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HOPES AND DREAMS

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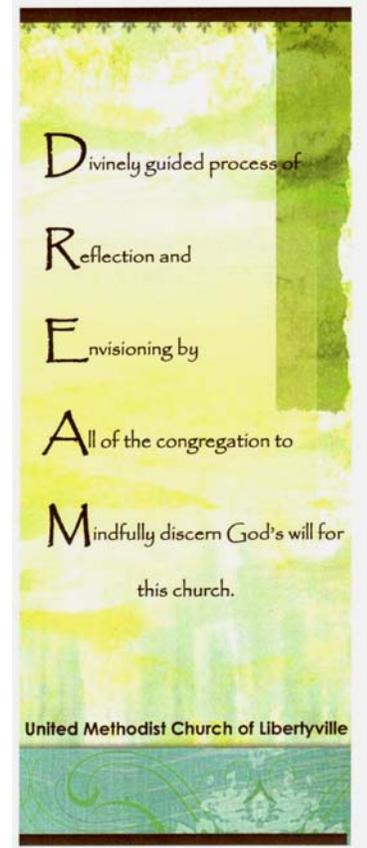
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*“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD,
“plans for good and not for evil, plans to give you hope and a future.”*
Jeremiah 29:11

In July 2011, our congregation set off on a journey to dream and imagine the future for our church and ministry. This journey was led by the pastors and a group of church members we called the *Dream Team* – Judy Awe, Woody Bedell, Peg Chartier, Marni Corrigan, Lee Dahmer, Ben Hallett, Karen Kuhlman, Erin Mayes, Don Palmer, Karl Taylor, Jamie Twedell, Jeff Welch.

After three years of dreaming, with hundreds of people sharing their visions and hopes for the future, 2300 pieces of dream data, six Dream Initiative Task Forces, the Building Committee’s good efforts since their election in June 2013, and the recent work of the Capital Campaign/ Building Fund Committee, we look forward to the next step in our journey related to the reimagining of our building.

This coming Sunday, June 22, at a Special Church Conference at 10:45 (after one all-church worship service at 9:30) our congregation will consider and vote on a Preliminary Plan to improve our facilities based on the dreams gathered during the Dream Process. Over 600 of the 2300 dreams are related to facilities and technology.



What is the Building Committee proposing on June 22?

The Building Committee will propose preliminary architectural drawings, cost estimates, and a financial plan to improve our facilities based on the dreams, their work with our architects, and information gathered from focus groups and meetings this winter.

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These preliminary plans include a more beautiful sanctuary with better lighting, a new raised chancel area that will support traditional and contemporary worship, a large stained-glass window, two projection screens and improved sound and audio equipment, a combination of chairs and pews for seating, and a more family-friendly area at the back of the sanctuary with a glass wall partition. Also included are plans for a **new entry area** with a front door facing east and an open, expansive and welcoming community room for conversation, coffee and fellowship. The final addition would be a **new bathroom on the second floor** education wing. To view the plans visit our website at www.umcl.org/building-program.

The cost of these improvements is estimated to range from 2.2 to 2.5 million dollars. The Capital Campaign/Building Fund Committee will be making a preliminary proposal for the funding of this project which will include the hiring of a fundraising firm.

What will these improvements do for our ministry? By having a remodeled, up-to-date and more welcoming sanctuary and entry-area, we will be able to mainstream a variety of worship experiences that reach all generations; we will have a beautiful window out to the world and a new front door to invite people into our church home; and we will have a wonderful community room where we will be able to welcome our neighbors and grow our relationships and faith with friends, both old and new.

Where do we go from here?

The June 22 Church Conference is an important step that will lead us closer to the remodeling of our building. If we get approval for the plan proposed by the Building Committee on June 22, our architects will have the authorization to develop detailed drawings and plans at a cost of \$88,000 and we will move forward with the Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funding.

The Final Step in the approval process, before any building contracts can be signed or any remodeling can take place, would involve a final Charge Conference that could be held as early as January or February of 2015. The final Charge Conference would review the detailed architectural plans, cost estimates and the financial plan to support the project. Approval at this conference would be necessary to move forward and fulfill the dreams of our congregation. **Building remodeling could begin as early as April 2015.**

These are exciting times in our church. The decisions we make on June 22 will have significant impact on our future ministry and life together. **Please join us this Sunday, June 22, for worship at 9:30 and then the special All Church Conference at 10:45 and have a voice and vote in the future of the church. Thank You!**

Looking to the future with hope,

Pastor Jamie and Pastor Steve

Many thanks to Mike Foley and Members of the Building Committee – Peggy Berryman, Don Boyce, Judi Buckner, Sue Hamilton, Janet Lichtenberger, Bruce Locke, Mark Mason, Herb Spooner & Jeff Welch

Family Day—June 29

The Children's Ministry Committee is proud to present our first ever **FAMILY SUNDAY** on June 29th!!

