



*This is the day the LORD has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it!*

Psalm 118:24



305 E. Boughton Road
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Worship Service at 10:00am

Vision Statement:

*To Be a faith community that **Loves** God and all creation, **Grows** in the knowledge of God and **Serves** actively because of our faith in God.
If not us, then WHO?*

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Coming Soon to Friendship Church



Go Beyond Everyday Sayings and Experience the Full Message of Jesus

New Sermon Series: Half Truths *(based on the book by Adam Hamilton)*

They are simple phrases. They sound Christian—like something you might even find in the Bible. *Everything happens for a reason. God helps those who help themselves. God won't give you more than you can handle. God said it, I believe it, that settles it. Love the sinner, hate the sin.* We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth. Yet they also miss the point in very important ways. Join us May 29th, June 12, 19, and 26th as we search for the whole truth.



ALL CHURCH FOOD DRIVE! June 5-19th

Everyone Can Help!

Collect food in your neighborhood to support local food pantries!

Bags will be passed out on June 5th and 12th.

Drop them off with your neighbors and return to pick up the filled bags.

Bring the filled bags back to church on June 19th.

LET'S FILL THE CHANCEL STEPS WITH FOOD!

Reflections from Pastor Anna

It is hard to believe we are in the month of June, the official month of summer. The green surrounding us quietly shouts that we are in the right season for growing. After each rain, the green goes deeper and richer. Flowers are blooming: purple, pink, yellow, white. It is beautiful. I feel incompetent in appreciation of the bountiful beauty of creation in words. The beauty calms, heals, soothes the soul.

It is a season of celebration and change: graduation, promotion, new relationships, weddings, retirement, and new birth. With each turn of a new chapter in life, we come to appreciate what has been given to us. Our presence is a gift enriching its meaning to one another as we share joys, love, memories, hopes, even pains. "What a wonderful world" of Louis Armstrong flows from my lips.

"Ask me whether what I have done is my life." William Stafford wrote in his poem, "Ask me."

The poet's words come much clearer and more real to me this month. It asks if the life I have been living is the one that wants to live in me. What am I meant to do? Who am I meant to be? Have I lived *my* life? Or have I tried to live someone else's life? Have I spent my life imitating 'heroes' whoever they may be instead of listening to my heart?

I recently picked up several books from my book shelf to read again this summer: *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the voice of vocation* (Parker J. Palmer), *The Lost Art of Listening: how learning to listen can improve relationships* (Michael P. Nichols), *Daring Greatly: how the courage to be vulnerable transforms the way we live, love, parent, and lead* (Brene Brown). I gave these books to my children recently and we have read aloud during the long hours of waiting at the airport. (I should say 'I have read out loud,' but we've had lively conversations over them!) If I could add one more book, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families* (Stephen R. Covey) will be next in my list.

Through Moses, God led the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt. As they prepare to enter the Promised Land, Moses, now in near death, with all his mind and all his heart and all his strength asks his people:

"I call heaven and earth as my witnesses against you right now. I have set life and death...before you. Choose life..by loving God and obeying God's voice, which means choosing God's path, seeking God's will for your life by loving your neighbors, having compassionate hearts for humanity and the whole creation." So what kind of life are you are going to live?

Have a wonderful summer! If you would like to read books with me, that would be awesome, just let me know.

Love,



Pastor Anna Shin



Children & Family Ministry News



July 25-29

9:00-11:30am

Grab your sunglasses, sunscreen, and beach balls and join us for Vacation Bible School!

Ages 3 years old through incoming 5th graders are welcome!

Bring your friends, neighbors, and relatives (and don't forget your surf board!)

Registration and volunteer sign up are available at

friendshipvbs.org

Children & Family Ministry News



Mother's Day Flowers

Sunday school children passed out flowers to the ladies following the worship service on Mother's day, May 8th! Jayshree Bhagat, Mariatu Nettey, Jody Hargett, Carolyn Larsen, and Pastor Anna were just some of the recipients of a pretty pink carnation that day!





Congratulations Graduates!

These four graduates were honored at Career Choices for High School Students (CCHSS) ministry's Second Annual Prayer Breakfast at Ashbury's. Nic McWilliams graduated from Matea Valley High School on May 29th and plans to attend the College of DuPage in the fall. Solomon Kamara graduated from Plainfield East High School with plans to attend Valparaiso University. Katy Lichty will graduate from Bolingbrook High School and will attend Michigan Technological University in the fall. Maxwell Dimgba will also graduate from Bolingbrook High School and plans to study Mechanical Engineering at Washington University in St. Louis in the fall.

The Seniors, their parents, Spiritual Mentors and other members of Friendship Church were in attendance. It was an enjoyable event with a buffet breakfast. Each student was presented with a Prayer Box and letters of congratulations and encouragement from the administration of their high schools. Words of encouragement, prayer, thanks and spiritual and supportive guidance were shared. College Sophomore Olamide Olatunde who participated in CCHSS last year attended and provided words of encouragement and support, and gave each student a gift. We wish these fine and talented youth the best as they pursue their hopes and dreams.



