

## Welcome New Members!

November 2015



**Cheryl and Cliff Eastman** ~ 3243 Stratford Court, #1B, Lake Bluff, IL 60044; 419-346-9226 (Cheryl); 419-306-4114 (Cliff). Cheryl and Cliff have recently moved here to be closer to their daughter (Lauren), son-in-law (Ryan) and new grandson (Nolan) in Lake Forest. Previously, they have lived in Richmond, IN (where their son, Nate, lives); Salisbury, VT; Perrysburg, OH; Barrington, IL; Mt. Lebanon, PA; and several different places in Ohio. Cheryl enjoys babysitting Nolan, art/design and hiking. Cliff's hobbies include woodworking and reading.

**Heidi and Roger Herrick** ~ 1803 Pinecrest Lane, Lindenhurst, IL 60046; 847-269-6320. Heidi and Roger are transferring from Trinity UMC in Lindenhurst. Heidi is a liaison for Northwestern Home Health. She has been a UMC member all her life and has been in women's groups and helped establish one in her former church. Heidi is looking forward to singing in the choir, getting involved with the women's groups and community mission work. She has started to collect dolls and knits and sews. She has fairy gardens and enjoys creating them. Roger is a trainer for HVAC at Siemens. He joined the church when he married Heidi and is interested in camping and radio repair and collecting. He is looking forward to getting involved with the men's group.

**Sadie Herrick** ~ 1803 Pinecrest Lane, Lindenhurst, IL 60046; 708-269-3136. Sadie is the daughter of Heidi and Roger Herrick and recently graduated from North Central College with a degree in psychology and sociology. She is currently working at the YMCA Safe and Sound program in Naperville.

**Carrie and Brian Kostka** ~ 344 Grant Court, Libertyville, IL 60048; 847-274-0802 (B); 773-793-9933 (C). Brian and Carrie moved to Libertyville from the city. They have a 2-year-old son, Elliott. Carrie works in marketing and likes being outside and traveling. Brian works in logistics and likes music and trying new things. They both enjoy hanging out with family and friends.

**Melinda and Steve Whittington**, 609 Maple Avenue, Lake Bluff, IL 60044; 513-652-3717 (M); 224-255-9047 (S). The family attended Armstrong Chapel UMC in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the past 10 years. Their daughter, Jen, is 15 years old and a sophomore at Lake Forest High School. She enjoys basketball, soccer, music, and being with friends. Melinda just left Kraft Heinz in finance and previously spent 20 years at Procter and Gamble. Steve is now starting a company and was previously employed for 21 years by Procter and Gamble. They have lived in Belgium and Costa Rica in the last 15 years. They both attended Ohio State (where their son, Zachary, is) and are big Ohio State Buckeye fans. They love to travel, which has included mission trips to Jamaica several times, Haiti, Southern US post-Katrina and Appalachia.

## UMCL Calendar

### 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

9:15 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle  
9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Resource Committee  
7:00 PM—New UMW Circle

### Wednesday, November 18, 2015

8:45 AM—MEMOS  
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)

### Sunday, November 22, 2015

- *Celebration 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)  
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers  
6:30 PM—SrHI Tide

### Monday, November 23, 2015

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 24, 2015

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

### Wednesday, November 25, 2015

9:15 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina

### Thursday, November 26, 2015

- Happy Thanksgiving! -  
- Office Closed -  
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
Friday, November 27, 2015  
9:00 AM—Christmas Tree Sale  
Saturday, November 28, 2015  
8:45 AM—“Watch for the Light” Advent Study  
5:00 PM—PADS (off site)



