



# United Methodist Church of Libertyville

## MEMOS

*Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All*

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### Reflections on Mountain T.O.P Mission Trip

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Hello from Ben! Many of you know that the youth have just recently spent a week in rural Tennessee working alongside Mountain T.O.P., an organization that ministers and provides aid to their community on the Cumberland Plateau. The youth and volunteers got to focus their mind every morning on one solitary task at hand – “how can I put my faith into action today?”

I took a leap this year by trying to show people the value in doing different things. I know we’ve long been an ASP-committed church. I know that people turned their heads and asked questions when they realized we weren’t going back this year. I knew that people would even have many questions upon our return about how the ministries stack up against each other.

Let me first say, I am only able to give two cheers for competition because I cannot give it three. Competition is a good thing. It provides entertainment and a source to rally around in community. It challenges us to better ourselves and to develop an excellence of mind, body, and spirit. But when competition is rooted in an “us vs. them” kind of mentality that extends into the livelihood of people, it can become toxic.

Let me say that ASP does amazing things. Let me also say that Mountain T.O.P. does incredible things. And that’s really it. Every student and volunteer you ask will have an opinion on the pros and cons of each, and I encourage you to get into conversation about all the many things that make up each program. It’s important to remember that the point of almost everything from a Christian worldview is about the process of transformation. “Is the thing that’s happening transforming people more into the image of Christ or not?” And that measure is not always as tangible as certain specifics we latch onto. After that, it’s about nuanced discussion, not victory, allegiance, or a generalized comparison.

### A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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Things I believe Mountain T.O.P. does well:

- ◇ They call themselves a partnership rather than a charity. Good model of interdependence with the community.
- ◇ Staff is rotated throughout the summer to ensure an energized, refreshed, and organized group.
- ◇ The food is awesome.
- ◇ Focus on mixing people up and getting them out of their comfort zone.

Come talk with us about it!

— Ben Hallett, Youth Pastor



## Announcements, Joys & Concerns



### CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS TO:

Bill and Mary Arendt on the birth of their grandson, **Emmett Henry Arendt** on June 19th, 2013.

Jason and Kara Lehnhardt on the birth of their daughter, **Alaina Lillian Lenhardt** on July 6th, 2013

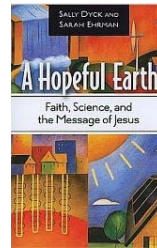


Sarah (Garren) & James Owens on their marriage July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### THANK YOU FROM BEN AND LINDSEY!



Thank you to all who continue to help support the youth of UMCL with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service! You're all wonderful and have servant hearts. Our group of 40 did a lot of good and received a lot of good at Mountain T.O.P. Thank God. You're a gift. Blessings.



### MISSING BOOKS!!

If you have read and enjoyed Bishop Sally Dyck's book "A Hopeful Earth: Faith, Science and the Message of Jesus", please return your copy to the Heritage Area so others may also read this wonderful book.

### SPECIAL SPEAKER ~ SUNDAY, JULY 14

Please join us to welcome Rev. Peter Lovell, who will be preaching and leading the services on July 14. Rev. Lovell is the father of UMCL member Jeanne Kircher. He served as a pastor for more than forty years and District Superintendent of Rockford District before retiring in 2004.

**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](mailto:libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net)), Mickey Donahue ([missmickey2005@gmail.com](mailto:missmickey2005@gmail.com)), Karen Kuhlman ([akkuhl@att.net](mailto:akkuhl@att.net)) or Kathy Locke ([klocke@ameritech.net](mailto:klocke@ameritech.net)).



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## Vacation Bible School - Kingdom Rock!

July 15—19th 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!



Everyone's T-Shirt transfer and CD will be available for pick-up on July 14th.

### DONATIONS NEEDED

Yes, you can help too with KINGDOM ROCK! Items needed were posted July 7th on a bulletin board in the Foyer.

*Donated items will need to be dropped off anytime the church is open by July 14th.*

### GREETER OPPORTUNITY!

Are you great at greeting? We are looking for one or more persons to be our greeter for all the kids, volunteers, and parents that arrive daily and throughout the morning (July 15-19), 8:45 AM-12:15 PM.

If you are interested in this type of volunteer work, please contact Amanda Seibert (AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com) or the church office.

## Youth Dinner Theatre Tickets on Sale Now!



The UMCL Youth Dinner Theatre Production of **Beauty and the Beast, Jr.** is coming your way on **Saturday, July 20th, 2013 at 6:00 PM.**

The youth are super excited and you should be too! Dinner will be catered. Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale Sunday, July 14th.

