



The United Methodist Church  
of Libertyville  
October 16, 2016  
9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Pentecost

Today's Scripture Passage

Matthew 13:1-17

That day Jesus went out of the house and sat down beside the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he climbed into a boat and sat down. The whole crowd was standing on the shore. He said many things to them in parables: "A farmer went out to scatter seed. As he was scattering seed, some fell on the path, and birds came and ate it. Other seed fell on rocky ground where the soil was shallow. They sprouted immediately because the soil wasn't deep. But when the sun came up, it scorched the plants, and they dried up because they had no roots. Other seed fell among thorny plants. The thorny plants grew and choked them. Other seed fell on good soil and bore fruit, in one case a yield of one hundred to one, in another case a yield of sixty to one, and in another case a yield of thirty to one. Everyone who has ears should pay attention."

Jesus' disciples came and said to him, "Why do you use parables when you speak to the crowds?"

Jesus replied, "Because they haven't received the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but you have. For those who have will receive more and they will have more than enough. But as for those who don't have, even the little they have will be taken away from them. This is why I speak to the crowds in parables: although they see, they don't really see; and although they hear, they don't really hear or understand. What Isaiah prophesied has become completely true for them:

You will hear, to be sure, but never understand;

and you will certainly see but never recognize what you are seeing.

For this people's senses have become calloused,

and they've become hard of hearing,

and they've shut their eyes

so that they won't see with their eyes

or hear with their ears

or understand with their minds,

and change their hearts and lives that I may heal them.

"Happy are your eyes because they see. Happy are your ears because they hear. I assure you that many prophets and righteous people wanted to see what you see and hear what you hear, but they didn't.

**MANY WAYS TO PRAY** a six-week class led by Pastor Jamie. Please join us for a creative and interactive class on prayer that will meet Thursday nights from 7-8:30. Each week we will explore a different prayer practice. Contact Pastor Jamie [pastorjhwiliams@umcl.org](mailto:pastorjhwiliams@umcl.org), if you would like to participate or have questions. Childcare will be provided on request. All are welcome!  
**ALTAR FLOWERS** Colorful, fresh flowers provide beauty and enhance our worship experience. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on Sunday in honor or memory of a person or event, please go to the church website and click on altar flowers in the worship box or type in [www.umcl.org/altar\\_flowers](http://www.umcl.org/altar_flowers) and fill in the form provided. We will purchase the flowers and have them delivered on Saturday. If you have questions, please call the church office or [delynnvang@comcast.net](mailto:delynnvang@comcast.net)

Calendar

Sunday, October 16, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone  
8:15 AM—Explorers Class  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Choristers  
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—New Member Class  
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship  
4:00 PM—Waking Up White  
4:00 PM—Confirmation  
4:00 PM—Jesus Lifestyle  
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, October 17, 2016

9:00 AM—College Boxes  
10:00 AM—Lectio  
7:00 PM—Inquirers  
7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Meeting  
7:30 PM—Troop 72

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle  
12:00 PM— AA/Living Free  
6:30 PM—Covenant Bible Study  
7:00 PM—Resource Meeting  
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

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

Thursday, October 20, 2016

12:00PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Many Ways to Pray Class  
7:30 PM—Choir

Friday, October 21, 2016

No Scheduled Activities  
Saturday, October 22, 2016  
8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study  
8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry  
12:00 PM—Praise Band  
3:00 PM—Trick or Trunk  
4:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, October 23, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone  
8:15 AM—Explorers Class  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Choristers  
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith  
9:30 AM— Traditional Service  
9:30 AM— B.I.G. Time  
9:30 AM—New Member Class  
11:00 AM— Contemporary Service  
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship  
4:00 PM—Confirmation  
4:00 PM—Jesus Lifestyle  
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, October 24, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio  
7:00 PM—New Member Meeting  
7:00 PM—Inquirers  
7:30 PM—Troop 72 Court Honor

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
12:00 PM— AA/Living Free  
6:30 PM—Covenant Bible Study  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads  
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

8:45 AM—Memos  
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study  
5:30 PM—All Stars  
6:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide  
7:00 PM— Advent Tea Meeting

Thursday, October 27, 2016

12:00PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Many Ways to Pray Class  
7:30 PM—Choir

Friday, October 28, 2016

Faithful Threads Retreat—Offsite  
4:00 PM—Crowther Wedding Rehearsal  
6:00 PM—Young Life

Saturday, October 29, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study  
8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry  
12:00 PM—Praise Band  
3:00 PM—Crowther/Janckowski Wedding  
4:30 PM—PADS



PASTORS  
Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams  
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**WELCOME our New Youth Pastor, Gonzalo Santillan!**

The Pastors and Staff-Parish Relations Committee are happy to announce the hiring of a New Youth Pastor for UMCL. Gonzalo Santillan, from Argentina, is a passionate youth minister who has been working for the past six years with Youth With a Mission in England. He has extensive leadership and ministry experience having led a youth discipleship training school in England and been the director of extended mission outreach trips with youth to China, Argentina, Chile, Hungary, and Bosnia. He is a musician and creative designer who understands youth culture and has a strong desire to help youth find and fulfill the purpose God has for their lives. Gonzalo is married to Annalise. They are moving into the parsonage on Elm Court this week.

