



## United Methodist Church of Libertyville

# MEMOS

*Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All*

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### CELEBRATE THE GOOD STUFF

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“Perspective,” someone remarked, “is everything.” And that truth is often worth noting as we journey through life. The good news is that there are many things in our lives and at our church that can and should be celebrated. There is abundant evidence that God is in our midst and that the Spirit is bringing forth new realities and blessings.

Consider the amazing beginning of just one new small group. One of our new members shared with the pastors a program they had been a part of previously at another church. “Intimate Evenings” is a chance for younger couples to have a night out together or as individuals. Last month they gathered for the first time on a Friday night, watched a video by Adam Hamilton, pastor of the Church of the Resurrection, and following discussion went out for dinner or a movie in smaller groups or just by themselves. Almost 30 folks came and a good time was had by all. The enthusiasm level is high and the group plans to meet every month on the third Friday. “Celebrate the good stuff.” The vast majority of the nearly 100 individuals who have joined our church in the last several years are younger couples.

We celebrate the growth of our Jr. and Sr. High ministries. Ben Hallett has been doing a wonderful job and joining him now are Amanda Seibert and Sarah Mitchell in guiding these ministries of caring for our youth. Our Mission emphasis is strong and sometimes it is hard to keep up with all the opportunities for outreach our church members are creating and maintaining. New small study groups are always being formed. The Saturday Men’s Study group is going great and new Disciple groups have been launched. The list goes on. Celebrate the good stuff. Many say our worship life is strong and our music ministry is a delight. Celebrate that and also that our new worship schedule has been embraced and seems well received.

Sometimes we hear negative voices that seem only to focus on problems or complaints. There certainly are always problems to solve. That is part of life. But to ignore the good that has been done or the dreams that are so much alive and give hope and perspective is to miss the blessing and joy that God in Christ longs to give.

A former professor of mine once prayed a simple but eloquent prayer that has stayed with me a very long time: “O God, please bless the good stuff. Erase the bad stuff. And help us always to trust in your goodness and love.” Amen.

— Pastor Steve and Pastor Jamie

### A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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## Announcements, Joys & Concerns

### OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> BAPTISMS

**AMELIA ARISARA HAMILTON** was baptized in the 9:30 am service by Pastor Steve Williams. Congrats to parents Matthew and Katie.

**LILLIAN GRACE TWEDELL** was baptized in the 11:00 am service by Pastor Jamie Williams. Congrats to parents James and Andrea.



**SCARLETT ROSE SKONIECZNY** was baptized in the 9:30 am service by Pastor Jamie Williams. Congrats to parents David and Anna.

**DAVID HENRY SKONIECZNY** was baptized in the 9:30 am service by Pastor Jamie Williams.

**LEADERS NEEDED** for God and Church and God and Life Awards. Lynette Ferro will lead God and Me as well as God and Family. Please contact Lynette at 847-837-8179 if you are interested. Thank you!



**STORAGE NEEDED**—Helping Hands Ministry has been in place at our church for about 10 years, proving household goods and furniture for many people. The building that they have been using is being torn down the middle of November & they now need a new storage facility. If you have any suggestions of a storage solution for this ministry, please contact Jeris Boyce (jerisb@earthlink.net), Gladys Griffin (G.Griffin1101@att.net) or the church office.

**DINING ROOM SET**—Are you having Thanksgiving dinner or would you like to and you don't have dining room furniture? We have a complete set in very good condition and would love to give it to someone who would enjoy it for years to come. Please contact Jeris Boyce (847-295-0409) or Gladys Griffin (847-816-3492).

**LOST MEMBER INFORMATION NEEDED:** Please let us know if you have an address, other than what is listed in the current directory, for the following members. Their mail is being returned. Thank you!  
Richard Barrow, Larry & Brad Bauman, Mark Becker, Phillip Braxton, Kathy Bull, Kelli Curtin, Gwen Dowell, Karin Garvin, Megan Graham, Terry, Beth & Phillip Gross, Kris Harger, Lori Keenan, Jim & Beth Leonard, Jennifer Norman, Tim Palumbo, Elaine, Noland, & Alan Semerau, Terri Solomon, and Matthew Wenman.

