



## United Methodist Church of Libertyville

# MEMOS

*Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All*

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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 and soloists, 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 and soloists, the Christmas Story in Scripture and Song, a Christmas Sermon, Celebration of Holy Communion, and the traditional lighting of the Christmas candles.

### ***A Stephen Ministry Congregation***



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## Announcements, Joys & Concerns



We extend our sympathy and prayers to John and Jane Aten, along with their family, on the death of John's mother, **Gertrude "Trudy" Aten**, on November 28.

**MANY THANKS** to the Congregation for your support in regard to the loss of my father. Your thoughts and prayers, along with the \$200 gift in memory of my Dad to Harmony, Hope and Healing, a Chicago ministry of music and song to those who live on the margins, is very much appreciated. If you would like to see the video presentation celebrating my Dad which was created for the service, you can view it on youtube at Robert W. Hanna Memorial. — Thanks again, Pastor Jamie



**CHURCH SIGN VOLUNTEER NEEDED!** If you would be willing to change the message on our church sign on an occasional basis to let our community know of our worship schedule and special events, please contact the church office at 847-362-2112. Thank you to **Dave Arendsen** for faithfully updating the sign for the last years.

**ONE SERVICE ONLY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 9:30 AM.** Please join us for Christmastide Worship on Sunday, December 29, when we will all worship together at our 9:30 AM service.

**BLESSINGS BULLETIN BOARD**—The Building Committee is hard at work to help us accomplish some of our Dreams and Wishes for the church! Please be sure to check out the Blessings Bulletin Board at the back of the sanctuary to see all the hopes that have been or are in the process of being fulfilled and the dreams we are still hoping to see realized. We rejoice at these many blessings!

**COFFEE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY!** We are looking for Coffee Hosts to serve on 12/22. If you would like to help please contact the church office or Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com

**MEMOS HELP NEEDED!** Additional help is needed to help assemble Memos, twice a month on Wednesdays at 9am. Please call the office to volunteer. Thank you!

**SCHOOL BAG MATERIAL** is needed any time. Please give it to June McCoy or leave it in room 101. 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 ([libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net)), 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

**PASTORS:** Rev. Dr. Stephen C. Williams  
Rev. Dr. Jamie Hanna Williams  
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## 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 15th. A BIG thanks to Blair Brockman, Jim Grace, Tom Seibert, Ben Hallett, Leigh Sapp, DeeAnn Clausen, Jeanette Frisbey and Suzy Kibbler. Thanks to Jeff Welch, Stephen Neil, Dan Mullen, the Clausen Family, Wilson Family and the many other strong men that helped with stage setup and tear down.



We would also like to thank our talented cast and their parents for braving the cold, the United Methodist Women and congregation members for the delicious cookies and hot cocoa, the 8th grade Confirmation class, our Pastors and many others for making this event a success!

## Gun Free



The Board of Trustees, during their December 3, 2013, meeting discussed the forthcoming Illinois Public Act 98-63 and its effective date of January 1, 2014. Public Act 98-63 will allow trained and licensed gun owners to carry a concealed gun. It has been decided by unanimous vote of the Board, that in accordance with ACT 98-63, UMCL will be a GUN FREE zone. Signage will be posted at the entrances and in the parking lot indicating that concealed guns are not allowed in the Church building.

## Special Offering Donations

THANK YOU for “Lifting Up Christ and Ministering to All Through Our Gifts to Help Others!” Donations to our three recent special offerings came close to \$10,000 and will be given as follows: \$4,617 to the Northern Illinois Food Bank; \$3,462 to UMCOR for Typhoon relief; \$1,489 to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference for Tornado relief. Your incredible generosity will help our neighbors near and far in many important ways.

## Finance Notes



From  
the Finance Office

### HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of 12/10/13

	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$ 28,042.40	\$ 754,070.66
Expenses	\$ 26,990.92	\$ 781,974.17
Difference	\$ 1,051.48	(\$ 27,903.51)

Just as in November, December is off to a good start. We’re even more hopeful that we can end the year with no spending gap and results “in the black.” Your continued support can make that happen! Thank you!

## 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.

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).

## Christian Education

### **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 Family Game Night, Valentine's Day Dance, Family Mission Nights and the Easter Egg Hunt. We will have a training event on Sunday, **January 5, 2014 at noon**. Lunch will be provided but you must RSVP in advance. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested in volunteering please contact Amanda Seibert at [AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com](mailto:AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com).

