



Let the whole Earth be filled with God's Glory. Psalm 72:19

Friendship
United Methodist Church
Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

305 E. Boughton Road
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Worship Service at 10:00am throughout the year.

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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Reflections from Pastor Anna

“I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”—Ephesians 4:1-3

What exactly is culture? About 150 people were staring at the presenter. After a brief moment of silence, people responded with hesitance in their voices: food, art, music, traditions,...behaviors, values, and beliefs. From more than 50 congregations, their pastors and leaders in the Northern Illinois conference gathered to learn about “cultural competence and/or sensitivity.”

To answer that question is not that simple. Somehow we have experienced that cultural influence is not just about visible things, such as food, clothing, and crafts.

“Culture is a complex set of shared values, beliefs, and behaviors that are taught and learned, often unconsciously, and passed from generation to generation. While mainly out of our awareness, our cultural values and beliefs influence how we make decisions, who and what we listen to and trust, and how we behave.” (from Dianne Saphier and Barbara Schaetti, *Handbook of Developing Intercultural Competence*)

Another interesting thing is even among the same ethnicity, we find different cultural codes. The reason is because each person is a composite of the influences of many cultures simultaneously: nationality, ethnicity, race, gender, age, socioeconomic status, physical ability, profession, political

orientation, sexual orientation, urban and rural, and more. I am often corrected on how to behave or how to talk when I hang out with my young adult children in the city. I am sure most of you can relate to that.

The tricky thing is each culture provides the “common sense” that determines the “correct” or “right” way to behave and people often assume that others share this common sense and see situations the same way they do.

We have noticed in Jesus how often he broke the conventional behavior codes that his culture drew and created a community grounded in compassion and hope beyond these “barriers” of differences.

So were his followers, the early churches. It was intentional practice, with the deliberate aim of learning and improving one’s sensitivity “to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”. It requires a constant self-awareness, self-reflection, self-monitoring, as well as a commitment to engage the process of learning and growing, embracing differences, sometimes even feeling uncomfortable or ignored, other times amazingly enriching and rewarding.

I pray Friendship UMC provides such a sacred and safe space for those who seek to be like Christ in whatever they do, act, speak, and pray. May God continue to bless our effort to be humble and gentle as we journey together in faith.

Pastor Anna



Welcome New Members

On September 27th, three new families were received into our congregation. Meet the new members:

James, Jennifer, Emma and Elizabeth Book



James and Jennifer met 6 years ago while he was stationed with the Navy in Las Vegas. They were married in 2011, and welcomed Emma to their family the following year.

Around that time the Navy moved them to San Diego, Jennifer and Emma had great adventures while daddy was deployed. Last year James left the Navy and took a management position with Kinder Morgan in Chicago. Jennifer is a recruiter at Sears Corporate. The couple recently built a new home in Bolingbrook and welcomed their second daughter, Elizabeth, in June.

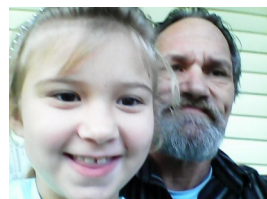
Roger and Vicki Karns



Roger is from Huntington, Indiana. He graduated from Ball State University and Indiana University. He is the swim coach and a professor at Lewis University. Vicki was born in Ft. Wayne,

Indiana, and raised in Maryland. She studied Horticulture at the University of Maryland and currently works as a merchandiser in department stores in this area. They have three grown children, Laura, Tyler, and Lydia, and five grandchildren with the 6th due in December.

Jon and Layla Ward



Jon and Layla come to us from Bakersfield California where they were members of First Church of the Nazarene. They moved here to be closer to their family Robin, Dave and Katy Lichty. They are looking forward to joining the

Friendship family.

Congratulations Confirmands!



Class of 2015

confirmation

Jae Han Dorao Bernardo

Parents: Albert and Jocelyn Bernardo
Baptized: October 2001, Taytay Methodist Community Church, Philippines
Special interests: Playing piano
Future interests: Medical Studies

Savannah DePietro

Parents: Ryan and Kathryn DePietro
Baptized: Park Ridge Presbyterian Church
Special interests: Girl Scouts

Ryan Allen Jacobs

Parents: Greg and Donna Jacobs
Baptized: March 2001, Friendship United Methodist Church
Special interests: Percussion, camping, building things
Future interests: Nuclear physics

David Kamara

Parents: Ishmael and Mariatu Nettey
Special interests: Soccer
Future interests: Soccer player, Lawyer

Walter Marsh

Parents: Tom and Stephanie Marsh
Baptized: Today, Friendship United Methodist Church
Special Interests: Football, eating and sleep
Future Interests: Slep

Megan Kay McWilliams

Parents: John & Donna McWilliams
Baptized: Today, Friendship United Methodist Church
Special interests: Art, gymnastics, camping, Girl Scouts
Future interests: Ice Skating, Fashion, Art



Children & Family Ministry News



October 2015

October 4

No Sunday School

October 11, 18, 25~10:00am

Sunday School

October 14, 21, 28-5:30-7:30pm

Friendship Café

October 24-4-5:30pm

Fall Fun Day



Choralier and Alleluia Choirs

The Choralier Choir and new Alleluia Choir will begin combined rehearsals on Wednesday, October 14th, 6:30-7:15 P.M. in the preschool room.

