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UPDATED BUILDING ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Thank you to everyone for your support, understanding, and flexibility during this season of construction! It's exciting to know that the progress in the building means this church will continue to be equipped to serve God and the community for generations to come.
- Please remember that for everyone's safety, we ARE NOT using the west exterior parking lot doors or the boiler room doors to enter the building at any time, day or night! The Sanctuary, East Room, and Foyer are all closed to everyone except the construction crew. If you are coming to an event scheduled for Fellowship Hall, please use the Fellowship Hall entrance. If you are coming to a class or meeting scheduled in the Education Wing, please use the Brainerd Street entrance. On Sundays only, you may utilize the west parking lot exterior doors only to reach the elevator. The 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 for all building updates and access information. Please contact the office if you have questions about building access.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 13, 2015

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
 9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
 9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
 (Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
 9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time (Believers In God /
 Children's Sunday School)
 9:30 AM—Youth & Adult Sunday School
 10:30 AM—Coffee Time
 10:40 AM—God's Soul Girls
 11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
 (Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
 11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (meet in room 201)
 4:00 PM—Confirmation
 4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers
 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

Monday, September 14, 2015

12:00 PM—Prime Time
 1:00 PM—Book Talkers
 7:00 PM—Inquirer's Study
 7:00 PM—Outreach Committee
 7:00 PM—Young & Board (off site)
 7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
 9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
 12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA
 1:00 PM—Christian Believer

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

9:00 AM—MEMOS
 9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
 1:00 PM—Timothy Bible Study
 7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)
 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
 7:00 PM—Resource Committee
 7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee
Thursday, September 17, 2015
 12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
 7:00 PM—Disciple Fast Track
 7:00 PM—Disciple 4
 7:30 PM—Adult Choir
 7:30 PM—Praise Band (off site)

Friday, September 18, 2015

- No Scheduled Events -

Saturday, September 19, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study
 8:30 AM—Bike Hike
 9:00 AM—Youth Hero Project

Sunday, September 20, 2015

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
 9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
 9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
 (Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
 9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time (Believers In God /
 Children's Sunday School)
 9:30 AM—Youth & Adult Sunday School
 10:30 AM—Coffee Time
 10:40 AM—God's Soul Girls
 11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
 (Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
 11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (room 201)
 4:00 PM—Confirmation
 4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers

Monday, September 21, 2015

7:00 PM—Inquirer's Study
 7:00 PM—Young & Board (off site)
 7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
 12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA
 1:00 PM—Christian Believer
 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)
 7:15 PM—Prayer Study

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
 1:00 PM—Timothy Bible Study
 5:30 PM—All Stars
 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
 7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee

Thursday, September 24, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
 6:30 PM—Financial Peace University
 7:00 PM—Disciple Fast Track
 7:00 PM—Disciple 4
 7:30 PM—Adult Choir
 7:30 PM—Praise Band (off site)

Friday, September 25, 2015

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum
 Women of Faith (Sears Centre)

Saturday, September 26, 2015

Women of Faith (Sears Centre)
 8:00 AM—Men's Study
 8:30 AM—Bike Hike
 9:00 AM—United Methodist Men

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The United Methodist Church
 of Libertyville
 September 13, 2015
 9:30 & 11:00 AM

**Bible Sunday
The Season of Pentecost**

Today's Scripture Passages

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?
 How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me?
 Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, "I have overcome him," and my foes will rejoice when I fall.
 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.
 —Psalm 13



When they came to the crowd, a man approached Jesus and knelt before him. "Lord, have mercy on my son," he said. "He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him."

"You unbelieving and perverse generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me." Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?"

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

— Matthew 17: 14-20

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" L. Shackley
Cynthia Nash-Frye, piano

*** Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
Leader We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.
People **We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.**
Leader We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit to give us courage and renewal.
People **Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day. Amen.**

*** Opening Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" No. 529

Congregational Prayer

God of truth and understanding, generation after generation you have listened patiently while your people questioned your love. We too have doubted your love and judged you without knowing you. Awaken us to your presence that we may know through our own experience and enlightenment that you are faithful in your love and care for us and all creation. Teach us to trust as Jesus trusted, to pray as Jesus prayed, to walk as Jesus walked. Grant us wisdom. Grant us courage. Grant us faith, for the living of these days. Amen.

Musical Response "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" No. 349
Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

First Scripture Reading Psalm 13 Peggy Berryman

Presentation of Bibles Amanda Seibert
Congregational Response

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you and your family as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday school classes, and in our worship together. May God help all of us to learn and grow in our love for God's Word. Amen.

* 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.

