

## A Warm Welcome to All!

Thanks for coming to Family Sunday! We are delighted to have all of you sharing with us in worship. You will notice that the services are a little different from our usual services. There may be some extra noise and activity while our children get to experience church on these Family Sundays. All children are welcome to grab a kid's bulletin and/or busy bag for extra activities (back of sanctuary or East Room entrance). Nursery care is available up to age 5 today.

If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Table in the foyer 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 join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing from 9:00—11:00 AM, and following the Contemporary Service in the East Room. We look forward to seeing you there!



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

**Sound Techs** (8:15 & 9:30): Connor and Zach Clausen

**Acolytes:** (9:30) Grace Clausen, Megan Nostrand

**November Ushers:** (8:15) Larry Corrigan, Clem Vath  
(9:30) Dan Joyce, Rob Kilmer, Bob Kowal, Chris Skinner,  
Wes Swearingin, Karl Taylor, Jean Turner

**Worship Team** (11:00) Julie Bakus, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown,  
Jeff Davis, Jeanette Frisbey, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

**Multimedia Coordinators** (11:00): Mark and Janet Mason

**Coffee Fellowship:** Please join us for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall (9:00—11:00 AM) and hosted by the Berryman Family, and following the Contemporary Service in the East Room.



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## Church Calendar

### Sunday, November 30, 2014

~ Family Sunday ~

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)  
9:30 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:40 AM—God's Soul Girls  
10:45 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Time)  
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers Choirs  
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE

### Monday, December 1, 2014

12:00 PM—Prime Time  
7:00 PM—The Inquirers Study Group  
7:00 PM—Troop #72

### Tuesday, December 2, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study  
6:30 PM—College Ministry Package Assembly  
6:30 PM—Advent Tea Committee

### Wednesday, December 3, 2014

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:00 AM—MEMOS  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study  
7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee  
7:00 PM—Women's Ecumenical Advent Service  
(at First Presbyterian Church)

### Thursday, December 4, 2014

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum  
6:30 PM—Praise Band  
7:00 PM—Disciple 1 Lite  
7:30 PM—Disciple 3  
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

### Friday, December 5, 2014

6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)  
7:00 PM—20's @ Ben's

### Saturday, December 6, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
10:00 AM—Charge Conference  
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS

### Sunday, December 7, 2014

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
8:15 AM—First Light Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-5 years)  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir  
9:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3 years)  
9:30 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
10:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:40 AM—God's Soul Girls  
10:45 AM—Adult Sunday School Class  
10:45 AM—Rehearsal for Live Nativity  
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service  
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3 years)  
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Time)

3:00 PM—Advent Tea  
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers Choirs  
6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE  
7:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee

### Monday, December 8, 2014

2:00 PM—BookTalkers  
7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team  
7:00 PM—Troop #72

### Tuesday, December 9, 2014

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth (off site)  
11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group  
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA  
1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study  
7:00 PM—Blue Christmas Service  
7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads  
7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee

### Wednesday, December 10, 2014

9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
12:30 PM—Staff Meeting  
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study  
5:30 PM—All Stars  
7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee  
7:30 PM—Troop #72 Committee

### Thursday, December 11, 2014

9:00 AM—Faith Circle  
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA  
6:30 PM—Praise Band  
7:00 PM—Disciple 1 Lite  
7:30 PM—Disciple 3  
7:30 PM—Adult Choir  
7:30 PM—Trustees

### Friday, December 12, 2014

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum  
6:30 PM—Cub Scouts #72  
7:00 PM—20's @ Ben's

### Saturday, December 13, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
9:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Committee  
10:00 AM—Rehearsal for Live Nativity  
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS



## The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

November 30, 2014  
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM



### Today's Scripture Passage

Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

— John 10:1-10

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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

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## First Light Service ~ 8:15 am



