



*Please Join Us in a
Celebration of Our Dreams & Commitments
and a Fabulous Brunch!*

November 16, 2014

*Celebration Worship Service at 9:30 am
Fabulous Brunch at 10:45 am*

*Our Bishop, Rev. Dr. Sally Dyck,
will be preaching and praying for our church*

*We will have special music and a joyful celebration
as we Build on Our Dreams by offering
our Gifts and Commitments to God*

*Please RSVP for the Brunch using the form in the bulletin
or go online to www.umcl.org/brunch-reservation*

We will have only ONE Worship Service at 9:30 am on Nov. 16



Words of Witness ... By Sharon McNally

My family joined our church when we moved to Libertyville in 1968. I must say – it was a wonderful decision by my parents that has positively impacted my life.

Growing up in UMC Libertyville has made it more than just any old church for me. It is my second home, my rock – a place where I feel safe – a building I enter and immediately feel a sense of community and peace. And the congregation is my extended family. I have such great memories of this church and congregation.

As a child, my brothers and I participated in Sunday school, youth group and confirmation class. I remember hay rides and scavenger hunts, bingo at Winchester House and Christmas services with my grandparents present.

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Announcements, Joys & Concerns



With deep gratitude we announce that we have received over \$800,000 in commitments so far towards the building fund appeal.

FROM BETTY JACOT —Thank you for all the kindness you’ve shown me—the cards, phone calls, food, flowers, Jamie and Steve’s visits, and your prayers. They have helped!



MISSING MEMBERS — Please take a moment to read this list of members whose mail has been returned. If you have an address other than the one in the church directory for anyone, please give it to Karla Bolkema in the church office. Thanks, Sandy Price



Richard Barrow, Larry Bauman, Brad Bauman, Mark Becker, Phillip Braxton, Kelli Curtin, Gwen Dowell, Karin Garvin, Megan Graham, Terry, Beth and Phillip Gross, Kris Harger, Lori Keenan, Jim and Beth Leonard, Claude and Goodness Mayembe, Jennifer Norman, Linda Schlapper, Elaine, Noland, and Alan Semerau, Terri Solomon, Moriah Sven, Madison Turner, Jason and Sarah Vanheirsele, Matthew Wenman and Andrew and Andrea Wood.

SCHOOL BAGS FABRIC NEEDED — Sturdy cotton, denim, upholstery, or draperies - new or used, is needed for school bags. Please place in the box located in Fellowship Hall.

HUMBOLDT PARK NEEDS WINTER COATS! With Polar Vortex a not too distant memory and winter just around the corner, it is time to get our winter coats out of the closet. Maybe they don’t fit as well as we would like. Maybe we want something a little more stylish. Whatever the reason, if you have a coat that you no longer need (any size/any gender/any age group) our sister church in Humboldt Park would love to have them. Please bring any clean, gently used coats to church and place them in the specially marked bins in the foyer. **November 23rd** will be the last day to drop these off.



ARE YOU MISSING YOUR GRANDKIDS? We can help you out, while you help us out!! 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 call or email Amanda (Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org)



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).



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
Children’s Choir Director: Blair Brockman
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Words of Witness... By Sharon McNally (Continued)

It is in our sanctuary that many wonderful events have occurred. It is the place where I was confirmed, my daughter was baptized and confirmed, John and I were married and just this last summer, my daughter was married.

As an adult, I have participated in disciple study groups, taught Sunday school, gone on mission trips, helped with Christmas Partners and participated in many social activities and church committees. Our church offers so many opportunities for involvement and it is through these activities that I have made so many lasting friendships.

My family and I have been blessed by being members of this church. My dream is that the next generations of our congregation, as well as those that aren't even part of our congregation yet, will have the opportunities and wonderful experiences that my family has had.

In the same way that we have invested our lives in UMC Libertyville, it is important for us to give back to a place that gives us so much. Part of investing in your religion is investing in the physical structure that allows this congregation to gather every Sunday, investing in the baptisms, the marriages and confirmations.

We continue to grow as Methodists in our beliefs, and as this church continues to grow, it is essential that we provide the monetary support to improve our place of worship. — Sharon McNally

We thank Sharon for her word of witness and gracious presence in our church. We also thank the others who have shared their inspiring testimonies in our services over the last several weeks. We have much to celebrate.