Community Time Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

- * What is your first memory related to the Bible?
- * How does the Bible connect with faith and doubt in your life?

Anthem "We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light" H. Hopson
Adult Choir; Jeff Brown, director

Sharing our Joys and Concerns** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*** Hymn** "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" No. 500, verses 1, 3, 4, 5

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 17:14-20

Sermon "Faith & Doubt" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Majesty" L. Evans
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

*** Closing Hymn** "Just As I Am" No. 357, verses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

*** Benediction**

Postlude "God Leads Us Along" L. Shackley



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 service this morning!

Sound Tech: Tom Seibert

September Ushers: John Aten, Mike Fennewald, Tom Plohr, Ted Zeng

Coffee Time: Please join us for coffee and refreshments after the service, hosted by Pat and Peggy Berryman.

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Welcome Video

Song "The Cure for the Pain" J. Foreman

Welcome & Announcements Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
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Song "Oh, How I Need You" D. Leonard

Prayer Ben Hallett

Song "Oh, Great Love of God" D. Crowder

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Community Time Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

- Questions for Sharing
 - * What is your first memory related to the Bible?
 - * How does the Bible connect with faith and doubt in your life?
- Sharing Our Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Video

Message "Faith & Doubt" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
Matthew 17:14-20

Offering

Closing Blessing

*** Closing Song** "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Stead/Kirkpatrick



Worship Team: David Bedell, Woody Bedell, Ben Hallett, Heidi Nelson, Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon

Multimedia Coordinators: Connor Clausen, Mark and Janet Mason

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.

Thank you for filling out the registration sheet that is passed around so we can share news of the church with you. Thanks for including your email address.

UMCL News & Notes ~ September 13, 2015

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE: *This morning, we return to two worship services: Traditional Worship at 9:30 AM and Contemporary Worship at 11:00 AM.*

CONNECT—GROW—IMPACT! *Friends, if you want to get involved in our community life this fall, please check out our Fall Community Catalogue. You'll notice that all of the offerings are listed under what they intend to produce—Connecting with others, Spiritual Growth, or Impacting the community. Ask the ushers for a copy as you leave today and then please reach out to the respective contact person for more specific details. May we be a blessing this Fall season!*

SUPPLIES FOR LAKE COUNTY HAVEN—*The Children's Ministries and Outreach Committee need your help to support the shelter residents of the Lake County Haven. During September we are collecting these needed products: All Purpose Cleaner, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Garbage Bags—Kitchen Size and Large Size, Clorox or Lysol Wipes, Bleach, Laundry Detergent (Powder Only), Dish Soap, Furniture Polish (wood safe), Hand Soap. Donated items can be placed in the bin in Fellowship Hall or Education Wing. Thank you!*

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS—

- **Cherub Choir** meets at **9:00 AM** Sunday mornings, in Room 203, for little singers ages 3 -5 yrs. We will learn Bible songs, praise songs, and play fun instruments, too!
- **God's Soul Girls**, a praise and worship singing group for 7th-10th graders, meets Sundays at **10:40 AM** in Room 203. Hope to see returning singers and new faces, too!
- **Joyful Noise** (1st-3rd graders) and **Choristers** (4th-6th graders) begin **TODAY, 4:30-5:15 PM** in Room 203.
- Questions about children's choirs? Contact Blair Brockman at Blair.Brockman@umcl.org

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

THE INQUIRERS CLASS, an adult, coed study group, will begin a 30-week study of Christian Believer (a second generation Disciple Bible Study) on **Monday, Sept. 14, 7:00-9:00 P.M.** For information, contact Mary Ann Burson at bookwormburson@att.net or at 847-270-0633.

PRIME TIME will meet **Monday, September 14** for lunch (\$5) at **12:00 PM**. Bring plastic grocery and newspaper bags and scissors. We will learn how to "recycle" these bags by making pads for the homeless.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS! *There's a place for you in music ministry at UMCL! Ringers and singers are needed for Heritage Bells and Adult Choir. Heritage Bells rehearses Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Adult Choir rehearsals meet Thursdays at 7:30 PM. Contact Jim Grace (Jim.Grace@umcl.org) or Jeff Brown (Jeff.Brown@umcl.org) for details.*

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet **Tuesday, September 15 at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will attend as we get started on another interesting and informative year. Refreshments will be served. Newcomers are always welcome. Please contact Shirley Mason with questions (847-362-0523). We look forward to seeing you!

RUTH CIRCLE meets **Wednesday, September 16, at 7:00 PM** at Cathy Dismar's home (1016 Michaels Lane, Libertyville). Teri Dreher will speak about her work as International Teams' Community Health and End Slavery Catalyst and what human trafficking looks like in Lake County. Questions? Call Teri Dreher (847-612-6684) or Julie Garren (847-816-7340).

