

UMCL News & Notes ~ November 24, 2013

GUEST SPEAKER NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1—Rev. Deborah Lee Fisher is a former District Superintendent and a retired UMC clergywoman from the Northern Illinois Conference, presently residing in Wisconsin with her husband Randy. Debbie retired in 2012 after thirty-two years of active and faithful ministry. In her career she served five UM churches: Orland Park; Worth; Hoffman Estates: Our Saviour's, where she led a significant building project; Downers Grove: First, as the senior pastor; and Lake Bluff: Grace, from which she retired. Rev. Fisher served as District Superintendent of both the Chicago Northwestern District and the Aurora District from 1994-2001. Please join us next Sunday as we welcome Rev. Fisher! Pastor Jamie and Pastor Steve will be spending time with their family that weekend as they remember Jamie's father.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ~ Lifting Off Together by Faith ~ "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul." Psalm 25:1
Thank you for bringing or already returning your pledge cards! We invite you to place your cards in the offering baskets this morning. Today's consecration recognizes and blesses your faithful support. If you haven't returned your card yet, please mail or bring it to the church in the envelope provided. Thank you!

SPECIAL OFFERING FOR TORNADO OR TYPHOON RELIEF—You are invited to contribute to the United Methodist Committee on Relief's (UMCOR) efforts to bring aid to the areas at home and abroad devastated by the recent tornados and typhoon. Checks should be made payable to United Methodist Church of Libertyville, with "UMCOR TYPHOON or TORNADO RELIEF" on the memo line. Please designate your choice on the offering envelope as well. Thank you.

BAKE SALE FOR PANAMA MISSION: The annual bake sale to raise money for medicine needed for the Panama Mission trip is happening TODAY! Please stop by Fellowship Hall sometime this morning to buy home-baked treats and support our mission to Panama.

OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING will benefit the Northern Illinois Food Bank, an organization that is near to the hearts of this congregation. Thanksgiving offering envelopes can be found in the pew pockets.

BUTTERBRAID PASTRIES ARE HERE! Please pick up your order this morning in Fellowship Hall between services (9:00-9:30 & 10:30-11:00 AM). Thank you!

CHRISTMAS PARTNER ANGELS are available TODAY, in the Heritage Area on the north side of the foyer (near the Education Wing). Please return the purchased gifts on Sunday, December 8, for the Blessing of the Gifts. If you would like to help share the joy of Christmas, plan to choose an angel from the foyer today. Thank you for joining in making this a Merry Christmas for many children and adults! Questions? Contact Jeris Boyce at 847-295-0409.

CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING by attending the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** this afternoon at 4:00 PM at Advocate Condell Centre Club in Libertyville. During this celebration, prayers, sacred readings, and music from various religions will be offered. Vicki Garvey, from the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, will speak on the topic: "Gratitude." Food, fellowship and displays will follow at 5:00 PM. This event is jointly organized by area faith communities and Advocate Condell Medical Center. There will be no Thanksgiving Service at our church this week.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL ADVENT TEA is planned for **Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 PM**. Theme for the Advent Tea is "Christmas Symbols." Hostesses should contact Mickey Donahue (missmicky2005@gmail.com or 847-367-4906) with their name and theme. Tickets are on sale TODAY, 10:30—11:15 AM. \$15 for adults, \$8 for girls ages 5-14.

TEACHERS! Sunday School and Kids Own Worship programs are in need of teachers for December and January! Contact Amanda Seibert to sign up! (AmandaSeibertUMCL@gmail.com)

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Pastor Jamie's father, Robert W. Hanna, will be held on **Friday, November 29** at River Glen Presbyterian Church, 1140 Raymond Drive, Naperville, IL. Visitation with the family will take place from **2:00 to 3:00 PM** and the Memorial Service will begin at **3:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

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HELPING HANDS FURNITURE PICK-UP: If you have furniture in excellent condition to donate, please contact Jeris Boyce (847-295-0409) or Gladys Griffin (847-816-3492). Our next **furniture pick-up** date is **Saturday, November 30**.

STEPHEN MINISTRY will offer a **Blue Christmas Worship Service** on **December 10, at 7:00 PM**. 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. Childcare provided. If you would like to talk with a Stephen Minister, please contact Stephen Leaders Kevin Garren or Mary Spooner or the pastors.

WOMEN'S ECUMENICAL CANDLELIGHT ADVENT SERVICE—All women are invited to come together for homemade goodies and fellowship followed by a service of readings, ritual, carols, and contemplation. This service will be held at First Presbyterian Church, (219 W. Maple Avenue, Libertyville) on **Wednesday, December 4; 7:00 PM**—Reception in the Social Hall; **7:30 PM**—Worship in the Chapel.

OUR SECOND ANNUAL LIVE NATIVITY will be presented by the children and youth of UMCL in Cook Memorial Park on **Sunday, December 15, at 6:00 PM**. Save the date and invite your friends, family and neighbors to this event featuring the children and youth of UMCL, plus live animals! Cookies and cocoa following at the church.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE OPENS NEXT WEEKEND! 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 from **November 29 to December 21** and will feature beautiful, fresh trees including Fraser and Balsam Firs from 6-10 feet tall. Our youth will also have **wreaths and garland greenery** available to purchase! If you can help with the sale, please contact Bert Kibbler at 847-367-4894. **Tree Sale Hours: Opening Friday, Nov. 29: 9:00 AM—9:00 PM; Sat., 9:00 AM—5:00 PM; Sunday, 11:30 AM—8:00 PM., Monday-Friday: 6:00—9:00 PM.**

COFFEE HOSTING OPPORTUNITY! We are looking for families and friends to host coffee time on **December 1, 8, & 15**. If hosting is a gift you would like to give the congregation during this busy and festive season, please contact Joannie Foley at foleyszoo@aol.com.

PRIME TIME will meet on **Monday, December 2, at 12:00 PM** for lunch (\$5). After lunch we'll enjoy entertainment from a Barbershop Quartet group with Christmas music as well as other quartet favorites. To help the hostesses plan for food, please RSVP to the church office by Friday, November 29 (847-362-2112 or libertyvilleumc@sbcglobal.net).

YOUNG COUPLES will meet on **Friday, December 6 at 7:00 PM**. Paul and Gayla Velez (145 Trailwood Lane, Northbrook) will host a cookie exchange. Please RSVP to 847-412-9632 or paulandgayla@att.net

PADS HELP NEEDED—We are called by Jesus to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. Please consider serving with PADS! Volunteers are ALWAYS needed for **overnight shifts** (11 PM—3 AM or 3-6:30 AM) or **clean-up** (5:30-7:15 AM). We are also in need of new women's underwear and socks for men and women. The PADS sign-up book is in Fellowship Hall during coffee time and in the foyer for our third service, or call Cathy O'Brien 847-367-8062.

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

UNITED METHODIST MEN will NOT meet on **November 30**.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS—Time is nearing to order poinsettias to decorate the altar and East Room this Christmas. Order forms are located in the foyer for your convenience, or you may order online at www.umcl.org/poinsettias. Order and payment are due by **December 11**.