

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Countdown

Welcome & 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.

* Song "Here Is Our King" D. Crowder

* Song "Hark the Herald Angels Sing (with King of Heaven)" P. Baloché

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introduction
 Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-6
 An Advent Reading
 Lighting the Candle of Peace
 Advent Song "Prepare the Way" C. Hall

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" J. Neale

First Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-8

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Video "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" A Soulful Celebration

Second Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon "The Promise of Peace" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Celebration of Holy Communion

All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

* Closing Song "O Praise Him" D. Crowder

* Benediction



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.

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.

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.

Worship Team: Julie Bakus, Woody Bedell, Jeff Brown, Jeff Davis, Jeanette Frisbey, Tim Tonon, Jamie Twedell

Multimedia Coordinators: Mark and Janet Mason

Church Calendar

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—Sunday School for all ages
 (Children begin in service and leave after Children's Message)
 10:30 AM—Coffee Time
 10:40 AM—Joyful Noise & Choristers Choirs
 10:45 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
 10:45 AM—Live Nativity Rehearsal
 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
 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—Faithful Threads

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—Live Nativity Rehearsal
 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
 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
 4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS

Sunday, December 14, 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
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 10:45 AM—Live Nativity Rehearsal
 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)

4:00 PM—Live Nativity Dress Rehearsal
 6:00 PM—Live Nativity at Cook Park

Monday, December 15, 2014

6:00 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts
 6:30 PM—Youth Movie Night
 7:00 PM—Inquirer's Study Group
 7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, December 16, 2014

11:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 Bible Study
 6:00 PM—Building Committee
 6:30 PM—Youth Movie Night
 7:00 PM—Resource Committee

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

9:00 AM—MEMOS
 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
 12:30 PM—Staff Meeting
 6:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)
 6:30 PM—Youth Movie Night
 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE
 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells (off site)
 7:30 PM—Troop #72 Committee

Thursday, December 18, 2014

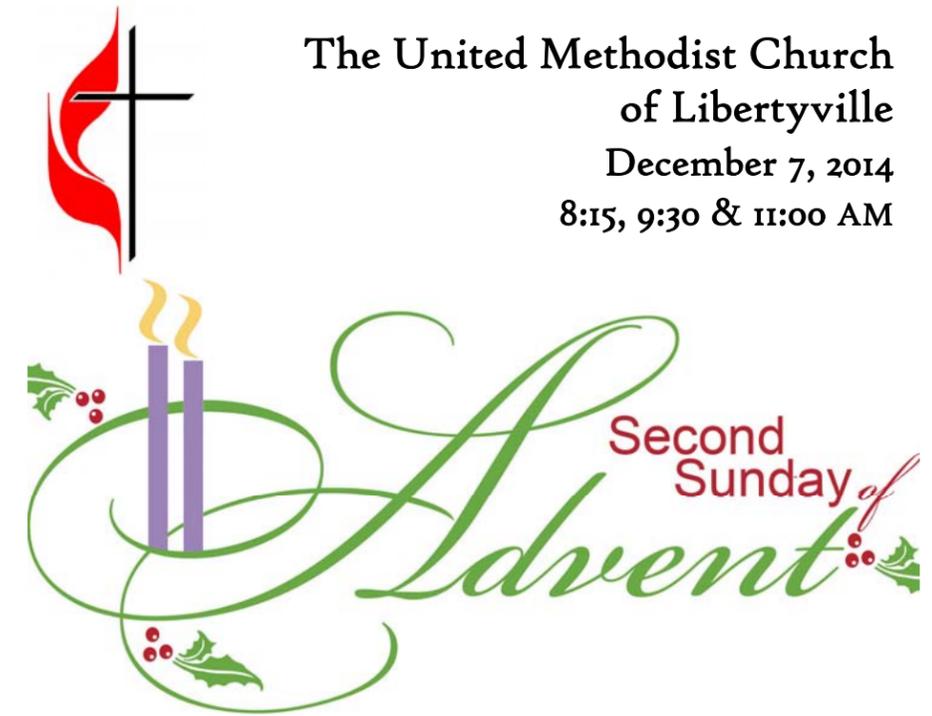
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
 6:30 PM—Praise Band
 6:30 PM—Youth Movie Night
 7:00 PM—Disciple 1 Lite
 7:30 PM—Disciple 3
 7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, December 19, 2014

