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Thanksgiving for God's Goodness

There is a Jewish folk tale regarding two men fighting over a piece of land. Each claimed ownership. To resolve their differences, they agreed to put the case before a rabbi. The rabbi listened but could not come to a decision. Finally, he said, "Since I cannot decide to whom this land belongs, let us ask the land." He put his ear to the ground then straightened up, "Gentlemen, the land says that it belongs to neither of you -- but that you belong to it."

Henri Nouwen expresses this so well: Gratitude is a response to grace. The compassionate life is a grateful life, and actions born out of gratefulness are not compulsive but free, not somber but joyful, not fanatical but liberating. When gratitude is the source of our actions, our giving becomes receiving and those to whom we minister become our ministers.

Scientist Robert A. Emmons, in an article on "The Joy of Thanks," considers the physical and psychological benefits of thankfulness to be equal to that of therapy. He writes, "My colleagues and I are finding that gratitude, which we define as a felt sense of wonder, thankfulness, and appreciation for life, is more than simply a pleasant emotion to experience or a polite sentiment to express. Gratitude promotes a basic disposition, one that seems to make lives happier, healthier, more fulfilling and even longer." Do yourself a favor, my friend, and learn to thank God daily for your blessings.

The inspired prayers we call the Psalms are filled with eloquent words of gratitude to God. My favorite is Psalm 103 and perhaps it might guide you in a devotional time as you reflect on Thanksgiving Day, it reads:

Psalm 103

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust

But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
To those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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— Pastor Steve and Pastor Jamie

Announcements, Joys & Concerns



We extend our sympathy and prayers to Karl and Peggy Taylor on the death of Peggy's mother, **Mary Rodgers**, on November 4.

Our condolences and prayers on the loss of a long time member, **Mark Whitaker**, on November 6, to his wife, Pam, and their daughters Sarah and Molly

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of **Wilma E. "Billie" (Carlton) Dickinson** who passed away November 10 at the age of 88. She was a former member and had sung in the choir.

A **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Pastor Jamie's father, **Robert W. Hanna**, will be held on **Friday, November 29** at River Glen Presbyterian Church, 1140 Raymond Drive, Naperville, IL. Visitation with the family will take place from 2:00 to 3:00 PM and the Memorial Service will begin at 3:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

TYPHOON HAIYAN brought massive devastation to the Phillipines. Based on the overwhelming need there, our church will be taking a special offering in support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) efforts to bring aid to the area. Contributions can be made using the special envelopes provided in the pew pockets or by mailing them to the Church Finance Office. Checks should be made payable to United Methodist Church of Libertyville, with "UMCOR TYPHOON RELIEF" on the memo line.

BUTTERBRAID PICK-UP! You will be able to pick up the butterbraids you've ordered at church Sunday, November 24 in fellowship hall between services from 9:00-9:30 & 10:30-11:00 AM.



PICKUP SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30—Helping Hands Ministry collects furniture, medical equipment, such as wheel chairs, walkers, etc. that is in very good condition. We store then & loan them out as needed by church members and friends. Please contact Jeris Boyce (847-295-0409), Gladys Griffin (847-507-5352) or the church office and we will pick up.

We are still in need of a new storage facility since our old one of 10 years was torn down. Please contact us if you have space available or suggestion for a low-cost storage solution for our ministry. Thank you!

EMAIL ADDRESSES—Over the next several weeks, we will be transitioning to our new email addresses. We will all have new addresses ending in umcl.org. We ask that you add our domain to your spam filter's 'safe' or "Never Block Sender's Domain" list so you don't miss important news and information from us.

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
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Business/Operations Manager: Ruth Ross
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Building Committee Report

At the Administrative Board meeting on June 1, 2012, the recommendations from the Facilities /Technology Task Forces were presented and unanimously approved. The motion authorized forming a building committee and hiring an architectural firm to evaluate the recommended improvement priorities and create initial schematic designs and associated costs. The fee for this work (Phase One) is approximately \$12,500.00 with the funds being drawn from a dedicated capital improvement account. There are no operating dollars being used for this effort and we have no contractual obligation to proceed after Phase One is complete.

We had an initial “kick off” meeting with architectural firm, Jaeger Nickola Kuhlman & Associates LTD (JNKA) on October 23rd. At this meeting the committee got to meet the architectural team, confirm the scope of work, set future meeting dates and define the limitations of Schematic Design.

