

UMCL News & Notes ~ November 1, 2015

GIVING IN GRATITUDE! This morning we kick off our fall Stewardship Campaign, "Giving in Gratitude." Throughout November, we will be celebrating the many gifts and blessings in our lives and church and consider our grateful response to God's goodness. **Our month of Gratitude will culminate just before Thanksgiving with Celebration Sunday on Nov. 22, featuring Tours of our new Sanctuary and Community Room!** Please join us as we give glory to God and rejoice together!

THANK YOU! The Children's Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to participate in UMCL's 5th Annual Trick or Trunk. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with crafts, photos and games inside the church. A big thanks goes out to the 8 trunks that were AMAZINGLY decorated! The event was a huge success with 20 kids, 8 trunks and over 250 pieces of candy!!

THANK YOU from the Outreach Committee to all who contributed food during October to help replenish the shelves at the Libertyville Township Food Pantry. We collected a total of 147 non-perishable food items and household supplies. The guests at the food pantry will benefit greatly from your generosity. Thank you for helping to show God's love to those in need in our area.

HUMBOLDT PARK COAT DRIVE— Brrrrr... Winter is coming! Our sister church, Humboldt Park United Methodist Church, is in need of coats, especially children's coats. We are accepting new or clean, GENTLY used coats **TODAY and next Sunday, November 8.** Please place your coats in the marked bins at the back of Fellowship Hall. Contact Diana Natsch at dnatsch1@gmail.com with any questions.

PRIME TIME will meet on **Monday, November 2, at Noon** for a Potluck Lunch! Jim Grace will present the program—"If I Take A Tour (or Travels With Zelda)."

NOVEMBER FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS will meet **Friday, November 6, at 6:30 PM** at Jess and Melissa Michmerhuizen's (1907 Darnell Street, Libertyville). We will be ordering pizza and making lunches for PADS, followed by dessert and drinks. Please RSVP by November 3 to Melissa (octoberhoneybee@yahoo.com, 847-668-1713). Lunch supplies will be purchased, donations toward the cost will be accepted.

SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY—Join us on **Saturday, November 7**, as we start a new six-week study titled "The Coolest Guys in the Bible" from the Man in the Mirror online video series. In the series we will gain insight for daily living from Shadrach, Meshach & Abednego; Abraham; Moses; Joshua; Jonah; and the Man with No Name. We meet every **Saturday morning at 8:00 AM** in the New Room. Contact: Scott Allen (scott.r.allen@jci.com)

CHURCH CONFERENCE COMING SOON! Save **Wednesday, November 11, 7:00 PM** for our Church Conference, the annual meeting in which we celebrate our ministry, elect officers and committees, and look to the future. All are welcome to attend! (Reports are due Nov. 3.)

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS will be offered at church on **November 15 & 29.** The Blessing of the Gifts will take place on **Sunday, December 6**, and the gifts will be delivered during the following week. We will also have angels for residents of The Haven and are suggesting a gift card from a store like Target, Kohl's, or Walmart, for these families, so the Moms are able to choose items that their children need or want.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet on **Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 PM** at the home of Karen Kuhlman (840 Hawthorn Lane, Libertyville, 847-680-5845). Women in the history of the United Methodist Church will be the topic. We currently have women serving as our pastor, our district superintendent and our bishop. Come and hear about the women who were pioneers in our denomination, paving the way for those in our church, district and conference. All are welcome! Call Teri Dreher at 847-612-6684 or Julie Garren at 847-816-7340 for more information.

VINE AND CHEESE is a social gathering hosted in someone's home and a great way for us (the church) to get together, connect, and partake in shared provisions. Save the date: **Saturday, November 21, 7:00 PM.** Sign up by emailing Ben (ben.hallett@umcl.org) or find a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall. Bring 1 cheese tray/appetizer OR 1 dessert that will serve 4-6 people. Please also bring 1 bottle of wine per person, and your own wine glass.

BERNIE'S BOOK BANK! Come one, come all to this fun filled "CHURCH FAMILY" EVENT! All ages are invited to the "Bernie's Book Bank" in Lake Forest on **Saturday, November 21, 2:30 to 4:30 PM.** Bernie's Book Bank relies on volunteers to sort, sticker and bag books for at-risk children in Chicago. It's fun, easy, not messy and very rewarding! Please sign-up online at www.umcl.org/bernies-registration by Sunday November 15.

