



## United Methodist Church of Libertyville

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### *Great Books for Spiritual Growth*

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Over the last four weeks, we have enjoyed being a part of the Spiritual Growth Sermon and Discussion series initiated by the Spiritual Growth Committee. On Wednesday, August 6, the last discussion group for this series will take place at 7 pm in the East Room. Steve will be available for questions and conversation around his sermon from this past Sunday and there will be opportunities to talk about how to get involved in small groups and classes this fall.

Annotated below are a number of excellent books we have found helpful in preparing for this series and in understanding and growing our spiritual lives.

#### *The Spiritual Life* by Evelyn Underhill (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1985).

"This classic work by the great English mystic Evelyn Underhill consists of four radio broadcasts given in 1936. She asserts that 'the spiritual life is simply a life in which all that we do comes from the centre, where we are anchored in God: a life soaked through and through by a sense of his reality and claim, and self-given to the great movement of his will.' This simple yet profound book, gets at the heart of the spiritual life and give practical guidance for growth."

#### *The Desert Mothers: Spiritual Practices from the Women of the Wilderness* by Mary C. Earle (New York: Morehouse Publishing, 2007).

"The term 'desert mothers' refers to a bold group of Christian women in the fourth century who lived in the wilderness areas of Egypt and the Holy Land where they gave themselves over to a life of prayer and service. The mothers, or ammas as they were called, carefully nourished the love of God through the regular practice of silence, solitude, and stillness. Episcopal priest, writer, and retreat leader, Mary C. Earle, presents a revealing portrait of these women and the relevance of their practices and wisdom to our present times."

#### *Community 101: Reclaiming the Local Church as a Community of Oneness* by Gilbert Bilezikian (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1997).

"Authentic community is essential if the church is to remain true to its God-assigned mission. As the title indicates, the interrelated concepts of community and oneness are presented in this book. Dr. Bilezikian, New Testament scholar and co-founder with Bill Hybels of Willow Creek Community Church, lays a biblical foundation for this call to community by showing the centrality of community in the sweep of salvation history."

Blessings on your summer reading and your spiritual journey,

— Pastor Jamie and Pastor Steve

### *A Stephen Ministry Congregation*



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## Announcements, Joys & Concerns

**RIDES FOR SCHOOL BAGS NEEDED**— We deliver the filled school bags to the Midwest Distribution Center in Chatham, IL, a Springfield suburb just off I55. If you can take a load of school bags, please call June McCoy 847-849-0530 for more information and directions. Thank you for your help!



**HELPING HANDS** ministry has some very nice items: beds, bedding, towels, sheets, household items, couches, tables, chairs etc. that are available for those in need. Contact John McNally (johnmcnally0901@gmail.com or 847-401-5504), Gladys Griffin (G.Griffin1101@att.net or 847-816-3492), Jeris Boyce (jerisb@earthlink.net or 847-295-0409), or the church office at info@umcl.org or 847-362-2112.

**HOSPITALITY HELP NEEDED** —If you are willing to share your gift of hospitality by helping with Sunday morning Coffee Fellowship, please sign up on the clipboard in Fellowship Hall or call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523. Thank you!

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS:** Sign up in the foyer, call the church or go to our website ([www.umcl.org/worship](http://www.umcl.org/worship)) 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).



**TREE WATERING**—We are still looking for volunteers to help water our new replacement trees. If you would like to help by being part of the watering schedule, please contact Ruth Ross here at the Church 847-362-2112 or [ruth.ross@umcl.org](mailto:ruth.ross@umcl.org).

**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 ([mismickey2005@gmail.com](mailto:mismickey2005@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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## Eighth Annual UMCL Fall Golf Classic & Dinner



The eighth annual UMCL Fall Golf Classic will be held on **Saturday, October 4, 2014**. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on the golf links with consecutive tee times starting at **11:00 AM**. We will be playing at Countryside Golf Club, a Lake County Forest Preserve course, at 20800 W Hawley St. in Mundelein.

Entry fee for this year's event will be \$65 per person which includes greens fees with cart and a catered dinner from Catered Productions beginning at 5:30 PM at the home of Jack and Linda Kraemer in Libertyville. Non-golfers are welcome to join the Dinner at a cost of \$15 per person.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, please contact Scott Allen, 847-217-9067 ([scott.r.allen@jci.com](mailto:scott.r.allen@jci.com)), or call the church office at 847-362-2112.

