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PRAYING FOR THE WORLD

Relax with a few deep breaths, using the rhythm of your breathing to center your awareness here, now, in the present moment.

Intentionally open yourself to the flow of the Spirit of God through your heart, mind, and body. Many people use the image of breathing the Breath of Life or sitting surrounded by the Light of God.

Envision the entire planet before you, as we have all seen it through the eyes of the astronauts. You may choose to be realistic in your envisioning, using all your senses to imagine the earth's dappled blue oceans, rust-red-green continents, dazzling polar ice caps, and swirling cloud formations. Or you may prefer to see the whole planet more symbolically—as a political map, for instance, or by imagining differing populations of flora, fauna, and people.

Envision the whole planet being bathed in a visual symbol of God's compassionate love for all creatures—a great Light that streams from above or with a strong but gentle Wind that bathes, moves, cleanses, nourishes, and heals. Let this Light or Wind envelop you also and join your own caring compassion with the flow of the Spirit's intercession for the world.

Affirm the living "communion of saints" who care, pray, and work for the good of the world by imagining dots of light appearing like small stars all over the world. Let these lights connect into a web of light that girdles the globe, reminding you that your prayer joins a tide of prayer already happening.

You may wish to "zoom in" on particular situations or locations, moving imaginatively into a place where there is need or trouble. In each case, envision the difficulty sufficiently to be in touch with it but let your focus be on the Spirit, Light, or Wind that is moving through the situation. . . .

Conclude with the vision of the planet from space and a short verbal affirmation of your intention that "God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Offer the prayer with all its images and feelings to God as you understand God. Let it go into the divine Compassion.

From *Wrestling with Grace: A Spirituality for the Rough Edges of Daily Life*
by Robert Corin Morris

Announcements, Joys & Concerns

BUILDING ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION — The Sanctuary, East Room, and Foyer are now closed with no admittance to anyone. There is no access from the parking lots doors during construction. Sundays you can utilize the parking lot exterior doors to reach the elevator only. Fellowship Hall and Brainerd entrances are accessible. The new ADA ramp is in place at the Brainerd (Education Wing Entry Stairs) entrance. There are two handicap parking spots by the Brainerd entrance.

We thank you for being considerate of those who are unable to walk longer distances by utilizing the library parking lot or perhaps carpooling to church with a neighbor.

Please check out www.umcl.org/building-access for all the building access information.



MARTY & DANIEL HUBBARD and family on the death of Marty's husband and Dan's father, **LEE HUBBARD** on June 17th, 2015.

DEAN HABEGGER and family, on the passing of his mother on June 21st, 2015.

ELIZABETH KURKOWSKI and family on her father, Chris Osborne's, passing June 25th, 2015.

JOYCE JEFFRIES and family on the death of her husband, **JOHN JEFFRIES** on June 27th, 2015.

CLEM VATH and family on the passing of his wife, **JAN VATH**, who died on June 29th, 2015.



Congratulations to **VIRDEN AND BEVERLY SAPP** on their 50th Wedding Anniversary, June 19, 2015



MADDIE WEST—July 2ND **ANDREA WEST**—July 5th
BILL VANNI—July 5th

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. Questions? Contact Ruth Ross at 847-362-2112.



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



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Calendar

Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, July 10; 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 15, 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
July 5 8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Summer Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for Children & Youth 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE	July 6 12:00 PM—Prime Time	July 7 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site) 7:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee 7:15 PM—Simply Pray	July 8 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE	July 9 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA	July 10 6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)	July 11 No Scheduled Activities
July 12 8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Summer Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for Children & Youth 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE	July 13 9:00 AM—EVEREST VBS (off site) 1:00 PM—BookTalkers 6:00 PM—Daisy Scouts	July 14 9:00 AM—EVEREST VBS (off site) 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site) 7:15 PM—Simply Pray	July 15 9:00 AM—EVEREST VBS (off site) 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)	July 16 9:00 AM—EVEREST VBS (off site) 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA	July 17 9:00 AM—EVEREST VBS (off site)	July 18 No Scheduled Activities

School Bag Time!

SCHOOL BAGS for UMCOR and needy children throughout the world are ready to be filled. They are located in the Fellowship Hall and the Education Wing. The **filled bags can be returned by August 5th**. Filled bags will be sent by UMCOR to needy children in Africa, Asia and Central America. The supply list is located by the bags.

Free Garden Walk

A free garden walk will be hosted by the Gardeners of Central Lake County on Saturday, **July 11, 2015** from **10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The self-guided walk will showcase five interesting and varied specialty private gardens located in Libertyville. Tour the gardens at your own leisure, enjoy the natural beauty and possibly take home some new ideas! Raffle tickets will be available for a \$50.00 gift certificate from a local nursery!

