



AND NOW ABIDETH
FAITH
HOPE & LOVE,
AND THE
GREATEST OF THESE
is Love
1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



Friendship Family Fun Fest is coming to FUMC!

August 28, 11:00am-2:30pm

Formerly known as the Back to Church picnic, Friendship Family Fun Fest needs you to make this outreach event a success.

Pick up a handful of invitations from the information station and pass them along to friends and neighbors to welcome them to this fun event!

New this year:

Bounce House and Bungee Run

Photo Booth

Bolingbrook Fire Truck and Police Car!

This is our chance to show everyone what Friendship Church has to offer. Opportunities to donate funds, food and your time will be available as well. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Watch the bulletin and Facebook for more information on donating and volunteering!

Reflections from Pastor Anna

“ Look at how good and pleasing it is when brothers and sisters live together as one (in unity)!”
---Psalm 133: 1

As I write this, I feel like I am in the middle of the ocean surfing with Vacation Bible School children and their youthful leaders. Their joyous shouts and diligent movements have generated such new energy to all of us who have lived together with them for a whole week. Some have never been into our church but as they play together, sing and dance together, and learn the story of God’s love together, they have become brothers and sisters.

I know most of you have stayed up late last week and this week to watch the convention of the political parties. Perhaps because it was right after the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, and the fact that many have concerns over the schism, I have paid more attention to them. I was very impressed when I heard the very familiar words to most of us from one nominee:
“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” (John Wesley)

It was a moment that I have become so proud and so blessed and so grateful that I have known God’s vision through Methodist teachings. It was a moment that I have ascertained that our life is more connected to one another than anyone can imagine not only in today’s world but more so in our children’s future.

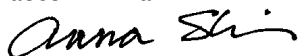
As the Council of Bishops continues to seek the best path for discovering God’s vision for our denomination (to read “The Commission on a Way Forward” of the Council of Bishops Executive Committee, visit umcnic.org or pick up a copy on the information station), as our nation continues to seek the best path for honoring the values that the Founding Fathers of the United States of America held up (freedom, equality, justice for all) and moving forward, I am reminded of the words of Franklin Roosevelt (The Four Freedoms): *“This nation has placed its destiny in the hands, heads, and hearts of its millions of free men and women, and its faith in freedom under the guidance of God. Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere. Our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights and keep them. Our strength is in our unity of purpose.”*

Coming to church isn’t meant to be an opportunity to disconnect from the world outside. Rather It is our call to get engaged in the world to be light and salt for the world. The Psalmist sings *“Look at how good and pleasing it is when brothers and sisters live together as one (in unity)!”*

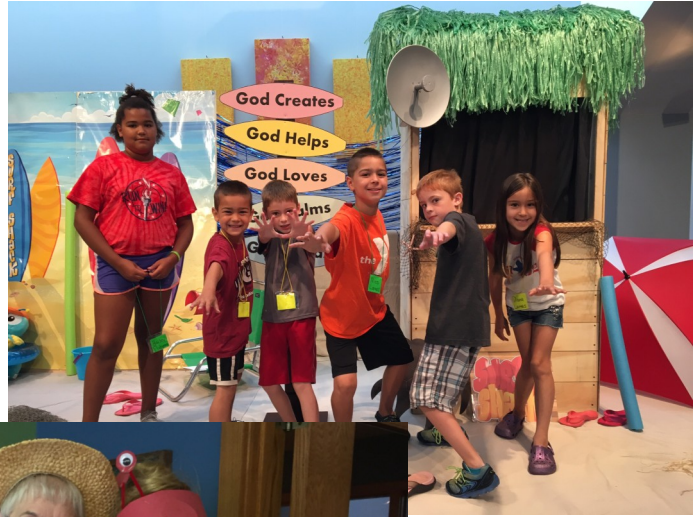
Friends, I am very blessed to live in such a time as it is with you. Each one of us has a story to tell and each one of them is deserved to be listened to attentively by all. Come and join us to see how your life is connected to our life in God’s big picture. Especially we will offer 5 weeks class to talk about issues that divide us in September through October before the Election Day. The topics will be practicing Politics and keeping faith, immigrants and the Bible, a Christian Response to Islamic extremism, health care and Gun Control.

God is faithful and I want to be faithful to God and I need your help!

Pastor Anna



Children & Family Ministry News



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Vacation Bible School

July 25-29, 2016

Surf Shack.....

Catch the wave of God's amazing love!

Surf Shack was held at the end of July and was a huge success for the children, youth and adults who participated!

We all learned that God creates, helps, loves, calms and then sends us into the world to spread His amazing love everywhere with everyone!



Thanks to all the youth and adult volunteers and the children who attended!

Hope to see you all next July 2017 for

Hero Central.....Discover your strength in God!!



DEEP BLUE ADVENTURE PARTY

You are invited to the
Deep Blue Adventure Party

Sunday, September 4th
10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

All children, ages 3 years old – 5th grade, are invited to a special party to kick off our 2016-2017 Deep Blue Adventure Sunday school!

Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives and enjoy a morning of Deep Blue camping experience with games, crafts, scavenger hunt, puppet show, treats and treasures to take home!! The Deep Blue Party will help us all prepare for Sunday school, which begins the following Sunday, September 11th!

Hope to see all 3 year old – 5th grade children at church for this exciting adventure!!



Imagine No Malaria Update!

Good News!

Friendship Church pledged to raise \$5000 for
Imagine No Malaria by the end of 2016.

