



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

September 22, 2013
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Pentecost

Today's Scripture Passage

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ““Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ ““A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

—Luke 16:1-13



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Jamie Hanna Williams • Stephen C. Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 AM



Gathering Music "Simple Gifts" D. Wood

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** "Lift High the Cross" No. 159

* **Call to Worship**

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.

People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Leader: Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: and drink the water of life.

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: and be filled with good things.

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

People: and be warmed by the fire of love.

* **Musical Response** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" No. 420, verse 1
Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Luke 16:1-13

Sermon "Shrewd Investment" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion UM Hymnal, page 13
Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

* **Closing Hymn** "Jesus Calls Us" No. 398

* **Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude



* *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 AM



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Prelude "Simple Gifts" D. Wood

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* **Opening Hymn** "Lift High the Cross" No. 159

Unison Prayer

O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Karl Taylor

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Anthem "We Will Be Your People"
Adult Choir D. Phillips

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" No. 358

* 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!

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 16:1-13

Sermon "Shrewd Investment" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Celestia" D. Wood

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

* Prayer of Dedication

* **Closing Hymn** "Jesus Calls Us" No. 398

* **Pastoral Benediction**

* **Choral Benediction**

Postlude "In Christ There Is No East or West" D. Wood



A WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

We are delighted to have you sharing with us in worship today. 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 from 9:00—11:00 AM. We look forward to seeing you there!



*The rose on the altar this morning celebrates the birth of
Ruth Barclay Plohr on September 4.*

*Congratulations to parents Matt and Terri Plohr
and grandparents Tom and Barb Plohr!*

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning
are given to the Glory of God and
in honor of the 57th Wedding Anniversary
of Don and Jeris Boyce!*



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

Sound Tech: Jon Elsea

Greeter: (9:30) Bettylou Miller **Acolytes: (9:30)** Ushers

September Ushers: (8:15) Pat Conn, Larry Pflederer
(9:30) Jay Hazlett, Charles Hetzel, Larry Leon, Jesse Michmerhuizen,
Steve Neil, John Oberrieder, Tom Plohr, Ted Zeng

(9:00—11:00) Please join us for coffee and refreshments
served in Fellowship Hall and hosted by Grace Circle.

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 "Grace Like Rain" Agnew

* Song "Never Gonna Stop" Walker

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Song "Hiding Place" Anderson

Scripture 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Prayer

Scripture Luke 16:1-13

Sermon "Shrewd Investment" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* Closing Song "Lord Reign In Me" Brown

* Pastoral Benediction



Service Notes

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 takes place following the Children's Message.

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.

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. The Offering is not received during the service but you are invited to place your gifts in the Offering Plate on the back table as you leave.

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

Refreshments: Sue and Becky Ratzer

UMCL News & Notes ~ September 22, 2013

NEW MEMBER CLASSES are forming! The next session of New Member Classes will begin with Coffee and Dessert on **Friday, October 4, at 7:00 PM**; followed by four Sunday School classes (**October 6 & 13 @ 9:30 AM**; **October 20 & 27 @ 10:45 AM**), Coffee with sponsors on **Saturday, October 26, at 10:00 AM**; and New Member Sunday on **November 3**. Contact Joyce Bedell (joycebedell@sbcglobal.net, 847-362-2112) if you would like more information or are interested in being a part of the church family!

UMCL INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTY-WIDE HEALTHCARE SURVEY! Lake County United (LCU) has produced a healthcare survey to understand the needs and access to healthcare in Lake County. (Lake County United is a nonpartisan community organizing entity that targets broad issues of concern to its member organizations which are both faith-based and secular.) This survey is the first step in assessing the healthcare situation in Lake County. **Please take a moment to complete a survey today at the conclusion of the worship service!** Questions? Contact Bob Kowal or June McCoy.

NEW DISCIPLE 2 BIBLE STUDY begins this **Thursday, September 26 @ 7:30 PM!** Jim Stewart and Pastor Jamie will be leading this 32-week course that focuses on Genesis and Exodus, the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts. Anyone who has completed Disciple 1 is welcome to join us. Please contact the office to register.

