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Great Faith, Great Faithfulness

In the film The Monuments Men, a woman named Claire Simone (played by Cate Blanchett), lives a very ordinary life in Paris under the oppressive Nazi regime. She's an art enthusiast who was forced to facilitate the pillaging of the great works of art of Paris. But despite the seeming hopelessness of her situation, Claire carefully cataloged each piece of art, and marked it with a small colored sticker (a "seal" you could say). She kept this catalog without knowing whether it would ever be useful or just a dusty record of art—or if it would be confiscated and destroyed. She kept meticulous records without any hope that it would come to anything. Not until James Granger (played by Matt Damon) shows up asking about these pieces of art, does an opportunity arise for her risky bookkeeping to pay off.

But up to that point, during the majority of her record-keeping, she had no idea that the Monuments Men would come along. She had no idea that anyone else cared. She was one woman in a city occupied by one of the most powerful militaries on the planet. She was one woman battling against the whole Nazi-engineered system. And for all the time before James Granger arrived, she kept working subversively and systematically, without any assurance that her work would ever be put to use.

In a similar way, Christians live in territory occupied by the Enemy. It's tempting to give up hope that our work for Christ—our small deeds of compassion and kindness, our faithfulness to our families and jobs and churches—will come to anything. But unlike Claire, Christians have an assurance of hope. Christ's resurrection guarantees our future. Our service to Christ may feel insignificant, and yet Claire exhibits for Christians an inspiring example of how to live faithfully in Enemy-occupied territory.

Yesterday I preached on Jesus's amazing affirmation of a Gentile woman's faith (Matthew 15:28). In preparing for the sermon I discovered a quotation by the British scholar William Barclay, who described the woman's faith as: "Indomitable persistence springing from unconquerable hope." May God grant us such faith, such faithfulness.

Peace and Blessings,

— Pastor Steve and Pastor Jamie

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Announcements, Joys & Concerns

AD BOARD MEETING—Our next Administrative Board meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, September 6 at 8:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. All members are welcome to attend!

We extend our sympathy to **JENNIFER AND BRADLY JOHNSON**, along with their children Erik & Sara, on the passing of Jennifer's mother, Lee Mehlman, on August 8th, 2014.

Our condolences and prayers to **BECKY AND TOM PALMIERI**, along with their children Dolores & Jonathan, on the passing of Becky's father, Jim Moore, on August 12th, 2014. A Memorial Service will be held here Sunday, August 24th, at 1pm.



Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to:
TERRY AND KATHARINE SLOCUM and **BOB AND LEPPY SPEARS!**

ANNA MARGARET ADAMO was baptized on August 17, 2014 in the 9:30 service by Pastor Jamie. Congratulations to parents Gregory and Kristen.



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.

PAPER SHREDS—We occasionally have bags of paper shreds in the office to give away. If you'd like them for your bunny, hamster, chinchilla, guinea pig or other animal cages, please contact the office.

HELP NEEDED—We are looking for several volunteers to help with the sound system during Sunday morning services about once every 6-7 weeks. No technical background needed. Great opportunity for our youth, as well as adults. Please contact the church office or Jon Elsea (847-8653).



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), Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com), Karen Kuhlman (akkuhl@att.net) or Kathy Locke (klocke@ameritech.net).

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Director of Adult Choir & Contemporary Service: Jeff Brown
Children's Choir Director: Blair Brockman
Church Office/Administrative Secretary: Karla Bolkema

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!



Spanish As A Second Language (SSL)

The church will be offering an exciting program this fall – Spanish as a Second Language. This is a 6 week course, with once a week 2-hour classes, that are designed to help us be more comfortable and more welcoming to our Spanish speaking neighbors. This unique curriculum was developed by members of the Northern Illinois Conference that are trained in teaching languages. The program is for beginner level adults looking to acquire a practical set of Spanish vocabulary to enable neighborly greetings. You do not need to know ANY Spanish in order to take this class.

Classes begin **Wednesday, October 8** and go through November 12. Start time is **7:00 PM** and classes will be held in room 103. There will be a cost of \$30 to cover materials.

More information will be coming about the online registration through the Northern Illinois Conference.

In the meantime, if you would like more details or like to express interest in taking the class, please email [Diana Natsch](mailto:dnatsch1@gmail.com) at dnatsch1@gmail.com.

College Care Packages

Attention Parents of College Students!

Our college ministry would love to send your college **student care packages** throughout the year.

Please call or email the church office (info@umcl.org) by September 24 and let us know your student's address for this school year.

Thank you!



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), or call the church office at 847-362-2112.

Christian Education

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!!