**SPECIAL GROUPS OR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to host coffee on December 8 and 22nd. Please contact Joannie Foley if you are interested. Thank you!

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



### STAFF DIRECTORY

**PASTORS:** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams  
Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams  
Children/Family Ministries: Amanda Seibert  
Youth Pastor: Ben Hallett  
Junior High Ministry: Sarah Mitchell  
Business/Operations Manager: Ruth Ross  
New Member/Ministries Coordinator: Joyce Bedell  
Director of Music: Jim Grace  
Director of Adult Choir & Contemporary Service: Jeff Brown  
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## Finance Notes

HOW ARE WE DOING?		
	September Month-End	Year-to-Date as of Sept. 30
Offerings/Revenues	\$68,562.50	\$571,443.03
Expenses	\$62,360.05	\$633,162.24
Difference	\$ 6,202.45	(\$ 61,719.21)

As you can see, we're currently experiencing a shortfall in the Church finances. There was a little recovery in September, but there still is a larger than expected gap between income and expenses. Your help in closing that gap would be greatly appreciated. Note: These amounts are preliminary and may change as we complete our financial close process.

## Building Committee Begins Its Work!

The Building Committee was authorized by the Administrative Board in June. Members were elected at a special Charge Conference on June 30, schedules were coordinated, and our first meeting was held on September 11. We are authorized to coordinate with the architect, communicate with the congregation, and help lead a project that began with the Dream Process and Initiatives. We are about to enter a "design" phase during which the architectural firm will meet with groups or individuals within the congregation to clarify our needs as we work toward the dream priorities of improving the sanctuary and creating a welcoming environment.

The architect's design fee will be paid from an identified building fund, separate from the 2013 operating budget. These funds are for building and capital project exploration only.

We are excited to be a part of this new adventure! The Building Committee welcomes your questions and comments. Names of the members:

- |                           |                       |                |                         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| ◆ Mike Foley, Chairperson | ◆ Rich Eber           | ◆ Bruce Locke  | ◆ Pastor Steve Williams |
| ◆ Peggy Berryman          | ◆ Sue Hamilton        | ◆ Mark Mason   | ◆ Pastor Jamie Williams |
| ◆ Don Boyce               | ◆ Karilee Marcikic    | ◆ Herb Spooner |                         |
| ◆ Judi Buckner            | ◆ Janet Lichtenberger | ◆ Jeff Welch   |                         |

As we move forward, more information will be coming. Stay tuned and please continue to hold our church family and its future in your prayers. Thank You!

## Charge Conference

**CHARGE CONFERENCE IS COMING!** Reserve **Saturday, November 2, at 11:00 AM** for our Charge Conference, the annual meeting with our District Superintendent to celebrate our ministry, elect officers and committees, and look to the future. This year's theme is "Who Is My Neighbor?" If you like, you are invited to bring a picture with you of your neighbor, neighborhood, downtown area, or an "unseen" side of town, etc. We will use these pictures as we discuss the mission of the church and pray for our community.

## Stephen Ministry Minute



Stephen Ministry will hold a special worship service, called **Blue Christmas**, on **December 10 at 7 p.m.** This is a service of worship designed for those suffering with sadness, loss, isolation or grief in the Advent Season. Candles, meditative music, prayers for healing, and readings from the Bible create a welcoming worship space. By offering this service we acknowledge the struggles we face while providing a safe place of rest, comfort, and healing.

## Christian Education

### KIDS OWN WORSHIP

The 11:00 service would like to invite all kids to Kids Own Worship. The 3rd service now offers a fun, faith-filled children's church for ages 3 to 10, following the children's message. They will learn praise songs, bible stories and how to apply them to their life. The curriculum for this program will be different than Sunday School.



To register your children or volunteer, please contact Amanda Seibert at [AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com).

