

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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" T. Walker

* Song "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" D. Crowder

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Song "Cornerstone" J. Myrin

First Scripture Matthew 5:1-13a, 14-16

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Deuteronomy 28:1-4, 6-8, 12-13

Sermon "Blessed Assurance" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

* Closing Song "Step by Step" D. Strasser

* Pastoral Benediction



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. For those who wish, nursery care is available for infants and toddlers during the service in Room 100.

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.

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. You are invited to place your gifts in the Offering Plate on the back table as you leave.

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.

Worship Team: Julie Bakus, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis,
Jeanette Frisbey, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark and Janet Mason

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 28, 2014

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School 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
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3 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—God's Soul Girls
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)

4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers Choirs

Monday, September 29, 2014

7:00 PM—The Inquirers Study Group
7:00 PM—Troop #72
7:00 PM—Building Committee

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:30 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

9:00 AM—MEMOS
9:00 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

Thursday, October 2, 2014

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—20's @ Ben's
7:30 PM—Adult Choir
7:30 PM—Disciple 3

Friday, October 3, 2014

6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)
6:00 PM—Senior High Youth leave for ArtPrize

Saturday, October 4, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
11:00 AM—UMCL Fall Golf Classic
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS
5:30 PM—UMCL Fall Golf Classic Dinner

Sunday, October 5, 2014

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School 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
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3 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—God's Soul Girls
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)
12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee (off site)
12:30 PM—Rummage Sale Set-up

4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers Choirs
7:00 PM—Cub Scout #72 Committee

Monday, October 6, 2014

9 AM - 8 PM—Rummage Sale Drop-Off/Set-up
7:00 PM—The Inquirers Study Group
7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

9 AM - 8 PM—Rummage Sale Drop-Off/Set-up
9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
1:30 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's
7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations
7:30 PM—Trustees

Wednesday, October 8, 2014

9 AM - 8 PM—Rummage Sale Drop-Off/Set-up
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
12:30 PM—Staff Meeting
5:30 PM—All Stars
7:00 PM—Spanish as a Second Language
7:00 PM—Jr. High SYNERGY
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee
7:30 PM—Troop #72 Committee

Thursday, October 9, 2014

9 AM - 2 PM—Rummage Sale Price & Sort
9:00 AM—Faith Circle
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Disciple 1 Lite
7:30 PM—Disciple 3
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, October 10, 2014

9 AM - 7 PM—Rummage Sale
6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum
7:00 PM—20's @ Ben's

Saturday, October 11, 2014

9 AM - 12 PM—Rummage Sale
8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Praise Band
12:00 PM—Rummage Sale Clean-up
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS



The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
September 28, 2014
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Pentecost

Today's Scripture Passage

If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God: You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country. The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks. You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out. The Lord will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven. The Lord will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The Lord your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.

The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of his bounty, to send rain on your land in season and to bless all the work of your hands. You will lend to many nations but will borrow from none. The Lord will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the Lord your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom.

— Deuteronomy 28:1-4, 6-8, 12-13



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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 am



Gathering Music "Procession and Hymn" A. Handley
Heritage Bells

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 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139

* Call to Worship from Psalm 33

Leader Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous. It is fitting for the upright to praise God.

People **Sing to him a new song, play skillfully and shout for joy!**

Leader For the word of the Lord is right and true, he is faithful in all he does.

People **The Lord loves righteousness and justice, the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

Leader Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The eyes of the Lord are on those who revere him, on those who hope in his unfailing love.

People **We wait in hope for the Lord. In him our hearts rejoice. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.**

* Musical Prayer "Give Thanks" H. Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say,

"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

And now let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say,

"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

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Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 28:1-4, 6-8, 12-13

Sermon "Blessed Assurance" 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 "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 102

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



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Prelude "Procession and Hymn" A. Handley
Heritage Bells

Introit Adult Choir

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People **Sing to him a new song, play skillfully and shout for joy!**

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People **The Lord loves righteousness and justice, the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

Leader Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The eyes of the Lord are on those who revere him, on those who hope in his unfailing love.

People **We wait in hope for the Lord. In him our hearts rejoice. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.**

* Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" No. 139

Unison Prayer

Creator of the Universe, we give you thanks for the blessings of life surrounding us today: For our worship space, our community, our family and friends and the means to enjoy all your hands have made for us. Thank you for plants and animals and food and medicine. Thank you for our homes and the gifts of the natural world. Help us each see our place in your expanding Universe. May our spirits be strengthened by using what we need and sharing with others as we should, Help us to know and experience your love. Help us promote peace and advance Christ's kingdom, our greatest hope, our greatest glory. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-13a, 14-16 Susie Dicello

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Anthem "Awake My Soul and Sing" V. Johnson
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & 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 sanctuary. The Pastors and Prayer Team will use the cards to guide weekly prayer. Thank you.

