



One Nation , Under God

Reflections from Pastor Anna

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

Last time when I visited Korea, the country of my birth and my family ancestry, was exactly five years ago, when my mother passed away. As death comes always unexpectedly and untimely, so the visit was made hurriedly. This time will be different. I planned ahead and all my children, Alex (YoungHa), Nick (InHa), and Jake (JoonHa) will join me.



Over the years I have learned that with every visit I make, I come back with different rewards and surprises of the change to which I witness in Korea. Now as my children have grown as young adults and try to be independent, I often find myself wondering where my real home will be.

Based on the definition of Webster’s dictionary, ‘home’ is one’s place of residence; the social unit formed by a family living together; A familiar or usual setting; congenial environment, such as “Home is where the heart is.” ; or a place of origin.

In the 21st century, I wonder what percentage of the population live in a place of their origin or the land where their ancestors were born. I am sure the number is pretty low, and especially in the United States of America. We might have our own definition following where our heart is, home should be the place where one likes to be and is cared for.

Finding and creating a home in a different place is very challenging and surely more challenging if it is a different country. It could be very lonely and takes a long time, perhaps more than a generation. However, during this process of wondering I have learned that being different, living as a foreigner can offer a gift to the society, because it opens a totally new way to see reality.

Someone writes, the first quality of being the stranger, probably the sense of not-belonging, becomes a necessary feeling for those who refuse to abide by the conventional values. “People who embrace the Gospel way of life become de facto strangers regardless of their nationality or legal status.”, a Church leader and Cuban exile once said. Actually the Apostle Paul assures us that we should not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that we may discern what the will of God is.

Henri Nouwen speaks about our collective homelessness in today’s world and the universal thirst for the experience of truly being at home in his book, *Finding My Way Home: Pathways to Life and the Spirit*. I am planning to read this on the plane during my trip to Korea, my motherland.

I pray that each one of you has a great summer and finds the pathway to the home, the heart of God.

Blessings,
Pastor Anna

Core Groups Visit Feed My Starving Children

In 1982 businessman Richard Proudfit felt called to feed starving children after he experienced their hardships on a missions trip to Honduras and heard God saying, "If you've seen my starving children, feed them." In early 1987 he incorporated Feed My Starving Children to develop an original meal formula and engaged food scientists, who developed a hearty "Fortified Rice Soy Casserole," which FMSC re-named MannaPack™ Rice in 2008. The average age of children receiving these meal packets is 5. Feed My Starving Children also developed a unique way for volunteers to pack the meals with fun and music, and the first shipments left on board Mercy Ships in 1994.



THE VIDEO LISTED BELOW shows a day in early June 2014 when volunteers from Friendship United Methodist Church joined other volunteers and, during their session, packed 56 boxes—12,096 meals, enough to feed 33 children for a year. The picture above shows Jonise as a poor child in Haiti, and today as a successful 21-year-old, thanks in part to the food provided by Feed My Starving Children. In 1994 FMSC shipped 400,000 meals; in 2013 it shipped 191,600,000! More stats:

- ◆ In 1994 FMSC engaged 2,409 volunteers; by 2013 volunteers numbered 800,000.
- ◆ In 1994 FMSC employed 2 people; by 2013 it had 203 employees.
- ◆ In 1994 FMSC's annual budget was \$55,000; by 2013 it was \$41,000,000.
- ◆ For 9 years FMSC has ranked among the top 1% of the US's most trust worthy charities.

We thank Feed My Starving Children for giving us an opportunity to be a small part of their mission. Find out more at <http://www.fmsc.org/>

To watch the video please use the following link:
<http://richardrguzman.com/media/Feed-my-starving-children.mp4>



BOXES: 56
MEALS: 12,096
Kids FED FOR A YEAR: 33
TOTAL COST: \$2,661.12
Hope starts with food!!

Friendship

United Methodist Church

40^{and} Forward in Faith

Friendship Church Time Machine

As part of our 40 and Forward anniversary celebration, our church historian, Loren Weber, will be featuring what happened at Friendship Church during the four decades leading up to the October 5, 2014 celebration. Starting with 1974, Loren reports the following happenings:

In July 1974,

The UMC's Bolingbrook Mission held a planning retreat after its worship service at Northview School on 21 July 1974. Participants prepared an organization proposal, populated a nominating committee for church offices and set congregational goals.

Check out the timeline display on the East wall of the Friendship Center for more details!

1974
1974



Sanctuary Renovation Update: It's time!

The Sanctuary Design Team has made their decision regarding new chairs for our worship area. We've decided to keep this hush-hush until our ribbon cutting on October 5th. Pat Prins, our building manager has placed the order for our new chairs. Soon we will be meeting with the carpet specialist to finalize the committee's decision. Then comes the BIG JOB of tearing up the old carpet and putting in the new. Special thanks to Roger Pierce and Pat Prins for their hard work to help us with a big commercial job!

God is good, all the time!



Forty and Forward Ornaments on Sale

Ornaments commemorating our Fortieth Anniversary will be on sale after the service beginning on July 13. The ornaments are \$10.00. To enjoy them throughout the year, we are also selling ornament stands for \$3.00. We hope the ornaments will be a great way to remember this important occasion in our church's life. They will also make great gifts for your family or friends who no longer attend Friendship Church.

