



United Methodist Church of Libertyville

Our Mission Is To Glorify God By
Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All

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Building on Our Dreams Remodeling Project Complete New Chancel Furnishings Consecrated on World Communion Sunday, October 2 Building Committee Retires!!



A joyous service of celebration was held on World Communion Sunday as we consecrated our new, custom-made Pulpit, Baptismal Font and Communion Table. This event was the culmination of our Building on Our Dreams remodeling effort.

In July 2011, our congregation set off on a journey to dream and imagine the future of our church and ministry. After five years of dreaming, praying, sharing ideas, planning, meeting, giving and working together, we saw the final elements in the remodeling and revitalization of our building put into place on Sunday.

With joy and gratitude we thank the following people for leading us and participating with us in the fulfillment of our building dreams! We couldn't have done it without you!

- ◆ Mike Foley, Chairman of the Facilities Task Force and the Building Committee
- ◆ Herb Spooner, Member of the Facilities Task Force and the Building Committee
- ◆ Members of the Building Committee: Mike Foley, Peggy Berryman, Don Boyce, Sue Hamilton, Bruce Locke, Mark Mason, Herb Spooner, Rev. Jamie Hanna Williams, & Rev. Stephen C. Williams
- ◆ Kirk Towander, of Townander Woodwork and Carpentry in Libertyville, who crafted the beautiful chancel furniture with design ideas from the Building Committee and members of the joint Worship Committee (Ben Hallett, DeLynn Vang and Denise Gibson). We also thank Mike Foley and artisans from DiVinci Painters who did the staining and refinishing of the furniture.
- ◆ The Members of the Congregation, Leaders and Committee Members, and Staff who have generously and faithfully supported this project to the Glory of God!

This concludes the work of the UMCL Building Committee!

Thanks Be to God for all your excellent efforts!!

Announcements, Joys & Concerns



To husband, Stalin, children Samuel & Salomi, and family on the death of **NAYNA PARMAR**, on September 5th, 2016.

To family, Bob, and the church family of **CONNIE SHEFFER**, who passed away on September 15th, 2016.



LEVI STEVEN JOHNSON

was baptized on September 25, 2016 in the 9:30 service by Pastor Jamie. Congratulations to parents Brent & Michele!



happy anniversary

JERIS AND DON BOYCE on their 60th anniversary, September 22nd

BRIAN AND CARRIE GARLICK-KOSTKA on October 3rd

HAZEL AND DICK SAGENDORPH on their 59th anniversary, October 5th

SANDY AND DON PALMER on their 55th anniversary, October 7th

JEAN AND GIFFORD FOULKE on their 50th anniversary, October 8th

KATHY AND BRUCE LOCKE on their 27th anniversary, October 28th



TRUSTEE TIP: *Tornado Warning*—If this happens during a church service, look to the ministers and the ushers for guidance on moving out of the sanctuary. Move to the nearest room that has no windows. These rooms include the two stairwells in the back of the sanctuary, the bathrooms between the sanctuary and fellowship hall, the storeroom between the elevator and the education wing, some of the offices in the education wing (these are normally locked). The furnace/utility room and the large storeroom off of fellowship hall are possibilities also, but should not be your

first choice given the contents of these rooms. The usher's closet, by the doors between the sanctuary and bathrooms has this list posted for your reference. Parents, please be assured that your children will be moved to these shelter locations and watched over by teachers and staff. Once the all clear has sounded and assuming there is no damage to the building, everyone can meet in the community room to reconnect with family and friends.



CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS—SAVE THE DATES

Can you believe it is that time already? **November 13** will be the first Christmas Partners' Sunday and **November 20** will be the second Christmas Partners' Sunday. On **December 11** we will have our Dedication/Consecration of our Christmas Partner Gifts. More details to come!