6:30 PM—Youth Movie Night
 7:00 PM—20's @ Ben's

Saturday, December 20, 2014

8:00 AM—Men's Study
 4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS
 6:30 PM—Youth Movie Night



The United Methodist Church
 of Libertyville
 December 7, 2014
 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Today's Scripture Passage

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness, a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

— Isaiah 9:1-7

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 A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION
 PASTORS
 Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 am



Gathering Music "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" J. Taylor
Heritage Bells

Welcome & Greeting (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.

* **Opening Hymn** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 211, verses 1-4

* Call to Worship

Leader: Wonder of wonders—the wolf shall dwell with the lamb.
People: **No one shall hurt or destroy in all God's holy mountain.**
Leader: Wonder of wonders—the leopard shall lie down with the kid.
People: **The earth shall be full of the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea.**
Leader: This is how you shall know the Messiah—by a spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might, of knowledge and fear of God.
People: **Wonder of wonders, grace upon grace, joy at the heart of joy. Let us share God's gift with all the world. In the gift of Christ we are shown God's love for the world.**

***Musical Prayer** "Come and Fill Our Hearts"

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

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The organ will play this song once, the congregation will sing the second time through.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introduction
Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-6
An Advent Reading
Lighting the Candle of Peace
Advent Song "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" No. 204
The organ will play this song once, the congregation will sing the second time through.

Quiet Reflection, Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon "The Promise of Peace" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "He Is Born!" S. Rucker
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of Holy Communion UM Hymnal, page 13
Gluten free wafers are available in the center tray.

* **Closing Hymn** "Let There Be Peace On Earth" No. 431

* **Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



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Prelude "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" J. Taylor
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Advent Song "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" No. 204
The choir will sing this song once, the congregation will join the second time through.

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Dedication of Christmas Gifts

Gracious God, we thank you for the joy of being able to give gifts at Christmas time. As the Wise Men gave gifts to the Christ Child, we offer these gifts to you today. Bless them and those who will receive them. Let your hope and peace fill their hearts and ours this day and throughout this holy season. Amen.

First Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-8 Don Boyce

Anthem "Somebody Build A Manger" J. Raney
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* **Hymn** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" No. 206

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

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* **Benediction**

Postlude "Wachet Auf" D. Cherwien



A Warm Welcome to All!

We are delighted to have all of you sharing with us in worship! 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. We look forward to seeing you there!



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given by Herb and Mary Spooner in loving memory of their daughter, Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean.

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

*Sound Tech (8:15 & 9:30): Darin Chartier
Greeters (9:30): The Clausen Family Acolytes (9:30): Ushers
December Ushers (8:15): Wayne Buck Pat Conn, Larry Pflederer
(9:30): Jay Hazlett, Charles Hetzel, Jesse Michmerhuizen,
Steve Neil, John Obberieder, Ted Zeng
Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall (9:00—11:00 AM) and hosted by the Spiritual Growth Committee.*

UMCL News & Notes ~ December 7, 2014



THANK YOU! We are in the Commitment Follow-up phase for our Building on Our Dreams Campaign. If you have not yet responded to our campaign we hope you will do so today! Commitment forms are available in the foyer. We are thankful for the many generous commitments received to date. We will be announcing the response to the appeal on Celebration Sunday in January.

THANK YOU! Humboldt Park United Methodist church gave out the many coats that you so graciously donated when they had a Thanksgiving dinner for their church and community families. **MANY THANKS** for the coats and to Diana Natsch for coordinating this collection!

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS. The Blessing of the Gifts takes place this morning, with gift delivery happening this week. Thanks to all who have given gifts!

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

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."

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE THIS TUESDAY. Stephen Ministry will offer a **Blue Christmas Worship Service** this 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. In the midst of darkness, it is a service of light. Childcare is provided. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leaders Kevin Garren or Mary Spooner or the pastors.

