for these children during weekends, a summer program for young teens, a tutoring program, and a wide variety of programs for mothers and caregivers. Last year their summer program averaged 200 children per day. [www.beacon-place.org](http://www.beacon-place.org) or 224-572-9330. 2) **Lee Memorial Girl's Dormitory, India**. One of the UMC international projects sponsored by our conference, this residential school for girls in Calcutta makes it possible for orphaned and destitute young women to learn not only a basic education but also skills for a brighter future in an area of the world where girls are often overlooked for education. ([www.umcmision.org/projects](http://www.umcmision.org/projects)).

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, July 12, 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—Sunday School for children & Youth meets in Education Wing  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

### Monday, July 13, 2015

9:00 AM—"Everest" VBS @ Mundelein Chapel  
1:00 PM—BookTalkers  
6:00 PM—Daisy Scouts  
Tuesday, July 14, 2015  
9:00 AM—"Everest" VBS @ Mundelein Chapel  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)  
7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision  
7:15 PM—Simply Pray

### Wednesday, July 15, 2015

9:00 AM—"Everest" VBS @ Mundelein Chapel  
9:00 AM—MEMOS  
9:30 PM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
6:30 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)

### Thursday, July 16, 2015

9:00 AM—"Everest" VBS @ Mundelein Chapel  
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

### Friday, July 17, 2015

9:00 AM—"Everest" VBS @ Mundelein Chapel  
Saturday, July 18, 2015

- No Scheduled Activities -

### Sunday, July 19, 2015

- Youth Celebration Sunday -  
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 0-4 years)  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

### Monday, July 20, 2015

- No Scheduled Activities -

### Tuesday, July 21, 2015

12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)  
7:00 PM—Resource Committee  
7:15 PM—Simply Pray

### Wednesday, July 22, 2015

9:30 PM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina

### Thursday, July 23, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

### Friday, July 24, 2015

11:00 AM—UMCL Table at "Out To Lunch"

### Saturday, July 25, 2015

11:00 AM—Jan Vath Memorial Service (off site)  
1:00 PM—Lee Hubbard Memorial Service



## The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

July 12, 2015  
9:30 AM

## The Season of Pentecost

### Today's Good News

#### The Commandment to Love

Matthew 22: 37-40

He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

#### Redeemed to Love

John 21: 15-17

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

#### Becoming Christ's Love to the World

Colossians 3: 14-17

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

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## Summer 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** "O Rest in the Lord" F. Mendelssohn

### \* Call to Worship Ben Hallett

**Leader** Let us give thanks to God for his eternal blessings.

**People** Let us erupt in praise for his steadfast love.

**Leader** Let us walk in faith daily with Jesus our Lord.

**People** Let us seize this day to serve the Risen Savior.

**Leader** Let us ask and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

**People** Let us plunge into God's promise, transformed by the very breath of God.

**All** We burst into worship with all of our heart, mind, body and strength. Amen.

\* Opening Hymn "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" No. 557

### Unison Prayer

Heavenly Father, you spoke Creation into existence and formed us in your image. Above all your creatures, you instilled in us the unique capacity to know and love you. When we chose our own way over yours, you pursued us with a relentless, redeeming LOVE, desiring that none of your children would be lost. You persistently call us out of our relative comfort to be salt and light to a troubled world. Show us how to love as you LOVE. May our words and deeds, our being and doing, our loving and serving be a witness to the presence of the resurrected Christ, the unbounded grace of God, and the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**First Scripture Reading** 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7, 13 Jon Elsea

\* Hymn "The Gift of Love" No. 408

**Community Time** Ben Hallett

### Sharing our Joys and Concerns\*\*

**Congregational Prayer and the Lord's Prayer** No. 895

\* 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.

