



A WONDER-FULL LIFE WORSHIP SERIES
Looking at Money and Meaning



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Worship Service Sundays at 10:00am

Friendship Church is a dynamic, multicultural, multiracial and multigenerational congregation. We see ourselves as people on a journey of faith, helping one another and the world to see the face of God, experience the love of Jesus Christ and live in the freedom and power of the Holy Spirit.

Here at Friendship we celebrate God's gift of diversity and seek to live out our belief that God welcomes all and unconditionally loves all. So with open hearts, open minds, and open doors we welcome all of age, racial and ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic conditions, physical and mental ability, and family status. No matter where you have been in life, we invite you to be a part of Friendship Church where you will find many opportunities to grow, love, and serve God and God's people.



A Wonder-Full Life:

Looking at Money and Meaning-begins November 3

This year's stewardship campaign is based on the classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life" which depicts the vastly diverse reactions to a financial crisis from several characters that can hold up a mirror to our own relationship with money.

It is the hope of the Stewardship Committee that, as we think about the themes of the movie, each of us will think about our own attitudes about our money.

Our attitudes about money can lead to serenity, harmony, truth, compassion, gratitude, love and joy or they can create fear, anxiety and greed. In this four-week series, we will look squarely in the face of our money issues in compassionate ways that can offer more depth of meaning, healing and wholeness, and a new outlook on what constitutes "a wonderful life."

During the month of November we will be showing your digital photographs of where you see abundance in the world and the "treasures" of your lives. Send your photos to fumcbolingbrook@gmail.com. Pictures will be displayed during prayer time each week.

Movie Presentation -"It's a Wonderful Life"

Sunday, November 3, after worship

As our new sermon series "A Wonder-Full Life" starts, there will be a screening of this beloved movie in the youth room following worship.

For those who haven't seen the movie, and for those who want to see it again, there will be a screening after church on Sunday, November 3rd. Please plan to attend with your family.



Caring Christians - Friendship Thanksgiving Celebration

Sunday, November 24

10:00am~Worship

11:30am~Celebration Lunch



Please fellowship with us at the Thanksgiving Celebration, which has a long history at Friendship Church and dates back over 40 years when the congregation celebrated our first Thanksgiving together in our new building.

Reservation forms are available in the November 3rd, 10th and 17th bulletins,

or you can call 630.972.1011

or email churchoffice@friendshipchurchumc.org to reserve your spot by November 18th.

Reflections from Pastor Anna Shin

"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10:10b

We all have a story. A story about who we are. There are stories that have been told by our parent or grandparents when we were young. There is a story that we tell others about how we have become who we are. I have not met anyone who remembers everything happened to them or everything that they did. To know a person's story is a good start to understand a person. Everybody's story deserves to be listened to and taken seriously because it is his or her life. Listening to each other has been a lost art, many researchers insist.

My story is unique, as is each person's, but all our stories have something common. They are filled with joy, pain, sorrow, growth, learning, mistakes, forgiveness, love, and peace. And somehow, we come to understand that each person's unique story is not quite separate from each other. We quickly realize that how deeply we are connected to each other. And our life is deeply connected to the life of the creation itself and the divine.

This is a spiritual awakening that comes to us when we realize that our story is not just our story. Our story is a part of a bigger story, a part of story bigger than ourselves. We Christians claim that the God whom we get to know through the Bible teaches this truth. We also learn from others' witnesses.

In this month of November, we will explore what makes our life wonderful and meaningful. How does money or possessions or success affect the meaning and quality of our life? Money is not necessarily a bad thing. We all need it. But we admit our relationship with money often shapes and defines our life, our character if we don't put our thought on it.

In the classic film, "It's a Wonderful Life"--I am sure you will watch it again during Christmas season--a crisis of money creates a whole spectrum of different reactions from several characters that can hold up a mirror to our own relationships with money. Join us each week in this month, as we will look squarely in the face of our money issues in compassionate ways that can offer more depth of meaning, healing, and wholeness of a wonderful life.

In thanksgiving,



Anna Shin



Children, Youth and Family News



10am Sundays - Sunday School
1st Sundays are Family Sundays -
Children are encouraged to worship
with their families.

