

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone  
8:15 AM—Explorers Class  
9:00 AM—Children's Choirs  
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith  
9:30 AM—Confirmation—Offsite  
9:30 AM— Traditional Service  
9:30 AM— B.I.G. Time  
10:30 AM—Holidays to Holy Days  
10:30 AM—Christ in Chaos  
11:00 AM— Contemporary Service  
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship  
4:00 PM—Racial Justice  
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth Christmas Party

### Monday, December 12, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio  
1:00 PM—Book Talkers  
7:00 PM—Inquirers  
1:00 PM—Outreach  
7:30 PM—Troop 72- Offsite

### Tuesday, December 13, 2016

12:00 PM— AA/Living Free  
7:00 PM—Blue Christmas Service  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads  
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

### Wednesday, December 14, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
5:45 PM—All Stars  
6:00 PM—Youth Council Meeting  
7:15 PM—Trustee Meeting  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

### Thursday, December 15, 2016

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

### Friday, December 16, 2016

7:00 PM—Pack 72

### Saturday, December 17, 2016

8:00 Men-s Bible Study  
10:00 AM—SPRC  
10:30 AM—Charge Conference  
4:30 PM—PADS

### Sunday, December 18, 2016

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

### Monday, December 19, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio  
7:00 PM—Inquirers  
1:00 PM—Outreach  
7:30 PM—Troop 72- Offsite

### Tuesday, December 20, 2016

12:00 PM— AA/Living Free  
7:00 PM—Blue Christmas Service  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads  
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

### Wednesday, December 21, 2016

8:45 AM—Memos  
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM—Ruth Circle  
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide Christmas Party

### Thursday, December 22, 2016

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

### Friday, December 23, 2016

6:00 PM—Young Life

### Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 PM—Christmas Eve Service  
4:30 PM—PADS  
6:00 PM—Choir  
7:00 PM—Worship Service  
9:00 PM—Choir  
10:00 PM—Worship Service

The United Methodist Church of Libertyville  
Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 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** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" G. Martin  
Cynthia Nash-Frye, Piano

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

Leader Sing for joy to God, all the earth!

People **Worship with songs and shouts of joy!**

Leader Behold! God is doing a new thing.

People **Here. Now. In the midst of our daily lives.**

Leader The Holy One who created heaven and earth, has guided us in the recreation of our new worship and community space.

People **The Holy One who created heaven and earth, is coming to live among us.**

Leader Let our spirits rejoice in all the great gifts God is giving us this day!

People **Let our spirits rejoice in the coming of the Savior. Amen.**

**\*Congregational Hymn** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath** The Michmerhuizen Family

Introduction

Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:1-4

An Advent Reading

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Prayer

Advent Song "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89 verse 1

**Children's Special Music** "Away in a Manger" Children's Choirs

UMCL News & Notes Continued

**PADS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE** We are blessed that our PADS ministry is a community effort with many (if not most) of our volunteers coming from other churches. FYI - Dec. 15 will be staffed completely with volunteers from St. Joseph Catholic Church. Congregation Or Shalom always staffs and cooks for whatever site has PADS on Christmas Eve, so we are blessed that we do not have to try to staff on Christmas Eve. AND, Islamic Foundation North always works the first 2 shifts and cooks whenever there is a 5th Saturday in a month, so on New Year's Eve they will be staffing the first 2 shifts. That said - WE NEED PEOPLE TO WORK 11-3, 3-6:30 and clean-up on New Year's Eve into New Year's Day. I know this might not be your ideal way to spend a New Year's Eve, but what a great way to start a new year with new year resolutions to help the homeless! Please volunteer and write your name in the signup book in the Community Room or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. THANKS!!!

**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. Call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.

**BIBLE STUDY** The Wednesday afternoon Women's Bible Study will start meeting on Wednesday, January 4th at 1:00 PM in Room 103 at the church. We are studying the book of 'Isaiah.' The study lasts 18 weeks. If you would like to join the study, please contact Joyce Jeffries: john.joyce@yahoo.com. Books will be ordered Dec 15 and will be available for pick up in the office the end of December. Cost is approx. \$10. Everyone is welcome to join the study.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for Pajama Sunday on January 8, 2017 during the 9:30 and 11:00 services. Stay tuned for more details.

