

News & Notes—April 17, 2016.

SPECIAL ADULT CHOIR MUSICAL PRESENTATION Our Adult choir will be presenting the Gospel Mass by Robert Ray on Sunday, April 24 at the 9:30 service. The mass will feature many soloists from our choir, piano, bass guitar, and drums. Please join us for this special musical presentation. 11:00 service will be a Sunday of Psalms. We will sing some Psalms, read some Psalms, watch a few short illustrated videos on some Psalms, and the message will be on (you guessed it!) a Psalm! Please joins us for this inspirational service.

MISSOURI ADULT MISSION TRIP – Volunteers In Christian Service. The massive December flooding experienced in the Saint Louis area affected over 4800 homes and countless lives. The UMC Missouri Conference has requested volunteers of every skill level to help rebuild homes and restore hope. This year's trip takes place from April 17th to April 23rd. Members leaving today to extend hands of help and healing include: Barb and Tom Plohr, Karen and Al Kuhlman, Kelley and Bill Wilson, Bob Honeywell, Steve Neil, Karl Taylor, Andy Danckers, Bonnie Lill, Bruce Davis, and Jeff Welch. Our friends leaving for Missouri today ask for your prayers. They will be rebuilding flood damaged homes including demolition, framing, electrical, plumbing, insulation, drywall, flooring, trim, and painting. Thank you faithful volunteers. Peace and Blessings and Safety.

PASTOR'S CONTINUING EDUCATION TRIP Pastor Steve and Pastor Jamie are participating in an Educational Opportunities trip called the "Journeys of Paul in Greece". Please pray for traveling mercies and this learning experience. They will return April 27. Pastoral care has been arranged so contact the church office in case of any need or emergency. Many thanks to the congregation for this educational opportunity.

SUNDAY GOSPEL NIGHTS is coming to our new sanctuary for a LIVE, FREE performance of Nashville-style gospel music, hymns and contemporary Christian songs. This long running show from Branson MO features Christian artist Kim Boyce Koreiba and her husband, Gary. Join us on May 22nd at 4:00 PM for an afternoon of inspirational music on the UMCL stage. Childcare will be available.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE The simple path: Silence is prayer, prayer is faith, faith is love, love is service. The fruit of service is peace. (Mother Teresa) 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.

UMCL YOUTH The youth on UMCL are going to embark on a 30 hour fast Saturday, April 18 to help raise money for hungry kids worldwide. But, they need your help. Our fundraising goal this year is \$6,000.00 to help feed children in are as where hunger is pervasive. Support us at: <http://tinyurl.com/hstytto>

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet April 19 at 9:30 in fellowship hall. Mickey Donahue will talk to us about her experiences at Red Bird Mission. Come and join us for some refreshments and an interesting morning. Questions, call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.

RUTH CIRCLE "My Father's Love" exhibit at the Fould's Gallery will be the destination for Ruth Circle on Wednesday evening April 20 at 7:00. Parking is directly to the east of the building on Church Street. After the tour, you are invited to the home of Julie Garren, 736 Valley Park Drive, (847-816-7340) for refreshments.

HELP NEEDED April 24 and May 8 We need volunteers for Coffee Time Fellowship on Sunday mornings. Please contact Jan Grigsby or Peg Berrymean. Preparation and clean-up have been simplified to make it easy.

PRIME TIME Monday, May 9th at 12:00 noon. (second week of May because of Rummage Sale) Lunch is \$5.00. Program will be presented by Author, Judy Knox. She will bring books to purchase. Go to: amazon.com/author/judyaknox to view her books. All are welcome, but please sign up by 5/5/16.

SECOND MILE GIVING April will help support: Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center – This Gurnee-based non-profit has been serving the community since 1983 by providing a place where survivors of sexual assault and abuse can heal, and by mobilizing local communities toward action to end sexual violence. For general information, go to www.zcenter.org, or call their office at 847-244-1187. Their 24 hour support line can be reached at 847-872-7799. ILCAAAP (Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addition Problems) ILCAAP, and their affiliate ICIA (Illinois Churches in Action), are interdenominational, state-wide organizations that work with churches, schools, and other groups to prevent alcohol, other drug, and gambling problems. To check out their services and activities, go to www.ilcaaap.org, or call 866-940-6871.

BREAKOUT SUNDAY May 22nd is where our B.I.G. Time program will "break out" of the classroom and meet outside! (weather permitting) Please pick your kids up in the Grove following the 9:30 service. If you are interested in helping with this fun event please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.

SR. HIGH CHURCH CAMP (Current 8th graders-Graduating Seniors) Epworth Forest in North Webster, IN "Life Changing Experiences Start Here" Camp will be 6 days/ 5 nights from June 26-July 1. The cost is \$400 per youth. The first 3 youth to sign up only pay half price. Contact Brittney (brittney.stephan@umcl.org) for more info and to sign-up for a great week.

