

## News & Notes Continued

**ADOPT-A-GARDEN**—If you'd like to join in caring for our gardens (occasional weeding, some watering, and maybe some late plantings), please consider adopting a garden patch or two. Small sections of the gardens can be yours to care for or you can team up with friends. We'll supply all the tools you'll need and hoses for watering too. Look for a display in Fellowship Hall TODAY to "adopt" your garden patch. Questions? Contact Ruth Ross at 847-362-2112.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** begin soon! Cherub Choir for ages 3-5 year olds (including Kindergarten) will begin on Sunday, **September 6, 9:00-9:30 AM**, in Room 203. Joyful Noise (1st-3rd graders) and Choristers (4th-6th graders) will begin on Sunday, **September 13, 4:30-5:15 PM** in Room 203. God's Soul Girls (7th-10th grade girls) will begin on Sunday, **September 6, 10:40-11:20 AM** in Room 203. Questions? Please contact Blair Brockman at Blair.Brockman@umcl.org

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!** If you sing, play an instrument, or like to work with technology, there's a place for you in music ministry at UMCL! Ringers and singers are needed for Heritage Bells and Adult Choir. Please contact Jim Grace (Jim.Grace@umcl.org) or Jeff Brown (Jeff.Brown@umcl.org) for details. Heritage Bells begin rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 PM**. Adult Choir rehearsals begin **Thursday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 PM**.

**WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** begins on Wednesday, **Sept. 9, at 1:00 PM** in Room 103 at the church. We will be studying the books of "Timothy." If you haven't ordered your study guide, contact Kathie Slocum. Any other questions, contact Terry Johnson. All women are welcome!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**—Reserve **Saturday, September 12, 12:00-2:00 PM** for food, fun and fellowship at our "Getting To Know You" event! All women are invited!

**PRIME TIME** will meet **Monday, September 14** for lunch (\$5) at **12:00 PM (second Monday of September due to Labor Day)**. Please make your lunch reservations by 10:00 AM on Friday, September 11. Also please start saving plastic grocery bags & the plastic sleeves that cover newspapers. Ruth Morgenthaler will teach us how to "recycle" them by making pads for the homeless to sleep on. We will be cutting & knotting—nothing too difficult, plus we can visit while doing a useful project. PLEASE BRING PLASTIC BAGS, SCISSORS & YOUR ENTHUSIASM! (If others would like to donate plastic grocery/newspaper bags as well, please put them in the kitchen labeled "for Jan.") Thank you!

**PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS**—Our college ministry would love to send your college student a couple of care packages throughout the year. Please call or email the church office (info@umcl.org) by **September 24** and let us know your student's address for this school year. Thank you!

**UMW FALL RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING**, starting **Sunday, October 4** with set-up and ending **Saturday, October 10** with clean-up (and re-setting Fellowship Hall for Sunday services.) Please consider donating some of your time (as well as items to be sold) to help make this sale a great success. Questions? Contact Beth March 847-367-5175, bethcmarch@aol.com.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE**—One measure of our love for Christ is our sensitivity to the needs of others. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Ministry Leaders Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

**WILL YOU HELP? PADS SITE MANAGERS NEEDED.** PADS will begin the first week of October, and we are in need of site managers. If you would be willing to help one Saturday evening, 6:00-11:00 PM, each month, from October to April, please let Cathy O'Brien know. We need 1 man and 1 woman (not necessarily a couple). Call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062 to sign up or with questions.

**YES, PADS BLANKETS** still need to be washed! Please take 2 or 3 blankets home, wash them, and bring them back in September (so the washed blankets stay separate from those not yet washed). Blankets can be found on the back counter of Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

**ALTAR FLOWERS!** Call the church or go to our website (www.umcl.org/altar\_flowers) to sign up to provide altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events. We are currently scheduling flowers for September, October & November! Cut flowers arranged in a vase from your own garden are welcome as well. Contact: Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

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

Sound Tech: Bert Kibbler  
August Ushers: John Aten, Bob Kowal, Chris Skinner, Wes Swearingin  
Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee and refreshments  
after the service, hosted by Steve and Beth March.

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, August 23, 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 (Promotion Sunday)  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

### Monday, August 24, 2015

7:00 PM—Troop #72  
7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team

### Tuesday, August 25, 2015

12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)

### Wednesday, August 26, 2015

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

### Thursday, August 27, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee

### Friday, August 28, 2015

5:15 PM—Confirmation Retreat Departs  
6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

### Saturday, August 29, 2015

9:00 AM—United Methodist Men  
11:30 AM—Golf Outing  
5:15 PM—Confirmation Retreat Returns

### Sunday, August 30, 2015 ~ Rally Day Extravaganza

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 (Promotion Sunday)  
10:30 AM—Extravaganza Activities  
& All Church Picnic

### Monday, August 31, 2015

7:00 PM—Troop #72

### Tuesday, September 1, 2015

12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA

### Wednesday, September 2, 2015

9:00 AM—MEMOS  
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE

### Thursday, September 3, 2015

7:00 PM—Trustees  
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

### Thursday, September 3, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

### Friday, September 4, 2015

7:00 PM—First Friday Friends

### Saturday, September 5, 2015

8:30 AM—Bike Hike

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August 23, 2015  
9:30 AM

## The Season of Pentecost

### Today's Scripture Passage

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying. When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with each other.

