

THE JESUS LIFESTYLE As you consider your choices of potential small group studies during Lent, it's not too late to journey with us in understanding Jesus' practical teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. This group gathers on Sunday afternoons at 4 pm and is open to new participants. Each week is a fresh topic. Some of the topics we will be covering Sundays in Lent include: How to Stop Worrying and Start Living, How to Deal with Criticism, and How to Respond to the Most Challenging Words Ever Spoken. If interested just come by and join us, or contact Kathy Locke (klocke@ameritech.net) for more info.

FAMILY MISSION NIGHT FOR PADS All members of the church are invited to volunteer on Saturday, March 4th, 4-6pm. In support of our church's PADS mission, we will be making lunches, setting up in the Fellowship Hall, and cooking dinner. Please contact Jaime Zumwalt to donate supplies or attend this event at jaime.zumwalt@umcl.org

ASP YOUTH MISSION TRIP Youth and adult volunteers, join us for our Appalachia Service Project (ASP) youth mission trip - June 10-17, 2017! This trip is open to all currently in 8th grade and older. You will be making a difference by repairing homes in an impoverished pocket of the U.S. The deadline for sign up is February 27th. Contact Gonzalo Santillan (Youth Pastor) gonzalo.santillan@umcl.org or 612-735-9015 or Steve Neil-sbneil@comcast.net 224-475-8701 if you'd like to sign up.

ALL-STARS (3rd, 4th and 5th grade youth group) Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall. (March 8th & March 22nd) Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3). Friends are always welcome!

GRACE CIRCLE Tuesday, February 28 2017 6:00 PM Location: Chili U in Libertyville, IL Please RSVP to Melissa Michmerhuizen, octoberhoneybee@yahoo.com or 847-668-1713 by Feb 24, 2017

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS will be held at the Velez residence where we will be hosting a baby shower for Elynne and Bob Drakert at 6:30 pm on Friday, March 3rd. We will have snacks, dessert and drinks. The address is 145 Trailwood Lane in Northbrook. Please RSVP to paulandgayla@att.net or (847) 412-9632. We hope to see you there!"

SAVE THE DATE Are you ready to hunt for some eggs??? On Saturday, April 8th from 10am-12pm we will have our annual Easter Party! Stay tuned for more details and how to register for this fun-filled event.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE Caregiving is not just a two person relationship, but a three person one. There is the one you care for, there is you and there is Jesus. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703), Kathy Locke (847-9166841) or the Pastors.

UMCL HELPING HANDS MINISTRY Do you know of someone that is struggling or trying to get a fresh start in life? The UMCL Helping Hands Ministry not only picks up gently used household items, furniture and appliances from our members but more importantly we are here to help those who are in a transitional point in their lives. If you know of someone that is trying to get back on their feet, we would love to hear from you. We are here to lend a Helping Hand in many different ways! Contact John McNally johnmcnally0901@gmail.com or call 847 401-5504 or church office 847 362-2112

THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE is pleased to announce that \$7,938 is available for distribution in 2017. Applications are available in the church office

or on our website (www.umcl.org/endowment_fund). The funds can be used for - Scholarships, enhancements to existing church projects where funding is not included in the church budget, and ministries that fulfill the mission of the church. Application deadline is March 31, 2017

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SCHOOL BAGS? UMW will sponsor the making and filling of school bags for UMCOR again this year. We fill them in July, when school supplies are on sale. Now, is a good time to make the bags. The pattern, which should be followed, is in Room 101. We have been making and filling bags for nearly 20 years. Our record is 413 bags!

E-MEMOS Would you like to receive your church newsletter, The Memos, in an electronic form? You will get it much faster and it will cost less for us to send it to you this way. If you're interested, please email Melinda at the church office info@umcl.org and let her know. She will put you on the E-Memo list. If you would also like a hard copy sent to you, please let her know. Thank You!

