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***We Invite You To  
Our Christmas Eve Services . . .***

**4:00 PM — FAMILY SERVICE**

A Blended Worship Service for the young at heart  
with traditional Christmas Carols,  
Children's Message, Sermon and Candle Lighting.  
Nursery Care Available.

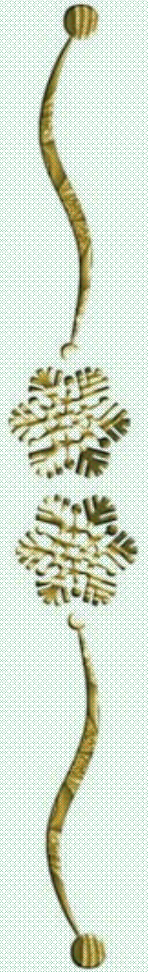
**7:00 PM — TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

A Traditional Service with beautiful music by  
the Adult Choir, Special Musicians, a Soloist, Children's Message,  
the Christmas Story in Scripture and Song, Christmas Sermon,  
and the traditional lighting of the Christmas candles.  
Nursery Care Available.

**10:00 PM — TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

A Traditional Service with beautiful music by the Adult Choir,  
Special Musicians, a Soloist, the Christmas Story in Scripture and Song,  
a Christmas Sermon, Celebration of Holy Communion,  
and the traditional lighting of the Christmas candles.

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## Announcements, Joys & Concerns

**ONE SERVICE ONLY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 9:30 AM.** Please join us for Christmastide Worship on Sunday, December 28, when we will all worship together at our 9:30 AM service.

# Blessed

With deep gratitude we announce that we now have received over **\$1,296,855** through December 9th in commitments towards the building fund appeal. Thank you!

**AD BOARD MEETING**— Our next Administrative Board meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, January 10, at 8:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend!



**DARLENE HANSON** and family, on the passing of her brother Leo McDougall, her last surviving sibling, on November 23rd, 2014.

To the family of **BARBARA BABB**, a former UMCL member, on her passing November 28th, 2014.

**KRIS ANN BRICKERT** and family on the death of her mother, **EDITH DUELL**, who was a member of UMCL for 55 years, on December 6th, 2014.

**MARY OSBORN** and family on the passing of her daughter, Kevin Suzanne, who died on December 8th, 2014.

Thanks to all the wonderful people in the congregation who expressed prayerful, thoughtful concern for me during my long, dark time. There were absolutely dozens of cards and other communication, visits (even though I don't remember them), inspirational writings, positive sayings and even just thinking of me. **Love, Doris Miller**

Dear church family and friends: I want to thank you all for the prayers, support, phone calls, and cards during my recent surgery for a thyroidectomy. I am back home and healing well. Your love and support meant so much and proves the power of prayer. With love and gratitude, **Debbie Vanni**



## Thank You!



**PRAYER CHAIN**—Please hold in prayer all those in our church family who are ill, hospitalized or recovering at home Also please pray for our pastors and committees as they work to discern and shape our future in ministry. If there are specific prayer requests you would like circulated through our prayer chain, please contact the church office ([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)).



## STAFF DIRECTORY

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## Choir Cantata

On **December 21st at the 9:30 AM service**, our Adult Choir will be presenting a Cantata titled "What Child Is This" by John Leavitt. This is a 20-25 minute work about the birth of Jesus.

We hope that you will be in attendance to share in this special musical offering. In Christ, Jim Grace and Jeff Brown



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

## Coming in January 2015 - NEW Electronic Giving Option

The next phase of our electronic giving implementation will be electronic transfers from your bank account to ours. To participate, you'll need to complete an authorization form. Those forms and the details on this new capability are available from the Finance office and will also be mailed with your 2015 commitment confirmations. The current capability of making your contribution through an online bill paying system will continue to be available for those who prefer that method. 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)).

## Second Mile Giving For December Will Support:



**Larry and Jane Kies** – A few years ago, missionaries Larry and Jane Kies blessed us with an excellent program here at UMCL which focused on their work at Africa University in Zimbabwe. This university continues to strive for important milestones and just last month hosted the first ever Counseling Services Symposium held in Zimbabwe. More information regarding this symposium and the university itself can be found at [www.africau.edu](http://www.africau.edu).

