

AD BOARD MEETING—Our next Administrative Board meeting will be held Saturday, January 16, 2016, at 8:30 AM in Room 206. All are welcome to attend!

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin an 8-week study of 2 Timothy on Wednesday, January 13 at 1:00 PM in room 103 at church. If you'd like to participate, please contact Terry Johnson at JGTAJohnson@aol.com today! Books cost \$7, and will be available for pick up in the office in early January. Everyone is welcome to join the study.

GREETERS WANTED—Please sign up on the website at www.umcl.org/worship to be a greeter starting January in our new Sanctuary. Volunteers stand at the doors to meet and greet worshippers as they arrive for the traditional services (from 9:15-9:30 AM) Sunday mornings.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR NEW SANCTUARY! Thank you to everyone who has donated Altar Flowers during the last year! Altar flowers may be given each Sunday in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events. Call the church or go to our website (www.umcl.org/altar_flowers) to donate altar flowers. Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE TIME volunteers are appreciated for making and serving coffee from 8:30 AM through approximately 11:15 AM. Would you and your family or church group consider helping? Call Jan Grigsby at 847-362-8473 to sign up or with questions.

ASP 2016 (Appalachian Service Project) is scheduled for June 11-18 in Kentucky, for high school youth and adult leaders. Anyone (incoming freshman in fall 2016 or older) is welcome to participate. Total cost of the trip: \$325. Contact Steve Neil (sbneil@comcast.net or 224-475-8701).

PADS—We will be moving back to UMC in January and need your help! Volunteers are needed for overnight shifts and clean-up shifts, as well as folks willing to bring in dinners on the 2nd or 4th Saturdays of the month. The PADS signup book is in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. Thank you for serving. If you have PADS blankets at home that you washed over the summer, please return them NOW!

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR DECEMBER will help support—1) **Larry & Jane Kies**, Northern Illinois Conference sponsored missionaries who visited our church some years ago, based at Africa University in Zimbabwe. Jane teaches English and Larry works within the agricultural curriculum. (www.africau.edu). 2) **United Methodist Global Aids Fund (UMGAF)**. This UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) sponsored program supports education, prevention, care and treatment programs for people with HIV/AIDS. (www.umcor.org/Projects)

COLLECTING STYROFOAM TO SAVE LANDFILLS—We are collecting packaging styrofoam for recycling for the next few weeks as you unwrap large gifts this Christmas. Tubs will be placed strategically at church (depending on construction). We can also accept foam egg cartons, food containers (clean) etc. Thank you, The Earth

MEMOS—The next edition of MEMOS will be January 13, 2016

RUTH CIRCLE will be meeting at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall on Wednesday January 20th to do a "crafty service project". Bring your own sack dinner. For more information call Julie Garren, 847-816-7340 or Teri Dreher, 847-687-9942. No special talent needed for this craft so ALL are welcome!

HELPING HANDS—A request...our Helping Hands Ministry has a request to find some hearing aids that you might not be using anymore and may just be lying in a drawer. If you would like to clean out that drawer, please drop the unused aids off at the church office. Thanks!!

SOUPER SATURDAY is a fun and flavorful multi-generational afternoon on Saturday, January 30, 12:00—3:00 PM. Bring your family, your favorite game and a crock pot of soup. We will have games from scrabble to Nintendo Wii and everything in between. Top 3 favorite soups will be awarded prizes! Cost of admission is a non-perishable item per person - maybe a can of soup!? Please sign up online at <http://www.umcl.org/souper-game-night>.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE—Nobody can go back and start a new beginning but anyone can start today and make a new ending. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703), or the Pastors.

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 27, 2015

8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 AM—Christmastide Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time (Believers In God /
Children's Sunday School; room 206)
9:30 AM—Youth & Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM—Coffee Time

Monday, December 28, 2015

7:00 PM—Young & Board (off site)

Tuesday, December 29, 2015

12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA

Wednesday, December 30, 2015

9:45 AM—Lectio Divina

Thursday, December 31, 2015

~ New Year's Eve ~
~ Office Closed ~
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA

Friday, January 1, 2016

~ New Year's Day ~
~ Office Closed ~
7:00 PM—First Friday Friends

Saturday, January 2, 2016

5:00 PM—PADS @UMCL

Sunday, January 3, 2016

~ Pajama Sunday ~
8:00 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
8:15 AM—Adult Sunday School Class
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time (Believers In God /
Children's Sunday School; room 206)
9:30 AM—Youth & Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
(Nursery care available for ages 0-3.5 years)
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (room 201)
11:00 AM—Children's Ministry Committee

Monday, January 4, 2016

12:00 PM—Prime Time
5:45 PM—Daisies
7:00 PM—Boy Scouts #72

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

9:15 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM—JrHi TIDE
7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—BSA District Committee

Thursday, January 7, 2016

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:30 PM—Praise Band
7:30 PM—Disciple 4
7:30 PM—Adult Choir

Friday, January 8, 2016

6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum

Saturday, January 10, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Study
5:00 PM—PADS Set-Up & PADS



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville December 27, 2015 9:30 AM

First Sunday After Christmas

Today's Scripture Passage

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents[a] saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

— Luke 2:41-52

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A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION
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First Sunday after Christmas



Greetings & 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. (Thank you for passing the attendance pads at this time.)

Prelude "In Dulci Jubilo" D. Wood Mr. Jim Grace

* Call to Worship Mr. Steve Neil

Leader Christ is born!,
People **Christ is born!**

Leader Because of his birth, life is full of promise for you and for me. Life is full of promise for our community.