At this stage, our scope of work centers on facility and technology improvements including:

1. Sanctuary Revitalization
 - Multi–use space for Traditional and Contemporary services
 - Flexible Seating
 - Improved Lighting
 - New Chancel Area
 - Improved Acoustics
 - Modern Technology–Audio and Video
 - Interior Design & Finishes
2. Welcoming Environment (combined East Room and Narthex)
 - New Entry
 - Improved Flow
 - Multi-use Space
 - Improved Security
 - Modern Technology –Video and computer kiosks
 - Interior Design and Finishes
3. Educational wing bathroom
 - Upstairs Unisex ADA compliant bathroom

We have asked that all these projects be priced independently so if needed we can have funding flexibility. Our initial budget is \$1,500,000.00. The Schematic Design phase is anticipated to take three to four months with initial drawings and concepts to be presented at a Charge Conference in January or February 2014. During these months, the architect and committee will be meeting with church groups and individuals to fully allow our membership to be included in the process of designing improvements to our facilities and technology. We encourage all to be involved in this process.

Members of the Building Committee are: Peggy Berryman, Don Boyce, Judi Buckner, Rich Eber, Mike Foley, Sue Hamilton, Karilee Marcikic, Janet Lichtenberger, Bruce Locke, Mark Mason, Herb Spooner, and Jeff Welch. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Stephen Ministry Minute



Stephen Ministry will offer a **Blue Christmas Worship Service** on **December 10, 7:00 p.m.** This is a service of healing for those who are suffering from loss, sadness, or grief in the Advent Season. 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. Child care provided. **If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leaders Kevin Garren or Mary Spooner or the Pastors.**



Thanksgiving Offering

By now everyone should have received their Thanksgiving letters, including a Thanksgiving offering envelope. We hope that you'll join us in contributing to this special offering that is being taken this year to benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank - an organization that is very much in the hearts of this congregation. Thanksgiving offering envelopes can also be found in the Sanctuary (in the pew pockets).

Celebrate Thanksgiving

This year our congregation will celebrate Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24 during the morning worship services. The altar will reflect the bounty of the harvest and we will receive our offerings and consecrate our commitments for 2014 to God.

You are also invited to attend an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service that Sunday at Advocate Condell Centre Club, 200 W. Golf Road, Libertyville.

Prayers, Readings, Music, & Reflection at 4:00 pm

Food, Fellowship, & Displays at 5:00 pm



Stewardship Campaign—Lifting Off Together By Faith

Please join us for Consecration and Celebration Sunday on November 24th. On that Sunday, we will offer our commitments to God and pray for the consecration of our pledges and our ministry together. Returning your 2014 pledge card on or before that day greatly benefits our work together and helps us with budgeting for the coming year. Pledge cards can be returned either by mailing them to the Church in the envelope provided or placing them in the offering plate on Sunday morning. All commitments received prior to Consecration Sunday will be included in the worship services that day. Please contact Ruth Ross in the Church Finance Office if you have any questions or need other assistance. Thank you!



Many Thanks to the Stewardship Team who worked so hard this year on the charts, graphs, skit, and information sent out to the congregation - Steve Howard, Karl Taylor, Andrea Twedell, Chris Wegren, Pastor Jamie and Ruth Ross. **Special thanks to the volunteers and staff** who worked on the production of our materials and the mailings: Jan Grigsby, Mary Montgomery, Valerie Baker, Karla Bolkema and Ruth Ross.

Offering Envelopes—A Different Option

Starting 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. No notice is needed if you would like to receive a box of offering envelopes as usual.

A First Step Electronic Giving Solution

While the Church continues to plan for a full featured online / electronic giving solution, you could take the first step in that direction through your bank's online bill payment solution – a solution some of our congregation are already taking advantage of. It can be as simple as listing the Church as a “Payee” (being sure to include a mailing address) and making your contribution just as you would pay a bill. No account number is necessary since your bank converts that donation into a paper check that is mailed to the Church. Please contact your bank for detailed instructions or contact the Finance Office if you have questions.

A reminder from the Church Finance Office

2013 contributions will be accepted through December 31, 2013. 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 2013 and correctly reflected on your annual contribution statement, the following timeframes 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 15, 2013.

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.

Again in 2013, the extension of the Pension Protection Act allows anyone over 70 ½ to make church contributions directly from their IRA account. Under the Act’s provisions, gifts under \$100,000 can be transferred directly to the Church and will not be considered part of your taxable income. The disbursement will count toward your minimum required distribution. Contact your IRA administrator for the details on how to make this type of contribution.

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 (ruthaross@sbcglobal.net).

Finance Notes

HOW ARE WE DOING?			
As of 11/15/13			
		Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
	Offerings/Revenue	\$ 47,256.20	\$ 690,094.14
	Expenses	\$ 36,375.78	\$ 731,748.00
	Difference	\$10,880.42	(\$ 41,653.86)

November is off to a good start. We're seeing an increase in contributions and better controlled spending. We're grateful for your generosity and continued support through this challenging time.

