



**United Methodist Church of Libertyville**

Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All

**MEMOS**

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## ***A Beautiful Blueprint***

Greetings Church! Today I want to introduce you to what we have been working on over in the Spiritual Growth Committee.

We are all aware of the reality that our building is under construction. But the New Testament tells us something weighty that we ought to consider. Our church building is not the temple of God. It is not where God dwells. The temple of God is now hidden in the heart of every believer. God has moved closer and closer to humanity throughout history and that closeness has culminated in God dwelling in our hearts by way of His Spirit. As beautiful as our building may look, it means nothing if God's true temple hasn't undergone the necessary construction to illuminate His beauty.

If you sneak a peek into what used to be the East Room and Foyer spaces, you'll see that the entire dividing wall has been torn down and the result is a beautiful, open shell of a space. I walked in last night and thought, "I like them bones." The parallels are penetrating - God asks us to take down our walls we've built up in our hearts all the time! He wants to hollow us out in order to fill us with his love and wisdom. He has built us with good bones. But we often build up walls and fill ourselves with less than beautiful things.

How does God have you under construction? That's the real question. What is God's blueprint for you?

Well the good news is your church wants to help you with this.

We are designing a fresh way to engage in the communal and spiritual life of our congregation. We've come up with three action-oriented words that illustrate what it means to take seriously your most pressing building project.

**CONNECT.**

**GROW.**

**IMPACT.**

We will begin to unpack these words for you in the coming weeks. But until then we invite you to take some intentional time to fearlessly take stock of your life. How do you need to connect better? How do you need to grow more? How can you make a greater impact for Christ and his Kingdom? Then take this simple, three-question survey so that we can better build each other up in truth and love.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MKB6FNP>

Much Love and Peace—Ben Hallett

## Announcements, Joys & Concerns

**AD BOARD MEETING**— Our next Administrative Board meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, August 1, at 8:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend!

**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 or the boiler room 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.

Thank you as well for not parking at any time along the drive entering the parking lot. This entire drive must be kept clear for safe access to the parking lot.

Please check out [www.umcl.org/building-access](http://www.umcl.org/building-access) for all the building access information.



Our sympathy to **CHRISTOPHE GUIARD** and family on the death of Christophe's brother, Andre, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Prayers to friends and family of **GLORIA LEE**, who died on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. She was a longtime member of the UMCL before moving to North Carolina.

**Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study** will be on 'Summer Break' till September. We will keep the same schedule when we resume, Wednesdays at 1:00 in Room 103. The date has not been decided, but we will advise you as soon as possible. We plan to study I Timothy. Please contact Terry Johnson if you would like to attend; we need a head-count for our study guide order. Call 847-223-1944 or email [JGTAJohnson@aol.com](mailto:JGTAJohnson@aol.com). Everyone is welcome.

**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](mailto:info@umcl.org)), 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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## Christian Education

### VBS TEARDOWN HELP

Everyone is invited to come see the end of our VBS program on Friday, **July 17th at 11:30AM.**

After the program we will take down the decorations at the Chapel and bring some over here to UMCL for Youth and VBS Celebration Sunday on the 19th!

Pizza will be provided to all helpers.



### PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>

Sunday School kids are invited to Promotion Sunday during the 9:30 service.

We will be graduating to the next grade and making decorations for our new classrooms!

### AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> IS FAMILY SUNDAY AND RALLY DAY!!

It will be a VERY exciting day with lots of fun filled activities for ALL ages.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.



**August 30 @ 9:30**

### KID-FRIENDLY NAME NEEDED!

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

From now until August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>.



### OPERATION KID-TO-KID



June 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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.umcmmission.org/projects](http://www.umcmmission.org/projects).

## Adopt-A-Garden!

Thanks to Jan Grigsby, Karen and Al Kuhlman, Cathy O'Brien, and Karilyn Parrott, our church gardens are looking much improved! We could still use help though with more weeding, watering and planting (if you choose) to get them all back to being beautiful. If you are willing to "adopt" a small portion of our gardens, please contact Ruth Ross at [Ruth.Ross@umcl.org](mailto: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](mailto:joyce.bedell@umcl.org).



## Fellowship and Nurture

Clip & Put on Your Fridge As A Reminder!

**PRIMETIME — Monday, August 3rd 12:00 PM**



Prime Time will meet on **Monday, August 3rd ... Lunch (\$5) at 12:00 PM.**  
PLEASE sign in at the church office or call by **FRIDAY, JULY 31 at 10:00 AM.**  
This helps for setting-up and food preparation.

David Capstick will present a program on "Time".

Hope to see you!

## Stephen Ministry Minute



*In today's rush we all think too much, seek too much, want too much and forget about the joy of just Being.* 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 6/30/15

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$48,877.08	\$377,574.75
Expenses	\$63,828.66	\$433,075.29
Actual Difference	(\$14,951.58)	(\$55,500.54)
Anticipated Difference	\$15,448.35	(\$54,097.56)

Year-to-date income remains below our budgeted expectations by about \$30,000. Year-to-date expenses are also less than anticipated, more or less balancing each other out. There still is an income to expense gap but is very close to what we'd expected.

