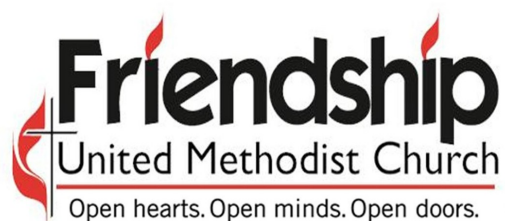




*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.....*



305 E. Boughton Road  
Bolingbrook, IL 60440

**Worship Service 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?*

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## Coming to Friendship Church

### Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving

Finding ways to grow deeper in our faith requires opening our hearts to prayer and a willingness to personally evaluate and challenge existing habits. One way to do this is to return a portion of our financial blessings to God through our offerings.

Our giving recognizes God as a source of our blessings. Our gifts help to create and implement ministries that change lives, transform communities, and spread the good news of Christ.

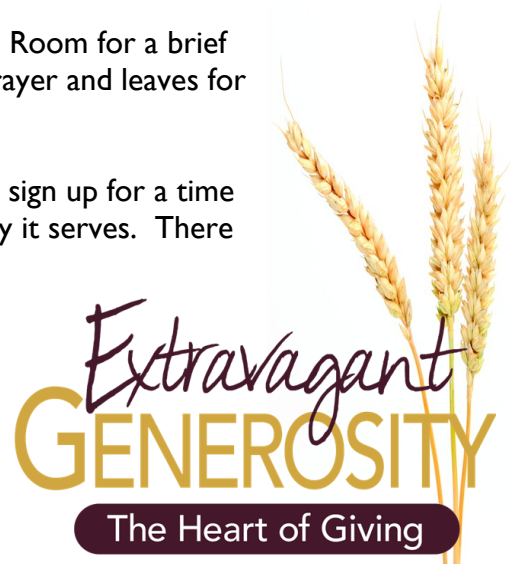
Join us each week as we explore how together we can change the world.

### Extravagant Generosity Prayer Opportunities Sundays November 6, 13, 20

**Prayer Tree**-The Spiritual Emphasis Team invites you to take a moment and place a provided leaf on our Prayer Tree. Jot down something you're grateful for, a brief prayer or how you experienced "God's generosity" and then place it on a tree branch. You can place as many leaves as you wish.

**Chapel Prayer**-Take a quiet moment and drop in to the Chapel Room for a brief prayer. There will be prayer materials available to guide your prayer and leaves for the prayer tree.

**Prayer Vigil** -On 11/19/16: 7:00am – 7:00pm. We invite you to sign up for a time to pray for our church, its ministries, leaders, and the community it serves. There will be a sign-up chart broken down into 15 minute segments where you can commit to pray. You can pray from your home or if you're traveling, at work during a break, as a family or in the church sanctuary. Prayer materials will be available. (You may sign up for more than one time slot.) The sign-up chart will be available beginning 11/6/16 at church or you can call or email the time you would like to pray to Mary Steinwandt, (214)-662-4869, [mhsteinwandt@gmail.com](mailto:mhsteinwandt@gmail.com).



### Thanksgiving Celebration-Friendship Style Sunday, November 22 10:00am~Worship 11:30am~Celebration Lunch



Plan to attend this special service and stay for the delicious meal after! Sign up sheets will be available in the November 6th worship bulletin as well as on the information station. Please return your completed form to the office by November 13th so we can be sure to have enough eats and seats for everyone!

## Reflections from Pastor Anna

*“In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)*

As I have prepared for our fall campaign, *Extravagant Generosity: the Heart of Giving*, I have realized that we do not celebrate enough how much we love one another, encourage one another, and care about the well being of our friends in faith. As I pause and reflect on the last several years of our ministry, I have ascertained that God is at work in our lives and Friendship Church in ways we sometimes cannot see or understand well.

The Scope of Ministries that I am sure you all have received and read has been one of the fruits of this fall campaign. It shows us how faithfully and diligently Friendship United Methodist has been serving God and God’s people wholeheartedly. It is clear that we have a clear understanding that we have been called to be the voice, hands and feet of Christ in our community and beyond.