Attention all parents! In order for your child to participate in any of the upcoming events, we need to have the **Children & Youth Sunday School Registration** form filled out with updated information. You can return the completed form to the folder on Amanda Seibert's door or register your kid(s) online at www.umcl.org/ss-registration.

TODDLER PLAY GROUP—AUGUST 26

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 for more information.



TEACHERS NEEDED FOR FALL

Our Sunday School and Kids Own Worship programs are in need of teachers for the fall.

We ask volunteers to commit for a month at a time, or find a friend to share a month with.

Please sign up at the bulletin board across from the nursery or contact Amanda Seibert at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org.



BACKPACK / PROMOTION SUNDAY

Please bring your backpacks or totes and join us August 24th at the 9:30 and 11am services. 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!

BIBLE SUNDAY—SEPTEMBER 7—FOR 3RD AND 7TH GRADERS

If your child is currently in 3rd or 7th grade and would like to receive a bible please return the registration form to Amanda Seibert (3rd Graders) or Ben Hallett (7th Graders). If you have any questions you can contact Amanda or Sarah at the church office.



KIDS OWN WORSHIP

The **11:00 service** would like to invite all kids to Kids Own Worship. Starting on **September 7th** the 3rd service will offer a fun, faith-filled **children's church for ages 4 to 10**, following the children's message. They will learn praise songs, bible stories and how to apply them to their life. Please contact Amanda Seibert with any questions or to help with Kids Own Worship.

ALL STARS

All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to our first All-Stars of the year! Join us **Wednesday, September 10th from 5:30 to 7:00pm** in Fellowship Hall.

We will have dinner together, learn bible stories, play games, make new friends and have a lot of fun! Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3).



Stephen Ministry Minute



Stephen Ministers are members of UMCL who are trained to provide Christian care to those experiencing a crisis or challenge. Stephen Ministers are each assigned a care receiver and meet with that care receiver weekly. This caring, confidential relationship will last for as long as the care receiver needs it. *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



YOUNG COUPLES

We will gather on **Friday, September 5th, at 7:00 PM** at Aloha Falls Miniature Golf—Libertyville Sports Complex.

While the weather is still nice, join us for mini-golf, followed by dessert at the home of Jess and Melissa Michmerhuizen (1907 Darnell, Libertyville, 847-668-1713). (Groupon available for \$9.00/couple.)

RSVP to Melissa (octoberhoneybee@yahoo.com) by September 1st.

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!

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.



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, and the Global Ministries general phone number is 1-800-862-4246.

Finance Notes

HOW ARE WE DOING?



As of 8/15/14

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$28,736.02	\$494,463.49
Expenses	\$51,139.20	\$554,855.40
Difference	(\$22,403.18)	(\$60,391.91)

We are seeing an increase in offerings this month - a usual trend as everyone wraps up their summer. There is still a large gap between income and expenses though. Your continued giving will help reduce that gap, bringing us closer to our goal of balanced financial results. Thank you for your continued support.

Children's Choirs

Cherub Choir

Have you heard the angels sing? We have! Our church's Cherub Choir sings several times a year during traditional and contemporary services. These songs are a delight for everyone in our congregation. If you have a preschooler (**3 to 5 years old -including Kindergarten**) who enjoys singing, our intrepid director, Blair Brockman, will willingly teach him/her simple songs of praise.



Brief practices for the group are held **Sunday morning, 9:00-9:30 a.m.** in the Education Wing, Room 203 (green room), **beginning August 24th.**

Joyful Noise Choir

Calling all **1st through 3rd graders** who like to sing! Joyful Noise is the singing group for elementary-age children; no experience is required. This is a great chance for youngsters to learn songs of praise, participate in worship, and get to know other school-aged kids in church. Joyful Noise sings during our traditional and contemporary worship services about once a month.

Practices are held **Sunday 4:30-5:15 p.m.** in the Education Wing, Room 203 (green room), **beginning September 7th.**

Choristers

Choristers is a choir made up of **4th-6th graders**. It is a continuation of Joyful Noise, for older children. They praise God through sacred song with different styles of music: Contemporary Christian, Classical, and Gospel. Choristers also are invited to participate in the Spring musical.

Practices are held **Sunday afternoon from 4:30-5:15 p.m.** in the Education Wing, Room 203 (green room), **beginning September 7th.**

God's Soul Girls

God's Soul Girls (GSG) is a youth singing group which formed in the Fall of 2012. It is comprised of **girls in grades 7-9.**

Practices are held **Sunday 10:40-11:20 a.m.** in the Education Wing, Room 203 (green room), **beginning September 7th.**

Calling All Musicians!!!

