



## United Methodist Church of Libertyville

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### TENSION

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Can't live with it – can't live without, right? In fact, it seems to me that it's the very essence that drives our development. Call it competition or cognitive dissonance; call it transcendence or discipleship. It is the tension shakes the old loose from the new. It is responsible for our growth. And it should be understood that as soon as a thing ceases to grow, it begins to die.

I often times wonder to myself if people really want me to do my job well. If I really ended up churning out young disciples that looked like the early church, would I garner the kind of parental support that I currently do? I have heard it said that the Gospel, while doing its best work, should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable. And I don't always get the feeling that people fancy the idea of being disturbed. To be disturbed is to be shaken from the chains of normalcy and complacency. Try this quote from C.S. Lewis on for size:

“Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

And I believe the great God of the universe has been and will be determined to work through his beloved created things to make this happen. The story of our lives is the story of transformation by living in the tension of two competing realities that we may call the way of God and the way of the world. This transformation is hard, and especially so for the more stubborn of us. I would encourage you if you can to lean into and embrace some of the tension in your life. Perhaps it's doing the good work in us we simply don't have the inclination towards. May you be disturbed so that you may be comforted.

“If you look for truth, you may find comfort in the end; if you look for comfort you will not get either comfort or truth; only soft soap and wishful thinking to begin, and in the end, despair.”  
– N.T. Wright

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## Announcements, Joys & Concerns

**AD BOARD MEETING**—Our Administrative Board meets on Saturday, July 19th at 8:30 AM. All members are welcome to attend!



Our condolences to the family and friends of **MICHAEL MURRAY**, who died on June 30, 2014. There is a Memorial Service scheduled for Saturday, July 26th, 11:00 AM at the church.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Ruth Laschinski and family on the death of her father, **CHARLES COLLINS**, on July 11.

**YOUTH CELEBRATION SUNDAY—JULY 20!** Our youth and children will be participating in services next Sunday, July 20. The children will share highlights from their week of wonderful VBS experiences and the youth will provide special music, testimonies, and Appalachian Service Project Mission Trip reflections. Sunday School will be canceled at 9:30 AM so all children and youth can attend worship. Nursery care will be provided for children birth through preschool ages. Don't miss this great day!

**SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP COFFEE** —Thank you to the women's Bible study class for doing all for the coffee hour on July 6th. There are still many places that you can volunteer on a Sunday morning before the end of August. Would you like to make the coffee and set up, help serve and provide juice, clean up when coffee hour is finished at 11:00? There is a sign up sheet on the clip board in the fellowship hall and we would be happy to see your name on it, or call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523 or call the church office and they will put your name on the clip board. Thank You!



**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](http://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.



**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 ([missemickey2005@gmail.com](mailto:missemickey2005@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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## Scams: Senior Citizens Are Targets

Lunch and a Special Program will be held **Monday, July 28th** at Libertyville Senior Center (135 W. Church Street). **Lunch is at 12:00 PM and the program will be at 1:00 PM.** The presenters will be Sergeant Chad Roszkowiak & Detective Jason Kapusinski, Libertyville Police Department Investigations.

Lunch by Cateder Productions. Menu: Boneless Breast of Chicken Marsala, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Fresh Zucchini Medley, Salad, Dessert, and Beverage \$7.00 **Registration and payment due Monday, July 21st at the Senior Center Office.**

## Our Own Re-Foresting Effort

Over the last couple of years, we've lost several trees to drought, age, and disease. Thanks to funding from Memorials and assistance from Tom Palmieri and Dave Arendsen, we've been able to replace those trees, planting 2 Oak trees in the Grove, a Japanese Maple by the garage, and a larger Maple at the southeast corner of Fellowship Hall. We'd especially like to thank the members of Boy Scout Troop #72 and Han Aranda for their help watering them. If you too would like to help by being part of the watering schedule, please contact Ruth Ross here at the Church.

