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Building On Our Dreams

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2015 Annual Stewardship & 3-Year Building Fund Campaign

October 5
Kick-Off Sunday
Building on Our Dreams

October 19
Advance Commitment Gathering
Be Involved, Informed & Inspired

November 2
Invitation-to-Prayer Sunday
Everyone will receive their Building on Our Dreams Prayer & Commitment Packets

November 16
Commitment Sunday & Special Fellowship Event
Celebrate in worship as we dedicate our commitments to the Glory of God.

January 11
Celebration Sunday!
Announce our commitments-to-date!

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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Building on Our Dreams is the theme for our 2015 Annual Stewardship & 3-Year Building Fund Campaign.

This is an opportunity for all members and friends of the United Methodist Church to grow in faith and generosity.

The goals for *Building on Our Dreams Campaign* will include two purposes and two commitments.

We are asking all members and friends of UMCL to prayerfully consider:

- a one-year commitment for the 2015 Annual Stewardship Fund, and
- a three-year commitment to our Building Fund, going above and beyond our annual stewardship giving, to Build on Our Dreams.

Most of all, keep the church in your prayers as we focus on Building On Our Dreams!

Announcements, Joys & Concerns



WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!! Email CelebrateMe@umcl.org with your name(s), birthday and/or your anniversary date. We will be putting the information in our new section in memos. Our first issue will be in the October 15th memos. Please be sure to send at least one week prior to the next issue of memos.



Like To Write? - The Communication Committee is reconvening after our summer hiatus. We're looking for a few people who would like to write for our newsletter, Chapter & Verse. This committee is loosely organized and often works independently, without meetings. Chapter & Verse gives us a chance to cover topics of interest to our church and increase our knowledge of each other. We plan to publish two issues this coming year, one for 'Fall' and one for 'Spring.' If you would like to know more, please contact Terry Johnson (847-223-1944; JGTAJohnson@aol.com) or talk to one of our pastors.



Dear Church Family, We are deeply touched by the beautiful cards and loving encouragement we have received since the passing of my mother, Lee Mehlan. We are so thankful to be surrounded by such a caring church community.

Sincerely, Jennifer, Brad, Erik and Sara Johnson

CALLING ALL CHURCH GOERS! The children are looking for someone to sit with them in "The Flock" for the first ten minutes of the 9:30 service, while their parents are preparing for or attending Sunday School. If you are interested in sitting with the children until they go up for Sunday School, please contact Amanda!



UNITED METHODIST MEN—WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP! – We are asking all UM men to complete our short survey. It is intended to help "revitalize" the Methodist Men group in our church. By answering the questions, it will help us move forward with new ideas and activities in the Fall. If you have any questions about the survey, please email Jules Traut (jtraut@juno.com) or call 847-367-0295. You can find the surveys in the Narthex or online at: www.umcl.org/umm-survey.



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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Congratulations to Our Heritage Bells on Their 30 Year Anniversary!!



The Heritage Bells began in the fall of 1984 when the church decided to purchase three octaves of handbells from the Memorial Funds. Eleven ringers started the adventure of ringing our brand new bells. They practiced weekly on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. to be ready to play their first prelude of three Christmas Carols in December. In January 1985, they started playing a monthly prelude for worship from September through May.

They visited a Bell Festival that spring to observe several bell choirs playing together and also playing alone for comments from a guest conductor. In the summer of 1984, Director Jim Grace and his wife Nancy attended their first workshop of the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians at the American Baptist Assembly in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Jim has continued to attend most summers since then but he and Nancy also attended several wonderful workshops at St. Olaf College as well. These

workshops have been a wonderful source of learning about bell techniques and music. The Heritage Bells began attending Northern Illinois Spring Festivals in their second year and continued attending for a number of years at various colleges in the area. These festivals included massed ringing and individual choir performances from several of the groups. The Heritage Bells played a solo at several of the events which was always a good challenge to keep the group improving and advancing. The first "Dickens of a Christmas" (sponsored by Main Street Libertyville) was held at The Tavern and featured a luncheon tea with bells playing Christmas selections during the two seatings. The bells continued to play at Mickey Finns for many years and always had an appreciative audience. The last years that they played the event was hosted by St. Lawrence Church, an easy distance to move their equipment.

