

UMCL News & Notes ~ November 8, 2015

GIVING IN GRATITUDE! Our fall Stewardship Campaign, "Giving in Gratitude" continues throughout November as we celebrate 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 November 22, featuring Tours of our new Sanctuary and Community Room!** Please join us as we give glory to God and rejoice together!

LEAVES OF GRATITUDE—You will find in today's bulletin a colorful, fall, paper leaf. During Community Time, you will be invited to write on this leaf an expression of gratitude or thanksgiving. What are you thankful for today, this year? These Leaves of Gratitude will be collected in the Offering and used next week in our worship service. Thank You!

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**. Please place your coats in the marked bins at the back of Fellowship Hall. Questions? Diana Natsch at dnatsch1@gmail.com

CHURCH CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY! Everyone is welcome to attend our Church Conference on **Wednesday, November 11, 7:00 PM**. This is the annual meeting in which we celebrate our ministry, elect officers and committees, and look to the future.

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS will be available 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 and on **Saturday, December 12**. You will be able to choose to purchase a gift card or gifts for children. Gifts are delivered to friends Emmanuel, Humboldt Park, & San Pablo Churches, as well as Eddie Washington Center, The Haven, The Harbor, and a disabled vets group. Thank you for joining in making this a Merry Christmas for many children and adults! Questions? Contact Jeris Boyce.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Our program is Terry Dreher talking about mission opportunities in Lake County. On the afternoon of November 17, Priscilla Circle is sponsoring the birthday party at Winchester House. We need helpers to help us serve. Questions? Please call Shirley at 847-362-0523. We look forward to seeing you!

A NEW UMW CIRCLE is meeting at the church on **Tuesday, November 17, at 7:00 PM** (third Tuesday of the month). Please contact Kelley Wilson, Membership; Bonnie Lill, Education and Interpretation or Mary Ann Burson, President for more information.

PANAMA BAKE SALE—Our annual bake sale to raise funds for medicine will be held on **Sunday morning, November 22**. We will have our delicious apple pies and would appreciate any donations of baked goods. Please label as to contents and package in small amounts, such as 4 cookies or brownies per package. Questions? Becky Traut, 847-367-0295. Thanks!

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE ~ FOURTH QUARTER CRITICAL

The final quarter of the church year is critical to our overall financial health. As we move into November, the gap between actual income and actual expenses is \$112,000. We always anticipate a gap due to the pattern of giving throughout the year, but our gap at this point is about \$29,000 more than we expected. It's very important that have a strong November and December to make up this shortfall.

If you have gotten behind in your regular giving, we hope that you will be able to catch up in November. If you have been blessed this year and would like to make additional offerings and gifts to the church, this would be greatly appreciated.

God is faithful. There is much to celebrate in our life and ministry together!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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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.

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.

DO YOU HAVE A REDEMPITIVE STORY TO TELL? And does your heart overflow with gratitude because of it? We are looking for a couple of people who would be willing to share a redemptive testimony with the congregation on **Tuesday evening, November 24, 7:00 PM** at our Thanksgiving Worship service. Everyone has a story to tell, and if your story can be used to inspire people toward a greater spirit of gratitude, then we would absolutely love for you to come share it. Please contact Ben Hallett (ben.hallett@umcl.org) if you are willing.

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!

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE! Come support the annual Troop 72 Boy Scout, and UMCL Men's Christmas Tree Sale. The sale starts on **Friday, November 27** and runs daily through **Saturday December 19**. Beautiful fresh trees from Wisconsin will be available in a variety of sizes. Proceeds from the sale help support our scout troop as well as local and global ministries through the UMCL Mens group. Able bodied UMCL men are needed to fill volunteer time slots. Please contact Bert Kibbler if you can help! (847) 858-1456 or bertkibbler@gmail.com

LOVE IN ACTION is an opportunity for faith, fellowship and service during the Advent season! Women and children of all ages are invited to come together for this celebration of the Christmas season on **Sunday, December 6, 3:00-5:00 PM**. In lieu of the UMW Advent Tea, we will be assembling UMCOR health kits, learning about their purpose and destinations, enjoying snacks, holiday music and fellowship. Watch for details including the list of items needed for health kits, how to donate if you want UMW to shop for you and how to register, so that we provide enough food. (Registration will be available on Nov. 15, 22 and 29.)

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.

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!

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The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
November 8, 2015
9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Pentecost Giving in Gratitude

Today's Scripture Passage

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

— Mark 12:41-44



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 "Jubilation" M. Parrish
Heritage Bells

* Call to Worship

Leader Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.
People For God has made us and this earth which gives us nurture.
Leader Let us gather together in gratitude to one another.
People For we are bearers of God's blessing and love for the earth and its people.
All Let us praise God; let us join hands; let us reach out in care and faith so that the goodness of life may be for all God's children.
Amen.