Family Sundays will take place on the 5th Sunday of the month, four times a year, during the 9:30 am service. These Sundays will be family-friendly and feature additional children and youth elements such as special music, youth ushers, children/youth readers and a special sermon with kids in mind. The whole family will be invited to participate in the service together. There will be no Sunday School classes for children and youth (Pre-K through Senior High). We are looking forward to this **NEW** opportunity for our children to experience church and bond with their church family! Nursery care will be available for children up to age 5.

We hope to see you, and your whole family, on June 29th for a fun, vibrant Family Sunday!

FAMILY EXPERIENCE



Announcements, Joys & Concerns

LUCY MONROE BJERGA was baptized on June 8, 2014 in the 11:00 am service by Pastor Jamie. Congratulations to parents Caitlyn and James.



CAROLINE NORA SMITH was baptized on June 15, 2014 in the 9:30 am service by Pastor Steve. Congratulations to parents Caroline and Jeremy.



Congratulations to **DAVE AND GLADYS GRIFFIN** on the birth of their granddaughter, Kora Rae Dennis, born to Marie and Brett on June 5th.

THANK YOU to the Jones Trust, the Endowment Committee, the Memorial Fund, and the anonymous donor for funding the new copier and folder. We also want to thank the Board of Trustees, the Resource Committee, and the Ad Board for all their support in getting this equipment in for us. You have made our jobs a whole lot easier, expanded what we're capable of doing, and allowed us to save money as well. We appreciate it so much!!!
Two very happy ladies in the office—Valerie and Karla



CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION—These now go to the Camp Reynoldswood because Marcy-Newberry is now closed. Please cut out the labels and place them in the container on the shelf in Fellowship Hall.

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).

Christian Education



SHRED SAYS
 "Time Is Running Out! Get your parents to get you registered before June 30th. You don't want to miss me at VBS!"

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 14 - 18 9AM to Noon

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!

**** Volunteers needed! ****

Sunday School teachers are needed June 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.



TODDLER PLAY GROUP—JUNE 24

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.

GRASP REMINDER

The final \$100 payment for GRASP was due by June 1st.

The trip has also been shortened from July 20-26 to the 20th-24th. **If anyone who was not previously signed up would like to come,** email Sarah Mitchell at sarahmhartley@yahoo.com

Stephen Ministry Minute



Being a Stephen Minister is a privilege, a gift, a high calling. Nothing is more wonderful than walking alongside someone for a while on their life's journey. Yes, they share problems, but also dreams and joys. *If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.*

Finance Notes

HOW ARE WE DOING?



As of 6/11/14

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$33,622.00	\$367,890.64
Expenses	\$32,135.05	\$404,062.33
Difference	(\$1,486.95)	(\$36,171.69)

While we have a gap between income and expenses, it is less than we had expected to see at this point in the year. Your generous giving through the summer months will help reduce that gap between income and expenses, bringing us closer to our goal of balanced financial results. Thank you for your continued support!

Fellowship and Nurture

YOUNG COUPLES — BBQ JULY 11

Please join us at the Allen's for a summer BBQ on **July 11th at 6:30pm.**
Scott and Charlotte's 1201 Hampton Lane, Mundelein IL

RSVP to allencs@comcast.net or 847-968-4565.



PRIME TIME—JULY 7

Prime Time will meet on Monday July 7 at NOON for a POTLUCK lunch.
DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.

After lunch, join Jean Kowal for her program on
Who Knows Why The Wind Blows? (We Do!)

Please RSVP to the church office by Thursday July 3 (847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org).
We hope to see you there as we welcome Jan Grigsby as the new co-chair.



DAY OF FRIENDSHIP SPANISH CAMP

According to the 2010 Census as found on <http://www.lakecountyil.gov>, approximately 20% of Lake County's population is Latino. How much do we really know about our neighbors? As Christians, what is our responsibility to this population (or any immigrants)? How would our church be enriched by having a more diverse and multicultural congregation? How does UMCL become a more welcoming community for immigrants? No doubt, immigration is a HUGE and somewhat controversial topic, riddled with many questions. Bishop Sally Dyck has challenged us to learn more about the Hispanic population in Northern Illinois. Barrington United Methodist Church is hosting a Day of Friendship Spanish Camp that will focus on "Who is my neighbor?" The event will teach us basic Spanish words, learn about traditions, listen to music, and pray. No prior Spanish is necessary.

