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Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All

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A Great Collaboration



Two weeks ago some of the youth undertook a 35 hour fast. I'm not sure how many people fast anymore, and to be honest, I don't unless I'm running an event. It's a tough thing to endure especially with access to food that is just sitting around and waiting for us to purchase. And while we raise funds for World Vision because they sponsor this event, we pretty much run our own program with our own lessons and missions.

This year we spent the better part of our Saturday morning in Waukegan working with Yvette Ewing and the Fuller Center for Housing in Lake County who are busy targeting local needs in housing, wellness, and job training. Back in January we worked with Yvette building raised beds, trellises and garden boxes for a teaching garden they were installing this spring. This time around we got to help install some of that work and build upon it by planting new seeds for a vegetable garden, composting their Manna Garden on the south side of Waukegan, and creating structures for beans to climb.

The hard truth is that there isn't good, affordable access to healthy foods in that part of the county. The south side of Waukegan and North Chicago are what you call a food desert, and that is a little hard to swallow in a county with such clear abundance. So it has been a humbling pleasure thus far to be in spirited collaboration with our neighbors in ministry.

And that kind of creative collaboration is what I want to bear witness to today. Collaboration by way of relationships and shared knowledge sees past scarcity and reveals abundance. It can see past problems and envision hope. And I believe abundance is what everyone is hoping for. In 6 short hours this Winter and Spring The Fuller Center and UMCL have put together eight new raised beds and eight new trellises to organically address a local food crisis. That's all it took to work toward abundance. Food should never be an issue. The earth is capable of producing more than enough for us all if we tend to it well. If food is an issue, it is the result of injustices, broken relationships, and a lack of collaboration somewhere along the line.

The reason we fast then is, for a moment to give up our comfort that can so easily give way to complacency. That discomfort beckons us to grow in dependency on God and in empathy for neighbor. In this way we can open our eyes and hearts to the needs around us and submit to listening for how God is prodding us into those places to pour ourselves out so that we may witness and take part in the abundance that is possible when we get together and collaborate. In this way we begin to restore the broken relationships that have led to such complex and systemic injustices in our communities. This is all part of our priestly calling as Christ followers to bless the world. But we cannot accomplish this by ourselves. Our dependency on God and our interdependency on each other are essential ingredients to creating just and healthy communities. We desperately need each other.

Much Love and Peace—Ben Hallett

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

Starting **May 24th**, we will have one blended Worship service in Fellowship Hall at **9:30 AM** 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.



Our prayers and condolences to the family of
HAZEL LAURA NICHOLSON on her passing on April 17, 2015 in Wisconsin



Congratulations to
ELYNNE LAI AND ROBERT DRAKERT
on their wedding nuptials
May 2, 2015

PAULETTE AND CHARLES PETERS
on their 44th Wedding Anniversary
May 22, 2015



BILL AND DEBBIE VANNI
on their 38th Wedding Anniversary
May 28, 2015

THANK YOU— To the Pizzeria Deville and those who supported their fundraiser, which resulted in a very generous donation to our PADS program.

thank you!

ALTAR FLOWERS



Call the church or go to our website (www.umcl.org/altar_flowers) to sign up to provide altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events (yes, even when we are worshipping in Fellowship Hall!).

Cut flowers arranged in a vase from your own garden are welcome as well.
Contact: Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com



SCHOOL BAGS FABRIC NEEDED — Sturdy cotton, denim, upholstery, or draperies - new or used, is needed for school bags. Please place in the box located in Fellowship Hall.
If you have any questions, please contact June McCoy 847-849-0530.



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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Special Offering for District Superintendent Retirement Gift



Our DS, Rev. Oscar Carrasco, is retiring in June. A special service and reception will be held for him on **June 7, 3:00 to 6:00 PM** at Crystal Lake UMC (236 W. Crystal Lake Ave., 60014). All are welcome to attend.

A book of remembrances and a monetary gift to his mother's church in Chile will be given to him at this event. Rev. Carrasco's mother, Sara, turned 100 on May 3, 2015. The monetary gift will be for the completion of a small educational addition in his mother's honor at her home church in Curacautin, Chile. Envelopes are available in the pocket of the attendance pads in worship or you can drop off a check to the office and mark "DS Gift" on your check. Thank You!

UMW Sunday—June 7



Rev. Young-Mee Park, District Superintendent of Dekalb District, will be our speaker and officiate over our first celebration of Holy Communion in our new worship space.

There are opportunities to serve in that service so please contact Linda Lehman (847-705-7269) if you would like to usher, read, greet or assist with the service in any way.

Annual Conference Mission Challenge

Each year for Annual Conference, our Conference Board of Global Ministries and Annual Conference committees issue a mission challenge for local churches to bring items for relief efforts through UMCOR or a partner of UMCOR. (Remember our "onesies" collection last year?)

This year's collection is for Church World Service Emergency Clean-up Buckets. Each church is challenged to assemble at least one Cleaning Bucket and bring it to Annual Conference.

Beginning May 24, we will have a bucket available on Sunday mornings so you may contribute to this effort. Due to the specific needs for the buckets, we are asking you to contribute funds through June 7th. A committee of volunteers will then purchase the items and have the bucket or buckets ready for our Annual Conference delegates to deliver on June 14th when they arrive at Annual Conference at Pheasant Run in St. Charles.