**SECOND MILE GIVING FOR DECEMBER WILL HELP SUPPORT**

**Helen Roberts-Evans** - Born in Liberia, raised in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, and now a member of Sherman United Methodist Church in Evanston, Helen Roberts-Evans serves as Director of the Department of General Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia. She trains, teaches, and supports others as they grow in their profession. Her e-mail contact is micradon@hotmail.com.

**United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF)** - This initiative supports education, prevention, care and treatment programs for people living with HIV/AIDS in the US and around the world. A portion of all money donated is retained within each Conference for regional use. Go to [www.umcmmission.org/projects](http://www.umcmmission.org/projects) for more information, or call 212-870-3869.

**A REMINDER FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE OFFICE** 2016 contributions will be accepted through December 31, 2016. This includes any additional cash or check contributions received in the office through the end of the day and those postmarked on or before that date. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Ross, our Business/Operations Manager, at the Church (847-362-2112) or via email ([ruth.ross@umcl.org](mailto:ruth.ross@umcl.org)).

\* Those who are able are invited to stand.



**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](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org). Many hands make light work!

**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.

**ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY** Everyone is welcome to attend our Church Charge Conference on Saturday, December 17, 10:30 AM (childcare will be provided). This is the annual meeting in which we celebrate our ministry, elect officers and committees, and look to the future.

**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 provided; a Traditional Candlelight Service at 7:00 PM with nursery care provided; and a Traditional Candlelight Service with Communion at 10:00 PM.

**COME SING WITH THE CHOIR** on Christmas Eve the Adult Choir will sing at the 7:00 and 10 PM services and members of the congregation are invited to sing with them. Rehearsal will be Thursday, December 22 at 7:30 PM and Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM for the 7:00 PM service and 9:00 PM for the 10:00 service.

**A GIFT FOR ADVENT—CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS** are still available! Consider what you would 'GIFT' to Jesus this year. Please 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.

**CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS** Thanks again to all who continue to share in this Christmas Blessing. Church members are welcome to help deliver the gifts to either the Humboldt Park or the San Pablo church on Saturday the 17th. Please let Jeris Boyce know if you want to go.

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE** Boy Scout Troop 72 will be selling Christmas Trees, wreaths and garlands. The sale runs through Sunday, December 18th. Please come and support the Boy Scouts!

**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.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Dedication of the Christmas Partner Angel Gifts

Anthem "Climb To The Top Of The Highest Mountain" C. Jennings  
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

\* Congregational Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" No. 196

Gospel Reading Luke 1:46b-55

Sermon "Mary's Song" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" J. Innes  
\* Doxology No. 94  
\* Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn "Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 238

\*Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" J. S. Bach



**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](mailto:Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org)) We look forward to meeting you!





**Gathering**

**Prayer & Welcome**

**Children's Special Music**

"Away In A Manger"

Children's Choirs

**Children's Message**

Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Christmas Gift Blessing**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

The Turner Family

Introduction

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-4

An Advent Reading

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Prayer

**Sing Together**

"O Come O Come Emmanuel"

H. Coffin

**Announcements & Greeting Each Other**

**Community Share & Prayer**

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Scripture**

Luke 1:46b-55

**Message**

"Mary's Song"

Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

**Offertory Worship**

**Blessing**



Luke 1:46b-55

Mary said,

"With all my heart I glorify the Lord!

In the depths of who I am I rejoice in God my savior.

He has looked with favor on the low status of his servant.

Look! From now on, everyone will consider me highly favored

because the mighty one has done great things for me.

Holy is his name.

He shows mercy to everyone,

from one generation to the next,

who honors him as God.

He has shown strength with his arm.

He has scattered those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations.

He has pulled the powerful down from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things

and sent the rich away empty-handed.

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,

remembering his mercy,

just as he promised to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever."



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

**Sound Technicians:** Janet Mason, Mark Mason, Daniel Fouts

(11:00) Jesse Nixon and Spencer Vang

**Worship Team:** Jacqueline & Ben Hallett, Woody Bedell, Dave Bedell,

Gina Furner, Dan Joyce, Tom Seibert and Tim Tonon

**Ushers:** (9:30) Jane & John Aten, Mike Fennwald, Eric Fouts (11:00) Jayden Montgomery

**Music Director & Organist:** Mr. James Grace