

# **United Methodist Church of Libertyville**

# MEMOS

Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All



April 2, 2014

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Palm Sunday Services
April 13, 2014 ~ 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 am
Children's Processional with Palms at 9:30 am

Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion April 17, 2014 ~ 7:30 pm



Good Friday Service April 18, 2014 ~ 7:30 pm Adult Choir

Celebratory Easter Sunday Services April 20, 2014 ~ 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 am Brass Quartet at 8:15 and 9:30 am

Special Music at 11:00 am Contemporary

Pastor Jamie and Pastor Steve

# **Announcements, Joys & Concerns**



We extend our sympathy and prayers to Larry and family of **CARMEN LEON** who passed away on March 21st, 2014.

Dear Friends—Thank you for all that you have done to care for Margaret throughout her illness. Thank you as well for everything that you did to make her funeral service and brunch a beautiful tribute and remembrance of Margaret. We are so appreciative of everything you have done! - The Barnes Family



I want to thank my friends in Christ for your kind words, caring actions, encouraging phone calls, and heartfelt get well cards during my recovery. God has showered me with many blessings through you. Your thoughtfulness means so much to me. I am getting so much better week by week and know I will be at 100 percent in no time. - Paulette Peters

I would like to say thank you to all the wonderful volunteers of **Food4Comfort** who selflessly support this ministry with your cooking talents. You are an amazing group of women, and I am incredibly blessed by your willingness to serve our church families. Sincerely, **Blair Brockman** 

**FOUND ITEMS**—We have collected several items left in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall including coffee travel mugs, umbrellas, glasses, necklaces, earrings, hearing aid batteries, keys, etc. Please come to the office to retrieve your belongings. Unclaimed items will be donated to the rummage sale. Thank You!

**EASTER FLOWERS**— On Easter Sunday, April 20, we will decorate our Sanctuary and East Room with beautiful flowers! If you would like to place an order, please pick up an order form in the foyer or the church office. You can also fill out the form on our website at <a href="www.umcl.org/easter-flowers">www.umcl.org/easter-flowers</a>. Checks should be made payable to the United Methodist Church of Libertyville and turned in to the church office or accompany your order. Orders and payment are due by Tuesday, April 8.

ACOLYTES— Beginning April 6th children are now able to be an acolyte AND attend Sunday School during the 9:30 service. Your 3rd through 5th graders are invited to be a part of the church service by lighting the candles at the beginning of service and then sitting with their families until the children's sermon. 6th through 8th graders are welcome to go to their Sunday school classroom after they light the candles.

If you children are interested in acolyting please contact Amanda Seibert by calling the church office or e-mailing her at AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com.

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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Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams

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New Member/Ministries Coordinator: Joyce Bedell

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Children's Choir Director: Blair Brockman

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# Grand Opening of Revitalized Education Wing, Sunday, April 6th



You are invited to join us between services on Sunday, April 6, to see the improvements that have been made to our Second Floor Sunday School wing.

New windows, fresh paint, and new tile flooring have all been installed or completed over the past few weeks.

We are thankful to the donors and excellent workers who made these improvements possible: Ruth & David Arendsen, Mike & Joannie Foley, Steve & Beth March, Ruth Ross, Bill & Kelley Wilson, and the great workmen of DiVinci Painters.

Additional decorating with colorful murals in the hallway and the classrooms, thematic design elements, and some new furniture will be added in the next few months.

# **Special Invitation from the Endowment Committee**

Please plan to attend the Estate Planning Seminar on April 7th, at 7:00 PM, here at the Church. This presentation is hosted by the Endowment Committee and features William Graham, an attorney in Libertyville.

The Committee is eager to raise awareness of UMCL as a charitable organization worthy of your gifts. Estate gifts help not only the Endowment Fund, but the Memorial Fund and the annual operating budget.

This seminar is a service we can provide in order for you to catch up on the latest news in estate planning. Whether you have no will, or whether you have a sophisticated estate document, you will hear updated information about this part of your financial life. Join us for this informational presentation!