2nd-4th Sundays - Students 3 years
through 8th grade are encouraged to
attend Sunday School.

Elementary students will be learning about our Faith Community
from stories of the Old Testament.

Middle School students will be studying the Old Testament using
the Collaborate curriculum. This month they will learn study the
law and judges of the Bible.

The Foundry

Youth Fellowship of Friendship United Methodist Church

The Foundry
Youth Group Meeting
Sundays, 11:30am - 1pm

Youth ages 6th-12th grade are invited
for a time of worship, devotions and
of course, youth group games!

Contact Miss Melissa
mell0cell0@aol.com

or

Mr. Tom
thomas.d.marsh@gmail.com
for more information.



Friendship Tween Group!

The Friendship Tween
Group, for everyone in
grades 4th – 6th, meets
every other month on
Friday evenings,
6:00-8:00p.m. at the
church.

Our tweens and their friends come and do a mission
project, play games and have yummy snacks too at each
gathering! Most of all they just have fun with their
friends and also meet new friends!

Parents are welcome to come and help out or provide
ideas for mission projects for the tweens! Don't worry,
we stay separated from the tweens so they can have
their own space!

**The next event will take place on Friday,
November 22nd, from 6:30-8:30pm.**

The group will be making Thanksgiving table
decorations for our Thanksgiving celebration followed
by another game night. Snacks and root beer or orange
dreamsicle floats will be served!

Bring a friend!



Choralier and Alleluia Choir!

The Choralier and Alleluia Choirs will resume
rehearsals for Thanksgiving and Christmas during
the month of October.

Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings,
6:30-7:30 p.m.

The combined choir is for all children and youth,
ages 4 years old through 8th grade.

November Rehearsal dates:
11/6, 13, 20

December Rehearsal dates:
12/4, 11, 18

Trunk or Treaters survived the steady rain and gathered up bags of candy inside the church last Saturday night, October 26th.

The Trunk or Treat Party was another success! Approximately 70 people including children, youth and adults came for food, bingo, games, crafts, face painting, a photo booth, prizes and the Haunted Tunnel!

The evening ended with lots of candy handed out in the dimly lit hallways along the decorated doorways!

It was a boo-ti-ful night! Everyone young and old had a great time!

Many thanks to the youth and adults who made the church come alive with cute and scary decorations and costumes! Lots of food and fellowship and just plain fun!
Stay tuned for next year's party date!



Congratulations to Our Newest Members!

Friendship Church welcomed 4 new members through Baptism and Confirmation on October 6th. Congratulations to Hillary Ansere, Aliza Bernardo, Shane Christie, and Christian Pidgeon! Special thanks to our District Superintendent, Reverend Jeffrey Bross, for delivering a special message!



Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Committee wants to thank the congregation for your faithful support of our ministries here at Friendship through your generous giving. As we reported last quarter, our member giving remains very strong. We have received 99.5% of the year to date pledged amount for those members who completed an Estimate of Giving card.

Through September 30th, our pledge income is \$182,375 and total giving is \$190,485 which puts us ahead of our annual budget goal. The fourth quarter is critical for our financial success. If you turned in an Estimate of Giving card, please do all that you can to meet your pledge total. If you did not turn in a pledge card, please continue to give what you can.

Without your support, Friendship would not be able to conduct our church programs and our ministries in Bolingbrook. We also support the global Methodist church through our apportionments. Your giving also allows us to support new and emerging ministries.

You should have received a quarterly giving statement from our Financial Secretary, Carol Feters, showing your year to date contributions. Please review it carefully. We also hope that you will be present in church in November to experience our annual Stewardship campaign. Our theme this year is "A Wonder-full Life – Looking at Money and Meaning."

Again, thank you for your support.
Gene Paquette
Stewardship Committee Recording Secretary



Friendship United Methodist Women



UMW-Social Justice - “Sharing Our Stories” Friday, November 8, 6:30pm

Four women from our congregation will share their stories of faith. Come & join the conversation with other women who put faith, hope and love in action! All women are invited ~bring a friend! Refreshments will be served.

Who’s Who in UMW!

