



## United Methodist Church of Libertyville

Our Mission Is To Glorify God By  
Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All

# MEMOS

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## Missionary Larry Kies Will Be at UMCL on August 11



### TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET AND HEAR FROM LARRY KIES

**12 Noon Brown Bag Luncheon**  
sponsored by the United Methodist Women

**7:00 PM Dessert Fellowship**  
sponsored by the Outreach Committee

***Please Join Us!***

Larry and Jane Kies are UM missionaries serving at Africa University in Zimbabwe. Larry is the director of the Africa University Farm in the School of Agriculture at this United Methodist-related institution which graduated over 800 students last June and is working to become a world-class university for leadership development in Africa. He will be here to share what is happening in Zimbabwe and at the University.

Africa University is a United Methodist Church-related institution that is being nurtured and funded by church members from all over the world. Africa University opened in March 1992 as the first private, international university in Zimbabwe.

Mr. Kies was raised near Jesup, Iowa, where his parents gave him his love of farming and sense of global mission. After graduating from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology, he began a 15-year career in Botswana. He first served as a Peace Corps Volunteer teaching agriculture, then managed the farm and taught at Maun Secondary School. He began his work at Africa University in 2002.

Reflecting on his ministry, Mr. Kies shares, "I am in mission with the African people as we manage a commercial-scale farm that demonstrates appropriate farming methods. Students, even those not studying agriculture, are exposed to sustainable practices, as many work part-time on the farm to help pay their school fees. In teaching, I hope to reinforce in students a Christian outlook toward farming and business, since many of them will be the African leaders of the future. By so doing, I hope to obey Jesus' command, implicit in Matthew 25, to feed the hungry."



## Announcements, Joys & Concerns

We extend our sympathy to **LINDA LEHMAN AND SHERYL ACEVEDO**, along with their families, on the passing of their father, Emmit Lehman, on July 11th, 2016.



Congratulations to **DESTINY (KOCH) AND BRENNAN BOWMAN** on their marriage July 2, 2016



**ADELE LUCILLE SKONIECZNY** was baptized on July 31, 2016 in the 10:00 service by Pastor Jamie. Congratulations to parents David & Anna Rose



Congratulations to **HERB AND MARY SPOONER** on their 51<sup>ST</sup> anniversary on August 8, 2016.



**MARY ANN BURSON**—August 3<sup>RD</sup>  
**ELLIOT KOSTKA**—August 8<sup>TH</sup>  
Happy 95<sup>TH</sup> Birthday to **CORNIE ELLWEIN**

### Endowment Challenge

**Don't forget the Endowment Committee's matching challenge!** For each \$1 donated by the congregation, \$2 will be donated by the "Match Your Gift to Endowment". **Your \$1 becomes \$3 — WOW!!!!** Envelopes for your gift are in the pew rack.

**SCHOOL BAGS for UMCOR** and needy children throughout the world are still needed to be filled and returned. Filled bags will be sent by UMCOR to needy children in Africa, Asia and Central America. Thank you to everyone that has contributed and returned your bags already.

**GOOD NEWS / BAD NEWS**—The good news is we have our round tables! The bad news is we do not have the right chairs for our noble ones to sit upon. Here in Camelot all good Knights and Fair Maidens need their Round Tables for times of refreshment, mirth and merriment. A mere 50 dollars will buy a strong and beautiful wooden chair from the distant realm of Ikea. Two such chairs are now on display in our Community Room. They are very light and very comfortable. If 20 Friends of the Round Tables would contribute said \$50.00 - or 40 Friends would contribute \$25.00 - our realm of fellowship and fun will be even more splendid. Contributions can be made each Sunday in the Community Room in the cleverly designed jar which once contained pretzels. 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, Mickey Donahue, Karen Kuhlman, or Kathy Locke, using our new email address: [prayerchain@umcl.org](mailto:prayerchain@umcl.org).**



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## Faith Forward to Rally Day & Beyond!



