



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

305 E. Boughton Road
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Worship Service Sundays 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?***

630.972.1011 ~ friendshipchurchumc.org

Vacation Bible School

July 24-28

9:00am-11:30am

Ages 3 years - 6th Grade

Register today!



2017.cokesburyvbs.com/friendshipchurchumc

The children will take an adventure and learn that God's heroes have Power, Heart, Courage, Wisdom and Hope!

There will be music, science, crafts, recreation and Bible stories to help the children and their leaders discover their strength in God!

Invite your friends and neighbors!

Can't wait to see you there!

Volunteers appreciated!

It will take many hands to make this year's VBS a success!

Sign up at the above address!



Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 34:14b

Reflections from Pastor Anna Shin

“I lift up my eyes to the mountains; where is my help to come from?”

I have learned that prayers come in different forms. Sometimes they are short breath prayers, like saying a short word or phrase: ‘Be still and know God,’ or ‘Your love is enough,’ or ‘Your Presence, Your Peace’ while breathing in and out. Other times they are long conversations with God. Prayer somehow changes us. It moves us beyond ourselves, not out of the world, but in to the world. It opens us for new ways to realize a well in the desert.

I recently learned an expression, *solvitur ambulando*. It’s Latin and means, “It is solved by walking around.” What do you do when you have faced a problem, couldn’t make up your mind over some issues? Take the mind off from your stuff. Go for a walk. Ride a bike. Find company in silence. *Solvitur ambulando*. It may be solved in walking.

So often when I am stewing about something the answer is not to be found by thinking harder and harder. It may sound counterintuitive but rather when I’ve stopped looking for it, not thinking about it, taking the mind off completely, and do something different like taking a walk for a while or working out at the gym, or pulling weeds in my much-neglected back yard (and front yard), or washing dishes, by getting my body moving around, an insight or idea or entirely different way of facing things emerge or “revealed.”

The Psalmist sings, “I lift up my eyes to the mountains”, not focusing on my problem but taking the mind off of it and then the help may come to me from God.

Summer is a good time to take a walk or a long hike. The Christian spiritual practice names it ‘prayer walk.’ I’ll be delighted to hear from you how many steps you walk during summer.

In Joy,

Anna Shin



Children and Family News



July 2017

July 2 - No Sunday School

July 9, 16, 23, 30 - Sunday School

July 24-28- Vacation Bible School



Summer Sunday School - Sundays at 10:00am



No Sunday School - 7/2

Join us each week during worship to learn about the Speakers for God!

Kids will learn about Elijah and the Prophets, Jonah, and Elisha! Don't miss the fun!

Bring your friends!

See you in Sunday School!



Vacation Bible School 2017

Hero Central!

Discover your strength in God!

July 24-28

9:00-11:30 A.M.

The children (3 years old through incoming 6th grade) will take an adventure and learn that God's heroes have Power, Heart, Courage, Wisdom and Hope! There will be music, science, crafts, recreation and Bible stories to help the children and their leaders discover their strength in God!

Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives and join the fun each morning!
Volunteers appreciated! Sign up kids and volunteers at the address below!

Register at: 2017.cokesburyvbs.com/friendshipchurchmc.

Youth Happenings



The youth would like to thank the following people: those who donated so that our youth could go on the trip (the total from the Women's Pick a Number fundraiser was \$1037!); those who prayed for us as we served; Dawn Callahan, Fern Deatrick, and Larry Hilb for joining us on our mission; Wayne Fetters for continually working with Band of Bread; Dave & Robin Lichty for planning and leading the 30 Hour Famine; parents who drive our youth to our various meetings and events; Kim Bailey, Donna McWilliams, Pam Stephan, and Pastor Anna for your assistance with the Youth led service on July 2nd; Pat Prins for making sure that the temperature in the youth room is always just right; and to anyone we inadvertently missed.

Thank you for all you do for the youth of our church!





Friendship Flames Softball

All Games are held at Jamie McGee School
Start time: 6:30pm

Tuesday, July 11
Friday, July 14
Tuesday, July 18
Friday, July 21
Tuesday, July 25
Friday, July 28

Good Neighbor Signs for Sale!

Friendship Church is offering a yard sign that tells others that you are a peaceful and tolerant neighbor! These signs show this saying in three languages (Spanish, English and Arabic) :
“No matter where you are from, we’re glad you’re our neighbor.” These yard signs were a brain child of a Mennonite pastor in Virginia who was bothered by the hateful rhetoric following the presidential election. The signs were offered to his congregation and the rest is history! The signs have spread across the US in thousands of neighborhoods and are a testament to tolerance and love. If you are interested in buying a yard sign, please sign up on the sheet in the Friendship Center. Signs are \$11, are double sided, printed on heavy cardboard which is weather resistant and a “H” metal stake is included. Let’s make a statement in our yards that Friendship Church members and friends “love one another as Jesus loved us.”