Thank you,

Joyce Jeffries, Endowment Committee Chair

# **Adult Choir Will Present Special Music For Good Friday**

Please join us on **April 18th**, for an evening of special worship on Good Friday. Our Adult Choir will be presenting selections from the Faure Requiem and The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross, a dramatic musical presentation by Robert Farlee. The service will be at **7:30 PM** in the Main Sanctuary. We hope that you will join us for this special evening of worship and music.

In Christ.

Jeff Brown, Adult Choir Director

## **Blood Drive**

The Outreach Committee will be hosting a Blood Drive with Life Source on April 26th from 8 AM-1 PM.

Life Source supplies 100% of the blood that is used at Advocate Condell Hospital, so your contribution could be used by your neighbors, friends or even family.

We are asking that the donors sign up for an appointment in advance so that Life Source can get a head count for staffing and supply needs. Sign-up sheets are available in Fellowship Hall OR by contacting Diana Natsch at dnatsch1@gmail.com. To get more information regarding qualifications, please check out the website <a href="www.lifesource.org">www.lifesource.org</a>.

Please consider participating, as your gift truly is a life saver!



#### **Christian Education**

#### PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Just as in Biblical times, children take a leading role in UMCL's services commemorating Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

On Palm Sunday, April 13, all children meet in the East Room before worship. Each child receives a palm branch before lining up to process into the Sanctuary at the beginning of the service. Sunday School kids will sing at the beginning of this service. After the Children's Message, older children are encouraged to rejoin their parents for this special worship service and younger children will be dismissed to upstairs for a special Sunday School hour.





On Easter Sunday, April 20, children will start in worship with their families. After the Children's Message, older children are encouraged to rejoin their parents for this special worship service. Younger children will be dismissed to upstairs for a special Sunday School hour.

#### 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 EASTER EGG HUNT! Lunch will immediately follow in the Fellowship Hall.

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



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.

# **TODDLER PLAY GROUP APRIL 8**

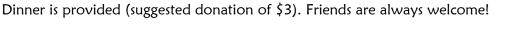


Parents and their babies/toddlers (age birth-preschool) are invited to visit and play in the church nursery on the **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month, **11:00 AM to 12:30 PM**.

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

#### **ALL STARS - APRIL 9**

The youth group of 3rd, 4th and 5th grade meet on the **2nd and 4th Wednesday** of each month from **5:30 to 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall.





#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

The countdown to Vacation Bible School has begun! Children, pre-school age to 5th grade, are invited to join us, **July 14-18 from 9 AM to 12 PM** to participate in some weird and crazy crafts, games and more!

Participants and volunteers can pick up a registration form from Amanda's office door or register online at <a href="https://www.umcl.org/vbs">www.umcl.org/vbs</a>

# **Stephen Ministry Minute**



God is the best listener, you don't need to shout, nor cry out loud. Because he hears even the very silent prayer of a sincere heart. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.



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	a homebound member
FLOWER CHOICE:	White Easter Lily (6" pot—\$20 each)	Azalea (6" pot—\$35 each)		
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# 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 Men**

We will meet Saturday, April 26 at 9:00 AM. Cam Traut, Area Adult Support Team Leader of Lake County Young Life, will share more about a unique ministry within Lake County and how it has reached far beyond the walls of our church building. This meeting is open to all who want to attend and lean more about Young Life.

Young Life is a faith-based national and world-wide organization, with a vision that every adolescent will be introduced to Jesus Christ and be given the opportunity to grow in their relationship with God. Young Life believes in meeting kids where they are, building personal relationships with them, loving them regardless of their response, and providing experiences that are fun, adventurous, and life-changing. Young Life Capernaum focuses on reaching out to teenagers and young adults with disabilities. For over a year now, United Methodist Church of Libertyville has hosted Lake County Young Life Capernaum.

#### **United Methodist Women**

#### **RUTH CIRCLE**

Ruth April to we invite

Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, **April 16** at Feed My Starving Children to work the **6:00 PM** shift. You are invited to join us.

