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When I left the house yesterday the cold wind was there to greet me – waking me fully, challenging me to hold on, reminding me that I was alive. It caught the edge of the kite I was carrying and almost blew it away. What can we say about the weather we’ve been having this winter? Al Roker on The Today Show said March came in like a lion and was going out like a wildebeest!

Wind can be a frightening, challenging element but it is also life-giving and renewing.

“In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.” *Genesis 1:1-2*

In Biblical metaphor, God comes to us like Wind and Breath, filling us with life. As you experience the wind this month, we invite you to consider God’s presence in your life, how the Spirit is moving, filling, invigorating and challenging you. Below is a poem, *Blessing of Wind*, provided by Esme Peterson. We hope it might guide you in your meditation and reflection.

Spirit of Creation,
in the beginning you blew over the waters,
coaxing the earth up from the depths of the sea,
and inviting all creatures to rise up on their own wings.

Spirit of Renewing Life,
you breathed into me in my very first moment.
Invigorate me with your gift of energy and newness.
Continue to breathe expansively in me,
inviting me to a vision for what is possible in my life.

Spirit of Restlessness,
stir me from my longing for comfort that so often stifles me.
Help me to release from the places that keep me stuck,
and guide me in the direction you would have me go.

Spirit of the Great Winds,
help me to hear your voice in the midst of the whirlwind of my life.
Grant me the trust to hold on while I am being buffeted by life’s storms.

Blessings of wind upon me.
May my sails billow wide.
May I breathe deeply the gift of inspiration.
May I be carried to the place of my resurrection.
May I be fully free.

Trusting, with you, in the life-giving Wind of God,

Pastor Jamie and Pastor Steve

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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Announcements, Joys & Concerns



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of **MARGARET BARNES** who passed away on March 10th, 2014.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS! Please stop to check out the new bulletin board in the main entrance area, between the windows! This board is filled with opportunities where you can sign up to serve: Worship Greeters, Coffee Hosts, Acolytes, Altar Flowers, Sound Board, Church Sign, and Memos/Mailings. Thank you for your support!



EAT AT CHILI'S AND SUPPORT PADS! Many local Chili's restaurants will be donating 15% of your purchase to PADS during the **month of March**. Pick up a coupon here at church, enjoy a meal, and benefit PADS at the same time!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES —Due to construction, Adult Classes will meet in Fellowship Hall or the New Room. Please check the foyer calendar for updated weekday committee and class locations.

THE HERITAGE BELLS are always happy to welcome additional substitute ringers! If you'd like to be a part of this group, please contact Beth McFarland at 847-528-6917.

CHECK OUT THESE NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES beginning next Sunday, March 23rd, at 9:30 AM:



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. **Chip Ingram's House or Home Parenting Edition: God's Blueprint for Biblical Parenting.** In this ten-week series, Chip teaches timeless truths about parenting and offers a wealth of personal experience and practical help. "To say that parenting is a great challenge is a vast understatement. With so many competing ideas and philosophies, it is easy to feel overwhelmed and paralyzed.... But there is HOPE... God has given us a blueprint for parenting with clear, timeless truths that still work today." Details: Julie Holdeman at julieballing@gmail.com or 847-986-6081.

2. **John Ortberg's When the Game is Over it All Goes Back in the Box: Living Life in Light of Eternity.** In this six-week DVD-based study, pastor/author/storyteller Ortberg "shows what it takes to really win at the game of life." He will guide us on how to "focus on keeping our eyes on the true prize in life—the one that unlocks the gate to the kingdom of God." Details: Ron Campbell (847-362-2913 or campbell.ronald@comcast.net).

PRAYER CHAIN—Please hold in prayer all those in our church family who are ill, hospitalized or recovering at home. Also please pray for our pastors and committees as they work to discern and shape our future in ministry. If there are specific prayer requests you would like circulated through our prayer chain, please contact the church office (libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net), Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com), Karen Kuhlman (akkuhl@att.net) or Kathy Locke (klocke@ameritech.net).



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Easter Flower Orders Due Tuesday, April 8th



On **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014**, we will decorate our altar and East Room with lilies, azaleas, hydrangeas and hyacinths. If you would like to place an order, please complete an online form on our website (www.umcl.org/easter-flowers) or fill out this form and return it to the marked basket in the foyer or the church office.

Checks should be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Libertyville and turned in to the church office or accompany your order.

Orders are due **no later than Tuesday, April 8.**

Flowers may be taken home after **the 9:30 and 11:00 AM Easter** services, or you may donate your flower(s) to be delivered to a homebound member.

I will pick up my flower **OR** Please donate my flower to a homebound member.

FLOWER CHOICE: White Easter Lily (6" pot—\$20 each) Azalea (6" pot—\$35 each) Hydrangea (6" pot—\$35 each) Hyacinth (6" pot—\$25 Each)

Given by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Estate Planning Seminar

Preparing for Your Financial Future

We will be having a free estate planning seminar on **Monday, April 7th** at **7:00 PM** in the East Room. Libertyville attorney, William Graham, will be our speaker. He will be giving us information to help us prepare for our financial future.

