



Friendship
United Methodist Church
40^{and} Forward & Faith

Reflections from Pastor Anna

“Listening deeply to another person places us on sacred ground.”

This is not the first time this has happened to me, but I am sure one of my daily devotionals that arrives early every morning obviously knows for what I have been praying.

The world that we live in urges us to be independent and autonomous, and we think of ourselves as individuals, but we are born out of relationships, and we are embedded in networks of relationship. In these relationships, such as family, friends, neighbors, colleagues, mentors, and community, we are nurtured, affirmed, defined and sustained. On the contrary, it challenges and hurts us as well.

When it comes to the conflict in our lives, whether it is between intimate partners, parents with their children, friends, colleagues, or even in church, much of them can be explained by one simple fact: we don't really listen to each other. Listening deeply may be a life saving and transforming occasion.

Psychologists and family therapists agree that few motives in human relationships are as powerful as the yearning to be understood. The conflicts arise when such needs are not met. Perhaps you have experienced the moment of “speaking without listening”, “hearing without understanding”. We live in such a busy world, and our attention span is getting shorter and shorter. While constantly connecting to one another through many webs, listening deeply to another person is rarely happening in our society.

There is even a book entitled, “The Lost Art of Listening.” What does listening do in relationships? Being listened to means that we are taken seriously, that our ideas and feelings are known and, ultimately, that what we have to say matters. Being listened to helps us feel secure. All human relationships are living things, they require nourishment not only to grow up strong but also to maintain their strength and vitality.

“Listening deeply to another person places us on sacred ground.” As we come out of our separateness to worship God and to meet our friends in faith, we express our yearnings to be listened to and understood. When listening deeply between two people happens, it bridges the space that divides us. Plus, in that sacred moment, life might be changed.

As we are all overwhelmed with what's happening around the world, the first task for us to do is to practice deep listening to other human beings. This fall, I'd like to listen deeply to your heart. As Friendship seeks ways to move forward in a prayerful manner, I would like you to join me in listening deeply to one another. I would like to see **Holy Conversations** happening in the Core Groups, Sunday School rooms, Bible Study group, Youth Group, wherever two or three gathers in Jesus' name.

Peace,

K. Anna Shin

Pastor Anna





Sunday, October 19, 1:00pm

Thousands of people will step out against hunger across Northern Illinois this fall as they participate in local CROP Hunger Walks. In addition to showing solidarity with those who must walk daily for food, water, shelter, medicine, etc., CROP Hunger Walks raise funds for local food pantries and regional food banks. Funds also support the work of Church World Service which responds to disasters and implements self-help development programs around the world.

Again this year, Friendship Church is sponsoring the 2014 Bolingbrook/Romeoville CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 19, with the “Kick-Off Rally” beginning at 1:00pm.

Last year’s walk raised over \$10,000 to aid international as well as local hunger needs. Our goal for this year is \$15,000. Anyone can walk and/or run one of the two courses. The routes are the same as last year with a choice of a one mile or 5K. You can even make it a family event!

You can help us realize this goal by signing up to walk, volunteer, or donate. Information can be picked up at FUMC as well as on their website: www.crophungerwalk.org/bolingbrookil.

Please consider how you can help Friendship Church end hunger one step at a time.



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Friendship United Methodist Church will celebrate its 40th Anniversary on October 5, 2014. A year of planning by the committee will culminate in a wonderful day of celebration. The new carpet and chairs will be unveiled on that day. Thanks goes out to the congregation for supporting this project financially.

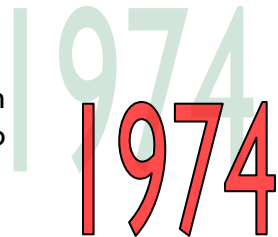
The morning will begin with one worship service at 10 AM. It will be a joyous service celebrating 40 years of Friendship and World Communion Sunday. The Bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference, Sally Dyck, will deliver the message. Other special guests will include former pastors and charter members.

Following the service the celebration will continue at the Holiday Inn in Bolingbrook at Noon for a luncheon. Following the luncheon, a short program will be presented.

We hope all members and visitors will plan to attend both the worship service and the luncheon.

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 year we became a church leading up to the October 5, 2014 celebration.



This month in 1974:

On October 20, 1974, the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church officially recognized the United Methodist Church, Bolingbrook, Illinois, as a properly organized local church. There were 81 charter members.

Check out the time line in the Friendship Center to see how we've become "who we are" over the past 40 years! Visit the timeline and add your own personal "Friendship Moments".

What an exciting time in the history of our Church!

Council News

Many celebrations! The sanctuary has been painted! New carpet has been laid! And we have new chairs! Our big Fortieth Anniversary celebration is just around the corner on October 5 at 10 AM. A spectacular service is planned with Bishop Sally Dyck and other special guests. 200 people will be attending our luncheon at the Holiday Inn in Bolingbrook right after the service. Other celebrations include the participation of fifteen people who marched in the Pathways Parade on September 14.

