

**News & Notes—August 28, 2016 continued**

**LECTIO DIVINA** Were you interested in trying out Lectio, but our schedule didn't fit yours? Now's your chance. Lectio is moving to Mondays at 10:00am in Room 208. Come give us a try, our door is always open.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** We will begin a study of the Book of Ephesians on **September 7 at 1:00 pm** at the Church. If you are interested in joining us, contact Joyce Jeffries at 847-566-6944. We welcome all women of the church.

**UMW** Reserve Saturday, September 10 at 12:00 noon for food, fun, and fellowship at our "Getting To Know You" event! All women are invited.

**PRIME TIME** will meet on Monday, **September 12th at 12 noon** for lunch (\$5) and program. We have heard it for years and here is our chance to learn more about it! Prime Time will meet for a guided tour of our church organ, provided by Jim Grace. For more information please contact Jan Grigsby (847-362-8473). Newcomers are always welcome to join us!

**PRISCILLA CIRCLE** will meet Tuesday September 19 at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there. Shirley Mason 847-362-0523

**RUTH CIRCLE** will meet at 7:00 on Wednesday evening September 21 at the home of Janet Hartkopf (24671 Russell Lane, Mundelein. 847.526.8416). Kate Ceithaml, from The Lake County Haven, will explain the services they provide for homeless women and children in our area. If you plan on attending, you might like to check the "wish list" on their website and bring an item to donate. For more information on Ruth Circle or for car pool info., call Julie Garren or Sue Hamilton (847.816.7340/847.362.7972). This is your open invitation to join us!

**SAVE THE DATE** for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Waukegan to College Oktoberfest! The event will be held on **October 1<sup>st</sup>** at 6:00 p.m. This year's venue will be at Bernie's Book Bank, which is located at 917 North Shore Drive, Lake Bluff. The proceeds will go toward sending Waukegan to College youth to Leadership Lab at Augustana College. This event is also the major fundraiser for Waukegan to College's operating budget. Tickets are \$35. If interested, please email dnatsch@gmail.com.

**PADS SITE MANAGERS NEEDED** Interested in volunteering to help the homeless a few times during the PADS season? Although our hosting of the PADS guests doesn't start until October, we are starting to gear up for the season. We currently need a few people willing to work 3 or 4 Saturdays (yes, that's all) during that entire season as site managers. We only need the first Saturday of each month filled. "Whatever you did for the least of these you did unto me." Please call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062.

**ENDOWMENT EDGE** Don't forget the Endowment Committee's matching challenge! For each \$1 donated by the congregation, \$2 will be donated by the "Match Your Gift to Endowment". Your \$1 becomes \$3 — WOW!!!!

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK** provides food for 13 Northern Illinois Counties, including Lake feeding more than 71,000 people every week. 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, contact Diana Natsch at dnatschi@gmail.com, 847-922-5069.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE** The greatest thing anyone can do for God or man is pray. 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.

**PRAYERS APPRECIATED** as we continue our search for a new Youth Pastor. The job posting is accessed through this link at [www.umcl.org/careers](http://www.umcl.org/careers).

**PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS** Our college ministry would love to send your college student a couple of care packages throughout the year.

Email the church office at [info@umcl.org](mailto:info@umcl.org) by Sept. 23 to give us your child's school address.

**Calendar**

**Sunday, August 28, 2016**

9:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:00 AM—Unity Worship  
10:00 AM—B.I.G. Time  
11:00 AM—Rally Day Church Picnic  
6:00 PM—Senior High Youth

**Monday, August 29, 2016**

7:00 PM—Troop 72

**Tuesday, August 30, 2016**

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

**Wednesday, August 31, 2016**

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

**Thursday, September 1, 2016**

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

**Friday, September 2, 2016**

7:00 PM—First Friday Friends

**Saturday, September 3, 2016**

1:30 PM—Praise Band  
Sexton/Andrei Wedding—Offsite

**Sunday, September 4, 2016**

9:30 AM—Coffee Time  
10:00 AM—Unity Worship  
10:00 AM—B.I.G. Time  
11:00 AM—Rally Day Church Picnic  
6:00 PM—Senior High Youth

**Monday, September 5, 2016**

7:00 PM—Troop 72

**Tuesday, September 6, 2016**

12:00 PM—AA/Living Free  
7:30 PM—AA/Living Free  
7:00 PM—L.C.G.C.

