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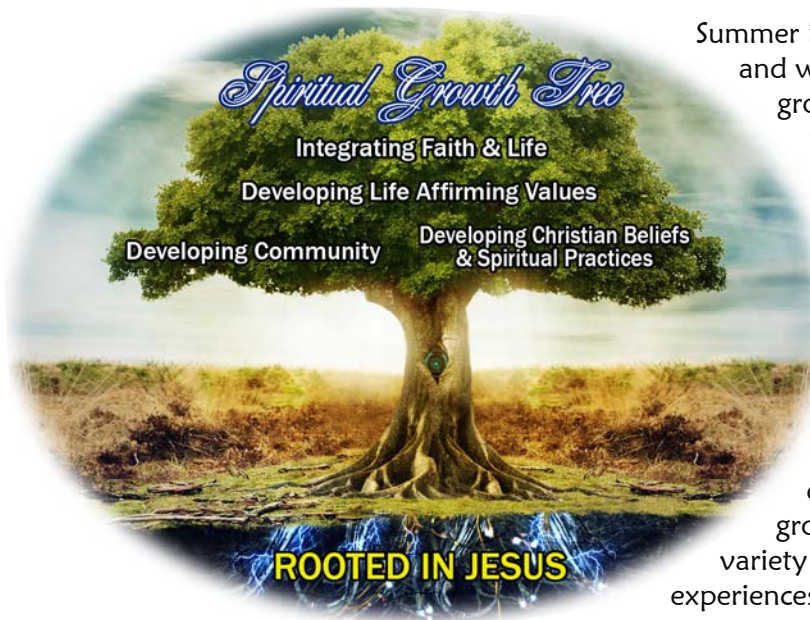
July 2, 2014

AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH THIS SUMMER

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
Romans 12:2

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Summer is kicking into high gear and we see evidence of natural growth all around us as the wide variety of trees, shrubs and flowers have sprung to life. Our harsh winter landscapes have been transformed to lush vegetation and the promise of delicious fruits. This summer is also a time when our church will explore the multiple dimensions of spiritual growth, highlighting the wide variety of UMCL offerings and experiences.

Our Spiritual Growth Committee is collaborating with the Pastors on a four-week summer Sermon/Small Group series on spiritual growth. For four consecutive Sundays, beginning July 13, we will explore the scriptural basis for personal spiritual growth, learn about the opportunities embodied by the four branches of our Spiritual Growth Tree (pictured), and reflect on what it might look like for each of us to take the next step in growing our relationship with God.

We invite you to join us in worship on July 13 when I will have the privilege to share the Good News with you as we kickoff our summer series. Then join us the following Wednesday evening (July 16) at 7 pm for a small group experience where we will go deeper in our understanding of the message and scripture and reflect on how to apply that knowledge to our lives. Each week during this series we will offer the midweek small group discussion session.

Whether you have a heart for mission & service, enjoy small fellowship groups or adult studies, or simply want to expand your knowledge of the Bible and spiritual disciplines, we look forward to sharing with you all that UMCL has to offer

So please come, as Paul urges us in Romans, and ‘be transformed by the renewal of your mind’.

Jim Stewart
Chairman, Spiritual Growth Committee

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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Announcements, Joys & Concerns

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

THANK YOU to everyone that came out to celebrate our first ever Family Sunday on June 29th. The service featured a skit about Vacation Bible School, children and youth readers, greeters and ushers. Big thanks to everyone that had a part in the service. Please join us on the next 5th Sunday of the month, **August 31st**, for an even more fun-filled Family Sunday Service.



SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND DONUTS—Would you like to serve coffee at 9:00 am, make coffee at 8:30 am, or help clean up at 10:30 to 11:15? This is a good way to get acquainted with more people in the church and you are doing a service for your church also. We would appreciate your help. Call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523 or sign on clipboards in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your coffee time donation! Your donation helps defray the cost of the Fellowship Time refreshments.