NEW! Forty and Forward Car Decals Available on July 13!

They are \$5 each. Pick one or two up (at the Anniversary Table) for your cars and start spreading the word in town and on the road that we are a vibrant congregation! Decals are in the marked box. Please leave your donation in the appropriate envelope. The decals are mounted from the inside out so you don't have to worry about harming your car's exterior!



www.facebook.com/FUMC40th
www.facebook.com/groups/154606876323/

All Church Food Drive

Our first All Church Food Drive was a huge success. We collected over 138 bags of food- that's about 1500 pounds of food that will go to help feed the hungry right here in our local area!

These bags have been taken to our neighbors at the Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry and the West Suburban Food Pantry in Woodridge. We also received cash donations of \$172. The Friendship Fund, our church endowment, has agreed to add \$548 to this amount for a total of \$720. As Mike Dewitt told us in a recent service, a \$720 donation will buy an additional 2 tons (4,000 pounds) of food.

For our first effort, this was remarkable. Our Mission Team set a goal this year of "doing good things better." We thank all of those who collected food from their neighbors. We also want to thank John and Donna McWilliams for involving the Friendship Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in this effort.

We are all so blessed in our lives and we should be proud of the way our members respond eagerly and willingly to help those who are less fortunate. Of course, feeding the hungry and caring for the poor is what we are called to do as Christians.

Don't forget to bring in your monthly donations because feeding the hungry is a year round effort. The Outreach and Mission Committee thanks you for your generosity. We hope to make the food drive an annual event at Friendship Church.

Gene Paquette
Outreach and Missions



Read the Bible in a Year Study Group

On Jan. 15, 2014, several members and friends of Friendship started on a journey of reading the Bible from Genesis to Revelations in one year. This has been an exciting, interesting, and fun opportunity to better learn God's purpose through reading and discussing scripture.

Under the leadership of Bible Study Leader, Shirley Eatwell, we meet every Sunday before church just to make sure we're keeping up with our reading and to encourage one another. We also try to dig deep into the scriptures by discussing current and Biblical issues that are relevant to our study. For instance, in February of this year, Amania Drane, one of the group members went to Israel and came back sharing her experiences of Jewish culture and history with the group.

On Saturday, June 14, several group members visited a Messianic Jewish congregation in Chicago and experienced a Christian service in Hebrew and English and listened to the Cantor sing scripture in Hebrew. Afterwards, we met with the pastor of the church, Roy Schwarz, who was born and raised as a Jew and then became a Christian as an adult. Roy is now the Midwest Director of Chosen People Ministries, <http://www.chosenpeople.com/main/>, a Christian mission started in 1894 by a Jewish Rabbi who became a Christian and began to evangelize to Jews and others. This ministry has now spread to thirteen countries throughout the world. The Bible Study group plans to go back and visit the Messianic church later in the year, visit a Jewish temple and other outings. If you're interested in joining them on their outings or joining the Bible study on Sundays before church at 9:30am, please feel free to drop by the chapel. Not only is it a great learning opportunity, it's a lot of fun!



Pastor Roy Schwarz, members of the study group and his congregation.



Lunch out after church.

From the Church Council

The Fortieth Anniversary plans are moving forward with the ordering of new chairs and carpet choices being finalized. Many thanks to the people of FUMC who supported the plan financially. The Friendship T-shirt sale continues. Starting July 13 the committee will be selling anniversary ornaments and stands. The ornaments will be a good way to remember this occasion in our church's history.



Stewardship reports that although our overall giving is down, 96% of the pledged money has been received.

Children's Ministry began summer Sunday School with the switch to one service at the end of May. Plans for VBS July 21-25 are underway.

Membership plans to have a class for new members in September.

Trustees hope to stain the outside of the building and remove dead trees this summer. Look for news from Social Life soon pertaining to the church picnic on August 17.

The Prayer Fellowship has changed its gathering time from Friday evenings to right after the service on Sunday.

The Core groups finished off the year with an outing to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora. Those attending had a great time while helping prepare meals for hungry children. Watch for new events in the Fall.

Next meeting will be held on September 16, 2014 at 7 PM. All are welcome.

Carolyn Weber



Special Thanks!

To the "origami crew", special thanks for the beautiful dove display hanging in the sanctuary. What a beautiful way to celebrate Pentecost!



Out and About at Friendship Church

Support Friendship Flames Softball!

Games are at 6:30 at McGee School.

Questions? Contact Larry Hilb at llhilb@comcast.net.

Friday, July 11: vs. First Presbyterian
Friday, July 18: vs. Loves Fellowship
Monday, July 21: vs. Westbrook
Friday, July 25: vs. The Sanctuary
Friday, August 1: vs. Clarendon Hill "J"
Tuesday, August 5: vs. Joyful Spirit

Come out and support our team!