Some topics that will be discussed:

- ◇ Wills
- ◇ Trusts
- ◇ Estate Taxes
- ◇ Charitable Giving
- ◇ Gifts to Family/Others
- ◇ Important Legal Decisions re: Health Care

Childcare will be provided.

Sponsored by: The Endowment Committee

A strong endowment sustains the future of The United Methodist Church of Libertyville.

Christian Education

TODDLER PLAY GROUP MARCH 25



Parents and their babies/toddlers (age birth-preschool) are invited to visit and play in the church nursery on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of each month, **11:00 am to 12:30 pm.**

For more information, contact Julie Holdeman at julieballing@gmail.com or 847-986-6081.

ALL STARS - BACK IN APRIL

No All Stars on March 26th due to Spring Break!

Enjoy your time off from school to rejuvenate to finish the school year strong.



EASTER CELEBRATION—APRIL 19 10AM-NOON

Children, birth through 5th grade, and their families, are invited to join in an Easter celebration! We will take part in fun games, great stories, imaginative crafts and an exciting EGG HUNT! Lunch will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Families must be registered for this event by April 12th. To register you can sign up online at www.umcl.org/cfm-easter or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.



WEIRD ANIMALS??? YES... at VBS

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School this summer from **July 14th to July 18th.**

This year VBS will feature some wild and WEIRD animals...

Watch for more info in upcoming memos!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EASTER PARTY!

Adults and youth interested in volunteering for the Easter Party can sign-up online at www.umcl.org/easter-party-registration or on the bulletin board.

Please contact Amanda Seibert with any questions at AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com or by calling the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES RELOCATED FOR MARCH

Due to construction (new flooring and paint) in the education wing, our Sunday School classes will be relocated for four weeks. Classes for Preschool through Fifth Grade will meet on the first floor of the education wing; Middle School Youth will meet in the Upper Room (above the back of the sanctuary); High School Youth will meet at Ben's house.

Please check the foyer calendar for updated weekday committee and class locations. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated!



Stephen Ministry Minute



In the end, only three things matter; how much you loved, how gently you lived, and how gracefully you let go of things not meant for you. *If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.*

Fellowship and Nurture



YOUNG COUPLES—APRIL 4

We will meet on Friday, **April 4**, for dinner at Culvers at 7:00 PM (803 E. Park Ave, Libertyville) and then work at Feed My Starving Children from 8:00-9:30 PM (742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville).

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Charlotte and Scott Allen at allencs@comcast.net. (FMSC staff need the names of our team.)

PRIME TIME POTLUCK LUNCH — APRIL 7 NOON

After lunch Rev. David Seyller will be sharing information about Winchester House and his experiences as chaplain ministering to the residents at Winchester House.

Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, April 4 (847-362-2212 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net)

We look forward to seeing you and sharing your potluck creations.
Mary Montgomery, Priscilla Mortland



United Methodist Women

RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet at Mary Sue Welch's house (28588 Tanglewood Ct., Libertyville) on Wednesday evening **March 19th at 7:00 pm** for dessert followed at 7:30 pm with a visit from our Children and Family Ministries Director Amanda Siebert.

She will give us an overview of the program, the scope of events for the year, and most importantly, a chance to become better acquainted with this delightful, energetic, young lady.

Come join us. Have a question?
Call Mickey Donahue 1-847-367-4906



UMW READERS

We will meet on Saturday, **March 22nd 9:30-11 am** in Fellowship Hall. We will talk about books we have read, preview new books and have coffee & a snack.



Please RSVP by March 19th to June McCoy or the church office 847-362-2112.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Spring is coming (we hope) and your thoughts are turning to spring cleaning and getting rid of some of that stuff you never use (we hope). Think Spring. Think Rummage Sale. Mark a couple of boxes "rummage" and start filling them.

Volunteers, mark your calendars for **May 5-10**.
Contributors, you can start dropping off rummage starting Monday, **May 5th**.

Thank you for supporting the rummage sale.
Beth March (847-367-5175) and Barb Plohr (847-367-5556)



Service Opportunities



HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH PADS!

Please consider serving with PADS at our church on Saturdays! Volunteers are **desperately** needed for overnight shifts (11 PM—3 AM or 3-6:30 AM) or clean-up (5:30-7:15 AM).

The PADS signup book is in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Time & in the foyer for third service or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. Thank You!

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."
 – John Bunyan

2014 US ADULT MISSION TRIP

Volunteers of every skill level are needed in this vital ministry. This year's trip will take place from **April 27th to May 3rd**, and we would hope you would consider being a part of this life-changing ministry experience. The volunteer participant fee is \$250, which covers transportation, lodging, food, and supplies. We also have three scholarships available to cover this cost if you have desire but not the financial means. We will need your commitment as soon as possible and fee by April 6th. Email or call Jeff Welch with any questions at jpwelch5@gmail.com or 847-372-6835.