### TODDLER PLAY GROUP

**Tuesday, October 22**

Parents and their babies/toddlers (age birth-preschool) are invited to visit and play in the church nursery on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, 11:00 am—12:30 pm.



For more information, contact Julie Holdeman at [julieballing@gmail.com](mailto:julieballing@gmail.com) or 847-986-6081.

### ALL-STARS

**October 23, 5:30-7:00 PM**

(3rd-5th Grade Youth Group)

We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in Fellowship Hall. Join us for dinner, Bible Study, fun, games, friendship, and much more!

Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3). Friends are always welcome!

### Third Annual Trick or Trunk ~ October 26!

All ages are invited to be a part of Trick or Trunk 2013! On Saturday, October 26th from 3 to 4:30 pm, children 3 years old to 5th grade can dress up and come to the church for crafts, games and 'trick or trunking'! Older youth and adults can participate by volunteering to work with a station OR by bringing your own vehicle and decorating the trunk (not too scary, please)! Kids will vote on their favorite trunks and the top winners will get prizes! To volunteer, register your kids or trunks, please sign up in the Narthex, call the church office, or e-mail Amanda Seibert at [AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com).



### Senior High Trip

November 8-10 the Senior High Youth are heading up to Expeditions Unlimited near Devil's Lake State Park for our annual ONE Retreat! It will include some powerful worship & teaching, paintball, low & high ropes course, and an afternoon of bouldering around on the rocks at the park." Cost is \$100 - MUST sign up by October 27th.

### HEY Friends of Youth — Two Fundraisers Coming Up For Fall!

October 20-November 3 the youth will be selling Butterbraid pastries for your Thanksgiving tables. We'll be in fellowship hall with forms to order on those three Sundays! Come and get em!



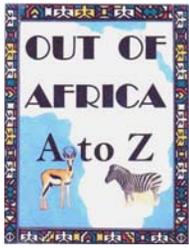
In conjunction with the Boy Scout Christmas tree sale - the youth will be selling wreaths, garland, & swags to spruce up your home for the season! Starting the day after Thanksgiving, November 29.



All of the funds raised from these sales will help support costs for our youth to travel down for ASP 2014 to North Carolina for the week of June 7-15th.

Those are all the things! And as always - if you'd like to come and do life alongside us... we'd love to have you!"

## Fellowship and Nurture



**ARENDSSEN'S AFRICAN SAFARI—Prime Timers—November 4**  
Experience the flora and fauna of Africa!

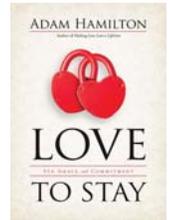
Potluck Lunch 12 noon—1 PM Program 1—2 PM  
After lunch we'll enjoy the presentation, *Out of Africa*,  
with Ruth and David Arendsen sharing their experiences on this grand continent.

**Lions—Leopards—Cheetahs—OH .. MY!!**

Please **RSVP** to the church office by **Friday, November 1st** (847-362-2112 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net).

**INTIMATE EVENINGS—Friday, October 18 @ 6:00—9:00 PM**

“Intimate Evenings” is a program for couples, designed to strengthen and enrich committed relationships. The evening will include a one-hour discussion of “Love to Stay” by Adam Hamilton and then two hours for the couple to go off on a date, alone or with others. Do you have children? Bring them too. The church will provide a special program for them for the whole three hours! If you haven't already, RSVP to Amanda Seibert (AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com) ASAP to let us know you are coming and to register your children with their names and ages.



### United Methodist Men

Join us **Saturday, October 26**, at **8:30 AM** for a special presentation: “**What Are Your Old Coins and Gold Jewelry Worth?**”. Dave Ekstrom, a Mundelein resident, lifelong coin collector and retired school teacher, will give a short presentation on the subject of old coins and gold jewelry values. Topics covered will include, What are wheat back pennies worth? How about old silver dollars? What is a pennyweight of gold?



