

News & Notes—September 11, 2016

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 sign up at <http://signup.com/go/Z6kvJz>.

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 (suggested donation of \$3) learn Bible stories, play games, make new friends and have a lot of fun!

CHERUB CHOIR (3-5 years old - including Kindergarten) & **JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR** (1st thru third grades) will begin today. Both choirs will sing the second Sunday of each month, alternating between traditional and contemporary services. Cherub Choir practices on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11am in the Education Wing, Room 203. The Joyful Noise Choir practices on Sunday mornings, 10:30-11:15am in Room 204.

ALTAR FLOWERS Colorful, fresh flowers provide beauty and enhance our worship experience. If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on Sunday in honor or memory of a person or event, please go to the church website and click on altar flowers in the worship box or type in www.umcl.org/altar_flowers and fill in the form provided. We will purchase the flowers and have them delivered on Saturday. If you have questions, please call the church office or DeLynn Vang delynnvang@comcast.net

FAITHFUL THREADS will be meeting on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00PM at the church. We welcome anyone who enjoys fiber arts (quilting, knitting, etc.) and socializing with others of the same interest. The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and a retreat is planned for late October. Come and join us!! Contact: Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com or 847-703-0007)

PRISCILLA CIRCLE will meet Tuesday September 20 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!

PADS SITE MANAGERS NEEDED Interested in volunteering to help the homeless a few times during the PADS season? We currently need a few people willing to work 3 or 4 Saturdays during that entire season as site managers. A site manager arrives at 6 PM and stays until 11 PM. He/she supervises the other volunteers (could be 6-10) who serve dinner, hand out clothing, answer questions, and turn lights out at 10. We only need the first and fourth Saturdays of each month filled. Don't worry if you have never done volunteered at PADS before - we have several people who would work with you the first night to train you and make you feel comfortable! "Whatever you did for the least of these you did unto me." Please call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062.

SAVE THE DATE The 6th Annual Advent Tea will be Sunday, December 4th at 2:30pm. Open to any women in the church age 5 and older. Don't miss it!

LAKE COUNTY HAVEN 2016 SUPPLY DRIVE The Children's Ministries and Outreach Committee request your assistance, in September, as they join efforts to support the shelter residents in the Lake County Haven by conducting a Paper/Household Cleaner drive. Located right here in Libertyville it provides shelter for homeless women and children. All-purpose cleaner, Bleach, Clorox or Lysol wipes, Dish soap, Furniture polish (wood safe), Garbage bags, Hand soap, Laundry detergent (powder only), Mops, Murphy's Oil Soap, Paper towels, Pine Sol, Toilet paper. Please place products in the specially marked bins located in Fellowship Hall and in the hallway by the finance office. www.LakeCountyHaven.org

WORSHIP AV TECH TRAINING Join the high tech/low tech team that makes our worship so special for a training event Saturday, October 1st from 9:00 am to 11:00am Lead by Mr. Mark Mason

SECOND MILE GIVING FOR SEPTEMBER will help support UMCOR - (United Methodist Committee on Relief) - This non-profit works to provide humanitarian relief during war, conflicts, and natural disasters. We will be helping UMCOR's presence in Louisiana where UMCOR is working to assist the Louisiana Annual Conference with grant funds and several thousand cleaning buckets that are to be distributed to households affected by the recent flooding. For updates on UMCOR's projects, visit www.umcor.org. Support for Volunteers in Mission - Volunteer teams serve not only around the Northern Illinois Conference, but also in our nation and even globally. Their work can include construction of mission facilities, conducting medical clinics, providing spiritual instruction, and helping with disaster relief efforts. Funds given to this organization help support need-based scholarships for volunteers. Information about their various projects or to volunteer, go to www.umcmmission.org.

Calendar

Sunday, September 11, 2016

Bible Sunday
8:00 AM—Cornerstone
8:15 AM—Explorers Class
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith
9:30 AM—Traditional Service
9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time
11:00 AM—Contemporary Service
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Waking Up White Class
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, September 12, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio
12:00 PM—Prime Time
1:00 PM—Book Talkers
7:00 PM—Inquirers
7:00 PM—Outreach
7:00 PM—Troop 72

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
12:00 PM—AA/Living Free
6:30 PM—Covenant Bible Study
7:30 PM—AA/Living Free
7:00 PM—Stephen Ministry
7:00 PM—Faithful Threads

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM—All Stars
6:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, September 15, 2016