LIVE NATIVITY—The church's 3rd Annual Live Nativity is next **Sunday, Dec. 14 at 6:00 PM!** We will need a lot of help from all ages of the congregation! 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 to get involved (Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org).

SHARE THE STORY! The church is looking for children and youth to be stars on our **LIVE NATIVITY** stage! The children do not need to memorize any words, just put on their best smile and act out the story of Jesus' birth. If anyone is interested in being a part of this Christmas event contact Amanda Seibert at the church office to sign-up and attend rehearsals this morning, **December 7, at 10:45 AM, Wednesday December 10 at 7:00 PM, Sunday December 14 at 10:45 AM and dress rehearsal at 4:00 PM.**

LIVE NATIVITY COOKIES AND HELP NEEDED! If you are able to provide 2-3 dozen small cookies for our **Live Nativity on December 14**, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or contact Mary Ann Burson. Please label any cookies containing nuts and deliver cookies to the kitchen on Sunday, December 14. We also need many **volunteers** to set-up, serve and clean-up after the anticipated crowd. Contact Mary Ann Burson to help (847-270-0633 or bookwormburson@att.net).

SPECIAL SEASONAL ADVENT MUSIC—On **December 14**, harpist Allison Attar of Grayslake will share Christmas music throughout our 8:15 & 9:30 AM services. 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 EVE SERVICES—Plan to celebrate the birth of Christ by coming to worship on Christmas Eve! We will have three services that day: a **Family Service at 4:00 PM** with nursery care available; a **Traditional Candlelight Service at 7:00 PM** with nursery care available; and a **Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion at 10:00 PM.**

POINSETTIAS: It's time to order 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 today's bulletin, this week's Memos, the foyer, or online at www.umcl.org/poinsettias. Orders and payment are due **December 14.**

PIES AVAILABLE! The Panama Bake Sale was a great success! Thank you to all who contributed (either by baking or buying). There are several 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!

UMCL News & Notes Continued

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!

FAITH CIRCLE—Join the Faith Circle on **Thursday, December 11, 9:00-11:00 AM** in the East Room for our annual Christmas Brunch. Bring along an ornament if you wish to participate in our ornament exchange. We will also be hosting a Girls' Night Out on Friday, December 19. More details on that will be coming soon. Please contact Sheila Hillier at schillier@comcast.net if you have any questions.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet on **Tuesday, 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.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet for a holiday celebration of fellowship, food and fun, sharing a pot luck dinner at Sandy Palmer's home (920 Bedford Lane, Libertyville) on **Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6:00 PM**. Please call Sandy (847-680-3026) to let her know you are coming and what you plan to bring.

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.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE CONTINUES! Help support Boy Scout Troop 72, Lake County ministries sponsored by United Methodist Men, and our youth by getting your tree at UMCL! The sale runs daily through **December 20**. Our youth will also have **wreaths and greenery** available to purchase! If you can help with the sale, please contact Bert Kibbler at 847-858-1456. **Sale Hours: Monday-Friday: 6:00—9:00 PM; Sat., 9:00 AM—5:00 PM; Sunday, 11:30 AM—8:00 PM.**

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.

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.

DECEMBER SECOND MILE GIVING will support **1) Larry and Jane Kies** who blessed us with an excellent program here at UMCL which focused on their work at Africa University in Zimbabwe. This university continues to strive for important milestones and just last month hosted the first ever Counseling Services Symposium held in Zimbabwe. (www.africau.edu) **2) United Methodist Global AIDS Fund** which supports education, prevention, care, and treatment programs for people living with HIV/AIDS around the globe, including the United States. (www.umcor.org)

HOW ARE WE DOING? As of November 30, 2014

	Month-end	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenues	\$87,826.88	\$726,198.24
Expenses	\$60,521.95	\$776,477.93
Difference	\$27,304.93	(\$50,279.69)
Anticipated Difference	\$15,030.63	(\$48,199.97)

Thanks to our generous congregation we are seeing the increased offerings we were hoping for and therefore closing the gap between actual income and expenses. While that gap is still slightly larger than anticipated (\$50.3K as opposed to \$48.2K), we are hopeful that income in December 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 reach that goal.