



The United Methodist Church  
of Libertyville  
September 18, 2016  
9:30 & 11:00 AM

The Season of Pentecost

Today's Scripture Passage

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus also said to the disciples, "A certain rich man heard that his household manager was wasting his estate. He called the manager in and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give me a report of your administration because you can no longer serve as my manager.' "The household manager said to himself, 'What will I do now that my master is firing me as his manager? I'm not strong enough to dig and too proud to beg. I know what I'll do so that, when I am removed from my management position, people will welcome me into their houses. "One by one, the manager sent for each person who owed his master money. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He said, 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil.' The manager said to him, 'Take your contract, sit down quickly, and write four hundred fifty gallons.' Then the manager said to another, 'How much do you owe?' He said, 'One thousand bushels of wheat.' He said, 'Take your contract and write eight hundred.' "The master commended the dishonest manager because he acted cleverly. People who belong to this world are more clever in dealing with their peers than are people who belong to the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to make friends for yourselves so that when it's gone, you will be welcomed into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful with little is also faithful with much, and the one who is dishonest with little is also dishonest with much. If you haven't been faithful with worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? If you haven't been faithful with someone else's property, who will give you your own? No household servant can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."



PASTORS  
Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams  
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

Calendar

Sunday, September 18, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone  
8:15 AM—Explorers Class  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Choristers  
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  
7:00 PM—Ruth Circle  
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  
9:30 AM—PADS Training Event  
10:00 AM—UMW Reading Group

Sunday, September 25, 2016

8:00 AM—Cornerstone  
8:15 AM—Explorers Class  
9:00 AM—Coffee Time  
9:00 AM—Choristers  
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 26, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio  
7:00 PM—Inquirers  
7:00 PM—Gifts, Graces, God  
7:00 PM—Troop 72

Tuesday, September 27, 2016

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

Wednesday, September 28, 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 29, 2016

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

Friday, September 30, 2016

No Planned Activities

Saturday, October 1, 2016

8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study  
8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry  
8:00 AM—UMW Retreat Day

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**NEW CHANCEL FURNITURE CONSECRATED** on World

Communion Sunday, October 2. Please join us as the final elements of our amazing Renovation Project are unveiled. We will consecrate the beautiful new Altar/Communion Table, Baptismal Font, and Pulpit on October 2 at both services. These chancel furniture pieces were custom-made with design ideas from the building committee, the pastors, and members of the worship committee. Mr. Kirk Townander of Libertyville was the craftsman. The pieces are quite lovely and unique. Please join us for this special service and World Communion!

**PIZZA DINNER TO CELEBRATE ALPHA** UMCL has sponsored four different ALPHA classes. Each was a little different, but all resulted in the building of firm friendships as well as creating a safe zone to probe our personal core beliefs. We invite everyone who has participated in ALPHA as well as anyone who is interested in the program, to join us for a casual pizza get together on Sunday September 18 from 4-6. Spouses are welcome. Childcare provided (if requested). If interested, call by Sept 11, Kathy Locke—klocke@ameritech.net

**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. Check the "wish list" on their website and bring an item to donate. Call Julie Garren or Sue Hamilton

**JESUS LIFESTYLE** Please consider joining us on Sunday afternoons to explore the Sermon on the Mount and the radical alternative it presents to modern living. In a thought provoking DVD series led by ALPHA's popular founder, Nicky Gumbel we will be led to explore topics such as living and acting with integrity, dealing with criticism, handling conflict, and building a secure future. Based on Nicky's book, A Jesus Lifestyle the series is broken into three 6-week segments, so each segment represents only a short-term commitment. Beginning Sept 25, we will meet for 6 weeks on Sunday afternoons from 4-6. If interested please contact Jim Stewart jstewo819@aol.com

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT** Oct. 1st 9:00-3:00 "How Is It with Your Soul" Presenter, Rev. Young-Mee Park. Fellowship Hall. Register by Sept. 23rd. \$20.00 Child Care available. Erin Mayes [erin@rusticrenaissance.com](mailto:erin@rusticrenaissance.com)

**UMW FALL RUMMAGE SALE** Mark your calendar for October 2-8 to help with the Fall Rummage Sale. Sign up on the poster in the Community Room. Also, please start collecting items to donate to the sale! We cannot accept goods to sell before 9:00 AM, Monday, Oct. 3. We hope to see you then! BarbPlohr@ComCast.net or Beth March 847-367-5175/bethcmarch@aol.com

**PRIME TIME** will meet on the 2nd Monday, October 10th at 12:00 p.m. Note the date change because of rummage sale set-up. Charge is \$5—please sign up by Thursday October 7th. Jean Wilson will tell us about her travels to Mexico.

**FAITH CIRCLE** Join us on Thursday, October 13th at 9:30am as we gather to hear from Kate at The Haven. She'll share what the organization does and how we can help them out. We do provide child care. If you have questions, please contact Andrea West at 847-356-3846 or adwest5@yahoo.com

**TRICK OR TRUNK** All ages are invited to Trick or Trunk on Saturday, Oct. 22nd from 3:00 to 4:30PM. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

## 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** "Bless His Holy Name" P. Cota  
Bell Ensemble

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

Leader: In silence my soul waits for God, who alone is my salvation.

People: **God only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly moved.**

Leader: In silence my soul waits for God, who alone is my hope.

People: **God only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: My deliverance and my honor rest on God, who is my mighty rock, and my refuge.