The good news is we reached our goal during
Vacation Bible School!!

*Our total collected for Imagine No Malaria is now
\$5016.78!!*

We did it!!

Thanks to all of you who contributed to this all church mission project to help save lives in Africa from malaria during the past three years!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth played a big part in making Vacation Bible School a big success. Thanks to all who served!



Around and About Friendship Church

From the Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee thanks you for your generous support of Friendship Church. 2016 pledges showed a significant increase of \$20,000 over 2015 with a total of \$246,560. Through June our members have given \$112,490 or 91.20%. The Church Council approved the 2016 budget based on receiving \$226,000 from pledge income. If our giving for the first half of the year continues at the same pace for the rest of the year it will total \$224,980.

We estimated loose giving from our members who do not turn in a pledge card at \$20,000 for the year. Through the second quarter we have received \$9,560 which is about what was expected. Total giving through June from pledges and loose was \$122,050. If we are able to continue this level of giving, we will end the year with 99% of our budgeted income.

We thank you for your generosity. Carol Fetters, our Financial Secretary, sent out quarterly statements last week. If you haven't already done so, please review it to see if you are "on track" with your pledge. If you need to make a change in your pledged amount, please contact Carol at waynefetters@comcast.net.

Gene Paquette and Dena Byrd
Co-Chairs of Stewardship.



Career Choices for High School Students

The Career Choices for High School Students (CCHSS) ministry will be kicking off soon. Stay tuned for details of upcoming events in the fall. In addition, we will be kicking off our Bolingbrook High School Career Choices Club in the fall. By sponsoring this newly created club at BHS, we have an opportunity to increase our presence in the community and provide guidance and mentoring to high school students. Through workshops, mentoring, exposure and field trips, our goal is to equip them to make good choices about life and career choices after completing high school. We will meet monthly with these students. Your participation is welcome. If interested in volunteering, contact Amania Drane, CCHSS Chair, niaenterprises1@comcast.net, 630-886-7469.



Friendship Community

Prayer Chain:

Please email your requests to prayerrequests@friendshipchurchumc.org. 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, prayer chain coordinator. Please be mindful that even though prayer requests may be common knowledge, it is our responsibility to maintain confidentiality.

Celebration offerings



The tradition of the Celebration Offering came to us from our African Fellowship.

On the first Sunday of each month as we celebrate God's abundant gifts on our lives, a special offering is taken in addition to the general offering.

It's a chance to celebrate the blessings God has bestowed upon our lives. Look for the special offering envelope in the bulletin. There is a place to mark if you would like to share your story with the congregation during a Sunday worship.

We have been blessed continuously with generous sharing and giving from our church families to share their moments of thanksgiving and joy with others who need an extra encouragement.

The offering for July was \$291 in celebration of another year of being with FUMC; God's grace to all; and a wonderful family-filled birthday.

May God continue to bless you richly as your compassionate heart grows daily!

Blessings, Anna

DAYBREAK

Serving at **Daybreak** is a long standing tradition at Friendship. On the third Friday (and following Saturday morning) we donate food, cook and serve two meals. Watch inserts in 2nd Sunday bulletins for details on how to donate and get involved in serving at the shelter.

Dinner on Friday, August 19 @ 5:30 pm
Breakfast Saturday, August 20 @ 5:00 am
Richard Guzman, Coordinator

SENIOR BIBLE STUDY & LUNCHEON

Is open to all senior adults. It meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:15am. The study is led by Pastor Anna and is followed by a delicious luncheon. If you would like to attend, contact the church office at 630-972-1011.

Study & Lunch: Thursday, August 18 at 11:15am

AA & GA

Friendship is a place of help and hope for those struggling with addictions. Meetings are open to all.
AA Meetings: Saturdays @ 9am & Sunday @ 5pm
GA Meetings: Fridays @ 7:30 pm

ANXIETY/PANIC ATTACK SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month from 7—9pm. Open to all.

STUDY CLUB

Wednesdays 4-5pm (During the school year)
Mentoring students from WoodView School.

DONATIONS FOR LOCAL

FOOD PANTRIES:

7th Day Adventist Pantry

POWER Connection

1st Sunday of every month

FIRST FRIENDS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

MONDAY-FRIDAY

9:00am-12:00pm

Contact Chris Bosacki, Director,
for more information.

chrisbosacki@firstfriendspreschool.info

August 2016 ~ Friendship Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10am BPC Ministry	3	4	5 10am BPC Ministry 7:30pm GA	6 9am AA
7 10am Worship & Sunday School 5pm AA	8	9 10am BPC Ministry 10:30am Worship Planning 7pm Boughton Ridge Townhome Assoc.	10 9am Outreach Committee 6:30pm Scouts	11	12 10am BPC Ministry 7:30pm GA	13 9am AA
14 10am Worship & Sunday School 11:15 Sunday School Teacher Workshop 4pm Crop Walk Recruiter Rally 5pm AA & Gujarati Worship	15	16 10am BPC Ministry 7pm Church Council	17	18 11:15am Sr. Lunch & Bible Study 7pm Anxiety Support	19 10am BPC Ministry 5:30pm Daybreak 7:30pm GA	20 5am Daybreak 9am AA
21 10am Worship & Sunday School	22	23 10am BPC Ministry	24	25	26 10am BPC Ministry 7:30pm GA	27 9am AA
28 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Family Fun Fest 5pm AA	29	30 10am BPC Ministry	31	7pm Anxiety Support		