

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).

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.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU Join us for food, fun, fellowship, and learning as we highlight the opportunities provided by United Methodist Women. Saturday, September 10, 12:00pm—3:00 pm No charge, but we do need reservations. Contact Bonnie Lill at bonifer57@yahoo.com or Kelley Wilson at 1205@comcast.net

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 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!

4th ANNUAL WAUKEGAN TO COLLEGE OCTOBERFEST The event will be held on **October 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. 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? PADS starts in October so, we are gearing 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!!!!

STEPHEN MINISTRY MINUTE When you are reluctant to change, think of autumn. 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.

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 to give us your child's school address.

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. To learn more information about their various projects or to volunteer, go to www.umcmmission.org.

Calendar

Sunday, September 4, 2016

9:30 AM—Coffee Time
10:00 AM—Summer Unity Service
6:30 PM—Senior High Youth

Monday, September 5, 2016

10:00 AM—Lectio
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

9:30 AM—Staff Meeting
1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study
6:00 PM—Heritage Bells
7:00 PM—Advent Tea Planning Mtg
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—SPRC
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

Sunday, September 11, 2016

9:00 AM—Coffee Time
9:30 AM— Traditional Service
9:30 AM— B.I.G. Time
11:00 AM— Contemporary Service

Sunday, September 11, 2016 Continued

11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship
4:00 PM—Confirmation
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 Walks
1:30 PM—Praise Band



The United Methodist Church
of Libertyville
September 4, 2016
10:00 AM

The Season of Pentecost

Today's Scripture Passage

Philemon 1:4-22,25

Philemon, I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers because I've heard of your love and faithfulness, which you have both for the Lord Jesus and for all God's people. I pray that your partnership in the faith might become effective by an understanding of all that is good among us in Christ. I have great joy and encouragement because of your love, since the hearts of God's people are refreshed by your actions, my brother.

Therefore, though I have enough confidence in Christ to command you to do the right thing, I would rather appeal to you through love. I, Paul—an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus— appeal to you for my child Onesimus. I became his father in the faith during my time in prison. He was useless to you before, but now he is useful to both of us. I'm sending him back to you, which is like sending you my own heart. I considered keeping him with me so that he might serve me in your place during my time in prison because of the gospel. However, I didn't want to do anything without your consent so that your act of kindness would occur willingly and not under pressure. Maybe this is the reason that Onesimus was separated from you for a while so that you might have him back forever—no longer as a slave but more than a slave—that is, as a dearly loved brother. He is especially a dearly loved brother to me. How much more can he become a brother to you, personally and spiritually in the Lord!

So, if you really consider me a partner, welcome Onesimus as if you were welcoming me. If he has harmed you in any way or owes you money, charge it to my account. I, Paul, will pay it back to you (I'm writing this with my own hand). Of course, I won't mention that you owe me your life.

Yes, brother, I want this favor from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. I'm writing to you, confident of your obedience and knowing that you will do more than what I ask. One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

PASTORS

Stephen C. Williams • Jamie Hanna Williams

Labor Day Unity Service ~ 10:00 am



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 "How Firm a Foundation" M. Burkhardt

*Call to Worship Psalm 8

Leader O LORD, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
People You have set your glory above the heavens and through the praise of children and families you have established your stronghold, your community.
Leader When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you ordained, what are mere mortals that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?
People Yet you have made them little lower than the angels, you have crowned them with glory and honor. You have set them over the work of your hands, charged them with dominion and care of your Creation.
ALL O LORD, our LORD, how excellent is Your name in the earth.

*Opening Song of Praise "Praise to the Lord" No. 139

Centering Prayer For Labor Day

O God, you have bound us together in this life. Give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, the industry, the honesty, and the integrity of all who labor. May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Reinhold Neibuhr

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

Sing Together "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms"

* 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

Gospel Reading Colby Nixon and Sofia Sapp Philemon 1:4-22, 25

Message "A Labor of Love" Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams

Offering / Offertory "Give Me Jesus" M. Hayes
Mark Schweitzer

*Doxology No. 94

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion "To the Highest Place" Rivers & Robots
Wonder Rush

The United Methodist Church has an open table. All who are seeking the grace of God are welcome to share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The Communion Rail is also open for prayer.
(Gluten free wafers are available) UM Hymnal No. 13

*Closing Song "One Bread One Body" No. 620

*Blessing

Postlude "Trumpet Tune" G. Young



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: Mark Mason, Janet Mason and Daniel Fouts

Ushers: Jane and John Aten, Eric Fouts and Tom Plohr

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

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

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY! September 11th we return to two worship services: Traditional Worship at 9:30 am and Contemporary at 11:00 am. Children programs are provided during both services. FELLOWSHIP COFFEE Sundays in Community Room from 9:00am -11:15 BIBLE SUNDAY will be next 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 WINGS OF WORSHIP ANGELS Join the high tech/low tech team that makes our worship so special for a training event Saturday, September 24th from 9:00 am to 11:00am Lead by Mr. Mark Mason KIDS OWN WORSHIP All kids are invited to Kid's Own Worship, starting on September 11th, during the 11:00 service. Kids Own Worship is a fun, faith-filled children's church for ages 4 to 5th grade, following the children's message. They will create crafts, play games and discover bible stories. Please drop your children off in Room 206 (B.I.G. Room) upstairs in the Education Wing before service.

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.

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. 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. 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. Blair Brockman will give an informational meeting for parents and girls on Sept. 4th, at 11:00 am in Rm 203.

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 contact the church office or DeLynn Vang (delynnvang@comcast.net). Thank you!!