

## UMCL News & Notes ~ September 20, 2015

**CONNECT—GROW—IMPACT!** Friends, there's still time to get involved in community life this fall! 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) meet Sundays, **4:30-5:15 PM** in Rooms 203 & 204.
- Questions about children's choirs? Contact Blair Brockman at [Blair.Brockman@umcl.org](mailto:Blair.Brockman@umcl.org)

**KIDS' OWN WORSHIP!** All kids are invited to Kids' Own Worship 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.

**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](mailto:klocke@ameritech.net)

**ALL-STAR!** All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to attend All-Stars on **Wednesday, September 23, 5:30—7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. We'll have dinner together, learn Bible stories, play games, make new friends and have a lot of fun! Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3).

**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](mailto:thomas.p.seibert@hotmail.com).

**TWO TICKETS AVAILABLE** for Women of Faith "Loved" Tour! (**Sept. 25-26**, Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates). If you'd like to attend, please contact Blair at [blair.brockman@umcl.org](mailto:blair.brockman@umcl.org) or Ruth at [ruth.ross@umcl.org](mailto: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](mailto:simcampbell@comcast.net) or 847-362-3971).

**PADS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** As you may know, our Saturday night PADS will be housed at First Presbyterian Church for the duration of the construction. **HOWEVER**, we are still the hosts, so we still need lots of volunteers (especially overnight and clean-up shifts) as well as groups or families who would like to bring in dinners on the 2nd or 4th Saturdays of the month. PADS begins **Saturday, October 3**. Contact Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062 or [cobrien1021@hotmail.com](mailto:cobrien1021@hotmail.com). Thank you!!

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, September 20, 2015

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 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; room 206)  
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

9:15 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 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

### Sunday, September 27, 2015

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 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; room 206)  
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  
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

### Monday, September 28, 2015

7:00 PM—Inquirer's Study  
7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team  
7:00 PM—Young & Board (off site)  
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Court of Honor

### Tuesday, September 29, 2015

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
1:00 PM—Christian Believer  
7:15 PM—Prayer Study

### Wednesday, September 30, 2015

9:15 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
1:00 PM—Timothy Bible Study  
7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells

### Thursday, October 1, 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, October 2, 2015

7:00 PM—First Friday Friends

### Saturday, October 3, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
8:30 AM—Bike Hike  
8:30 AM—Ad Board  
10:00 AM—UMW Reading Program  
5:00 PM—PADS (off site)



## The United Methodist Church of Libertyville September 20, 2015 9:30 & 11:00 AM

### The Season of Pentecost

### Today's Scripture Passages

**T**he Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff  
they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine  
enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

—Psalm 23

**W**hen the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the  
Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of  
them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 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."

— Matthew 22:34-40

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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** "Oh, Sing to the Lord a New Song" J. Leavitt

**\* Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

**Leader** God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

**People** We have come to this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.

**Leader** God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and help us find balance in our lives.

**People** Touch us with your love and care, O God, that we might be made whole. Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you have created us. Amen.

**\* Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

### Congregational Prayer

God of this new day, we praise you with joy! You take our weary lives and refresh us with your spirit. With great gentleness and care, you call us to be your people and to do your work. Be here with us today, for we come asking for your support in all that we do. Be with us, we pray. Amen.

**Special Music** "I Will Sing" Cherub Choir

**First Scripture Reading** Psalm 23 Jon Elsea

**Anthem** "A Song of Joy" A. Pote  
Adult Choir

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

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**\* Hymn** "Jesu, Jesu" No. 432

**Second Scripture Reading** Matthew 22:34-40

**Sermon** "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

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

**\* Closing Hymn** "God Be With You till We Meet Again" No. 672

**\* Pastoral Benediction**

**Postlude** "Sent Forth by God's Blessings" J. Leavitt



### 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!*



*This morning's flowers are given to the Glory of God, and in celebration of 59 years of marriage for Don and Jeris Boyce.*

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

**Sound Tech:** Jon Elsea

**September Ushers:** John Aten, Larry Pflederer, Tom Plohr, Ted Zeng

**Coffee Time:** Please join us for coffee and refreshments between services, hosted by Kathie Slocum.

### UPDATED BUILDING ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Thank you 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 or 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 an event 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.

## Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



### The Gathering

**\* Song** "Beautiful Things" Gungor

### Greeting & 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** "Deliverance" Strahan

**Prayer** Heidi Nelson

**\* Song** "You Have Redeemed My Soul" Chaffer

**Sharing Joys & Concerns and Pastoral Prayer** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Video & Reading** Psalm 23 Lizzie Foley

**The Message** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams  
"Love Your Neighbor as Yourself" ~ Matthew 22:34-40

### The Offering

### The Sending Forth



**Worship Team:** David Bedell, Woody Bedell, Ben Hallett, Jacqueline 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.

