

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 18, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone
8:15 AM—Explorers Class
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith
9:30 AM—Confirmation—Offsite
9:30 AM— Traditional Service
9:30 AM— B.I.G. Time
10:40 AM—All Children's' Choirs Practice
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

12:00 PM—Church Office Closed
6:00 PM—Young Life

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 PM—Christmas Eve Family Service
4:30 PM—PADS
6:00 PM—Choir
7:00 PM—Christmas Eve Traditional Service
9:00 PM—Choir
10:00 PM—Christmas Eve Traditional Service
with Communion

Sunday, December 25, 2016

10:00 AM—Christmas Service

Monday, December 26, 2016

Church Office Closed

10:00 AM—Lectio

Tuesday, December 27, 2016

9:00 AM—Ruth Meeting
12:00 PM— AA/Living Free
7:30 PM— AA/Living Free

Wednesday, December 28, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting

Thursday, December 29, 2016

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

Friday, December 30, 2016

Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 31, 2016

4:30 PM—PADS

Monday, January 1, 2016

10:00 AM—Service

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Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

The United Methodist Church of Libertyville
Third Sunday of Advent December 18, 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 "Hallelujah Chorus" G. F. Handel
Heritage Bells

*** Call To Worship** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
Leader God's love has been made known among us, for God has sent Christ into the world.
People **A tiny jewel of light, a star, shines with the promise of a new dawn, for Emmanuel, "God with us," is Love.**
Leader God so loved the world, he gave us light and love.
People **The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.**
Leader For unto us a child is born. Unto us a son is given.
People **O Come to us, Emmanuel! We have seen your light of love. We worship you now in your light and in the Spirit you give!**

***Congregational Hymn** "Angels from the Realms of Glory" No. 220

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Kamai Family
Andrew, Amy, Abby, Avery, Aidan & Avin

Introduction
Advent Reading
Scripture Reading John 13:34-35
Lighting the Candle of Love
Advent Song "Emmanuel, Emmanuel" No. 204

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Scripture Reading Isaiah 7:10-16

UMCL News & Notes Continued

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS will meet Friday, January 6, 2017 with our Annual jambalaya and white elephant gift exchange hosted by Scott and Charlotte Allen 1201 Hampton Lane Mundelein, 847-968-4565

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.umcmission.org/projects for more information, or call 212-870-3869.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE Christmas, my child, is love in action. Every time we love, every time we give, it is Christmas. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Kathy Locke (847-816-6841), Mary Spooner (847-5487-3703) or the Pastors.

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).

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2017 are available today on a table in the Community Room.

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* Those who are able are invited to stand.



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.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE *One service only at 10:00 am. Please join us to welcome Teri Dreher who will bring the message for our service. We will all worship together at the 10:00 am service.*

OUR 5TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY *will be held today at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary! The children and youth of our church will reenact the birth story of Jesus, complete with our own choir of angels, and, for the first time, a real baby Jesus! Concluding the performance everyone is invited to our Community Room to enjoy some cocoa, coffee and cookies.*

COME SING WITH THE CHOIR *on Christmas Eve. The Adult Choir will sing at the 7:00 pm and 10:00 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.*

PRIME TIME *will meet on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 12:00 pm. Join us for a lunch at Noon followed by a fun afternoon of playing games to celebrate the New Year. Please bring your favorite game. There is a \$5.00 charge for lunch and please RSVP to the church office by Thursday, December 29.*

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.*

AD BOARD MEETING *Our Administrative Board meets on Saturday, January 7, at 8:30 am in Room 206. All members are welcome to attend.*

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP *If you would be willing to help or host a Sunday morning Coffee Time, please sign up in the Community Room or call Jan Grigsby 847-362-8473 or info@umcl.org*

Anthem "Angels We Have Heard On High" Shaw/Parker
Adult Choir

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

* **Congregational Hymn** "Once in Royal David's City" No. 250

Gospel Reading Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon "Welcome Home, Joseph" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice" P. Manz

* Doxology No. 94

* Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" No. 240

***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" R. Hobby



The flower arrangement on the table this morning is given in celebration of the 55th wedding anniversary of Karilyn and Joel Parrott.

Many thanks to all those who contributed our beautiful poinsettias today!

We thank Denise Gibson for writing our Advent Wreath Readings for this season.

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!





Gathering "Noel" C. Tomlin

The Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Introduction
Advent Reading
Scripture Reading
Lighting the Candle of Love

The Bedell Family

John 13:34-35

Sing Together "Ever Be" Bethel Music

Prayer

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Announcements & Greeting Each Other

Community Share & Prayer

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Sing Together "Good Good Father" A. Brown

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

Message "Welcome Home, Joseph" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offertory Worship "Angels We Have Heard On High" D. Crowder

Blessing



Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz: "Ask a sign from the Lord your God.
Make it as deep as the grave or as high as heaven."
But Ahaz said, "I won't ask; I won't test the Lord."

Then Isaiah said, "Listen, house of David! Isn't it enough for you to be tiresome for people that you are also tiresome before my God? Therefore, the Lord will give you a sign. The young woman is pregnant and is about to give birth to a son, and she will name him Immanuel. He will eat butter and honey, and learn to reject evil and choose good. Before the boy learns to reject evil and choose good, the land of the two kings you dread will be abandoned.

Matthew 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



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

Sound Technicians: Janet Mason, Mark Mason, Daniel Fouts
(11:00) Laurie Kaya

Worship Team: Jacqueline & Ben Hallett, Woody Bedell, Dave Bedell,
Gina Furner, Gonzalo Santillan, 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