

## News & Notes

February 7, 2016

**ALPHA** Join us for the series at 4.00 on Sunday afternoons in the back of our beautiful sanctuary. ALPHA is a small group study that gives everyone the opportunity to explore their Christian faith in a relaxed, friendly setting. Contact either Kathy Locke or Jim Stewart [alpha@umcl.org](mailto:alpha@umcl.org) with questions or to register. All are welcome!

**ENDOWMENT EDGE** Anyone can give an endowment gift. Any size gift may be made and you can do this now or as part of your estate plan. You can feel the joy of giving.

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES**— Spring 2016 – 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](mailto:joyce.bedell@umcl.org). Our Spring 2016 New Member classes will consist of a New Member Brunch on Saturday, February 20 (childcare is available) and classes Sundays February 21, 28, and March 6. New members will be received on Sunday, March 13th  
**PADS NEEDS LINENS!!**—PADS needs single sheets and pillowcases so if you have some old ones laying around please bring them in and put in the PADS tub in Fellowship Hall. They DON'T NEED to match. Just fitted bottom, flat, and pillow cases. Volunteers are needed for overnight shifts and clean-up shifts. The PADS signup book is available during fellowship time after Sunday services or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062.

**PADS MONEY MAKER**—Please support Pizzeria Deville in their Chef Series Dinners as they will be donating proceeds to our PADS program and other local charities including the all the food pantries in the area. These are great dinners with great chefs so it makes a wonderful evening. Please see the flyers posted around the building with all the information.  
**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet on Tuesday February 16 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy some refreshments and Pastor Jamie Williams will lead us on some thoughts on prayer. All are welcome. Any questions, call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523.

**SCOUT SUNDAY** Help us celebrate Scout Sunday on February 21st! All Cub Scout and Boy Scout youth and adult leaders (current and past) are encouraged to wear your scout uniform to church on Sunday, February 21, to help recognize our church's long affiliation and support of this great youth program. Coffee Time will be served by the scouts.

**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](http://www.umcor.org) for more information.

**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, we need to know by February 21 to guarantee your spot. We will have an informational table at church February 7th and an information meeting February 14th at 5:30 after the confirmation class. To reserve your spot or find out more about the trip, call Steve Neil ([sbneil@comcast.net](mailto:sbneil@comcast.net) or 224-475-8701).

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** We hope you will join us in the Community Room or the Fellowship Hall anytime from 9:00 to 11:00 am for Coffee and Refreshments. If you would like to help with the Coffee times in either location, please contact Jan Grigsby at [grigsjan@sbcglobal.com](mailto:grigsjan@sbcglobal.com) or Peg Berryman. We are working to simplify the preparation and clean-up for coffee time to make it easy and efficient for volunteers. Instructions are being developed now. Thank You!

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE:** Stephen Ministers bring distinctively Christian care to those in need. They use both words and deeds to express Christ's care for others—listening and comforting, calling on the training they have received, and employing the tools of faith. If this fits your personal goal for ministry, consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Please contact one of our Stephen Leaders: Kevin Garren (847-816-7340) or Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) for more information. Training classes will start soon.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** Teachers needed for B.I.G. Time (Sunday School) and Kids Own Worship classes are in need of teachers for February & March. If you are able to teach or assist a teacher please contact Amanda Seibert at [Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org)

### Sunday, February 7, 2016

**Communion Sunday**  
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)  
2:00 PM—Boy Scouts  
4:00 PM—ALPHA  
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers

### Monday, February 8, 2016

1:00 PM—Book Talkers  
7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study  
7:00 PM—Troop #72  
7:00 PM—Outreach

### Tuesday, February 9, 2016

12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads  
7:00 PM—Stephen Ministry

### Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Ash Wednesday  
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
10:00 AM—Lenten Study  
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study  
5:30 PM—All Stars  
7:30 PM—Ash Wednesday Service  
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide  
7:30 PM—Troop 72 Committee

### Thursday, February 11, 2016

9:00 AM—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, February 12, 2016

6:00 PM—Young Life  
7:00 PM—Valentine's Dance

### Saturday, February 13, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
5:00 PM—PADS

### Sunday, February 14, 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)  
2:00 PM—Boy Scouts  
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, February 15, 2016

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

### Tuesday, February 16, 2016

9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle  
12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Circle of Joy  
7:00 PM—Resource  
7:00 PM—Pilgrim Road

### Wednesday, February 17, 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  
5:30 PM—All Stars  
7:00 PM—Ruth Circle  
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide  
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM—Building Committee

### Thursday, February 18, 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, February 19, 2016

12:00 PM—Set-up for Books and Brunch

### Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
8:00 AM—Books and Brunch  
5:00 PM—PADS



## The United Methodist Church of Libertyville February 7, 2016 9:30 & 11:00 AM

### Transfiguration Sunday The Season of Epiphany

#### Today's Scripture Passage

Luke 5: 1-11

One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets. Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch."

Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets."

So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

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## 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** "Prelude in B Minor" C. Franck

**\* Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Leader** The glory of God transfigures every day!

**People** The light of God transfigures familiar faces!

**Leader** By the Sea of Galilee, God called Peter to share the risk and challenge of living by faith, to share in the glory of Christ.