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THANKSGIVING WORSHIP—Come for a night of gratitude, worship, and pie on **Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 PM.** We'll gather for a short 45-minute time of testimony and song, meant to nudge our hearts toward greater gratitude this Thanksgiving and coming Advent season. And, of course, who isn't grateful for pie? There will be much pie to follow. Come sing, smell, and taste!

LIVE NATIVITY—The church is looking for people to help with our annual Live Nativity production on **December 13.** If you are interested in helping with directing, set design, lighting, sound or the children's choir, please contact Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org. Many hands make light work!

LIVE NATIVITY STARS! We are also looking for children and youth (3rd to 12th grade) to be stars on the Live Nativity Stage (December 13, 6:00 PM)! Some characters have speaking parts while others just put on their best smile and act. If anyone is interested in being a part of this Christmas event contact Amanda Seibert at the church office, to sign-up!

WHEN CHRISTMAS HURTS... For all the joy Christmas can hold, it holds the potential for sorrow as well. The holiday season can be a painful time because of a death in the family, a lost or broken relationship, or painful memories of the past. Stephen Ministry of UMCL is offering an ecumenical remembrance service on **Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 PM** at the **St. Lawrence Episcopal Church** (125 W Church Street, Libertyville). We invite you to attend this Blue Christmas Service, a worship service for those suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief in the holiday season. Offering this service acknowledges the struggles that we face and provides a safe place of peace where you can just be and rest in a quiet place for your soul. Details: Mary Spooner (847-548-3703), Kevin Garren (847-816-7340) or Pastors.

ASP 2016 (Appalachian Service Project) is scheduled for **June 11-18.** ASP is a service project for high school youth and adult leaders focused on improving homes of Appalachia residents in need and deepening Christian faith. Anyone (adults and youth-incoming freshman in fall 2016 or older) is eligible to participate. We have space for 42 people, so sign up now to reserve your spot! Details/sign-up: Steve Neil (sbnail@comcast.net or 224-475-8701).

SET-UP HELP STILL NEEDED! If you're willing to help with setting up Fellowship Hall for worship services on a couple of Saturdays yet this fall, please sign up in the back of Fellowship Hall. This is a great way to serve during construction or for students to get service hours. Contact Ruth Ross, the church office, or Mark Mason for details.

PADS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Although our Saturday night PADS is housed at First Presbyterian Church during construction, many volunteers are still needed (especially overnight and clean-up shifts) as well as groups or families who would be willing to bring in dinners on the 2nd or 4th Saturdays of the month. Contact Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062 or cobrien1021@hotmail.com to find out how you can help! Thank you!!

MEDICINE FOR PANAMA 2016—The Panama Mission Team is in need of over-the-counter medicine for their trip in January, 2016. The list of items needed can be found in the back of Fellowship Hall. We also need eyeglasses (readers), travel size tooth paste and toothbrushes. Please put your donations in the "Panama bin". Thank you all for your support of this mission.

NOVEMBER'S SECOND MILE GIVING will help support: **1) ChildServ**—Founded over 118 years ago, this child and family services organization provides community-based programs to the underserved in Cook, Lake, and DuPage counties. Children and families receive counseling, group therapy, life skills education, social activities and recreation. Youth group homes are located in Lisle, Naperville, and Downers Grove. (www.childserv.org or 773-693-0300) **2) Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON)** is a unique United Methodist ministry which provides free high quality legal assistance for immigrants in need. Over 100 clients are served at each location each year. JFON also educates groups through Bible studies and "know your rights" trainings. (www.nijfon.org, or Rev. Michael Mann at 847-931-0710 x20).

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The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
November 1, 2015
9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Pentecost

Today's Scripture Passage

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

— Luke 19:1-10

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



Greetings & 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 "Here I Am, Lord" J. Raney

* Call to Worship

Leader Generous God, overflowing fountain of good, you live from all eternity in trinitarian community and abundance.

People You honor us human beings with the breath of your life, to live together in community and hospitality with joy and zest as a reminder of your presence and blessing.

Leader You crowned us with virtue and honor and are now renewing us in your image through your Risen Son. You heal inside a world of wounds. You save inside a world bent on being lost.

People Through the Risen One, from the gifts you have given in your redemptive love, we join now in your work of the healing and salvation of others.

All Fill our hearts with praise, that we might live through you, generous God, overflowing fountain of good.

* **Opening Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 545, verses 1, 2, 4, 5

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, you have called us into your community of caring. We thank you for opportunities to grow in understanding and concern for others. As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep, you sought us when we wandered. Since you found and claimed us, fill us with your Spirit, that we might be channels of your tender care for others who have wandered, too. May our congregation be an incarnation of your love. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

Musical Response "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" H. Smith
(Choir sings song first, congregation joins to sing second time through.)