PASTOR STEVE'S SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP begins this week—**September 28, at 7:30 AM**. Come join Pastor Steve for coffee, pastries, and great conversation! We will study "What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian" by Martin Thielen. Sign up in the foyer or by calling the office at 847-362-2112.

STUDY GROUP—Come join us on **Monday** evenings, beginning tomorrow, **Sept. 23, 7:00—8:30 PM** for a 16-week study on Islam: What do they believe? How are we alike? How are we different? Contact Jerry Dismar at 847-367-5502 or gdismer@sbcglobal.net.

TODDLER PLAY GROUP—Parents and their young children (age birth-preschool) are invited to visit and play in the church nursery on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 11:00 AM—12:30 PM. Our next play date is **Tuesday, September 24!** Questions? Contact Julie Holdeman at julieballing@gmail.com or 847-986-6081.

ALL-STARS (3rd-5th Grade Youth Group): You are invited! We meet on the 2nd and 4th **Wednesdays** of each month, **5:30-7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Our next meeting is **September 25!** Join us for dinner, Bible Study, fun, games, friendship, and much more! Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3). Friends are always welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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 contact Amanda at AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com or sign up on the bulletin board across from the nursery.

UNITED METHODIST MEN—Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday, September 28**, to tour an historic maritime vessel at the Columbia Yacht Club. We'll leave church at 8:30 AM, travel to downtown Chicago for a 90-minute guided tour of the ship, and return to Libertyville by noon. (The ship is the Motor Vessel "Abegwit," launched in 1947; a railroad/car ferry and the only way to reach Prince Edward Island from the mainland until a bridge was built in the 80s.). Contact Jules Traut to sign up to attend (847-367-0295).

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—The kindness of sensitive listening is the precise touch that can heal painful wounds. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, contact Pastor Jamie, Pastor Steve, or Stephen Leaders Kevin Garren or Mary Spooner.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

	August Month-End	August Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenues	\$51,093.01	\$502,880.53
Expenses	\$79,667.48	\$570,802.19
Difference	(\$28,574.47)	(\$67,921.66)

As you can see, we're currently experiencing a shortfall in the Church finances. We always have a gap at the end of the summer, but this is larger than expected. Your help in closing the gap would be greatly appreciated.

News & Notes Continued

RUMMAGE SALE HELP NEEDED:

- **Sunset Foods paper grocery bags** are needed. Please bring your Sunset Food paper bags to Fellowship Hall during Rummage Sale Week.
- **Help set-up** for the Rummage Sale on **Sunday, September 29**, beginning at **12:30 PM**. Men, women and children, please join us as we transform our church into a stellar rummage sale destination! Come to help for as long as you can! No experience needed! We can also use your help for clean-up on **Saturday, October 5, at 11:30 AM**.

RUMMAGE SALE: Please join us to help with the Rummage Sale! From **Monday, Sept. 30** through **Wednesday, October 2**, donations of clothing, linens, books, audio & videotapes, DVDs, CDs, craft items, small electronics, toys and infant equipment will be accepted in Fellowship Hall. Large items, furniture, sports equipment, tools etc. will be accepted in the garage. Please, no computer equipment, TVs or encyclopedias!

Set-Up: Sunday afternoon, **September 29**, at **12:30 PM**
Drop-off & Sort: Monday-Wednesday, **Sept. 30—Oct. 2, 9:00 AM—8:00 PM**.
Price & Sort Only: Thursday, **Oct. 3, 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 4, 9:00 AM—7:00 PM**
Saturday, **October 5, 9:00 AM—Noon**. (\$5/bag day)
Clean-Up Saturday, **October 5 at 11:30 AM**

Help is particularly needed for Friday morning and Saturday afternoon. You may also help by donating food for the workers. A volunteer sign-up poster is in the foyer. Questions? Please call Beth March (847-367-5175).

SOUND BOARD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We're looking for several volunteers to help with the sound system during Sunday morning services about once every 6-7 weeks. No technical background needed. This is a great opportunity for our youth, as well as adults. For more information, please contact the church office or Jon Elsea (847-362-8653).

OCTOBER YOUNG COUPLES will meet on **Friday, October 4, at 7:00 PM**. Elynne and Bob Drakert will host a Halloween dinner and pumpkin carving session. Feel free to bring a pumpkin to carve. RSVP: elynne.ch1@gmail.com. Hope you will join us!