PRAYER: DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE? *Join us for this DVD study based on Phillip Yancy's book. In theory, prayer is the priceless point of contact between us and God. In practice, it's often frustrating, confusing, and mysterious. Join us for this interactive journey as we ask key questions: Is he listening? What's the point? Can prayer be more satisfying? We'll meet for 6 Tuesday evenings beginning September 22 at 7:15 PM, facilitated by Kathy Locke. Please RSVP so we can order enough guides. Questions? klocke@ameritech.net*

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (FPU)—*Do you ever feel like there just isn't enough money in your budget? FPU is a 9-week course that will help you develop a plan for your money, teaching Biblical and practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. You will see how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and more! Class meets Thursday evenings, September 24—November 19, 6:30-8:00 PM in room 103. Contact Tom Seibert to register at thomas.p.seibert@hotmail.com.*

UMCL News & Notes Continued

TWO TICKETS AVAILABLE for Women of Faith "Loved" Tour! (Sept. 25-26, Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates) This event is a great way to experience God in many forms—contemporary music, inspiring messages from women for women, and time to build relationships with women from our church family and friends in faith. If you'd like to attend, please contact Blair at blair.brockman@umcl.org or Ruth at ruth.ross@umcl.org.

HELPING HANDS has scheduled a pickup for **Saturday, September 26**. Please call the church office, Jeris Boyce, Gladys Griffin, or John McNally. We can use gently used furniture and household items to be stored and available for folks in need in our area and beyond.

UMW READERS—All women are invited to the next meeting of the UMW Reading Program on **Saturday, October 3, at 10:00 AM** in room 101. See the "new look" of our church's UMW Reading Program Cart, filled with books for you to borrow! We'll discuss books on the reading list that we've read or would like to read and preview new books for 2016 while we enjoy coffee and snack. Details: Carol Sim-Campbell (simcampbell@comcast.net or 847-362-3971).

UMW FALL RUMMAGE SALE—Become Missionaries to Libertyville and Beyond. Starting Monday, **October 4**, come be part of this church mission! The UMW Rummage Sale is a church-community effort to recycle goods and clothing from church families to area residents. Help strengthen the church community by volunteering an hour or more during the week of October 4. Profits from the sale go to local and national charitable organizations. Sign up on the board in Fellowship Hall, notify the church office or contact Beth March (BethCMarch@AOL.com) or Bart Plohr (BarbPlohr@Comcast.net).

PADS SITE MANAGERS STILL NEEDED! PADS will begin the first week of October, and we are in desperate 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 for details.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—If God is everything, then prayer becomes God's lifeline. 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.

PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS—Our college ministry would love to send your college student a couple of care packages throughout the year. Email the church office at info@umcl.org by **September 24** to let us know your student's address for this school year.

HELP WITH FELLOWSHIP HALL SET UP! If you're willing to help with setting up Fellowship Hall for worship services on a couple of Saturdays this fall, please sign up in the back of Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to serve during construction or for students to get service hours. Contact Ruth Ross, church office, or Mark Mason for details.

ADOPT-A-GARDEN—If you would 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 team up with friends. Tools and hoses are supplied. Sign up in Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Ruth Ross at 847-362-2112.

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 the fall. Contact: Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

WAUKEGAN TO COLLEGE Third Annual "Oktoberfest" will be held **Saturday, Sept. 26, 6:00-10:00 PM** at Lake County Fairgrounds. All proceeds go toward sending Waukegan to College youth to Leadership Lab at Augustana and the 2016 operating budget. Tickets are available through Mickey Donahue at missmikey2005@gmail.com.

2016 PANAMA MISSION TRIP is collecting these supplies for their trip: crayons (8, 16, or 24), pencils, stickers, VERY THIN coloring books, toothpaste, toothbrushes (children & adult sizes) and "beanie babies" or very small stuffed animals. Drop donations in the Panama Bin in Fellowship Hall. Thank you. Questions? Becky Traut (847-367-0295), Linda Kraemer (847-816-8896).

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER will support: **1) The Harbor**. This transitional living facility located in Waukegan first opened its doors to persons afflicted with HIV/AIDS in 1998, providing housing, supportive services, and spiritual care to help individuals reach independent living. (www.alexianbrothershousing.org/programs/the-harbor) **2) South Sudan Voices of Hope**. By partnering with other groups, this organization works to empower the people of South Sudan to live self-sufficiently by implementing primary health care, educational, agricultural, and sustainable development vocational projects. (www.southsudanhope.org)