**People** God calls us to transform our fear into courage, our confusion into confidence, through the presence of the risen Christ.

**Leader** May God's glory shine in our hearts and lives.

**People** May God's Spirit transform us into disciples of Christ, as we worship in Spirit and truth.

**\* Congregational Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" No. 103

### \* Unison Prayer

Eternal God, you revealed to the disciples the everlasting glory of Jesus Christ. Grant us, who have not seen and yet believe, the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may boldly live the gospel and shine with your transforming glory, through the redeeming presence of our Savior. Amen.

**The Children's Sermon** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

**First Scripture Reading** II Corinthians 3:17-4:2;6-12

**Anthem** "Acclamation: Hallelujah" R. Ray

### \*\*Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**\* Congregational Hymn** "Be Thou My Vision" No. 451

\* 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

**Second Scripture Reading** Luke 5:1-11

**Sermon** "Transformation" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Offering / Offertory** "Ave Maris Stella" E. Grieg

\* Doxology No. 94

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Celebration of Holy Communion** No. 13

**\* Closing Hymn** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" No. 396

### \* Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude** "Sortie Festivo" L. Boslet



The rose in the sanctuary this morning celebrates the birth of Adele Lucille Skonieczny on January 14, 2016. Congratulations to parents Anna and David Skonieczny and big sister Scarlett.

### 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:** Jesse Nixon

**Ushers:** John Aten, Jane Aten, Jay Hazlett, Bill Vanni

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

## Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



### Gathering Into Worship

**Opening Song** "Burn Like A Star" Rend Collective

**Prayer** Ben Hallett

**Worship Together** "Come As You Are" D. Crowder

### Community Sharing

Announcements and Greeting Each Other

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

### Illustration

**Scripture Reading** Luke 5:1-11

**Message** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

### Offering

**Celebration of Holy Communion** No. 13

### Prayer

**Worship Together** "Give Me Faith" M. Brock and C. Brown

### Scattering into the World



**Worship Team:** David Bedell, Woody Bedell, Ben Hallett, Heidi Nelson, Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon, Jennifer Whittington

**Multimedia Coordinators:** Connor Clausen, Mark and Janet Mason

**Director of Contemporary Worship and Praise Band:** Mr. 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.



## SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT

### *A Small Group Study - For The Life Of the World (FLOW)*

Are you young or young at heart and have an appetite to figure out just how on earth we are to live as Christians in today's world? What is our salvation actually for? How are we to be in the world, but not of it? Come explore God's original and restorative plan for all things and the deeper mystery of our faith. Sign-up in the community room after worship for 1 of 3 different offerings: With Ben Hallett on Sunday evenings from 4:00-5:30, With Woody Bedell on Sunday Mornings from 8:15-9:30, or with Scott Allen on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45. All of this begins Sunday, February 14!

### *A Small Group or Independent Study - Pilgrim Road by Albert Holtz*

In the view of St. Benedict of Nursia, the Lenten journey is an inner pilgrimage with Christ into the deepest parts of ourselves, to be marked not so much by external observances such as fasting and self-denial as by a deepening of our relationship with God. If you'd like a book for independent study, please talk to Sara Aumuller or Jim Stewart. If you would like to participate in the weekly group gathering to further discuss the readings, please sign up in the community room after worship. Weekly gatherings will be on Tuesday evenings in Lent from 7:00-8:00 led by Sara Aumuller and beginning on February 16!

### *A Small Group Study - The God We Can Know by Rob Fuquay*

The God We Can Know is a 7-week study designed for you to explore the "I Am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Perfect for Lent or any time of year, this series will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say (Jesus is) I am?" Begins Wednesday, February 17 & led by MaryAnn Burson!

### *An Independent Activity - "One Word For Lent" Toolkit*

What one word does God want to give you to simply focus on this lent? Grab a "toolkit" in the community room on Sundays, February 7 & following and embark on a one-word personal journey for the next 6 weeks. Won't be here that day? Ask someone to pick one up for you so you can get started as Lent begins! Inside your "toolkit" will be guidelines for choosing a word, scripture passages, and some reflection questions to help you focus and reflect on the work God is doing in you through this one, simple word. You'll be amazed at how many ways your word may come to you and how it may help to focus and direct your life!

*Introduction to the New Testament* Please join Pastor Steve for a six week exploration of key sections of the inspired Gospels and the Letters/Epistles of Paul and John. Our class will read parts of Matthew, Mark and Luke as well as Paul's letter to the Galatians (the "quintessence of Pauline theology") and the Philippians (Paul's "Ode to Joy"). We will see short video's by popular New Testament scholars. Pastor Steve will share insights gained from a life of study and reflection with time for questions and discussion. We will use the book How to Read the Bible Book by Book Class meets Thursday night from 7 - 8:30, beginning February 11 upstairs in the New Room by the church elevator. Come join us!

*Come find a leader in the community room after worship on Sundays or sign up at the corner table near the office window, if you're interested! Or you can email Ben at [ben.hallett@umcl.org](mailto:ben.hallett@umcl.org)*