**United Methodist Global AIDS Fund** – UMGAF supports education, prevention, care, and treatment programs for people living with HIV/AIDS around the globe, including the United States. Part of UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief), more information regarding this fund and other sponsored projects can be found at [www.umcor.org](http://www.umcor.org).

## Finance Notes—How Are We Doing?

Thanks to our generous congregation we are seeing the increased offerings we were hoping for and therefore closing the gap between actual income and expenses. While that gap is still slightly larger than anticipated (\$50.3K as opposed to \$48.2K), we are hopeful that income in December 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 reach that goal.

As of 11/30/14

### HOW ARE WE DOING?



	Month-End	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$87,826.88	\$726,198.24
Expenses	\$60,521.95	\$776,477.93
Actual Difference	\$27,304.93	(\$50,279.69)
Anticipated Difference	\$15,030.63	(\$48,199.97)

## Christian Education

### LIVE NATIVITY THANK YOU!

Amanda Seibert and the Children’s Ministry Committee would like to thank everyone that helped out with the Live Nativity on December 14th.

A **BIG thanks** to Blair Brockman, Mary Arendt, Mary Ann Burson, Jim Grace and Bonnie Lill, John Brockman, Noel Clausen, Kevin Garren, Ben Hallett, Al Kuhlman, Dan Mullen, Steve Neil, Tom & Jonathan Palmieri, Bryan Rounds, Tom Seibert, Jeff Welch and all the other men that helped with stage set-up and tear-down!

We would also like to thank our talented cast, including Lexi Sapp and Connor Clausen for filling in last minute!

Thanks to all the parents for braving the damp weather, the United Methodist Women and congregation members for the delicious cookies and hot cocoa, the 8th grade Confirmation class and many others for making this event a success!



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



All of our wonderful programs here at UMCL would not be possible without our volunteers. Volunteers are needed for our Sunday School and Kids Own Worship programs, which rotate on a monthly basis. We also need volunteers to help with our Special Events this winter. These events include Souper Saturday, Valentine’s Day Dance, Family Mission Nights and the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Amanda Seibert at [Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org](mailto:Amanda.Seibert@umcl.org).

### PAJAMA SUNDAY— JANUARY 4, 2015



Do you lack the motivation to get dressed and come to church on cold, snowy Sunday mornings? We have a solution for you - PAJAMA SUNDAY!

All ages are invited to wear their comfy, warm pajamas to worship and Sunday School on January 4, 2015.

We will serve breakfast treats and have a special activity during Sunday School. But please find the motivation to at least brush your teeth!!

### ACOLYTES

When a young person serves God by being an acolyte, he or she is doing more than carrying a flame to light the altar candles: An acolyte is symbolically bringing the light of Christ’s spirit into the worship service. Serving as an acolyte is also a way to make new friends, have fun, and grow through service to our church.

Children in the 3rd grade and older may serve as acolytes.

Please contact Amanda Seibert, call the office or signup online if your child is interested.



The whole congregation is invited to **Souper Saturday, January 31st from 12 to 3:00PM.**

Start thinking of a soup recipe and your favorite games!!

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.



## United Methodist Women



### PRISCILLA CIRCLE

We will meet **Tuesday, December 16th** in the Fellowship Hall at **11:30 am**. We will have a Christmas party pot luck lunch.

Hope you can come and if you can't bring a dish to share please come anyway. Any questions call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.



### RUTH CIRCLE

We will meet for a holiday celebration of fellowship, food and fun. There will be a pot luck dinner at Sandy Palmer's home (920 Bedford Ln., Libertyville) on **Wednesday, December 17th at 6:00 PM**. Please call Sandy (847-680-3026) if you are coming and what you plan to bring.



The **5th Annual UMW Advent Tea** was a wonderful afternoon of friends, fellowship, music and fun! A **big thank you** to everyone who helped to make the day a memory, especially the waiters, the table hostesses, the choir helpers who set-up, and the Brockman family for the beautiful lights. Save the date for the 6th Annual Advent Tea on Sunday, December 6, 2015. If you would like to help with the 2015 event, just contact anyone on the committee.

