



## *Celebrating Thanksgiving*



On Saturday I received a call from our son, Josh in New York, asking for directions on how to cook a turkey. Josh and his girlfriend, Carmen, were hosting a Friends Thanksgiving and they needed some basic instruction on turkey preparation. Eight friends would be gathering in Carmen's apartment, bringing appetizers, side dishes and dessert. Carmen and Josh were responsible for the turkey and stuffing. I was happy to help, passing on the simple steps I had received from my mother and she had received from hers. I got a report from Josh on Sunday that everything went well. He said, "It was awesome. People ate a lot and had a fantastic time."

Thanksgiving is such a wonderful holiday. Free of the commercialism of Christmas, Thanksgiving is more about the

people and the food ... okay, and maybe football. Generally it becomes a holiday where we get together with family and friends, enjoy their company, relax, have a bountiful meal, and savor the good things in our lives. Thanksgiving. The idea comes from God.

In the very center of the Bible is a psalm that invites us to thanksgiving. It's a favorite.

**"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.**

**Know that the Lord is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever;  
and his faithfulness to all generations."**

**Psalm 100**

The early founders of our country were grateful to have survived their first winter in this wild and new land; they were thankful for the help of the native people who came to their aid; they were grateful for the opportunity to make a new home for themselves and their families. They believed that God had guided them, watched over them, protected and provided for them. They were thankful to God.

As we come to this season of thanksgiving, we invite you to take some time to think about what you are thankful for and find ways to express that thanksgiving to God and the people around you.

A Blessed and Bountiful Thanksgiving to you all,  
Pastor Jamie and Pastor Steve

## Announcements, Joys & Concerns

**SAVE THE DATE: Annual Charge Conference will be held Saturday, December 6 at 10:00 am in East Room.**

# Blessed

How blessed we are! With deep gratitude we announce that we now have received over **\$1,198,655** in commitments towards the building fund appeal. Thank you!

### KATE NICOLETTE GERARDI

was born August 12, 2014 in Princeton, NJ.  
Congratulations to parents  
Christine (Pflederer) & Robert  
and grandparents Larry and Carol Pflederer.



### IAN LEIF GILBRIDE

was born October 3, 2014 in Frederick, MD.  
Congratulations to parents  
Meegan (March) & Matt, big sister Annika.  
and grandparents Steve & Beth March.

**BUTTERBRAID PICK-UP!** Thanks to all who supported the youth mission fund by ordering tasty treats! Come to church on **Sunday, November 23** to pick up your puffable pastry! Ben & our youth will be handing them out in Fellowship Hall between services.

**LAST CALL FOR WINTER COATS!** It is cold out there and time to get our winter coats out of the closet! 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.



**WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL CANDLELIGHT ADVENT SERVICE**—All women are invited to come together for homemade goodies and fellowship followed by a service of lessons, carols and contemplation. This service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, (219 W. Maple Avenue, Libertyville) on **Wednesday, December 3; 7:00 pm** -Reception in Sanctuary Narthex; 7:30 pm -Chapel Worship.

**STILL NEED PEOPLE TO SIT WITH CHILDREN** — 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](mailto: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](mailto:info@umcl.org)), Mickey Donahue ([missmickey2005@gmail.com](mailto:missmickey2005@gmail.com)), Karen Kuhlman ([akkuhl@att.net](mailto:akkuhl@att.net)) or Kathy Locke ([klocke@ameritech.net](mailto:klocke@ameritech.net)).



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## Celebrate Thanksgiving and Welcome New Members

Come for worship next **Sunday, November 23**, when we will celebrate Thanksgiving and welcome nineteen new members into our congregation. The communion table will reflect the bounty of the harvest and our Thanksgiving offering will be received.



You are also invited to join with neighbors and friends to share in the annual **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** on **November 23** at **4:00 pm** at Advocate Condell Centre Club in Libertyville.

## Building on Our Dreams Many Thanks

A huge Thank You to everyone who participated and all those who worked so hard on the *Building on Our Dreams Commitment Service and Fabulous Brunch* last Sunday! It was a wonderful event of worship, celebration, dedication, food and fellowship. Special thanks to DeLynn Vang, Lori Miller, and Jan Grigsby who created the amazing decorations. They were beautiful and festive, adding a spirit of joy and celebration to the day. Special thanks to Scott Allen and Jan Grigsby who organized and carried out the fabulous brunch. The food was delicious and the fellowship was wonderful. Over 250 people attended the brunch! Thank you to the members of the adult and children's choirs, Jeff Brown and Blair Brockman, and our special musicians and worship leaders, for their important part in the service. Kudos to all!



