

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.

Special Music

UMCL Youth Woodwind Quintet

* Song "Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) C. Tomlin

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Twedell Family ~ Jamie, Andrea, & Lily

Introduction

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 12:2-6

An Advent Reading

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Advent Song "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" C. Hall

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

Song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" P. Baloché

First Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Second Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

Sermon "Star Light" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

* Closing Song "Angels We Have Heard on High" T. Walker

* 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.

Please fill in the registration sheet that is passed around so you will be kept informed about what's happening at the church. Thank you for including your email address.

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 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
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)

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
11:45 AM—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
6:00 PM—Capital Campaign Core Group
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
Saturday, December 20, 2014
8:00 AM—Men's Study
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS
6:30 PM—Youth Movie Night

Sunday, December 21, 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
9:15 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
10:45 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)

Monday, December 22, 2014

7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Tuesday, December 23, 2014

11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group
12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

~ Christmas Eve ~
~ Office Closed ~
4:00 PM—Family Christmas Eve Service
7:00 PM—Traditional Christmas Eve Service
10:00 PM—Traditional Christmas Eve Service
~ Christmas Eve ~ Office Closed ~

Thursday, December 25, 2014

~ Christmas Day ~
~ Office Closed ~
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

Friday, December 26, 2014

~ Office Closed ~
Saturday, December 27, 2014
4:30 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS



The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
December 14, 2014
8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 AM



Today's Scripture Passage

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

— Luke 1:26-38

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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

First Light Service ~ 8:15 am



Gathering Music "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" J. Innes
Alison Attair, harp

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 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" No. 213

* Call to Worship
Leader Behold! God is good, and has set a star in the heavens to guide us to the truth.
People We follow it with joy, knowing that God will give us strength to climb the hills, and sight to conquer the darkness.
Leader Behold! God is good, and has promised a Savior to lead us to righteousness.
People We await the Savior's coming with gladness and with expectation that in the holy birth our lives may be renewed and made whole.

*Musical Prayer "Come and Fill Our Hearts"
Come and fill our hearts with your joy. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your joy, Alleluia!
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The organist will play this song once, the congregation joins to sing the second time through.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Martin and Diane Wilson
Introduction
Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:2-6
An Advent Reading
Lighting the Candle of Joy
Advent Song "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89, verse 1

Quiet Reflection and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

Sermon "Star Light" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "What Child Is This?" J. Innes
Alison Attair, harp
* 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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude



* Those who are able are invited to stand.

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



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Prelude "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" J. Innes
Alison Attair, harp

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Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Becker Family
Heather, Chris, Austin, Allison, & Anna

Introduction
Scripture Reading Isaiah 12:2-6
An Advent Reading
Lighting the Candle of Joy
Advent Song "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89, verse 1

Children's Special Music "Away in a Manger" Cherub Choir

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

Special Music Alison Attair, harp

First Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55

Anthem "Air for Advent" T. Fettke
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* Hymn "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" No. 203

* 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 sanctuary. The Pastors and Prayer Team will use the cards to guide weekly prayer. Thank you.

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-38

Sermon "Star Light" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "What Child Is This?" J. Innes
Alison Attair, harp
* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 94
* Prayer of Dedication

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

* Benediction

Postlude "Prepare the Royal Highway" R. Hobby



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!

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

Sound Tech: Jeff Welch

Greeters (9:30): The Foley 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 Obberrieder, Ted Zeng

Coffee Fellowship: Please join us for coffee and refreshments served in Fellowship Hall (9:00—11:00 AM) and hosted by the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

UMCL News & Notes ~ December 14, 2014

SEASONAL EVENTS

Third Annual Live Nativity ~ 6:00 PM Tonight

Please join us at Cook Memorial Park TONIGHT at 6:00 PM. The children and youth of UMCL will perform a live reenactment of the Birth of Christ. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to this 20 minute performance, then walk over to the church for cookies and cocoa hosted by UMW.

Choir Cantata ~ December 21, 9:30 AM

Our Adult Choir presents the Cantata "What Child Is This" by John Leavitt, a 25-minute work about the birth of Jesus. Please plan to attend!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Celebrate the birth of Christ by coming to worship on Christmas Eve!

- * 4:00 PM ~ Family Service*
- * 7:00 PM ~ Traditional Service*
- * 10:00 PM ~ Traditional Service with Communion*

Nursery Care available for 4:00 & 7:00 PM Services.



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.

LAST CALL FOR 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, forms are available in today's bulletin, last week's Memos, the foyer, or online at www.umcl.org/poinsettias. Orders and payment are **due today!***

LIVE NATIVITY COOKIES AND HELP NEEDED! *If you are able to provide 2-3 dozen small cookies for our Live Nativity tonight, 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 today. Volunteers are still welcome to help with set-up, serving and clean-up.*

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL GIFT CARDS—MOOve *on over to the Heifer International table in the foyer **this morning** between services. For as little as \$10, you can purchase a share of a goat, sheep, pig, llama, chickens, 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."*

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 at 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're coming and what you'll bring.*

ONE SERVICE ONLY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 9:30 AM. *Please join us for Christmastide Worship on Sunday, December 28, when we will all worship together at our 9:30 AM service.*

FINAL WEEK—CHRISTMAS TREE SALE! *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 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.***

OUR COLORFUL POPSICLE STICK *Prayers and Ponderings from the Building on Our Dreams Campaign are framed and hanging 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. Don't miss the hidden message in the display!*

UMCL News & Notes Continued

READERS AND COMMUNION SERVERS NEEDED—If you are willing to serve as a Scripture Reader or Communion Server at the 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Service, please contact the office. Thank you!

YOUNG COUPLES will meet **Friday, January 2, 2015, 6:30 PM** to celebrate the new year with our tradition of Jambalaya, white bean chicken chili and White Elephant Gift Exchange at the home of Scott and Charlotte Allen (1201 Hampton Lane, Mundelein, 847-968-4565, rsclallen@gmail.com). White Elephant Gift Info—this should not be something that you purchase new. These are gag gifts, things that you may prefer to re-gift, etc. The rule is that you leave with as many gifts as you arrived with. So if you choose to bring 2 gifts, you should expect to go home with 2 gifts. Please call if you have questions.

PAJAMA SUNDAY—**January 4, 2015!** Do you lack the motivation to get dressed and come to church on cold, snowy Sunday mornings? We have a solution for you—**PAJAMA SUNDAY!** All ages are invited to wear their comfy, warm pajamas to worship and Sunday School on Jan. 4, 2015. We will serve breakfast treats and have a special activity during Sunday School. But please find the motivation to at least brush your teeth!!

PRIME TIME will meet **Monday, January 5, 2015 at 12:00 PM**. There is a \$5 charge for lunch and please RSVP to the church office no later than Friday, Jan. 2, 10 A.M. We will have fun after lunch playing games to celebrate the New Year. Please bring your favorite game to share!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—Christmas happens everywhere, every time someone reaches out to touch another life with love. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7374), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

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.

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.

STYROFOAM COLLECTION—We are collecting packing foam so that it can be properly recycled. Please drop off all the packing foam (large or small pieces) into the tubs which you will find in the Fellowship Hall foyer and in the main foyer (parking lot entrance). Thank you, The Earth.

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.