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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give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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."

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let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks, give thanks!

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 3:14-21 Mary Ann Burson

* 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.

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Gathering Song "Hello, My Old Heart" Heath
Praise Band

Call To Worship "Start Small" Video

* **Opening Song** "Joyful (The One Who Saves)" Brown

Prayer (please be seated) Ben Hallett

Song "Rise" Barrrett

Announcements

Community

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Illustration

Message & Scripture Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
"Gratitude" ~ Luke 19:1-10

Celebration of Holy Communion & Offering

Gluten free wafers are available.

All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Great Thanksgiving

Scattering into the World



Worship Team: David Bedell, Woody Bedell, Ben Hallett, Jacqueline Hallett
Heidi Nelson, Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon, Jennifer Whittington

Multimedia Coordinators: Connor Clausen, Mark and Janet Mason

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.

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.

Anthem "The Lord Is My Strength" M. Patterson
Adult Choir

Sharing our Joys and Concerns** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn** "Many Gifts, One Spirit" No. 114

Second Scripture Reading Luke 19:1-10

Sermon "Gratitude" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "The Light of the World Is Jesus" M. Hayes

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

* Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion UM Hymnal page 13

Anthem "Hungry, I Come" by C. Curry Adult Choir

Gluten free wafers are available.

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* **Closing Hymn** "Forward Through the Ages" No. 555

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Joy Song" M. Hayes



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 Table at the entrance to Fellowship Hall 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: Connor Clausen

November Ushers: Jane Aten, John Aten

Coffee Time: Please join us for coffee and refreshments between services, hosted by Jan Grigsby.

UMCL Calendar

Sunday, November 1, 2015

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time (Believers In God /
Children's Sunday School; room 206)
9:30 AM—Youth & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM—New Member Class
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
10:40 AM—God's Soul Girls
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (room 201)
3:30 PM—Troop #72
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—"Sunday to Monday" Class
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

Monday, November 2, 2015

12:00 PM—Prime Time
5:45 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts
7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study
7:00 PM—Young & Board (off site)
7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, November 3, 2015

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

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

8:45 AM—MEMOS
9:15 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Timothy Bible Study
7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

Thursday, November 5, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
6:30 PM—Financial Peace University
7:00 PM—Disciple 4
7:30 PM—Adult Choir
7:30 PM—Praise Band (off site)

Friday, November 6, 2015

4:30 PM—Youth leave for One Retreat
6:30 PM—First Friday Friends (off site)

Saturday, November 7, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study
9:00 AM—Set-up Fellowship Hall for Worship
5:00 PM—PADS (off site)

Sunday, November 8, 2015

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
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3:30 PM—Troop #72
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—"Sunday to Monday" Class
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers
6:00 PM—Youth return from One Retreat

Monday, November 9, 2015

1:00 PM—BookTalkers
7:00 PM—Outreach Committee
7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study
7:00 PM—Young & Board (off site)
7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)
7:00 PM—Cub Scout #273 Committee

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

9:15 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Timothy Bible Study
5:30 PM—All Stars
6:30 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee
7:00 PM—Annual Church Conference
7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee

Thursday, November 12, 2015

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
6:30 PM—Financial Peace University
7:00 PM—Disciple 4
7:30 PM—Adult Choir
7:30 PM—Praise Band (off site)