**Many Thanks to the Members of the Building on Our Dreams Leadership Team and Helpers, who have worked so hard on the Stewardship and Capital Campaign this fall.** Core Group: Don Boyce, Linda Kraemer, Sharon McNally, Steve Neil. Spiritual Emphasis: Steve Neil, Jim Stewart; Advance Commitment: Jack Kraemer, Karl Taylor; Creative Arts: DeLynn Vang; Children/Youth: Peg Berryman, Bert Kibbler; Social Media: Jesse Nixon, Rob Plohr; Special Events: Scott Allen, Jan Grigsby. We are grateful for your excellent service and ministry!

## Blue Christmas Worship Service



Stephen Ministry will offer a Blue Christmas worship service on **December 9, 2014** at **7:00 pm** in the East Room. This is a service of worship designed for those suffering from loss, sadness, isolation or grief during 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. In the midst of darkness, it is a Service of Light. Childcare provided.

## Special Musical Offerings During Advent

On **December 14th**, harpist Allison Attar of Grayslake will be performing during our **9:30 am** service. Allison has accompanied our Adult Choir in the past but will be in worship that morning to play incidental Christmas music throughout the service. Also, on **December 21st**, our Adult Choir will be presenting a Cantata title "What Child Is This" by John Leavitt. This is a 20-25 minute work about the birth of Jesus. Please mark your calendars for these two special services. We hope that you will be in attendance to share in these special musical offerings with us. In Christ, Jim Grace and Jeff Brown

## Boy Scout Celebrates 85th Charter Year

Boy Scout Troop 72 celebrated its 85th charter year by the United Methodist Church (UMC) of Libertyville at their Court of Honor on September 22, 2014. Since 1929, UMC has been home to this troop which continually supports the BSA mission of 'preparing young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.' Boy Scouts from this troop help UMC in many ways: from cleaning up the church grounds to Scout Sunday to helping with the Rummage Sale. In addition to the many merit badges and rank advancements recognized at the Court of Honor, each scout and adult leader received an '85' veteran unit bar patch to wear proudly on their uniforms. They are also looking forward to Christmas Tree sales (done in conjunction with UMC groups) which begin on November 28, 2014. If you would like any information on Troop 72, please contact Scoutmaster Dave Davies at [Scoutmaster@libtroop72.org](mailto:Scoutmaster@libtroop72.org).

## Christian Education

### FAMILY SUNDAY

Please join us on **November 30th** for Family Sunday! There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** for children and youth. Kids of all ages will join us during the 9:30AM service to celebrate the first Sunday in Advent. Come ring in the Christmas Season with the whole family!

#### 3rd ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY!

Sunday December 14th—6:00 pm  
Cook Memorial Park

Featuring the children and youth of UMCL plus live animals!



We will need a lot of help from the congregation! Youth and adults can be a part of this Christmas event by volunteering with set design, set-up/tear-down or by being an extra pair of hands to supervise our child actors and singers.

Contact Amanda Seibert at [Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org) to get involved.

**The church is looking for children and youth to be stars on our stage!**

The children do not need to memorize any words, just put on their best smile and act out the story of Jesus' birth.

If anyone is interested in being a part of this Christmas event, contact Amanda or the church office to sign-up.

**Rehearsals are on**

**Sunday, December 7th at 10:45 am,  
Saturday, December 13th at 10:00 am and  
Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 pm.**

### ALL STARS

We will not meet on November 26th due to the holiday. Enjoy your Thanksgiving with your family!

### SELL SOME SWAG!!

The Youth program will be selling wreaths, garland, and some swag (yes, that's actually a term for Christmas decorations) out in front of church from **November 28 - December 20** to help raise funds for our summer mission experiences! If you're looking for greenery - stop on by! **YOUTH** - we will be working the tree sale on Thursday evenings during this time. **Come help sell some trees - you will receive a \$10 discount on your mission trip cost for every sale you help with!**



### CHURCH WORK DAY



**Saturday, November 22 @ 10:30 am - 2:30 pm.** Come help tidy up the place with some odd jobs that need to be taken care of. It's a low pressure day - we will get lunch brought in for everyone and Ruth will make cookies! Come hang out and help get some leisurely work done!