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, Mickey Donahue, Karen Kuhlman, or Kathy Locke, using our new email address: prayerchain@umcl.org.**



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PASTORS: Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams
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Many Ways to Pray

This six-week class led by Pastor Jamie **begins on October 13!**

Please join us for a creative and interactive class on prayer that will meet **Thursday nights from 7-8:30**. Each week we will explore a different prayer practice including:

Visio Divina - praying with visual images; *Walking the Prayer Labyrinth* – movement and prayer; *Dreams* – listening to God’s voice through our dreams; *Contemplative or Centering Prayer* – quieting our hearts and using a prayer word to rest in God; *The Ignatian Prayer of Examen* – a daily examination of our deepest feelings and desires; and Soul Collage – creating a collage that reflects your life and God’s presence.

Participants will need to bring a notebook or journal for reflection. We hope you will be with us for all six classes but each class is self-contained so if you can only come to a few, you are welcome to join us.

Contact Pastor Jamie pastorjwilliams@umcl.org if you would like to participate or have questions or just join us on Thursday nights. Childcare will be provided on request. All are welcome!

New Member Classes for Fall 2016

The next session of New Member Classes will include these opportunities to learn more about the life and ministry of UMCL:

- * New Member Class & Brunch on **Sunday, October 9 at 11:00 AM** (childcare available)
- * Sunday School classes on **Sunday, October 16 at 11:00 AM, and October 23 & 30 at 9:30 AM**
- * New Member Sunday on **November 6 at 9:30 AM service**. Meet at 8:45 AM for coffee and pictures.

Please contact Joyce Bedell (joyce.bedell@umcl.org or 847-362-2112) if you would like more information or are interested in being a part of our church family!



UMCL Members are Awesome!



In June 2016, the Endowment Committee announced a \$200K Challenge! The goal: to attain a balance of \$200,000 in the Fund. We did it! Congregation donations are just over \$11,300. The two people who provided a \$5,000 each as a matching gift. Thus, we have added \$21,300 in donations to the June balance of \$181,000. Through dividends and fund growth, the current Fund balance is \$211,000. But, there is no need to stop considering an

Endowment gift. Think about a gift in the amount of \$1 for each candle on your birthday cake or each year of wedded bliss! Gifts in memory of a loved one or an estate gift may also bring you tax advantages. All these options will help the Fund grow even more. If you have questions, call the church office and have them refer you to a committee member that can assist you.

Church Family Movie Night

Come join us **on Sunday evening, October 9th** in the Sanctuary for our first All-Church Movie Night for everyone!

Bring your kids (or come by yourselves) to enjoy and then follow up at home by discussing important themes from the movie! We're starting family friendly with the movie Zootopia! If you've already seen it, great! Come again and go even deeper into this confrontational social commentary. If not, get ready to laugh a lot and cry a little! Childcare will be provided for the tiniest ones.



Stephen Ministry Announcement



During difficult times, people feel very alone. They may have no one to talk to who will really listen. Stephen Ministers give them a listening ear—someone they can talk to about things they wouldn't discuss with anyone else.

If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

Christian Education

SIXTH ANNUAL TRICK OR TRUNK OCTOBER 22

All ages are invited to be a part of Trick or Trunk 2016!

On Saturday, October 22nd from 3:00 to 4:30PM children up to 5th grade can dress up and come to the church for crafts, games and ‘trick or trunking’!

Older youth and adults can partake 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 participate, volunteer, or decorate a trunk, please sign up in the Education Wing or e-mail Amanda Seibert at amanda.seibert@umcl.org by October 16th.

Trick or Trunk’s mission this year is to collect paper products and household cleaners for the Haven. Please bring an item below or make a cash donation as your “admission fee”.



- ◆ All Purpose Cleaner
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Garbage Bags, Kitchen & Large Size
- ◆ Clorox or Lysol Wipes
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Laundry Detergent (Powder Only)
- ◆ Dish Soap
- ◆ Furniture Polish (wood safe)
- ◆ Hand Soap

The Haven provides shelter for homeless women and children. For more information visit www.lakecountyhaven.org.

ALL STARS

All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to All-Stars! Join us Wednesday, October 12th & 26th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

We will have dinner together, play games and learn about Bible Heroes! Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3). Friends are always welcome!



PADS FAMILY NIGHT

All members of the church are invited to our PADS Family Night on Saturday, November 5th, 4:00—6:00 PM.

