



United Methodist Church of Libertyville

Our Mission Is To Glorify God By

Lifting Up Christ, Using Our Gifts, Ministering To All

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GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY—Many Thanks to all those who have already brought or mailed to the church their 2017 Financial Commitments for our Stewardship Campaign, “Gratitude and Generosity.” We appreciate both the commitments to the 2017 Annual Ministry Fund and the ongoing or new commitments to the Building Fund! If you have not yet returned your 2017 Financial Commitments, we would be happy to receive them in the Offering throughout the month of December or you can mail them to the church in the return envelope provided. Additional forms and envelopes can be found in the Community Room's Stewardship Corner. Your generosity and faithfulness make our ministry and life together possible. Thank You!

SECURITY / STOCK DONATIONS AT YEAR-END—For those considering security/stock 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 2016 and correctly reflected on your annual contribution statement, we recommend that electronic security/stock transfers be initiated by December 9, 2016. Please also be certain to notify the Finance Office when you have initiated the stock transfer so that we know of your donation. If you need further information or have questions, please contact Ruth Ross (847-362-2112 or ruth.ross@umcl.org).

OFFERING ENVELOPES — You can select weekly or monthly/periodic offering envelopes or no envelopes at all (for electronic and annual contributors). No notice is needed if you would like to receive a box of offering envelopes or if you wish to use the same option as last year. If you'd like to contribute your offering using a different option, though, we ask that you let the Finance office know which works best for you **no later than December 10**. Offering envelopes will be available for you to pick up sometime between that date and December 18th. Everyone will be given a number to use as they make contributions regardless of the option chosen with those opting for no envelopes being notified by mail.

A REMINDER FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE OFFICE 2016 contributions will be accepted through December 31, 2016. This includes any additional cash or check contributions received in the office through the end of the day and those postmarked on or before that date. If you have questions, please contact Ruth Ross (847-362-2112 or ruth.ross@umcl.org).

CHURCH/CHARGE CONFERENCE— is scheduled for **Saturday, December 17, at 10:30 AM** in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS —Families are encouraged to take home “Look Around the Manger” devotional for the Advent season. Please pick up this interactive booklet and manger scene in the Education Wing outside of the B.I.G. Room.

A GIFT FOR ADVENT—CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS are still available! Consider what you would 'GIFT' to Jesus this year. Please visit the Spiritual Growth table in front of the office window to pick up your TWO Gift for Advent ornaments and an info sheet that will have your instructions. One of your ornaments will hang on our community room Christmas Tree. Also, there are personal daily devotionals for Advent. These are free to those who would like to have one.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE—Come support the annual Troop 72 Boy Scout, and UMCL Men's Christmas Tree sale. Beautiful fresh trees from Wisconsin will be available in a variety of sizes. Proceeds from the sale help support our scout troop and also provide funds to support local and global ministries through the UMCL Men's group. Able-bodied UMCL men are needed to fill volunteer time slots. The sale runs daily **thru Sunday, December 18** Monday-Friday: 6 PM—9 PM, Saturdays: 9 AM—9 PM, Sundays: 12 PM—8 PM. Please contact Larry Corrigan (lcarrigan@medline.com) if you can help.

FAITH CIRCLE — Join us on **Thursday, December 8 at 9:30 AM**. We will be having a Christmas gift exchange and providing brunch. Childcare is provided. If you would like more information, please call Andrea West at 847-356-3846.

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS—Thanks again to all who continue to share in this Christmas Blessing. Please bring your gifts to the service you will be attending on **December 11**. Church members are welcome to help deliver the gifts to either the Humboldt Park or the San Pablo church on the 17th of December...please let Jeris Boyce know if you would like to go.

BLUE CHRISTMAS is a service of remembrance for those suffering with pain, loss, isolation and grief in the holiday season. By offering this service, we acknowledge the struggles that we face while providing a safe place of peace where you can just be, and rest in a quiet place for your soul. Service is on **Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. We invite you to join us for this service. Please contact Mary Spooner (847-548-3703), Kevin Garren (847-816-7340), Kathy Locke (847-816-6841) or the Pastors for more information.

ALL STARS—All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders are invited to All-Stars! There will be only one meeting this month on **Wednesday, December 14 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. We will have dinner together, play games and learn about New Testament Bible Heroes! Dinner is provided (suggested donation of \$3). Friends are always welcome!

RUTH CIRCLE—We will hold our annual Christmas pot luck dinner at **6:00 on Wednesday evening, December 14th** at the home of Sandy Palmer (920 Bedford Lane, Libertyville, 1-847-680-3026) Please call Sandy to RSVP and let her know what dish you will be contributing. Join us for this celebration of the season and a wonderful evening of fellowship.

OUR 5TH ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY—will be held on **Sunday, December 18 at 6:00 PM** in Cook Park. The children and youth of our church will reenact the birth story of Jesus. Complete with our own choir of angels, live animals and, for the first time, a real baby Jesus! Concluding the performance everyone is invited to our church to enjoy some cocoa, coffee and cookies.

LIVE NATIVITY STARS—The church is looking for children and youth (3rd to 12th grade) to be stars on our stage! Some characters have speaking parts while other's just put on their best smile and act. If anyone is interested in being a part of this Christmas event contact Amanda Seibert at the church office to sign-up!