## United Methodist Women

### RUTH CIRCLE



Join us as we meet Wednesday evening, **July 15, at 6:30 PM** for a potluck summer salad supper at the home of Teri Dreher (228 Red Top Drive, Libertyville. Parking is limited & there will be carpooling from the church, meeting at 6:15 PM). Beverages and dessert will be provided. Along with your salad contribution, please bring your creative suggestions for next year's programs as we will be planning the 2015-16 calendar. Please RSVP to Teri at 847-612-6684 or Janet Hartkopf at 847-526-8416.

All are welcome to join us... no membership "requirement!"

### CLEANING BUCKETS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Each church was asked to provide a minimum of one cleaning bucket. UMCL sent 5 complete buckets with additional funds for shipping and additional supplies. LaGrange UMC completed 31 buckets. DeKalb District led with 154 buckets followed by Chicago Southern with 133; Aurora with 115; Elgin (that is us) 113; Chicago Northwester with 94 and Rockford with 90. Thank you to everyone who participated with donations, shopping, assembly and delivering!! **GRAND TOTAL 700 CLEANING BUCKETS.**

UMW SAVE THE DATES		
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 SITE MANAGERS NEEDED

PADS doesn't start again until the first week of October but we already know we need some more site managers. SO... if you are willing to work one Saturday evening from 6-11 each month from October to April as a site manager please let Cathy O'Brien know. We need 1 man and 1 women (but not necessarily a couple, so anyone can do it.) Also, if enough people volunteer, it could be every OTHER month, instead of every month. Call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062



### 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.

### THANK YOU!!

From the Outreach Committee to all who contributed food during June to help replenish the shelves at the Libertyville Township Food Pantry. We collected a total of 476 canned / packaged non-perishable food items. Included were: corned beef hash, muffin mix, pasta, potatoes, salad dressing, sardines, and a few other miscellaneous items. The guests at the food pantry will benefit greatly from your generosity. Thank you for helping to show God's love to those in need in our community.



**Thank You!**

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>**. Filled bags will be sent by UMCOR to needy children in Africa, Asia and Central America. The supply list is located by the bags.

## Calendar

**Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, July 31; 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, August 5, 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><b><u>July 19</u></b>  <b>Youth Celebration Sunday</b>                      8:00 AM—Adult Class                      8:15 AM—Adult Class                      9:30 AM—Summer Service                      9:30 AM—Sunday School for Children &amp; Youth                      10:30 AM—Coffee Time                      6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE</p>	<p><b><u>July 20</u></b>                      No Scheduled Activities</p>	<p><b><u>July 21</u></b>                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—Resource Committee                      7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)                      7:15 PM—Simply Pray</p>	<p><b><u>July 22</u></b>                      9:30 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina</p>	<p><b><u>July 23</u></b>                      12:00 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p><b><u>July 24</u></b>                      11:00 AM—UMCL at Libertyville's "OUT TO LUNCH"</p>	<p><b><u>July 25</u></b>                      11:00 AM—Vath Memorial Service (off site)                      1:00 PM—Hubbard Memorial Service</p>
<p><b><u>July 26</u></b>                      8:00 AM—Adult Class                      8:15 AM—Adult Class                      9:30 AM—Summer Service                      9:30 AM—Sunday School for Children &amp; Youth                      10:30 AM—Coffee Time                      6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE</p>	<p><b><u>July 27</u></b>                      6:00 PM—Daisy Scouts</p>	<p><b><u>July 28</u></b>                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)                      7:15 PM—Simply Pray</p>	<p><b><u>July 29</u></b>                      9:30 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina</p>	<p><b><u>July 30</u></b>                      12:00 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p><b><u>July 31</u></b>                      No Scheduled Activities</p>	<p><b><u>August 1</u></b>                      8:30 AM—Ad Board</p>
<p><b><u>August 2</u></b>                      8:00 AM—Adult Class                      8:15 AM—Adult Class                      9:30 AM—Summer Service                      9:30 AM—Sunday School for Children &amp; Youth                      10:30 AM—Coffee Time                      12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee</p>	<p><b><u>August 3</u></b>                      12:00 PM—Prime Time</p>	<p><b><u>August 4</u></b>                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)                      7:15 PM—Simply Pray</p>	<p><b><u>August 5</u></b>                      9:00 AM—MEMOS                      9:30 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina</p>	<p><b><u>August 6</u></b>                      12:00 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p><b><u>August 7</u></b>                      7:00 PM—Young Couples (off site)</p>	<p><b><u>August 8</u></b>                      No Scheduled Activities</p>

## 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. is Saturday, **July 25 from 3pm-6pm**—hosted by John and Elise Grosspietsch, 1125 Furlong Dr (Red Top area) Libertyville.

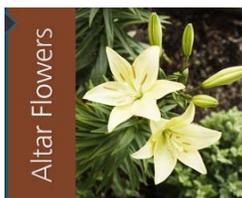
Suggested ticket price is \$50/person. Tickets are available from Elise (eliseng1005@gmail.com—847-362-0029, Diana Natsch (dnatsch1@gmail.com—847-362-1385) or online at [www.cclgourmet.bpt.me](http://www.cclgourmet.bpt.me).

### ALTAR FLOWERS

Call the church or go to our website ([www.umcl.org/altar\\_flowers](http://www.umcl.org/altar_flowers)) to sign up to provide altar flowers in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events (yes, even when we are worshipping in Fellowship Hall!).

Cut flowers arranged in a vase from your own garden are welcome as well.

Contact: Joannie Foley at [foleyszoo@aol.com](mailto:foleyszoo@aol.com)



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