This presentation will be followed by an opportunity to have your coin collections and gold items appraised for free, in an “Antiques Road Show” format, so bring your old coins and gold to receive an evaluation and offer for your items. **The entire congregation is invited to attend this special event!**

### United Methodist Women



#### RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped with this year's fall Rummage Sale. Many people helped with set-up on Sunday, sorting and pricing Monday through Thursday and the sale itself on Friday and Saturday morning. Some of the same people and new volunteers helped with take-down Saturday afternoon. We would be remiss if we didn't also thank those who brought food for all those hungry people during the week. We got lots of help from the church, the secretarial staff, the church's Boy Scout Troop 72, the pastors, the confirmation class, UMW & members of the congregation. A special thanks to last year's co-chairs who made the effort to re-appear this year to guide and counsel the new chairpeople as well as help in the trenches. Sunset foods supported the sale with a donation of shopping bags which we used during the Saturday "Bag Day".

The sale had gross sales (cash + vouchers) of approximately \$9500. **Proceeds will allow the United Methodist Women to support about 30 charitable organizations during the next twelve months.** We get over \$9000 in donations year after year. Our Church community is a wonderful source of charitable donations.

Help us keep the fun going. Mark you calendar for the spring sale, the 9th and 10 of May, 2014.

~ Beth March and Barbara Plohr; Co-Chairmen.

#### UMW READERS

We will meet **Saturday, November 9** at **9:30 am** for coffee, snacks and good conversation about the UWM books we have read. If you have another book you would recommend that we read, be prepared to tell us about it.

Please **RSVP** to the church office by **Friday, November 8th** (847-362-2112 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net) or stop in the office for the sign up sheet. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Service Opportunities



### PADS OPPORTUNITIES!

**Please consider volunteering for one of the overnight shifts (11-3 or 3-6:30 AM) or cleanup.** Your help is needed to prepare Fellowship Hall for Sunday morning coffee time! Clean-up starts at 5:30 –7:15. The PADS signup book is in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Time and in the foyer for third service—or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. Thanks!

**HUNGER MINISTRIES**—Jesus calls us to feed the hungry. This month there are a number of ways you can help support local/area food pantries and food banks. Opportunities to participate include: serving on a Saturday morning, donating food/supplies, giving financial support, or volunteering on a Wednesday evening.

**Mobile Food Pantry**—Help distribute food to struggling families by serving at the Libertyville location on **Saturday morning, October 19**. Two shifts are available: 8:30—10:30 AM or 10:30 AM—12:30 PM; or stay the entire time. Join others from our church at First Presbyterian Church, Douglas Avenue parking lot, for this opportunity. If you plan to participate on this date, or in future months (third Saturday), or have questions, please contact Cathy O'Brien at [cobrien1021@hotmail.com](mailto:cobrien1021@hotmail.com).

**Libertyville Township Food Pantry**—Help replenish the shelves at this local food pantry by donating food/supplies. We are collecting the following items: canned fish (tuna, salmon, or sardines), canned “ready meal” (corned beef hash, beef stew, chicken & dumplings, or spaghetti & meatballs), canned soup, canned condensed milk, bars of soap, and deodorant. Please return your donations of these items to the Food Pantry Boxes, in the Foyer or Christian Education wing, by **Sunday, October 27**. For more information, please contact Carol Sim-Campbell at (847) 362-3971 or email her at [simcampbell@comcast.net](mailto:simcampbell@comcast.net).

**Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB)**—Give financial support to this area food bank. Checks should be made out to "UMCL", and include "NIFB" in the check memo line or on the outside of the offering envelope. Be sure to note the specific amount of the designated offering for the food bank. Please make your contribution by **Sunday, October 27**. For more information on this organization, refer to their website: [www.solvehungertoday.org](http://www.solvehungertoday.org).

**Northern Illinois Food Bank Volunteers Needed!** Our next volunteer opportunity for the Northern Illinois Food Bank is Wednesday, **October 30, 6:00—8:00 pm**. For more information or to sign-up to participate, please contact Diana Natsch at (847)362-1385 or email her at [dnatsch1@gmail.com](mailto:dnatsch1@gmail.com). Your help makes a difference!