The first addition to the initial three octaves of bells was a fourth octave, and then three octaves of choir chimes. The final addition of the fifth octave of bells was purchased through a fund raiser supported by the church. Twelve or thirteen ringers are required to play all of our bells; there are twelve ringers in the group at this time. The Agape Ringers, an advanced community group, has held many workshops in our area to help groups improve their skills and hear what an auditioned group can accomplish. At this time there are several advanced groups all over the country which demonstrate how the many techniques are used to bring exciting bell music to larger audiences.

Please give a big round of applause to our director, Jim Grace and our ringers: Desiree Anderson, Doreen Barton, Barbara Bennett, Ruth Bieber, Lynne Emminger, Jean Foulke, Bonnie Lill, Betty Jacot, Shirley Mason, Beth McFarland, Karen Plewe, Mary Stout, Mary Van Sickle, and Jane Victor. In their thirty years, they have continued to enjoy ringing our bells and chimes to the Glory of God and add to the beauty of our worship services.

COME TO THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION HERITAGE BELLS CONCERT ON OCTOBER 19TH AT 3:00 PM.

Truly a concert you don't want to miss. Bring the whole family!!

Help us celebrate 30 years of the handbell choir and 55 years of service and dedication from Jim Grace, Director.

Refreshments will be served immediately after the concert in Fellowship Hall.

Finance Notes

HOW ARE WE DOING?



As of 9/29/14

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$57,315.50	\$582,135.52
Expenses	\$67,382.54	\$653,137.01
Difference	(\$10,067.04)	(\$71,001.49)

Rather than seeing the recovery we were hoping for, the gap between income and expenses has widened this month, leaving us with a greater need for increased offerings. 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

FOURTH ANNUAL TRICK OR TRUNK OCTOBER 25

Children up to 5th grade can dress up and come to the church from 3:00 to 4:30 PM, for crafts, games and 'trick or trunking'! Older youth and adults can bring their vehicle and decorate the trunk (not too scary, please)!



Please visit the board in the Narthex to register your kids and trunks by October 20th.

Trick or Trunk's mission this year is to collect new or gently used children's books for Bernie's Book Bank.

We would like to invite all church members to clean out their houses and bring in books to donate. *Our goal is to collect over 200 books by the end of October!*

We are also in need of empty cardboard toilet paper rolls for a craft at Trick or Trunk. Rolls may be placed in a box near the Trick or Trunk board in the Narthex. Thank you in advance!

ALL STARS



All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to All-Stars! join us **Wednesday, October 8 from 5:30 to 7:00pm** in East Room.

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). Friends are always welcome.

TODDLER PLAY GROUP—OCTOBER 14 and 28



Parents and their babies/toddles (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.

BUTTERBRAIDS FUNDRAISER



October 19 & October 26 the youth will be taking orders for **Butterbraid** pastries for your Thanksgiving tables. We'll be in fellowship hall during coffee time with forms to order on those two Sundays! Come and get 'em!

Second Mile Giving For October Will Support:



National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) — Provides the foundation for hundreds of state and local organizations whose leaders and volunteers work in local communities across the country to raise awareness and build a community of hope for those in need. Additional contact information for all states and their local affiliates, including all Chicago area affiliates, can be found at www.nami.org. NAMI Illinois can be reached at 1-800-346-4572.

Red Bird Mission School — Founded in 1921 in southeastern Kentucky, this school is the only K-12 Christian school in this area of Appalachia. As an accredited institution, it provides quality education to students in the area regardless of their ability to pay. More information about the school as well as all of the other work of the mission can be found at www.rbmission.org, and the phone number for Red Bird Mission School is 606-598-2416.

Stephen Ministry Minute



May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of 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.*

United Methodist Women



Call Beth March (847-367-5175) or Barb Plohr (847-367-5556) about babysitting services for sale volunteers!

RUMMAGE SALE REMINDER—NEXT WEEK!!

Setup:	Sunday, October 5 at 12:30pm
Drop-Off & Sort:	Monday, October 6; Tuesday, October 7; Wednesday, October 8 9am—8pm
Price & Sort Only:	Thursday, October 9 9am—2pm Most of the pricing is in the garage
Sale Hours:	Friday, October 10 9am—7pm Saturday, October 11 9am—Noon
Clean-Up:	Saturday, October 11 at 12:00pm

UMW READING PROGRAM

Attention all READERS - Are you looking for recommendations of books to help you think critically about current issues? And do you want to have these recommendations easily available to you on-line? Good news! Such a resource is available to you through the **UMW Reading Program**. The website for the reading program is www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram

Each year the **UMW Reading Program** recommends a diverse range of books to help broaden exposure to a variety of concepts. This is an opportunity for you to deepen your spirituality and to broaden your understanding of UMW's mission efforts. Book recommendations are organized into five categories: Education for Mission, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, Spiritual Growth and Leadership Development

Each year four to eight books are recommended in each category. Furthermore, reading list recommendations for the prior five years are available on-line. After reviewing the recommendations, you may choose to:

- ~ Purchase a recommended book through the on-line link to the UMW mission resources e-store.
- ~ Buy a recommended book through your favorite on-line bookseller.
- ~ Borrow a recommended book through your local public library.
- ~ Borrow a recommended book from **our church's UMW Reading Program Cart**.