PRIME TIME will meet on **Monday, October 7, at 12:00 PM**. Lunch begins at Noon, and the cost is \$5. After lunch we'll enjoy musical entertainment from our very own Mary Van Sickle and Ben Hallett. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, October 4 (847-362-2112 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net). We look forward to having you join us for food, fellowship and song. Hope to see you there!

ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS: Sign up on our website (www.umcl.org) or call the church office to serve as a Sunday worship greeter or to donate altar flowers. The altar flowers each Sunday are given in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events. Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

PADS OPPORTUNITIES! Another PADS season begins on **Saturday, October 5**. We really need volunteers for **overnight and clean-up!** We also always need donations of socks, women's underwear, paper products, toothbrushes, and pocket tissues. A special thank you to everyone who washed PADS blankets over the summer. Please return the clean blankets to the storage room off Fellowship Hall. Sign up to help in the PADS volunteer book during Sunday morning Fellowship Time, or by calling Cathy O'Brien, at 847-367-8062.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER will support 1) **Plumblin' Tour**—Our attendees this year are Hannah Brockman and Elizabeth Fennwald. Please keep them in prayerful support as they attend the New York City seminars, held October 13—16. Meetings are held at the United Nations Building and reflect various social justice issues from a Christian perspective. Call Ben Hallett 847-362-2112 with questions or for information on attending next year. It is open to high school youth and funding may be available. 2) **Illinois Church Action on Alcohol & Addiction Problems**. Begun in 1898, ILCAAAP is a state wide, non-profit organization. Further info at 217-546-6871 or www.ilcaaap.org.

RECYCLE STYROFOAM—Styrofoam is estimated to last hundreds of years, so rather than put either packing peanuts or large packing Styrofoam in the trash please recycle it. Peanuts can be recycled at any UPS store and white packing foam can be recycled in Highland Park at 1180 Half Day Road (Rt. 22) (Tuesday - Friday, 7:00 AM—1:00 PM). Do NOT place Styrofoam in our curbside recycling tubs. Thank you, The Earth

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 22, 2013

8:00 AM—Cornerstone Adult Class
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
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
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in
service and leave after Children's Message)

Monday, September 23, 2013

7:00 PM—Monday Night Study Group
7:00 PM—United Methodist Women Mission Team
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, September 24, 2013

11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth
1:30 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)
7:00 PM—Worship Committee
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Faith Study
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM—All Stars for Jesus (grades 3-5)
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—SYNERGY (Junior High)

Thursday, September 26, 2013

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's
7:30 PM—Disciple 2
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, September 27, 2013

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

Saturday, September 28, 2013

7:30 AM—Men's Saturday Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
8:30 AM—United Methodist Men

Sunday, September 29, 2013

8:00 AM—Cornerstone Adult Class
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(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)
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after Children's Message)
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
10:40 AM—Children's Choir for grades 1-6
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-2 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in
service and leave after Children's Message)

Monday, September 30, 2013

9 AM – 8 PM Rummage Sale Drop-Off/Set-up
7:00 PM—Monday Night Study Group
7:00 PM—Boy Scout Troop #72

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

9 AM – 8 PM Rummage Sale Drop-Off/Set-up
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth
1:30 PM—Disciple 4 Bible Study
7:00 PM—TNT (Senior High Group)
7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

9 AM – 8 PM Rummage Sale Drop-Off/Set-up
9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:00 AM—MEMOS Assembly
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
9:45 AM—Faith Study
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM—Children's Ministry
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—SYNERGY (Junior High)
7:00 PM—Boy Scouts District Committee

Thursday, October 3, 2013

9 AM – 2 PM Rummage Sale Price & Sort
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—20-Somethings @ Ben's
7:30 PM—Disciple 2
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, October 4, 2013

9 AM – 7 PM Rummage Sale
6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)
7:00 PM—New Member Coffee

Saturday, October 5, 2013

9 AM – 12 PM Rummage Sale
7:30 AM—Men's Saturday Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
4:30 PM—PADS Set up
6:30 PM—PADS

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