## Medicine Needed For Panama Mission Trip 2014

We need over-the-counter medicine for our annual trip in January 2014. If you are able to help there is a list near the Panama Bin in Fellowship Hall. We will also accept monetary donations which we will use to purchase medicine here or in Panama. Please make checks out to United Methodist Church and note Panama Mission. Thank you again for your continued support of this mission. Questions? call Becky Traut at 847-367-0295.

## Second Mile Giving



**SECOND MILE GIVING FOR OCTOBER** will support—

- 1) **Lake County Center for Independent Living;** a multi-level advocacy organization. They're often asked to help with transportation, housing, employment/training and other disability related needs. They may not have the exact program for you, but they will help you find it. Local office is at 377 N. Seymour, Mundelein. Call 847-949-4440 or see [www.lccil.org](http://www.lccil.org) for further information.
- 2) **Imagine No Malaria.** This is a preventable disease. This group utilizes Global Health Initiative partners via education, treatment programs and distribution of bed nets. For more information: [www.imagenomalaria.org](http://www.imagenomalaria.org)

# Calendar

TAKE NOTE--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. **Deadlines for MEMOS and Sunday Bulletin articles are: for the next MEMOS, Friday, November 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, November 6, in Room 101!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>October 20</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class                      8:15 AM—First Light Service                      9:00 AM—Coffee Time                      9:00 AM—Cherub Choir                      9:30 AM—Traditional Service                      9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages                      10:30 AM—Coffee Time                      10:40 AM—Children's Choir                      10:45 AM—New Member Class                      11:00 AM—Contemporary Service                      11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship                      4:00 PM—Confirmation Class                      6:30 PM—God and Family</p>	<p><b>October 21</b></p> <p>7:00 PM—Monday Night Study                      7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><b>October 22</b></p> <p>11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      1:00 PM—Women's Spiritual Growth                      1:30 PM—Disciple 4                      7:00 PM—Worship Committee                      7:00 PM—Building Committee                      7:00 PM—Faithful Threads                      7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's                      7:30 PM—Board of Trustees</p>	<p><b>October 23</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina                      9:45 AM—Faith Study                      1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study                      5:30 PM—All Stars                      7:00 PM—Nominations Committee                      7:00 PM—Heritage Bells                      7:00 PM—JH Synergy</p>	<p><b>October 24</b></p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—20's Group (off site)                      7:30 PM—Adult Choir                      7:30 PM—Disciple 2</p>	<p><b>October 25</b></p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum</p>	<p><b>October 26</b></p> <p>7:30 AM—Men's Study                      8:30 AM—Praise Band                      8:30 AM—United Methodist Men                      10:00 AM—New Member Coffee                      3:00 PM—Trick or Trunk                      4:30 PM—PADS Setup                      6:30 PM—PADS</p>
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<p><b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b></p> <p>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 &amp; 9:30 services)</p>				<p>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.)                      11:30 AM –Kids Own Worship                      (Children 3-10 years begin in East Room and leave after Children's Message.)</p>		

**FAIR TRADE HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE**

Ten Thousand Villages  
**Saturday, October 26th**  
 9 am—2 pm  
 Libertyville Civic Center  
 135 West Church Street—Libertyville

**VINE AND CHEESE PARTY**  
 ~ SAVE THE DATE ~

**November 16**  
**\*\* Still need a host home \*\***  
 Please contact Joannie Foley,  
 Sharon McNally or Kelley Wilson  
 @ kwilson1205@comcast.net

**UMW ADVENT TEA**  
 ~ SAVE THE DATE ~



Reserve **Sunday, December 8th, at 3:00 PM** for our Fourth Annual Advent Tea!

# Youth 411

## October 2013

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

October 16—Corn Maze

October 30—Halloween Party

October 23—Feed My Starving Children

Senior High TNT ~ Tuesdays at Ben's, 7:00—9:30 pm

October 22, 29



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