We're very excited about what we're rolling out this fall for your Spiritual Growth. We're inviting you all to pray hard and think about how you can take your **FAITH FORWARD!** That's our theme. We asked you to take some time in August to prayerfully work out where God is leading you (and let's be real, he's always leading us somewhere further down the road of Christian maturity), and this month we are asking you to act on those prayers and sign up to grow in the love and wisdom of our great God. We'll be publishing a similar brochure to last fall that will now be a quarterly publication intended to give you the smattering of opportunities we have to be Christ's body together --> **CONNECTing, GROWing, & IMPACTing.**

We will be putting out a binder or two in the Community Room (just like we did in Lent) during August so that you can sign up where the Spirit is nudging you, AND we'll be throwing a togetherness celebration and kick off for our Fall together on **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>!**

Come join us for Rally Day where we all come back together from our scattered summers and psych ourselves and each other up for the great adventure ahead. There will be food, a bouncy house, pony rides, outdoor games and yet another opportunity to engage each other in rich discussion about where God is guiding us.

*All we ask is that you bring a side dish or dessert to share to that event!* We'll be talking about it plenty in the weeks to come, so for now, mark your calendars and spread the good word! Peace and blessings to you all!

## Confirmation Class Starts Soon! Important Meeting This Sunday, August 7 at 6 PM



If you are a student or have a student who will be entering 8th grade this fall, we would like to welcome you to join our Confirmation experience. This is not your average confirmation class. **We kick off with a great overnight retreat at Wesley Woods in Williams Bay, Wisconsin on August 26 and 27.** We organize local service experiences for the youth. We visit other churches. We play crazy games. We even host special events that help you sort out things like faith & science, faith & sexuality, and faith & stewardship. Combine all of that with exploring the overarching story that

we are all living in and, wow! You've got yourself a fun and full 8 months. To begin the journey, please join us for our first time together:

### Informational Meeting and Light Dinner for Youth and Parents – This Sunday, August 7 at 6:00 pm.

This is a very important introduction to our program. All youth and their parents who plan to participate or who are interested and want to learn more should be present for this meeting. An overview and detailed information about program requirements and the upcoming Confirmation Retreat on August 26-27 will be shared. You will register for the program at this event. Don't miss it!

Contact the church office at [info@umcl.org](mailto:info@umcl.org) for more information.

## Center For Changing Lives' 13th Annual Gala



**END THE SUMMER WITH A BANG!  
COME TO CENTER FOR CHANGING LIVES'  
13TH ANNUAL GALA!**

Join us at our church's table for an evening of entertainment: games, prizes, food & drinks plus a live band while helping fund homeless & needy people

**The Gala, Saturday August 20th from 6pm – 10pm, is at the Chicago Cultural Center, GAR Hall and Rotunda**  
78 E. Washington Street, Chicago, IL. ; across from Millennium Park!

Call Elise Naccarato-Grosspietsch (847-362-0029; [eliseng1005@gmail.com](mailto:eliseng1005@gmail.com))

Separate tickets can be purchased online at [CCLgala.bpt.me](http://CCLgala.bpt.me) for \$100/person or \$175/couple.

## Christian Education



### VBS THANK YOU!

MANY THANKS to everyone that supported Cave Quest Vacation Bible School with their time, talents and snack supplies! VBS was a huge success with 67 children in attendance!

**A BIG ROUND of applause for the 54 dedicated volunteers who came out every day to entertain ALL of these kids!!!**



### PROMOTION SUNDAY AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>

B.I.G. Time is having its Promotion Sunday during the **10:00 service**.

We will be graduating to the next grade and decorating our new classrooms!

### BACKPACK BLESSING AND RALLYDAY/ALL CHURCH PICNIC

Join us on **August 28<sup>th</sup>** for Backpack Blessing and an ALL church picnic!

Children and youth are invited to bring their **backpacks or totes** to the 10:00 service to have their backpacks blessed for the 2016-2017 school year.

Following the service there will be a cookout with food, fun games and activities for all ages to kick-off the new school year!

Backpack  
Blessing  
August 28



### UPCOMING EVENTS SR HIGH

August 7: Youth Group @UMCL 6:30-8 PM

August 14: Fall Kick-Off & Pizza Party!



## College Care Packages

Attention Parents of College Students!

Our college ministry would love to send your college student a couple of care packages throughout the year.

