



The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
July 31, 2016
10:00 AM

Summer Unity Service

Today's Scripture Passage

Luke 2:21-40

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,

according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Calendar

Sunday, July 31, 2016

8:15 AM—Explorers Adult Class
8:30 AM—Cornerstone Adult Class
9:30 AM—Coffee Time
10:00 AM—Unity Worship
10:00 AM—B.I.G. Time
6:30 PM—Sr. High Tide—Offsite

Monday, August 1, 2016

12:00 PM—Prime Time Luncheon

Tuesday, August 2, 2016

12:00 AA/Living Free
7:00 PM—Trustee Meeting
7:30 PM—AA/Living Free

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

8:45 AM—Memos
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, August 4, 2016

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

Friday, August 5, 2016

11:00 AM—"Out To Lunch" in the Park
7:00 PM—First Friday Friends -Offsite

Saturday, August 6, 2016

1:30 PM—Praise Band

Sunday, August 7, 2016

9:30 AM—Coffee Time
10:00 AM—Unity Worship
10:00 AM—B.I.G. Time
11:00 AM—All Church Potluck
6:00 PM—Confirmation Information
Dinner

Monday, August 8, 2016

1:00 PM—Book Talkers

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

12:00 AA/Living Free
7:00 PM—Stephen Ministry
7:30 PM—AA/Living Free

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
9:45 AM—Lectio
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, August 11, 2016

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

Friday, August 12, 2016

No Scheduled Activities

Saturday, August 13, 2016

2:00 PM—Mary Kate Morgan Wedding



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TENTH ANNUAL UMCL GOLF CLASSIC & DINNER

The tenth annual UMCL Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2016. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on the golf links with consecutive tee times starting at 12:30 PM. We will be playing at Countryside Golf Club, a Lake County Forest Preserve course, at 20800 W Hawley St. in Mundelein. Entry fee for this year's event will be \$70 per person which includes greens fees with cart and a catered dinner from Catered Productions beginning after golf at 6:30 PM at the home of Jack and Linda Kraemer in Libertyville. Non-golfers are welcome to join the Dinner at a cost of \$15 per person. For more information, or to reserve a spot, please contact Scott Allen, 847-217-9067 (scott.r.allen@jci.com), or call the church office at 847-362-2112.

EXTRAVAGANZA ~ RALLY DAY & ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Join us on August 28th for Family Sunday and an ALL church picnic! There will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL during the 10:00 service. Children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks or totes to church on August 28 to have their backpacks blessed for the 2016-2017 school year. Following the service there will be a cookout with food, fun games and activities for all ages to kick-off the new school year!

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK provides food for 13 Northern Illinois Counties, including Lake. This organization helps to feed more than 71,000 people EVERY WEEK, a feat that would not be accomplished without volunteers just like YOU! Our church's next volunteer slot is Wednesday August 31st from 6 - 8 PM, at the Park City Distribution Center location, which can be found at 440 Keller Drive, Park City, IL 60085. If this sounds like a mission in which you would like to participate or just want more info, please contact Diana Natsch at dnatsch1@gmail.com, 847-922-5069.

MISSIONARY LARRY KIES will be joining us on August 11! Larry and Jane Kies are UM missionaries serving at Africa University in Zimbabwe. Larry is the director of the School of Agriculture at this United Methodist-related institution which graduated over 800 students last June and is working to become a world-class university for leadership development in Africa. Larry will be here to share what is happening in Zimbabwe and at the University. He will make presentations at a brown-bag luncheon at noon and an evening dessert fellowship at 7:00 pm on August 11. Please join us!

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR AUGUST WILL HELP SUPPORT

Larry and Jane Kies - See information above or go to www.africau.edu
Mujeres a Mujeres - Created by the women of Humbolt Park UMC in Chicago, this program ministers to Hispanic women with young children who have been impacted by domestic violence and other traumatic experiences. The women in the program receive training, counseling, community resources, and skill training. For more information go to www.umcnic.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE The moment you are ready to quit is usually the moment right before the miracle happens. 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.