* Hymn "Because He Lives" No. 364

Second Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 28:1-4, 6-8, 12-13

Sermon "Blessed Assurance" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" S. Owens

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

* Prayer of Dedication

* Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 102

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder" W. Held



A Warm Welcome to All!

We are delighted to have all of you sharing with us in worship! 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 (Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org), 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!

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

***Sound Tech:** Darin Chartier **Acolytes:** (9:30) Ushers
September Ushers: (8:15) Wayne Buck, Pat Conn, Larry Pflederer
(9:30) Jay Hazlett, Charles Hetzel, Jesse Michmerhuizen,
Steve Neil, John Obberrieder, Ted Zeng
Coffee Fellowship: (9:00—11:00) Please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee and cake, as we bid Dee Desormey a fond farewell and best wishes in this new chapter of her life! Our hosts this morning are Millie Kepler, Vivian Beers, and the Outreach Committee.*

UMCL News & Notes ~ September 28, 2014

FAREWELL COFFEE—Please join us at Coffee Fellowship this morning as we bid Dee Desormey a fond farewell and best wishes in this new chapter of her life! Dee is moving to Normal, Illinois. The coffee is hosted by Millie Kepler and Vivian Beers.

EBOLA CRISIS IN WEST AFRICA—The UM Church is involved in medical ministries in W. Africa and is working with government agencies and others to help in the treatment and containment of the Ebola Virus. If you would like to make a gift to support that work, please make your check out to UMC Libertyville and put Ebola Virus on the notation. You may place your gift in the offering plate using one of the special envelopes in the pews or send it to the church. Thank You.

SIGN UP FOR THESE SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE FOYER...

* **DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY CLASSES**—There's still time to sign up for the following classes! Contact Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams (pastorjhwiliams@umcl.org), Pastor Steve Williams (pastorscwilliams@umcl.org), or the church office to register.

Disciple I Lite - Invitation to the Old Testament (**Thursdays, 7:00—8:30 PM**, begins October 9 for 8 weeks, led by Pastor Steve and Joyce Jeffries)

Disciple III - Remember Who You Are—The Prophets and the Letter of Paul (**Thursdays, 7:30—9:30 PM**, begins October 2, led by Pastor Jamie and Jim Stewart)

* **EXPLORE THE MEANING OF LIFE!** You can still join us for the 10-week ALPHA series on **Sundays, 10:45 to noon**. We will investigate questions about the existence of God, the purpose of life, the claims of Jesus, and more. Contact either Kathy Locke (klocke@ameritech.net) or Jim Stewart (jstew0819@aol.com) with questions or to register. This class meets in Fellowship Hall Room C.

* **SPANISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (SSL) STARTING SOON!** We are excited to offer this 6-week class to help us be more welcoming to our Spanish speaking neighbors. The curriculum was developed for beginner level adults looking to acquire a practical set of Spanish vocabulary. No prior Spanish experience needed! Class meets **on Wednesdays, October 8—November 12, 7:00—9:00 PM**. Materials cost: \$30. Register on-line at: www.eventbrite.com/e/libertyville-umc-spanish-class-tickets-12754257327. Questions? Contact Diana Natsch at dnatsch1@gmail.com or see www.umcnic.org

FINAL CALL FOR LAKE COUNTY HAVEN SUPPLY DRIVE—The Children's Ministry and Outreach Committees are conducting a **Paper/Household Cleaner Drive during September** to help support the residents at Lake County Haven. The Haven, located in Libertyville, provides shelter for homeless women and children. Needed products: tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, garbage bags, feminine hygiene products, bleach, laundry detergent (powder only), dishwasher detergent, and household cleaning supplies. All products can be placed in the specially marked bins located in the Foyer and Fellowship Hall. Additional information: www.LakeCountyHaven.org

GOLF CLASSIC & DINNER THIS SATURDAY! The 8th Annual UMCL Fall Golf Classic will be held **Saturday, Oct. 4 at 11:00 AM** at Countryside Golf Club (20800 W Hawley St., Mundelein). Entry fee of \$65/person includes greens fees with cart and dinner at **5:30 PM** at the home of Jack and Linda Kraemer in Libertyville. Non-golfers are welcome to join the dinner for \$15/person. To sign up, contact Scott Allen (847-217-9067 or scott.r.allen@jci.com), or the church office.

PADS SEASON BEGINS THIS WEEK—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Our 14th season of hosting the homeless begins this **Saturday, October 4**. Volunteers are needed to staff all shifts, especially the overnight and clean-up shifts. We also appreciate donations of breakfast food (cereal, juice, breakfast bars, etc.) and groups willing to make lunches once during the season. The PADS sign-up book is available in Fellowship Hall during 1st and 2nd service, and in the East Room or foyer during the 3rd service. To volunteer to make lunches (a good project for a group, such as a book club, bridge club, etc.) please call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062. Thank you!