## Family Sunday—August 31st

Please join us on **August 31st** for Family Sunday!

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children and youth.

Kids of all ages will join us during the **9:30 AM service** which will feature additional children and youth elements such as special music, youth ushers, and a family friendly sermon.

Bring the whole family!



## Last Chance for School Bags

**SCHOOL BAGS** for **UMCOR** and needy children throughout the world are waiting on our bags. Last chance to pick up empty bags in the education wing and return **filled bags returned by August 10th**. Filled bags will be sent by UMCOR to needy children in Africa, Asia and Central America. Extra supplies will go to North Chicago Schools. Thank you!

## Children's Choir



Just a note to remind you that Children's Choirs for the fall will be starting soon.

Get those voices ready—as we can't wait to hear you!

More details will be coming shortly.

## Finance Notes

### HOW ARE WE DOING?



As of 7/31/14

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$41,315.93	\$465,725.28
Expenses	\$59,968.08	\$503,802.15
Difference	(\$18,652.15)	(\$38,076.87)

Although results are better than planned, we are still seeing a large gap between income and expenses. Your continued giving will help reduce that gap, bringing us closer to our goal of balanced financial results. Thank you for your continued support.

## Christian Education

### THANK YOU!



**MANY THANKS** to everyone that decorated the church and donated snack supplies for Weird Animals Vacation Bible

School. We had 89 children come out for a fun-filled week and discover that no matter how different you are Jesus still loves you! A **BIG ROUND** of applause for the 67 volunteers that gave up their time and energy to teach, inspire and have fun with the kids.

### TODDLER PLAY GROUP—AUGUST 12

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**. Contact Julie Holdeman at 847-986-6081 or [julieballing@gmail.com](mailto:julieballing@gmail.com) for more information.

### BACKPACK / PROMOTION SUNDAY

Please bring your backpacks or totes and join us **August 24th** at the **9:30 service**. The children will each have their backpacks blessed to prepare for the 2014-2015 school year. During Sunday School the kids will be promoted to the next grade!

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL



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.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Parents: Keep an eye on your mailboxes in the next few weeks.

We will be sending the Christian Education registration forms out with the fall events newsletter this time. Registration forms will not be going into memos, like they have in the past.

### LETTER FROM BEN AND SARAH

Hey Church! Thanks so much for helping make the Summer 2014 a great one! We had an amazing donation of tools that helped make our Appalachian Service Project a huge success. Thank you for you donations! We do still have tools sitting around - please just email me and let me know when you would like to come pick yours up!

On top of that, our Dinner Theatre - turned Talent Show turned out to be a lot of fun! Stay tuned for information on how much grander next year's shindig is going to be!

Finally, GRASP (middle school mission) was a big hit with the students and leaders! They got their hands dirty doing some minor home repair in Grand Rapids, MI.

Looking forward to another year with you all!

Ben & Sarah

## Stephen Ministry Minute



No matter where you are on your journey, that's exactly where you need to be. The next road is always ahead. *If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.*

## Fellowship and Nurture



**PRIME TIME—SEPTEMBER 8 NOON**  
**WORLD WAR II REMEMBERED**  
 The Arendsens present a program through pictures and antiques.  
**FREE ALL AMERICAN LUNCH!!!**

Please sign up or call the church office by Thursday, September 4th. (847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org). We hope to see you there!

## United Methodist Women



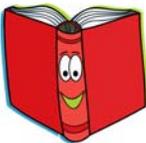
### PRISCILLA CIRCLE

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.



### RUTH CIRCLE

Ruth Circle will be having a "Girls' Night Out" on **Wednesday, August 20th at 6:30 PM**. We will gather at Blackthorn Grille in Lake Villa for food, fellowship and fun. Everyone's welcome to join us!! Please RSVP to Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com or 847-367-4906) by August 18th.



### UMW READERS

We will meet **Saturday, August 23, at 9:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall to discuss books we have read or would like to read. Light snacks will be served. RSVP to the church office by August 20. Questions? Contact June McCoy, 847-849-0530.