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

8:45 AM—Memos  
9:30 AM—Staff Meeting  
9:45 AM—Lectio

1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study

6:00 PM—Heritage Bells

7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

7:00 PM—Resource Meeting

**Thursday, September 8, 2016**

9:30 AM—Faith Circle

12:00PM—Living Free/AA

7:00 PM—Praise Band

7:30 PM—Choir

**Friday, September 9, 2016**

6:00 PM—Young Life

**Saturday, September 10, 2016**

8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study

8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry

8:30 AM—Ad Board Meeting

8:30 AM—Community Prayer Walks

9:00 AM—UMW Getting to Know You

1:30 PM—Praise Band



**The United Methodist Church  
of Libertyville**

**August 28, 2016**

**10:00 AM**

**Rally Day  
The Season of Pentecost**

**Today's Scripture Passage**

**2 Peter 1:1-8**

*Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To those who have received a faith as precious as ours through  
the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:  
May grace and peace be yours in abundance in the knowledge of  
God and of Jesus our Lord.  
His divine power has given us everything needed for life and  
godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us by his  
own glory and goodness. Thus he has given us, through these  
things, his precious and very great promises, so that through  
them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world  
because of lust, and may become participants of the divine  
nature. For this very reason, you must make every effort to  
support your faith with goodness, and goodness with  
knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control  
with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness  
with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if  
these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep  
you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.*



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**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

**PASTORS**

**Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams**

**RALLY DAY CELEBRATION** All Church Cookout & Picnic will follow today's service! Join us in the Grove, just north of the church parking lot, for activities for kids—pony rides, bouncy castle, face painting, balloon man. Adults will have the opportunity to learn about small groups and ministry events this Fall that will help us to Connect, Grow & Impact the world- Faith Forward Brochure

**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE** On Sunday, September 11, we return to two worship services on Sunday mornings: Traditional Worship at 9:30 am and Contemporary at 11:00 am. Children programs are provided during both services.

**BIBLE SUNDAY** will be Sunday, September 11th. If your child is currently in 3rd or 8th grade and would like to receive a Bible, please contact Amanda Seibert by Sunday, September 4th at [Amanda.seibert@umcl.org](mailto:Amanda.seibert@umcl.org)

**CHERUB CHOIR** (3-5 years old - including Kindergarten) The Cherub Choir is for our youngest group of children. These little angels will sing the 2nd Sunday of each month, alternating between traditional and contemporary services. Your preschooler will learn fun, simple songs of faith with our director, Blair Brockman. Practices for the group will be held Sunday mornings, 10:30-11 a.m. in the Education Wing, Room 203, beginning September 11th.

**JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR** Calling all 1st - 3rd graders who like to sing! Joyful Noise is the singing group for elementary-age children. This is a great opportunity to learn songs of praise, participate in worship, and get to know other school-aged kids in church. Joyful Noise will sing the 2nd Sunday of each month at our traditional and contemporary worship services. A highlight for the Fall semester is the Live Nativity in December! Amy Kamai - director. Practices will be held on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:15am in the Education Wing, Room 204, beginning September 11th.

**CHORISTERS** is a singing group made up of 4th-6th graders. It is a continuation of Joyful Noise. They praise God through different styles of music: Contemporary Christian, Classical, and Gospel. Practice time: TBD. If your tween is interested, there will be a parent meeting on Sept. 11th, at 9:00 am, with Blair Brockman.

**GOD'S SOUL GIRLS** God's Soul Girls (GSG) is a contemporary singing ensemble for girls in 7th-9th grades. GSG focuses on Christian music that is popular and relevant to the group. Practice time: TBD. There will be an informational meeting for parents and girls on Sept. 4th, at 11:00 am in Rm 203, with Blair Brockman.