US ADULT MISSION TRIP The massive December 2015 flooding experienced by the Saint Louis area affected over 4800 homes. The UMC Missouri Conference is seeking volunteers of every skill level in this vital ministry to rebuild homes and restore hope. This year's trip will take place from April 30th to May 6th, and we would hope you would consider being a part of this life-changing ministry. The volunteer participant fee is \$250, which covers transportation, lodging, food, and supplies. We also have four scholarships available to cover this cost if you have desire but not the financial means. We need your commitment as soon as possible and your fee by April 10th. Email or call Jeff Welch with any questions at jpwelch5@gmail.com or 847-372-6835.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR MARCH WILL HELP SUPPORT Center for Changing Lives (CCL) - Founded in 1989, CCL connects people, resources, and opportunities to support clients as they develop and mobilize resources, obtain employment and career advances, and achieve short- and long-term financial goals. Chicago-based CCL has served over 22,000 people since its inception. www.cclconnect.org or call 773-342-6210 for more information.

Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center - Based in Gurnee, this non-profit center against sexual assault has been serving the community since 1983. They offer both survivor services and social change efforts. Please see their website www.zcenter.org for detailed information about available services, or call their office at 847-244-1187. Their 24 hour support line can be reached at 847-872-7799.



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The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
February 26, 2017
9:30 & 11:00 AM

Transfiguration Sunday Season of Epiphany

Today's Scripture Passages

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I'll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I've written in order to teach them."

So Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God's mountain. Moses had said to the elders, "Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The Lord's glorious presence settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from the cloud. To the Israelites, the Lord's glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light. Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, "Lord, it's good that we're here. If you want, I'll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!" Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid." When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Don't tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead."



PASTORS
Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Traditional Service ~ 9:30 am



Gathering Music

Greeting & 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 "O Waly, Waly" SM-Wallace

*Call to Worship

Leader We have gathered as children of God's promise, to keep alive our vision of hope.
People We have gathered on the mountaintop, that we may be strengthened to live as God's children in the valleys of everyday life.
Leader We are on a pilgrimage of love and hope.
People We follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, whose hidden glory was revealed to the ones he loved.
All Let us open our hearts to the presence of the living Christ and be transformed by his grace, today and in the days to come. Amen.

*Hymn of Celebration "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

Unison Prayer

Mighty God, stay with us always, as we worship and as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage and our confusion to confidence. Your glory shines in the face of Christ. Shine in our hearts and lives. May your name be praised, glorious God! Amen.

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

Scripture Reading Exodus 24:12-18

Anthem "Here's One" M. Hayes Adult Choir

* 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 Fellowship Hall.

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Praise "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" No. 176

Gospel Reading Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon "Hidden Figures" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offertory "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" D. Hustad
*Doxology No. 94
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn of Dedication "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" No. 404

*Pastoral Benediction

*Benediction Response

Postlude "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" SM-Wallace



The flowers that decorate our communion table today are given by the Herrick family in loving memory of Roger Herrick.



A Warm Welcome to All!

We are so glad you have chosen to share with us in worship this morning! If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Desk at the entrance to our new 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 stay after the service for coffee, refreshments, and community sharing. We look forward to meeting you!



Many thanks to the following people for helping with our service this morning!
Sound Tech: Daniel Fouts, Janet Mason, Jesse Nixon
Ushers: John Aten, Bob Kowal, Jean Turner, Clem Vath
Choir Director: Dr. Jeff Brown
Music Director & Organist: Mr. James Grace

Gathering Into Worship

Worship Together "After All (Holy)" D. Crowder

Prayer

Worship Together "I Will Exalt" Bethel Music

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

Community Share & Prayer

Announcements & Greeting Each Other
Sharing Joys and Concerns
Congregational Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading Matthew 17:1-9

Message "Hidden Figures" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering & Worship Together "Shine Jesus Shine" G. Kendrick

Blessing

Scattering into the World

Thank you for worshipping with us today!



Worship Team David & Woody Bedell, Ben Hallett, Dan Joyce, Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon

Multimedia Coordinators Laurie and Kevin Kaya
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 meets in room 201 during the service. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers in Room 100.

Thank you for completing the registration sheet that is passed around (including email) so we can keep you informed on news of the church.

LENT

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

One Word for LENT

A solo-spiritual activity for Lent! God speaks in many ways, and one way God might want to speak to you is by focusing and meditating on one solitary word for the next season of your life. That's what One Word is all about. Pick up a packet in the community room that will help guide you through how to identify and engage with your word during this season of Lent. We encourage you to share both your word with others and what God is doing in you through this one word.

Post-Service Pop-Ups (GIFT) – various leaders

Did this week's sermon really get you thinking or did that special music inspire you? Pop in for a Pop-Up after Sunday 9:30 AM Worship! Engage with a small group (4-8 people) of friends to explore the Sunday morning experience in a bit more depth. Gather take-aways to help you live your Sunday experience all week long.

