

News & Notes

NEW MEMBER CLASSES – If you are interested in becoming a member of the United Methodist Church of Libertyville, please contact Joyce Bedell at 847-858-0157 or at joyce.bedell@umcl.org. Our Spring 2016 New Member classes are being held now. New members will be received on Sunday, March 13th. If you are interested please call Joyce.

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS We will meet Friday, March 4th, 8:00pm at Stand-up Comedy Showcase at Improv Playhouse in Libertyville RSVP to Amanda at 312-607-0017 or Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org to reserve tickets.

FAMILY MISSION NIGHT FOR PADS All members of the church are invited to volunteer on Saturday, March 5th, 4:00—6:00 PM. In support of our church's PADS mission, we will be making lunches, setting up Fellowship Hall, and cooking dinner. Please contact Amanda to donate supplies or attend this event at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org

PRIME TIME will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at noon. They will have a speaker from the Cook Library. Sonia Schoenfeld will be speaking about Genealogy. The cost is \$5.00. Please sign-up by Friday, March 4th.

CALLING ALL MEN! The United Methodist Men's Group is hosting a lunch just for you on Sunday March 13 at 12:15 pm in Fellowship Hall. Join Larry Corrigan, our new President, and others for a time of fellowship and discussion as we consider future programs.

RSVP in the church office. All men are welcome!

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will be meeting on March 15th at 9:30 In fellowship hall. Kevin Guerin will be giving our program about the Panama Mission trip. All are welcome.. Questions, call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523.

RUTH CIRCLE will meet Wednesday evening March 16 at 7:00 at the Church. We will share Easter traditions and past memories...so you may want to dig out an old picture or two!

For more info regarding the circle, call Teri Dreher (847.612.6684), or Julie Garren (847.816.7340)

EASTER PARTY Children, birth through 5th grade, and their families, are invited to join in an Easter celebration! On Saturday, March 19th from 10:00AM to Noon we will take part in fun games, great stories, imaginative crafts and an exciting EGG HUNT! Lunch will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall. Families must be registered for this event by March 18th. To register you can sign up online at <http://www.umcl.org/cfm-easter>. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Adults and youth interested in volunteering for the Easter Party can sign-up online or on the bulletin board. Please contact Amanda Seibert with questions at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org or call the church office.

ENDOWMENT EDGE Remember, if you have no will or trust, state laws will determine who will inherit your property at your death. State laws do not include your Church or any other charity as a beneficiary. If you plan to leave the United Methodist Church of Libertyville in your estate plan, consider notifying one of the pastors.

GREEN LIVING FAIR sponsored by Lake County Green Congregations and the Civic Center will be on Saturday, March 12, from 10-2 PM at the Libertyville Civic Center. Again we will have many educational activities and recycling opportunities including recycling Styrofoam, bikes and bike parts, DVDs and CDs, Ink Cartridges, cell phones, gym shoes, eyeglasses, hearing aids, wine corks and Christmas lights. Unfortunately there will be no electronics recycling this year. This year we will have several excellent guests for a speaker forum. Please see flyers for topics.

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR FEBRUARY will help support: Helping Hands – This ministry, founded and operated by our own church (UMCL), picks up and delivers gently used furniture, household items, and medical equipment to those in need. Please watch MEMOs for updates or contact the church office if you have questions.

UMCOR US Disaster Response – UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) provides volunteer training, financial assistance, expertise, and networking among various organizations when responding to disasters in the US. A recent example of their support includes thousands of cleaning bucket and hygiene kits provided to those in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas during the recent flooding. See US Disaster Response under Programs at www.umcor.org for info.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP ASP (Appalachian Service Project) 2016 is June 11-18. Anyone (youth and adults) that will be an incoming high school freshman fall 2016 or older are eligible.

If you have not yet signed up and are interested, let the church office know ASAP to guarantee your spot. To find out more about the trip, call Steve Neil (sbneil@comcast.net or 224-475-8701).

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE Christ Caring for People through People. "I had never been able to open up to someone before and had always kept my feelings to myself. My Stephen Minister helped me to talk about the painful things, which opened the door for God's healing" (testimonial of a care receiver) If you feel that serving God through caring for another in our congregation is your gift and you would like to become a Stephen Minister, please contact

Kevin Garren 847-816-7340 or Mary Spooner 847-548-3703. Training classes will start soon. **MISSION TRIP (Adult)** The massive December flooding experienced by the St. 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 17th to April 23rd, 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 asap and your fee by April 3rd. Email or call Jeff Welch with any questions at jpwelch5@gmail.com or 847-372-6835. **LIBERTYVILLE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Today is the last day! Please return your donations of these items to the Food Pantry Boxes in the Education wing by today, February 28 (noon) Lists of items available in church office. **NEW MAUNDY THURSDAY PASSOVER MEAL AND WORSHIP SERVICE** This year 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' and his disciple's experience during the last supper. On Thursday, March 24 we will do our annual Maundy Thursday worship in a new way that is designed to walk us through the symbols of the Passover feast with food and dramatic readings. We hope you will join us for this night of remembrance.