Michelle Braxton serves as the United Methodist Women Legislative Liaison. She has scheduled elected officials for group conversations with church members and people from the community. The legislators updated us on current political and legislative issues, answered questions and listened to our concerns. Elected officials who have spoken at Friendship Church include Illinois State Representatives David Olsen, Natalie Manley and John Connor and Illinois State Senators Patrick McGuire and Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant.



Michelle’s political involvement began in high school when she was elected to class and student council offices. After her junior year, she was chosen to attend a two-week political science workshop at Ball State University. She became involved with local political work when she ran for Bolingbrook Village Clerk in 1993. Since then, she has worked with campaigns at the local, county, state and federal level.

Michelle and her husband Tom joined Friendship Church in 1983. They and their three children—Tom, Doug and Melanie—have been involved on committees as teachers, in choirs, as praise band members and as sound technicians. Michelle has served as organist and director of music at Friendship. Tom helped start the TV ministry at Friendship and now heads up the TV ministry at Crossroads United Methodist Church.

Full Inclusion Task Force

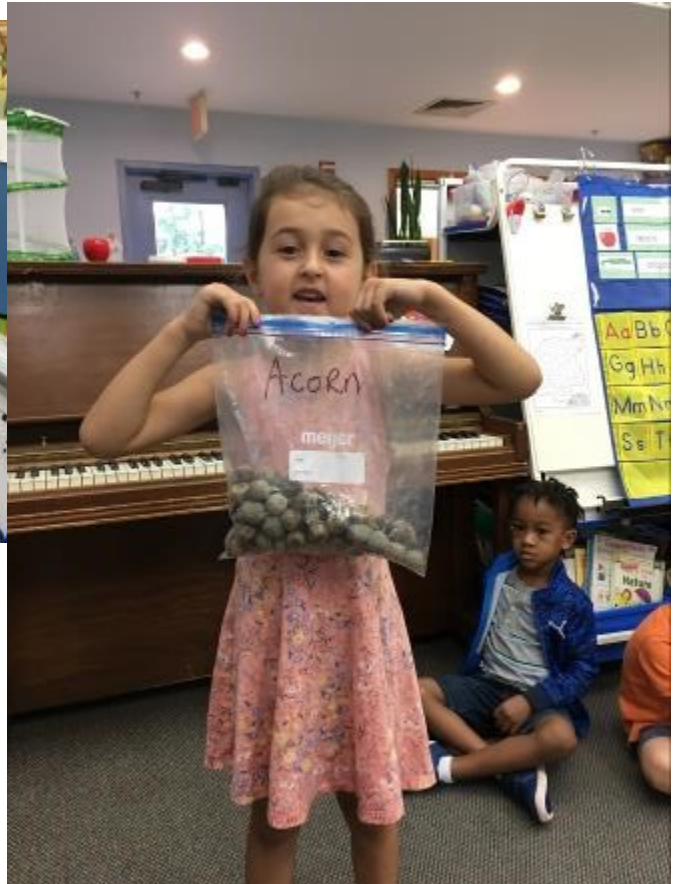
The Full Inclusion Task Force has continued to meet since its inception in May 2019 to insure that Friendship Church is inclusive in every aspect of the worship service, the church environment, and our relationships in the church. We are currently working on revising and refining our welcoming statement. The very informative panel discussion on September 28th was well-attended and sparked many conversations following the program.

An outside group called PFLAG held its first meeting in our building on October 13th. PFLAG meets once a month on the second Sunday at 2 PM and is a support group for LGBTQ members, their family and friends.

Our task force members are: Ibrahim Arowolo, Ashwin Bhagat, Glenn Cherry, Theresa Manning-Donahue, Wayne Fetters, Richard Guzman, Amy Hanna, David Olsen, Jameson Pagano, Jane Pierce, Muffy Paquette, Efren Ramos, Deji Sanyolu, Carolyn Weber. Please feel free to direct any questions you may have to any individual in this group.



First Friends Christian Preschool



Show and Tell at First Friends Preschool. Children bring toys from home that begin with the Letter of the week. F is for fire chief car. G is for ghost. D is for dinosaur. We take turns telling about our toys. We're learning to listen to each other. We're learning to be patient. We're learning new words!