*Thanks from the committee: Sara Aumuller, Blair Brockman, Mickey Donahue, Nancy Sullivan, Janet Hartkopf, Emily Skinner, Erin Swearingin, Andrea West.*

Special thanks to Mickey Donahue for her leadership and to the children of Joyful Noise Choir who presented special music.

**LIVE NATIVITY THANK YOU**— Many thanks to those who provided cookies and/or help with the Cookies and Cocoa event following the Live Nativity. Special thank you to Judy Awe and Jan Grigsby for their leadership.



UMW SAVE THE DATES		
UMW Day of Service	Elgin District Ubuntu Day. Lunch at UMCL / work at Feed My Starving Children	February 14, 2015
Books and Brunch	Our Annual Books and Brunch!	February 21, 2015
Elgin District Day of Spiritual	Rev. Young-Mee Park Calvary UMC Villa Park <i>How Is It With Your Soul?</i>	April 18, 2015
UMW Women's Retreat		TBA
UMW Sunday		TBA
Mission u		July 16-19

## Annual Christmas Tree Sale — Last Week!



The sale runs daily through December 20 with the following hours:

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)

## Stephen Ministry Minute



Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving and for sharing, and giving are not to be put away. So keep the Christmas Spirit, share it with others far and near, from week to week and month to month, throughout the entire year. *If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.*

## Fellowship and Nurture

### YOUNG COUPLES —January 2, 6:30 PM

Scott and Charlotte Allen will host Young Couples at their house at 1201 Hampton Lane, Mundelein. We will celebrate the new year with our tradition of jambalaya, white bean chicken chili and White Elephant exchange!



White Elephant—this should not be something that you go to the store & purchase new. These are gag gifts, things that you may prefer to re-gift, etc. The rule is that you leave with as many gifts as you arrived with. If you want to bring 2 gifts, you should expect to go home with 2 gifts.

Hope you can make it! Please **RSVP** at (847) 968-4565 or [rscallen@gmail.com](mailto:rscallen@gmail.com)

### PRIME TIME LUNCH AND GAME DAY—January 5

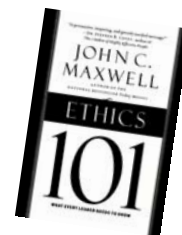
Join us for lunch at Noon (\$5) followed by fun after lunch playing games to celebrate the New Year. Please bring your favorite game.



Please **RSVP** to the church office by no later than Friday, January 2nd at 10 AM.

### SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S STUDY GROUP—JANUARY 10 8:00-9:00 AM

The new class based on *Ethics 101, There's only one Rule for Making Decisions* by John Maxwell will run approximately 7-weeks. The group will be using video as well as the book to explore how to apply the Golden Rule in life and in leadership positions.



To join or any questions, please contact Luis Villa-Arce at [lou12sue13@gmail.com](mailto:lou12sue13@gmail.com)

### NEW! THE JESUS LIFESTYLE – 6-WEEK SUNDAY MORNING CLASS BEGINNING JANUARY 11!

Do you feel strong in Christian resolve on Sunday morning but challenged to live a Christian lifestyle as you move into Monday? Join us for 6 Sunday mornings, beginning **January 11 at 10:30 AM**, to explore the ways that Jesus' words can reverberate in our very real and messy lives. Jesus didn't leave us a lifestyle magazine; he simply sat down on a mountainside and began to teach. Simple, memorable and profound, Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount are as relevant and as challenging today as they were 2,000 years ago.

Using excerpts from his engaging and fascinating series, *The Jesus Lifestyle*, Nicky Gumbel takes a closer look at the Sermon on the Mount. He presents, with his familiar mix of humor and wisdom, the way Jesus tells us to live our lives. We will address such topics as the secret of happiness, how to handle anger, responding to difficult people, conflict, worry and the challenge of living “counter culturally.” Contact Kathy Locke ([klocke@ameritech.net](mailto:klocke@ameritech.net)) or Jim Stewart ([jstew0819@aol.com](mailto:jstew0819@aol.com)) for more information, or just show up!

## Service Opportunities

### STYROFOAM COLLECTION

Again we will collect packing foam so that it can be properly recycled. So, drop off all the packing foam - large or small pieces - into the tubs which will be in the Fellowship Hall foyer and in the main foyer by the parking lot entrance. Thank you, The Earth.

### 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).**

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!