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University of Illinois
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2014 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Hannah Anderson
Stephani Bakus
Rachel Broughton

Elizabeth Fennewald
Jillian Hazlett
Kylie Mikialko

Erin Neil
Becky Ratzler
Julia Turner

Christina Oberrider
DePauw University
B.A. Political Science,
Sociology and Anthropology

Scott Ratzler
United States Military Academy
at West Point
B.S. Civil Engineering

Christopher Schweitzer
Purdue University
B.S. Chemical Engineering

Gina Tremmel
Northwestern University
B.A. Spanish and
International Studies

Jacquelyn Zeng
Americorps City Year
Service Program



Sam Wilson
Natalie Zeng



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).

Congregation Approves Next Step in Building Remodeling Plan! Many Thanks!

Many, Many, Thanks to the Congregation for coming to the special Church Conference on Sunday, June 22, and sharing your questions, enthusiasm, and support for the preliminary remodeling plans for our church! We were delighted with the outstanding attendance and the gracious spirit of all who attended. The motion to move forward was approved and now the Building Committee will begin to work with our architects to develop the detailed architectural drawings and the Capital Campaign/Building Fund Committee will meet with our fundraising consultants to plan a Capital Campaign for this fall.

We appreciate the excellent presentation by Mark Mason, Mike Foley, Herb Spooner, and Sharon McNally on all aspects of the project. Many Thanks to the Building Committee and the Capital Campaign/Building Fund Committee for their good work, which has gotten us this far.

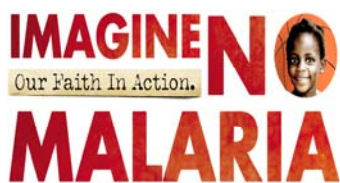
May God continue to guide and bless us as we move into the future... a future bright with hope!

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."
Ephesians 3:20-21

Pastors' Vacation

Pastors Steve and Jamie will be on vacation for the next two weeks and will be back in the office on July 15. Rev. David Seyller will be preaching and leading Holy Communion on July 6. Mr. Jim Stewart will be preaching on July 13, kicking off a special sermon series on Spiritual Growth. Please join us for worship on these Sundays and keep the church in your prayers. Thank You!

Imagine No Malaria Initiative



UMCL has answered our Bishop's Challenge by pledging to raise \$30,000 for the Imagine No Malaria initiative by the end of 2016. We are already well on our way to meeting (or exceeding!) our goal, which will translate to saving the lives of over 300 women and children in Africa. Offering envelopes are available in the pews any time you would like to make a donation. Also, there are several fundraising events in the works. If you are interested in more information about Imagine No Malaria, contact Kevin Garren at 847-816-7340 or visit www.imagenomalaria.org.

School Bag Time!

SCHOOL BAGS for UMCOR and needy children throughout the world are ready to fill. They may be picked up now in the Education Wing and **filled bags returned by August 4th**. Filled bags will be sent by UMCOR to needy children in Africa, Asia and Central America. Extra supplies will go to North Chicago Schools.



SCHOOL BAG SHOPPING LIST

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2"x 11" ruled paper (totaling 450 sheets or less)
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers (no advertising, please!)
- 1 Pencil Eraser, 2 1/2"
- 1 box of 24 Crayons (24-count only)
- \$1.00 placed in outside pocket to cover shipping

The record number of bags filled in one year is 412.

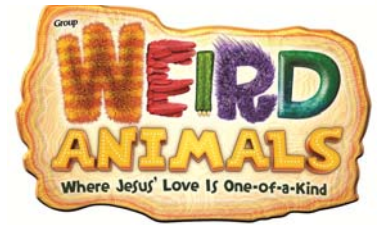
Let's set a **NEW RECORD**—

420 plus this year!!

Christian Education

ARE YOU READY FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL?

July 14—18th 9:00 AM-Noon. We will have tons of fun enjoying games, Bible stories, crafts, snacks, music, and Chadder. We still need volunteers to help run this AWESOME week of kid fun and fellowship. Contact Amanda Seibert to help!



