



United Methodist Church of Libertyville

Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All

MEMOS

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Moving Forward! A Building Committee Update

The building committee is so thankful to all the volunteers who have stepped up to help with the many tasks necessary during this remodeling. This is a very exciting time in the life of our church and it's great to see such a tremendous amount of unity and support.

Mark Mason, Joannie Foley and so many wonderful folks (that I can't call them all out) did a great job of cleaning and clearing the East room, Narthex, Sanctuary, Sacristy and Closets. That was a purge and we found a lot of interesting things. Items we will need within the next seven months are in the 2nd floor loft above the sanctuary. Other items were taken up to the 3rd floor. There will be access to these areas every weekend via the door at the back of the sanctuary.

Herb Spooner did a great job with the pew removal and got to work with his Nebraska homies. The owner of Ratigan /Schotler (our church furniture company) sent a wonderful group of guys who finished everything in 24 hours. All the pews were taken to their warehouse in Nebraska and will be repurposed for a church that needs them. Nothing will be thrown out. The furniture folks will be back in a month to pick up the Altar, Pulpit, Cross, and any other furnishings that remain for similar repurposing.

We continue to work with the architect and church members to find the right place to relocate our "Christ Among Us" sculpture on the front wall. Dave Arendsen, Tom Palmieri, Terry Slocum, and others removed and are storing the landscaping from the foot of the sculpture for reuse. They also removed the overgrown bushes at the education wing.

DeLynn Vang, Scott Allen, Tom Seibert, Janet Mason, Mark Mason and many others helped transform Fellowship hall into our Worship space last week. We received many positive compliments and heard people say "it was much better than we thought it would be!" We continue to tweak and make adjustments, such as installing the hearing loop. John Aten has been especially helpful in set up and working with the ushers to assure smooth operations on Sunday.

Important Dates for Demolition and Construction

- ◆ Sanctuary carpet removal and asbestos tile abatement begin May 5th and will be finished by May 8. There will be no access into the Sanctuary during that week but the parking lot doors and East room will be open.
- ◆ Thanks to Darin Chartier and the Trustees, the Roof Replacement on the three buildings is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 11, and will take nine working days, weather permitting.
- ◆ Demolition of the East room, Narthex and Sanctuary should begin on May 20 or sooner. From then on, there will be very limited access to those areas. We will allow access to the elevator from the Narthex parking lot doors and access to the things stored on the 2nd floor on evenings and Sundays but not during the day. An ADA ramp has been installed on the education wing entry stairs.

Sue Hamilton will be taking the lead on communicating weekly progress to the congregation via the bulletin, Memos and the website. Susie Grayson has happily agreed to photograph the construction process. I know people are curious and excited and I think we should be communicating the entire experience.

We want to thank Ruth Ross, Karla, and Valerie for their great work juggling changes and managing logistics for all our group activities. They have been tremendous. Please contact them for activity questions, changes, or room requests.

Thank you to the Pastors Jamie and Steve Williams for their leadership and coordination.

Please let me or any building committee members know if there is anything we can improve on or if we can help in any way.

Mike Foley, Chairperson

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

REMINDER: Worship service is in Fellowship Hall—9:30 AM for a Traditional Service and 11:00 AM for a Contemporary Service on Sundays. Please check out www.umcl.org/building-access for all the building access information with the ongoing construction. We appreciate everyone’s flexibility and helpfulness.



WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!!

Email CelebrateMe@umcl.org with your name(s), birthday and/or your anniversary date. We will be putting the information in our new section in memos. Please be sure to send at least one week prior to the next issue of memos.



LOIE ERYN BROWN was baptized on March 15, 2015 in the 9:30 service by **Pastor Steve**. Congratulations to parents Jeff and Eryn.



EASTER OFFERING—Our Easter offering totaled \$6,209 this year. This special offering will be divided between United Voices for Children (supporting organizations like ChildServ and Methodist Youth Services), Imagine No Malaria (working to eradicate malaria), and our Good Samaritan Fund (supporting our local assistance missions). Your generosity makes a difference!