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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams



Gathering Music

Welcome, 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 "Majesty" P. Cota
Bell Ensemble

***Call to Worship**

Leader Sing for joy to God, all the earth!
People **Worship with songs and shouts of joy!**
Leader The Spirit of God is moving among us, binding us in covenant with faithful people of every time and place.
People **The Spirit is moving within us, empowering us to proclaim the gospel to all people.**
Leader The Spirit is moving through us, making us channels of God's love and blessing.
ALL **As we gather to worship, we open ourselves to the Spirit of the living God made known to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" No. 89

Unison Prayer

Eternal God, mother and father of every living creature, whose spirit of love is celebrated in our worship: Be our nurturing guide and strengthening tenderness. Show us how to love our children, our families, our community and the whole world that we might be a blessing, in the manner and way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Celebration of Holy Baptism UM Hymnal page 39
Anna Rose and David Skonieczny present their daughter, Adele Lucille Skonieczny, for Holy Baptism this morning.

Congregational Response

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Adele, surrounded by our community of love and forgiveness, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

* 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

Songs Together "How Great Thou Art" Ben Hallett &
"In the Garden" Christina Parmar

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Musical Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Scripture Reading Luke 2:21-40

Message "The Blessing of Children" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering / Offertory "As the Deer" P. Cota
Bell Ensemble

*Doxology No. 94
*Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" No. 102

Blessing

Postlude "Warrenton" H. Colvin



A Warm Welcome to All!

We are so glad you have chosen to share with us in worship this morning! All are invited to stay after the service for coffee, refreshments, and sharing in the Community Room.
If you are visiting for the first time, please stop by the Welcome Desk at the East entrance to the church to pick up a Visitor Packet and meet our welcoming Ministries Coordinator,
Joyce Bedell (Joyce.Bedell@umcl.org) We look forward to meeting you!



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

Sound Tech: Ben Hallett and Jesse Nixon

Ushers: Jane and John Aten, Jack Hansen, and Jay Hazlett

CHURCH POTLUCK Join us for the potluck lunch next Sunday, August 7th. We will serve lunch after church service. Bring your favorite dish to share. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS When: Friday, August 5th, 2016 7:00 pm

Location: Aloha Falls Mini-Golf (Libertyville Sports Complex)

Description: Hopefully third time is a charm and we can finally play mini-golf! They have snack and drinks available so we can hang out until everyone arrives and then all play a round together. Afterwards we can head to Austin's patio for food/drink.

CONFIRMATION 2017 If you have a student who will be entering 8th grade this fall, we would like to invite you to join our Confirmation experience! We will kick off with an informational dinner on August 7th at 6:00 pm. Our first weekend together will be a retreat on Lake Geneva on August 26-27. Please contact Destiny Bowman, Asst. Youth Minister at destiny.koch@umcl.org, for more information.

PRIME TIME will meet on Monday, August 1st at 12 noon for lunch (\$5). We are pleased to have one of our youth, Travis Wegren a student at DePauw, present us with his experiences in Cuba this spring. The title ... From Sloppy Joes to CUCs you must attend to satisfy your curiosity! A special treat for anyone deciphering 'CUCs' and Travis will not reveal prior to luncheon!

OUT TO LUNCH Our church will be a part of the Libertyville Main Street Picnic in the Park. We will be at the tent on Friday, August 5th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you are willing to help with this event, please email joyce.bedell@umcl.org.

SCHOOL BAGS FOR UMCOR Please return the filled school bags by August 5th. Thank you to all of you who have filled bags and returned them. School bags will be sent by UM Committee On Relief to needy children in Africa, Asia, and Central America.

RUTH CIRCLE We have heard it for years and here is our chance to learn more about it! Ruth Circle will meet August 17 at 7:00 at the church for a guided tour of our church organ, provided by Jim Grace. For more information please contact Julie Garren (847-816-7340). Newcomers are always welcome to join us!

PROMOTION SUNDAY B.I.G. Time Sunday School is having its Promotion Sunday on August 21st during the 10:00 service. We will be graduating our kids to the next grade and decorating our new classrooms! Please join us!

BACKPACK BLESSINGS Join us on August 28th for Backpack Blessing and RALLY DAY! Children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks or totes to the 10:00 service to have their backpacks blessed for the 2016-2017 school year. Following the service there will be a cookout with food, fun games and activities for all ages to kick-off the new school year!