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# IMAGINE NO MALARIA

Our Faith In Action.



“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”  
Matthew 25:40

Did you know that every 60 seconds, malaria claims a life in Africa, resulting in over 600,000 deaths in a year? 90% of those affected are the most vulnerable - pregnant women and children under the age of 5.

In this verse from the book of Matthew, Jesus calls us to care for the least of our brothers and sisters in His Kingdom. The people of the United Methodist Church are answering Jesus’ call by putting our faith into action to end preventable death by malaria in Africa through a global health initiative called *Imagine No Malaria*.

*Imagine No Malaria* takes a comprehensive approach that includes:

**Prevention:** Distribution of mosquito nets and draining standing water where mosquitoes breed;

**Treatment:** Provision of rapid diagnostic kits and life-saving medicines through Methodist hospitals and clinics across Africa;

**Education:** Community-based health workers are trained to share the facts about malaria, like identifying symptoms and dispelling myths about the disease; and

**Communication:** Broadcasting life-saving information about prevention methods and proper use of mosquito nets.

The Bishop’s Appeal is an offering that allows us to pool our resources from the pew to the Annual Conference floor. This year’s Bishop’s Appeal is designated to support *Imagine No Malaria*, helping our Conference reach our goal to raise one million dollars for *Imagine No Malaria*. Every single dollar donated will be used to save lives in Africa, especially the most vulnerable - mothers and young children. *So, please give generously to the Bishop’s Appeal offering being taken on Mother’s Day, May 11th and the following Sunday, May 18th.*

Kevin Garren  
Chair, NIC *Imagine No Malaria* Task Force

### A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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## Announcements, Joys & Concerns



We extend our sympathy to the family of **LOUISE LEESLEY**, who passed away on April 15th, 2014.

Our condolences to **LUCINDA ANGELL AND HAROLD OGG**, on the death of Lucinda father, Charles H. Angell, Jr., on April 23rd, 2014.

Sympathy to **GENE HOFF** and family on the death of Gene's wife, Laverne Hoff, on May 2nd, 2014.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**—Lucinda J. Angell and Harold C. Ogg would like to invite you to attend Lucinda's father, Charles H. Angell, Jr., memorial service on **May 16th at 10:00 am** at Glencoe Union Church, 263 Park Avenue, Glencoe, IL. Memorial service will be followed immediately by interment at the church which will be followed by a luncheon at the church.



**ENDOWMENT EDGE**—Forty-five people attended the Estate Planning seminar in early April. A big thank you to Bill Graham for his presentation. We trust those who were present received information for their future plans. Contact an Endowment Committee member, or leave a message at the church office, if you have comments or suggestions. Thank you, Joyce Jeffries

**ALL COMMITTEES, GROUPS, LEADERS** — Please go to your all of your individual web pages and check them for outdated information. Please email changes needed and/or new pages wanted to Valerie at Valerie.umcl@gmail.com. Be sure to include the link of the page(s) your are referencing. Our website is only as good as the materials/information we include and keep updated. Thank you in advance.

**CROP WALK MEETING TUESDAY**—Are you interested in making a difference in world hunger? Are you looking to plug-in and help plan an event that helps families around the world find sustainable ways to put food on their tables? Then the CROP Walk Team of Lake County needs you!

**We're having our first meeting on May 6th at First Presbyterian Church Libertyville** (219 W. Maple Ave, Libertyville 60048). The CROP Walk date set for this year is October 19, the third Sunday in October.

We will work together as a team and share responsibilities so that this can be a truly interfaith and communal effort. My name is John Fawcett and I'm the Coordinator for our team. Please contact me if you're interested or have any questions: jfawcett@boxp.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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## Investing in Eternity—Endowment Awards Announced

Spring is a season of new growth, new opportunities, and the newness of our faith through Jesus, Our Lord. For the first time in a very long time our Church is able to utilize interest from the Endowment Fund to make gifts to worthy causes reviewed and approved by the Endowment Committee. The Fund has grown in recent years and is being wisely invested and managed. We rejoice that “the gifts that keep on giving” are able to be utilized. Thanks to our congregation’s gifts to the Endowment Fund, the Lord’s work begins anew for these people and organizations that were given awards:



To **Amanda Seibert** for her studies in the fall at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield. She has a strong sense of building a career in the ministry. This is a new opportunity for Amanda to add to her tool chest for her position at our Church. The results will keep on growing well into the future. Congratulations, Amanda!

**The Center for Changing Lives** has added a new goal: help people help themselves. Our Church has supported this organization for a long time. This award will be used for furnishings to give much needed larger physical presence. Best wishes for their good works.

**The Book Bridge** is an organization that gives hope for children and teens by providing books, DVDs, and CDs on an individual basis. This Book Bridge has had a positive affect on the lives of many people in their years of existence. It is run by a group of volunteers who had a dream to help children and teens through reading and education.