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.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Our Sunday School classes are in need of teachers.

Please contact Amanda at AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com or sign up on the bulletin board across from the nursery.



FMSC—THANK YOU!!

The Children's Ministry Committee would like to thank the 51 people that came out to Feed My Starving Children on November 16th. We helped pack 105 boxes containing 63,000 servings of potato D to help typhoon victims in the Philippines.

NO ALL-STARS NOVEMBER 27 We will meet December 11 5:30-7pm

(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!

TODDLER PLAY GROUP Tuesday, November 26

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 or 847-986-6081.

2nd ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY!

Sunday December 15—6:00 pm
Cook Memorial Park

Featuring the children and youth of UMCL plus live animals!



Live Nativity

Children in grades 4th through 8th that are interested to participate, please email Amanda at amandaseibertumcl@gmail.com

Cookies and Cocoa following at the church.



YOUTH WANT TO RAKE YOUR LEAVES for our now yearly Winterization Tradition! On Saturday, November 23, we are heading out in the morning to rake leaves, wash windows, trim bushes, haul brush, and other minor yard work. This service is free! We are hoping to round up about 15 houses' worth of work! Please complete one of the orange cards in the foyer, email Ben Hallett (bshallet@gmail.com), or call him at the church office to put your house on the list or to refer a friend in need.

WREATHS~ GARLAND ~ SWAGS

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! The sales starts 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.

Fellowship and Nurture



PRIME TIME—December 2

We will meet at noon for lunch (\$5) After lunch we'll enjoy entertainment from a Barbershop Quartet group with some Christmas music as well as other quartet favorites.

Please **RSVP** to the church office by **Friday, November 29th**.
We look forward to seeing you. Mary Montgomery, Priscilla Mortland

YOUNG COUPLES —December 6 7:00 PM

Paul and Gayla Velez will host Young Couples at their house at 145 Trailwood Lane in Northbrook. We will be having a cookie exchange.

Hope you can make it! Please RSVP at (847) 412-9632 or paulandgayla@att.net.



ECUMENICAL CANDLELIGHT ADVENT SERVICE—All women are invited to come together for homemade goodies and fellowship followed by a service of readings, ritual, carols, and contemplation. This service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, (219 W. Maple Avenue, Libertyville) on **Wednesday, December 4; 7:00 PM**-Reception in the Social Hall; **7:30 PM**-Worship in the Chapel.

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 29 to December 21 with the following hours:

Opening Friday, Nov. 29: 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
(847-367-4894).

*** There will not be a UMM meeting on Saturday, November 30th ***

United Methodist Women

4th ANNUAL ADVENT TEA—DECEMBER 8

Theme is "Christmas Symbols".

Hostesses should contact Mickey Donahue
(missmickey2005@gmail.com/847-367-4906)
with their name and theme.

Tickets will be on sale November 24th
from 10:30 to 11:15 AM.

\$15 for adults, \$8 for girls ages 5-14.

GRACE CIRCLE—DECEMBER 12 6:00 PM

We will meet for our December Event at the Ristorante Bottaio in Libertyville. If you enjoy good Italian food and great fellowship, this is the event for you. Please mark your calendars and join us as we celebrate the upcoming holiday season.

Reservations are needed, so please rsvp to Diana Natsch at (847)362-1385 or email dnatsch1@gmail.com

FAITH CIRCLE—DECEMBER 12 6:00 PM

Join us for a Christmas Brunch on Thursday,
from **9 to 11 am** in the East Room.

Bring along a breakfast dish to share and a wrapped ornament (under \$10) if you wish to participate in our "lively" ornament exchange.

Childcare is provided for this event. If you have any questions, contact Sheila Hillier 847-984-2794.

RUTH CIRCLE—DECEMBER 18 6:00 PM

We will celebrate the Christmas Season by gathering at the home of Sandy Palmer (920 Bedford Lane, Libertyville, 847-680-3026) for a potluck dinner.

Please call Sandy to let her know you will attend and what you will be contributing for the meal.

Merry Christmas To All!!!

Music

CALLING PRESCHOOL SINGERS!!

