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Live Nativity

Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m.
at Cook Memorial Park in Libertyville!

The Live Nativity is a performance by our children and youth of the story of Jesus' birth.

Angels, shepherds, wise men, Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus will all be with us to tell the humble and glorious tale of the coming of the Savior.

Live animals – goats, sheep, a donkey, and a cow will be part of the scene.

The children and community will be invited to join in singing our favorite Christmas carols.

Following the twenty-five minute performance, everyone is invited back to the church for a Christmas Celebration with cookies and hot chocolate.

We hope you will come!

Bring your family, neighbors and friends and share the spirit of Christmas.

The performance is directed by Amanda Seibert with support from Blair Brockman and a host of others.

A Stephen Ministry Congregation



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PARTICIPATE IN THE LIVE NATIVITY!

The church is looking for children and youth to be stars on our stage for the Live Nativity! The children do not have

to memorize any words. If anyone is interested in being a part of this Christmas event, contact Amanda Seibert at the church office, to sign-up and attend rehearsals on:

Sunday, December 8th at 10:45 AM
Saturday, December 14th at 10:00 AM
Sunday December 15th at 4:00 PM

LIVE NATIVITY COOKIES & HELP NEEDED!

If you are able to provide **3-4 dozen small cookies** for our Live Nativity on **December 15**, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer or contact Mary Ann Burson. Please label any cookies containing nuts and deliver cookies to the kitchen on Sunday, December 15. **We also need many volunteers to set-up, serve and clean-up after the anticipated crowd.**

Contact Mary Ann Burson to help (847-270-0633 or bookwormburson@att.net)



Announcements, Joys & Concerns

DECEMBER 1st BAPTISMS

BARRETT CHASE ANDERSON was baptized in the 9:30 am service by Rev. Debbie Fisher. Congrats to parents Scott and Jaclyn.



HENRY JEFFERSON BROWN was baptized in the 11:00 am service by Rev. Debbie Fisher. Congrats to parents Jeffrey and Eryn.



Congratulations to **NANCY GRANGE** and **PATRICK SULLIVAN** on their marriage, November 30th!

COFFEE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY! We are looking for Coffee Hosts to serve on 12/8 and 12/15. If you would like to help please contact the church office or Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com



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.**

MEMOS AND MAILING HELP NEEDED! Additional help is needed to help with church mailings and to assemble Memos. Please call the office to volunteer. Thank you!

It's time to order **CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS** to decorate the altar & East room on December 22 and 24 for Christmas! If you'd like to place an order, order forms are enclosed in this memos, in the foyer or online at www.umcl.org/poinsettias. Make your check payable to UMCL for \$14 per plant. **Order and payment due by December 11.**



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Will begin 2014 with an 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 take advantage of the group discount on study materials.

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
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Children/Family Ministries: Amanda Seibert
Youth Pastor: Ben Hallett
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Stewardship Campaign—Lifting Off Together By Faith

Our November 24th worship experience was a wonderful time of celebration and thanksgiving. Over 140 pledges for 2014 were received and blessed and more continue to arrive every day. If you haven't returned your pledge yet, it's not too late. Pledge cards can continue to be returned either by mailing them to the Church in the envelope provided or placing them in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Please contact the Church Finance Office if you have any questions or need other assistance. Thank you!

“To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.” Psalm 25:1



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, we recommending an electronic transfer that is initiated no later than December 15, 2013. Please be certain to specific that your name be passed along to us with your donation. It is also helpful to notify the Finance Office as you initiate the stock transfer.



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).



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.

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.

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.



ALL-STAR DECEMBER 11—5:30-7pm We will not meet December 25

(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, December 10

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.

WREATHS~ GARLAND ~ SWAGS

In conjunction with the Boy Scout Christmas tree sale, the youth will be selling wreaths, garland, and swags to spruce up your home for the season! The sale runs daily to December 21.



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.

Finance Notes

HOW ARE WE DOING?

As of 11/27/13



	Month-To-Date	Year-to-Date
Offerings/Revenue	\$ 77,218.50	\$ 720,056.44
Expenses	\$ 59,911.03	\$ 754,983.25
Difference	\$ 17,307.47	(\$ 34,926.81)

November saw increased contributions and better controlled expenses, resulting in a reduction in our spending gap. We're thankful for your generosity and hopeful for even more positive December results.

Fellowship and Nurture

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.



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

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 to December 21 with the following hours:
 Monday-Friday: 6:00—9:00 PM
 Saturdays: 9 AM—5 PM
 Sundays: 11:30 AM—8:00 PM

If you can help,
 please contact Bert Kibbler
 (847-367-4894).

United Methodist Women

4th ANNUAL ADVENT TEA—DECEMBER 8—This Coming Sunday!
 Come join us in the celebration of the season and to relax with friends!
 Theme is “Christmas Symbols”.

Time: 2:30--viewing of tables, 3:00-4:30--Event

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

Contact Mickey Donahue (missmickey2005@gmail.com or 847-367-4906)



FAITH CIRCLE—DECEMBER 12 9:00 AM

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.



GRACE CIRCLE—DECEMBER 12 6:00 PM

We will meet at the Ristorante Bottaio in Libertyville. If you enjoy good Italian food and great fellowship, this is the event for you. 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



PRISCILLA CIRCLE—DECEMBER 17 11:30 AM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POT LUCK LUNCH

We will meet in the fellowship hall at 11:30 AM for our luncheon.

Bring a dish of whatever you want to share. Any questions call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.