In support of our church’s PADS mission, we will be making lunches, setting up Fellowship Hall, and cooking dinner. Everyone is invited to Chic-Fil-A afterwards to celebrate a job well done! Please contact Amanda at Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org to donate supplies or attend this event.

Second Mile Giving For October Will Support:



Imagine No Malaria – This organization is part of a global partnership working to provide a comprehensive approach to defeating malaria. By using bed nets, providing access to tests and medicine, draining stagnant water, and improving sanitation, malaria deaths have been reduced by half, but malaria continues to kill a child every two minutes in Sub-Saharan Africa. Please see www.imagenomalaria.org or call 866-521-1179 for more information.

Lake County Center for Independent Living – This non-profit, which serves both Lake and McHenry Counties, seeks to empower people with disabilities to lead self-directed lives within the community. This non-residential, cross-disability organization has served the community for 26 years, and strives to provide the services most needed by their consumers. Please go to www.lccil.org or call their Lake County office in Mundelein at 847-949-4440, or call their McHenry office at 855-246-8531, for additional information.

United Methodist Women

THE FALL SALE IS COMING! THE FALL SALE IS COMING!

WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

It will be held the week of October 2-8

- ◆ Volunteers needed all week for sorting and pricing.
- ◆ Many volunteers are needed for Friday morning and Saturday afternoon.
- ◆ Food for volunteer lunches needed Monday through Friday.

RUMMAGE

SALE

Interested? Sign up on the registration posters or contact Beth March or Barb Plohr.

Setup:	Sunday, October 2	12:30 pm till we are done
Drop-Off & Sort:	Monday, October 3; Tuesday, October 4; Wednesday, October 5	9am—8pm
Price & Sort Only:	Thursday, October 6	9am—2pm All pricing in Fellowship Hall is \$1.00. Items in garage are priced per piece.
Sale Hours:	Friday, October 7	9am—7pm
	Saturday, October 8	9am—Noon
Clean-Up:	Saturday, October 8	starts at 11:30 am till we are finished.

STRETCH YOUR DOLLARS FURTHER AT THE UMW FALL RUMMAGE SALE!!

This week go to a sale that comes only twice a year. The Fall UMW Rummage Sale is this Friday and Saturday morning. Everything in Fellowship Hall is priced at one dollar (\$1.00) on Friday. Items outside are priced as marked. Saturday morning there's a bag sale inside. Fill a bag for only \$5.00 & outside items are half price.

FAITH CIRCLE

We will meet on **Thursday, October 13 at 9:30 AM**. We will be joined by Kate from The Haven to share about the organization and things we can do to help. Childcare is provided.

Contact Andrea West at 847-356-3846 or adwest5@yahoo.com with questions.



PRISCILLA CIRCLE

Priscilla Circle will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 18 at 9:30 AM** In Fellowship Hall. Program is yet to be determined and we will have good refreshments and fellowship time.

Hope to see you there! Questions, call Shirley Mason at 847-362-0523.



RUTH CIRCLE

We will meet **7:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 19** at the home of Diana Natsch (432 Bay Tree Court, Vernon Hills, 847-362-1385).

Methodist Memories...Do you remember...? No matter how long you've been a member of the United Methodist Church of Libertyville you will enjoy listening to Shirley and Mark Mason share some of their memories of our church. Join us and share some of your stories too.

Parking is limited so carpooling is recommended. For information on Ruth Circle, or carpooling, please contact Sue Hamilton 847-362-7972.



ADVENT TEA

"AT THE MANGER" is the theme for the 6th Annual Advent Tea to be held on **Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. The committee is planning a joyous afternoon to celebrate the season. Child care will be provided. As in the past, individuals will be decorating tables. We are looking for some table hostesses.

If you would like to help with the planning we would love to have you join us. Contact Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com or 847-703-0007).

Fellowship and Nurture



PRIME TIME LUNCH - \$5

Prime Time will meet on the second Monday, **October 10 at NOON.**
(1st Monday is Rummage Sale Week)

Jean Wilson will be telling us about her travels to Mexico.