People **We celebrate today the presence of God's promise in our midst.**

Leader The promise of a small child coming into a hurting world and growing to be the Liberator and Savior.

People **It's the promise of you and me, struggling and stumbling together, growing and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence known in the world, a presence filled with light and love and hope and joy. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

Unison Prayer

Living God, moved by Christ's coming into our lives, we seek to be your people. Help us to live in faithful covenant with you and with one another. Let the peace of Christ guide us, and let Christ's presence and message in all its richness live in our hearts, that we may praise you without ceasing. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 148 DeeAnn Clausen

Special Music "A Long Time Ago" Natalie Sleeth
Karilee Marcikic and Lynmarie Taylor

** Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer & The Lord's Prayer No. 895

* Carol Medley Please join us in singing the 1st, 2nd, and last verse of these favorites:

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" No. 218

"What Child Is This" No. 219

"The First Noel " No. 245

Scripture Luke 2:41-52

Sermon "I Must Be ..." Rev. Robert Burkhart

Offering / Offertory Duet "Baby, What You Goin' To Be?" Natalie Sleeth
Karilee Marcikic and Lynmarie Taylor

* 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 "Christmas Chorale" J.S. Bach



A Warm Welcome to All!

This morning we are delighted to welcome Rev. Robert Burkhart to our service! Rev. Burkhart is a retired pastor of the Northern Illinois Conference. He pastored churches in the Conference for 43 years, the last 20 years as pastor of Central United Methodist in Skokie. He and his wife Shirley live in Morton Grove.

The musical duet today is provided by Karilee Marcikic and her mother, Lynmarie Taylor.

If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Community Room 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 for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing after the service. We look forward to seeing you there!

Many thanks to the following people for helping with our service this morning:

Tech Crew: Conner Clausen, Janet Mason, Mark Mason, Tom Seibert

December Ushers: John Aten, Eric Fouts, Mike Fennewald, Tom Plohr

Coffee Time: Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the new Community Room before and after today's service, hosted by Jan Grigsby.

News & Notes

TO THE GLORY OF GOD! Today we continue to celebrate and worship in our beautiful sanctuary! Many Thanks to Mike Foley and Building Committee and all who have contributed!

Please also join us on **Sunday, January 10, 2016 at the 9:30 or 11:00 AM services** as we consecrate our renovated sanctuary, new front entrance and community room to the Glory of God. Our Bishop, Rev. Dr. Sally Dyck, will be preaching. We will recognize the wonderful people who have helped us make this great dream a reality. Between services and after the 11:00 service we invite you to a joyous time of food and fellowship in the New Community Room. Don't miss this important celebration in our life together!!

GIVING IN GRATITUDE—Many Thanks to all those who have already submitted their **2016 Financial Commitments** for our Stewardship Campaign, "Giving in Gratitude." We appreciate both the commitments to the 2016 Annual Ministry Fund and the ongoing or new commitments to the Building Fund for our renovations which will be completed very soon!

If you have not yet had an opportunity turn in your 2016 Financial Commitments, we would be happy to receive them in the Offering or through the mail throughout the month of December. Your generosity and faithfulness make our ministry and life together possible. Thank You!

OUR NURSERY HAS EXPANDED! Through Easter we are offering two nurseries—the "infant nursery" (room 100) for little ones 0-2 years and the new "toddler nursery" (room 102) for 2.5-4 year olds. (4+ will attend church programming) Contact Amanda Seibert with questions or to help.

TEACHERS NEEDED! B.I.G. Time (Sunday School) and Kids Own Worship classes are in need of teachers for January, February & March. If you are able to teach or assist a teacher please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org

NEW SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES & NEEDS—We are delighted to have a beautiful new Community Room where we can serve coffee and treats on Sunday morning, but we need your help. Because of our expanding opportunities for hospitality in the Community Room and Fellowship Hall, we need additional volunteers in 2016 to help us organize and carry out these coffees. Would you be willing to help? Please email Pastor Jamie if you feel like you can contribute in some way. Thank You!!

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS will meet Friday, January 1, 2016, 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, rscallen@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.

PRIME TIME POTLUCK LUNCH AND GAME DAY—JANUARY 4 Join us for a potluck lunch at Noon followed by fun after lunch playing games to celebrate the New Year. Please bring your favorite game. PLEASE remember to make a reservation BEFORE WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30!

PAJAMA SUNDAY! 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 church during the 9:30 and 11:00 services on January 3, 2016. We will serve breakfast treats and have a special activity during B.I.G Time and Kids Own Worship. But please find the motivation to brush your teeth!!

FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE OFFICE —

- 2015 contributions will be accepted through **December 31, 2015**. This includes any additional cash or check contributions received in the office through the end of the day and those post-marked on or before that date.

- **Electronic Giving Options**—UMCL offers monthly electronic funds transfers (EFTs), moving funds from your bank account to the Church's on or around the 15th of each month. Enrollment forms for this option are available from the Finance office or the Main office. If you're already enrolled in electronic giving, you only need to contact the Finance office if you want to change your contribution or decide to contribute in another way. Contributions to UMCL can also be made through your bank's online payment option.

- **OFFERING ENVELOPES**—are available for pick up TODAY in the Community Room. Thank you for picking up your envelopes and helping to save on postage! Questions? Contact Ruth at 847-362-2112 or ruth.ross@umcl.org