### **PAJAMA SUNDAY— JANUARY 5, 2014**



Back by popular demand! All children and youth are invited to wear their pajamas to worship and Sunday School on **January 5**. We will serve breakfast treats and have a special activity during Sunday School. Don't hibernate! Come and join us!

### **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 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 sign up online if your child is interested.

## Altar Flowers

At UMCL our altar flowers are provided through the goodness of members. A donation to the flower fund is a beautiful way to celebrate a special event or honor your loved ones. Now is the time to sign up for your altar flower orders for the 2014 new coming year. You can sign up on our website at: [www.umcl.org/altar\\_flowers](http://www.umcl.org/altar_flowers)



## Worship Greeters

Greeters are needed for 8:15 and 9:30 AM services. You can sign up on our website at: [www.umcl.org/worship](http://www.umcl.org/worship)

## Stephen Ministry Minute



Understand that heartaches will be unpacked as you sift through the decorations, but so too, are the warm, loving memories of each piece. Don't deny yourself the gift of healing tears.

If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Kevin Garren, Mary Spooner or the Pastors.

### **TODDLER PLAY GROUP JANUARY 14** **We will not meet December 24**

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](mailto:julieballing@gmail.com) or 847-986-6081.

### **ALL-STARS JANUARY 15—15:30-7pm** **We will not meet December 25**

(3rd-5th Grade Youth Group) We meet every **2nd & 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!

## Fellowship and Nurture

### YOUNG COUPLES —January 3, 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 allencs@comcast.net**

### PRIME TIME—January 6

**Back By Popular Demand —The White Elephant Gift Exchange!!**

Join us for lunch at Noon (\$5). 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!

Please **RSVP** to the church office by **Friday, January 3rd.**

We look forward to seeing you.  
Mary Montgomery, Priscilla Mortland

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**—Will begin 2014 with a 18-week study of Exodus in preparation for a study of the Book of Revelation. During the holidays, think about joining us for the Bible series. You can call Joyce Jefferies for more details at 847-566-6944. **Join before December 30** to get the group discount on study materials.



**NEW MEN’S SATURDAY MORNING STUDY**—Will begin **January 11, 2014** at **8:00 AM** with a 10 week study of “Good to Great in God's Eyes, Ten Practices Great Christians Have in Common.” Each week they will focus on one of the ten practices, viewing a 15 minute video on the subject, followed by our ever lively group discussion.

Please let Scott Allen know if you plan on attending, so he can order extra books if necessary. He asks that you donate \$10 each to help cover the cost of the materials for the study.

**SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES CLASS**—Taught by Woody Bedell, will meet on **Monday** evenings at **7:00 PM**, beginning **January 20**. Please call the church if you are interested.

## United Methodist Women Thank You!

The ADVENT TEA committee would like to thank all of the friends who helped make the 4th annual tea a success. Thanks to Blair Brockman, "God's Soul Girls", MaryAnn Burson, and Tammy Skinner for the wonderful music. The sing-along was a favorite. Thanks to the nine gentlemen who helped serve the food with smiles!! Thanks to Terry Slocum for setting up the sound system and a special thanks to him for shoveling and salting...an unexpected chore. Thanks to all the women who decorated their tables for a joyous, festive room. Thanks to the Brockman family for the beautiful lights and stars decorations. And thanks to the 100 plus women who attended the event. It was a blessed, peaceful afternoon. **Save the date for the 5th Annual Advent Tea on December 7, 2014.**

Committee: MaryAnn Burson, Mickey Donahue, Janet Hartkopf, Kathie Slocum, Nancy Grange-Sullivan, Emily Skinner, Diana Natsch

## United Methodist Men

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**— Time is running out! The sale ends this Saturday, **December 21**, with the following hours: Monday-Friday: 6:00—9:00 PM Saturdays: 9 AM—5 PM

**UMM** will not be meeting the last Saturday in December to avoid any conflicts with member's Christmas Season scheduling. **We will be meeting January 25th, 2014.** Details will be following.

## Music

Dear UMCL Church Family,

The Adult Choir would like to invite you to sing with us for Christmas Eve.

If you normally don't sing with the choir but would enjoy a short term commitment during the holidays we would love to have you sing with us. The Adult Choir will sing at both the 7:00 and the 10:00 PM services on Christmas Eve.