### SAVE THE DATES

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"Getting to Know You"	Food, fun and fellowship	September 13 5:00-7:00 PM
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

## Service Opportunities

### HELP NEEDED FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK!

Our next volunteer slot for Northern Illinois Food Bank is **August 27, from 6 – 8 PM.**

We will be working at the Park City Distribution Center, located at 440 Keller Dr, Park City, IL 60085

Whether you are a volunteer veteran or a newbie, we could use your help. This organization relies on the assistance of people just like you and me. Contact Diana Natsch at dnatsch1@gmail.com or call (847) 922-5069 for more information and to register.



### HELPING HANDS

Furniture pick up for the month of August will be the last Saturday of the month, **August 30th.** Please know that we have furniture and household items and bedding and towels to give, please call John McNally or Gladys or Jeris for more information... or the church office.

### 2015 PANAMA MISSION TRIP

While you are out shopping for school supplies for your children and the UMW 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). Donated items may be placed in the Panama bin in Fellowship Hall. 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) with any questions.



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### SITE MANAGERS NEEDED FOR PADS

Due to several of our long serving site managers moving out of the area, we are in **desperate need** of more site managers this season for PADS. Site managers (one man and one woman) are regular volunteers assigned on a monthly basis (i.e., 2nd Saturday of each month). They work that Saturday from 6-11 PM and supervise the other volunteers with serving, cleaning up the kitchen, and dealing with any guest's needs. Married couples are always welcome, but not at all necessary - we just need 1 woman and 1 man for each night. *Please consider this opportunity to serve.* If you have any questions or want to volunteer please call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. Thank you!

## Second Mile Giving For August Will Support:

**Helen Roberts-Evans** – As Director of the Department of General Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia, Helen's work includes teacher training, scholarships, resources, new school construction, and school renovation/repair. She is a member of Sherman UMC in Evanston, IL, having grown up in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood. More information about Helen and her work can be found on the Global Ministries site at [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org).



**Grace Children's Hospital** – Haiti  
Located in Port au Prince, this facility provides immediate and follow-up care for children and families with tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, respiratory infections and those needing earthquake relief. The details of this Global Ministry project, as well as others world-wide, can be found at [www.umcmmission.org](http://www.umcmmission.org), and the Global Ministries general phone number is 1-800-862-4246.

## Calendar

**Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, August 15; 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 20, 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>August 10</b></p> <p>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                      4:00 PM—Confirmation                      7:00 PM—Website/IT Committee</p>	<p><b>August 11</b></p> <p>10:00 AM—Priscilla Circle PADS Lunches                      1:00 PM—BookTalkers                      7:00 PM—Outreach Committee</p>	<p><b>August 12</b></p> <p>11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's                      7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision                      7:00 PM—Faithful Threads (off site)</p>	<p><b>August 13</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina                      7:00 PM—JH Synergy                      7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee                      7:30 PM—Troop 72 Committee</p>	<p><b>August 14</b></p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>August 15</b></p>	<p><b>August 16</b></p> <p>8:30 AM—Praise Band</p>
<p><b>August 17</b></p> <p>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 18</b></p> <p>7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><b>August 19</b></p> <p>12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's                      7:00 PM—Resource Committee</p>	<p><b>August 20</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:00 AM—MEMOS                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina                      6:30 PM—Ruth Circle (off site)                      7:00 PM—JH Synergy</p>	<p><b>August 21</b></p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>August 22</b></p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum                       Confirmation Retreat (off site)</p>	<p><b>August 23</b></p> <p>8:30 AM—Praise Band                      9:30 AM—UMW Readers                      Confirmation Retreat (off site)</p>

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

(Hearing Loop enabled at both 8:15 & 9:30 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 0-5 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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# Youth 411

## August 2014

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

August 6—Color Wars

August 13—Ultimate Frisbee

August 20—Libertyville School;

Kickball at Butler Park

August 27—Gaga Ball

**Senior High TNT (Tuesday Night Togetherness) ~ Tuesdays at Ben's, 7:00—9:30 pm**

August 5, 12, 19, 26

**Confirmation Retreat**

August 22, 23

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

Reform Ancestor Curriculum



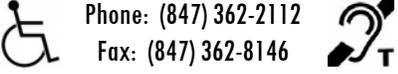
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