Please call or email the church office ([info@umcl.org](mailto:info@umcl.org)) by September 22 and let us know your student's address for this school year. Thank you!



## Stephen Ministry Announcement

*"Why is Stephen Ministry a Lay Ministry? Stephen Ministry is based on the idea that all Christians are ministers. The responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians, not just a chosen few. God has given us all a gift for ministry and called us to put those gifts to use. Stephen Ministry is a way people with special gifts for caring ministry can use those gifts to bring Christ's love to people in need."*



If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, contact Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Mary Spooner (847-548-3703) or the Pastors.

## Second Mile Giving For August Will Support:



**Larry and Jane Kies** - We at UMCL welcome the Kies back to our church for a brief visit this month as they take a break from their work at Africa University in Zimbabwe. This United Methodist-related institution, which graduated over 800 students last June, is striving to become a world class university for leadership development in Africa. Please see [www.africau.edu](http://www.africau.edu) to learn about the educational experiences offered at Africa University.

**Mujeres a Mujeres** – Created by the women of Humbolt Park UMC in Chicago, this program ministers to Hispanic women with young children who have been impacted by domestic violence and other traumatic experiences. The women in the program receive training, counseling, community resources, and skill training. Please refer to Rainbow Covenant Projects at [www.umcnic.org](http://www.umcnic.org) for additional information.

## Mainstreet 'Out To Lunch'

Mark your calendars now! Our church will once again be a part of the MainStreet Libertyville's Out to Lunch (Picnic in the Park) tent on **Friday, August 5**, from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Stop by to say hello and encourage others to do so. We had face painting and Ben playing his guitar at our last one. If you'd like to be a part of this event, e-mail [joyce.bedell@umcl.org](mailto:joyce.bedell@umcl.org).



## 4th Annual Waukegan to College Oktoberfest!



The fourth annual Waukegan to College Oktoberfest event will be held on **Oct. 1st at 6:00 p.m.** This year's venue will be at Bernie's Book Bank, which is located at 917 North Shore Drive, Lake Bluff, IL 60044. The proceeds will go toward sending **Waukegan to College youth** to Leadership Lab at Augustana College. This event is also the major fundraiser for Waukegan to College's operating budget. Tickets are \$35 and if interested, please email [dnatsch@gmail.com](mailto:dnatsch@gmail.com) or [karenjpapp@gmail.com](mailto:karenjpapp@gmail.com)

In addition, W2C is also seeking auctions items for the event. Things that have auctioned well at similar functions include: dinners, a weekend getaway at a hotel or condo, autographed sports items, professional sporting event tickets (Cubs, Sox, Blackhawks or Bears), handmade craft items, rounds of golf, bicycles, gift certificates, and much more! For more information on donating, please contact Karen Papp at 224-436-0893 or [KarenjPapp@gmail.com](mailto:KarenjPapp@gmail.com).

## United Methodist Women

### RUTH CIRCLE

We have heard it for years and here is our chance to learn more about it!

Ruth Circle will meet **August 17 at 7:00 PM** at the church for a guided tour of our church organ, provided by Jim Grace. For more information please contact Julie Garren (847-816-7340).

*Newcomers are always welcome to join us!*



**BROWN BAG LUNCH Thursday, August 11 12:00 PM** Bring your lunch to Fellowship Hall. We will provide drinks. Larry Kies, Missionary, will share his work at Africa University. You will not want to miss this opportunity to see where your mission dollars are at work. Questions? MaryAnn Burson call 847-270-0633, 770-718-6907 or email [bookwormburson@att.net](mailto:bookwormburson@att.net).

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

**"GETTING TO KNOW YOU" Saturday, September 10 12:00 - 3:00 PM** Fellowship Hall Salad Luncheon  
Join us for food, fun, fellowship and learning as we highlight the opportunities provided by United Methodist Women. Learn more about UMW Circles, UMW Rummage Sale, UMW Women's Retreat, UMW Advent Tea, mission opportunities, District and Conference celebrations, Mission u, UMW Reading Program, etc. No charge but we do need registration information. Questions? Bonnie Lill at [Bonifer57@yahoo.com](mailto:Bonifer57@yahoo.com) or Kelley Wilson [1205@comcast.net](mailto:1205@comcast.net)

**ELGIN DISTRICT ANNUAL CELEBRATION September 17** at Epworth UMC in Elgin  
Carpooling will be available. Speaker will be Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath, our District Superintendent. Child-care will be available. Watch for details.