## UMW Thank You!

Thank you to all who provided onesies for Annual Conference layette kits. **UMCL sent 155 onesies.** Conference totals were: Aurora District: 2,169 cloth diapers, Chicago NW: 3,517 washcloths, Chicago S: 1,263 receiving blankets, DeKalb: 1,212 infant sleepers, Elgin: 2,234 onesies, Rockford: 1,046 infant sleepers. All 6 districts exceeded their goals. 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](http://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

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is in full swing this week as kids learn that even though they are different Jesus still loves them!

#### TEAR-DOWN HELP NEEDED

Everyone is invited to join us  
**Sunday, July 20th at NOON**  
 to tear-down VBS sets & decorations.

#### THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all the people that helped transform the church into a wild, weird and crazy place last week. An extra big thanks to all the ladies from Faith Circle, DeLynn Vang and John Brockman for their artistic talents!

**Sunday School teachers are needed for July and 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.



### THE INAUGURAL YOUTH TALENT SHOW



Allow us to entertain you for an evening! The UMCL Youth and Children would like to celebrate what they have been given. The Inaugural Youth Talent Show is coming your way on **Saturday, July 19th at 6:00 PM** with dinner to be served alongside! Come and encourage the many God-given talents that make our young people so beautifully designed. Stop by the table in the foyer to sign up to share your talent or to reserve your seat for the show, or contact Ben at [ben.hallett@umcl.org](mailto:ben.hallett@umcl.org).

### TODDLER PLAY GROUP—JULY 22

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](mailto:julieballing@gmail.com) or 847-986-6081.

## Stephen Ministry Minute



What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. 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 7/11/14

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$10,273.00	\$434,682.35
Expenses	\$39,052.82	\$482,204.54
Difference	(\$28,779.82)	(\$47,522.19)

We again are seeing a large gap between income and expenses. Your continued giving through the summer months and into the Fall will help reduce that gap, bringing us closer to our goal of balanced financial results. Thank you for your continued support.

## Fellowship and Nurture

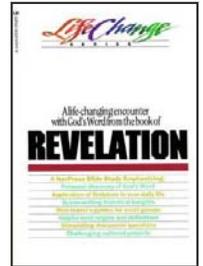


### PRIME TIME—AUGUST 4

We will meet at **12:00 PM** for a \$5 lunch on **August 4**. Afterwards, MaryAnn Burson will be leading us in a Sing-Along. Please sign up or call the church office by noon Friday, August 1 (847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org). We hope to see you there! Mary Montgomery and Jan Grigsby

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Revelation! This one word is not only the name of the last book of the Holy Bible, but it also describes the content of the book. Revelation, for many, is a book that is scary and would be difficult to study. Revelation, as a definition, means to reveal. What does Revelation reveal to Christians? According to experts, it is a book of hope and a book of warning. It is written to warn those of us who are apathetic and encourages those who are faithfully enduring the struggles of this world. Revelation 1:3 says "God blesses the one who reads this prophecy to the church, and He blesses all who listen to it and obey what it says..." Join the Women's Bible Study for a **noon lunch** at The Liberty restaurant on **Wednesday, July 16th** to learn more.



### SPIRITUAL GROWTH SERMON SERIES

This past Sunday we began a four-week sermon series on Spiritual Growth. We will consider the scriptural basis for personal spiritual growth and explore the wide variety of spiritual growth expressions and opportunities at UMCL. The Sunday services (July 13, 20, 27 & August 3) will be followed by **Wednesday** evening small group discussions (**July 16, 23, 30 & August 6 at 7 PM**) where we will go deeper in our understanding of the messages and scriptures and reflect on the application to our lives. We invite you to join us for this series and discussion opportunities to 'be transformed by the renewal of your mind' (Romans 12:2).

## United Methodist Women

SAVE THE DATES		
"Getting to Know You"	Food, fun and fellowship	September 13
Elgin District Meeting	Cary UMC—Ever wonder why a child was misbehaving only to discover he/she was a child with autism? Hear a mother's perspective.	September 20
Rummage Sale	New and exciting opportunities	October 5 - 11
NIC Conference Annual Celebration	Barrington UMC	October 25
UMW Advent Tea	Celebrate the wonder of Christmas	December 7
Cookies and Cocoa	After the Live Nativity	December 14

### 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!!!

### PRISCILLA CIRCLE



Please put on your calendars that Priscilla Circle is going to make lunches for Pads on Monday morning the **11th of August at 10:00 am** in the church kitchen. The more help we have the faster we will get done.