First Friends Preschool



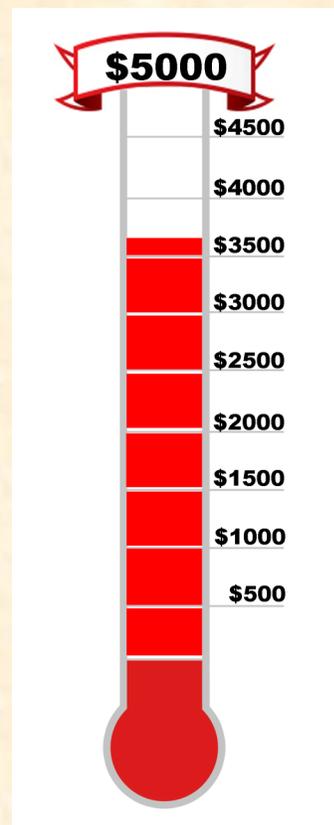
First Friends preschool wrapped up its school year with a picnic on May 26 and 27th. Bubbles, painting, bike riding and treats were just a few highlights.

The four year olds celebrated the end of the year with graduation.

Blessings as they head to Kindergarten!



Friendship's Connection to the World



Step Up to the World Update

From Pastor Anna: I am so impressed with your prompt responses to our special appeal for connectional giving. We raised \$3702 in just three weeks! This will be added to the budgeted amount, \$16,000 helping us make 72% of our apportioned amount, \$27,000. The last time Friendship Church gave 100% to the Northern Illinois Conference was over 10 years ago. I'd like to be faithful in our covenant to one another by giving 100% so that our conference would be healthier spiritually and financially. I am so blessed and proud to be pastor at Friendship UMC!



The Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC), <http://midwestmissiondc.org/welcome>, is a United Methodist Relief Distribution Center which provides education and medical supplies to those in need locally, nationally and abroad. Members of Friendship Church (Mary Steinwandt, Carolyn Jones, Susan Higginbotham, Amania Drane and Gene Paquette) recently made a one day volunteer trip to MMDC. Thanks to our volunteers and those who donated funds.



This year, the Bishop asked all churches to help with donating items to the MMDC. Friendship met the challenge by collecting more than 150 rulers and 50 pencil sharpeners. These items will be taken to the Annual Conference and given as part of the Conference's Mission Challenge. Thanks to all who helped us meet this challenge.

Calling all Sports Fans!



Hey all you Chicago baseball fans!

Interested in going to a Cubs or White Sox game this summer? If so, email Kathleen Campbell at kcampbell543@comcast.net or Amania Drane at niaenterprises1@comcast.net your phone number, days of the week and times you prefer to go and we'll email you a list of games our church family may want to go to as a group. We'll check prices of tickets and keep it as low as possible. If you don't have email, please fill out the "Chicago Baseball Fan" sheet at the Information Booth and turn in at the church office.



Friendship Flames Softball has begun!

Join your friends in cheering on the Flames! All games are held at Jamie McGee school and start at 6:30pm.

Friday, June 10
Tuesday, June 21
Friday, June 24
Tuesday, June 27
Friday, July 1

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.

We have been so blessed with generous friends in faith who share their joys with their brothers and sisters in Christ. We received 11 envelopes totaling \$175. They are for thanksgiving for the gift of family, the convincing recovery from surgery and sister's car accident, God's grace upon family, God's abundant love and grace to us all.

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, June 17 @ 5:30 pm

Breakfast Saturday, June 18 @ 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, June 16 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

9:00-11:30AM

Contact Chris Bosacki, Director,
for more information.

chrisbosacki@firstfriendspreschool.info

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 10am BPC Ministry	4 9am AA
			6:30pm Scouts		7:30pm GA	
5 10am Worship & Sunday School	6	7 10am BPC Ministry	8	9	10 10am BPC Ministry	11 9am AA
5pm AA	Annual Conference		6:30pm Scouts 7pm Nominations	7pm Anxiety Support	7:30pm GA	
12 10am Worship & Sunday School	13	14 10am BPC Ministry 10:30am Worship Planning	15	16 11:15am Senior Lunch & Bible Study	17 10am BPC Ministry	18 9am AA
Youth Mission Trip		7pm Staff Parish	6:30pm Scouts 7:15pm Crop Walk Mtg.			
5pm Gujarati Worship 5pm AA	20	21 10am BPC Ministry	22	23	7:30pm GA	
19 10am Worship & Sunday School Food Drive Collection		7pm Church Council	6:30pm Scouts	7pm Anxiety Support	24 10am BPC Ministry	25 9am AA
5pm AA	27	28 10am BPC Ministry	29	30	7:30pm GA	
26 10am Worship & Sunday School 11:15am Core Group Leaders			6:30pm Scouts			
5pm AA						