



## Helping Hands & Giving Hearts

**Saturday, November 12th**

**7:00 pm**

Join us for a fun-filled evening with food, entertainment and best of all, auction items!

**YOU** can make a difference by donating goods or services to help our auction be as successful as years past.

Invite family and friends!

**PLEASE** have your donations in by **Wednesday, November 9th.**

**Donor forms are in Sunday Bulletins & the church entryway.**

We'll accept any goods (brand new only), services, your talents, your vacation home...**be CREATIVE!**

**Make a joyful noise...**  
**December 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00pm**



Northern Illinois - Aurora District Combined Choir

- **Hundreds of United Methodist Voices in Joyful Praise**
  - Sing with voices from around the entire Aurora District & Superintendent Diana Facemyer
  - Combined and individual choirs proclaiming the Birth of the Savior
  - Participate in and enjoy the sounds of Christmas
  - Worship together — Experience the Methodist Connection
- **Perform on the stage of the Historic Rialto Theater**
  - Located at 102 North Chicago St., Joliet — Free parking
  - Acoustically superb 1,900-seat theater with stage lighting
  - Early bird ticket \$10 admission until November 1st; After \$15

Friendship has purchased a block of tickets at \$10.00 each. Check with the church office for availability. Once they are gone, you may purchase them by calling Rev. David Price at 708-479-6944 or purchase them at the door the day of the concert.



**Consecration Sunday**  
will be celebrated  
in a Unity Service  
**Sunday, November 20, 2011**  
**at 10:00 am**

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship Committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and Council Members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Isaac Agyapong, Stewardship Committee Chairperson



**ALWAYS collecting!**

'TONS OF FOOD' is an ongoing drive, where an entire ton of food can be purchased for \$360. That's 18 cents a pound!

**Every penny counts!**

### **FOOD!**

**Food needs:** Baby food & formula, coffee, rice, soup, peanut butter, tuna.

**Personal Care needs:** Bathroom tissue, cleaning products, laundry detergent, toiletries.

Always accepting food and personal care item donations, but cannot accept clothing or used toys, or household items.

**We serve in Christ's name.**

### **FRIENDSHIP PRAYER CHAIN**

Kathryn Bulman is coordinator of the prayer chain. Please email your requests to [prayerrequests@friendshipchurch.com](mailto:prayerrequests@friendshipchurch.com) if you don't use email please call the church office and the request will be forwarded. If you do not have access to a computer and wish to join the prayer chain, please advise the church office or see Kathryn Bulman. Please be mindful that even though prayer requests may be common knowledge, it is our responsibility to maintain confidentiality.

### **FISH PANTRY**

#### **& DAYBREAK HOMELESS SHELTER**

Friendship Church has for years collected non-perishable food, personal, paper & baby products for the **FISH Pantry**. Bring your donations to worship on the 2nd Sunday of every month; **November 13th**.

Serving at **Daybreak** is also a long standing tradition at Friendship. On the third Friday (and following Saturday morning) we donate food, cook and serve two meals.

Watch for a monthly insert Sunday Worship bulletins for details on how to donate and get involved in serving at the shelter.

**Dinner on Friday, November 18 @ 5:00 pm**  
**Breakfast on Saturday, November 19 @ 5:00 am**  
Richard Guzman, Coordinator.

### **SENIOR BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH**

This group is open to all senior adults. It meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:15am. The study is lead by Pastor Anna based on the following Sunday's sermon scripture. It is followed by a delicious luncheon. If you would like to attend contact the church office.

**Next Study & Luncheon: Thursday, Nov. 17th.**

### **HOUR OF FAITH**

Is a outside Faith Community that meets at Friendship on Tuesday and Friday mornings for a time of prayer, music, worship and instruction. They appreciate Friendship's willingness to open our doors to them.

### **NEWBORNS IN NEED**

This long running group is run by Laura Hilb and is open to all who would like to sew, knit, crochet or quilt baby items to be donated to local hospitals for the benefit of premature and/or high risk babies.