Two awards went to our Church. The first is for window treatments that will complete the renovation of the **Children’s Ministry** in our Education Wing. The second is to replace vital replacement equipment in the **Church office**.

The entire Endowment Committee is privileged to announce these awards. Requests for funding from the 2013 year-end were far more than we could fund. The Endowment Fund continues to grow and with it more good works can be funded. We look forward to the next funding opportunity and the promises it brings to glorify God’s work.

Joyce Jeffries, Chair of the Endowment Committee  
*“Invest in eternity. Include the church in your will.”*

## Easter Offering

Many thanks for the generous Easter Offering of \$8,163 to help at-risk youth and assist in eradicating malaria. Your generosity makes a difference!

*Thank You! Thank You!*

## New Member Classes

The next session of New Member Classes will include these opportunities to learn more about the life and ministry of UMCL:

- \* Coffee on **Saturday, May 17, at 10-11:30 AM**
- \* Three Sunday School classes on **Sunday, May 18, 25 and June 1 (time TBA)**
  - \* Coffee on **Sunday, June 8, at 8:45-9 AM** followed by:
  - \* New Member Sunday on **June 8 at 9:30 AM** service

Please contact Joyce Bedell if you would like more information or are interested in being a part of our church family!  
 (joycebedell@sbcglobal.net or 847-362-2112)



## Christian Education



### OUR CHILDREN NEED YOUR HELP!

**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 sign up for a few weeks that you are able to help out this summer on the bulletin board outside of the nursery.

### **ALL STARS END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION MAY 14**

Kids in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade are invited to the final night of All-Stars before our summer break.

We will celebrate the 5th graders and welcome in the 2nd graders!

Join us **Wednesday, May 14th,**  
from **5:30 to 7:00 PM**  
in Fellowship Hall.

Dinner is provided  
(suggested donation of \$3).  
Friends are always welcome!



### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Registration is now open for VBS ~ July 14 - 18!  
Children, pre-school age to 5th grade are invited to come and experience a week of Weird Animals!

Where kids learn how Jesus' love is one of a kind!

Registration forms are available in the church office or on our website [www.umcl.org/vbs](http://www.umcl.org/vbs).

**\*\* Volunteers needed! \*\***

### **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS!**

We would like to recognize you in the bulletin and/or in person on Sunday, June 22 for your big accomplishment... graduating!

**Please call or email the church office by Wednesday, June 11,** if you would like your name printed and/or will be in one of the services on Sunday, June 22. 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! — Ben

## Stephen Ministry Minute



Stephen Ministry is based on the belief that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians. God has given all of us gifts for ministry and called upon us to put those gifts to use. Stephen Ministry is a way people with special gifts for caring ministry can bring Christ's love to people in need. *If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7374), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.*

### **TODDLER PLAY GROUP MAY 13**

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](mailto:julieballing@gmail.com) or 847-986-6081.



## Fellowship and Nurture

### PRIME TIME LUNCH — MAY 12

Prime Time will meet on Monday, **May 12 at NOON** for lunch (\$5). After lunch we'll play Bloomin' Bingo. No cost to play and there will be prizes for the winners!!

Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, May 9  
(847-362-2212 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net)

Bring your rabbit's foot, lucky charm or whatever brings you winning luck!  
Mary Montgomery, Priscilla Mortland



## United Methodist Women

### BE A PART OF IT!

Without leaving Libertyville you can be a part of our Church's mission outreach. **It's Rummage Sale Week.**

This is your last chance to donate to or work at the rummage sale this spring. Sign up on the volunteer board in the foyer or in Fellowship Hall. Don't let those unused items remain in your basement for another day.

**Donations** are welcomed starting **Monday, May 5th through Wednesday, May 7th from 9 am to 8 pm**. The sale is **Friday from 9 am to 7 pm** and **Saturday from 9 until 12 noon**.

If you have questions, please ask Beth (bethcmarch@aol.com; 847-367-5175), Barb (BarbPlohr@Comcast.net; 847-367-5556) or check with the Church office.



### FAITH CIRCLE



Please join us for two events in early May.

On **Wednesday, May 7th from 9 to 11 am**, we will help with the Rummage Sale by pricing and organizing children's clothing and toys.

Then, on the very next day, **Thursday, May 8th from 9 to 11 am** we will hold our Spring Brunch in the East Room. No need to bring a thing because this brunch will be catered! As we feast, we will hear a bit about Reiki from Ellani Maurides who is a Master Teacher with The Reiki Share Project. If you would like to learn more about the Reiki and are unable to attend our Spring Brunch, please visit:

[www.thereikishareproject.org](http://www.thereikishareproject.org) .

Childcare will be provided for both the Faith Circle events on May 7th and 8th. Please contact Sheila Hillier at schillier@comcast.net if you have any questions about the Faith Circle.

### PRISCILLA CIRCLE



Priscilla Circle will be meeting **May 20th at 9:30 am** in the Fellowship Hall. Mary Ann Burson will give us a report from the UMW assembly that she recently attended. All are welcome.

