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Memorial Day Reflections

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

Those are the words of Jim Elliot, missionary to the Auca Indians of Ecuador, who died in 1956 while he and four of his best friends were seeking to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Jim Elliot is one of the reasons I went into the ministry. I read his biography, *Shadow of the Almighty*, while I was a college student and in the words of John Wesley, “I felt my heart strangely warmed.” I was inspired by his deep devotion, his willingness to put everything on the line, and his great passion to serve God.

As we prepare to gather with friends and family this weekend to remember those who have given their lives in service to our country, we pause and give thanks....

- ◆ For our brothers and sisters in the military who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom and protection and for their families and loved ones....
- ◆ For those who died on September 11 in the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, many of whom cared for others to their own personal injury and death...
- ◆ For first responders, firefighters, police, and courageous citizens who waded into chaos and mayhem to save innocent citizens and those who continue to do so everyday...
- ◆ For missionaries, priest and pastors who bravely share the love and good news of Jesus Christ, laying down their lives for the faith...
- ◆ For Christians around the world who boldly speak and live out their faith and find themselves persecuted, imprisoned or executed...

During this Easter Season, we remember Jesus who showed us the way of sacrificial love. He told his followers, “The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as an offering for many.” (Mark 10:45) Jesus was the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep. In his last conversation with his dear friends Jesus told them, “Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (John 15:12-13) Jesus laid down his life for us on the cross and then rose victoriously on Easter morning to claim power over death and destruction. We who follow in his footsteps know that resurrection and eternal life await us as well. “He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

May God help us to draw so close to Jesus Christ that we too might be filled with a love that empowers and enables us to lay down our lives for our friends.

A blessed and meaningful Memorial Day to you all,
Pastor Jamie

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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Announcements, Joys & Concerns



Congratulations to **JEFF AND ERYN BROWN**, along with siblings; Alex, Owen and Henry, on the birth of Loie Eryn on May 1st, 2014.

APPRECIATION FOR A SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE! A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make the Spring Rummage Sale such a wonderful success. UMW's gross profits were about \$10,000. After our miscellaneous expenses are paid, the remaining funds will be distributed among several of the Church's mission projects. **The next Rummage Sale will be Friday and Saturday October 10 – 11.** Once again we will be asking for your time and talents. Please mark your calendars and block out the week of October 5 – 11. Some of us have already started a new rummage-sale box at home. Beth March and Barb Plohr, Co-chairmen.

WOMEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UMW SUNDAY, JUNE 1. Two greeters are needed for each service, and up to four ushers are needed for each of the traditional services. Please contact Linda Lehman (847-705-7269, llehman@earthlink.net) or sign up in the church office.

ONESIES NEEDED FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE— Each District of the Northern Illinois Conference has been assigned an item to collect for UMCOR layette kits. Elgin District is to collect onesies which our Annual Conference Delegates will take to Annual Conference on June 8.



Begin bringing your donations on June 1, UMW Sunday through the end of the Contemporary Service on June 8th. Items must be new, unused, unwashed. Because they may go to foreign countries, please do not bring patriotic, camouflage, or designer logo items.



WHITE SOX IMAGINE NO MALARIA FUNDRAISER —Join the Northern Illinois Conference to take Malaria **OUT** of the game, **June 1 at 1:10 pm** at US Cellular Field. Tickets are \$20 for the game, a t-shirt and donation to Imagine No Malaria. Also the White Sox have given us swag that will be awarded to those who attend the game. If you ever wanted a bobble head, hat, bag or other items for free this might be your chance. The seats are limited so order today! (http://www.umcnic.org/th_event/4678/). Look for the flyer on the bulletin board or pick one up in the office.

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 (missmicky2005@gmail.com), Karen Kuhlman (akkuhl@att.net) or Kathy Locke (klocke@ameritech.net).



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United Methodist Women Sunday—June 1, 2014



Judy Siaba will be the speaker for our UMW Sunday. Judy serves as administrative assistant at Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church and as North America Area President of World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. She is a past Director at United Methodist Women and at General Board of Global Ministries. Judy recently completed a term as Vice-President of Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Women.

A Methodist since birth, Judy is married to Rev. Fernando Siaba and they have three daughters, two sons-in-law and four grandchildren. Many members of our congregation worked with the Siabas when they served Humboldt Park UMC.

Jules Traut Inducted

The Libertyville Senior Council inducted eleven people to its Hall of Fame on May 8th, 2014. Jules Traut holds the honor of being one of the eleven people. Each year, the Council recognizes seniors - all volunteers - who have been nominated by various local organizations. Volunteers play a crucial role and are a tremendous asset to our community.

Jules has fifty-two years as a volunteer recruiter for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Treasurer of UMM for the past fifteen years, Deacon for Libertyville Presbyterian Church for twenty years, along with many years volunteering as Cub Master, Scout Master, serving on the Libertyville Township Board and the Oak Grove School Board.

Congrats Jules! Thank You For Your Many Years of Volunteering and Your Faithful Service!

Tools Needed for ASP

Appalachian Service Project is our Youth Mission Trip to serve people in Appalachia by helping to rebuild and restore their homes. As the group prepares to head down to Morgan County, Tennessee on June 7, we could use **YOUR** help. Here is a list of tools we would like to borrow from you. We promise to return them! ! Please label your tools with duct tape and your name written on it so we can get it back to you and put it in the ASP bin in the office. **We need at least 5 of the following items by Wednesday, June 4:**

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Putty knives | Roller extensions | Pliers | Staple guns |
| Utility knives | Scrapers | Levels | Staples |
| Sandpaper | Pick | Squares | Crow bars/Wrecking bars |
| Paint rollers | Shovel | Chalk line | Chisels |
| Paint brushes | Sharpened hand saw | Tin snips | 2 Prong electrical adaptors |
| Paint tarp | Screw drivers | Drill & bits | Extension cords |

Finance Notes

HOW ARE WE DOING?