No importa de dónde eres,
estamos contentos que seas
nuestro vecino.

No matter where you are
from, we’re glad you’re
our neighbor.

لا يهم أين ولدتم، و لكننا
سعداء انكم جيراننا.



Northern Illinois Annual Conference June 4-6, 2017

This was my first experience with attending the Annual Conference with hundreds of United Methodist Pastors and laity from all over Northern Illinois. The Theme of this year’s conference was “Light Shines Through...”

There were 3 beautiful worship services, 1 each day, each led by Bishop Sally Dyke with music by Marcia Mc Fee. Pastor Anna uses some of Marcia McFee’s worships themes. Day 1 was an ordination service for new pastors and deacons. Day 2, was a retirement service. Pastor Jamie Hanna Williams, our former pastor, and her husband were part of this group. On day 3, a memorial service was held to remember those that have passed on.

We heard many reports from committees and commissions of the AC – much is being done throughout Northern Illinois. One of the important items on the agenda was the restructuring of the Annual Conference and district leadership. As a result of 9 months of study, they hope to be able to provide more help for local churches, such as Friendship.

Friendship collected 31 hand towels and 54 washcloths for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We also donated \$675 to the Bishop’s Appeal for the United Methodist Global Aids Fund. The goal for the entire Northern Illinois Conference was \$50,000, however, the total collected was \$71,400!! There are 6 districts in the NIC, and we are part of the Aurora district. The Aurora district collected the most! Thank you for your contributions to both.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Carolyn Weber



This month we will be putting together activity bags for the children at Daybreak. Please take a tag(s), purchase the items, and return them along with the tag to the bin under the tree by July 10th. Let's keep the little ones busy this summer.

Any questions, call Jody Hargett, 630-759-3273.



A volunteer security person is needed to check the church building on weekends. You would be a part of a team and would only need to come once a month. Tasks include checking doors, windows and making sure lights are off.

Please email or call Pat Prins if you would be interested in helping out or for more information.

building@friendshipchurchmc.org

or

630-972-1011

Friendship Women's Outing
Saturday
July 15
9:00am
Cantigny Park
Wheaton, Illinois

Join the women of Friendship for an outing to Cantigny Park for a tour of the gardens and lunch.

Cost of the trip is \$10.

Sign up at the information station.

Contact Carolyn Jones for more information.



First Friends Preschool

Registration Open for
2017-18 School Year!

Tell your neighbors and friends!

Contact Christine Bosacki at 630.739.3010 to make an appointment to visit!

firstfriendspreschool.info





Thanks to your generosity, nearly 1000 pounds of food were collected and divided between West Suburban Community Pantry and POWER Connection!

Coming in August:



Sunday, August 13 10:00am

Students of all ages are encouraged to bring their backpacks for a special blessing to start the school year!



Church Picnic - Sunday, August 27 following worship

Bring your family, your lawn chairs, and join the fun and fellowship! More information to follow!

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 received 7 envelopes, totaled \$210.00. They are for the celebrations for the 31st Wedding Anniversary; Seven wonderful grandchildren; God's love for all; Thanksgiving for love in life; God's grace; Life is Good!

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

Blessings,

Pastor 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, July 21 @ 5:30 pm

Breakfast on Saturday, July 15 @ 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 20 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
West Suburban Community Pantry
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

July 2017 ~ Friendship Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9am AA
2 10am Worship 5pm AA	3 Office/Building Closed	4 Office/Building Closed	5	6	7 10am BPC Ministry 7:30pm GA	8 9am AA
9 10am Worship & Sunday School 5pm AA	10	11 10am BPC Ministry 6:30pm Softball	12 6:30pm Boy Scouts	13 7pm Anxiety Support	14 10am BPC Ministry 6:30pm Softball 7:30GA	15 9am AA
16 10am Worship & Sunday School 5pm AA	17	18 10am BPC Ministry 6:30pm Softball	19 6:30pm Boy Scouts	20 11:15am Sr. Lunch & Bible Study	21 10am BPC Ministry 6:30pm Softball 7:30pm GA	22 9am AA
23 10am Worship & Sunday School 5pm aa	24 Vacation Bible School 9am-11:30am	25	26	27	28	29 9am AA
30 10am Worship & Sunday School 5pm AA				7pm Anxiety Support	6pm Ice Cream Social 7:30pm Ice Cream Social	