**Solo** "Without His Love" D. Lokensgard  
Audrey Johnston

**Second Scripture Reading** Matthew 22:37-40;  
John 21:15-17; Colossians 3: 14-17

**Sermon** "Love Is a Verb" Jim Stewart

**Offering / Offertory** "Day by Day" T. Fettke

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

\* Prayer of Dedication

\* Closing Hymn "O How I Love Jesus" No. 170

\* Benediction

**Postlude** "The Church's One Foundation" M. Hayes



## A Warm Welcome to All!

We are so glad you have chosen to share with us in worship this morning! 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:** Jesse Nixon

**July Ushers:** John Aten, Jay Hazlett, Tim Henthorn, Bill Vanni

**Coffee Fellowship:** Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service, hosted by the Youth Council.

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### BUILDING ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- The Sanctuary, East Room, and Foyer are now closed with no admittance to anyone. There is no access to the building from the parking lot doors during construction. On Sundays, you may utilize the parking lot exterior doors to reach the elevator only. Fellowship Hall and Brainerd entrances are accessible. The new ADA ramp is in place at the Brainerd (Education Wing Entry Stairs) entrance. There are two handicapped parking spots by the Brainerd entrance.
- We thank you for being considerate of those who are unable to walk longer distances by utilizing the library parking lot or perhaps carpooling to church with a neighbor.
- Thank you as well for not parking at any time along the drive entering the parking lot. This entire drive must be kept clear for safe access to the parking lot.
- Please check out [www.umcl.org/building-access](http://www.umcl.org/building-access) for all building access information.

**PASTORS' VACATION**—Pastors Steve and Jamie are on vacation, returning to the office on July 14. We are delighted to welcome Mr. Jim Stewart to our pulpit today! If you have emergency pastoral care needs during this time, please call the church office.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOTES!

- VBS meets July 13-17, 9:00 AM to Noon at the Mundelein Chapel (location change due to construction)
- VOLUNTEER opportunities are still available! Contact: [Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org)
- SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED! Donation slips are available in the Fellowship Hall today! Thank you for your help!
- VBS T-shirt decals and music CDs are available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall this morning.

**YOUTH CELEBRATION SUNDAY—JULY 19!** Our youth and children will be participating in next Sunday's service, July 19. The children will share highlights from their week of VBS. The service will also include youth testimonies and youth-centered music. Sunday School will be cancelled at 9:30 AM so all children and youth can attend worship. Nursery care will be provided for children birth through preschool ages. Don't miss this great day!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NAME CHANGE!** We are looking for a fun, kid-friendly name for our "Sunday School" program. Through August 2 we are collecting submissions for what you think the name "Sunday School" could be changed to. Visit the table upstairs in the Education Wing to enter; winners will be announced on August 30!

**SIMPLY PRAY**—You may still join us Tuesday evenings at 7:15 PM as we come together for a time of silent and spoken prayer. This is a safe place to begin to experience the power of group prayer. No experience or skill required. Right brain, left brain, Millennial to Boomer to Silent Gen, all are welcome. It is a busy time of year, so come when you can. Five Tuesday evenings, began July 7.

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet Wednesday evening, July 15, at 6:30 PM for a potluck summer salad supper at the home of Teri Dreher (228 Red Top Drive, Libertyville. Since parking is limited, there will be carpooling from the church, meeting at 6:15 PM). Beverages and dessert will be provided. Along with your salad contribution, please bring your creative suggestions for next year's programs as we will be planning the 2015-16 calendar. Please RSVP to Teri at 847-612-6684 or Janet Hartkopf at 847-526-8416. All are welcome to join us... no membership "requirement!"

**ADOPT-A-GARDEN!** The church's gardens would benefit from your summer care (weeding, watering, and planting if you choose). If you're willing to "adopt" a portion of our gardens (maybe 10-15 feet), please contact Ruth Ross at [Ruth.Ross@umcl.org](mailto:Ruth.Ross@umcl.org) or 847-362-2112.

**OUT TO LUNCH!** Mark your calendars now! Our church will be a part of the MainStreet Libertyville's Out to Lunch (Picnic in the Park) tent on Friday, July 24, and Friday, August 21, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Stop by to say hello and encourage others to do so. If you'd like to be a part of this event, e-mail [joyce.bedell@umcl.org](mailto:joyce.bedell@umcl.org).

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE**—Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of Love, a Gift to that person, a Beautiful thing (Mother Teresa). If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leaders Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.