June 28th from 8:30 am – 4pm at 98 Algonquin Rd, Barrington Cost: \$8 per person

Ages: 6 & up (nursery provided for those younger)

To register: www.tinyurl.com/ssldia

Please consider attending. Learning more about our neighbors will be an enriching experience for yourself, your family, and our church.

United Methodist Women

PRISCILLA CIRCLE



Priscilla Circle will meet **June 17** in the fellowship hall at **11:30 AM** for our end of the year picnic. Shirley will bring makings for pulled pork sandwiches and everyone can bring a dish that you would like to share. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Shirley 847-362-0523. If you can't bring something, come anyway, there is always plenty of food.

RUTH CIRCLE



Ruth Circle will be celebrating summer with a garden walk on **Wednesday, June 18**. The group will be gathering at the church at **6:00 PM** and carpooling to locations around town. Afterwards, coffee and fellowship will be at a local location. Come join us, everyone welcome!! If you would like to know the locations ahead of time, contact Nancy Grange-Sullivan (847-533-4440 or ngrange@sbcglobal.net). If you have other questions, contact Mickey Donahue 847-703-0007 or Janet Hartkopf 224-420-0067.

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!



HELPING HANDS

The next furniture pick-up is Saturday, June 28. If you have gently used furniture or household items to donate, please contact John McNally (johnmcnally0901@gmail.com), Jeris Boyce, Gladys Griffin, or the church office.

LIBERTYVILLE TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Jesus calls us to feed the hungry. The Outreach Committee is asking for your help to replenish the shelves at this local food pantry by donating food / supplies. We are collecting the following items: Canned salmon or sardines, Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Canned condensed milk or Powdered milk, Trash bags, and Baby wipes.

Please return your donations of these items to the Food Pantry Boxes - located in the Foyer, Christian Education / Office wing, or Fellowship Hall **starting Tuesday, June 17th until noon on Sunday, June 29th.**

For more information, please contact Carol Sim-Campbell at (847) 362-3971 or e-mail her at simcampbell@comcast.net.



SAVE THE DATE – It's that time of year again where women and men gather to worship, laugh and learn of social justices within our world. Sound interesting? Come join a fantastically fun group of ladies in a weekend of faith, fellowship and fun at MISSION u at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb Illinois **Thursday, July 17 through Sunday July 20.** If you can't make it for the weekend, come experience the one day event on Saturday July 12th. Registration is underway so if you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Bonnie Lill at 847-987-2541 or pick up a brochure in the magazine rack just outside of the sanctuary. Remember the old saying, make new friends but keep the old? Well, this is a great opportunity to make new friends. Hoping to see you there and join us in a weekend of inspiration and fun.

Second Mile Giving



SECOND MILE GIVING FOR JUNE will support—

- 1) **Rosecrance** – This private not-for-profit organization offers behavioral health services for children, adolescents, adults, and families in over 20 locations throughout the Chicago/Rockford area. Their services include comprehensive addiction services for adolescents and adults, and outpatient mental health services for children, adults, and families. Their website is www.rosecrance.org, and their help line is 888-928-5278.
- 2) **Four Homes of Mercy, Palestine** – This organization currently provides a home for 75 severely disabled individuals, almost one-third of them children, in Palestine. Their staff also provides assessments and training for family members who are caring for the disabled in their homes. They are the only organization in Palestine to offer rehab services 24/7. For more information on their history and mission, please go to www.fourhomesofmercy.com.

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, June 27; 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, July 2nd, in Room 101!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>June 22 8:00 AM—Adult Class 9:00 AM—Coffee Time 9:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—ONE Blended Worship Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:45 AM—All-Church Conference 7:00 PM—Website/IT Committee</p>	<p>June 23 7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class</p>	<p>June 24 11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group 12:00 & 7:30 PM— Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site) 7:00 PM—Worship Committee 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's</p>	<p>June 25 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 7:00 PM—JH Synergy</p>	<p>June 26 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>June 27 6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum</p>	<p>June 28 8:30 AM—Praise Band</p>
<p>June 29 <i>Family Sunday</i> 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 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee</p>	<p>June 30 7:00 PM—Spiritual Disciplines Class</p>	<p>July 1 12:00 & 7:30 PM— Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's</p>	<p>July 2 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 7:00 PM—JH Synergy</p>	<p>July 3 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>July 4 2:00 PM—Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>July 5 8:30 AM—Praise Band 3:00 PM—Wedding</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.)



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Youth 411

June 2014

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

June 18—Father's Day Discussion

June 25—Ultimate Frisbee

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

June 17, 24

Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

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Visit us at:
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