The theme of the the Stewardship Program this year is Gratitude. You will be hearing more about this as we get closer to November.

The church council voted earlier this year to pledge \$5000 over 3 years for the Imagine No Malaria program. \$980 of this amount has already been raised at Vacation Bible School and at the LemonAID stand at the church picnic. Any additional ideas to raise the remaining dollars are welcome.

Friendship has begun a 12-18 month long-range planning process, based on the book, Holy Conversations, by Gil Rendle and Alice Mann. The nominating committee has been studying and will select a planning committee to begin the process.



Pathways Parade

Fifteen people marched in Bolingbrook's Pathways Parade on September 14 to spread the word about Friendship Church and First Friends Christian Preschool.



Member Honored



Amanía Drane receives 2014 Alumni Service Award from Benedictine University

Amanía Drane is an alumna who is truly dedicated to student success and

supporting the values and mission of Benedictine University. After earning an undergraduate degree in African Studies and Economics at another university, she started her career in the auto claims division and then moved into Human Resources at State Farm, where she has worked for 24 years. After a series of moves, Amanía relocated back to her hometown of Chicago in 1997. She started taking classes at Benedictine in 2008 and received her M.S. in Management & Organizational Behavior in December 2011. The experience left an impression on Amanía, who returned with a new goal in mind: to give back and encourage undergraduate students to prepare themselves for their careers. Her life aspiration is to utilize her leadership and organizational skills to optimize the personal and professional development of others, which she has already started to do here at Benedictine. From helping to set up a mentorship program and working with students from the Black Student Union to founding the Celebrating Success Scholarship for African-American students, Amanía leads by example in every endeavor she takes on. She has a real passion for education and wants to make sure all students and alumni of Benedictine University live up to their full potential. Amanía is a member of Friendship United Methodist Church and the Zeta Omicron Sigma chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. She serves on the board or in leadership roles at several organizations, including the Board of the Illinois Friends of ACT-SO, AALR, Mombasa Relief Initiative and the Advisory Council for the National Latino Education Institute. Amanía also runs a tutoring program called DAAWN, which is for second through eighth grade students in Darien School District #61.

Children and Family Ministry

Sunday School News

Bible Stories

Our fall Sunday school session has begun. The students will learn about “In the beginning.....the very beginning”, with stories about Creation, In God’s Image, Noah and A Time for Everything.



Altar table

Each Sunday school room has an addition of an altar table.

The children now have a place to go and be with God. The symbols on the table, a cross, a candle, the offering basket and a Bible are there along with the liturgical colors. Special symbols for each Christian season will be added during the year. Come and take a look in each Sunday school room!



Cereal Time!

Breakfast snacks such as cereal, granola bars and drinks are now served to the children each week during Sunday school. We hope a little pick me up will help the children better focus on the Sunday school lesson. Watch for Popcorn Sunday coming soon!



Choralier Choir

Choralier Choir, for all children ages 4 years old through 8th grade are encouraged to join the choir and sing praises to God!

Rehearsals begin Wednesday, October 22, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. Rehearsals will continue for seven weeks, during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. The choir will sing in the worship service on Sunday, November 23 and Sunday, December 14 at both services.



Children's Choir

Please, bring your children to choir. They will learn about the Bible through the anthems we sing, learn about the liturgical seasons, sing fun songs, have a treat and make new friends!

The Choralier choir is an important part of our Children’s ministries at Friendship Church. It is a way for all children in the church to serve God!

Upcoming events.....

Bible Workshop-October 25th, Time to be announced

During the workshop, 3rd and 4th grade children will learn the basics of the Bible in fun ways, like games and crafts.

Kids InC.—October 18, 4-6pm

All 4th and 5th graders are invited to attend. There will be fun games and activities, a Bible message, and discussions on how to be better Christians and serve others in our community. Our 4th and 5th graders at Friendship are also welcome to bring their friends to these events

An Advent Festival for all ages! Sunday, December 7, 2014, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

There will be a drama, songs, Advent craft and a chili supper and dessert! Watch for more information as it becomes available!

**Friendship United Methodist Church
invites you to an intergenerational
Glow-in-the-Dark Night and
Trunk or Treat!**

Friday, October 24, 2014

**5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner**

**6:15 – 7:15 p.m.
Games, crafts, dancing, and Haunted Tunnel!**

**7:15 -- 7:40 p.m.
Costume parade, storytelling, and music!**

**7:45 - 8:30 p.m.
Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot!**

**Also,
Hot chocolate, coffee and fire pit to keep us warm!**

**8:30 - 9:00 p.m.
Haunted Tunnel and dancing continues!**

****Please, Decorate your car trunk for Trunk or Treat!**
Sign your car up at church information station!!**

Trunk or Treat instructions..... if you and your car want to participate, decorate your car trunk for fall or Halloween, bring treats or trinkets to pass out , back your car into a designated spot in the parking lot, and hand out your treats to the children. This is a fun, popular activity for all involved.....adults and children!!