The UMW Reading Program Cart is located in room #101. (This room is on the first floor of the Christian Education wing - across from the church offices.) The UMW Reading Program Cart offers a selection from the list of recommended books. Each year a total of ten of the recommended books (two in each category) are purchased (with local UMW funds) for the UMW Reading Program Cart. Also additional books are donated by readers each year. All women of the church are welcome to check-out books from the UMW Reading Program Cart.

For further interaction with other readers, you may want to:

- ~ Join the UMW Reading Program online community via a link on the website.
- ~ Attend a meeting of the UMW Reading Program Readers group at our church. **This group meets quarterly on Saturday mornings (9:30 am - 11:00 am)** to discuss books that group members have read. The next meeting is scheduled for **November 8**. For more details about this group, contact June McCoy (847-849-0530).

The purpose of the UMW Reading Program is to encourage United Methodist Women members to:

- ~ Expand understanding of and participation in God's mission.
- ~ Increase sensitivity to all human beings—their needs, interests and concerns.
- ~ Encourage critical thinking about issues facing humanity today.
- ~ Grow in understanding of Scripture as it relates to Christian faith in contemporary life.
- ~ Enhance self-knowledge and act from that knowledge.
- ~ Strengthen involvement in local and global Christian mission.

RUTH CIRCLE

Health and exercise are important to all of us. Join us on Wednesday, **October 15th, in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM** to learn more ways to help your body. Karilee Marcikic, a UMCL member and personal trainer, will present a program and some exercises to do at home. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Mickey Donahue (847-367-4906 missmickey2005@gmail.com) or Janet Hartkopf (224-420-0067 cnhjbh@aol.com)



Please Note!

Our current sales tax exemption form expires on October 1st and has been replaced by one that extended into 2019. Please contact the church finance office if you would like a copy of the new form.

Fellowship and Nurture

YOUNG COUPLES



Please join us for food and games at Dave & Busters on **Friday, October 3rd at 6:30pm** at Hawthorn/Westfield Mall in Vernon Hills.

Please RSVP to Paul and Gayla at (847) 412-9632 or paul_velez@att.net. Hope to see you there!

PRIME TIME



PRIME TIME Potluck

Prime Time will meet **Monday, October 13th at noon** for a **potluck lunch**. Please note this is the 2nd Monday because of the rummage sale the prior week.

After lunch Jeff Welch has very interesting pictures and stories to share from the May mission trip to Missouri.

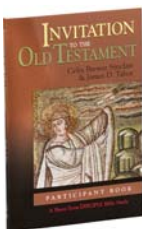
Please R.S.V.P. by no later than Friday, October 10th to the church office 847-362-2112.

DISCIPLE 1 LITE INVITATION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT

Explore stories that changed the world when God "CAME DOWN" with Pastor Steve and Joyce Jeffries

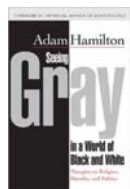
EIGHT WEEKS STARTING OCTOBER 9 Classes Thursday 7—8:30 pm

Call the church office or speak to Pastor Steve if you are interested.



SATURDAY MEN'S GROUP

We will be studying Adam Hamilton's SEEING GRAY IN A WORLD OF BLACK AND WHITE for the next five weeks. We meet **Saturday mornings 8:00—9:00 am** in the church and welcome all men to our group. There is a DVD which contains most of what we will discuss in case you have not read the assigned chapters in the book.



Service Opportunities

GLASSES FOR PANAMA

We are very excited to have an Optometrist traveling with us on the Panama Medical Mission in 2015. If you have old glasses and/or readers that you are no longer using, please place them in the Panama bin in the fellowship hall. We'd like to have all of the glasses gathered by Thanksgiving. Thank you in advance for your donations!



PADS SEASON TO BEGIN SOON—VOLUNTEERS GREATLY NEEDED!