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

Friday, September 16, 2016

7:00 PM—Pack 72
Saturday, September 17, 2016
8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry
8:30 AM—Community Prayer Walk

Sunday, September 18, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone
8:15 AM—Explorers Class
9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:30 AM—Journey of Faith
9:30 AM—Traditional Service
9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time
11:00 AM—Contemporary Service
11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship
4:00 PM—Confirmation
4:00 PM—Waking Up White Class
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, September 19, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio
7:00 PM—Inquirers
7:00 PM—Troop 72

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth
9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle
12:00 PM—AA/Living Free
6:30 PM—Covenant Bible Study
7:30 PM—AA/Living Free

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
5:30 PM—All Stars
6:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide

Thursday, September 22, 2016

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

Friday, September 23, 2016

7:00 PM—Young Life

Saturday, September 24, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study
8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry
8:30 AM—Community Prayer Walk



The United Methodist Church of Libertyville September 11, 2016 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Fall Kick-Off & Bible Sunday The Season of Pentecost

Today's Scripture Passage

Luke 24:13-35

On that same day, two disciples were traveling to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking to each other about everything that had happened. While they were discussing these things, Jesus himself arrived and joined them on their journey. They were prevented from recognizing him.

He said to them, "What are you talking about as you walk along?" They stopped, their faces downcast.

The one named Cleopas replied, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who is unaware of the things that have taken place there over the last few days?"

He said to them, "What things?"

They said to him, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth. Because of his powerful deeds and words, he was recognized by God and all the people as a prophet. But our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. We had hoped he was the one who would redeem Israel. All these things happened three days ago. But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?" They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.



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 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" M. Hayes
Cynthia Nash-Frye, Piano

***Call to Worship** Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Leader A new day has dawned.

God's gift of life is renewed in you and me.

People Praise God for today!

Praise God for the creative spirit in our midst.

Leader Be still and know that God is here. Let the Spirit in.

People We are ready to pray and think and rejoice.

We are ready to hear God's word.

Leader Then listen and respond to God, who meets us in new ways and in different sounds, today in worship and every day in the world.

People Come to us, O God, and guide our worship. Speak. Speak to us the Word we need, and let that Word change us and empower us to be your disciples. Amen.

***Congregational Hymn** "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" No. 101

Unison Prayer

Creator God, we place ourselves before you as children eager to learn of your marvelous works. Breathe into us the refreshment of your Word as we once again recall our sacred history. Make pliable our clay, that we might creatively meet the future. Awaken us, that we might be totally present in this moment. Keep our hearts burning with the fire of your Holy Spirit and remind us that we are all children of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Music Children's VBS Songs
Blair Brockman, Director

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

* 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.

Presentation of Bibles to Third and Eighth Graders

Congregational Response

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you and your family as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Sunday school classes, and in our worship together. May God help all of us to learn and grow in our love for God's Word. Amen.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13-35 Jonathon O'Hara, Eighth Grader
Caroline Guiard, Third Grader

Anthem "Down to the River to Pray" S. Curry
Adult Choir

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

***Congregational Hymn** "Jesus Loves Me" No. 191

Sermon "The Point of the Story" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering /Offertory "Day by Day" R. Sprunger
*Doxology No. 94
*Prayer of Dedication

***Closing Hymn** "How Firm a Foundation" No. 529 verses 1,2,5

*Pastoral Benediction

Postlude "All Glory Be To God On High" M. Reger



The flowers on the altar today were given in Loving memory of Christopher Isaiah, beloved husband, father and grandfather.

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: Janet and Mark Mason
Ushers: John Aten, Mike Fennewald, Eric Fouts, and Tom Plohr

Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



Gathering

Worship Together "Indescribable" L. Story

Prayer Ben Hallett

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Worship Together "One And Only" Rend Collective

Announcements

Community Share and Prayer
Greeting Each Other
Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Message "The Point of the Story" Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Offering "Because He Lives (Amen)" M. Maher

Scattering into the World



Worship Team: Woody Bedell, David Bedell, Dan Joyce, Tim Tonon, Ellie Mayes, and Gina Furner

Multimedia Coordinators: Spencer Vang and Janet and 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.



Collection for
Libertyville Township Food Pantry

In June we are collecting food / supplies to help replenish the shelves at this local food pantry.

Please donate these items:

Canned corned beef hash

Canned salmon / sardines

Hot chocolate mix

Mayonnaise, or mustard

Oatmeal

Toothbrushes (adult size)

Please return your donations of these items to the **Food Pantry Boxes** in the Education wing by Sunday, June 26 (noon)