**ALL-STARS** All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to our first All-Stars of the year! Join us Wednesday, September 14, 5:30—7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will have dinner together, learn Bible stories, play games, make new friends and have a lot of fun! Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3).

**OUR BIG TIME CLASSES** are in need of teachers and assistants for the fall. We are striving to meet the Safe Sanctuary requirements and need 2 adults in each classroom! If your gift is not teaching, please consider assisting a teacher instead. Please call Amanda at 847-362-2112 or [Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org).

## Rally Day Worship Service ~ 10:00 am



**Prelude** "Minuet and Dance of the Blessed Spirits" Gluck  
Andrea West, Flute

### 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.

### \*Call to Worship

**Leader** The God of New Beginnings has called us to this place.

**People** We come celebrating the new life that is ours as God's faith-filled people.

**Leader** Let your joy ring through the universe, let your spirit rally to the calling of God's Spirit.

**People** We will be shouters of joy and seekers of God's light wherever we go. Praise God for this day!

**\*Opening Song of Praise** "All Things Bright and Beautiful" No. 147

### Unison Prayer

Gracious God, you have made all things well. As August turns into September and a new school year begins, we thank you for making each new day for us to use and enjoy. In this season of New Beginnings, help us to open our hearts in new ways to you and your promises. Bless us as we move forward together in faith, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

**Children's Message/Backpack Blessing** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Special Music** "This Little Light of Mine" J. Cleveland  
Wonder Rush and Children

**Special Music** "Wholly Yours" D. Crowder

**Word of Witness** Panama Mission Ricky Headley  
Linda Kraemer, Karen Papp, and Becky Traut  
Leigh Sapp, Translator

\* 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.

Sharing our Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Musical Response** "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

**Gospel Reading** 2 Peter 1:1-8

**Message** "Faith Forward" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

**Offering / Offertory** "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" C. Callahan  
\*Doxology No. 94  
\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Song** "Forward Through the Ages" No. 555

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude** "Thee Will I Love, My Strength" D. Cherwien



### 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](mailto: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:** Mark Mason, Janet Mason and Daniel Fouts

**Ushers:** Jane and John Aten, Bob Kowal, and Jean Turner

\*\* Praise Band is now being called Wonder Rush \*\*

**Wonder Rush:** Tim Tonon, Tom Seibert, David Bedell, Woody Bedell, Gina Furner, Jackie and Ben Hallett



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul,  
and mind. Love your neighbor as yourself."

Matthew 22:37-39

## ***Blessing of Our Children and Their Backpacks***

**Leader** We thank you, Lord Jesus, for the children and young people of our church.

**All** **Thank you, Lord Jesus!**

**Leader** As this new school year begins, please bless them with your wisdom and strength.

*Children Bless us, Lord Jesus.*

**Leader** Help them to show your love to their teachers and classmates.

*Children Help us, Lord Jesus.*

**Leader** Keep them safe and healthy and guide them as they learn and grow.

*Children Guide us, Lord Jesus.*

**Leader** As disciples of Christ, may their lives always honor you.

*Children Thank you, Lord Jesus.*

## ***Prayer and Blessing of the Backpacks***

**Pastor** Gracious God, as this new school year begins, we pray that you would bless these backpacks and the children who carry them. Thank you for the opportunity you have given our children to learn and grow; for the good teachers and schools of our community; for the support of their parents and families; and for each unique child who is a follower of yours and a gift to our congregation.

**Parents** *Help our children to study hard, be kind to their classmates, and ask for help when they need it. Let them know that you are always with them each day, wherever they go, wherever they are.*

**People** **Help our church to show them your love and teach them about Jesus so that they might grow in wisdom and grace and be wonderful disciples of Jesus Christ. Bless our Sunday School teachers and leaders who guide them. Give them your patience and understanding.**

**All** **Bless, O Lord, these backpacks and the beautiful children and youth who carry them, in Jesus name we pray. Amen.**