The Choralier Choir is for children ages 4 years old through 5th grade.

The Alleluia Choir is for all middle school youth, grades 6th – 8th.

The two choirs will combine for rehearsals each week.

The Choralier Choir will learn to sing the anthems and become stronger singers! The Alleluia Choir will learn to sing harmonies and will play hand chimes and/or instruments with the combined choir. The anthems will be learned, practiced and sung in our church worship services during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Sometimes the choirs will also join with the Chancel Choir anthems.

We hope every child and youth at Friendship church will be able to join!
Hope to see you on Wednesday, October 14th, at our first combined rehearsal!

Wednesday Friendship Café

Share a free meal with your *Friends in Faith of all ages* each Wednesday at Friendship Café!

The Friendship Café will be open each week 5:30-7:30pm from October 14th through December 9th.
(There will be no Café on November 25th)

Chips, salad, fruit, dessert and a main course will be served each week. Menus will be posted each Sunday in the Friendship Center.

Come for supper or just coffee and dessert! The Café is a great way to connect with our Friendship friends and a way to bring new friends to Friendship for a visit and some hospitality!





Follow us on Twitter!
[@friendshipout2](https://twitter.com/friendshipout2)

Calendar of Events:

Sunday, October 4-11:30am—Career Choices for High School Students

Join us as we welcome guest presenters Reverend Eric Doolittle, Chaplain at North Central College and Danara Barlow, North Central College Alum and current graduate student. Career Choices for High School Students is a ministry of Friendship United Methodist Church which provides a faith-based support group for high school students and their parents. They provide prayerful guidance in assisting students prepare for career choices after high school. Please feel free to share this information with others who may find it helpful. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to niaenterprises1@comcast.net.

Youth Group—Saturdays, 7-9pm, Worship Team meets @ 6:30pm

Join your friends for a time of worship, devotion and of course, youth group games! If you need a ride, contact Miss Melissa @ mell0cell0@aol.com.

Confirmation—Wednesdays, 4:45-6:15pm beginning October 14th.

A time for students to explore pertinent issues teens face and deepen their faith and relationship with God. Throughout the year there are retreats, service projects, and other activities. **Orientation for incoming students and their parents will be held on Sunday, October 11th following worship.**

Fall Fun Day—Saturday, October 24, 4-5:30pm

Plans are being made for the youth to be a part of this fun evening. Be a part of the spooky maze, help kids with a craft, serve snacks, play a game, and even decorate a trunk! Contact the church office for more information 630.972.1011 or pick up a sign up sheet from the information station and bring your whole family!

No Youth Group on October 31st.

If you haven't yet signed into the new
Youth Ministry Tracker App,
see Miss Melissa to do so!!!



Become a Fan
on Facebook



Fall Fun Day



Featuring:

Games, refreshments, crafts for the kids,
a maze/tunnel designed by Friendship Youth.

and

Trunk or Treat

What is Trunk or Treat?

Adults decorate cars,
trucks, vans and hand out
candy/treats as children
go from car to car.

We need you and
your trunk!

Please fill out an
orange form to
register.

Forms are located
in the Sunday
bulletins and at
the information
station.



Completed forms
can be turned in
at the informa-
tion station or
the office.

Upcoming Events

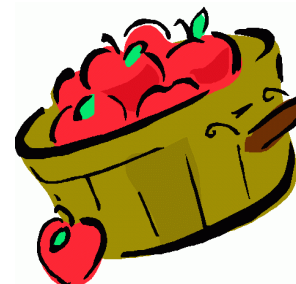


Core Group 4 Meeting Sunday, October 4, 2:00pm

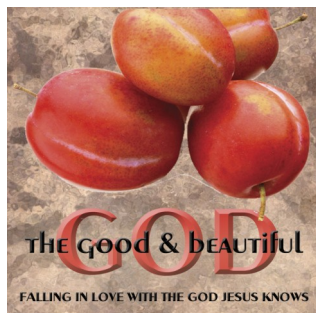
This group will meet at the Leonard and Carolyn Jones residence, 422 Devon Lane, Bolingbrook. For more information, contact the church office. If you would like to get connected to a Core Group, contact Jody Hargett @ jody.hargett@comcast.net

Friendship Methodist Women Fall Outing Saturday, October 10th 8:00am-4:00pm Kuiper's Family Farm

Join the women of Friendship for apple picking, lunch and a tour of Kuiper's Family Farm in Maple Park. We will meet at the church at 8:00am to carpool. Cost is \$15.00 which includes admission, lunch and shopping. Sign up is available at the welcome desk. Contact Donna Jacobs or Dena Byrd for more information.