People: **All power belongs to you, O God; and to you, O God, belongs steadfast love, for you reward your people as their work deserves.** Psalm 62

**\*Congregational Hymn** "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 577

### Unison Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for all the good things with which you fill our lives. Our cup "runneth over" with grace upon grace. We thank you for the visions of peace, righteousness and generosity we see in Jesus Christ. Help us be like him, caring for the least, the last, the lost, and willing to share our spiritual and material gifts with others. Grant that we may not be play-actors, but people who show we truly care. In Jesus name we ask it, whose life was love. Amen.

**Scripture** 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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

**Anthem** "I Love to Sing the Story" J. Martin  
Adult Choir

\* 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 and Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**\*Congregational Hymn** "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" No. 358  
Verses 1,2, 4 & 5

### Video - Investing in Communities of Hope

**Scripture Reading** Luke 16:1-13

**Sermon** "Clever Christians" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Offering /Offertory** "I Love You, Lord" P. Cota  
\*Doxology Bell Ensemble No. 94  
\*Prayer of Dedication

**\*Closing Hymn** "Jesus Calls Us" No. 398  
Verses 1,2,3 & 5

### \*Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude** "The Heavens Declare" R. Wetzler



The flowers that decorate the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Jeris and Don Boyce's 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 22nd of September.

### 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 Techs:** Janet and Mark Mason

**Ushers:** John Aten, Mike Fennewald, Eric Fouts, and Tom Plohr

**Coffee Time:** Please join us for coffee and refreshments between services in the Community Room.

## Contemporary Service ~ 11:00 am



### Gathering

**Worship Together** "Oh How I Need You (Find You)" S. Carrard

**Prayer** Ben Hallett

**Worship Together** "Psalm 130 (Watchmen)" Story

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

### Announcements

### Community Share and Prayer

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

### Video - Investing in Communities of Hope

**Scripture Reading** Luke 16:1-13

**Message** "Clever Christians" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

**Offering** "Build Your Kingdom Here" Rend Collective

### Scattering into the World



**Worship Team:** Woody Bedell, Tom Seibert  
Tim Tonon, Ellie Mayes, and Gina Furner

**Multimedia Coordinators:** Jesse Nixon and Janet and Mark Mason

**Head Usher:** Jayden Montgomery

**Director of Contemporary Worship and Wonder Rush 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.

**News & Notes—September 18, 2016 continued**

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** In today's rush we all think too much, seek too much, want too much and forget about the joy of just Being. E. Tolle. 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.

**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](http://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](mailto:delynnvang@comcast.net)

**NO LITTLE GIRL....**a human trafficking task force has been started in partnership with the Salvation Army by FUMC member Teri Dreher to combat, prevent and treat victims of human trafficking in the north shore area of Chicago. A fundraising event will be held October 1st at the Glen Flora Country Club in Waukegan: to raise awareness and provide tangible help to children who have been victimized in our own geographic area. What can one person do? A lot! Come and learn and become personally involved... God will use the willing and equip us for works that will bring Him glory...! Faith Forward is our body's mission mantra this year, so come out of your comfort zone and become involved in this life changing ministry. Call Teri Dreher for more information at 847-612-6684. We need volunteers, silent and live auction items and people willing to come and learn how to be part of the solution, right here at home! Don't delay, call today!

**4th ANNUAL WAUKEGAN 2 COLLEGE OKTOBERFEST!**

Save the date! The fourth annual Waukegan 2 College Oktoberfest event will be held on Oct. 1st 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, IL 60044. The proceeds will go toward sending Waukegan 2 College youth to Leadership Lab at Augustana College. This event is also the major fundraiser for Waukegan 2 College's operating budget. Tickets are \$35 and if interested, please email [dnatsch@gmail.com](mailto:dnatsch@gmail.com) or [karenjpapp@gmail.com](mailto:karenjpapp@gmail.com) In addition, W2C is also seeking auctions items for the event. Things that have auctioned well at similar functions include: dinners, a weekend getaway at a hotel or condo, autographed sports items, professional sporting event tickets (Cubs, Sox, Blackhawks or Bears), handmade craft items, rounds of golf, bicycles, gift certificates, and much more! For more information on donating, please contact Karen Papp at 224-436-0893 or [KarenjPapp@gmail.com](mailto:KarenjPapp@gmail.com)

**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>

**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.

**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

## **News & Notes—September 18, 2016**

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** Sunday, October 9, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 16, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 23, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 30, 9:30 a.m.

A brunch will be held immediately following our first class on October 9<sup>th</sup> (childcare provided) with New Members being received on November 6 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. If you are interested in being a part of this class or would like more information, please contact Joyce Bedell at [joyce.bedell@umcl.org](mailto:joyce.bedell@umcl.org).

**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.

**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 all products in the specially marked bins located in Fellowship Hall and in the hallway by the finance office. For more information on the Haven, please go to [www.LakeCountyHaven.org](http://www.LakeCountyHaven.org).

### **SECOND MILE GIVING IN SEPTEMBER**

**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](http://www.umcor.org).

**VIM**—(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. To learn more information about their various projects or to volunteer, go to [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org).

**CLEANING BUCKETS** needed for flood recovery. List of Items needed is available or Donations of any amount. Checks to UMCOR Advance #901670. Watch for another opportunity coming soon. Questions? Bonnie Lill Bonifer57@yahoo.com