Maps/directions can be found at www.gclcil.com and printed copies will be available at local libraries.

Save the Date—Fundraiser

The MISSION of Center for Changing Lives (CCL), formerly Humboldt Park Social Services, is to partner with those held back by lack of resources and economic opportunity, helping them to uncover possibilities, overcome barriers and realize their potential.

The fundraiser filled with Gourmet appetizers, finger foods, salads, cheeses, salamis, wines, etc. will be held on Saturday, **July 25 from 3pm-6pm**—hosted by John and Elise Grosspietsch, 1125 Furlong Dr (Red Top area) Libertyville.

Suggested ticket price is \$50/person. Tickets are available from Elise (eliseng1005@gmail.com—847-362-0029, Diana Natsch (dnatsch1@gmail.com—847-362-1385) or online at www.cclgourmet.bpt.me.

United Methodist Women

DEADLINE for registering for **Mission u** (July 16-19) is **July 6th**. For more information, contact MaryAnn Burson at bookwormburson@att.net or 847-270-0633.

UMW SAVE THE DATES		
One Day Mission u	FUMC Oak Lawn, IL \$50.00	July 11
Weekend Mission u	Northern Illinois University DeKalb, IL	July 16-19
Korean Praise Night	South Suburban KUMC, Homewood	August 9
Elgin District UMW Annual Celebration	FUMC of Arlington Heights	September 19
NIC UMW Annual Celebration	FUMC, Park Ridge	October 24

Service Opportunities

PADS BLANKETS NEED WASHING OVER THE SUMMER

Please take 2 or 3 blankets home, wash them, & bring them back at the end of the summer (so the washed blankets stay separate from those not yet washed).

Blankets can be found on the back counter of Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Volunteers are needed for making and serving coffee from 8:30 a.m. and for a short time after the service.

A sign up sheet is located by the donation basket on the table as you walk into the kitchen 'entrance' door.

Hope your family or church group will consider helping. Any questions, please call Jan at 847-362-8473.

Stephen Ministry Minute



We have forgotten what rocks and plants still know. We have forgotten how to be. To be still. To be ourselves. To be where life is here and now. 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

As of 5/31/15

HOW ARE WE DOING?

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$47,625.08	\$328,697.67
Expenses	\$75,561.76	\$369,246.63
Actual Difference	(\$27,936.68)	(\$40,548.96)
Anticipated Difference	(\$12,892.30)	(\$54,594.33)

In May, year-to-date income dropped below our budgeted expectations (by about \$4,000) and year-to-date expenses continue to be less than anticipated. That does result in an income to expense gap, but that too is less than anticipated by about \$14,000.

*Thank You
Darin Chartier*



For the past four years it has been my pleasure to work with Darin Chartier as Chair of the Trustees. I have enjoyed an excellent working relationship with Darin and sincerely appreciated his conscientious work on behalf of the congregation. With the Trustees, he has given tremendous leadership to the care and improvement of our beautiful facility. The latest example is something most will never see, a new roof over the sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and the education wing. This new roof and the material used will provide a 20 year warranty on the roof not only for the materials but workmanship and labor; saving thousands of dollars versus what we have spent maintaining the aging roof over the last several years. Darin's leadership, again, was critical to making this happen. Because of business and family responsibilities, Darin is stepping down as Chair at this time. I asked Darin to share a few thoughts. On behalf of the entire church, I express my sincere appreciation to Darin.
~ Pastor Steve

Things change in our lives from time to time and we have to realize when too much is just that; too much. As my boys are entering their last year of high school and preparing for their future after such as well as changes in my professional life I realized I had to step down as the chair of the trustees.

Over the last several years as Chairman and as a member of the Board I have seen a lot of change in our church and its facilities. We have done GREAT things and none of it would have been possible without all the support of the Board members I have served with, the staff of the church, the Pastors, other committees and certainly our members of the congregation.

As I reflect back on the projects we have completed I am honored to have been lucky enough to have been involved. There was also a great deal of ground work laid over the years to prepare for many of the changes and projects we completed, thanks to all the leaders who served before me.

In the last few years we, laid new carpet and installed new pew coverings to replace the fashions that had served us well over the years. We implemented a new control system and integration of all the HVAC systems in the church allowing for optimization and significant cost savings.

The renovation of the education wing 2nd floor saw new windows, removal of the asbestos based tile flooring and replacement, new paint throughout and window coverings in many rooms. The Brainerd Street doors were refurbished and gave a much more appealing entrance for our members and guests.

As I look back; I believe we can all be proud of the improvements we have made to care for the facilities we have and provide for a solid structural foundation for worship, fellowship and outreach not only to our members but also the community.