Church Picnic—August 17, 11:00am– 3:00pm

Imagine joining other Church families & friends on Sunday, August 17, 2014 from 11:00-3:00 p.m. at Friendship United Methodist Church for a wonderful "Back to Church/Back to School" Picnic Celebration. No need to imagine because it will happen!! Friendship's Social Life Committee is once again organizing the Picnic and looking for your help and/or talent.

Hot Dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill by Chef Dave along with Sous Chef Katy, a variety of wonderful side dishes and the "Infamous FUMC Dessert Table" will be available.

The picnic will once again be host to the Park District Climbing Wall and train, Animal Balloons by Audrey, and Face Painting by Irene. New this year will be a visit by the

Fountaindale Library Bookmobile including "MOPS" – a puppet show for all ages and a Bean Bag Tournament for all ages. (sign-ups for teams of 2 coming soon).

More detailed information coming soon. Be sure to read the Newsletter, Focus, and/or weekly Church Bulletin.

If you have a talent or desire to help, please contact Kathleen Campbell or the Church Office.



Children and Family Ministry

Workshop of Wonders, Imagine and Build with God (VBS) July 21-25, 9:00am-11:30am.

Invite your friends! All children ages 3 years—5th grade are welcome!

At Workshop of Wonders, children will experience the love of Jesus and will build their faith! They will use their hearts, minds, and imaginations to participate in the life of God, the one who works wonders! WOW!



Check out FUMC's own VBS website at <http://cokesburyvbs.com/friendshipchurchumc> for more information and to register your child.

Volunteers needed! Lots of hands will be needed to make this year's Workshop of Wonders a success so check out how you can volunteer as well!

Questions? Contact Ann Louise Kuehn at 815.302.3947, or alnkuehn@gmail.com

Summer Sunday school at Friendship!

The first session of our Summer Sunday school began Sunday, June 8th.

All children ages 3 years through 5th grade (beginning in the fall) have been learning about the Bible through our summer curriculum *Dig into the Bible!*

The Bible teaches us about our Christian faith, history, traditions and provides a guideline for daily living. The Bible is a special library of books for Christians. The children have been learning all about how the Bible was written, the books of the Bible, and how to use the Bible through music, cooking, science and games.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for your child to learn more about the Bible! Have them bring their friends, too!

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

Fall Registration

Watch your mail in the beginning of August for registration packets to be returned by August 24.



Youth Happenings

Mission Trip - Sunday, June 22 to Friday, June 27

The youth travelled to Washington, Illinois to participate in a project called Hope Swings. They helped build swing sets in an area devastated by storms and tornadoes last fall. The youth will be leading worship on July 13, and will be reporting on their trip as well.



Upcoming Events

July 6: 2:00pm-4:00pm
July 13: 10:00am
July 13: 3:00pm

Youth Group - We will be planning the worship service on the 13th.
Youth Lead worship service
Ice Cream Social

Prayer and Celebration

Church Prayer Fellowship—Sundays immediately following service in the Chapel.

"Never stop praying," *1 Thessalonians 5:17*. Are you in need, want to learn to pray or have a passion to pray with other Christians for yourself and neighbors? Please join us on Sundays. Open to all - men and women alike. Contact Marlene Inglis at 630.783.0969.

Prayer requests can be emailed to: prayerrequests@friendshipchurchmc.org if you don't use email please call the church office and the request will be forwarded.



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.

It is always joyous to receive the Celebration Offering from the congregation. The celebration offering for June totaled \$128 from 7 envelopes for being accepted into North Central College's College Scholar Program; Our daughter's wedding; God's grace and Middle School Graduation; Our grandchildren's success; Our Moms; The confirmands' decisions to "claim the name!"; My son finishing 8th Grade and another son successfully completing the ACT; Our grandson's graduation and confirmation here at Friendship Church. Thank you to all for your generosity.

Blessings, Anna

Friendship Community 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, July 18 @ 5:00 pm
Breakfast Saturday, July 19 @ 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, July 17 @ 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: Saturday @ 9am & Sunday @ 5pm

GA Meetings: Friday @ 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

Now serving 7th Day Adventist Pantry

2nd Sunday of every month

Requested for the month of July:

Canned Peas

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR GROUP

Summer Schedule: 9:20 - 9:50am in the Chapel

If you've considered joining but thought the reading would be overwhelming, it really isn't. We generally read about 3 chapters a day and you don't have to memorize a thing. This isn't a "class" as much as a discussion group. If something strikes you as odd or you have a question about something you've read, you bring it up in our group and we discuss it.

It isn't too late to start. Pick up a schedule at the information desk and start reading the chapters for the current week. You can always go back and read what you've missed. Questions? Call Shirley Eatwell at 630-739-5249.

July 2014 ~ Friendship Church

Worship on Sundays ~ 10:00am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10am BPC Ministry	2 6:30pm Scouts	3 Office Closed No First Thursday Dinner	4 Office Closed 7:30pm GA	5 9am AA
6 Family Worship 9:30am Bible Study 10am Worship & Sunday School 11am Prayer Group 2pm Youth Group 5pm AA	7	8 10am BPC Ministry	9 6:30pm Scouts	10 7pm Anxiety Support	11 10am BPC Ministry	12 9am AA
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