Fall Cleanup / Work Day



The Trustees are seeking volunteers to assist with a few basic tasks around the church, exterior cleanup of grounds, light bulb and ceiling tile replacement, minor repairs and general storage cleanup.

If you can help November 8th at 10 am after the Ad Board meeting the Trustees would appreciate it. The work should only take a couple of hours to complete.

Contact Bill Wilson at wm.gerald.wilson@comcast.net for details & to sign up.

Panama Medical Mission 2015

Medical Mission

We are accepting donations of over the counter medicines (see full list in Fellowship Hall), toothbrushes, toothpaste and any old eyeglasses or readers that you are not using anymore. Please place in Panama bin in the Fellowship Hall before Thanksgiving.

Annual Bake Sale

The Annual Bake Sale to raise money for the Panama Mission trip will be held **Sunday Nov 23th**. If you would like to contribute baked goods please wrap or bag individually and label. **Bring item to church that morning at 8AM.**

Any questions please call Becky Traut (847-367-0295)

Finance Notes—How Are We Doing?

Because the church typically receives a significant portion of its income in the last quarter of the year, there is generally a gap throughout the year between income and expenses. By the end of October we anticipated this gap to be \$63,000 but we find ourselves with a slightly larger gap of \$77,000. Our Offering the first Sunday in November was very good so we are hopeful that income over the next few months will be as generous as in previous years and that we will end the year in the black. Your continued generosity and faithfulness will make it possible for us to reach that goal. Thank you.

HOW ARE WE DOING?



As of 10/31/14

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$56,231.94	\$638,369.42
Expenses	\$63,640.07	\$715,955.98
Actual Difference	(\$7,408.13)	(\$77,586.56)
Anticipated Difference	\$5,084.38	(\$63,230.60)

Christian Education

THANK YOU'S

The Children's Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone who came out to participate in UMCL's 4th Annual Trick or Trunk. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with crafts and games inside the church. A big thanks goes out to the 18 trunks that were AMAZINGLY decorated! The event was a huge success with 50 kids, 18 trunks and over 500 pieces of candy!!



The Children's Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone that came out to Feed My Starving Children on November 1st. We packed over 45 boxes containing 1,495 servings of rice for their next shipment to Guatemala.

TODDLER PLAY GROUP—NOVEMBER 11

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.

ALL STARS

All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to All-Stars! Join us **Wednesday, November 12 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM** 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).

Live Nativity –Mark your Calendars for December 14th! More details coming soon.

Men's Study

Attention all men! **Saturday mornings at 8:00 am**, the men of the Church, have started a new study entitled Dare to Dream by Mike Slaughter. Are your dreams too small? Are you living the "just get by" plan? Or is there a greater "God Dream" for you that if lived to the fullest, could permeate and inform every move you make?

Come and find God's dream for you in this DVD-based study. The study continues weekly through December 13. For more info call Ron Campbell at 847-362-2913.

Adult Study

Advent study for adults starts soon: Five week DVD-based study titled A Different Kind of Christmas by pastor / author Mike Slaughter starts **Sunday, November 23rd at 9:30 am**. Do overspending, overeating, materialism, and busyness rob you of peace and joy during the Christmas season? Do you want to instead focus on the real reason for the Christmas season?

In this study, we will explore how to approach Christmas differently, and be transformed in the process. Learn how to experience the true joy of living and giving like Jesus starting with this Christmas season. All adults are welcome to attend this study! Questions? Contact Carol Sim-Campbell (847) 362-3971 or simcampbell@comcast.net.

Sessions include: Expect a Miracle, Giving Up on Perfect, Scandalous Love, Jesus' Wish List, and By a Different Road. Based on the book titled Christmas is Not Your Birthday by Mike Slaughter.

Stephen Ministry Minute



Learn to be alone and to like it. There is nothing more freeing and empowering than learning to like your own company. *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

UMW READING GROUP



We will meet on **Saturday, November 8th at 9:30 AM** (or immediately following the Ad Board Meeting). We will have coffee, snacks and a lot of good talk about the books we have read. Questions? Call June McCoy (847) 849-0530.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE

We will meet **Tuesday, November 18th** in the Fellowship Hall at **9:30 am**. We will be looking at our second DVD on voices of faith. In the afternoon Priscilla Circle is doing the November birthday party at Winchester House at 2:00 pm. We will be serving cupcakes and ice cream. We could use a couple more people to help. Any questions call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523. Hope to see you there.