**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.

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## UMCL News & Notes Continued

**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](mailto:info@umcl.org) by **September 24** to let us know your student's address for this school year.

**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 [missmickey2005@gmail.com](mailto:missmickey2005@gmail.com).

**UMW RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS!** People coming to the sale will be looking for baby clothes, clothes for teens and adults, shoes, housewares, toys, games, small electrical items, glassware, jewelry and tools, furniture, bedding, lawn furniture and bicycles. We welcome donations of food for volunteer lunches and dinners or cash to purchase food. Most welcome is a donation of your time during the week of October 4. Sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall or contact Beth March ([BethCMarch@AOL.com](mailto:BethCMarch@AOL.com)) or Barb Plohr ([BarbPlohr@ComCast.net](mailto:BarbPlohr@ComCast.net)).

**RUMMAGE SALE:** Will you help with the Rummage Sale? **Monday, Oct. 4—Wed. Oct. 6**, donations of items to sell will be accepted! Small items can be dropped off at Fellowship Hall. Larger items will be accepted in the garage. No computer equipment, TVs or encyclopedias!

**Set-Up:** Sunday afternoon, **October 4, starting at 2:00 PM**

**Drop-off & Sort:** Monday-Wednesday, **October 5-7, 9:00 AM –8:00 PM.**

**Price & Sort Only:** Thursday, **Oct. 8, 9:00 AM—2:00 PM.** Most pricing is done in the garage, since all items in Fellowship Hall are \$1 each!

**Sale Hours:** Friday, **October 9, 9:00 AM—7:00 PM**

Saturday, **October 10, 9:00 AM—Noon.** (\$5/bag day)

**Clean-Up** Saturday, **October 10, starting outside at 11:30 AM** until finished

Help is especially appreciated Friday morning and Saturday afternoon. Sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall, call Beth March (847-367-5175) or call Barb Plohr (847-367-5556).

**SAVE THE DATE**—The FIFTH Annual Trick or Trunk is planned for **Saturday, October 31, 2:30—4:00 PM.** All ages are invited! Start thinking of your costume and trunk decorating ideas!

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE**—The moment you are ready to quit is usually the moment right before the miracle happens. 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.

**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. Look for a display in Fellowship Hall TODAY to "adopt" your garden patch. Questions? Contact Ruth Ross at 847-362-2112.

**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. We are currently scheduling flowers for the fall. 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).

**SCHOOL BAGS FOR 2016**—Needed: volunteers to make school bags for next year and also donations of fabric for making the bags. If you are interested in making bags, please call June McCoy (847-849-0530) for a pattern & suggestions. If you have fabric to donate, please put it in the basket in Fellowship Hall.

**SECOND MILE GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER** will support: **1) The Harbor.** This transitional living facility located in Waukegan, IL, 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](http://www.alexianbrothershousing.org/programs/the-harbor)) **2) South Sudan Voices of Hope.** By partnering with other local or regional groups, this organization works to empower the people of South Sudan to live self-sufficient lives by implementing primary health care, educational, agricultural, and sustainable development vocational projects. ([www.southsudanhope.org](http://www.southsudanhope.org))

# DISCIPLE

## FAST TRACK

BIBLE STUDY FOR BUSY LIVES

**Thursday, 7:00—8:30 PM**  
**Begins October 1**  
**Pastor Steve Williams, Leader**

### What is Disciple Fast Track?

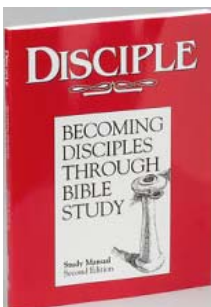
Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has reached nearly 3 million people worldwide, introducing the grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now **Disciple Fast Track** maintains the integrity and principles of the original study, but its modifications can better meet the needs of a hectic world. Participants still receive a thorough introduction to the Bible, but in almost a third less time. Fast Track is not a replacement for the original; it is simply a practical option.

### How does it work?

The course uses the same Disciple Study Manual, but the class time and course length have all been adjusted for busy lifestyles. Additional print and video materials, which are extremely easy to use, give participants the tools to absorb and retain what they learn in this shortened format.

### Main features of Disciple Fast Track:

- **Classes meet for a total of 22 weeks**—There are 10 sessions in the Old Testament and 12 in the New Testament.
- **Each group session lasts 75 minutes**—This is half the time of traditional Disciple classes.
- **A Reduced Reading Guide**—This guide clearly outlines the daily reading assignments to fit the 22-week model. Participants read an average of three to five chapters of the Bible five days per week and then the Disciple Study Manual on the sixth day.
- **22 new weekly Illustrated Review Videos**—These videos touch on all lessons from previous weeks, helping participants remember what they have learned.



### Interested?

Email Pastor Steve at  
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