Friday, November 13, 2015

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

Saturday, November 14, 2015

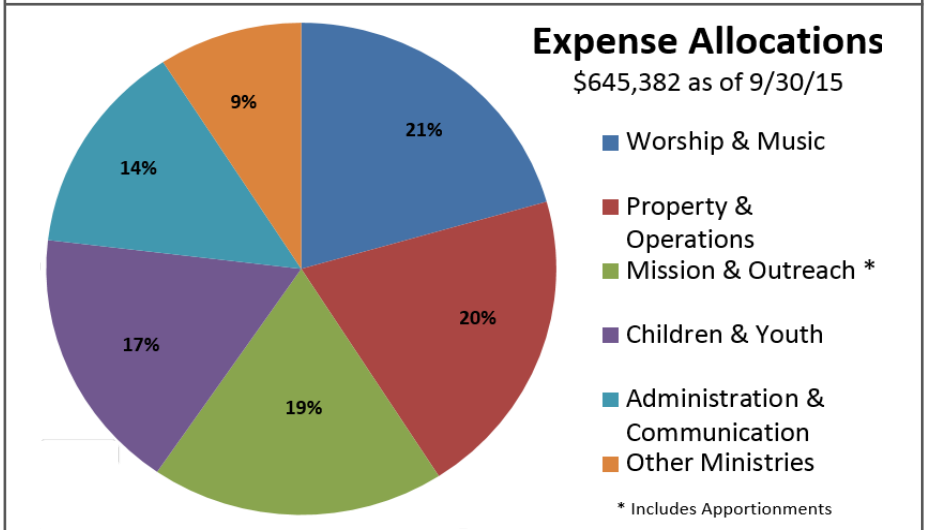
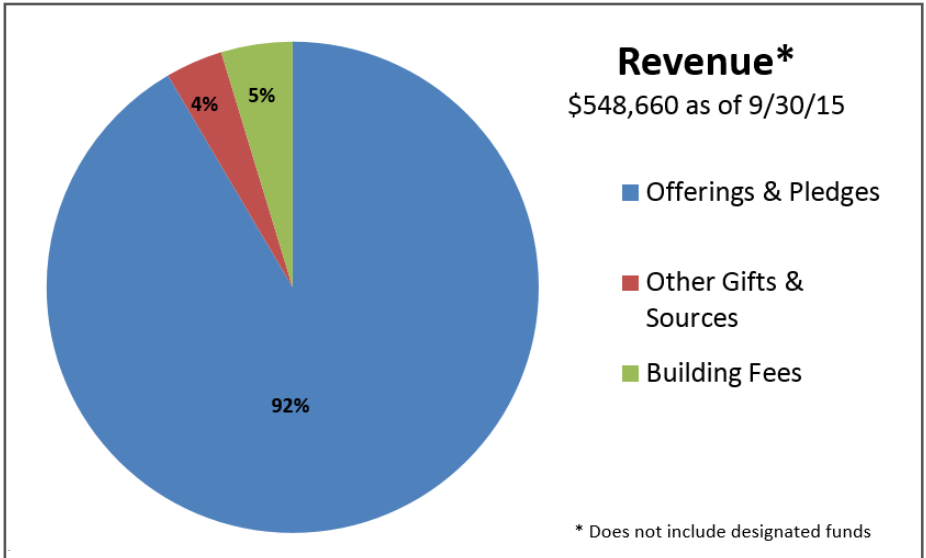
8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM—Panama Pie Baking
9:00 AM—Set-up Fellowship Hall for Worship
5:00 PM—PADS (off site)

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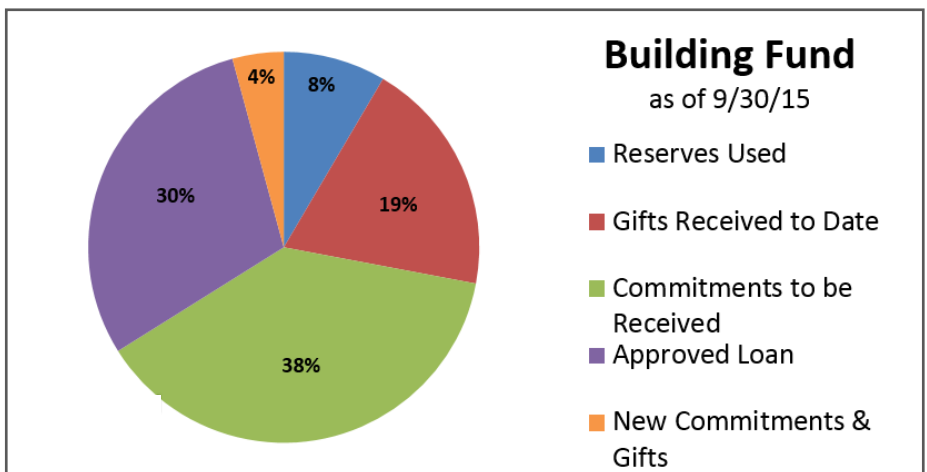
**Stewardship Campaign 2016:
A Graphic Depiction of Our Income and Spending for Ministries and Mission**

GENERAL MINISTRY FUND



BUILDING ON OUR DREAMS

A 3-Year Building Fund Campaign



Building Fund: These are funds that have been donated or committed to our 3-year *Building on Our Dreams* Campaign. They are being used to update and improve our Sanctuary, add a new Community Room and Brainerd Ave Entrance, and make other building improvements, with an estimated cost of \$2.36 million. New gifts and commitments made in 2016 will increase the overall funding available and potentially reduce the final loan amount needed for the project.

If you have questions about this information, please contact the Church Finance office, (847) 362-2112.