

## 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](mailto: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.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE** would like to thank everyone that came out to our annual PADS Family Mission Night on Saturday March 5th. We made 140 sandwiches, packed 70 lunches, set out beds and cooked a delicious dinner of ham and potatoes! Your time and energy are much appreciated!

**PRIME TIME** will be held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at noon. We will have a speaker from the Cook Library. Sonia Schoenfeld will be speaking about Genealogy. The cost is \$5.00.

**UMW CIRCLE NEWS** Looking for a daytime UMW circle? Thursday March 10 at 9:30 at the church... Join us for the reorganizational meeting of Faith Circle, an intergenerational circle of women seeking to know God and make His world a better place for women, children and youth. Questions please call Mary Ann Burson at 847-270-0633. Please let us know if you need childcare. Plans for the Round Lake/Grayslake/etc. are circle are nearing completion. Watch for details.

**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. Please RSVP via email to Larry at [lcorrigan2@comcast.net](mailto:lcorrigan2@comcast.net), sign up online at [www.umcl.org/ummluncheon](http://www.umcl.org/ummluncheon), or by contacting the church office. All men are welcome!

**GIRL SCOUT WEEK** Today is the beginning of Girl Scout week. Wear some green, wear your Girl Scout pin, do a good turn, and join us next Sunday as we observe Girl Scout Sunday. We will be serving Girl Scout cookies during fellowship time. For more information please contact Beth March, 847-367-5175, [bethcmarch@aol.com](mailto:bethcmarch@aol.com)

**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 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)

**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.

**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](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org) or call the church office.

**FEEDING CHILDREN**—Mark your calendars for this "CHURCH FAMILY" event at Feed My Starving Children packing location in Libertyville on Saturday, April 16th from 8:45AM to 11:00AM. Visit <http://www.umcl.org/fmsc> to sign-up!

**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.

**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 at ([sbneil@comcast.net](mailto:sbneil@comcast.net) or 224-475-8701).

## Church Calendar

### 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— The God we Can Know  
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 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, 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

### Sunday, March 13, 2016

Girl Scout Sunday/ New Member  
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—Confirmation  
4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers  
6:30 PM— Sr. High Tide

### Monday, March 14, 2016

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

### Tuesday, March 15, 2016

9:30 AM— Women's Spiritual Growth  
9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle  
12:00 & 7:30 PM – Living Free/AA  
7:00 PM—Pilgrim Road  
7:00 PM—Circle of Joy  
7:00 PM—Resource Committee

### Wednesday, March 16, 2016

8:45 AM—Memos  
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina  
10:00 AM— The God We Can Know  
7:00 PM— Jr. High Tide  
7:00 PM— Heritage Bells  
7:00 PM— Ruth Circle

### Thursday, March 17, 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 18, 2016

No Scheduled Activities

### Saturday, March 19, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Study  
10:00 AM— Easter Party  
5:00 PM—PADS



## The United Methodist Church of Libertyville

March 6, 2016  
9:30 & 11:00 AM

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Today's Scripture Passage

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24

All the tax collectors and sinners were gathering around Jesus to listen to him. The Pharisees and legal experts were grumbling, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Jesus told them this parable:

Jesus said, "A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the inheritance.' Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

"When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands." ' So he got up and went to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

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### 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** "Jesus Makes My Heart Rejoice" R. Elmore

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

Leader Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

**People We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!**

Leader Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**People Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.**

Leader Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

**\*Congregational Hymn** "The Church's One Foundation" No. 545

### Unison Prayer

All-knowing and all-caring God, we gather this day drained by another week. We are like a parched desert, empty and in need of replenishment. Visit us with your presence, saturate us with your Spirit, and bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might acknowledge and worship you to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Amen!

**Children's Message** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

**First Scripture Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Denise Gibson

**Anthem** "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" R. Shaw & A. Parker  
Adult Choir

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

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

\* 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.

**\*Congregational Hymn** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" No. 526

**Scripture Reading** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24

**Sermon** "The Return of the Prodigal Son" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Offering / Offertory** "What Offering Shall I Bring" R. Elmore  
\*Doxology No. 94  
\*Prayer of Dedication

**Celebration of Holy Communion** UM Hymnal page 13

The United Methodist Church has an open table.  
All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the  
Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Communion Rail is also open for prayer.  
(Gluten free wafers are available)

**\*Closing Hymn** "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" No. 614 (vs. 1,2,4)

### \* Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude** "Look Up, My Soul" R. Elmore



### *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:** Tom Plohr, Mike Fennewald, Jane Aten, John 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** "Boldly I Approach" Rend Collective Experiment

**Worship Together** "Good Good Father" A. Brown and P. Barrett

**Prayer** Ben Hallett

**Worship Together** "Come Thou Fount" L. Phillips, R. Phillips, R. Robinson

### Children's Message

### Community Sharing

Announcements and Greeting Each Other

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**Scripture Reading** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-24

**Message** "The Return of the Prodigal Son" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Holy Communion** "Love Remains" The Brilliance

### Offering

### Prayer

**Worship Together** "Boldly I Approach" reprise Rend Collective Experiment

### 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.