Gathers Sundays in Lent, beginning March 5 | 10:30-11:00 AM @ Fellowship Hall

He Chose the Nails (GIFT)

In this Lenten Study Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow. The nails that tore his flesh. The seamless robe that He removed for us. The empty tomb where He forever defeated sin and death.

Sundays @ 8:00 AM w/ the Cornerstone Group

Sundays @ 9:30 AM w/ Journey of Faith Group

Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM Spring Meadows w/ Karen Kuhlman

New LIFT (Living In Faith Together) Group for 20s & 30s folk - led by Ben Hallett

Looking for authentic Christian community? Well, that's what we're all about! Our purpose is to gather around Christ & food to build relationships so that we may encourage each other in living out our faith every day & in every way. We will have childcare available!

Gathers the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, beginning March 12

12:15 PM – 2:00 PM @ the Santillan home (adjacent to the church entrance on Elm Ct.)

Justice Discussions (GIFT) – led by Janet Mason

Continue the discussion on issues of justice in our country and world with a new book study during Lent. Evicted by Matthew Desmond takes readers into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee where eviction has become routine – a vicious cycle that deepens our country's vast inequality. This book will transform your understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while offering fresh ideas for solving the problem.

Gathers Sundays, beginning February 26 | 3:00-5:00 PM @ Church

Pilgrim Road (GIFT) – led by Jim Stewart

Back by popular demand! Journey with Father Albert Holtz on a 15-country sabbatical pilgrimage as he encounters the Divine God in diverse peoples and places. By applying Benedict's monastic wisdom to the everyday concerns and aspirations of modern Christians, Pilgrim Road helps contemporary spiritual seekers travel along and experience the journey of Lent in the most positive, meaningful, and fruitful manner.

Gathers Thursdays in Lent , beginning March 2 | 7:00-8:00 PM @ Church

A Small Group Study - 40 Days with John Wesley

This forty-day devotional experience weaves inspirational readings on faith and prayer with quotes and excerpts from John Wesley. Each selection offers a simple daily pattern of reflection with a prayer, scripture, a short reading, quotes from John Wesley, and a blessing to take with you through the day. Gathers Wednesdays in Lent , beginning March 8 10:00 -11:30 AM @ Church - led by MaryAnn Burson!

Praying with Julian of Norwich – led by Pastor Jamie

A five week Lenten class using the book Praying with Julian of Norwich. Julian was a 14th century Catholic mystic, anchoress (like a female monk), and theologian who received sixteen visions that led her to a deep understanding of God's love. Please email Pastor Jamie if you plan to participate. She will need to order the books. pastorjwilliams@umcl.org

Gathers Wednesdays in Lent (March 8 – April 5) | 7:00 – 8:30 PM @ Church

The Dynamics of Spiritual Life (GIFT) – led by Pastor Steve

The class first focuses on the "normal Christian life," presenting an ideal to which Christians are called to attain. The second section deals with the problems of the flesh, the world and the devil. The final three chapters bring it all together in the dynamics of spiritual life, both individual and corporate. This is the practical "how to" section which looks at Christ's victory, our individual victory and our corporate renewal. Email PastorSCWilliams@umcl.org

Gathers Thursdays in Lent, beginning March 9 | 7:00 PM @ Church

Sacred Sanctuary

Our Church Sanctuary is a vibrant place to gather for worship, sure. But what about a fuller sense of the word, 'sanctuary'? We invite you to spend time in solitude, prayer and meditation during Holy Week in a place that means 'refuge' and 'safety'. We will provide low lights, candles, and quiet music to help set the mood. Come be loved, provided for, and guided by our loving and mighty God as you prepare for Easter.

Monday, April 10 @ 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, April 11 @ 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 12 @ 5:30 – 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Passover Meal and Worship Service

We are excited to invite you to be a part of a special symbolic meal and interactive worship service to celebrate our Jewish roots and connect us to Jesus' disciple's experience at the last supper. On Thursday April 13 we will do our Annual Maundy Thursday worship with the symbols of the Passover feast with food and dramatic readings. We hope you will join us for this night of remembrance.

Visit the Small Group window in the Community Room for more details or to sign up!

Or you can email Ben at ben.hallett@umcl.org or text to 765-481-8758