Friendship Community

Prayer Chain

Requests are treated confidentially and shared only with Pastor Anna and the Prayer Chain. The Prayer Chain participants receive weekly prayer requests and pray for submitted requests. You may submit your requests to: 630.972.0268 or churchoffice@friendshipchurchumc.org

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.

In October we received 9 envelopes for a total of \$136 in celebration of the Confirmation Students, an anniversary and birthday, God's glory, answered prayer and other unspoken celebrations.

Blessings,
Pastor Anna



Birthdays

James Branch, Martha Rayburn, 2nd
Mary Steinwandt, 5th
Sharon Hall, 10th
Lorna Tumamao, 13
Rudy Augustin, 15th
Elpidia Vallejos, 16th
Aubrey Caudill, 17th
Dallas Donahue, 18th
Andy Bhagat, 19th
McDavis Ansere, 26th
Debbie Chapman, 28th
Wilma Gabanit, 30th

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, November 15 @ 5:30 pm

Breakfast on Saturday, November 16 @ 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, November 21 @ 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

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.

DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES:

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

FUMC Bolingbrook, Contacts, Friendship Foundry, Holidays in United States

Nov 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<p>Daylight Saving Time ends</p> <p>Stewardship Campaign</p> <p>10am - Sunday Worship</p> <p>11:30am - Movie</p>	<p>6pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p> <p>7pm - Church Council</p>	<p>10:15am - Ladies' Christian</p> <p>6pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Adult Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p> <p>8:30pm - Children's Choirs</p> <p>7:15pm - Disciple 1 Bible</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9:15am - Disciple 1 Bible</p>	<p>No Preschool</p> <p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p> <p>6pm - UMW-Social Justice</p> <p>7:30pm - GA</p>	<p>8:45am - 7th Day Adventist</p> <p>9am - AA</p>
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>10am - Sunday Worship & 1:30pm - PFLAG</p>	<p>6pm - Girl Scouts</p>	<p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p> <p>6pm - Nominations</p>	<p>10:15am - Ladies' Christian</p> <p>6pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Adult Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Children's Choirs</p> <p>7:15pm - Disciple 1 Bible</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9:15am - Disciple 1 Bible</p> <p>7pm - Anxiety Support</p>	<p>No Preschool</p> <p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p> <p>6pm - UMW-Social Justice</p> <p>7:30pm - GA</p>	<p>8:45am - 7th Day Adventist</p> <p>9am - AA</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>10am - Sunday Worship & 11:30am - Friendship</p> <p>11:30am - Youth Meeting</p>	<p>No Preschool</p> <p>Veterans Day</p>	<p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p> <p>6pm - Nominations</p>	<p>10:15am - Ladies' Christian</p> <p>6pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Adult Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Children's Choirs</p> <p>7:15pm - Disciple 1 Bible</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9:15am - Disciple 1 Bible</p> <p>7pm - Anxiety Support</p>	<p>5:30pm - Daybreak Serving</p> <p>6pm - Lock-In</p> <p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p> <p>6:30pm - Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:30pm - GA</p>	<p>9am - AA</p> <p>9am - Special Session NIC</p>
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<p>10am - Sunday Worship & 11:30am - Friendship</p> <p>11:30am - Youth Meeting</p>	<p>6pm - Girl Scouts</p> <p>6pm - Stewardship</p>	<p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p> <p>6pm - Girl Scout Leaders</p> <p>6pm - Nominations</p>	<p>10:15am - Ladies' Christian</p> <p>6pm - Confirmation</p> <p>6:30pm - Adult Bell Choir</p> <p>6:30pm - Boy Scouts</p> <p>6:30pm - Children's Choirs</p> <p>7:15pm - Disciple 1 Bible</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9:15am - Disciple 1 Bible</p> <p>11:15am - Senior Lunch</p>	<p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p> <p>6pm - Tween Group</p> <p>7:30pm - GA</p>	<p>8:45am - 7th Day Adventist</p> <p>9am - AA</p>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>10am - Sunday Worship & 11:30am - Thanksgiving</p>		<p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p>	<p>No Preschool/Office Closed</p> <p>10:15am - Ladies' Christian</p>	<p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>Black Friday</p> <p>10am - Bethel Prayer</p> <p>7:30pm - GA</p>	<p>8:45am - 7th Day Adventist</p> <p>9am - AA</p>