## The United Methodist Church of Libertyville November 15, 2015 9:30 & 11:00 AM

### The Season of Pentecost Giving in Gratitude

#### Today's Scripture Passage

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

—Romans 12:1-13

#### Staff ~ United Methodist Church of Libertyville

Pastor Stephen C. Williams	<a href="mailto:pastorscwilliams@umcl.org">pastorscwilliams@umcl.org</a>
Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams	<a href="mailto:pastorjhwilliams@umcl.org">pastorjhwilliams@umcl.org</a>
Business/Operations Manager: Ruth Ross	<a href="mailto:Ruth.Ross@umcl.org">Ruth.Ross@umcl.org</a>
Director of Contemporary Worship & Spiritual Growth: Ben Hallett	<a href="mailto:Ben.Hallett@umcl.org">Ben.Hallett@umcl.org</a>
Director of Children & Family Ministries: Amanda Seibert	<a href="mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org">Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org</a>
Youth Pastor: Brittney Stephan	<a href="mailto:Brittney.Stephan@umcl.org">Brittney.Stephan@umcl.org</a>
Junior High Youth Minister: Heidi Nelson	<a href="mailto:Heidi.Nelson@umcl.org">Heidi.Nelson@umcl.org</a>
New Member/Ministries Coordinator: Joyce Bedell	<a href="mailto:Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org">Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org</a>
Director of Music: Jim Grace	<a href="mailto:Jim.Grace@umcl.org">Jim.Grace@umcl.org</a>
Director of Adult Choir: Jeff Brown	<a href="mailto:Jeff.Brown@umcl.org">Jeff.Brown@umcl.org</a>
Children's Choir Director: Blair Brockman	<a href="mailto:Blair.Brockman@umcl.org">Blair.Brockman@umcl.org</a>
Church Office/Administrative Secretary: Karla Bolkema	<a href="mailto:info@umcl.org">info@umcl.org</a>
Communications Secretary: Valerie Baker	<a href="mailto:Valerie.Baker@umcl.org">Valerie.Baker@umcl.org</a>

#### 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** "Sweet By and By" M. Hayes

**Introit** "Stand Up" Cherub Choir

### \* Call to Worship

**Leader** Let us praise God, who gives living water, through whom the faithful flourish.

**People** Like trees planted by the water, God, are those who trust in you.

**Leader** Like trees with deep roots are those who place their faith in you.

**People** Like green tress in winter are those who receive their life from you.

**All** We praise you God for welcoming us to sing your praise in this sacred fellowship. With glad hearts we welcome one another and join together to worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\* **Opening Hymn** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" No. 147

### Unison Prayer

Bounteous God, you have offered us the fullness of life in Christ; you have invited us to the feast of rejoicing. We thank you for your faithfulness and love. Be with us this day as we worship you with open hearts. Receive our praise, our prayers and all that we do here this day as a gift to you. Amen.

**Special Music** "This Is The Day," "Hallelu, Hallelujah" Joyful Noise

**First Scripture Reading** Romans 12:1-13 Amy Sharer

**Reception of New Members** UM Hymnal page 33

**Solo** "Where There Is Love" McHugh & Nelson  
Jane Victor

**Word of Witness** "Giving in Gratitude" Jim Stewart

\* 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 Into Worship

\* **Opening Song** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms / 'Tis So Sweet" D. Crowder

**Prayer** (please be seated) Ben Hallett

**Song** "Before the Throne of God Above" Shane & Shane

### Announcements

**Word of Witness** "Giving in Gratitude" Jim Stewart

**Reflection** Thanksgiving Tree & Leaves of Gratitude  
Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

### Offering

### Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

### Illustration

**Message & Scripture** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams  
"Celebrate the Gifts" ~ Romans 12:1-13

### Prayer

**Song** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" D. Crowder

### 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.

**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.

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

**Reflection** Thanksgiving Tree & Leaves of Gratitude  
Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\* **Hymn** "For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 92, verses 1, 4, 5, 6

**Second Scripture Reading** 1 John 4:7-12, 16

**Sermon** "Celebrate the Gifts" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Offering / Offertory** "Blessed Assurance" J. Sanborn

As the Offering is received, any who would like to participate are invited to come forward and attach a leaf of gratitude on the Thanksgiving Tree. Helpers will be there to assist you.

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

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

\* **Closing Hymn** "O Church of God, United" No. 547

### \* Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" K. Renfrow



### *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: Jon Elsea*

*November Ushers: John Aten, Bob Kowal, Chris Skinner, Wes Swearingin*

*Coffee Time: Please join us for coffee and refreshments between services, hosted by David and Patricia Capstick.*

## UMCL News & Notes ~ November 15, 2015

**GIVING IN GRATITUDE!** Our fall Stewardship Campaign, "Giving in Gratitude," continues this month 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 to give glory to God and rejoice together!

**THANKSGIVING TREE & LEAVES OF GRATITUDE**—You will find in today's bulletin a colorful, fall, paper leaf. During the time of reflection, you will be invited to write on this leaf an expression of gratitude or thanksgiving. As the Offering is taken, we invite you to either place your leaf in the offering plate or come forward and attach the leaf of gratitude to the Thanksgiving Tree. Helpers will be there to assist you. Many Thanks to DeLynn Vang and her family for creating our tree and leaves.

**CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS** are available today & **November 29** in the back of Fellowship Hall. The Blessing of the Gifts will take place on **Sunday, December 6**. You will be able to choose to purchase a gift card or gifts for children. Thank you for helping to make this a Merry Christmas for many! Questions? Contact Jeris Boyce.