FMSC THANK YOU— The Children’s Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone that came out to Feed My Starving Children on April 25th. We packed over 129 boxes containing 27,864 servings for their next shipment to Haiti. The Sunday School kids also gave the FMSC staff a check for \$110 from their Sunday offerings.



ELECTRONIC GIVING—Before you head off for your summer adventures, why not consider moving to the new electronic giving option? Monthly electronic funds transfers (EFTs) can be set up through the Church’s bank to make your contribution even when you aren’t able to be here in person. The needed registration form is available from both the Finance office and the Main office. Please contact Ruth Ross at 847-362-2112 or at ruth.ross@umcl.org, if you have questions or would like more information.



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 (info@umcl.org), Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com), Karen Kuhlman (akkuhl@att.net) or Kathy Locke (klocke@ameritech.net).



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PASTORS: Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
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Youth Pastor: Ben Hallett
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Harmony, Hope and Healing Gospel Choir Coming to UMCL on May 17!

Please join us in worship on Sunday, **May 17 at 9:30 or 11:00 am** to be blessed by the Harmony, Hope and Healing Gospel Choir/Ensemble who will join with our choir/band to perform and share their beautiful music and inspirational words.

Harmony, Hope & Healing (HHH) is an organization which provides creative, therapeutic and educational music programs offering emotional and spiritual support to homeless and under-served women, children and men in the Chicago area. Many of the participants in this ministry are struggling to overcome the detrimental effects of poverty, substance abuse, isolation, homelessness, and violence. HHH programs are offered at twelve shelters and community outreach centers in the Chicago neighborhoods of Englewood, New City, Woodlawn and the West Loop.

Through the restorative power of music, participants discover their authentic voice and are able to advocate for themselves and their children. Anger and violence are replaced by the ability to resolve conflict peacefully; isolation is supplanted by a sense of belonging and living in right relationship. Participants reclaim their lives and are empowered to become positive forces for change in poverty-stricken and violent communities.

One of the hallmarks of this ministry is the HHH Choir/Ensemble which performs approximately 30 outreach concerts a year at churches, schools and community outreach organizations throughout the Chicago area. Through these performances, HHH powerfully inspires over 10,000 audience members while bringing together diverse communities.

Dr. Marge Nykaza is the founding director of this organization. Pastor Jamie worked with Dr. Nykaza and became a part of the choir and the ministry of Harmony, Hope and Healing while she was doing her doctoral work at Chicago Theological Seminary in 2010.

We hope you will join us on May 17! A Love Offering will be taken that Sunday to support this ministry. To learn more about Harmony, Hope and Healing, visit their website at www.harmonyhopeandhealing.org.

Join Us for New Member Sunday—May 17

On **May 17**, New Member Sunday, we have 17 people becoming a part of our church family. We have gotten to know these new members through a new member/sponsor coffee on April 18 and four Sunday School classes studying A Disciple's Path. Please watch for their bios in the church bulletin on May 17, get to know them, and welcome them with open arms.



Congratulations 2015 Confirmands

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| * David Christian Acevedo | * William David Ferro | * Kevin Kaya |
| * Samuel Alfonso Acevedo | * Taylor Lynn Filicette | * Quinn David Lutz |
| * Teresa Belle Aumuller | * James David Grayson | * Adam William Nostrand |
| * Allison Sarah Becker | * Thomas Guiard | * Jonathon Michael Palmieri |
| * Mitchell Price Brockman | * Aliya Jai Haddon | * Amanda Katherine Powell |
| * Brandon Michael Brown | * Abbey Kaylene Hansen | * Alexandria Hope Sapp |
| * Faith Lucille Conway | * Catherine Elizabeth Hebbeln | * Parker Schleuning |
| * Mikaila Esther Corrigan | * John Thomas Joyce | |
| * Lauren Elizabeth Ellis | * Abby Adair Kamai | |

Christian Education

ALL-STARS

All-Stars (3rd, 4th and 5th grade youth group) is meeting on **May 13 (our last day)** from **5:30 to 7:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3).