**You are invited to sign a banner in the Community Room today** with words of welcome for Gonzalo and Annalise. We will celebrate their presence with a special Fellowship Coffee on Sunday, October 30. Please join us!

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** Will meet October 18 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will have good refreshments and fellowship time. Call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 19 at the home of Diana Natsch. Methodist Memories...Do you remember...? No matter how long you've been a member of the United Methodist Church of Libertyville you will enjoy listening to Shirley and Mark Mason share some of their memories of our church.

Parking is limited so carpooling is recommended. Sue Hamilton 847-362-7972

**TRICK OR TRUNK** All ages are invited to be a part of Trick or Trunk 2016!

On Saturday, October 22nd from 3:00 to 4:30PM children up to 5th grade can dress up and come to the church for crafts, games and 'trick or trunking'! Older youth and adults can partake by volunteering to work with a station OR by bringing your own vehicle and decorating the trunk (not too scary, please)! Kids will vote on their favorite trunks and the top winners will get prizes! please sign up in the Education Wing or e-mail [Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org)

**PRIME TIME** will meet Monday, November 7th at 12:00. Lunch will be 'Pot Luck' so please bring a dish to pass & a BIG appetite! There will not be a program so hope you will take this opportunity to visit with each and everyone!

**FAITH CIRCLE** Join us on Thursday, November 10th at 9:30 am. We will be joined by Shawn Schneider, real estate agent, as she shares tips on buying and selling your home. Childcare is provided. Call Andrea West at 847-356-3846 with questions.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians, not just a chosen few. Stephen Ministry is a way that people with special gifts for caring can use those gifts to bring Christ's love to people in need. 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.

**SECOND MILE GIVING FOR OCTOBER** will help support

Imagine No Malaria - This organization is part of a global partnership working to provide a comprehensive approach to defeating malaria. By using bed nets, providing access to tests and medicine, draining stagnant water, and improving sanitation, malaria deaths have been reduced by half, but malaria continues to kill a child every two minutes in Sub-Saharan Africa. [www.imagenomalaria.org](http://www.imagenomalaria.org)  
Lake County Center for Independent Living - This non-profit, which serves both Lake and McHenry Counties, seeks to empower people with disabilities to lead self-directed lives within the community. This non-residential, cross-disability organization has served the community for 26 years, and strives to provide the services most needed by their consumers. Please go to [www.lccil.org](http://www.lccil.org) or call their Lake County office- Mundelein at 847-949-4440, McHenry office - 855-246-8531.

## 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** "Fairest Lord Jesus" J. Raney

**\*Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Leader: As in the days of Jesus the blind received their sight,

**People: So may we see you this day, Gracious Lord.**

Leader: As in the days of Jesus, the deaf were made to hear,

**People: Open our ears, so we hear Your Word, O Lord.**

Leader: When Your Son plants divine seeds in our hearts,

**People: May it fall on good soil and produce a good crop of thirty, or sixty, or a hundred times what was sown.**

Leader: With hearts and eyes and ears open wide,

**People: We come to worship you, praise you, know you and love you. Pour out your Spirit and bless your people. Your Kingdom come! Your will be done!**

**\*Congregational Hymn** "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" No. 731

### Unison Prayer

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace. where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

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

**Scripture** Psalm 121

\* 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.

**Anthem** "When I Can Read My Title Clear" D. Forrest  
Adult Choir Philip Nauman, Violin

### Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayers

**\*Congregational Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 526

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 13:1-17

**Sermon** "Planting Seeds" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Offering** "Aria" L. Nelson  
\*Doxology No. 94  
\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn** "Hymn of Promise" No. 707

### \*Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude** "Lobe den Herren" M. Reger



### A Warm Welcome to All!

We are so glad you have chosen to share with us in worship this morning! All are invited to stay after the service for coffee, refreshments, and sharing in the Community Room.

If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Desk at the East entrance to the church to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our welcoming Ministries Coordinator, Joyce Bedell (Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org) We look forward to meeting you!

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

**Sound Techs:** Tom Seibert, Pam Fennewald, Dean Dreher

**Ushers:** John Aten, Jay Hazlett, Dave Natzke, and Bill Vanni

**Choir Director:** Dr. Jeff Brown

**Music Director & Organist:** Mr. James Grace

**Coffee Time:** Please join us for coffee and refreshments between services, hosted by Jill Natzke and Peggy Berryman

## Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



### Gathering

**Worship Together** "Rise" K. Kaple, N. Moore, & P. Barrett

**Prayer** Ben Hallett

**Worship Together** "One And Only" Rend Collective

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

### Announcements

### Community Share & Prayer

Greeting Each Other

Sharing Joys & Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

**Scripture Reading** Matthew 13:1-17

**Message** "Planting Seeds" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Offertory Worship** "You Make Me Brave" A. Cook

### Blessing



**Worship Team:** Woody Bedell, Gina Furner, Jackie and Ben Hallett, Dan Joyce, Tom Seibert, and Tim Tonon

**Multimedia Coordinators:** Jesse Nixon

**Head Usher:** Jayden Montgomery

**Director of Contemporary Worship and Wonder Rush Band:** Ben Hallett

**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.