LIVE NATIVITY HELP—The church is looking for people to help with our annual Live Nativity production on **December 18**. If anyone is interested in helping with directing, set design, lighting, sound or the children's choir please contact Amanda.

PRISCILLA CIRCLE—We will have our Christmas meeting on **December 20 at 11:30** in Fellowship Hall. This will be a pot luck lunch but if you can't bring something, please come anyway. We will have a sharing time. If you have a special holiday memory, or an ornament or anything else you would like to share, please bring it. Call Shirley Mason 847-362-0523.

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EVERY SUNDAY IN DECEMBER

8:00AM—Cornerstone

8:15 AM—Explorer

9:00 AM—Choristers

9:00 AM—Coffee Time

9:30 AM—Journey of Faith

9:30 AM—Traditional Worship Service

9:30 AM—B.I.G. Time

10:30 AM—Cherubs

10:30 AM—Joyful Noise

11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship

11:00 AM—Kids Own Worship

4:00 PM—Racial Justice

6:30 PM—Sr. High Tide

CALENDAR ADDITIONS, CANCELLATIONS, & RESCHEDULED MEETINGS

Please note the following changes to the calendar that was published in the December memos. The December MEMOS can be downloaded at anytime by going to our website at: www.umcl.org/memos. You can also look at all events on our web calendar at: www.umcl.org/calendar.

7:00PM—Wednesday, December 7	Cub Scouts
6:30PM—Sunday, December 11	No Ecumenical Service
7:00PM—Wednesday, December 16	Resource Committee
<i>(rescheduled from December 20)</i>	
7:00PM —Thursdays (not on Saturdays)	Praise Band
7:00PM— Thursdays (not on Tuesdays)	Holidays to Holy Days

Not meeting:

December 26 10:00AM Lectio	December 28 7:00PM JrHi Tide
December 26 7:00 PM Inquirers	December 29 7:30PM Choir

COME SING WITH THE CHOIR on Christmas Eve the Adult Choir will sing at the 7:00 and 10 PM services and members of the congregation are invited to sing with them. Rehearsal will be **Thursday, December 22 at 7:30 PM** and **Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM** for the 7:00 PM service and **9:00 PM** for the 10:00 service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES —4:00 PM—Family Service—Blended Worship for the Young at Heart, Contemporary Music, Traditional Christmas Carols, Children's Message, Christmas Sermon, Candle Lighting. **7:00 PM—Traditional Candlelight Service**—Special Music and Choir, Children's Message, Christmas Sermon, Candle Lighting. **10:00 PM—Traditional Candlelight Service**—Special Music and Choir, Holy Communion, Christmas Sermon, Candle Lighting. Nursery Care Provided at the 4 and 7 services. **ONE SERVICE CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY AT 10 AM.**

PRIME TIME—Please join us on **Monday, January 2 at NOON** for our lunch (\$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 10 AM, Thursday, December 29th (847-362-2112 or info@umcl.org).

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—will start meeting on **Wednesday, January 4 at 1:00 PM** in Room 103 at the church. We are studying the book of 'Isaiah.' The study lasts 18 weeks. If you would like to join the study, please contact Joyce Jeffries: john.joyce@yahoo.com. Books will be ordered Dec 15 and will be available for pick up in the office the end of December. Cost is approx. \$10. Everyone is welcome to join the study.

PAJAMA SUNDAY— 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 (adults included) are invited to wear their comfy, warm pajamas to worship during the **9:30 and 11:00 services on January 8, 2017.**

PERSONAL DAILY DEVOTION— The One True Story by Tim Chester—Everyone love the Christmas story, but the story of the baby in the manger is the culmination of a thousand other stories. It is the focus of the story of the Bible and the story of human history. As you prepare for Christmas, get a fresh insight into the full script of the nativity, the story of our world, and the plotline for the rest of your life... Come grab a personal devotional for the season, or share one with someone you know! These are free and will be located in the Community Room and the office for pick-up. Donate up to \$5 if you wish!

PADS STILL NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS—We are blessed that our PADS effort is a community effort with many (if not most) of our volunteers coming from other churches. FYI - Dec. 15 will be staffed completely with volunteers from St. Joseph Catholic Church. Congregation Or Shalom always staffs and cooks for whatever site has PADS on Christmas Eve, so we are blessed that we do not have to try to staff on Christmas Eve. AND, Islamic Foundation North always works the first 2 shifts and cooks whenever there is a 5th Saturday in a month, so on New Year's Eve they will be staffing the first 2 shifts. That said - **WE NEED PEOPLE TO WORK 11-3, 3-6:30 and clean-up on New Year's Eve into New Year's Day.** I know this might not be your ideal way to spend a New Year's Eve, but what a great way to start a new year with new year resolutions to help the homeless! Please sign up in the signup book in the Community Room or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062. THANKS!!!

SECOND MILE GIVING— *Helen Roberts-Evans*— Born in Liberia, raised in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, and now a member of Sherman United Methodist Church in Evanston, Helen Roberts-Evans serves as Director of the Department of General Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church in Liberia. She trains, teaches, and supports others as they grow in their profession. Her e-mail contact is micradon@hotmail.com. *United Methodist Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF)*— This initiative supports education, prevention, care and treatment programs for people living with HIV/AIDS in the US and around the world. A portion of all money donated is retained within each Conference for regional use. For more information call 212-870-3869 or www.umcmmission.org/projects.