**Confirmands** - you will receive service hours for your help. SrHI - come and meet the 8th graders if you don't know them! Let's get togetherness!

## A Reminder From the Church Finance Office

2014 contributions will be accepted through December 31, 2014. This includes any additional cash or check contributions received in the office through the end the day.

For those considering security contributions, a copy of the Church security contribution procedure and the other forms are available from the Finance Office or can be emailed to you on request. To assure that all security contributions are processed in 2014 and correctly reflected on your annual contribution statement, the following time frames are suggested:



- ◆ Having your broker prepare a security certificate for donation to the Church is normally a manual process and can take four to six weeks to complete. Please check with your broker before starting this process to make sure that certificated shares can be ready within our time line and then fully processed by year-end.
- ◆ Existing security certificates take longer to process than electronic transfers. If you are considering donating existing security certificates, please contact the Finance Office immediately to expedite the process.
- ◆ We request that electronic transfers be initiated by December 10, 2014.

Given heightened personal security requirements, the Church will not know the origination of a stock transfer unless you request that your name be passed along to us with your donation. Notifying the Finance Office yourself when you have initiated the stock transfer with your broker will further assure that we know of your donation and can process it in a timely fashion.

If you need further information or have questions, please contact Ruth Ross, our Business/Operations Manager, at the Church (847-362-2112) or via email ([ruth.ross@umcl.org](mailto:ruth.ross@umcl.org)).

## Offering Envelopes—A Few Different Options

Again this year, the Finance Office is offering the option to “opt out” of receiving weekly offering envelopes. A call or email to Ruth Ross, our Business/Operations Manager, will remove you from the list of envelope box recipients. You’ll instead be given a number for you to use as you do make contributions (it’s needed for accurate recordkeeping). If you’d like, we can also provide just a few offering envelopes for monthly or periodic contributions. Just let the Finance Office know what works best for you. Those of you who chose this option last year as well as anyone contributing through an online bill-pay system will automatically be on the no-offering- envelopes list again for 2015. No notice is needed if you would like to receive a box of offering envelopes as usual.

## 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)

## 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](mailto:info@umcl.org)) We look forward to seeing you there!

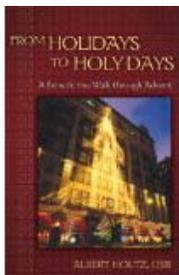
### YOUNG COUPLES

Please join us for dinner at Real Urban BBQ at 1260 S. Milwaukee Ave. in Vernon Hills (just north of Olde Half Day Rd.) **December 5th at 6:30 pm.**

Please RSVP to Gayla and Paul through Wiggo, [paul\\_velez@att.net](mailto:paul_velez@att.net) or call (847) 736-5257. Hope to see you there!



## Advent Study



Take a Benedictine walk through the season of Advent. Journey with us and Father Albert Holtz as he reflects on his daily outings, connecting observations of the secular celebration of the holidays with the deeper, spiritual meaning of the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas. His meditations are captured in the book "From Holidays to Holy Days". We will meet each Sunday in Advent (beginning November 30) at 10:45 am in Room C of Fellowship Hall. This class is open to all.

Contact Susie DiCello ([susandicello@gmail.com](mailto:susandicello@gmail.com)) or Jim Stewart ([jstew0819@aol.com](mailto:jstew0819@aol.com)) if questions.

## Stephen Ministry Minute



We have many needs for care in our congregation and community—people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of job, loneliness and many other stresses or challenges. Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request the care they really need. Stephen Ministry expands the care UMCL can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This group of people have the gifts, skills and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who most need it. *If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.*

## 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](http://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](http://www.winchesterhouse.com) or call 847-377-7200 for additional information.

## United Methodist Women

### 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. This is the last day you can purchase tickets.** For further information please contact Mickey Donahue (847-367-4906 or [missmickey2005@gmail.com](mailto:missmickey2005@gmail.com))

## 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 November 28 to December 20 with the following hours:

Opening Friday, Nov. 28: 9 AM—9 PM

Saturdays: 9 AM—5 PM

Sundays: 11:30 AM—8:00 PM

Monday-Friday: 6:00—9:00 PM.