This is the **LAST DAY** to get tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.

## Mark Your Calendars for Youth Celebration Sunday—July 21st

Come and see our youth and children in action during Sunday services.

The youth will provide special music, testimonies, and Mountain T.O.P. Mission Trip reflections.

The children will share highlights from their VBS experiences.



## United Methodist Women



### WILL YOU MAKE IT HAPPEN?

UMW GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2014 ~ April 25th-27th, 2014 ~ Louisville, Kentucky

**REGISTRATION STARTS AUGUST 1st, 2013**

Plan now to join in an experience of a lifetime. Meet old friends and make some new friends while attending. In order to get into the seminars and hotels of your preference, we will need to be ready to register come August 1st. There will be scholarships available if that will help you decide.

If you have any questions, please do NOT hesitate to contact Bonnie Lill at 847-987-2541 or the church office as soon as possible.

## School Bag Time Again!

SCHOOL BAGS for UMCOR and needy children throughout the world are ready to fill. They may be picked up in the Education Wing from July 14th until August 10th.

Filled bags should be returned by August 11th—

**UMCOR**  
United Methodist Committee on Relief

### SCHOOL BAG SHOPPING LIST

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2"x 11" ruled paper (totaling 250 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 385.

Let's set a **NEW RECORD**— 400 plus this year!!

*Extra supplies will go to North Chicago Schools.*

## Stephen Ministry Minute



The logo of Stephen Ministry is a cross and circle, together with a broken person and a whole person. The broken person stands behind the cross, symbolizing the brokenness in our lives. The whole person stands in front of the cross because it is through the cross of Jesus that we again are made whole. The circle symbolizes God's unending love for us.

*If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Steve or Pastor Jamie.*

## Fellowship and Nurture

### PRIME TIME IN AUGUST ~ MONDAY, AUGUST 5th, 12:00 PM

Join Prime Time on Monday **August 5th, 2013** for lunch at Noon (\$5) and a showing of the movie The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel.

This entertaining movie is about seven cash-strapped seniors who decide to 'outsource' their retirement to a resort in far-off India. Enjoy seeing how friendship and romance blossom in the most unexpected ways. This popular movie embraces the idea we are never too old to learn, to grow, to take on adventure, to love.

**Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, August 2nd**  
(847-362-2112 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net).

We look forward to seeing you at the movies!

— *Mary Montgomery, Priscilla Mortland*



### HANDMADE BABY BLANKETS NEEDED!

With all of the wonderful new babies being born into our church family, we are in need of more handmade baby blankets.

Please place blankets in the basket by the Education Wing.

Thank you so much! *Joyce Bedell*

## Christian Education

### TODDLER PLAY GROUP TUESDAY, JULY 23rd

Parents and their babies/toddlers (age birth-preschool) are invited to visit and play in the church nursery on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays** of each month, **11:00 AM—12:30 PM**.

For more information, contact Julie Holdeman at julieballing@gmail.com or 847-986-6081.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL IS HERE!

Summer is a great time to help out with Sunday School. We are cool and casual in the summer. Our Sign-up is located on the rolling bulletin board in the foyer. We are in need of two volunteers for each group, each week.

Contact Amanda Seibert (AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com) with questions or to sign up for dates. Thank you!

## New Worship Hours

8:15—9:00 am

First Light Service

A meditative service of prayer, reflection, special music, singing, a shorter sermon, scripture, and Holy Communion

9:30—10:30 am

Vital Traditional Service

A Vital Traditional Service with vocal, bell and children's choirs; special music, hymns, children's message, scripture reading, sermon, liturgy & prayer

11:00 am—12:00 pm

Vital Contemporary Service

A Vital Contemporary Service with a band and special music offerings, children's sermon, scripture, prayer, multimedia, the arts, sermon and a more relaxed atmosphere.

## 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 help!

### HELPING HANDS FURNITURE AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT The next furniture pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th



If you have gently-used furniture or other household items that you would like to donate to needy families, please contact either Jeris Boyce or Gladys Griffin.

The Helping Hands Warehouse also contains wheelchairs, a hospital bed, a bath seat, and several walkers. We would be happy to lend them or give them to anyone needing them. Contact Jeris Boyce (847-295-0409) or Gladys Griffin (847-816-3492) for more information.