Please call Mickey Donahue at 847-367-4906 to reserve a spot. When our task is complete, we will cross the street and eat dinner (or have dessert!) at Culvers.

#### **FAITH CIRCLE**



Spring is FINALLY here! Join us for our next monthly meeting on Thursday, April 10 from 9 - 11 AM in the East Room. Erin Cummisford from the Liberty Prairie Foundation will speak to us about organic and native gardening.

Childcare is provided for this meeting. For more info, please contact Sheila Hillier at schillier@comcast.net.

#### SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

May 5-10 are the dates for this year's Big Spring Rummage Sale. We bet you have spent the winter thinking about all those things you have, that you don't use, and need to go to a good home. Or maybe you're remembering the good time you had helping work the Sale last fall. Well, good news! Starting May 4th, the fun begins again. Please mark your calendar with the dates:

Setting up—May 4th Donating items—May 5-7th Sorting and classifying—May 5-8th Serving the customers who will be at the Church to purchase those donated items—May 9-10th You can help with tear-down (especially if you are male) Saturday afternoon—May 10th We will be posting the sign-up board, in the Church—April 6th

\*\*Please no computer equipment, TVs, or encyclopedias\*\*

# **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 fover for third service or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. Thank You!



#### 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.

#### FOOD4COMFORT

Food4Comfort cares for UMCL's church family through food. We provide meals, on a temporary basis, to those who are experiencing a life changing event. Such events may include the birth of a child, a move, the loss of a loved one, those recovering from illness or surgery, etc. We always welcome new volunteers who desire to cook for Christ! Contact Blair Brockman, texasbrockman@sbcglobal.net for more information.

# **Second Mile Giving**



#### SECOND MILE GIVING FOR APRIL will support—

- 1) PADS Lake County While UMCL provides overnight shelter on Saturday evenings from October to April, this is only one of the many services offered by PADS Lake County. PADS (Providing Advocacy, Dignity and Shelter) Lake County has been providing immediate, critical services and assistance to the homeless throughout all of Lake County for over 35 years. Additional funding is needed to provide the many other services that are needed to help those in need. For additional information on their programs, call them in North Chicago at 847-689-4357 or visit www.padslakecounty.org online.
- 2) Zacharias Center Zacharias Sexual Abuse Center provides quality, comprehensive, clientcenter services for victims of sexual assault and abuse in Lake County. Their services include a 24-hour hotline, advocacy services, and counseling. For additional general information, call their main office line at 847-244-1187, or visit www.zcenter.org online.

#### **Finance Notes**

#### HOW ARE WE DOING?



### As of 3/26/14

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$54,359.18	\$187,726.64
Expenses	\$56,762.98	\$217,298.20
Difference	(\$2,403.80)	(\$29,571.56)

As we come close to the end of the first quarter, we presently have a \$29,000 gap between revenue and expenses. We encourage you to catch up on your giving this month if you have gotten behind. Your support and faithfulness are critical to our ministries. Thank you.

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#### 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**, <u>Friday</u>, <u>April 11</u>; 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, <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 16</u>, in Room 101!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 6  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 12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee 4:00 PM—Confirmation 4:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee	April 7  12:00 PM—Prime Time 7:00 PM—Estate Planning Seminar 7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class 7:00 PM—Monday Night Study 7:00 PM—Troop #72 7:00 PM—Mission Trip Orientation	April 8 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—Staff Parish Relations Committee 7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's	April 9 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 5:30 PM—All Stars 6:00 PM—Lake County United 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM - Spiritual Growth Committee	April 10 9:00 AM—Faith Circle 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—20's Group (off site) 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 2	April 11 6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum 7:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72	April 12 8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—Praise Band 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS
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#### SUNDAY SERVICES

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)

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.)



#### **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.

# April 2014

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

April 2—Feed My Starving Children

April 9—Jump America Trampoline

April 16—Easter Discussion

April 23—Earth Day Walk, Creation Reading, Steward Discussion at Forest Preserve/Adler

April 30—Nerf Night

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

April 8, 15, 22, 29

Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

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