

COLLEGE STUDENTS It's that time again, when Ruth Circle sends out treat boxes to your students for Valentine's Day. Make sure your student doesn't miss out on these treats! If you did not update their information in the Fall or their address has changed, please call the church office.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE meets Tuesday, January 17 at 9:30. We start with refreshments, followed by a program featuring Chaplain Danielle Beard from Winchester House. Chaplain Beard will speak about her work with patients and her ministry with them. All women are invited to attend the meeting. Please contact Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523 with any questions.

PADS MONEY MAKER Please support Pizzeria Deville in their 3rd Annual Chef Series Dinners as they will be donating proceeds to our PADS program and other local charities including the all the food pantries in the area. These are great dinners with great chefs so it makes a wonderful evening. The dates are January 23, February 6 and February 20. Please see the flyers posted around the building with all the information.

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 dinner and come at 6:00 to socialize. Call Julie Garren or Sue Hamilton for more information.

THE JESUS LIFESTYLE II (ALPHA series) Come examine Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and the radical alternative it presents to the modern lifestyle. Each talk provides life application principles that each individual can apply to live the life that Jesus wants us to live. Sundays @ 4:00 PM - beginning January 22 - here at the church. Led by Jim Stewart and Kathy Locke. If you have questions, Ben (our Spiritual Growth Director) ben.hallett@umcl.org

INQUIRERS STUDY GROUP Interested in a deeper understanding of the parables of Jesus? The Inquirers Study Group will begin "The Parables of Jesus", a Deeper Connections Small-Group study on February 6 at 7:00 PM. This is a six-week study featuring video lessons and much more. Questions, sign up, etc., contact Mary Ann Burson (bookwormburson@att.net or 847-270-0633. (Inquirers is a coed group ranging in age from young adult to 93)

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE "Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please call Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Kathy Locke (847-816-6841), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

CELEBRATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING Today! from 2:00PM-3:30PM there will be a Lake County United assembly to both celebrate the completion of an affordable housing unit in Mundelein and an update regarding other LCU activities. It will be held at Santa Maria del Popolo Parish in Mundelein.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR JANUARY WILL SUPPORT Lake County United-The mission of L.C.U. 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. More information regarding recent initiatives, please go to 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 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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS As announced in November, Amanda Seibert, Director of Children and Family Ministries, is stepping down from her position to focus on her family. We are very grateful for her presence on our staff and her good ministry these past three and a half years. We are happy to announce that Jaime Zumwalt will be joining us as Interim Director. Jaime has a BA in Special Education. She and her family have been involved in our church for the past few years and she is very excited about this opportunity. We will celebrate Amanda's ministry and officially welcome Jaime in worship and with a special Fellowship Coffee on January 22.

B.I.G. TIME (Sunday School) We 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 soups and award the top 3 favorite soups with prizes! Cost of admission is a non-perishable item per person for the Food Pantry - maybe a can of soup!? Please sign up online at http://www.umcl.org/souper_sat_registration

SUNDAY FUNDAY is on January 29th! Children from preschool to 5th grade are invited upstairs after the Children's Sermon for movies, games and extra fun activities

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Dancing through the Decades (our annual Valentine's Dance) is on Friday, February 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. All ages are invited to this sock-hop complete with ice cream sundaes.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS/NOTE FROM OUR YOUTH PASTOR Dear Friends, I am really excited to be part of this journey working with the youth of our church. I believe it's crucial to invest in our young people because they will be the future of our churches and the leaders in our society. I want to invite you to be part of this journey!

Our Youth Program currently consists of:

Confirmation Class, Every Sunday at 4:00 pm

Junior High Tide, for kids from 6th to 8th grade, Every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Senior High Tide, for kids from 9th to 12th grade, Every Sunday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 am

We are looking for people willing to be a part of this journey in youth ministry. If you would like to volunteer in the youth program or just want to know more about opportunities, don't hesitate to contact me! Thank You!

Gonzalo Santillan email: gonzalo.santillan@umcl.org Tel: (612)735-9015

ASP YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2017 Youth and adult volunteers, join us for our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) youth mission trip - June 10-17, 2017! This trip is 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!



The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
January 15, 2017
9:30 & 11:00 AM

Human Relations Day in the Season of Epiphany

Today's Scripture Passages

John 1:29-42

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one about whom I said, 'He who comes after me is really greater than me because he existed before me.' Even I didn't recognize him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be made known to Israel." John testified, "I saw the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove, and it rested on him. Even I didn't recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and testified that this one is God's Son."

The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?"

They said, "Rabbi (which is translated Teacher), where are you staying?"

He replied, "Come and see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two disciples who heard what John said and followed Jesus was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Christ). He led him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).



PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



Gathering Music

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.

Thank you for passing the attendance pads at this time.