There is no cost for the dinner and crafts but, donations will be welcome that night!

We will also collect donations for our church “Imagine No Malaria” mission project. For each \$10 we collect we help save one child’s life in Africa from malaria!

(No need to sign up....just come!)



Preschool News

First Friends Preschool

First Friends Preschool is off to a great start this fall! We have thirteen children registered for the MWF class and seven in the TT class. They have quickly adjusted to the daily routine and they all seem eager to come to school. Our day includes a balance of teacher-directed and child-directed activities. Teacher leads circle time, story-time and songs. Free-choice time is when each child decides what they will work on today. Some just love the play-dough, and some need to paint a picture at the easel everyday. Cars and trains are a favorite option too. Almost everyone spends some time at the sensory table, where we have put plain water and water with bubbles. This week they played with beans, beads and buttons,

while we learned about the letter B. We love to recycle. We appreciate donations of oatmeal boxes and milk-bottle caps. Thank you to church members who have donated cups and paper plates for art projects. Thank you for the calendars. We love to use the pictures for circle-time discussions and bulletin boards. As always, thank you for your prayer support!



Youth Happenings

Career Choices for High School Students

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NIV) says, “¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

Your Friendship family is delighted to offer a program for 9th – 12th graders and their parents to enhance career exploration/life skills opportunities. Join us on **Sun., Oct. 26 from 4 – 5p in the Youth Room** to ask questions about what you are interested in learning and how we will plan out the academic year to help you meet your goals. Parents should be in attendance. If you are a high school student or the parent of a high school student, please complete the attached survey, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8285Y97> by **Sun., Oct. 12**. It shouldn't take more than 3 minutes.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering on the Career Choices for High School Students Advisory Council, please contact Amania Drane at niaenterprises1@comcast.net or 630-985-6421.



Octo- Youth Group		ber 12	2:00-4:00pm
October 17	6:30-9:30pm	Game and Movie Night	
October 19	12:30pm	Crop Walk	
October 24	5:30-7:30pm	Fall Festival	
October 26	2:00-4:00pm	Youth Group	
October 31	6:30-9:30pm	Fall Party	

Ebola Emergency Relief

Mariatu Nettey shared with us the need for raising funds and donating medical equipment to help combat the outbreak of the Ebola virus that is devastating West Africa. Over 500 people have died and over 1000 new cases have been reported. There is no cure for the virus. Monies collected will be sent to MFS/Doctors without Borders and medical supplies will be shipped by UMCOR. The medical supply list for donations is available in the office. Because the list is very detailed and probably can only be secured by hospitals or medical suppliers, it is suggested that monetary donations from our congregation would be the most effective.

To donate online, visit www.gofunme.com/eovbxc.

You may also donate money in person by writing a check to FUMC marked for Ebola Relief. Friendship Fund will be making a donation.

Thank you for considering those both impoverished and suffering in Sierra Leone and in all of West Africa.

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.

This month we have received 6 envelopes totaled, \$123.00! They are about thanksgiving for the 16th birthday of beloved son; God's goodness and grace on family, and several celebration offerings with no specific reason.

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, October 17 @ 5:00 pm
Breakfast Saturday, October 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, October 16 @ 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 beginning on October 22.
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 August:

Canned Soup

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR GROUP

Sundays, 10:10-10:40 in the Chapel

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 on the information station and join us on Sundays! Questions? Call Shirley Eatwell at 630-739-5249.

October 2014 ~ Friendship Church

Worship on Sundays ~ 9:00 & 10:45 am

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			11:15a Women's Bible Study 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel	2	3	4 9a AA
5 10a Anniversary Celebration Worship 12p Luncheon @ Holiday Inn 5p AA	6 5:30p Girl Scouts	7 10a BCP Ministry 7p Boughton Ridge Townhome Assoc.	8 11:15a Women's Bible Study 4:45p Confirmation 6:30p Scouts 6:30p Bell Choir 7:30p Chancel Choir	9 7p Anxiety Support	10 10a BPC Minstry 7:30p GA	11 9aAA 9a Market Day
12 9 & 10:45a Worship & Sunday School 11:45a Youth Bell Choir 2p Youth Group 5p Gujarati Worship 5p AA	13 Columbus Day No Preschool	14 10a BPC Ministry	15 11:15a Women's Bible Study 4:45a Confirmation 6:30p Bell Choir 6:30p Scouts 7:30p Chancel Choir	16 11:15a Senior Lunch & Bible Study	17 10a BPC Ministry 5:30p Daybreak 6:30p Youth Movie Night 7:30p GA	18 9a AA 5:00a Daybreak
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