VBS T-Shirt decal and music CD will be available for pick up in the Narthex on Sunday, July 6th and 13th between church services.

* DECORATING PARTY *

SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED!

Everyone is invited to join us **Sunday, July 13th, after church**, to transform the church into a wild, weird and crazy place.

Donation slips are available in the narthex.

Come for an hour or stay the whole afternoon!

Lunch will be provided — Pizza!

Please take as many as you feel you can fulfill by July 13th.

Please RSVP to Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.

TODDLER PLAY GROUP—JULY 8

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.



YOUTH DINNER TICKETS ON SALE THIS SUNDAY, JULY 6TH

Get your dinner theatre tickets!

The youth are going to be putting on a presentation of: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* for your viewing pleasure! Tickets go on sale on Sunday, July 6 and will be sold up until Friday, July 18th.

The show and dinner will be on **Saturday, July 19th at 6pm!**

Hope to see you there!

Stephen Ministry Minute



Doubt sees the obstacles, Faith sees the way. Doubt sees the darkest night, Faith sees the day; Doubt dreads to take a step, Faith soars on high. Doubt questions, “Who believes?”, Faith answers, “I”. 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?

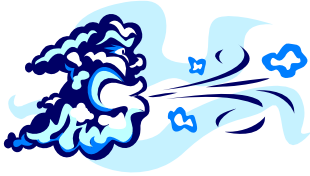


As of 6/28/14

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$61,468.00	\$395,857.95
Expenses	\$72,610.45	\$444,657.73
Difference	(\$11,142.45)	(\$48,799.78)

While we have a gap between income and expenses, it is less than we had anticipated to see at this point in the year. Your generous giving through the summer months and into the Fall 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



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.

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.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Bible Study, which meets on Wednesdays at the Church, is preparing for the September study, THE REVELATION. We will begin on September 10th. We will use the Life Change Series as our guide. John's prophecy will motivate us to live our lives as God has planned for us.

We will be meeting on **Wednesday, July 16**, at Liberty Restaurant to plan for this series. Our study guides will be available in early August and generally cost about \$8. If you would like to join us, or learn more about our gang, call Joyce Jeffries at 847-566-6944, or leave a message at the Church office and we will respond.

United Methodist Women

COMING SOON!

New opportunities to help with UMW Rummage Sale and other UMW events.

SAVE THE DATES

Sept. 13—"Getting to Know You"
Sept. 20—Elgin District UMW Annual meeting
Oct 25 — Northern Illinois Conference UMW Annual Meeting

FAITH CIRCLE



VBS is fast approaching! Let's help Amanda on **Thursday, July 10th** from **9:00 to 11:00 am**. She will assign us a few decorating and craft preparation tasks to get ready for the fun week

ahead. It is a good idea to dress yourself and your kids (if they choose to help) in clothes that can get messy. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.



RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will meet at **6:00 pm Wednesday evening, July 16th** at the home of Beth March (15660 W. Timber Lane, Libertyville, 847-367-5175) to hold a planning meeting to discuss

program ideas for next year. You are asked to bring a potluck salad or dessert to share, as we have found we think better while eating together...come join us and bring ideas!!!

LABELS FOR EDUCATION (LFE)—We are collecting these to go to Camp Reynoldswood. There are over 2,500 participating products that you can view at www.labelsforeducation.com. (ie. Bic Pens, Campbells, Pepperidge Farms, Post Cereal, Prego, Spaghetti O's, Swanson, V8, etc.) Please cut out the LFE UPC, box top UPC and/or save beverage/sauce caps and place them in the container on the shelf in Fellowship Hall.

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

Helping Hands ministry has some very nice items: beds, bedding, towels, sheets, household items, couch's tables, chairs etc. that are available for giving. Anyone in need may contact the church office and they will direct your inquiry to the correct persons.