VBS Vacation Bible School this summer - July 18th to July 22nd from 9:00AM to Noon. Registration opening soon!

ALTAR FLOWERS If you have a special event (birthday or anniversary) or a loved one to honor please consider donating flowers for our church altar. Flowers can be purchased through the church office or brought from your home garden. Call the church office or go to our website (www.umcl.org)

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**The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
April 17, 2016
9:30 & 11:00 AM**

Easter Season

Today's Scripture Passage

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



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

"Grand March" K. McChesney
Heritage Bells

*Call to Worship

Ms. Diana Natsch

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: So God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a wayward son,

People: So God welcomes us, and lets the past be past.

Leader: Therefore let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Congregational Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 64

Unison Prayer

Tender and compassionate God, whose strength is made perfect in our weakness, touch us this morning with your Spirit. Enter the lives of each one of us today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with your love. Help us to keep our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Help us to worship now in spirit and in truth. Help us to live with purpose and enthusiasm and courage in service to others, remembering the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve. Amen

Psalm 23

A Reading by our Children

Children's Message

Rev. Michael Mann

First Scripture Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

* 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

from "Gospel Mass" R. Ray
Adult Choir

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Mr. Ben Hallett

Congregational Prayer & Prayer for Our Mission Team

*Congregational Hymn "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" No. 381

Scripture Reading

John 10:22-30

Sermon "Shepherd: Guiding a Flock of Doubting, Fence-Sitting, Soiled Sheep" Rev. Michael Mann

Offering / Offertory

"Gather Us In" J. Behnke
*Doxology No. 94
*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn

"Easter People Raise Your Voices" No. 304

*Benediction

Rev. Michael Mann

Postlude

"Lift High The Cross" A. Jordan



A Warm Welcome to All!

We welcome Rev. Michael Mann as our Guest Preacher today. Rev. Mann is the Director of Mission & Advocacy for the Northern Conference (UMC). We are delighted to have him here today.

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 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: Bill Vanni, Jay Hazlett, John Aten, Dave Natzke

Coffee Time: Please join us for coffee and refreshments between services in the Community Room hosted by the Children and Family Ministries Committee

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Greeting

Gathering Together

"Shepherd of My Soul" Rivers and Robots

Worship Together

"Rise" K. Kaple, N. Moore, and P. Barrett

Prayer

Ben Hallett

Worship Together

"Holy Holy Holy" J. Dykes & R. Heber

Children's Message

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Community Sharing

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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Offering

"House of God Forever" J. Foreman

Prayer

Worship Together

"How Deep The Father's Love For Us" S. Townsend

Scattering into the World



Worship Team: David Bedell, Woody Bedell, Tom Seibert, Tim Tonon, Heidi Nelson

Multimedia Coordinators: Connor Clausen, Janet & Mark Mason

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.

Calendar

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Adult Mission Trip departs
8:00, 8:15, & 9:30 AM Adult Sunday
School Classes
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)
7:00 PM—Sr. High Tide

Monday, April 18 2016

5:45 PM—Daisies
7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study
7:00 PM—Troop 72

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

9:30 AM— Women's Spiritual Growth
9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
12:00 & 7:30 PM - Living Free/AA
1:00 PM—Endowment Committee
7:00 PM—Circle of Joy
7:30 PM—Choir

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

8:45 AM—Memos
9:30 AM— Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Womens Bible Study
7:00 PM—Ruth Circle—offsite
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, April 21, 2016

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

Friday, April 22, 2016

6:00 PM—Young Life

Saturday, April 23, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Study
5:00 PM—PADS

Sunday, April 24, 2016

8:00, 8:15, & 9:30 AM Adult Sunday
School Classes
9:00 AM—Cherub Choir
9:30 AM—Traditional Worship/Gospel
Mass
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)
3:00 PM—ASP meeting
4:00 PM—Confirmation
7:00 PM—Sr. High Tide

Monday, April 25, 2016

7:00 PM—Inquirers' Study
7:00 PM—Troop 72
7:00 PM—UMW Leadership
Tuesday, April 26, 2016
9:30 AM— Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 & 7:30 PM - Living Free/AA
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

9:30 AM— Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio Divina
1:00 PM—Womens Bible Study
5:30 PM—All Stars
7:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, April 28, 2016

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

Friday, April 29, 2016

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, April 30, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Study
5:00 PM—PADS

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05-22-16 4PM



Award winning artists bringing their show from
Branson, MO, which features Gospel tunes,
favorite Hymns and Contemporary Christian Music

Free UMCL Concert Event!!

More details to come. Pre-registration is
suggested due to an expected capacity crowd.