### **AA & GA**

For many years Friendship has been a place of help and hope for those struggling with addictions relating to alcohol and gambling. Meetings are open to all. Contact the office for confidential referrals & schedules.



## THE CELEBRATION OFFERING



The tradition of the Celebration Offering came to us from the traditions of our African Fellowship. On the second Sunday of each month, a special offering is taken in addition to the general offering held every Sunday. It is a chance to celebrate the blessings God has bestowed upon their lives. On second Sunday's a special offering envelope in the bulletin. In addition to a monetary offering there is a place to mark if you would be willing to share your testimony with the congregation during a Sunday worship service.

October 2011 We had received four Celebration Offerings totaling \$64.50. They are for celebrating the child's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday, the opportunity for work, husband's work, daughter's graduation from graduate school, sister's 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and the ministry through Friendship Church.

### We are reminded of the words of Paul:

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice... Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)*

### Donation Collection Center—

#### The 'Giving Station' in the church entryway!

*This is a centralized location to collect all things that you normally donate to church.*

**Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones, Campbell Soup Labels, Used Eye glasses, School Supplies etc.**

*There are also wicker baskets for the*

#### **FISH Food Pantry**



**Help Social Life  
Fight Breast Cancer -  
Bring your yogurt lids  
to church.**



1. Enjoy



Yumm!!

2. Collect



Clean and save at home.

3. Deposit



Bring and deposit at church.

Collection bins are located at the Giving Station near the main entrance and in the Friendship Center.

Collection runs from September 11 to December 25.

Social Life will redeem the codes so you don't have to.

### Yoplait SAVE LIDS TO SAVE LIVES® Dannon Cups of Hope™

For every pink lid code redeemed, Yoplait and Dannon will donate 10¢ to Susan G. Komen for the Cure® and the National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.®. Help us support their efforts to help END BREAST CANCER.



**“God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.”**  
**2 Corinthians 9:8**

**—Giving Thanks—**

Even though the weather had been unexpectedly warm, the marks of autumn were very apparent on the tips of trees. It is very natural to me to be reminded of the song of Ecclesiastes: there is a time for certain things, time to plant and time to harvest.

Since I have passed a certain number of birthdays, autumn appears a little more special.

We often find wisdom in nature that we normally miss in the breathless schedule of busy life.

My mother passed away two years ago in Korea. I missed her last years of her life since I have lived in the States for a while. Telephone is the only way that I could get comforted when I missed her presence. During the conversation of those years she said again and again that how grateful she had been and wanted me to understand how blessed I have been. Then she always concluded our conversation with her theology: It is only when we reach the far shores of major challenge (crisis) that we can look back and see some of the distance we have traveled, and become aware of why the particular part of our journey was necessary: the people that we encountered, the places that we have been. I have convinced that this is knowledge, which is impossible to have in advance. Only when we open our hearts and trust God and move forward one step at a time, then later, only later we take the joy of new discovery and encounters with angels around us in gratitude. “That is the grace of God,” she says and adds “count your blessings that you already have received and be thankful, instead of focusing on what you don’t have.”

We hear the same word in Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”

I often feel that if I have just a little more quiet space, or a little more skill in communication, or a little more support, I would be able to do what I need to do for “every good work.” However, God actually has given me all that I need to do the work God has given me to do, even if it is not all that I want. I count my blessings that I have now instead of thinking about how much more I need. If I do that, I will be much more in tune with God and become more free.

Perhaps many of us feel as if we never have enough blessings to be grateful. Yet God is generous, compassionate, and steadfast in love. Perhaps it is time to accept the gifts and give thanks for what we have instead of focusing on the ‘not enough’ pieces of our lives. God’s gift is abundant in us and around us.

Are we ready to receive it?

This season of thanksgiving, I pray that you may know the abundant grace of God in you and those around you, and savor those moments that you have now and treasure it.