Please RSVP to the church office by 10 AM, Thursday, October 7th.
 (847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org)

Service Opportunities

PADS IS STARTING OCTOBER 8TH AND WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

We currently need a few people willing to work 3 or 4 Saturdays (yes, that's all) during that entire season as site managers.

What does that mean? A site manager arrives at 6 PM and stays until 11 PM. He/she supervises the other volunteers (could be 6-10) who serve dinner, hand out clothing, answer questions, and turn lights out at 10. We only need the first & fourth Saturday of each month filled (2nd, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays are already staffed with experienced site managers). If we could get 4 people (2 women and 2 men) they could share the job and each would only work either 3 or 4 times during the entire year.

Don't worry if you have never done volunteered at PADS before - we have several people who would work with you the first night to train you and make you feel comfortable! *"Whatever you did for the least of these you did unto me."* Please call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062 to volunteer. Thank you!!

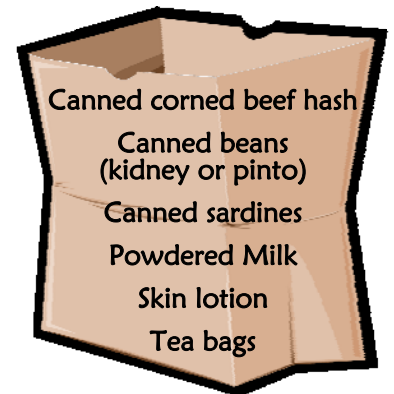


FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Please help hungry neighbors in our community. The Outreach Committee is asking for your help this month to replenish the shelves at Libertyville Township Food Pantry. Please donate the food and household items listed on the bag to the right.

Please place donated items in the Food Pantry Boxes—
 located in the Education Wing,
starting Wednesday, October 19 until Sunday, October 30 (noon).

Questions? Contact Carol Sim-Campbell at simcampbell@comcast.net.



Finance Notes

The summer months always present a challenge for the church in terms of income. People are away on vacations and weekend trips and may not have a chance to turn in their contributions. During September and October, regular givers try hard to catch up on their commitments and we usually see increased giving throughout the fall leading up to Christmas. We appreciate these efforts and are grateful to everyone who gives to support our mission and ministry. We could not be in ministry without your financial support!

As we move into the fall we find ourselves needing a strong post-summer recovery. As of August month-end, year-to-date income is below budgeted expectations by about \$53,800 while expenses continue to be well controlled and below budget by \$35,200, giving us a net budget shortfall of \$18,600.

Because of the nature of giving throughout the year, with a higher percentage of our giving coming in the last quarter (the Christmas Miracle), we anticipate and plan for a difference in income and expenses at this time of the year. Since "faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen," we continue to exercise our faith, trusting in God's grace and your generous giving as we close the gap and end the year with a balanced budget. Thank You for your faithfulness!

	As of 8/31/16	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
AUGUST 2016 MONTH-END RESULTS	Offerings/Revenue	\$45,554.22	\$484,220.04
	Expenses	\$64,769.89	\$601,616.74
	Actual Difference	(\$19,215.67)	(117,396.70)
	Anticipated Difference	\$2,563.17	(\$98,808.49)