RUTH CIRCLE

We would like to invite you to an informative evening when church member John McNally will tell about the suicide hot line organization for which he volunteers. We will meet at Sue Hamilton's home (350 West Austin, Libertyville, 847-362-7972) on **Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m.** Hope you can join us.



ADVENT TEA—CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



The 5th UMW Advent Tea will be held on **Sunday, December 7th** in the Fellowship Hall at **3:00 PM**. This event is open to any woman in the church age 5 and older. Individuals beautifully decorate tables with a theme. This year's theme is "**Christmas Traditions**". There is a special program planned for this year. This is a wonderful afternoon to take time out of the busyness of the season, relax and celebrate the holiday season.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 5-14. Tickets will be sold in the foyer at 9:00 and 10:30 on November 23rd. On November 16th, tickets will be available from Jeris Boyce, Janet Hartkopf and Mickey Donahue. For further information please contact Mickey Donahue (847-367-4906 or missmickey2005@gmail.com)

THANKSGIVING

In this season of thanksgiving we have so many to thank for their work towards making the 2014 Fall Rummage Sale a success. First, thanks to the people who worked in the Fellowship Hall and the church kitchen. Many helped for several days including those who helped set up the tables and clothing racks on Sunday and those who worked to restore Fellowship Hall to a usable condition for our PADS guests Saturday night and emptied the tent in time so that it could be returned to the rental agency. The men and Scouts of Troop 72 helped set up the "silver" tent as well as building racks and bringing in Sale materials. Thanks to those who brought food during the week which contributed to the good feelings of the workers. We are also thankful for the church staff for their support of our publicity efforts and answering questions from church members about the Sale. Many thanks to all who contributed goods to the sale. **Your contributions resulted in a net increase in the UMW mission fund of more than \$7,000.** Finally, watch for announcements about the Spring 2015 Sale.
— Have a blessed Thanksgiving. Barb Plohr and Beth March

United Methodist Men



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE—Help support Boy Scout Troop 72, Lake County ministries sponsored by United Methodist Men and United Methodist Youth by getting your tree at UMC of Libertyville this year!

The sale runs daily from **Friday, November 28 to Saturday, December 20** and will feature beautiful, fresh trees from Wisconsin including Frasier and Balsam Firs from 6-10 feet tall. The UMC Youth will also have Wreaths and Garland greenery available to purchase at the Tree Sale.

Able-bodied men are needed to cover work shifts for the sale. If you are willing and able, please contact Bert Kibbler at 847-858-1456.

Fellowship and Nurture

PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 1 at NOON



We will be having a Holiday Lunch (No Charge!). After lunch we'll enjoy "The Life and Times of Jim Grace", Christmas Caroling, and a White Elephant Gift Exchange! Find your "White Elephant" around the house, wrap it and bring it for the exchange. The more unusual the gift, the more fun it will be!

To help make accurate luncheon plans, please R.S.V.P. to the church office by **Wednesday, November 26** (847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org) We look forward to seeing you there!

Service Opportunities

THANK YOU to all who contributed food / supplies during October to help replenish the shelves at Libertyville Township Food Pantry. **We collected a total of 90 cans / packages of non-perishable food items and supplies.** Included were: cereal, cereal bars, muffin mix, potatoes, sardines, skin lotion, tea bags, and various other food. The guests at the food pantry will benefit greatly from your generosity. — Thanks again, Outreach Committee

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands has some medical supplies such as wheel chairs and walkers etc. that are available to be loaned out. Please call John McNally (847) 401-5504, Gladys Griffin (847) 816-3492, Jeris Boyce (847) 295-0409, or the church office at (847)362-2112. Thank you.



SOCKS—SOCKS—SOCKS ARE NEEDED!