We have begun rehearsals for Christmas and would invite you to join us on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 PM to learn the music. Please contact Jeff Brown or Jim Grace for more information.

Many blessings,  
UMCL Music Department

### 2014 NEBRASKA- WESLEYAN CHOIR TOUR

The Emmy-nominated Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir is a select 48-voice ensemble. Since 1977, the choir has undertaken eight foreign concert tours and two choral residencies in Hawaii in addition to annual concert tours throughout the United States.

The choir is under the direction of William A. Wyman who is in his 39th year at Nebraska Wesleyan. He has served as a clinician or guest conductor throughout the country. His honors include the Nebraska Choral Directors Association's "Outstanding Choral Director of the Year," a Fulbright Scholar appointment at Seoul National University in Korea, and induction into the Nebraska Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. He has conducted performances at Carnegie Hall twice in recent years, and last year he received the Nebraska Choral Director's Association highest honor — the Cornell Runestad Award, which honors professionals' commitment to their singers and artistry.

They will be performing here, **Friday, January 10, 2014 at 7:30 PM.** Free-will offering.

Our church will again host this outstanding college choir. **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

### 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!

## Second Mile Giving



SECOND MILE GIVING FOR DECEMBER will support—

- 1) **Larry and Jane Kies:** Many of you will remember Larry and Jane's September 9, 2012 visit to UMCL. Larry's message that morning brought us up to date on their work at Africa Univ. in Zimbabwe. The university was recently awarded first prize in the higher education category of the 2013 Service Excellence Awards hosted by the Contact Centre Association of Zimbabwe. Read more about this award and additional updates at [www.africau.edu](http://www.africau.edu).
- 2) **United Methodist Global Aids Fund:** The UMGAF supports education, prevention, care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS in the US and around the globe. Additional information for this UMCOR-sponsored project can be found at [www.umcor.org/programs](http://www.umcor.org/programs)

# 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, Friday, January 3; 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 8, in Room 101!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>December 22</u></p> <p>8:00 AM—Adult Class 8:15 AM—First Light Service 9:00 AM—Coffee Time 9:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Traditional Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM—Coffee Time 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship</p>	<p><u>December 23</u></p>	<p><u>December 24</u></p> <p><i>Christmas Eve</i> 12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 4:00 PM—Family Service 7:00 PM—Traditional Candlelight Service 10:00 PM—Traditional Candlelight Service (with communion)</p>	<p><u>December 25</u></p> <p><i>Christmas Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><u>December 26</u></p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p><u>December 27</u></p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum</p>	<p><u>December 28</u></p> <p>8:30 AM—Praise Band 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p><u>December 29</u></p> <p>9:15 AM—Adult Class 9:30 AM—Traditional Service 9:30 AM—Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 AM—Coffee Time</p>	<p><u>December 30</u></p>	<p><u>December 31</u></p> <p><i>New Year's Eve</i> 12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p><u>January 1</u></p> <p><i>New Year's Day</i> OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><u>January 2</u></p> <p>12:00 PM—Living Free / AA</p>	<p><u>January 3</u></p> <p>6:30 PM—Young Couples (off site)</p>	<p><u>January 4</u></p> <p>8:30 AM—Praise Band 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p><u>January 5</u></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 10:40 AM—Children's Choir 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship</p>	<p><u>January 6</u></p> <p>12:00 PM—Prime Time 7:00 PM—Monday Night Study 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p><u>January 7</u></p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 12:00 &amp; 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:45 PM—Disciple 4 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's 7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee</p>	<p><u>January 8</u></p> <p>9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 9:45 AM—Faith Study 5:30 PM—All Stars 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells 7:00 PM—BSA District Committee</p>	<p><u>January 9</u></p> <p>9:00 AM—Faith Circle 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><u>January 10</u></p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum 7:30 PM - Nebraska Wesleyan Choir Concert</p>	<p><u>January 11</u></p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—Ad Board 8:30 AM—Praise Band 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY SERVICES</b></p> <p>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 &amp; 9:30 services)</p>	<p>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.)</p>
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## BOOKS AND BRUNCH FEBRUARY 22, 2014

Featuring Neta Jackson (author of Yada Yada Prayer Group series and others— most recent title Derailed). Contact Mary Ann Burson or Terry Johnson for more information.

# Youth 411

## December 2013

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

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

Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am  
36 Parables Curriculum



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The House Ministry!

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