For more information, call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.

### RUTH CIRCLE



Ruth Circle will meet on **Wednesday evening May 21st at 7:00 pm** at the home of Nancy Grange-Sullivan (17309 Westwind Dr., Gurnee IL 60031, 847-553-4440). Dessert will be served, then Jeff Welch, who organizes the Adult Mission Trips, will report on the recent trip to Waynesville, Mo.

Come join us, hear the stories, and maybe you'll decide to go on a trip too.

## Service Opportunities

### OUR THANKS TO ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR PADS!

It is almost impossible to thank everyone who supports our PADS ministry. Besides many people from St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Libertyville Covenant Church, Islamic Foundation North, and the Mennonite Church, there are so many people from our church who faithfully serve at PADS.



This list is not complete but the following people have gone above and beyond this season: the Alesna family, George Aynilian, Preston Cannady, Jack Hansen, James Hill, Mike and Pam Fennewald, Janet Grigsby, Ben Hallet and the Youth, Ron Harper, Ron Johnson, Keith Klemp, Al Kuhlman, Jim Lang, Phyllis Mohler, Alissa Nixon, Bill Osborne, Mike Presutti, Bill and Erin Russell, Amy Sharer, Connie Sheffer, Mary Jo Swift, Elise Naccareto-Grosspietsch, Greg and Kathy Powell, Debbie Rondell, Nicki and Kiara Schuh, the Swanson family, Candy and Tim Tonon, Sandi and Bill Werner, Bill Wilson. Also many thanks to all who made lunches or donated items/money. **Thanks to your support, we are able to help make a difference in the world!**



### 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).

## Second Mile Giving



SECOND MILE GIVING FOR MAY will support—

- 1) **Bethany Terrace Dementia Care Center** – This residential center, part of the Bethany Methodist Communities, provides high quality, compassionate and holistic care for those with Alzheimer’s and other dementias. The center also provides family education, support groups, and outreach to local churches and community organizations. Located in the Chicago area and therefore part of the northern Illinois conference, their program is nationally recognized. For additional information on this and other Bethany Terrace programs, please go to [www.bethanyterrace.org](http://www.bethanyterrace.org) or contact them at 847-965-8100.
- 2) **Mother/Child Survival** – The goal of this UMCOR project is to reduce both infant and maternal mortality by providing education in the areas of nutrition, oral rehydration, immunization, and growth monitoring. This program has over 20 years of proven success globally. Additional information can be found in the Projects area of the UMCOR website: [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

## Finance Notes

### HOW ARE WE DOING?



	As of 4/30/14	
	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$92,007.35	\$290,752.68
Expenses	\$65,314.78	\$300,902.51
Difference	\$26,692.57	(\$10,149.83)

Generous gifts moved us into a positive position for April and reduced the gap between year-to-date income and expenses. Your generous giving throughout the year will help us continue on this positive trend. Thank you ---

## 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, May 16; 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 21, in Room 101!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>May 11</b></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                      11:00 AM—Contemporary Service                      11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship</p>	<p><b>May 12</b></p> <p>12:00 PM—Prime Time                      1:00 PM—BookTalkers                      7:00 PM—Outreach Committee                      7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class                      7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><b>May 13</b></p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth                      11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      1:45 PM—Disciple 4                      7:00 PM—Faithful Threads                      7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision                      7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee                      7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>May 14</b></p> <p>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                      7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee                      7:00 PM—Heritage Bells                      7:00 PM—JH Synergy</p>	<p><b>May 15</b></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><b>May 16</b></p> <p>6:00 PM—Intimate Evenings</p>	<p><b>May 17</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study                      8:30 AM—Praise Band                      8:30 AM—Ad Board                      10:00 AM—New Members Brunch</p>
<p><b>May 18</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class                      8:15 AM—First Light Service                      9:00 AM—Coffee Time                      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><b>May 19</b></p> <p>7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class                      7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><b>May 20</b></p> <p>9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle                      9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—Resource Committee                      7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee                      7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>May 21</b></p> <p>9:00 AM – MEMOS                      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—Heritage Bells                      7:00 PM—JH Synergy                      7:00 PM—UMW Interfaith Committee                      7:00 PM—Ruth Circle</p>	<p><b>May 22</b></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><b>May 23</b></p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum</p>	<p><b>May 24</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study                      8:30 AM—Praise Band</p>

### 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.)

### 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](http://www.umcl.org)) or call the church office at 847-362-2112.

Thank you for enriching worship in these ways!



# Youth 411

## May 2014

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

- May 7 —Mother’s Day Card to Nursing Home
- May 14—Bowling
- May 21—Frisbee Golf
- May 28—Memorial Day Discussion

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

- May 6, 13, 20, 22

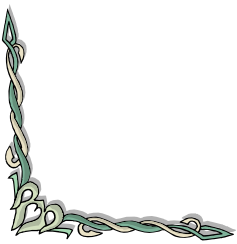
### Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

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