### "HOW IS IT WITH YOUR SOUL?" WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

**Saturday, October 1 9:00-3:00 PM** Fellowship Hall Registration/Fee TBA  
Sponsored by United Methodist Women. Rev. Young-Mee Park, Presenter

This study focuses on 4 verbs: pray, learn, mentor and transform and we know from experience that participants can be transformed by Rev. Park's presentation.

## Fellowship and Nurture



### FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS

Please join us for mini-golf at **Aloha Falls** in Libertyville Sports Complex ([www.alohafalls.com](http://www.alohafalls.com)) **August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**

Hopefully third time is a charm and we can finally play mini-golf! They have snack and drinks available so we can hang out until everyone arrives and then all play a round together. Afterwards we can head to Austin's patio for food/drink.

RSVP to Melissa at [octoberhoneybee@yahoo.com](mailto:octoberhoneybee@yahoo.com)



**THE TENTH ANNUAL UMCL GOLF CLASSIC** will be held on **Saturday, August 20, 2016**. Please join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on the golf links with consecutive tee times starting at 12:30 PM. We will be playing at Countryside Golf Club, a Lake County Forest Preserve course, at 20800 W Hawley St. in Mundelein.

Entry fee for this year's event will be \$70 per person which includes greens fees with cart and a catered dinner from Catered Productions beginning after golf at 6:30 PM at the home of Jack and Linda Kraemer in Libertyville. Non-golfers are welcome to join the Dinner at a cost of \$15 per person.

For more information, or to reserve a spot, please contact Scott Allen, 847-217-9067 ([scott.r.allen@jci.com](mailto:scott.r.allen@jci.com)), or call the church office at 847-362-2112.



### PRIME TIME LUNCH - \$5

Prime Time will meet on the second Monday, **SEPTEMBER 12 at NOON**.  
(1<sup>st</sup> Monday is Labor Day)

Please RSVP to the church office by 10 AM, Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.  
(847-362-2112 or [info@umcl.org](mailto:info@umcl.org))

## Service Opportunities

### NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK



Northern Illinois Food Bank provides food for 13 Northern Illinois Counties, including Lake. This organization helps to feed more than 71,000 people EVERY WEEK, a feat that would not be accomplished without volunteers just like YOU! Our church's next volunteer slot is **Wednesday, August 31st from 6 – 8 PM**, at the Park City Distribution Center location, which can be found at 440 Keller Drive, Park City, IL 60085. If this sounds like a mission in which you would like to participate or just want more info, please contact Diana Natsch at [dnatsch1@gmail.com](mailto:dnatsch1@gmail.com), 847-922-5069.

### PADS SITE MANAGERS NEEDED

Interested in volunteering to help the homeless a few times during the PADS season?

Although our hosting of the PADS guests doesn't start until Oct (and continues until the end of April) we are starting to gear up for the season. We currently need a few people willing to work 3 or 4 Saturdays (yes, that's all) during that entire season as site managers.

What does that mean? A site manager arrives at 6 PM and stays until 11 PM. He/she supervises the other volunteers (could be 6-10) who serve dinner, hand out clothing, answer questions, and turn lights out at 10. We only need the first & fourth Saturday of each month filled (2nd, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays are already staffed with experienced site managers). If we could get 4 people (2 women and 2 men) they could share the job and each would only work either 3 or 4 times during the entire year. Don't worry if you have never done volunteered at PADS before - we have several people who would work with you the first night to train you and make you feel comfortable! *"Whatever you did for the least of these you did unto me."* Please call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062.