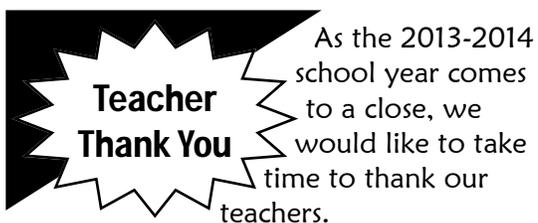


As of 5/15/14

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$20,380.05	\$311,134.22
Expenses	\$28,299.08	\$329,131.59
Difference	(\$ 7,919.03)	(\$17,997.37)

Your generous giving throughout the year helps reduce the gap between income and expenses, bringing us closer to our goal of balanced financial results. Thank you for your continued support!

Christian Education



Anyone who has taught Sunday School or Kids Own Worship this past school year is invited to a **Teacher Appreciation Sunday** on **June 8th**.

We will recognize our teachers during the **2nd and 3rd services** and also provide a special coffee celebration in their honor at 10:30 am.

Please join us!

TODDLER PLAY GROUP MAY 27

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.



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.

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.

**** 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 your ministry. It is an important way we care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. If you know someone who is facing difficulties, suggest that he or she request Stephen Ministry. Make use of it. Stephen Ministry belongs to you. *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.*

Fellowship and Nurture



PRIME TIME LUNCH — JUNE 2

Prime Time will meet on Monday, **June 2 at NOON** for lunch (\$5). George Puffer will provide entertainment with a few tunes on his harmonica and Jules Traut will give a presentation on the Merchant Marine Academy. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, May 30 (847-362-2212 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net)

Hope to see you there!
Mary Montgomery, Priscilla Mortland



YOUNG COUPLES — JUNE 6

We'll meet **Friday, June 6th at 7:00 pm** at Brunswick Vernon Hills for a little bowling with ice cream at DQ or Cold Stone to follow for anyone not in a hurry to get home.

RSVP to julieballing@gmail.com or 847-986-6081.

PRIME TIME NEEDS YOU!!

Prime Time continues to be a popular even for the church seniors providing lunch and a program on the first Monday of each month. Priscilla Mortland will soon be leaving as she moves to her new home, so we need to find someone to take over her duties, or ideally two people, to begin serving by July.

Responsibilities include: Plan for the program each month, arrange for volunteers to host the lunch, and prepare notices for Memos and postcards.

Please contact Priscilla or Mary Montgomery for details or let the office know if you are interested.

United Methodist Men

CALLING ALL UNITED METHODIST MEN – WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

We need your help on getting our UMM group back on track. We want to know what day and time works best for you to attend the meetings, your ideas for new programs and anything you may want to contribute to the group. Please call Jules Traut or email at jtraut@juno.com. Thank you!

United Methodist Women

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



PADS SEASON HAS ENDED—NOW WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You could help wash the PADS blankets over the summer! Volunteers are needed to take 2-3 blankets home and wash them, returning them to church in late summer. Blankets will be out in Fellowship Hall for anyone to take home.

Thanks in advance for your laundering help!



PADS SUMMER LUNCHES

As of 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).



JUNE 7 IS ENVIRONMENT DAY

Again we will collect plastic plant pots to take to the Chicago Botanic Gardens on **June 7** where they will be recycled. Or, better yet, you can visit the Botanic Gardens and enjoy the beautiful gardens and all of their activities planned to celebrate Environment Day! Tubs to collect the plastic pots will be in the Fellowship Hall foyer. Thank you, The Earth

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Hunger doesn't disappear with the warmer weather. Through the efforts of Northern Illinois Food Bank, the local food pantries can continue to serve those in need. Won't you consider lending a helping hand? We are looking for volunteers to help sort, label, and pack food (typically frozen poultry, fish, or meat) into smaller cases that can then be distributed to the local food pantries.



UMCL has volunteered for June 11th, from 6 – 8 PM at the Park City location. Please contact Diana Natsch for more information – dnatsch1@gmail.com or (847)362-1385.

Your time and energy makes a difference!

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 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.

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 30; 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 4, in Room 101!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>May 25</u></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 10:45 AM—Adult Class 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship</p>	<p><u>May 26</u></p> <p>Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	<p><u>May 27</u></p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's</p>	<p><u>May 28</u></p> <p>9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 9:45 AM—Faith Study 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—Resource Committee 7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee</p>	<p><u>May 29</u></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><u>May 30</u></p>	<p><u>May 31</u></p> <p>8:00 AM—United Methodist Men 8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—Praise Band 11:00 AM—Winchester House Chaplaincy Committee</p>
<p><u>June 1</u></p> <p><i>UMW Sunday</i></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 10:45 AM—Adult Class 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 4:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><u>June 2</u></p> <p>12:00 PM—Prime Time 7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class 7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><u>June 3</u></p> <p>12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's</p>	<p><u>June 4</u></p> <p>9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 7:00 PM—JH Synergy</p>	<p><u>June 5</u></p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—20's Group (off site) 7:30 PM—Disciple 2</p>	<p><u>June 6</u></p> <p>7:00 PM—Young Couples (off site)</p>	<p><u>June 7</u></p> <p><i>ASP Mission Trip Departs</i></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) 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 21—Frisbee Golf

May 28—Memorial Day Discussion

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

May 20, 22

Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

Reform Ancestor Curriculum



Visit us at:
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