Our 14th season of hosting the homeless will begin Saturday, October 4. Volunteers are needed to staff all shifts, especially the overnight and clean-up shifts. We also need donations of breakfast food (cereal, juice, breakfast bars, etc.) and groups willing to make lunches once during the season. The PADS sign-up book is available in Fellowship Hall during 1st and 2nd service, and in the East Room or foyer during the 3rd service. To volunteer to make lunches (a good project for a group, such as a book club, bridge club, etc.) please call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062. Thank you!

Calendar

Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, October 10; 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, October 15, 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>October 5 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 10:40 AM—God's Soul Girls 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship 12:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee 12:30 PM—Rummage Sale Set-Up 4:00 PM—Confirmation 4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers Choirs 7:00 PM—Cub Scout #72 Committee</p>	<p>October 6 RUMMAGE SALE Drop-Off/Set-Up 9:00 AM—8:00 PM 7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>October 7 RUMMAGE SALE Drop-Off/Set-Up 9:00 AM—8:00 PM 9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:30 PM—Disciple 5 7:00 PM—Lake County Green Congregations 7:30 PM—Trustees</p>	<p>October 8 RUMMAGE SALE Drop-Off/Set-Up 9:00 AM—8:00 PM 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 12:30 PM—Staff Mtg. 5:30 PM—All-Stars 7:00 PM—Spanish as Second Language 7:00 PM—JrHI Tide 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee 7:30 PM—Troop #72 Committee</p>	<p>October 9 RUMMAGE SALE Price & Sort 9:00 AM—2:00 PM 9:00 AM—Faith Circle 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 1 7:30 PM—Disciple 3</p>	<p>October 10 RUMMAGE SALE 9:00 AM—7:00 PM 6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>October 11 RUMMAGE SALE 9:00 AM—Noon 8:30 AM—Praise Band 11:30 AM—Rummage Sale Clean-Up 4:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>October 12 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 10:40 AM—God's Soul Girls 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship 4:00 PM—Confirmation 4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers Choirs 6:30 PM—SrHI Tide</p>	<p>October 13 12:00 PM—Prime Time 2:00 PM—BookTalkers 7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group 7:00 PM—Troop #72 7:00 PM—Outreach Committee</p>	<p>October 14 9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads 7:00 PM—Stephen Supervision 7:00 PM—Staff Parish Relations Committee</p>	<p>October 15 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 12:30 PM—Staff Mtg. 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM—Building Committee 6:30 PM—Ruth Circle 7:00 PM—Spanish as Second Language 7:00 PM—JrHI Tide 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells</p>	<p>October 16 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 6:00 PM—Campaign Core Group 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 1 7:30 PM—Disciple 3</p>	<p>October 17 6:30 PM—Cub Scouts 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>October 18 8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—UMW Elgin District Leadership Retreat 9:00 AM—Contemp. Worship Team 4:30 PM—PADS</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 0-3 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.)

11:30 AM – Kids Own Worship

(Children 4-10 years begin in East Room and leave after Children's Message.)



ADVENT TEA ~ SAVE THE DATE

Reserve **Sunday, December 7th, at 3:00 PM** for our Fifth Annual Advent Tea!

The theme will be **Christmas Traditions.**

The Youth Story

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JrHI TIDE - JrHI Students - Wednesday 7:00-8:30 PM @ Church

October 1—Movie Night
October 8—Pillow Fight
October 15—Corn Maze in Waukegan

October 22—Halloween Card
October 29—Halloween Party

SrHI TIDE - SrHI Students - Sunday 6:30-9:00 PM @ The House

October 12, 19, 26

JrHI on Sundays - 9:30-10:30 AM

Reform Curriculum - Identify yourself in the GREAT STORY

SrHI on Sundays - 9:15-10:45 AM

Navigate your setting and discover your character in the GREAT STORY

ART PRIZE - October 3-5 in Grand Rapids, MI

A weekend full of contemporary Art. Art that ignites the creativity in us. Tell us if you want in! Cost \$25.

ONE RETREAT - November 7-9 in Devil's Lake, WI

A fun and spiritual retreat away from the noise. A time to focus on God and being one united Church in Lake County. Includes, paintball, dodgeball, and hiking. Cost \$100.

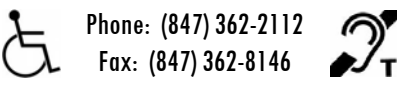


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