Women's Bible Study Resumes! Starting October 28, 10:30am-12:00pm



The Good and Beautiful God:

Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows by James Bryan Smith

"We all have ideas we tell ourselves about God and how he works in our lives. Some are true-but many are false." This study will help you discover the narratives that Jesus lived by-to know the Lord he knew and the kingdom he proclaims-and to practice spiritual exercises that will help you grow in the knowledge of our good and beautiful God.

The cost of the book is \$17. Sign up at the information station by October 18. For more information contact the church office or Sharon at 630.378.4697.

Many Thanks



From the West Suburban Community Pantry:

On behalf of our neighbors in need, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for your generous donation in June of 718 pounds of food and in August of 96 pounds of food to the West Suburban Community Pantry. Benefactors, such as yourself, are truly helping us make a real difference in our ongoing mission to ensure that no one goes to bed hungry in our community.

I spoke to an elderly client recently that was stuck in a continuous bind from month-to-month of being forced to choose how to best utilize her limited fixed income. She was overjoyed when she learned about the Pantry because it helped “bridge the financial gap” in her life.

Your contributions help build that bridge. Without our donors, those types of chasms might never be overcome; so thank you again for your thoughtful support.

Warmest regards,

Eric Gardner
Development Director



From Justice For Our Neighbors:

Thank you so much for your gift of \$212.00 to Justice For Our Neighbors in response to the Bishop's Appeal. We have been grateful for the outpouring of support that we have received as a result of the appeal. Know that each gift is deeply appreciated and will help us reach more people.

Gifts and grants, this year, have enabled us to expand our services. A number of unaccompanied children seeking asylum have been added to our case load. The plight of these children has been documented in newspapers and articles, and we are grateful that we have been able to help.

Your gift enables us to transform the lives of individuals and families as we help them navigate the often complex immigration laws. We trust that our support and guidance will bring them a sense of security and safety.

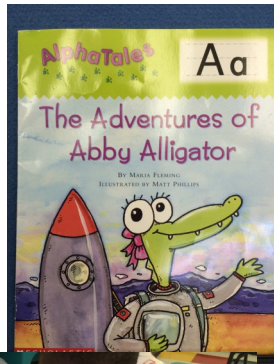
Again, our thanks for your gift.

Sincerely,

Rev. Donna Atkinson
Treasurer, Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors

First Friends Preschool

During the first few days of school, we talked about manners and rules and how to get along with our new friends. Each week, we will learn about a new alphabet letter.



A is for artist and alligator and apple tree



B is for birthday party and buttons and blocks.





Friendship Community

Prayer Chain:

Please email your requests to prayerrequests@friendshipchurchmc.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.

For the month of September, we received 8 envelopes totalling \$87.00. They are in celebration of a nephew's 34th birthday; God's love; thanking God for another glorious year, and for God's grace.

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, October 16 @ 5:30 pm
Breakfast Saturday, October 17 @ 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, October 15 @ 11:15 am

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 & West Suburban Community Pantry
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

October 2015 ~ Friendship Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6pm Nominations	2 10am BPC Ministry 6:30pm Daisy Scouts 7:30pm GA	3 9am AA 7pm Youth Group
4 Confirmation/World Communion Sunday 10am Worship & Sun- day School 11:15 CCHSS 11:30am Leadership Study 5pm AA	5 5:30pm Girl Scouts	6 10am BPC Ministry 7pm Stewardship Leaders	7 6pm Evangelism 6:30pm Scouts 7:30pm Chancel Choir	8 7pm Anxiety Support	9 10am BPC Ministry 7:30pm GA	10 9am AA 7pm Youth Group
11 10am Worship & Sunday School 11:30am Confirma- tion/Acolyte Training 11:30am Leadership Study 5pm AA 5pm Gujarati Worship	12 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL 5:30pm Girl Scouts	13 10am BPC Minis- try	14 4:45pm Confirmation 5:30pm Café 6:30pm Scouts, Choralier, Alleluia Choirs 7:30pm Chancel Choir	15 11:15am Senior Bible Study & Lunch	16 10am BPC Ministry 7:30pm GA	17 9am AA 7pm Youth Group
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