Prelude "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" E. L. Diemer

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

Leader This is God's world! To us is given a vision of nations and races, lands and people, joined together in love.

People Praise be to God, the Creator, in whose image we are created.

Leader We come to celebrate and renew that vision, opening ourselves to the One who is its source and its living fire - to the one who is faithful and true.

People We affirm in Christ that we can be and are, sisters and brothers, empowered by the Holy Spirit, working together to manifest God's rule in the lives of all people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** Congregational Hymn** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 140

Unison Prayer

Almighty God, as the church, we are part of your redeeming work in history. Yet we know that often we seek our own success and salvation, and fear to follow Christ in commitment to a vision of wholeness for the world and its people. Help us to speak and act our parts in the great drama of your love, and in the freeing gospel of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Scripture Reading Psalm 34:1-8

Celebration & Recognition of New Choir Robes See Screens or Insert

* 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

Anthem "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" M. Cox
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*** Congregational Hymn** "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus" No. 325
To the tune of No. 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Second Scripture Reading John 1:29-42

Sermon "Following the Lamb of God" Rev. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "We Walk by Faith" D. Cherwien
*Doxology No. 94
*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** "Lead On, O King Eternal" No. 580

***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude "Duke Street" R. Hobby



The flowers that decorate the altar today are given by Beth Swanick in honor of Ramona Swanick on her birthday.

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 Desk at the entrance to our new Community Room 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: Travis Wegren. Daniel Fouts. Mark Mason
Ushers: Jane & John Aten, Jay Hazlett, Bill Vanni
Choir Director: Dr. Jeff Brown
Music Director & Organist: Mr. James Grace

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Gathering Into Worship "Jesus I Come" C. Brown and S. Furtick

Sing Together "Deliverance" Strahan

Prayer

Sing Together "Thy Mercy My God" J. Stocker
With Praise Band

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Community Share & Prayer
Greeting Each Other
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading John 1:29-42

Message "Following the Lamb of God" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" M. Kim & W. Runyan

Blessing

Scattering into the World



Worship Team Dave Bedell, Gina Furner, Jacqueline & Ben Hallett, Dan Joyce, Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon

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 completing the registration sheet that is passed around (including email) so we can keep you informed on news of the church.

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

UMCL Calendar

Sunday, January 15, 2017

8:00 AM—Cornerstone
8:15 AM—Explorers Class
9:00 AM—Confirmation meets-go Offsite
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith
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 16, 2017

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
10:00 AM—Lectio
7:30 PM—Hospitality Committee
7:30 PM—Troop 72

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 PM— AA/Living Free
7:00 PM—Resource Meeting
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM—Ruth Circle
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide
7:30 PM—Scout Master Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2017

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Praise Band
7:30 PM—Choir

Friday, January 20, 2017

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, January 21, 2017

8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study
4:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, January 22, 2017

8:00 AM—Cornerstone
8:15 AM—Explorers Class
9:00 AM—Confirmation meets-go Offsite
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith
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 23, 2017

10:00 AM—Lectio
7:00 PM—UMW Meeting
7:30 PM—Troop 72

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 PM— AA/Living Free
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

8:45 AM—Memos
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM—All Stars
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, January 26, 2017

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Praise Band
7:30 PM—Choir

Friday, January 27, 2017

6:00 PM—Young Life

Saturday, January 28, 2017

8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study
9:00 AM—Joint Ministry Meeting
12:00 PM—Souper Saturday
4:30 PM—PADS

Celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia. King, a Baptist minister and civil-rights activist, had a seismic impact on race relations in the United States, beginning in the mid-1950s. Among his many efforts, King headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Through his activism, his Christian commitment to nonviolent civil disobedience and his inspirational speeches, King played a pivotal role in ending the legal segregation of African-American citizens in the United States, as well as the creation of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, among several other honors. He was assassinated in April 1968, and continues to be remembered as one of the most influential and inspirational leaders in history. We remember his words, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Martin Luther King Jr. Day was established as a federal holiday in 1986 to celebrate his life and leadership. We give thanks to God for Dr. King.

Celebration & Recognition of New Choir Robes

Introduction

Litany

Leader We give thanks for these new choir robes and we present them to the glory of almighty God and for service in this congregation.

Leader It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

People to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

Leader to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

People and your faithfulness at night,

Leader to the music of the choir and the angels,

People to the melody of the lute and the harp.

Leader For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work;

People All the works of your hands, sing for joy!

Musical Response Refrain "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238
Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo! Glo-----ria, in excelsis Deo!

Prayer

Eternal God, whom the generations have worshipped through the gift of music and song, accept our thanks for these new robes, we consecrate them in your name and glory. Let the presence and the music of the choirs who wear them, be a blessing to all who worship here. Let our music and singing be so joined to your holy Word that your glory may surround us and your Spirit empower us for the service to which you call us in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