Dear UMCL family,

We are looking for musicians in our church who would be willing to get involved in some area of our Music Ministry. It doesn't matter if you sing, play an instrument, or even enjoy working with technology, we have a place for you to get involved and plugged in to the music ministry at the United Methodist Church of Libertyville. We need ringers for the Heritage Bells, we need singers for the Adult Choir, and we need instrumentalists/vocalists/techies for our Praise Band.



If you have been thinking about being involved in some way but didn't know if there is a place for you, please contact [Jim Grace](#) or [Jeff Brown](#) about how we can get you started. You would be welcomed with open arms.

Blessings in Christ,
Jim and Jeff

United Methodist Women

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.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Saturday, September 13th 5:00-7:00 PM

Annual kickoff for UMW -- Fun, Food, Fellowship
Information about UMW events and opportunities.
NEW opportunities to help with Rummage Sale.
All women are invited.

Meal provided by the women of UMW—Child care available

REGISTER: Send an email to gtky.umw14@gmail.com

Include in the email your name, email, phone, and if child care is needed.

QUESTIONS: Email gtky.umw14@gmail.com or contact Mary Ann Burson at bookwormburson@att.net



ELGIN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING UMW—Cary UMC September 20 \$12.00

Speaker, brunch, worship, program resources, election of officers (3 from UMCL)
If you have or know a child with autism, you will want to hear this speaker.
Watch for details, carpooling info, etc.

Questions: Email bookwormburson@att.net

RUMMAGE SALE COMING IN OCTOBER



Set-Up for the sale will be Sunday, October 5th.

We will be accepting donations starting Monday, October 6th.

Sale is Friday, October 10th and Saturday, October 11th.

Please mark your calendars.

We need volunteers to help set-up, sort, sell and clean-up on various days during the week of October 5th.

Watch for sign-up sheets, job descriptions and personal recruiters in the coming weeks.

SAVE THE DATES

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.

LAKE COUNTY HAVEN SUPPLY DRIVE

The Children's Ministry and Outreach Committees request your assistance as they join efforts to support the shelter residents in the Lake County Haven. **For the month of September,** we will be conducting a Paper/Household Cleaner Drive.

The Lake County Haven, located right here in Libertyville, provides shelter for homeless women and children. Below is a list of products they need:

- ◇ Tissues
- ◇ Paper Towels
- ◇ Toilet Paper
- ◇ Garbage Bags
- ◇ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ◇ Bleach
- ◇ Laundry Detergent (Powder Only)
- ◇ Dishwasher Detergent
- ◇ Cleaning Supplies for Household



All products can be placed in the specially marked bins located in the Foyer and Fellowship Hall.

For more information on the Haven, please go to www.LakeCountyHaven.org

PADS Crisis Services

Providing Advocacy, Dignity and Shelter

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!

Calendar

Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Wednesday, August 27; 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, September 3, 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>August 24</p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—First Light Service 9:00 AM—Coffee Time 9:00 AM—Cherub Choir 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 1:00 PM—Memorial Service 7:00 PM—Troop #72 Planning Meeting</p>	<p>August 25</p> <p>7:00 PM—UMW Leadership Team 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>August 26</p> <p>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) 7:30 PM—Trustees</p>	<p>August 27</p> <p>9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 6:00 PM—Campaign Core Group 6:00 PM—Northern Illinois Food Bank (Off site) 7:00 PM—JH Synergy</p>	<p>August 28</p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>August 29</p>	<p>August 30</p> <p>8:30 AM—Praise Band</p>
<p>August 31</p> <p><i>Family Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—First Light Service 9:00 AM—Coffee Time 9:00 AM—Cherub Choir 9:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Traditional Service 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service</p>	<p>September 1</p> <p>Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>September 2</p> <p>12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's 7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations</p>	<p>September 3</p> <p>9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—BSA District Committee 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells</p>	<p>September 4</p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's 7:30 PM—Adult Choir</p>	<p>September 5</p>	<p>September 6</p> <p>8:30 AM—Ad Board 8:30 AM—Praise Band</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 0-3 years)
- 11:00 AM — Contemporary Worship (Nursery care for ages 0-5 years)

9:30 AM –Sunday School Classes for all ages.
 (Children 4 years through 5th grade begin in sanctuary and leave for Sunday School after Children's Message.)

ALTAR FLOWERS AND WORSHIP GREETERS: Sign up in the foyer, call the church or go to our website (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.



Youth 411

August 2014

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

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

Confirmation Retreat

August 22, 23

Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

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Visit us at:
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