Friends are always welcome!



BREAKOUT SUNDAY!!

On **May 24th** is our first Breakout Sunday! Where Sunday School will “breakout” of the classroom and meet outside! (weather permitting) Please pick your kids up in the Grove following the 9:30 service. If you are interested in helping with this fun event please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School teachers are needed May through August!

Since people are busy with summer travel we are changing our **teaching commitment to a week at a time.**

This means we need **A LOT** more volunteers than usual!

Please contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org if you are able to give up an hour or two of your summer!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Register now for Vacation Bible School on July 13 – 17 from 9:00am to noon.

Children, ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to come and experience a week at Everest! Where kids learn to conquer challenges with God’s mighty power.

**Please note that VBS will be at The Mundelein Chapel (1966 W. Hawley Street Mundelein) this year due to construction.

Registration forms and more details are available in the church office or on our website www.umcl.org/vbs.

***Registration Deadline is July 1st!**

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS!

We would like to recognize you in the bulletin and/or in person on Sunday, May 31 for your big accomplishment... graduating!

Please call or email the church office by Wednesday, May 20, if you would like your name printed and/or will be in one of the services on Sunday, May 31. If you are graduating from college, please also tell us where you are graduating from and the degree obtained.

We would love to share this accomplishment with you. Congratulations again!

JRHI SUMMER CAMP

Camp Adventure's Impact Camps provide a classic camp experience, featuring action-packed adventures including swimming, blobbing, paintball, and High Ropes. Most importantly, there is a deep focus on Christ through an amazing spiritual program including small groups, modern worship and opportunities to ask the tough questions.

Come and join us July 26-31! Questions? Contact Ben Hallett or Sarah Mitchell.



United Methodist Women

SHOP AND SAVE OPPORTUNITY MAY 8TH AND 9TH

You may have heard rumors that there will be a UMW Rummage Sale this Friday. Well ITS TRUE. You can come to the Fellowship Hall or the Church garage at 9:00 and shop in a real dollar store. We will have a tent so you can shop rain or shine. All items in Fellowship Hall priced at \$1.00. The sale continues until 7:00 p.m. Saturday morning you can fill a Sunset bag with stuff for only \$5.00 or buy things outside at half price.



If you prefer service without shopping there is a pressing need for Sale staff on Friday morning, our busiest time. If that's not good for you, we really need your help for clean-up Saturday afternoon. Many hands make light work and you get that good feeling of working with fellow Church members toward the worthy goal of contributing to local service and charitable organizations.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE



Priscilla Circle will meet for lunch at the Liberty at **11:00 AM on May 19**. The callers will be calling you with a reminder and you can let them know if you are able to come. I will need to give the Liberty an approximate number of people.

Any questions, please call me at 847-362-0523. We look forward to seeing you! Shirley Mason

RUTH CIRCLE



Ruth Circle invites you to join us at the home of Cathy Dismer (1016 Michael Lane, Libertyville, 847-367-5502) on Wednesday night, **May 20th at 7:00 PM**. We will be viewing the 2013 documentary "Finding Vivian Maier", who moved to Chicago in the 1950's employed as a nanny. Her passion for photography and her thirst to be "cultured" led her around the globe, and back to Chicago. Her photos show her

affinity for the poor as she too struggled to get by, ending up homeless and eventually cared for by the grown children she had once cared for.



Share the evening with us as we "view the Theater of Life through the eyes of her camera".



UMW SUNDAY!

June 7th is UMW Sunday and our guest speaker will be Rev. Young-Mee Park, Dekalb District Superintendent.

Second Mile Giving For May Will Support:



Mother/Child Survival – This UMCOR program provides essential care to mothers and children using community-based programs to achieve the ultimate goals of reducing both infant and maternal mortality and morbidity rates. This is done by educating individuals about nutrition, oral rehydration, immunization, and growth monitoring. Additional information regarding this program can be found in the Projects portion of UMCOR's website: www.umcor.org, and the Global Ministries contact for this project can be reached at 212-870-3869.