Calendar

Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, October 21 by 10 AM; for Sunday Bulletins: the Wednesday before by 10:00 AM. Helping hands are always appreciated to help assemble MEMOS; we'll next meet at 8:45 AM, Wednesday, October 26, 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>EVERY SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00AM—Cornerstone 8:15 AM—Explorer 9:00 AM—Choristers 9:00 AM—Coffee Time 9:30 AM—Journey of Faith 9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service 9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time 10:30 AM—Cherubs 10:30 AM—Joyful Noise 11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship 4:00 PM—Confirmation 4:00 PM—Jesus Lifestyle 6:30 PM—Sr. High Tide</p>	<p>October 3</p> <p>9:00 AM—Rummage Sale Drop-Off 10:00 AM—Lectio 7:00 PM—Inquirers 7:00 PM—Gifts, Graces, God</p>	<p>October 4</p> <p>9:00 AM—Rummage Sale Drop-Off 9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 PM—AA/Living Free 6:30 PM—Covenant Bible Study 7:30 PM—AA/Living Free 7:30 PM—Troop 72 PLC Meeting</p>	<p>October 5</p> <p>8:45AM—Memos 9:00 AM—Rummage Sale Drop-Off 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 7:00PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide</p>	<p>October 6</p> <p>9:00 AM—Rummage Sale Sorting 12:00PM—Living Free/AA 7:30 PM—Choir</p>	<p>October 7</p> <p>9:00 AM—Rummage Sale</p>	<p>October 8</p> <p>9:00 AM—Rummage Sale 8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry 12:00 PM—Rummage Sale Clean-up 12:00 PM—Praise Band 4:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>October 9</p> <p>11:00 AM—New Member Classes 4:00 PM—Waking Up White 6:30 PM—Church Movie Night</p>	<p>October 10</p> <p>10:00 AM—Lectio 12:00 PM—Prime Time 1:00 PM—Book Talker 7:00 PM—Inquirers 7:00 PM—Troop 72 7:00 PM—Gifts, Graces, God 7:00 PM—Outreach 7:30 PM—Troop 72</p>	<p>October 11</p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 PM—AA/Living Free 6:30 PM—Covenant Bible Study 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads 7:00 PM—SPRC Mtg 7:30 PM—AA/Living Free</p>	<p>October 12</p> <p>9:30 AM—Staff Mtg 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM—Lake County Center 5:30 PM—All Stars 7:00PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide</p>	<p>October 13</p> <p>9:30 AM—Faith Circle 12:00PM—Living Free/AA 7:00 PM—"Many Ways to Pray" 7:30 PM—Choir</p>	<p>October 14</p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life 7:00 PM—Pack 72</p>	<p>October 15</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM—Elgin Dist. UMW Leadership 8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry 12:00 PM—Praise Band 4:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>October 16</p> <p>11:00 AM—New Member Classes 4:00 PM—Waking Up White 5:00 PM—Endowment Committee</p>	<p>October 17</p> <p>9:00 AM—College Boxes 10:00 AM—Lectio 7:00 PM—Inquirers 7:30 PM—Troop 72</p>	<p>October 18</p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle 12:00 PM—AA/Living Free 6:30 PM—Covenant Bible Study 7:00 PM—Resource Meeting 7:30 PM—AA/Living Free</p>	<p>October 19</p> <p>9:30 AM—Staff Mtg 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 7:00PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide 7:00 PM—Ruth Circle</p>	<p>October 20</p> <p>12:00PM—Living Free/AA 7:00 PM—"Many Ways to Pray" 7:30 PM—Choir</p>	<p>October 21</p> <p>No Planned Activities</p>	<p>October 22</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry 12:00 PM—Praise Band 3:00 PM—Trick or Trunk 4:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>October 23</p> <p>9:30 AM—New Member Classes</p>	<p>October 24</p> <p>10:00 AM—Lectio 7:00 PM—Inquirers 7:00 PM—UMW Leadership 7:30 PM—Troop 72</p>	<p>October 25</p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 PM—AA/Living Free 6:30 PM—Covenant Bible Study 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads 7:30 PM—AA/Living Free</p>	<p>October 26</p> <p>9:30 AM—Staff Mtg 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM—All Stars 7:00PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide 7:00 PM—Advent Tea Meeting</p>	<p>October 27</p> <p>9:30 AM—Faith Circle 12:00PM—Living Free/AA 7:00 PM—"Many Ways to Pray" 7:30 PM—Choir</p>	<p>October 28</p> <p>Faithful Threads Retreat—Offsite 4:00 PM—Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 PM—Young Life</p>	<p>October 29</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Bible Study 8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry 12:00 PM—Praise Band 3:00 PM—Crowther's Wedding 4:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>October 30 Family Sunday</p> <p>9:30 AM—New Member Classes</p>	<p>October 31</p> <p>10:00 AM—Lectio 7:00 PM—Inquirers 7:30 PM—Troop 72 PLC Mtg</p>					

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