Opening Music	"Of the Father's Love Begotten"	G. Martin
Greeting & Welcome		Ben Hallett
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.		
Introduction to the Hanging of the Greens		Sarah Mitchell
* Opening Song	"Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly"	verses 1-2, see insert
The Wreath		Terri Neil
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		The Berryman Family
Introduction		
Scripture Reading		Isaiah 9:2
Advent Prayer		
Lighting of the Candle of Hope		
Advent Hymn	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	No. 196
Prayer		Ben Hallett
The Christmas Tree		Steve Neil
*Congregational Song	"O Christmas Tree"	verses 1-2, see insert
The Ornaments		Steve Neil
Congregational Song	"O Christmas Tree"	verses 3-4, see insert
Offering / Offertory Solo	"Patiently Have I Waited for the Lord"	Saint-Saens
	Jeni Schellenberg	
Presentation of Gifts		
* Doxology	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading		John 10:1-10
Message	"Christmas Rules"	Ben Hallett
The Nativity		Terri Neil
* Closing Song	"Away in a Manger"	No. 217
* Blessing		
Postlude	"Sleepers Wake"	J. G. Walther



\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

## Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



Opening Music	"Of the Father's Love Begotten"	G. Martin
Greeting & Welcome		Ben Hallett
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.		
Introduction to the Hanging of the Greens		Sarah Mitchell
* Opening Song	"Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly"	verses 1-2, see insert
The Wreath		Eric Turner
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		The Brockman Family
Introduction		
Scripture Reading		Isaiah 9:2
Advent Prayer		
Lighting of the Candle of Hope		
Advent Hymn	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	No. 196
Prayer Together	Hey & Yay Gods	Faith Conway
The Christmas Tree		Dolores Palmieri
*Congregational Song	"O Christmas Tree"	verses 1-2, see insert
Children's Message	"The Ornaments and the Tree"	Maddie Guiard
Congregational Song	"O Christmas Tree"	verses 3-4, see insert
Offering / Offertory Solo	"Patiently Have I Waited for the Lord"	Saint-Saens
	Jeni Schellenberg	
Presentation of Gifts		
* Doxology	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication		
Scripture Reading		John 10:1-10
Message	"Christmas Rules"	Ben Hallett
The Nativity		Adam Nostrand
* Closing Song	"Away in a Manger"	No. 217
* Blessing		
Postlude	"Sleepers Wake"	J. G. Walther



## Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Countdown		
Greeting & Welcome		Jeff Brown
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.		
Introduction to the Hanging of the Greens		Sarah Mitchell
* Opening Song	"Deck the Halls with Boughs of Holly"	verses 1-2
The Wreath		Joey Ludlow
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		The Bedell Family
Introduction		
Scripture Reading		Isaiah 9:2
Advent Prayer		
Lighting of the Candle of Hope		
Advent Song	"Prepare the Way"	C. Hall
Prayer Together	Hey & Yay Gods	Emma Beltramo
The Christmas Tree		Sama Beltramo
*Congregational Song	"O Christmas Tree"	verses 1-2
Children's Message	"The Ornaments and the Tree"	Maddie Guiard
Congregational Song	"O Christmas Tree"	verses 3-4
Scripture Reading		John 10:1-10
Message	"Christmas Rules"	Ben Hallett
The Nativity		Aliya Haddon
* Closing Song	"Away in a Manger"	



**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 takes place following the Children's Message. For those who wish, nursery care is available for infants and toddlers during the service in Room 100.

**The Offering we give** is both an act of thanks and faith – a way to offer back to God some of the blessings we have received and a response of trust that God will take care of us as we rely upon him. You are invited to place your gifts in the Offering Plate on the back table as you leave.

## UMCL News & Notes ~ November 30, 2014

**OUR COLORFUL POPSICLE STICK** Prayers and Ponderings from the Building on Our Dreams Campaign are framed and hanging on the wall in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you enjoy reading them. Many Thanks to the congregation for contributing your prayers and hopes for the church and many thanks to DeLynn Vang for creating this work of art. See if you can find the hidden message in the display!

**CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS** are available again **TODAY** in the Heritage Area on the north side of the foyer (near the Education Wing). Most of the remaining names are for men and women in shelters, and the suggested gift is a Walmart Gift card along with a hat or pair of mittens. There are also six Humboldt Park families as well as a few children left. Please return the purchased gifts on Sunday, December 7, for the Blessing of the Gifts. If you would like to help share the joy of Christmas, please choose an angel from the foyer today. Questions? Contact Jeris Boyce at 847-295-0409 or Sharon McNally at 847-772-0955.

**OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING** will benefit "Imagine No Malaria" a Methodist Church initiative to eradicate this disease. Thanksgiving offering envelopes can be found in the pews, and checks can be made payable to UMCL with "Thanksgiving" noted on the check.

**THE PANAMA BAKE SALE** was a great success! Thank you to all who contributed (either by baking or buying). There are some apple pies and two pumpkin pies left over. The pies are in Becky Traut's freezer. If you would like to purchase a pie, please call Becky at 847-367-0295. Thank you!

**DECEMBER PRIME TIME** will meet tomorrow, December 1 at Noon for a Holiday Lunch (no charge for lunch!). After lunch we'll enjoy "The Life and Times of Jim Grace," Christmas Caroling, and a White Elephant Gift Exchange.

**OUR THIRD ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY** is on **Sunday, December 14 at 6:00 PM!** We will need a lot of help from all ages of the congregation! Children can sing in our choir of angels or be stars on stage. Youth and adults can be a part of this Christmas event by volunteering with set design, set-up/tear-down or by being an extra pair of hands to supervise our child actors and singers. Contact Amanda Seibert at [Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org) to get involved. Save the date and invite your friends and neighbors to share in this special event!

**CHARGE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD SATURDAY!** Join us this **Saturday, December 6, at 10:00 AM** in the East Room, for our Charge Conference, the annual meeting in which we celebrate our ministry, elect officers and committees, and look to the future. All are welcome to attend!

**ADVENT STUDY JOURNEY** will meet each Sunday in Advent beginning today at 10:45 AM. All are welcome to take a Benedictine walk through Advent. Journey with Father Albert Holtzas as he connects observations of the secular celebration of the holidays with the deeper, spiritual meaning of the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas, as captured in the book "From Holidays to Holy Days." Questions? Contact Susie DiCello ([susandicello@gmail.com](mailto:susandicello@gmail.com)) or Jim Stewart ([jstew0819@aol.com](mailto:jstew0819@aol.com)).

**WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE**—All women are invited to come together to begin Advent with prayer, music, and contemplation at First Presbyterian Church, (219 W. Maple Ave, Libertyville) on **Wednesday, December 3**. Refreshments will be served in the Sanctuary Narthex at **7:00 PM**; Worship will begin in the Chapel at **7:30 PM**. Invite a friend to join you!

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**—Stephen Ministry will offer a Blue Christmas Worship Service on **Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 PM** in the East Room. This service is designed for those suffering from loss, sadness, isolation or grief during the Advent Season. Candles, meditative music, prayers for healing, and readings from the Bible create a welcoming worship space. By offering this service, we acknowledge the struggles we face while providing a safe place of rest, comfort, and healing. Childcare is provided.

**SPECIAL SEASONAL ADVENT MUSIC**—On **December 14**, harpist Allison Attar of Grayslake will play incidental Christmas music throughout our 9:30 AM service. On **December 21**, our Adult Choir will present the Cantata "What Child Is This" by John Leavitt, a 25-minute work about the birth of Jesus. Please plan to share in these special seasonal musical offerings!

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE!** Help support Boy Scout Troop 72, Lake County ministries sponsored by United Methodist Men, and United Methodist Youth by getting your tree, wreath, and greenery at UMCL! The sale runs daily through December 20.

**Tree Sale Hours:** Saturdays, 9:00 AM—5:00 PM; Sundays, 11:30 AM—8:00 PM., Monday-Friday: 6:00—9:00 PM. If you can help with the sale, please contact Bert Kibbler at 847-858-1456.