My family and I look forward to continuing our membership at UMCL and being a part of the congregation I have been fortunate to serve.

Thank you for all the years of support.

~ Darin

Picture This



AND WE'RE OFF! Construction has begun. The bell is covered by a specially constructed box for its protection.



Christian Education



*** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS ***

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS THIS WEDNESDAY!!

Don't let your kids miss out. Registration forms are available in the office or on our website www.umcl.org/vbs



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES—Are still available! Please consider helping out.

SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED! Donation slips will be available in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, July 5th and 12th.** Please take as many as you feel you can fulfill by July 12th.

VBS T-SHIRT DECALS AND MUSIC CDS will be available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, **July 5th and 12th** before and after the 9:30 service.

Mark your calendars for **YOUTH & VBS CELEBRATION SUNDAY** on **July 19th.**

KID-FRIENDLY NAME NEEDED!

We are in need of a fun, kid-friendly name for our "Sunday School" program.

From now until August 2nd we are collecting submissions for what you think the name "Sunday School" could be changed to.

Visit the table in the Education Wing to enter. Winners will be announced on August 30th.



OPERATION KID-TO-KID

June 2nd kicked off a new summer mission for the Sunday School kids, which will run through August.

They will be collecting an offering for Operation Kid-to-Kid to help children in Thailand get a kid-friendly Bible of their own.

For every 50 cents our kids bring in they are able to put a book from the Bible on our giant Bible on the wall.

Stop by the big room (206) to see how full our wall Bible is getting!



Second Mile Giving For July Will Support:



Beacon Place – Targeting the nutrition, health, and education needs of those in Waukegan, their core programs include a summer lunch and day camp program for children who rely on subsidized meals during the school year, a backpack program to provide food for these children during weekends, a summer program for young teens, a tutoring program, and a wide variety of programs for mothers and caregivers. Last year their summer program averaged 200 children per day. More information regarding this organization can be found at www.beacon-place.org or by calling 224-572-9330.

Lee Memorial Girl's Dormitory, India – One of the UMC international projects sponsored by our conference, this residential school for girls in Calcutta makes it possible for orphaned and destitute young women to learn not only a basic education but also skills for a brighter future in an area of the world where girls are often overlooked for education. More about this project can be found at www.umcmision.org/projects.

Adopt-A-Garden!

The church's gardens would benefit from summer care (weeding, watering, and planting if you choose).

If you are willing to "adopt" a small portion of our church gardens (maybe 10-15 feet), please contact Ruth Ross at Ruth.Ross@umcl.org or 847-362-2112.



Mainstreet 'Out To Lunch'

Mark your calendars now! Our church will be a part of the MainStreet Libertyville's Out to Lunch (Picnic in the Park) tent on **Friday, July 24,** and **Friday, August 21,** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Stop by to say hello and encourage others to do so. If you'd like to be a part of this event, e-mail joyce.bedell@umcl.org.



Fellowship and Nurture

Clip & Put on Your Fridge As A Reminder!

PRIMETIME — Monday, July 6th 12:00 PM



Ken Milner who is a talented wood carver will demonstrate his skill and perhaps would sell his works if interested. There is a \$5 charge for the lunch.

Please sign up or call the church office by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, July 2 to make your reservations, as Friday is a holiday.

YOUNG COUPLES

On July 10th at 6:30 PM, the Allen's will be hosting Young Couples at their house at 1201 Hampton Lane, Mundelein.

Wine Country Themed Dinner

Please bring a side dish or your favorite beverage.

Please RSVP to (847) 968-4565.

OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPLORE PRAYER

The early church was a community that found their identity in and through prayer. As Luke describes it in Acts, "They all joined together constantly in prayer." Would you like to join me to explore the many and powerful ways that prayer can impact our lives and the lives of others?

We are offering a few options this spring and fall. Of course, we always love to add members to our e-mail prayer chain as well.

Simply Pray - Join us as we come together for a time of silent and spoken prayer. This will be a safe place to begin to experience the power of group prayer. No experience or skill required. Right brain, left brain, Millennial to Boomer to Silent Gen, all are welcome. It is a busy time of year so come when you can. *Five (5) Tuesday evenings beginning July 7 at 7:15 pm.*

Prayer: Does it Make a Difference?— Join us for a DVD study based on Phillip Yancy's book. In this study we will explore the most challenging, perplexing and rewarding aspects of our relationship with God in Prayer. *Six (6) Tuesday evenings beginning September 22 at 7:15 pm.*

Both groups will be facilitated by Kathy Locke. E-mail klocke@ameritech.net with questions or if interested in attending.