In gratitude of living God,

Pastor Anna



## MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 4 @ 7:30 pm

November's feature is "Soul Surfer"

All are invited to attend!

Youth & their families, singles & couples,

**Movie Info** 13 year-old Bethany Hamilton is a champion surfer who was born to be in the water. But after a fun night out night surfing and what should be a fun day in the water, she is attacked by a shark and loses her arm. Rushed to the hospital, she remains calm, and maintains her faith in God. Now she has to re-learn how to do everything with only one arm - including how to surf. It will take her friends, family, and her Christian faith to get her back into the water, but if that is where she is meant to be, she will find a way to get there.

*For parents to consider:*

*Soul Surfer* is rated PG for an intense accident sequence and some thematic material. It's a wholesome, profanity-free film that would be completely appropriate for the whole family were it not for the necessary element of the shark attack. Although not treated gruesomely, the very fact of the attack, and the strong sense of peril, may be too intense for younger viewers.

**Please bring a snack  
or dessert to share  
during intermission.**

Check out [Soul Surfer](#) on the web!

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### Church Council Report from the October meeting

Church Council was excited to hear from the Evangelism Committee that 10 new members will join Friendship UMC in October. The Stewardship campaign begins in October and will continue until Consecration Sunday, November 20, when we all worship together at 10 AM and then enjoy our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, organized by the Social Life Committee. Susan Higginbotham, Jodi Hargett, and Elaine Meldrum have volunteered to begin working on a new pictorial directory.

The council continues to work on Goal Setting for Vital Congregations. In October, we worked on recognizing our strengths, challenges, and what we feel is important to our congregation. This work is ongoing and will continue next month with developing actions plans to implement our goals for the future. In November, we will also begin working on the 2012 church budget.

Committee chairpersons please submit your reports to Linda Guzman by November 20 for our Church Conference on December 10.

The next meeting of the Church Council will be held on Tuesday, November 8.

Carolyn Weber



## Friendship Picture Directory

It's time for Friendship to have a new picture directory and we're going to do our own!

No pressure to buy pictures – we will have our own photographer - Andrew Tardecilla. He will be taking pictures on Nov. 20 at our Consecration Dinner. (Another good reason to be there on that morning!) He will take pictures between services other Sundays as needed in order to get as many of us as possible.

Each family will have a separate page in the directory so you can provide as much information as you wish. We would like to have names of parents and children (with ages), address, phone and cell phone numbers and email addresses. Birthdays, anniversaries, hobbies, home country, length of time at Friendship – anything you would like to share with fellow Friendship members. An information sheet will be included in the bulletin for you to fill out about your family. If you will not be able to have your picture taken by Andrew, please submit one of your own along with the information sheet.

All snapshots should be sent to the church office - marked for the church directory and can be returned if you wish..

We will also want church related pictures to use throughout the directory. If you have any you would be willing to share please send them to the church office.

This directory will only be used by church members and will not be made available to any other organization or used for any type of marketing.



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## China Visit Reflections

My visit to China (9/29 - 10/8) was such a rich experience and memorable experience. Although I had researched and talked to Benedictine University professors and other friends about China to prepare, my experience was even greater than I imagined. The experience of going to the Great Wall of China, the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, going throughout places in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hangzhou, riding a bullet train were so enjoyable. Due to connections within the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church, I also had the opportunity to visit the China Christian Council and meet with Cindy Liu Xin, Overseas Relations Representative. She shared a lot about the work of the CCC and took me on a tour of an extremely beautiful church that was built in the 1800s that is being restored. Although Christians number less than 5% of the population, their numbers are growing at more than 400,000 per year.

Ultimately, the trip was made most enjoyable due to wonderful experiences and conversations I had with the group I went with (see photo). We totally enjoyed each other's company and made lasting friendships.

Thanks to the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church for the connections and support provided to me and to my Friendship church family for your prayers and support. Please let me know if I can be of any service to you in providing any additional information.

