



*Thank you for joining us on this New Year's Sunday.  
On Sunday, January 8, we return to two morning services  
Traditional at 9:30 am and Contemporary at 11:00 am.*

*The Pastors and Staff of the United Methodist Church of  
Libertyville wish you all a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year!*

*May the Christ Child fill your life with joy and peace.*



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# New Years Day

News & Notes Continued

Sunday, January 1, 2017

10:00am



**Prelude** "I Wonder as I Wander" J.J. Niles

## Welcome and Greeting

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams  
*How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good tidings.*

**We receive good tidings of joy, words of peace, a message of salvation.**

*Break forth into singing, for God has comforted the people, brought bloom to the wasteland, shown strength in all the nations.*

**Rejoice and be glad! The prophet's hopes are made flesh and all our hopes are made human because of God's gift in Bethlehem! Joy to the world!**

**\* Opening Song** "What Child Is This" No. 419

## Centering Prayer

**Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you this New Year's Day with new desires and old fears, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create great possibilities for our future. Because you are a God of love, we enter your house with praise knowing, in Christ, you make all things new again. In the New Year of 2017, may our prayer be to serve you and to know you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Children's Message** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

**Special Music** "From a Distant Home" UM Hymnal  
*The Waund Family*

**B.I.G. TIME (Sunday School)** classes are in need of teachers for January, February & March. If you are able to teach, or assist a teacher, please sign up for a week (or more) at <http://signup.com/go/Z6kvJz>. **SOUPER SATURDAY** is a fun and flavorful multi-generational afternoon planned for Saturday, January 28, 12:00—3:00 PM. Bring your favorite game to play and a crock pot of your favorite soup. We will try all the soup and award the top 3 favorite soups with prizes! Cost of admission is a non-perishable item per person - maybe a can of soup!? Please sign up online at [http://www.umcl.org/souper\\_sat\\_registration](http://www.umcl.org/souper_sat_registration)

**SECOND MILE GIVING FOR JANUARY WILL SUPPORT Lake County United-**This broad-based non-profit citizen organization, comprised of churches, synagogues, mosques, civic, and labor groups has been addressing common goals since April 2003. The mission of their members is to work as agents for change on issues that most impact the people of Lake County, including affordable housing, senior care, mental health, education, gun violence, and leadership development. For more information regarding recent initiatives, please go to [www.lakecountyunited.org](http://www.lakecountyunited.org) or 630-743-9649.

**Breakfast Club** – UMCL's own Jim Stewart functions as the coordinator of volunteers for this ministry that serves juice, fruit, granola bars and yogurt to underprivileged children at two local schools before school each day. This ministry was started in 2011 by former Pastor Jim Bell, and serves between 100-150 students per day. Volunteers staff this ministry, so all funds donated go toward the purchase of food for the children, who have shown improvement in school after participating in this program.

## 2017 ASP YOUTH MISSION TRIP June 10-17

Youth and adult volunteers, join us for our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) youth mission trip - June 10-17, 2017! Open to all currently in 8th grade and older. You will: be making a difference by repairing homes in an impoverished pocket of the U.S. (NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!) experience the unique Appalachian culture, connect in Christian fellowship with homeowners and other volunteers, learn some new skills and have lots of fun! Interested in signing up or have questions, contact Gonzalo Santillan (Youth Pastor) at [gonzalo.santillan@umcl.org](mailto:gonzalo.santillan@umcl.org) or by phone 612-735-9015 or Steve Neil (Adult Leader) at [sbneil@comcast.net](mailto:sbneil@comcast.net) or by phone at 224-475-8701.

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## UMCL News & Notes ~ January 1, 2017

**PRIME TIME** will meet on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 12:00 pm. Join us for a lunch at Noon followed by a fun afternoon of playing games to celebrate the New Year. Please bring your favorite game. There is a \$5.00 charge for lunch.

**BIBLE STUDY** The Wednesday afternoon Women's Bible Study will start meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 1:00 PM in Room 103 at the church. We are studying the book of 'Isaiah.' The study lasts 18 weeks. If you would like to join the study, please contact Joyce Jeffries: john.joyce@yahoo.com. Books will be ordered Dec 15 and will be available for pick up in the office the end of December. Cost is approx. \$10. Everyone is welcome to join the study.

**FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS** will meet Friday, January 6, 2017 with our Annual jambalaya and white elephant gift exchange hosted by Scott & Charlotte Allen 1201 Hampton Lane Mundelein, 847-968-4565  
**RUTH CIRCLE** Wednesday evening, January 18th in Fellowship Hall. We invite any "crafters" for a fun evening. Crafting starts at 7:00pm, but some folks bring a sack lunch and come at 6:00 to socialize. Call Julie Garren or Sue Hamilton for more information.

**AD BOARD MEETING** Our Administrative Board meets on Saturday, January 7, at 8:30 am in Room 206. All members are welcome to attend.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE** Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Kathy Locke (847-816-6841), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** If you would be willing to help or host a Sunday morning Coffee Time, please sign up in the Community Room or call Jan Grigsby 847-362-8473 or info@umcl.org

**PAJAMA SUNDAY** Do you lack the motivation to get dressed and come to church on cold, snowy Sunday mornings? We have a solution for you - PAJAMA SUNDAY! All ages (adults included) are invited to wear their comfy, warm pajamas to worship during the 9:30 and 11:00 services on January 8, 2017. We will serve breakfast treats and have a special activity during B.I.G Time and Kids Own Worship. But please find the motivation to brush your teeth!!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** for 2017 are available today on a table in the Community Room.

## Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### Congregational Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn of Preparation** "The First Noel" No. 245

**Scripture** Luke 2:22-35

**Message** "Led by the Spirit" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Response to the Word - Affirmation of Faith** UM Hymnal No. 7

### \*Invitation to the Lord's Supper

#### \*Confession and Pardon

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Presentation of our Gifts and Offerings** "Forest Green" A. Carter

\* Doxology

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Doxology** "In the Bleak Midwinter" No. 221, verse 4

**Celebration of Holy Communion** UM Hymnal No. 13

*The United Methodist Church has an open table.*

*All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome. (Gluten free wafers are available)*

**\* Hymn** "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" No. 251

### \* Benediction

**Postlude** "Westminster Abbey" H. Purcell

## Today's Scripture Passage

Luke 2:22-35

When the time came for their ritual cleansing, in accordance with the Law from Moses, they brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (It's written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male will be dedicated to the Lord.") They offered a sacrifice in keeping with what's stated in the Law of the Lord, A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

A man named Simeon was in Jerusalem. He was righteous and devout. He eagerly anticipated the restoration of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. The Holy Spirit revealed to him that he wouldn't die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Led by the Spirit, he went into the temple area. Meanwhile, Jesus' parents brought the child to the temple so that they could do what was customary under the Law. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God. He said,

"Now, master, let your servant go in peace according to your word, because my eyes have seen your salvation. You prepared this salvation in the presence of all peoples. It's a light for revelation to the Gentiles and a glory for your people Israel."

His father and mother were amazed by what was said about him. Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "This boy is assigned to be the cause of the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that generates opposition so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your innermost being too."

**Many Thanks to those helping with today's service!**

**Organist and Director of Music**

Jim Grace

**Tech Crew**

Travis Wegren and Mark Mason

**Special Music**

The Waund Family

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 1, 2017

New Year's Day

10:00 AM—Worship Service

### Monday, January 2, 2017

12:00 PM—Prime Time

### Tuesday, January 3, 2017

12:00 PM—AA/Living Free

7:00 PM—LCGC

7:30 PM—AA/Living Free

### Wednesday, January 4, 2017

9:00 AM—Ruth Meeting

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting

1:00 PM—Women's Bible

7:00 PM—Heritage Bells

### Thursday, January 5, 2017

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

7:30 PM—Choir

### Friday, January 6, 2017

First Friday Friends—Offsite

### Saturday, January 7, 2017

8:30 AM—Ad Board Meeting

1:00 PM—Praise Band

### Sunday, January 8, 2017

Pajama Sunday

8:00 AM—Cornerstone

8:15 AM—Explorers Class

9:00 AM—Confirmation Worship

9:30 AM—Journey of Faith

9:30 AM—Confirmation—Offsite

9:30 AM—Traditional Service

9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time

11:00 AM—Contemporary Service

11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship

6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

### Monday, January 9, 2017

10:00 AM—Lectio

5:45 PM—Brownie Troop 43072

7:00 PM—Outreach

### Tuesday, January 10, 2017

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth

12:00 PM—AA/Living Free

7:00 PM—Stephen Ministry

7:30 PM—AA/Living Free

### Wednesday, January 11, 2017

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting

5:45 PM—All Stars

7:00 PM—Heritage Bells

7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

### Thursday, January 12, 2017

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

7:30 PM—Choir

### Friday, January 13, 2017

6:00 PM—Young Life

7:00 PM—Pack 72