Appalachia Service Project – From June 6-13, Ben Hallett will lead our youth and adult chaperones to the Blue Ridge Mountains in North Carolina where they will spend a week of service in ministry. Projects will vary during the week, but will include helping locals make their homes warmer and safer. General information for Appalachia Service Project can be found at www.asphome.org. For specific information or other questions, please contact the church office.

Fellowship and Nurture

PRIME TIME LUNCH



Prime Time will meet the **2nd Monday on May 11th** because of rummage sale set-up. We will meet at 12:00 PM.

Please mark your calendar and remember to sign-up **BEFORE 10:00 AM on Friday, May 8th.**

This is a courtesy for the co-hostesses to prepare for food and set-up. (RSVP to the church office at 847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org)

Charge is \$5.00 & the program will be presented by Jean Kowal — Ice... On the Move. Glaciers, Ice Caps and Avalanches! Hope to see you on May 12th!!

Service Opportunities

PADS SUMMER LUNCHESES

Starting May 1, the homeless are truly homeless. As always, we commit to making 40 lunches the second Tuesday of each month.

To sign up (either groups or individual families, please contact Cathy O'Brien (cobrien1021@hotmail.com or 847-367-8062).



HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands will be picking up items that are in good condition on **May 30th.**

Please call John McNally (847) 401-5504, Gladys Griffin (847) 816-3492, or Jeris Boyce (847) 295-0409 and we will come and see if what you have is something that we can be use for the people we pick up for.



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Stephen Ministry Minute



Change is a part of life. Be open to change, because that's God opening the door to growth in your life.

If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

Calendar

Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, May 15; 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, May 20, in Room 101!!

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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>May 10</p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Traditional Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:45 AM—New Member Class 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE</p>	<p>May 11</p> <p>12:00 PM—Prime Time 1:00 PM—BookTalkers 6:00 PM—Daisy Scouts 7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group 7:00 PM—Outreach Committee 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>May 12</p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads</p>	<p>May 13</p> <p>9:30 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM—All Stars 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE 7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee 7:30 PM—Troop 72 Committee</p>	<p>May 14</p> <p>9:00 AM—Faith Circle 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 6:30 PM—Praise Band 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 3</p>	<p>May 15</p> <p>7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>May 16</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study</p>
<p>May 17</p> <p><i>New Member Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Traditional Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship 12:00 PM—Children's Ministries Committee 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE</p>	<p>May 18</p> <p>7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>May 19</p> <p>9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle 9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 7:00 PM—Resource Committee</p>	<p>May 20</p> <p>9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE 7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)</p>	<p>May 21</p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 6:30 PM—Praise Band 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 3</p>	<p>May 22</p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>May 23</p> <p>No Scheduled Events</p>

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND KIDS OWN WORSHIP—THROUGH MAY 17

9:30 Sunday School — Kids must be dropped off in room 206 (the big room) in the Education Wing prior to the start of service. Please go to their individual classrooms to pick them up after the service.

11:00 Kids Own Worship — Kids must be dropped off in room 201 in the Education Wing prior to the start of service and can be picked up in the same room after service.

Nursery care is available for children up to 4 years old during every service.



CELEBRATE THE MINISTRY OF OUR SUPERINTENDENT, REV. OSCAR CARRASCO

June 7th 3:00—6:00 PM @ Crystal Lake UMC

More details to follow



ALTAR FLOWERS & WORSHIP GREETERS

Remember that if you would like to donate altar flowers **or** serve as a Sunday worship greeter, you can sign up on our website (www.umcl.org/worship) or call the church office at 847-362-2112. Thank you for enriching worship in these ways!

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JrHI - WED - 7:00-8:30 PM | SrHI - SUN - 6:30-8:30 PM

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JrHI TIDE — *Coming up...*

Brick Painting—May 6

Frozen Yogurt—May 13

Ultimate Frisbee—May 20

No JrHi Tide—May 27

Combined JrHi and SrHi Tide—May 31



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