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP will be studying Adam Hamilton's "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" for the next five weeks. We meet at church on **Saturday mornings, 8:00—9:00 AM**, and welcome all men to our group. The DVD we view in class contains most of what we will discuss, in case you have not had a chance to read the assigned chapters. Questions? Contact Preston Cannady at cannadyp@comcast.net or 224-433-6048.

RUMMAGE SALE SHORT TERM HELP—If you are able to make a smaller time commitment to help with the Rummage Sale (Oct. 6-11), please consider these opportunities: donating food for the volunteers (drop off at church by 11:00 AM); helping bring the trash to the trash bin in the parking lot 7:00-7:45 PM; cashiering for two hours on Friday, Oct. 10; helping take down tables and display racks on Saturday, Oct. 11. Questions? Call Barb Plohr (847 367-5556) or Beth March (847-367-5175). Sign-up on the posters in the church Foyer or Fellowship Hall.

UMCL News & Notes Continued

UMW RUMMAGE SALE WEEK—OCTOBER 5-11. Your help with the Rummage Sale is needed and appreciated, and even an hour of your time will be welcomed! Come experience the good feeling of helping with UMW's missions. Childcare during your volunteer shift may be scheduled through Beth or Barb. We especially appreciate volunteers to help take down the Rummage Sale, Saturday, October 11th. Interested? Sign up on the posters in the Fellowship Hall or the church foyer or contact Beth March (847-367-5175; bethcmarch@AOL.com) or Barb Plohr (847-367-5556; BarbPlohr@Comcast.net). "Rummage Sale. Building the Church Community through Service"

YOUNG COUPLES—will gather for food and games at Dave & Busters (at Hawthorn/Westfield Mall in Vernon Hills) on **Friday, October 5, at 6:30 PM.** RSVP to Paul and Gayla at 847-412-9632 or paul_velez@att.net

PRIME TIME will meet on **Monday, October 13 at Noon** for a **POTLUCK LUNCH.** After lunch, Jeff Welch will share very interesting stories and pictures from the May Mission Trip to Missouri. Please RSVP by Friday, October 10, to the Church Office at 847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org. (Also please note that this is the second Monday due to the Rummage Sale the prior week.)

RUTH CIRCLE—Health and exercise are important to all of us. Join us on **Wednesday, Oct. 15th,** in Fellowship Hall at **7:00 PM** to learn more ways to help your body. Karilee Marcicic, a UMCL member and personal trainer, will present a program and exercises to do at home. Everyone is welcome. For information contact Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com) or Janet Hartkopf (cnhjph@aol.com)

ADVENT TEA—Please reserve **Sunday, December 7, 3:00 PM** for the 5th Annual Advent Tea. The theme will be "Christmas Traditions."

HANDBELL CONCERT—Save the Date for the Fall Handbell Concert on **Sunday, October 19th at 3:00 PM.** Help us celebrate 30 years of the handbell choir and 55 years of service and dedication from Jim Grace. More details to follow!!

TRICK OR TRUNK! On **Saturday, October 25th,** children up to 5th grade can dress up and come to the church from **3:00 to 4:30 PM,** for crafts, games and 'trick or trunking'! Older youth and adults can bring their vehicle and decorate the trunk (not too scary, please)! Please visit the board in the Narthex to register your kids and trunks by October 20th. **Trick or Trunk's mission** this year is to collect new or gently used children's books for Bernie's Book Bank. We would like to invite all church members to clean out their houses and bring in books to donate. Our goal is to collect over 200 books by the end of October! We are also in need of empty cardboard toilet paper rolls for a craft at Trick or Trunk. (Rolls may be placed in a box near the Trick or Trunk board in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!)

CALLING ALL CHURCH-GOERS—Our Children are looking for someone to sit with them in "The Flock" for the first 10 minutes of the 9:30 service in the sanctuary, while their parents are preparing for or attending Sunday School. If you are interested in sitting with the children until they go up for Sunday School please contact Amanda Seibert! Thank you!

GLASSES FOR PANAMA—We are very excited to have an Optometrist traveling with us on the Panama Medical Mission in 2015. If you have old glasses and/or readers that you are no longer using, please place them in the Panama bin in the Fellowship Hall by Thanksgiving! Thank you in advance for your donations!

ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS: Sign up on our website (www.umcl.org/worship) or call the church office if you would be willing to serve as a Sunday worship greeter or donate altar flowers in honor or memory of special people or events. Questions? Contact Joannie Foley (foleyszoo@aol.com)

HOW ARE WE DOING? As of September 24, 2014

	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenues	\$39,227.50	\$564,047.52
Expenses	\$47,289.13	\$633,043.60
Difference	(\$8,061.63)	(\$68,996.08)

The gap between income and expenses is widening this month, leaving us with a bigger need for increased offerings. Your continued giving will help reduce that gap, bringing us closer to our goal of balanced financial results. Thank you for your continued support.