Second Mile Giving



SECOND MILE GIVING FOR MARCH will support—

- 1) **Street Children Ministry, Cambodia** - Missionary Clara Biswas, who is sponsored by the Northern Illinois Conference, spearheads this ministry that focuses on street children in Cambodia, including children in orphanages and in poor communities. This project seeks to improve the quality of life for these children by enhancing their education opportunities, by helping them get better nutrition, and by teaching them about the Bible. For additional information, go to www.umcmmission.org and search for the Street Children Ministry,
- 2) **Renovations to Camp Reynoldswood Buildings** - Reynoldswood Christian Camp and Retreat Center, located near Dixon, IL, is a Northern Illinois Conference camping property consisting of 170 acres of woods and meadows. The dining hall, Manor House, and other camp buildings require upkeep and repair. This facility is open year round to church groups and well as to other groups. For more information or to contact them about a potential retreat, go to www.reynoldswood.org or call them at 815-284-6979.

Finance Notes

HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of 3/12/14



	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$20,493.00	\$153,860.26
Expenses	\$7,264.27	\$167,799.49
Difference	\$13,228.73	(\$13,939.23)

So far in March, expenses have been lower than normal, allowing us to reduce our year-to-date "gap" between revenue and expenses to just about \$14,000. Your continued support will help sustain that improvement through the coming months.

Calendar

MEMOS & BULLETIN PUBLISHING POLICY—It is the policy for the MEMOS and Sunday bulletins to publish items related only to the United Methodist Church of Libertyville or the specific activities, programs, and missions it sponsors. Any items submitted to the MEMOS or Sunday bulletins will be subject to editing as available space may require. Likewise, the timing of publishing articles is an editorial decision. **Deadlines for MEMOS and Sunday Bulletin articles are: for the next MEMOS, Friday, March 28; for Sunday Bulletins, the Wednesday before by 10:00 AM.** Helping hands are always appreciated to help assemble MEMOS; we'll next meet at 9:00 AM, Wednesday, April 2, in Room 101!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>March 23</p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—First Light Service 9:00 AM—Coffee Time 9:00 AM—Cherub Choir 9:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Traditional Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:40 AM—Children's Choir 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship</p>	<p>March 24</p> <p>7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team 7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class 7:00 PM—Monday Night Study</p>	<p>March 25</p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:45 PM—Disciple 4 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads</p>	<p>March 26</p> <p>8:00 AM—8:00 PM PRAYER LABYRINTH 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 9:45 AM—Faith Study 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells</p>	<p>March 27</p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—20's Group (off site) 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 2</p>	<p>March 28</p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum</p>	<p>March 29</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—Praise Band 8:30 AM—UMM 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>March 30</p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—First Light Service 9:00 AM—Coffee Time 9:00 AM—Cherub Choir 9:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Traditional Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:40 AM—Children's Choir 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship</p>	<p>March 31</p> <p>7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class 7:00 PM—Monday Night Study 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>April 1</p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:45 PM—Disciple 4 1:00 PM—Endowment Committee 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's 7:00 PM—Worship Committee 7:00 PM—Lake Cty. Green Congregations</p>	<p>April 2</p> <p>8:00 AM—8:00 PM PRAYER LABYRINTH 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 9:45 AM—Faith Study 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM—BSA District Committee 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells</p>	<p>April 3</p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—20's Group (off site) 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 2 7:30 PM—Trustees</p>	<p>April 4</p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Couples (off site)</p>	<p>April 5</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—Praise Band 10:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Committee 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>SUNDAY SERVICES</p> <p>8:15 AM—First Light Service (Nursery care for ages 0-5 years) 9:30 AM — Traditional Worship (Nursery care for ages 0-2 years) 11:00 AM — Contemporary Worship (Nursery care for ages 0-2 years) (Hearing Loop enabled at both 8:15 & 9:30 services)</p>				<p>9:30 AM –Sunday School Classes for all ages. (Children 3 years through 5th grade begin in sanctuary and leave for Sunday School after Children's Message.) 11:30 AM –Kids Own Worship (Children 3-10 years begin in East Room and leave after Children's Message.)</p>		



PRAYER LABYRINTH

OBSERVING THE SEASON OF LENT...

- The *Prayer Labyrinth* is available each **Wednesday**, from **8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**, in the East Room. In the midst of our busy world, come away to this quiet place for prayer, reflection and meditation.
- Excellent **Lenten Devotional Booklets**, "From Fear to Love" by Henri Nouwen, are available in the foyer and East Room. Pick one up to enrich your Lenten journey.

Youth 411

March 2014

SYNERGY ~ Middle School Student Group—Wednesdays at Church, 7:00—8:30 pm

March 19—Board Game Night

March 26—Sardines

Senior High TNT ~ Tuesdays at Ben's, 7:00—9:30 pm

March 18 and 25

Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

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Visit us at:
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Ask about
The House Ministry!

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