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.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN UPDATE

If you ever volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, you may have wondered what it would be like to see where Manna Packs are distributed. If that is the case, here is a presentation you won't want to miss. John Schmelzel and Pamela Burns, two Feed My Starving Children employees, have just returned from Haiti, Swaziland and Mozambique. They will be discussing the way Manna Packs have changed the lives of children in those countries. This free presentation will be on **Sunday, July 13** from **Noon - 1:30 pm** at the United Protestant Church in Grayslake. A free-will offering will be taken to support Feed My Starving Children. Feel free to call if you have any questions, 847-727-1552.



Housing Needed for Ministry Team & Family

A ministry couple and their two children will be moving to our area this summer. Rev. Ebenezer Perinbaraj will begin Ph.D studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield and his wife will be developing a new church outreach to S. Asians through the Wisconsin UM Conference. They are from South India and both recently graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with MA degrees in Intercultural Studies. He is an ordained pastor in the church of S. India. They have a son in high school and a son in elementary school.

They are hoping to find housing in Libertyville, Vernon Hills or Buffalo Grove. If you have any suggestions or ideas for them, please contact Ebenezer Perinbaraj at (859) 401-2961 ebigspeter@gmail.com.

Second Mile Giving For July Will Support:



1) **Church World Service Blankets + Program** – This program provides blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies after disasters. Seeds for farmers, wells, and literacy training have also been supplied to those in need. Church World Service (CWS) works closely with UMCOR to provide the needed aid throughout the world. CWS has an office in Elkhart, IN, which can be reached at 1-800-297-1516, or read about this program at www.cwsglobal.org.

2) **Health Reach/Erie Family Health Center** – With clinics in Mundelein and Waukegan, Health Reach is Lake County's only free medical clinic providing medical, dental, and pharmaceutical care to the uninsured and medically underserved in the community. This month, Health Reach transitions to Erie Family Health Center in order to better expand their affordable health care services. Call 847-360-8800 or go to www.healthreachcares.org for additional information. Erie Family Health can be reached at 847-666-3494 or at www.riefamilyhealth.org.

Calendar

Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, July 11; 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 16th, 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>July 6 <i>Rev. Dave Seyller Preaching</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 9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service</p>	<p>July 7 12:00 PM—Prime Time 7:00 PM—Dinner Theater Rehearsal</p>	<p>July 8 11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site) 7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision 7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee 7:00 PM—Dinner Theater Rehearsal</p>	<p>July 9 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee 7:00 PM—Dinner Theater Rehearsal</p>	<p>July 10 9:00 AM—Faith Circle 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's 7:00 PM—Dinner Theater Rehearsal</p>	<p>July 11 6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum 6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site) 7:00 PM—Dinner Theater Rehearsal</p>	<p>July 12 8:30 AM—Praise Band</p>
<p>July 13 <i>Mr. Jim Stewart Preaching</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 9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:45 AM—VBS Set-Up 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service</p>	<p>July 14 9:00 AM—WEIRD ANIMALS VBS 5:30 PM—Dinner Theater Rehearsal</p>	<p>July 15 9:00 AM—WEIRD ANIMALS VBS 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 5:30 PM—Dinner Theatre Rehearsal 6:30 PM—TNT @ Ben's 7:00 PM—Resource Committee</p>	<p>July 16 9:00 AM—WEIRD ANIMALS VBS 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 5:30 PM—Dinner Theatre Rehearsal 6:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site) 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Summer Sermon Series</p>	<p>July 17 9:00 AM—WEIRD ANIMALS VBS 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 5:30 PM—Dinner Theatre Rehearsal 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>July 18 9:00 AM—WEIRD ANIMALS VBS 5:30 PM—Dinner Theatre Rehearsal</p>	<p>July 19 8:30 AM—Praise Band 8:30 AM—Ad Board 6:00 PM—Dinner Theatre presents "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat"</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)

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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 Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams
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 Business/Operations Manager: Ruth Ross
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July 2014

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

July 2—World Record
July 9—Water Wars

July 16—Par King's Putt Putt Golf
July 30—Homemade Ice Cream

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

July 1, 8, 15, 29

Grasp Mission Trip

July 20 Departure—July 24 Return

Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

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