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 28, 2016

8:00 AM & 8:15 AM Adult Sunday School Class
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time
9:30 AM—Youth & Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (room 201)
4:00 PM— F.L.O.W. Class
4:00 PM—ALPHA
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers

Monday, February 29, 2016

7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study
7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

9:30 AM— Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Pilgrim Road

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

8:45 AM—Memos
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
10:00 AM— Lenten Study
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
7:00 PM— Jr. High Tide
7:00 PM— Heritage Bells
7:00 PM— BSA District Committee

Thursday, March 3, 2016

12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Disciple 4
7:00 PM—Intro to the New Testament
7:30 PM—Adult Choir
7:30 PM—Praise Band

Friday, March 4, 2016

7:00 PM— First Friday Friends

Saturday, March 5, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Study
8:30 AM— Ad Board
4:00 PM— PADS Family night
5:00 PM—PADS

Sunday, March 6, 2016

8:00 AM & 8:15 AM Adult Sunday School Class
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service
9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time
9:30 AM—Youth & Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM—Coffee Time
11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service
11:00 AM—Kids' Own Worship (room 201)
11:00 AM—Children's Ministry Committee
4:00 PM— F.L.O.W. Class
4:00 PM—ALPHA
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers
6:30 PM— Sr. High Tide

Monday, March 7, 2016

12:00 PM—Prime Time
7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study
7:00 PM—Troop #72

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

9:30 AM— Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Pilgrim Road
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads
7:00 PM—Stephen Ministry
7:00 PM—Pack 273 Committee

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
10:00 AM— Lenten Study
5:30 PM— All Stars
7:00 PM— Jr. High Tide
7:00 PM— Heritage Bells
7:30 PM— Troop 72 Committee

Thursday, March 10, 2016

9:00 PM—Faith Circle
12:00 PM—Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Disciple 4
7:00 PM—Intro to the New Testament
7:30 PM—Adult Choir
7:30 PM—Praise Band

Friday, March 11, 2016

5:30 PM— ALPHA Meeting
6:00 PM— Young Life
7:00 PM— Cub Scout

Saturday, March 12, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Study
10:00 AM— Green Living Fair
5:00 PM—PADS



The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
February 28, 2016
9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Third Sunday of Lent

Today's Scripture Passage

Luke 13:1-9

Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied, "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did. What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did."

Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' The gardener responded, 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"



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 "Song of Remembrance" A. Sherman
Heritage Bells
Andrea West, Flute

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Leader In this season of Lent, we gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

People We come seeking the awareness of God's presence and mercy as we travel on.

Leader We come seeking light for our darkness and strength in our weakness.

People Help us, O God, to choose the ways of life and not of death. Help us to listen to Christ and follow him in faith.

All Let us praise the God of light and life who has called us to this place. Amen.

* **Congregational Hymn** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

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

First Scripture Reading Isaiah 55:1-9

Prayer of Confession

God of truth, how difficult it is to be truthful before you. We want to hide our anxieties and fears, our resentment and self-centeredness. Cut through our evasions by the truth of your word, help us to be honest. (Silent prayer)

God of mercy, your hopes for us are greater than our own, yet our failures do not surprise you. Forgive us we pray, even for the sin we cannot see or find painful to confess.

God of love, accept us as we are, so that we may accept ourselves. Teach us to affirm what is good in our lives, and to put behind us what is unworthy, that by your grace we may live in confidence and joy, in the manner of Jesus our Christ.

Musical Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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

Anthem "The Last Words of David" R. Thompson
Adult Choir

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

* **Congregational Hymn** "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" No. 351

Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9

Sermon "The Fruit of Repentance" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" A. Jordan

*Doxology No. 94
*Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

* Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "It is Well with My Soul" A. Jordan



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 after the service. We look forward to meeting you!



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

Sound Tech: Jesse Nixon
Ushers: John Aten, Wes Swearingin, Chris Skinner, and Jane Aten

Coffee Time: Please join us for coffee and refreshments between services in the Community Room.

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Gathering Into Worship

Opening Song "Lift Your Head Weary Sinner " D. Crowder, E. Cash

Worship Together "Called Me Higher" L. Jordan

Prayer Ben Hallett

Worship Together "Great I Am" J. Anderson

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Community Sharing

Announcements and Greeting Each Other

Sharing Joys and Concerns

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Message "The Fruit of Repentance" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering

Prayer

Worship Together "Amazing Grace" J. James

Scattering into the World



Worship Team: David Bedell, Woody Bedell, Ben Hallett, Christina Parmar
Heidi Nelson, Ellie Mayes, Tim Tonon, Tom Seibert

Multimedia Coordinators: Jackson Ludlow and Connor Clausen

Head Usher: Jayden Montgomery

Director of Contemporary Worship and Praise Band: Ben Hallett

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.