## Service Opportunities

### PADS SEASON HAS ENDED—NOW WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Thank you for your laundering help! All PADS blankets have been picked up to be laundered and now you can start to bring them back. We appreciate all the help you give us throughout the year.



### 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.

### PANAMA Mission



#### 2015 PANAMA MISSION TRIP

While you are out shopping for school supplies for your children and the UMM school bags please pick up some extra supplies for the Panama children. We are in need of crayons (8,16, or 24), pencils, erasers, stickers, and THIN coloring books. As always, we can use toothpaste and toothbrushes (adult and children sizes). The Panama bin will be in Fellowship Hall next Sunday. Again thank you for your continued support for this very important mission. Please call Becky Traut (847-367-0295) or Linda Kraemer (847-816-8896) if any questions.

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed food / supplies during June to help replenish the shelves at Libertyville Township Food Pantry. We collected a total of 141 canned / packaged non-perishable food items and supplies. Included were: fruit, milk, salmon / sardines, vegetables, various other food, diaper wipes, and trash bags. The guests at the food pantry will benefit greatly from your generosity. Thanks again, Outreach Committee



**HOME TOUCH** is a monthly publication offering devotions, scripture readings and activity pages (Sudoku, crossword puzzles, word games, etc.). This is perfect for the homebound person who likes a daily devotional and activities to sharpen the mind! Copies are available in the foyer. Feel free to take one for a loved one or friend. If you know someone who would enjoy receiving Home Touch on a monthly basis, please call Jan Grigsby at 847-362-8473.

## 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 Elkhardt, IN, which can be reached at 1-800-297-1516, or read about this program at [www.cwsglobal.org](http://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](http://www.healthreachcares.org) for additional information. Erie Family Health can be reached at 847-666-3494 or at [www.riefamilyhealth.org](http://www.riefamilyhealth.org).

## Calendar

**Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, August 1; 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 6th, 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>July 20</b>  <i>Youth Celebration 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—VBS Tear-down                      Junior High Mission Trip                      Departs</p>	<p><b>July 21</b>                      No Scheduled Activities</p>	<p><b>July 22</b>                      11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)</p>	<p><b>July 23</b>                      9:00 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina                      7:00 PM—Reflections on Spiritual Growth</p>	<p><b>July 24</b>                      12:00 PM—Living Free / AA                      Junior High Mission Trip Returns</p>	<p><b>July 25</b>                      6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum</p>	<p><b>July 26</b>                      8:30 AM—Praise Band                      11:00 AM—Memorial Service</p>
<p><b>July 27</b>                      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><b>July 28</b>                      7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team</p>	<p><b>July 29</b>                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>July 30</b>                      9:00 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina                      7:00 PM—JH Synergy                      7:00 PM—Reflections on Spiritual Growth</p>	<p><b>July 31</b>                      12:00 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>August 1</b>                      6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)</p>	<p><b>August 2</b>                      8:30 AM—Praise Band</p>
<p><b>August 3</b>                      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><b>August 4</b>                      12:00 PM—Prime Time</p>	<p><b>August 5</b>                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>August 6</b>                      9:00 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:00 AM—MEMOS                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina                      7:00 PM—JH Synergy                      7:00 PM—Reflections on Spiritual Growth</p>	<p><b>August 7</b>                      12:00 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>August 8</b>                      6:30 PM—Young Life Capernaum</p>	<p><b>August 9</b>                      8:30 AM—Praise Band</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.)



**ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS:** Sign up on our website ([www.umcl.org/worship](http://www.umcl.org/worship)), in the foyer, or call the church office to serve as a Sunday worship greeter or to donate altar flowers. Altar flowers each Sunday are given in honor of, or in memory of special people and events. Order forms for flowers are also available in the foyer.

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

# Youth 411

## July 2014

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

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 29

**Grasp Mission Trip**

July 20 Departure—July 24 Return

**Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am**

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