

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 27, 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—Kids Own Worship
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Holidays to Holy Days
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, November 28, 2016

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

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

12:00 PM— AA/Living Free
7:00 PM—SPRC Meeting
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
7:00 PM—Nominating Meeting
7:00 PM—Advent Tea Meeting
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, December 1, 2016

12:00PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Holidays to Holy Days
7:30 PM—Choir

Friday, December 2, 2016

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, December 3, 2016

8:00 Men-s Bible Study
10:30 AM—Youth S.S. Training
12:00 PM—Praise Band
4:30 PM—PADS

Sunday, December 4, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone
8:15 AM—Explorers Class
9:00 AM—Choristers
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith
9:30 AM— Traditional Service
9:30 AM— B.I.G. Time
10:30 AM—Christ in Chaos
11:00 AM— Contemporary Service
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship
3:00 PM—Advent Tea
4:00 PM—Racial Justice
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Holidays to Holy Days
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, December 5, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio
5:45 PM—Brownie Troop 43072
7:00 PM—UMW Leadership
7:00 PM—Inquirers

7:30 PM—Troop 72 Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

12:00 PM— AA/Living Free
7:00 PM—Holidays to Holy Days
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, December 8, 2016

9:30 AM—Faith Circle
12:00PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Holidays to Holy Days
7:30 PM—Choir

Friday, December 9, 2016

6:00 PM—Young Life

Saturday, December 10, 2016

8:00 Men-s Bible Study
12:00 PM—Praise Band
4:30 PM—PADS

The United Methodist Church of Libertyville
First Sunday of Advent November 27, 2016



Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am

Greetings and Announcements (Please pass the attendance pads at this time.)
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.

Prelude "Veni Emmanuel" C. Callahan

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

Leader Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

People We gather as a people of hope.

Leader Christians around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

People Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision and a deep conviction.

Leader We believe, we have seen, we have received the Promise and the Great Gift, therefore in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

People We gather expectantly, joyfully and with deep commitment, for we have heard that the King is coming and soon we will celebrate together. Amen.

***Congregational Hymn** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" No. 715

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introduction

The Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading Psalm 130:5

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

Advent Song "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" No. 196 vs. 1

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

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FAITH CIRCLE Join us on Thursday, December 8th at 9:30 am. We will be having a Christmas gift exchange and providing brunch. Childcare is provided. For more information call Andrea West at 847-356-3846

BLUE CHRISTMAS is a service of remembrance for those suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief in the holiday season. By offering this service, we acknowledge the struggles that we face, while providing a safe place of peace. Service on Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 in the Sanctuary. We invite you to join us for this service. Please contact Mary Spooner (847-548-3703), Kathy Locke (847-816-6841), Kevin Garren (847-816-7340) or the Pastors.

RUTH CIRCLE will hold their annual pot luck dinner at 6:00 on Wednesday evening, December 14th at the home of Sandy Palmer (920 Bedford Lane, Libertyville, 1-847-680-3026) Please call Sandy to RSVP and let her know what dish you will be contributing. Join us for this celebration of the season and a wonderful evening of fellowship.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will have their Christmas meeting on December 20th at 11:30 in fellowship hall. This will be a pot luck lunch but if you can't bring something please come anyway. We will have a sharing time. If you have a special holiday memory, or an ornament or anything else you would like to share please bring it. Any questions call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.

OUR 5TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY will be held on Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 PM in Cook Park. The children and youth of our church will reenact the birth story of Jesus. Complete with our own choir of angels, live animals and, for the first time, a real baby Jesus! Concluding the performance everyone is invited to our church to enjoy some cocoa, coffee and cookies

HELP NEEDED If you are interested in helping with set design, set-up, lighting or sound please contact Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org. Many hands make light work!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS - Families are encouraged to take home "Look Around the Manger" devotional for the Advent season. Please pick up this interactive booklet and manger scene in the Ed Wing outside of the B.I.G. Room.



Many Thanks to the following people for helping with our services this morning:

Sound Technicians: Janet and Mark Mason

Worship Team: Jacqueline & Ben Hallett, David Bedell,

Woody Bedell, Tim Tonon, Tom Seibert

Ushers: (9:30) Jane and John Aten, Chris Skinner, Bob Kowal

(11:00) Jayden Montgomery

Music Director & Organist: Mr. James Grace

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

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ADVENT TEA Please join us for the 6th Annual UMW Advent Tea to be held on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 in Fellowship Hall. This will be a joyous afternoon to celebrate the season. Child care will be provided. If you would like to help with the planning we would love to have you join us. Contact Mickey Donahue (847-703-0007) Tickets are on sale today.