* Opening Hymn "O Worship the King" No. 73

Unison Prayer

Gracious God who gives and gives and gives to us again, hear our plea for one more gift; a generous spirit, that we may find and use and return to you all that you have given of the ordinary and the extraordinary, for you are the source of life itself. Amen.

First Scripture Reading 1 Chronicles 29:10-20 Bettylou Miller

Word of Witness Herb Spooner

Anthem "Until I Found the Lord" A. Thomas
Adult Choir

Community Time "Leaves of Gratitude" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

* Hymn "Freely, Freely" No. 389

* 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.

Second Scripture Reading Mark 12:41-44

Sermon "Her Two Cents Worth" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "Ave Maria" Bach/Gounod
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

* Closing Hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be" No. 399

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Ragaudon" A. Campra



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!



This morning's flowers are given with gratitude for our parents.

Many thanks to the following people for helping with our service this morning!
Sound Tech: Jesse Nixon
November Ushers: John Aten, Rob Kilmer, Bob Kowal, Wes Swearingin
Coffee Time: Please join us for coffee and refreshments between services, hosted by Pat and Peggy Berryman.

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Gathering Into Worship

* Opening Song "You Never Let Go" Redman

Prayer (please be seated) Ben Hallett

Song "Forever Reign" Ingram

Announcements & Greeting Each Other

Scripture Reading 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

Word of Witness Herb Spooner

Thankful Response

Community Leaves of Gratitude Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Illustration

Message & Scripture Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
"Her Two Cents Worth" ~ Mark 12:41-44

Offering

Prayer

Song "How He Loves Me" McMillan

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

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.

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DRAMA TEAM—Hey folks! We really want to put a Drama Team together for Worship services. But we need a couple things first... A leader (or director) and also actors! If anybody has the gift of the performing arts, we'd love to talk more with you about it! Please contact Ben Hallett (ben.hallett@umcl.org) if you're interested. We believe this can be a beautiful and powerful aspect of our worship life together

WELCOME BAGS! Our Welcome and New Members committee, with the special leadership of Chuck Peters, is excited to provide Welcome Bags for our church family to share with new residents of their communities! The bags contain information about local schools, government, chambers of commerce, as well as information about UMCL. This is a great opportunity to get to know new people in your own neighborhood. Chuck has also included recipes for some baked goodies from some of our UMCL bakers, and you are welcome to add your own "homemade" touch with baked goods. This is a wonderful way to reach out during our season of change! Please contact Joyce Bedell at joyce.bedell@umcl.org for details.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME volunteers are needed for making and serving coffee from 8:30 AM through approximately 11:15 AM. Would you and your family or church group consider helping? Sign up in the kitchen or call Jan Grigsby at 847-362-8473.

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.

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: Steve Neil (sbneil@comcast.net or 224-475-8701).

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.njfon.org, or Rev. Michael Mann at 847-931-0710 x20).

BUILDING ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Please remember that for everyone's safety, we ARE NOT using the west exterior parking lot or boiler room doors to enter the building. The Sanctuary, East Room, and Foyer are all closed to everyone except the construction crew. If you are coming to an event scheduled for Fellowship Hall, please use the Fellowship Hall entrance. If you are coming to an event scheduled in the Education Wing, please use the Brainerd Street entrance. On Sundays only, you may utilize the west parking lot exterior doors only to reach the elevator. The Fellowship Hall and Brainerd entrances are accessible. The Brainerd (Education Wing) entrance is equipped with an ADA ramp, as well as two nearby handicapped parking spots.
- Thank you for being considerate of those who are unable to walk longer distances by utilizing the library parking lot or perhaps carpooling to church with a neighbor.
- Thank you as well for not parking at any time along the drive entering the parking lot. This entire drive must be kept clear for safe access to the parking lot.
- Check out www.umcl.org/building-access for all building updates and access information. Please contact the office if you have questions about building access.

UMCL Calendar

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)
 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
 6:00 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—Stephen Ministry
 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

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)

Sunday, November 15, 2015

~ *New Member Sunday* ~
 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
 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
 4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers
 6:30 PM—SrHI Tide

Monday, November 16, 2015

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

Tuesday, November 17, 2015

9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
 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—Resource Committee
 7:00 PM—New UMW Circle

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

8:45 AM—MEMOS
 9:15 AM—Staff Meeting
 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
 1:00 PM—Timothy Bible Study
 7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)
 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE

Thursday, November 19, 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 20, 2015

7:00 PM—Cub Scouts

Saturday, November 21, 2015

8:00 AM—Men's Study
 9:00 AM—Set-up Fellowship Hall for Worship
 2:30 PM—Bernie's Book Bank (off site)
 5:00 PM—PADS (off site)
 7:00 PM—Vine & Cheese (off site)

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