-Amania Drane



## Angels Unaware!

**Our Monthly column to highlight an FUMC angel who does “good stuff” around the church!**

Our Friendship Angel this month wears many hats: coordinator of the Prayer Chain, resident gardener, Caring Christians Co-Chair, Staff Parish member, Daybreak volunteer, Study Club mentor. Watch out, Pastor Anna... Kathryn Bulman may be up preaching at the podium before you know it!

Kathryn, better known to her friends as Kathy, has been an active member at Friendship Church for many years. We know what she is doing at Friendship *right now* but what you may not know is what she has done in the past for Friendship. It's an impressive list! Kathy was an original member of the first class of Stephen Ministers established in 1991 under the direction of Pastor Marti Gates-Lundy. She also became a Stephen Ministry Leader until the program's end. Teaching Disciple classes also came under Kathy's "to do" list. She also has walked in the Avon Breast Cancer walk three times! Add these to her list of volunteer jobs today and you get the message: Kathy Bulman is a professional volunteer both in the community and at Friendship!

Growing up on an Iowa farm, Kathy secretly confesses that she hates both chickens and mice! The Village of Bolingbrook was Kathryn's employer both in the Executive and Community Development departments for a total of 24 years until her retirement last year. She married the "love of her life," Don who passed away in 1998. Kathy is the proud mother of Brian, Brett and Lisa. An avid White Sox, Bears and Bulls fan, Kathy can talk sports with anyone.

We at FUMC are so proud of someone like Kathryn Bulman. She puts the Lord first in her life and not only talks the talk, but walks the walk. Faith is first...may we all emulate a devoted Christian such as Kathy.



### Parent's Day Out

This long standing ministry of Friendship Church offers quality Christ centered childcare to children six weeks to five years old.

**Open enrollment —reasonable rates  
& discounts for members.**

**Brochure & Information online:**

[www.friendshipchurchumc.org/community-support/parents-day-out](http://www.friendshipchurchumc.org/community-support/parents-day-out)

### First Friends Christian Preschool

Four Year Olds - M/W/F

9:00-11:30 a.m.

Three Year Olds - Tues/Thurs.

9:00-11:30 a.m.

For additional information visit our website

[www.firstfriendspreschool.info](http://www.firstfriendspreschool.info)

or contact the Director/Teacher  
at 630-739-3010.



### SHOP FOR CHRISTMAS!

The annual Scholastic Book fair will be held Sunday, November 13th through Sunday, November 20th. The proceeds from this sale benefit our Preschool & Parent's Day Out programs.



## Around the Church...



Our Trustees have been busy sprucing up the grounds with new a row of beautiful blooms in the front yard, outside the preschool wing.

The cross and flames got a new coat of paint thanks to Sandy & Dan Kozlowski.

The church is getting a new roof as I type to the sound of hammers.

**Check it out!**

**There are more improvements to come...**



### **Study club is in full swing!**

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, contact Kandy DeWitt or the church office.

If your unsure or would just like to see Study Club in action, Come by on Wednesday afternoons from 4-5pm for a visit!





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## November More "Good News" Children's Ministry Newsletter

### Congratulations to Children Presented with Their Very Own Bibles

Teaching children about the bible is one of the most important steps to building a strong Christian foundation. On October 16 and 23 nine of our FUMC children participated in a Bible Retreat. Through games, videos, and other activities the children became very comfortable with locating passages, learning the history of the bible, and more important learning that the Bible is God's Word. They learned how God demonstrated love and mercy through the stories that have been written in the Bible.



On October 30 we participated in a time-honored, beloved tradition of the United Methodist Church: the presentation of personal Bibles to our third graders (and those who did not receive a bible in 3rd grade in past years.)

The following children were recipients of their very own bible: Alexander Tandecilla, Kris Valdez, Joshan Christie, Nicholas DiPietro, Tyler DiPietro, Vivian Vidad, Kayla Henry, Megan McWilliams and Krina Chitnis.