**If you can help,  
please contact Bert Kibbler  
(847-858-1456).**

### TO ALL MEN IN THE UMCL CONGREGATION

In an attempt to re-vitalize the concept of the UMM meeting each month, please attend a session on **Saturday, November 22nd at 9:00 am** (right after the Men's Study Program and we hope you'll join us). Coffee and doughnuts will be available. This session will give us a greatly needed opportunity to exchange ideas regarding the growth of UMM and how we can best be of service to our church.



It has been very difficult to locate an outside guest speaker so close to the Thanksgiving/ Christmas holiday season and I will continue to seek someone for a presentation in January. For those interested, I will bring visual aids material and put on a program based on my 44 years of fishing and camping in Ontario, Canada, on Lake of the Woods. Topics will cover the wide variety of fish to catch, types of boats to use, fishing tackle, knots, and methods of angling including trolling, casting and jigging, camping and lodge facilities, etc.

Please RSVP to [jtraut@juno.com](mailto:jtraut@juno.com) or call 847-367-7696 and leave a message.

Thanks for your support! Jules Traut, President

## Heifer International Gift Cards

MOOve on over to the the Heifer International table in the foyer on Dec. 7th and Dec. 14th between all three services. For as little as \$10, you can purchase a share of a goat, sheep, pig, llama, flock of chickens, bees and yes – even a cow. Your contribution can be made in the name of a loved one, and you receive a card to send to that person. The card explains how the program works and describes their cornerstone of "Passing on the gift." Each family receiving an animal or plant then commits to passing on the offspring to another family. In this way, more than 4.5 million families in 128 countries have been helped.

## Service Opportunities



### 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.



### SOCKS—SOCKS—SOCKS ARE STILL 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!

**PADS** Crisis Services  
*Providing Advocacy, Dignity and Shelter*

## 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.



**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.

If you have any questions, please contact June McCoy 847-849-0530.

## 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)

## Calendar

**Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, November 28; 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, December 3, in Room 101!!

**MEMOS & BULLETIN PUBLISHING POLICY**—It is the policy for the MEMOS and Sunday bulletins to publish items related only to the United Methodist Church of Libertyville or the specific activities, programs, and missions it sponsors. Any items submitted to the MEMOS or Sunday bulletins will be subject to editing as available space may require. Likewise, the timing of publishing articles is an editorial decision.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>November 23</b> <i>Thanksgiving and New Member Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—First Light Service 9:00 AM—Coffee Time 9:00 AM—Cherub Choir 9:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Traditional Service 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 4:00 PM—Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (at Condell Centre Club)</p>	<p><b>November 24</b></p> <p>7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><b>November 25</b></p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group 12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads 7:30 PM—Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>November 26</b> <i>Office Closed at Noon</i></p> <p>9:45 AM—Lectio Divina</p>	<p><b>November 27</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</i></p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p><b>November 28</b> <i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>9:00 AM—Christmas Tree Sale Begins</p>	<p><b>November 29</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study 9:00 AM—Christmas Tree Sale 4:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p><b>November 30</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent Family Sunday</i></p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—First Light Service 9:00 AM—Coffee Time 9:00 AM—Cherub Choir 9:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Traditional Service 9:30 AM—Adult Class 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:40 AM—God's Soul Girls 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship 4:30 PM—Joyful Noise &amp; Choristers Choirs 6:30 PM—SrHI TIDE</p>	<p><b>December 1</b></p> <p>12:00 PM—Prime Time 7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><b>December 2</b></p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:00 PM—Disciple 5 6:30 PM—Advent Tea Committee 6:30 PM—College Ministry Mailing</p>	<p><b>December 3</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM—BSA District Committee 7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM—Women's Ecumenical Advent Service (at 1st Pres.)</p>	<p><b>December 4</b></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><b>December 5</b></p> <p>6:30 PM—Young Couples (Offsite) 7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>December 6</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—Praise Band 10:00 AM—Charge Conference 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

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

# HIGH TIDE

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

**Coming up...**  
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)

**NAVIGATE your setting & DISCOVER your character in THE STORY**

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