Tube socks are needed (no ankle socks, please) for both men and women. There is a bin located in Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers are always needed. The PADS sign-up book is in Fellowship Hall during coffee time and in the foyer for our third service. You can also call Cathy O'Brien at 847-367-8062 about making lunches or helping with PADS. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS

Will be available on Sundays, **November 23 and 30**
Blessing of the Gifts held on **Sunday, December 7** — Gifts delivered by **December 13.**

For the past 26 years, we have delivered gifts to families in the Humboldt Park area as well as to friends from San Pablo in Waukegan, the Staben House, Eddie Washington Center and The Harbor. If you would like to help share the joy of Christmas, you may select an angel from the board in the foyer and purchase a gift of clothing worth at least \$20 and a meaningful gift of at least \$15. (If you wish, you may purchase more for the child or family that you have selected.) Specific instructions may be listed in the letter you receive when you pick up your angel. **Return your wrapped gifts to the church by December 7.** Thank you for joining in making this a Merry Christmas for a great many children and adults! Questions? Contact Jeris Boyce.

Second Mile Giving For November Will Support:



Justice for Our Neighbors — Sponsored by the United Methodist Church, this organization offers a variety of high quality immigration legal services at no cost. Three local clinics in Aurora, Rockford, and in Chicago at Humbolt Park UMC have helped hundreds of clients. Please see www.jfonnic.org regarding the services provided by these clinics. The Clinic at Humbolt Park UMC can be reached at 872-333-1211.

Winchester House Chaplaincy – Owned and operated by Lake County, Winchester House has been providing long term health care to residents of Lake County for over 150 years. Its 360 beds offer a variety of services, including rehabilitation, long term care, and memory care. Our funds help provide a chaplain to minister to the residents. Please see www.winchesterhouse.com or call 847-377-7200 for additional information.

Calendar

Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, November 14; 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 19, 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>November 9</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 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 (off site) 4:00 PM—Confirmation 4:00 PM—Sr. High return from ONE Retreat 4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers Choirs</p>	<p>November 10</p> <p>1:00 PM—BookTalkers 6:00 PM—Daisy Girl Scouts 7:00 PM—Outreach Committee 7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>November 11</p> <p>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—Lake Cnty. Green Congregations</p>	<p>November 12</p> <p>9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 12:30 PM—Staff Mtg. 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 5:30 PM—All Stars 7:00 PM—Spiritual Growth Committee 7:00 PM—Spanish as Second Language 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE 7:00 PM—Advent Tea Committee 7:30 PM—Troop #72 Committee</p>	<p>November 13</p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—Disciple 1 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 3</p>	<p>November 14</p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>November 15</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:00 AM—Panama Pie Baking 9:00 AM—Contemp. Worship Comtee 4:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>November 16 <i>Building On Our Dreams</i> Commitment Sunday</p> <p>9:30 AM—One Combined Worship Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for Children & Jr. High Youth 10:45 AM—Celebration Brunch 4:00 PM—Confirmation 4:30 PM—Joyful Noise & Choristers Choirs 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE</p>	<p>November 17</p> <p>7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>November 18</p> <p>9:30 AM—Priscilla Circle 9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 6:00 PM—Building Committee 7:00 PM—Resource Committee 7:00 PM—Worship Committee</p>	<p>November 19</p> <p>9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 12:30 PM—Staff Mtg. 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site) 7:00 PM—Spanish as Second Language 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells</p>	<p>November 20</p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 7:00 PM—Disciple 1 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 3</p>	<p>November 21</p> <p>6:30 PM—Cub Scouts 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p>November 22</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—Praise Band 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.)

UMW SAVE THE DATES

Cookies and Cocoa	After the Live Nativity. While you are baking for Christmas, save a batch of cookies for this	December 14
UMW Day of Service	Elgin District UMW Day of Service	February 14, 2015
Books and Brunch	Our Annual Books and Brunch!	February 21, 2015

REMINDER: Heifer International gift cards are an excellent alternative gift for Christmas.

HIGH TIDE

JrHI TIDE — *IDENTIFY yourself in THE STORY*
 Sunday - 9:30 - 10:30 AM
 Wednesday - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Coming up...
 Food Drive Scavenger (November 5)
 Make a Meal Together (November 12)
 Bowling at Fair Lanes (November 19)
 No Synergy (November 26)
 Thanksgiving (November 27)

SrHI TIDE

Sunday - 9:15-10:45 AM (Explore what the culture is saying about God)
 Sunday - 6:30 - 9:00 PM (Explore what God is saying about the culture)

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NAVIGATE your setting & DISCOVER your character in THE STORY

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