According to 2Timothy 1:5, Timothy became a good man because both his mother and grandmother taught him the scriptures from an young age. The principles he learned gave him the appropriate background to be chosen by the apostle Paul as his protégé. Children who read scripture at an early age will be more likely to retain that information into adulthood.

Be sure and share with these children how the bible has been an important part of your own faith formation.

### Children Gr.2-5 Join Kids InC. (Kids in Christ)

Kids InC. is a program that teaches the children through hands on projects the basics of service. The concepts of sharing and caring are central themes throughout scripture. The bible is full of stories about caring for the poor and oppressed. From Acts 1:8 we read "You'll be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere-in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". For children, that might sound something like this: "You'll be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere-at home and school, throughout your town, across the country, and to the ends of the earth." Kids InC. a program for children in grades 2-5 will meet Sundays, Nov. 13, Feb. 12, and May 6 from 2-4 p.m.

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### Friendship United Methodist Church

Chris Hannigan-Wiehn  
Dir. of Children's Ministry  
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- ☉ November 20—Unity Sunday : Sunday School will be at 10:00 a.m. only.
  - ☉ November 13- Kids InC.
  - ☉ November 13- Children bring in their food contribution for the Thanksgiving basket outreach project.
  - ☉ November 27—Advent Water for Life outreach project begins.

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### Family Magic Wand Reflection

Tell your family members that you have just found a magic wand that allows you to grant wishes. Ask, "If you could grant a wish to one person, who would it be, and what do you think he or she would wish for? What can we do for that person to help their wish come true?"

# Youth Ministries News...

**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:12.....Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity**

## Up Coming Events

### November:

- 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Retreat, Dixon, IL  
w/ Barb Collins & Dave Olson
- 6 - NO Youth Group , No CONFIRMATION
- 12 - Annual Church Auction-
- 13- Youth Board meeting 12 noon- 1:30pm
- 13- Youth Group 2:03-3:57 pm
- 20- Annual All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner-  
NO YOUTH GROUP
- 27- Youth Group 2:03-3:57 pm



Thank You to  
Richard & Linda Guzman,  
Curt & Barb Collins,  
Amahia Drane & Nancy O'Gara  
For so GRACIOUSLY hosting our  
CTI Music Ministers.

Youth Ministries appreciates you opening  
your homes and hearts!



Psst....Youth Ministries is planning a  
Mission Trip to Michigan for June, 2012.  
To do so, we need to FUND RAISE for money.  
Be on the lookout of how you can help....

This Month, will you bake an extra pie to  
donate??

Following The Annual Thanksgiving dinner,  
you can purchase a pie to take home...

## YOUTH MINISTRY BOARD

On  
Sunday, November 13, 2011, 12:15-1:30  
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### Sunday School Info

6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade, 9 am- MS Barb  
9-12<sup>th</sup> Grade, 9 am- MR. Tom

10:45 Combined- MS Terri,



## CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES...

### November

- 4-5 Confirmation Retreat
- 13 Session 2 with parent,  
"Making Decisions"
- 20 No confirmation;  
Thanksgiving
- 27 4. Who is the Holy Spirit?



## Sunday Worship Schedule

Contemporary Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship 10:45 a.m.

African Style Worship 12:30 p.m.

S. Asian Gujarati Service 5:00 p.m.

(Second & Fourth Sunday of the month)

A staffed nursery is available  
for babies & young children during Worship.

Sunday School, for ages 3 through High School  
is held during Worship.

Adult Education at 9:00 a.m. (see pg. 2)

After Worship, all worshipers are invited for  
fellowship & refreshments in the  
Friendship Center across from the sanctuary.

Communion is typically served  
on the 1st Sunday of each month  
and is open to all who wish to partake.

A food collection is taken for the local food  
pantries on second Sunday of the month.

A Celebration Offering is taken on the second  
Sunday of each month, proceeds benefit the  
needy in the congregation & community.



Senior Pastor: Rev. KyungHae Anna Shin.

Ministers: All Baptized Members of the Congregation

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