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) for a potluck dinner. Please call Sandy (847-680-3026) to let her know you will attend and what you will be contributing for the meal.

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.



PADS

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 sign up book is in Fellowship Hall during Coffee Time & in the foyer for third service or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS

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.

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.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL GIFT CARDS—MOOve on over to the Heifer International table in the foyer on **December 8th and December 15th** 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.

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.
- 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

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, December 13; 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 18, in Room 101!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>December 8</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—Children's Choir 10:45 AM—Live Nativity Rehearsal 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 3:00 PM—Advent Tea</p>	<p>December 9</p> <p>1:00 PM—Booktalkers 7:00 PM—Monday Night Study 7:00 PM—UMW Mission Team 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>December 10</p> <p>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 7:00 PM—Blue Christmas Service 7:00 PM—Faithful Threads 7:15 PM—Pray!</p>	<p>December 11</p> <p>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—Resource Committee</p>	<p>December 12</p> <p>9:00 AM—Faith Circle 12:00 PM—Living Free / AA 2:00 PM—Center for Independent Living 6:00 PM—Grace Circle (off site) 7:00 PM—20's Group (off site) 7:30 PM—Adult Choir 7:30 PM—Disciple 2</p>	<p>December 13</p> <p>6:00 PM—Young Life Capernaum 7:00 PM—Cub Scouts #72</p>	<p>December 14</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—Praise Band 10:00 AM—Live Nativity Rehearsal 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>December 15</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—Children's Choir 11:00 AM—Contemporary Service 11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship 4:00 PM—Live Nativity Rehearsal 6:00 PM—Live Nativity (Cook Park)</p>	<p>December 16</p> <p>7:00 PM—Monday Night Study 7:00 PM—Troop #72</p>	<p>December 17</p> <p>9:30 AM—Women's Spiritual Growth 11:30 AM—Priscilla Circle 12:00 & 7:30 PM—Living Free / AA 1:45 PM—Disciple 4 7:00 PM—TNT @ Ben's 7:00 PM—Resource Committee 7:00 PM—Troop #72 Committee 7:15 PM—Pray!</p>	<p>December 18</p> <p>9:00 AM—MEMOS 9:00 AM—Staff Mtg. 9:45 AM—Lectio Divina 9:45 AM—Faith Study 6:00 PM—Ruth Circle (off site) 7:00 PM—JH Synergy 7:00 PM—Heritage Bells</p>	<p>December 19</p> <p>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 20</p> <p>6:00 PM—Intimate Evenings</p>	<p>December 21</p> <p>8:00 AM—Men's Study 8:30 AM—Praise Band 4:30 PM—PADS Setup 6:30 PM—PADS</p>
<p>SUNDAY SERVICES</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 & 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>		



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

December 4—Synergy Nerf Gun Fight

December 8—Confirmation Ba’hai Temple
Offsite Worship

December 7—TNT Chriskindal Market, 10am
Confirmation PAD’s 4:30pm

December 11—Synergy Food Bank Service
December 15— Live Nativity

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

December 10, 17

Sunday School ~ Sundays 9:30—10:30 am

36 Parables Curriculum



Visit us at:
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Ask about
The House Ministry!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CHILDREN'S LIVES



“Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” This is the last verse of Psalm 23 that I was

introduced to twenty years ago. I was attending the 2nd grade Sunday School class for the first time at a brand new church and was very nervous. My teacher, Mrs. Anderson, was a widow in her 70s and taught 2nd grade Sunday School, long before and after I attended that class. Not only did Mrs. Anderson help me get to know the other twelve kids in my class, she inspired me to learn A LOT about the bible. She taught us bible verses and stories and applied them to our everyday life. But what I remember the most from Mrs. Anderson is learning her favorite Psalm throughout the entire school year. Each week we would discuss and practice part of a verse from Psalm 23 at the beginning of class. By the end of the school year we memorized the entire Psalm. To this day it is one of my favorite passages and one that I still know by heart. At the time, I did not know much about Mrs. Anderson except that she was passionate about the bible and made it very intriguing to me, a 2nd grader. Her passion for bible stories and passages, such as the twenty-third Psalm made me want to learn more about the bible.

In the coming weeks, as I decorate for Christmas, I will pull out one of my favorite ornaments to hang on our tree. It is a glass manger that Mrs. Anderson gave us in our Sunday School class that year. I always find a great place for it on the front of the tree so I can see it daily and be reminded of Mrs. Anderson. She opened my eyes, ears and heart to hear the word of God. She encouraged me to look to the bible and God for answers, hope, and inspiration.

My point in sharing this is to let everyone know that they can be an inspiring Sunday School teacher. You do not need to have experience, have raised a family or know every single book of the bible. As long as you are passionate and want to help children learn about God, you will be a great teacher! My goal is to create a desire in children so they want to learn more about God and want to come to Sunday School each week. To achieve this goal, I need help from the congregation. I need help to tell the children the bible stories and make them applicable to their lives. I encourage you to teach Sunday School and share your faith and passion with children. In another twenty years, the children today may be thinking of the great memories you instilled in them and be thankful they had you teach their class!

Please let me know if you are interested in teaching or assisting with Sunday School, Kids Own Worship or other Children's Ministry programs. I also encourage you to attend the volunteer training on **Sunday, January 5, 2014 at noon** to learn more about how you can make a difference in the spiritual lives of our children.

Amanda Seibert

Director of Children and Family Ministries
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Order Form ~ Christmas Poinsettias for the Sanctuary & East Room

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.



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In Memory of: _____

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