# Calendar

**Deadlines for MEMOS articles: Wednesday, August 31 by 10 AM; for Sunday Bulletins: the Wednesday before by 10:00 AM.** Helping hands are always appreciated to help assemble MEMOS; we'll next meet at 8:45 AM, Wednesday, September 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
	<u>August 1</u> 12:00 PM—Prime Time	<u>August 2</u> 12:00 AA/Living Free 7:30 PM— AA/Living Free	<u>August 3</u> 8:45 AM—Memos 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg 9:45 AM—Lectio 7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide	<u>August 4</u> 12:00PM—Living Free/AA 7:00 PM--Praise Band	<u>August 5</u> "Out to Lunch" In Libertyville 7:00 PM—First Friday Friends	<u>August 6</u> 1:30 PM—Praise Band
<u>August 7</u> 9:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:00 AM—Unity Worship 10:00 AM— B.I.G. Time 11:00 AM—Church Potluck 6:00 PM—Confirmation Dinner	<u>August 8</u> 1:00 PM— Book Talkers	<u>August 9</u> 12:00 AA/Living Free 7:30 PM— AA/Living Free 7:00 PM—Stephen Ministry	<u>August 10</u> 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg 9:45 AM—Lectio 7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide	<u>August 11</u> 12:00 PM—Living Free/AA 12:00 PM—Larry Keys Visit 7:00 PM--Praise Band	<u>August 12</u> No Scheduled Activities	<u>August 13</u> 2:00 PM—Mary Kate Morgan Wedding
<u>August 14</u> 9:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:00 AM—Unity Worship 10:00 AM— B.I.G. Time 6:30 PM—Senior High Fall Kick-off	<u>August 15</u> 7:00 PM— UMW Leadership 7:00 PM—Troop 72	<u>August 16</u> 12:00 AA/Living Free 7:30 PM— AA/Living Free	<u>August 17</u> 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg 9:45 AM—Lectio 7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide 7:00 PM—Ruth Circle	<u>August 18</u> 12:00PM—Living Free/AA 7:00 PM--Praise Band	<u>August 19</u> No Scheduled Activities	<u>August 20</u> 8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry 12:30 PM—UMCL Golf Classic 1:30 PM—Praise Band
<u>August 21</u> 9:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:00 AM—Unity Worship 10:00 AM— B.I.G. Time 6:30 PM—Senior High Youth	<u>August 22</u> 7:00 PM—Troop 72	<u>August 23</u> 12:00 AA/Living Free 7:30 PM— AA/Living Free	<u>August 24</u> 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg 9:45 AM—Lectio 7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide	<u>August 25</u> 12:00PM—Living Free/AA 7:00 PM--Praise Band	<u>August 26</u> Confirmation Retreat Offsite 6:00 PM—Young Life	<u>August 27</u> Confirmation Retreat Offsite 8:00 AM—Boy Scout Council 8:00 AM—Stephen Ministry 1:30 PM—Praise Band
<u>August 28</u> RALLY DAY 9:30 AM—Coffee Time 10:00 AM—Unity Worship 11:00 AM—Church Picnic 6:30 PM—Senior High Youth	<u>August 29</u> 7:00 PM—Troop 72	<u>August 30</u> 12:00 AA/Living Free 7:30 PM— AA/Living Free	<u>August 31</u> 9:30 AM—Staff Mtg 9:45 AM—Lectio 7:00 PM—Jr. High Tide	<u>September 1</u> 12:00PM—Living Free/AA 7:00 PM--Praise Band	<u>September 2</u> No Scheduled Activities	<u>September 3</u> 1:30 PM—Praise Band

**DONATE YOUR OWN** flowers to decorate our altar. You can coordinate with DeLynn Vang on donating flowers to the church or go to our website ([www.umcl.org/altar\\_flowers](http://www.umcl.org/altar_flowers)) and fill out the online form. Altar flowers each Sunday are given in honor of, or in memory of, special people and events.

Questions? Contact DeLynn Vang at [delynnvang@comcast.net](mailto:delynnvang@comcast.net).



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After the 10AM Unity Service



**BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH**

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**RALLY DAY EXTRAVAGANZA  
& ALL-CHURCH PICNIC**

Join us August 28<sup>th</sup> for a Special Day  
of Celebration, Worship, and Fellowship!

**PICNIC IN THE GROVE  
AFTER SERVICE**

**PONY RIDES  
BOUNCY CASTLE!!**