—Romans 12:1-16a



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

**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** "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" A. Zabel  
 Bell Ensemble

**\* Call to Worship** Mr. Jim Stewart

Leader The work of the Creator is visible.  
**People May we respond with wonder!**  
 Leader The example of Jesus is apparent.  
**People May we respond with obedience!**  
 Leader The wind of the Spirit is blowing.  
**People May we respond with joy.**  
 Leader The word of God is calling.  
**All May we worship in spirit and in truth.**

**\* Opening Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577  
 Kim Munro, guest pianist

**First Scripture Reading** Psalm 15 Jeris Boyce

**Congregational Prayer**  
**Eternal God, from the very beginning you have declared your purposes for this world and you have not abandoned them. In Christ, you have called your church out to be the very embodiment of the hope of your kingdom to come. Pour your Spirit out on us that we may live your memory. And may every part of our lives resound with spirit and truth, pointing the way home to you. Amen.**

**Solo** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" R. Walters  
 Naomi Varda

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

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

**\* Hymn** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" No. 581

**Second Scripture Reading** Romans 12:1-16a

**Sermon** "Restoring Relevance" Mr. Ben Hallett

\* 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.

**Offering / Offertory** "Amazing Grace" A. Zabel  
 Bell Ensemble

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

**\* Closing Hymn** "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" No. 540

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**



**Rally Day Extravaganza and All-Church Picnic!**

**Sunday, August 30**

**9:30 AM—1:00 PM**

Join us on **August 30** for Family Sunday and an ALL-church picnic! Children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks or totes to the worship service for the annual "**Backpack Blessing**" as the school year begins. (Sunday School will NOT meet on Aug. 30). Following the service we will come together for an All-Church Extravaganza in the Grove next door, with food, games, pony rides, bounce house and activities for all ages! Grilled hot dogs, fried chicken, and drinks will be provided. You are welcome to bring a blanket or chairs, a dish to pass, and a joyous spirit. The Spiritual Growth Committee will launch its "Connect, Grow, Impact" Campaign, providing adults with all kinds of ways to get involved in the church this fall. Tours of the Sanctuary and new Entry Area will also be offered. Don't miss this special day!

**Schedule of Events**

**Worship Celebration ~ 9:30—10:30 AM** (Fellowship Hall)

**Tours of Sanctuary/New Entry Area**

10:30—11:00 AM (meet at back of Fellowship Hall)

11:00—11:30 AM (meet at west parking lot doors)

11:30 AM—12:00 PM (meet at west parking lot doors)

**Pony Rides ~ 10:30 AM—12:30 PM** (Grove)

**Bounce House ~ 10:30 AM—1:00 PM** (Grove)

**Lawn Games ~ 10:30 AM—1:00 PM** (Grove)

**Photo Booth ~ 11:00 AM—1:00 PM** (Grove)

**Picnic ~ 11:00 AM—1:00 PM** (Grove)

Grilled Hot Dogs, Fried Chicken, & Beverages will be provided

Bring a dish to pass if you wish; you may also bring a blanket or lawn chairs.

**CONNECT ~ GROW ~ IMPACT**

**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!

**News & Notes**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Kids are invited to **Promotion Sunday TODAY during the 9:30 AM service.** Kids will graduate to the next grade and make decorations for their new classrooms!

**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** On **Sunday, September 13**, we return to **two** worship services on Sunday mornings: Traditional Worship at 9:30 AM and Contemporary Worship at 11:00 AM.

**NINTH ANNUAL UMCL GOLF CLASSIC & DINNER** will be held on **Saturday, August 29**. Join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on the golf links with consecutive tee times starting at 11:30 AM, at Steeple Chase Golf Club, a Mundelein Park District course, at 200 N. La Vista Drive in Mundelein. Entry fee for the event is \$80 per person, including greens fees with cart and catered dinner from Catered Productions at 5:30 PM at Jack and Linda Kraemer's home in Libertyville. Non-golfers are welcome to join for dinner at \$15/person. Contact Scott Allen, 847-217-9067 (scott.r.allen@jci.com), for reservation or information, or call the church office at 847-362-2112.

**ALL-STARS!** All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to our first All-Stars of the year! Join us **Wednesday, September 9, 5:30—7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. We will have dinner together, learn Bible stories, play games, make new friends and have a lot of fun! Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3).

**BIBLE SUNDAY** is Sunday, **September 13**. If your child is currently in 3rd grade and would like to receive a Bible, please return the registration form to Amanda Seibert by Sunday, September 6. Contact Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org with any questions.

**KIDS' OWN WORSHIP!** All kids are invited to Kids' Own Worship, starting on **September 13**, during the 11:00 AM service. Kids' Own Worship is a fun, faith-filled children's church for ages 4 to 3rd grade. They will create crafts, play games and discover Bible stories. Please drop your children off in Room 201 upstairs in the Education Wing before service

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS—**In order for your child to participate in any of the upcoming events, we need to have the Children & Youth Sunday School Registration form filled out with updated information. You can return the completed form to the folder on Amanda Seibert's door or register your kid(s) online at [www.UMCL.org](http://www.UMCL.org).

**TEACHERS NEEDED—**Our Sunday School classes are in need of teachers for the fall! We ask volunteers to commit for a month at a time, or find a friend to share a month with. Please sign up at the bulletin board across from the nursery or contact Amanda Seibert at [Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org)

**BUILDING ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION**

- The Sanctuary, East Room, and Foyer are closed with no admittance to anyone. There is no access to the building from the parking lot doors or the boiler room. On Sundays only, you may utilize the west parking lot exterior doors to reach the elevator. Fellowship Hall and Brainerd entrances are accessible. The Brainerd (Education Wing) entrance is equipped with an ADA ramp, as well as two nearby handicapped parking spots.
- 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.
- Check out [www.umcl.org/building-access](http://www.umcl.org/building-access) for all building updates and access information.