Cherub Choir wants YOU! Parents, if your child is 3 years old through Kindergarten age, please consider letting your child learn and play through music. The kids learn Bible verses, stories and principles through songs and experiment with instruments. We meet each **Sunday** morning from **9-9:30 AM**, in Room 202. We typically sing in worship every other month. I would love to have your child join us for the Live Nativity which is coming up in December. For more exciting information, contact Blair Brockman at texasbrockman@sbcglobal.net



2014 NEBRASKA- WESLEYAN CHOIR TOUR
Mark your calendars for **Friday, January 10th, 2014** when our church will again host this outstanding college choir. Upon their arrival in the afternoon & providing dinner, we will enjoy their evening concert in our sanctuary. We are looking for 25 homes to host two young women or two young men overnight and then bring them back to the church Sat. morning after a light breakfast. Please call Jim Grace (847 362-3116) if you are willing to host two students.

Service Opportunities

PADS HELP NEEDED!

We are called by Jesus to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless.

Please consider serving with PADS! Volunteers are desperately needed for **overnight shifts (11 PM—3 AM or 3-6:30 AM) or clean-up (5:30-7:15 AM)**. We are in need of **women's new cotton underwear and socks for men and women**. The PADS signup book is in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Time & in the foyer for third service or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. Thanks!



PADS

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS

Available on Sunday, **November 24** — Blessing of the Gifts held on **Sunday, December 8** — Gifts delivered by **December 14**.



For the past 25 years, we have delivered gifts to families in the Humboldt Park area as well as to friends from San Pablo in Waukegan, the Staben Centers 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.) For The Harbor and

Staben Center, specific instructions will be listed in the letter you receive when you pick up your angel. **Return your wrapped gifts to the church by December 8.** Thank you for joining in making this a Merry Christmas for a great many children and adults! Questions? Contact Jeris Boyce.

PANAMA MISSION TRIP—ANNUAL BAKE SALE

The Annual Bake Sale to raise money for the Panama Mission trip will be held **Sunday Nov 24th**. 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)

Second Mile Giving



SECOND MILE GIVING FOR NOVEMBER will support—

- 1) **Justice for Our Neighbors:** This unique ministry works within United Methodist churches to provide free legal counsel to immigrants and those that work with immigrants. Bible studies and “know your rights” trainings are also provided to United Methodist churches. For additional information, go to www.jfonnic.org
- 2) **Maristella:** Provides ministry to homeless women and mothers with children by providing assistance with finding safe, clean, affordable housing, and by helping to provide rent subsidies and other support services. They are located at 745 N. Milwaukee Ave, Libertyville. Call 847-367-5360, or see their website, www.maristella.org for additional information.

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, Wednesday, November 27; 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 4, in Room 101!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>November 24 <i>Thanksgiving and Consecration Sunday</i> 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 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>November 25 7:00 PM—Monday Night Study 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>November 26 9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:45 PM—Disciple 4 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's</p>	<p>November 27 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 9:45 AM—Faith Study 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM—JH Synergy</p>	<p>November 28 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p>November 29 Office Closed 9:00 AM—Christmas Tree Sale Begins</p>	<p>November 30 8:30 AM—Praise Band 9:00 AM—Christmas Tree Sale 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>December 1 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 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship</p>	<p>December 2 12:00 PM—Prime Time 7:00 PM—Monday Night Study 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>December 3 9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:45 PM—Disciple 4 6:30 PM—College Ministry Meeting 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's 7:15 PM—Pray! 7:30 PM—Trustees</p>	<p>December 4 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 9:45 AM—Faith Study 7:00 PM—Children's Ministry Committee 7:00 PM—Building Committee 7:00 PM—Women's Ecumenical Advent Service (off site) 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—BSA District Committee</p>	<p>December 5 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>December 6 6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)</p>	<p>December 7 8:30 AM—Praise Band 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS</p>

SUNDAY SERVICES

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 & 9:30 services)

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.)

COFFEE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY!

We are looking for families and friends to host coffee time in December. If hosting is a gift you would like to give the congregation during this busy and festive season, please contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Time is nearing to order poinsettias to decorate the altar and East Room the Christmas. Order forms are located in the foyer for your convenience. **Order and payment due by December 11.**

Youth 411

November 2013

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

November 20—Movie/PJ Night

November 27—NO SYNERGY

due to Thanksgiving

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

November 26

November 23—Winterization Project

November 24—Butterbraid Handout at Church

Confirmation ~ Sundays 4:00—5:30 pm

November 24

Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

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Visit us at:
UMCL Student Ministries

Ask about
The House Ministry!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Order Form ~ Christmas Poinsettias for the Sanctuary ~ 2013

It's time to order the poinsettias which will decorate our altar and East Room on December 22 and 24! If you would like to place an order, please fill out this form and return it with your check made payable to the United Methodist Church of Libertyville (UMCL), in the amount of \$14 per plant. Please respond with your payment by Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, by placing this form and your check in the marked basket in the foyer, or by mailing both in to the office.



RED _____

WHITE _____

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____