## UMCL News & Notes Continued

**TAKE THE ADVENT SEASON HOME WITH YOU!** Advent Devotionals and candles are available in the foyer.

**YOUNG COUPLES** will meet on **Friday, December 5 at 6:30 PM** at Real Urban BBQ (1260 S. Milwaukee Ave., Vernon Hills.) Please RSVP to Gayla and Paul through Wiggin, paul\_velez@att.net or (847) 736-5257. Hope to see you there!

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL GIFT CARDS**—MOOve on over to the Heifer International table in the foyer on **Sundays December 7 & 14** between services. For as little as \$10, you can purchase a share of a goat, sheep, pig, llama, flock of chickens, bees, or a cow. Your contribution can be made in the name of a loved one, and you will receive a card explaining the program cornerstone of "Passing on the Gift."

**MISSING TABLECLOTHS!** Some of the church's round tablecloths are missing. If these tablecloths have found their way to your home, thank you for returning them to the kitchen!

**PADS HELP NEEDED** especially for overnight shifts (11:00 PM—3:00 AM or 3:00-6:30 AM) or clean-up (5:30-7:15 AM) and to make lunches (a good project for a group). Sign up in the PADS book on Sundays or call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062.

### FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE OFFICE

- **2014 CONTRIBUTIONS** will be accepted through December 31, 2014. This includes any additional cash or check contributions received in the office through the end the day. For those considering security contributions, a copy of the Church security contribution procedure and the other forms are available from the Finance office or can be emailed to you on request.
- **OFFERING ENVELOPES**—Again this year, you have the option to "opt out" of receiving weekly offering envelopes. Notify Ruth Ross, our Business/Operations Manager, if you'd prefer NOT to receive a box of offering envelopes. No notice is needed if you would like to receive a box of envelopes as usual.

**POINSETTIAS:** It's time to begin ordering the poinsettias which will decorate our East Room and Sanctuary on December 21 and 24! If you'd like to place an order, order forms are available in the foyer. Orders and payment are due **December 14**. Or order online at [www.umcl.org/poinsettias](http://www.umcl.org/poinsettias)

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet on **December 16** for a Christmas party pot luck lunch in Fellowship Hall at **11:30 AM**. Hope you can come and if you can't bring a dish to share, please come anyway. Questions—call Shirley 847-362-0523.

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**—Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall to help out with our Sunday morning Coffee Time! This is a wonderful way to provide hospitality to our community and guests. Questions? Call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523.

**NOVEMBER SECOND MILE GIVING** supports 1) **Justice for Our Neighbors:** Sponsored by the United Methodist Church, this organization offers immigration legal services at no cost. Three local clinics in Aurora, Rockford, and in Chicago at Humboldt Park UMC have helped hundreds of clients. ([www.jfonnic.org](http://www.jfonnic.org), or 872-333-1211 for the Clinic at Humboldt Park UMC) 2) **Winchester House Chaplaincy:** Owned and operated by Lake County, Winchester House has been providing long term health care to residents of Lake County for over 150 years. Its 360 beds offer a variety of services, including rehabilitation, long term care, and memory care. Our funds help provide a chaplain to minister to the residents. ([www.winchesterhouse.com](http://www.winchesterhouse.com) or 847-377-7200)

### HOW ARE WE DOING? As of October 31, 2014

	Month-end	Year-to-Date
<b>Offerings/Revenues</b>	\$56,231.94	\$638,369.42
<b>Expenses</b>	\$63,640.07	\$715,955.98
<b>Difference</b>	(\$7,408.13)	(\$77,586.56)
<b>Anticipated Difference</b>	\$5,084.38	(\$63,230.60)

Because the church typically receives a significant portion of its income in the last quarter of the year, there is generally a gap throughout the year between income and expenses. By the end of October we anticipated this gap to be \$63,000 but we find ourselves with a slightly larger gap of \$77,000. Our Offering the first Sunday in November was very good so we are hopeful that income over the next two months will be as generous as in previous years and that we will end the year in the black. Your continued generosity and faithfulness will make it possible for us to reach that goal. Thank you.