Questions? Contact MaryAnn Burson bookwormburson@att.net or one of our delegates: Rev. Jamie Williams, Rev. Steve Williams, Kevin Garren, Julie Garren, Mary Spooner.



Summer Adventures

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, our Business/Operations Manager, if you have questions or would like more information. She can be reached via phone at 847-362-2112 or via email at ruth.ross@umcl.org.

Christian Education

BREAKOUT SUNDAY!!

May 24th is our first Breakout Sunday!

Where Sunday School will “breakout” of the classroom and meet outside! (weather permitting)

Please drop off and pick up 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.

FAMILY SUNDAY

Please join us on **May 31st at 9:30 AM** for Family Sunday!

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children and youth.

Kids of all ages will join us during the 9:30AM service as we celebrate our volunteers and graduates, hear a sermon from Amanda Seibert and say goodbye to Sarah Mitchell. There will be cake!

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 but Amanda Seibert will be leading and is in need of volunteers.**

Registration forms and more details about the location switch are available on our website www.umcl.org/vbs.



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

THANKS TO ALL UMW RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS

Women and men moved furniture, pianos, tables, pipes, saw horses and piles of clothing, sorting, displaying and selling goods donated, mostly by members of our Church, to benefit people in our community. The Scouts were a big help with setting up the inside and erecting the outside tent. Women brought food for the noon and evening meals consumed by the volunteers and posted flyers in Libertyville and surrounding towns. Thanks to the Church staff for their assistance and publication support. Some workers stayed Saturday afternoon to pack up the unsold goods, the display racks and tables. The sales will be close to \$10,000 which will be distributed among several of the churches mission projects. —Beth March and Barbara Phlor

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.



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.

Finance Notes

HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of 4/30/15

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$85,567.37	\$281,072.59
Expenses	\$63,872.16	\$293,684.87
Actual Difference	\$21,695.21	(\$12,612.28)
Anticipated Difference	\$11,371.93	(\$41,702.03)

Through April, income exceeded our budgeted expectations and expenses were less than anticipated. We do have an income to expense gap, but that too is less than expected by slightly over \$29,000.

Fellowship and Nurture

PRIME TIME LUNCH

Prime Time will meet the **Monday June 1 at 12:00 PM.**

A special treat — Ruth Circle is providing lunch (no charge) and the program "Women of the Bible".

PLEASE call or sign up in the church office **before 10:00 AM Friday, May 29th.**



YOUNG COUPLES

On **June 5th at 6:30 PM**, the Velez's will be hosting Young Couples at their house at 145 Trailwood Lane, Northbrook.

We will be grilling burgers & hot dogs and making smores. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Please RSVP to Paul or Gayla at (847) 412-9632.



Service Opportunities

PADS BLANKETS NEED WASHING!

Now that the PADS season and the Rummage Sale are over, it is time to wash the PADS blankets. Please take 2 or 3 blankets home, wash them, and bring them back at the end of the summer. (I would like all the blankets to be taken before the clean ones come back so they don't get mixed up.) Blankets can be found in the Fellowship Hall storage room on the shelves to your right after you walk in.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Coffee Time is a wonderful time to meet & greet fellow worshippers! Additional helpers are always appreciated. If you would be willing to help with Coffee Time, please sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall or call Jan Grigsby.

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 can be used for the people we pick up for.



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY—RECYCLE PLANT POTS

The Chicago Botanic Gardens will recycle plastic plant pots on World Environment Day, **June 6.** We will be collecting pots in a tub in the foyers (Brainerd and Fellowship Hall). Or, visit the Botanic Gardens yourself on June 6, recycle your pots and see all the exhibits celebrating the environment! Thank you, The Earth!

Stephen Ministry Minute



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

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 29; 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, June 3, 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 24 <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Summer Service 9:30 AM—Breakout Sunday School for Children 9:30 AM—Sunday School for Youth 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE</p>	<p>May 25 <i>Memorial Day</i> Office Closed</p>	<p>May 26 9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads</p>	<p>May 27 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>May 28 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 3</p>	<p>May 29 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>May 30 8:00 AM—Men's Study</p>
<p>May 31 <i>Family, Graduate & Teacher Appreciation Sunday</i> 8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Summer Service 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 6:30 PM—Jr HI & SrHI TIDE</p>	<p>June 1 12:00 PM—Prime Time 6:00 PM—Daisy Scouts 7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>June 2 9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team</p>	<p>June 3 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>June 4 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p>June 5 6:30 PM—Young Couples 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>June 6 ASP Mission Trip Departs 8:00 AM—Men's Study</p>

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

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

WORSHIP GREETERS

Greeters play a vital role in making members, friends, and visitors feel welcome at church each Sunday morning and help guests find their way around UMCL during this season of construction.

Please sign up on our website www.umcl.org/worship or contact Joyce Bedell (joyce.bedell@umcl.org) if you are willing to be a friendly, welcoming presence on Sunday mornings!

WOMEN OF FAITH

If you would like to attend the Women of Faith Farewell Conference on September 25-26, in Hoffman Estates at the Sears Centre with a group of women from UMCL, please contact Blair Brockman at texasbrockman@sbcglobal.net. Tickets are available through the church for \$94.45. Meals are additional.

We would love for you to attend!

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Congregation*



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Jr & Sr HIGH YOUTH

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

@ CHURCH

JrHI TIDE — *Coming up...*

Ultimate Frisbee—May 20

No JrHi Tide—May 27

Combined JrHi and SrHi Tide—May 31