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet **Tuesday, November 17 at 9:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Teri Dreher will talk about advocating for our families in a changing healthcare landscape. On the afternoon of November 17, Priscilla Circle sponsors the birthday party at Winchester House and needs helpers. Questions? Call Shirley at 847-362-0523. We look forward to seeing you!

**A NEW UMW CIRCLE** is meeting at 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.

**RUTH CIRCLE** meets **Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 PM** at the home of Karen Kuhlman (840 Hawthorn Lane, Libertyville, 847-680-5845). Come and hear about the women who were pioneers in the United Methodist Church, paving the way for women today. All are welcome! Call Teri Dreher at 847-612-6684 or Julie Garren at 847-816-7340 for more information.

**BERNIE'S BOOK BANK**—sign-up TODAY at [www.umcl.org/bernies-registation](http://www.umcl.org/bernies-registation). Come one, come all to this fun filled "CHURCH FAMILY" EVENT! All ages are invited to "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.

**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 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!

**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 TODAY in Fellowship Hall or by emailing Ben ([ben.hallett@umcl.org](mailto:ben.hallett@umcl.org)). 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 REDEMPTIVE 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 testimony with the congregation at our Thanksgiving Worship Service on **Tuesday evening, November 24, 7:00 PM**. Everyone has a story to tell, and if your story can be used to inspire people toward a greater spirit of gratitude, please consider sharing it! Questions? Contact Ben at [ben.hallett@umcl.org](mailto:ben.hallett@umcl.org).

**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, with much pie to follow! Come sing, smell, and taste! (Nursery provided.)

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE....** 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 worship service for those suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief in the holiday season. Details: Mary Spooner (847-548-3703), Kevin Garren (847-816-7340) or Pastors.

## UMCL News & Notes (page 2)

**FAMILY SUNDAY** – Please join us on **November 29** for Family Sunday! There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children and youth. Kids of all ages will join us during the 9:30 & 11:00 AM service as we discover and celebrate Advent. If you have some purple clothes or accessories please wear it on the 29th to help us ring in the Advent Season!

**ADVENT STUDIES!** Sign up TODAY to be part of one of these 4-week Advent Studies:

- "Under Wraps"
  - ~ Sunday Morning @ 8:00 AM, starts November 29, with Karen Kuhlman
  - ~ Monday Morning @ 10:00 AM, starts November 30, with Mary Ann Burson
  - ~ Wednesday Evening @ 7:00 PM, starts Dec. 2, with Kara Lehnhardt & Jim Stewart
- "Watch For The Light"
  - ~ Saturday Morning @ 8:45 AM, starts November 28, with Ben Hallett

Please sign up in the back on Fellowship Hall or by emailing Ben (ben.hallett@umcl.org) with which class you'd like to attend. Daily Devotionals are also available for personal study.

**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](mailto: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!

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!** Come support the annual Troop 72 Boy Scout and UMCL Men's Christmas Tree Sale, **November 27—December 19**. Beautiful fresh trees from Wisconsin will be available in a variety of sizes. Proceeds from the sale support our scout troop as well as ministries through the UMCL Men's group. Able-bodied UMCL volunteers are needed! Please contact Bert Kibbler if you can help! (847) 858-1456 or [bertkibbler@gmail.com](mailto: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 season on **Sunday, December 6, 3:00-5:00 PM**. In lieu of the UMW Advent Tea, we will be assembling UMCOR health kits and learning about their purpose, as well as enjoying snacks, holiday music and fellowship. Watch for details about the items needed for the kits and how to make a financial donation if you'd rather not shop. Sign up starting today!

**PRIME TIME** will meet **Monday, December 7**. Lunch (\$5) will be served at noon. December is time for our "White Elephant" exchange... wrap up that item around the house you no longer want or the gift you received last December! Where else can you give a gift that cost you zero \$, receive an interesting gift in return and socialize with friends! PLEASE remember to make a reservation with the church office **BEFORE FRIDAY, December 4 at 10:00 A.M.**

**ASP 2016** (Appalachian Service Project) is scheduled for **June 11-18** in Kentucky. ASP is a service project for high school youth and adult leaders. Anyone (incoming freshman in fall 2016 or older) is welcome to participate. Total cost of the trip is \$325; with \$100 deposit due December 1. Contact Steve Neil ([sbneil@comcast.net](mailto:sbneil@comcast.net) or 224-475-8701).

**PADS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**, especially overnight and clean-up shifts, as well as groups or families 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](mailto:cobrien1021@hotmail.com) to find out how you can help!

### **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.