ADVENT STUDIES! Sign up TODAY to be part of one of these Advent Studies.

"From Holidays To Holy Days" based on the book by Albert Holtz

~ Sunday Afternoons @ 4:00 pm, starts November 27, with Kathy Locke

~ Friday Mornings during Advent at Spring Meadows (led by Karen Kuhlman)

~ Thursday Evenings @ 7:00 pm, starts Dec. 1, with Jim Stewart

"Christ In The Chaos"

~ Class created and led by Kara Lehnardt Sunday mornings at 10:30 am, December 4, 11, & 18th

A GIFT FOR ADVENT—CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS We ask you to put yourself in the shoes of the 3 Wise Men and consider what you would 'GIFT' to Jesus this year. We are especially hopeful you will choose to give Jesus more of your time and take part in the many discussions we are offering for Advent this year. Please visit the Spiritual Growth table in front of the office window to pick up your TWO Gift for Advent ornaments and an info sheet that will have your instructions. One of your ornaments will hang on our community room Christmas Tree.

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTIONALS Also available in the Spiritual Growth area near the Christmas Tree, there are personal daily devotionals for Advent. These are free to all those who would like to have one.

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS 27 years ago our church started Christmas Partners and once again all angels have homes. Thanks again to all who continue to share in this Christmas Blessing. Please bring your gifts to the service you will be attending on December 11

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE OPENS THIS WEEKEND Boy Scout Troop 72 will be selling Christmas Trees, wreaths and garlands. The sale is from Friday November 25th through Saturday December 17th. Please come and support the Boy Scouts!

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS will be held at the Velez residence at 145 Trailwood Lane, Northbrook, IL 60062 at 6:30pm on December 2nd. There will be a cookie exchange, appetizers and drinks. Please Rsvp to Gayla Velez at 847 687-5523 or paulandgayla@att.net

HELPING HANDS Our next pick up will be Saturday December 3rd. We are in need of family room, dining room and bedroom furniture that is in very good condition. We are also in need of other household items for the kitchen and bathroom. Call John McNally 847-401-5504

PRIME TIME will meet Monday, December 5 at noon. 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 Thursday, December 1 at 10:00 AM.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Solo

"All is Well"

M.W. Smith

Naomi Varda

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

*** Congregational Hymn**

"Soon and Very Soon"

No. 706

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

"The Return of the King"

Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering Our Commitments and Gifts to God

"Wachet Auf"

E. Diemer

* Doxology

No. 94

* Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn of Dedication**

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

No. 569

***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude

"Wachet Auf"

C. Callahan



The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of John G. Johnson, from his wife, Terry.

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!



Worship Together

"Holy Holy Holy"

Sufjan

Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introduction

The Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

Advent Song

Psalm 130:5

Worship Together

"Be Still My Soul"

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Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Celebration of Holy Baptism

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Thomas Paul Seibert II

Elijah Thomas Seibert, son of Amanda and Tom Seibert

Congregational Response

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Thomas Paul and Elijah Thomas, surrounded by our community of love and forgiveness, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Announcements & Greeting Each Other

Community Share & Prayer

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 24:36-44

Message

"The Return of the King"

Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offertory Worship

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Rend Collective



Today's Scripture Passages

Isaiah 2:1-5

In the days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
will be the highest of the mountains.

It will be lifted above the hills;
peoples will stream to it.

Many nations will go and say,

"Come, let's go up to the Lord's mountain,
to the house of Jacob's God

so that he may teach us his ways
and we may walk in God's paths."

Instruction will come from Zion;
the Lord's word from Jerusalem.

God will judge between the nations,
and settle disputes of mighty nations.

Then they will beat their swords into iron plows
and their spears into pruning tools.

Nation will not take up sword against nation;
they will no longer learn how to make war.

Matthew 24:36-44

"But nobody knows when that day or hour will come, not the heavenly angels and not the Son.

Only the Father knows. As it was in the time of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark. They didn't know what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. The coming of the Son of Man will be like that. At that time there will be two men in the field. One will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding at the mill. One will be taken and the other left. Therefore, stay alert! You

don't know what day the Lord is coming. But you understand that if the head of the house knew at what time the thief would come, he would keep alert and wouldn't allow the thief to break into his house. Therefore, you also should be prepared, because the Son of Man will come at a time you don't know.