## Calendar

**Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Friday, January 2; 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, January 7, 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>December 21</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class                      8:15 AM—First Light Service                      9:00 AM—Coffee Time                      9:00 AM—Cherub Choir                      9:15 AM—Adult Class                      9:30 AM—Traditional Service                      9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages                      10:30 AM—Coffee Time                      10:45 AM—Adult Class                      11:00 AM—Contemporary Service                      11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship                      5:00 PM—Youth Movie Night</p>	<p><b>December 22</b></p> <p>7:30 PM—Adult Choir</p>	<p><b>December 23</b></p> <p>11:00 AM—Toddler Play Group                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      7:00 PM—Faithful Threads</p>	<p><b>December 24</b></p> <p><i>Christmas Eve</i>                      Office Closed                      4:00 PM—Family Service                      7:00 PM—Traditional Candlelight Service                      10:00 PM—Traditional Candlelight Service (with communion)</p>	<p><b>December 25</b></p> <p><i>Christmas Day</i>                      Office Closed</p>	<p><b>December 26</b></p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p><b>December 27</b></p> <p>4:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p><b>December 28</b></p> <p>9:30 AM—Combined Service                      9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages                      10:30 AM—Coffee Time</p>	<p><b>December 29</b></p>	<p><b>December 30</b></p> <p>12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p><b>December 31</b></p> <p><i>New Year's Eve</i>                      Office Closed at Noon</p>	<p><b>January 1</b></p> <p><i>New Year's Day</i>                      Office Closed                      12:00 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p><b>January 2</b></p> <p>6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)                      7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>January 3</b></p> <p>4:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p><b>January 4</b></p> <p><i>Pajama Sunday</i>                      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                      10:45 AM—Adult Class                      11:00 AM—Contemporary Service                      11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship                      7:00 PM—Cub Scout Committee</p>	<p><b>January 5</b></p> <p>12:00 PM—Prime Time                      7:00 PM—Inquirers Study Group                      7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><b>January 6</b></p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth                      12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA                      1:00 PM—Disciple 5</p>	<p><b>January 7</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—MEMOS                      9:30 AM—Staff Mtg.                      9:45 AM—Lectio Divina                      1:00 PM—Women's Bible Study                      7:00 PM—JrHI TIDE                      7:00 PM—Heritage Bells                      7:00 PM—BSA District Committee</p>	<p><b>January 8</b></p> <p>9:00 AM—Faith Circle                      12:00 PM—Living Free / AA                      6:30 PM—Praise Band                      7:00 PM—Disciple 1                      7:30 PM—Adult Choir                      7:30 PM—Disciple 3</p>	<p><b>January 9</b></p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum                      7:00 PM—20's Group @ Ben's</p>	<p><b>January 10</b></p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study                      8:30 AM—Ad Board                      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.)

## Altar Flowers

Call the church or go to our website ([www.umcl.org/altar\\_flowers](http://www.umcl.org/altar_flowers)) to donate altar flowers.

Altar flowers each Sunday are given in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events.

Questions? Contact Joannie Foley at [foleyszoo@aol.com](mailto:foleyszoo@aol.com).



# HIGH TIDE

## JrHI TIDE — IDENTIFY yourself in THE STORY

Sunday - 9:30 - 10:30 AM

Wednesday - 7:00 - 8:30 PM

### Coming up...

Hansa (December 17)

No JrHI Tide—Christmas Eve (December 24)

Christmas (December 25)

No JrHI Tide—New Years Eve (December 31)

### WEEK LONG MOVIE MARATHON: Harry Potter

December 15-21. Mon-Sat: 6:30 - 9:30 PM. Sunday: 5 - 10 PM

SrHI room at Church. Come when you can!

Monday: Socerer's Stone

Friday: Order of the Phoenix

Tuesday: Chamber of Secrets

Saturday: Half Blood Prince

Wednesday: Prisoner of Azkaban

Sunday: Deathly Hallows (1 & 2)

Thursday: Goblet of Fire

**ALL YOUTH - JrHI & SrHI INVITED EVERY NIGHT!**

### 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)

[www.facebook.com/togetherness](http://www.facebook.com/togetherness)



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8:15—9:00 am First Light Service | 9:30—10:30 am Traditional Service | 11:00 am—12:00 pm Contemporary Service