### MATH TUTORS NEEDED FOR NORTH CHICAGO STUDENTS

Tutoring sessions, sponsored by **4 Real Math**, will be held on each Friday in July and the first Friday in August from 3:00 to 4:30 PM at the North Chicago Public Library, 2100 Argonne Drive.

Tutors may be high school students or older.

If interested, please call June McCoy at 849-849-0530.

### BREAD RUN DRIVERS NEEDED!

New Bread Run drivers are needed.

Commitment is three times in a six month period.

If interested, please call Jeris Boyce at 847-295-0409 or email [jerisb@earthlink.net](mailto:jerisb@earthlink.net)

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK

Would you like to help the hungry in Lake County? Our next volunteer opportunity for the Northern Illinois Food Bank is **August 21st from 6 – 8 PM**. If you would like more information and if this sounds like a mission in which you would like to participate, please contact Diana Natsch at (847)362-1385 or email her at [dnatsch1@gmail.com](mailto:dnatsch1@gmail.com). This Food Bank is dependent on volunteers and your help makes a difference.

## Second Mile Giving



**SECOND MILE GIVING FOR JULY** will support—

**Lake County Center for Independent Living**, located at 377 N. Seymour, Mundelein. They are dedicated to empowering people with disabilities so that they will live lives as valued members of the community. For further info call 847 949 4440 or see <http://www.lccil.org/>

**Prison Release Ministry**, since 1976 they have found jobs for over 15,000 clients; 70% of the clients don't go back to prison if they get a job. This is a program through the Conference and funds are matched three dollars for each dollar donated.

# Calendar

**TAKE NOTE--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, July 19; 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 24, in Room 101!**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>July 14</b></p> <p>8:15 AM—First Light Service                      9:00 AM—Coffee Time                      9:30 AM—Traditional Service                      9:30 AM—Sunday School                      10:30 AM—Coffee Time                      11:00 AM—Contemporary Service</p>	<p><b>July 15</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—KINGDOM ROCK VBS                      7:00 PM—20's Group</p>	<p><b>July 16</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—KINGDOM ROCK VBS                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      6:30 PM—Dinner Theatre Rehearsal                      6:30 PM—TNT</p>	<p><b>July 17</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—KINGDOM ROCK VBS                      9:00 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina                      1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study                      6:30 PM—Dinner Theatre Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>July 18</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—KINGDOM ROCK VBS                      12:00 PM—Living Free / AA                      6:30 PM—Dinner Theatre Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>July 19</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—KINGDOM ROCK VBS                      6:30 PM—Dinner Theatre Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>July 20</b></p> <p>8:30 AM—Praise Band                      6:00 PM—Dinner Theatre presents "Beauty and The Beast, Jr."</p>
<p><b>July 21</b></p> <p>"Youth Celebration Sunday"                      8:15 AM—First Light Service                      9:00 AM—Coffee Time                      9:30 AM—Traditional Service                      9:30 AM—Sunday School                      10:30 AM—Coffee Time                      11:00 AM—Contemporary Service</p>	<p><b>July 22</b></p> <p>7:00 PM—20's Group</p>	<p><b>July 23</b></p> <p>11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      1:00 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth                      6:30 PM—TNT                      7:00 PM—Faithful Threads</p>	<p><b>July 24</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:00 AM—MEMOS                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina                      1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study</p>	<p><b>July 25</b></p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA                      St. Louis Jr. High Mission Trip Departs</p>	<p><b>July 26</b></p>	<p><b>July 27</b></p> <p>8:30 AM—Praise Band</p>
<p><b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b></p> <p>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)</p> <p>(Hearing Loop enabled at both 8:15 &amp; 9:30 services)</p>				<p><b>SUNDAY SCHOOL:</b></p> <p>9:30 AM —Classes for all ages.                      (Children 3 years through 5th grade begin in sanctuary and leave for Sunday School after Children's Message.)</p>		



Please **UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION** with the office if you have moved, to add or change your name, phone number, cell phone number and/or email address.

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*Thank you!*



# Youth 411

## July 2013

### SYNERGY ~ Middle School Student Group—Wednesdays (unless otherwise noted below)

July 10 — Color Wars

July 15-19 — Help with VBS

July 21 — Youth Sunday

July 25-28 — St. Louis Mission Trip

July 31 — Cookout

### COLLISION ~ Senior High Group

July 20 — Dinner Theater 6 pm

### TNT~ Tuesdays at Ben's 6:30-9:30pm

July 9, 16, 25, 30



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