Maybe you cannot go on a mission trip or serve at Day Break Shelter, or teach Sunday School for young people, or sing in the choir or play the guitar or drum, or be as directly involved as you would like, but there is a way you can greatly affect every single ministry we have. Through your generosity, you are a stakeholder in God’s work, allowing others to go when you cannot.

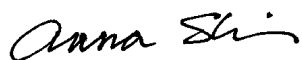
Our scope of ministry plans for next year are entirely dependent on God’s grace and provision through you. How do you see God at work in our lives and church? How will God lead you to be a significant part of real hands-on ministry through your generosity?

Please join me in preparing your heart in prayer, focusing on this game-changing question: “If everyone in my church gave like me, would my church be alive with exciting, impactful, life changing ministries, or only mediocre and insignificant?”

Many of you have been praying with the daily devotional of Bishop Schnase, *Practicing Extravagant Generosity*. In the Tuesday reading for Week One, he challenges us to dream big. He writes, “*the buildings, programs, ministries, job descriptions, and services we build—are they for our own comfort and coziness? Or are they to further the faith and provide for future generations? Does our giving serve us and our needs or serve God by serving the mission of the church to reach new people?*”

I would like our Friendship Church to have this question in mind as we envision our future together. I believe there is no limit to what God can accomplish in our lives and in our church, if you and I let go of our own schemes and trust God.

Your Pastor,



Pastor Anna Shin

**\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE!\*\*\*\***

**Annual Church Conference-Monday, November 14th-7:00pm**

Please join us as we gather with the District Superintendent, Reverend Dick Wisdom, for our annual meeting where we celebrate our church programs and set goals for the upcoming year. All members welcome, Council chairpersons are urged to attend. This is a special time for our church, you won’t want to miss it!



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# Children and Family News



**November 2016**

**November 6, 13~10:00am**  
Sunday School

**November 2, 9, 16~5:30-7:30pm**  
Friendship Café

**November 20~11:30am**  
Thanksgiving Celebration-  
No Sunday School



## Glow in the Dark Party

It was a Bootiful night Saturday, October 29th for a party, and we sure had one here at Friendship Church!

Our annual *Glow in the Dark with Trunk or Treat Party* was attended by 120 people including children and adults in costumes that were spectacular!

We had food, games, BINGO, craft activities, prizes, songs, a scary Haunted Tunnel (made by our own youth group), and then Trunk or Treating with 25 cars participating!

The evening ended with a bonfire and hot chocolate!

*Much appreciation for the kitchen workers, Boy Scouts who ran the game room, youth group leaders and youth who built the Haunted Tunnel, Mrs. Bosacki, from the preschool who ran the Glow in the Dark Bingo room, and all the other volunteers who helped make it a huge success!*

## Wednesday Friendship Café



Share a meal with your **Friends in Faith** each Wednesday at the Friendship Café!  
*The meal each week is FREE for everyone so bring your family and friends of all ages!*

The **Friendship Café** will be open each Wednesday **5:30 – 7:30 P.M.** through **December 14.** (closed on **November 23rd**)

**See the Friendship Café chalkboards each Sunday for the coming Wednesday main course and menu.**

Come for supper or just coffee and dessert!

## Choralier and Alleluia Choir Wednesdays

The Choralier Choir (children ages 4 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and The Alleluia Choir (all youth grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up) will sing four times in November and December.

Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 6:30 – 7:15pm through December 14<sup>th</sup> excluding November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pick up a complete choir rehearsal and worship service schedule on the information station.

Rehearsals are full of fun songs, including our anthems, with the addition of hand chimes and percussion instruments.

All are welcome! Join us!

## Sunday school

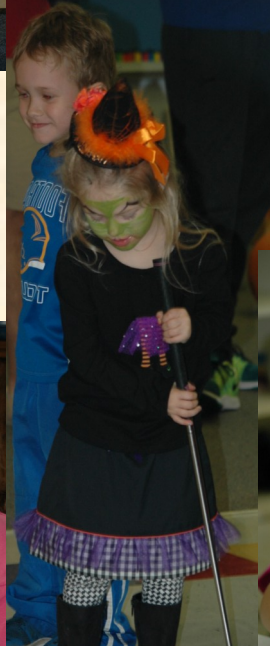
The children will continue this month with stories about Moses and his many adventures in Egypt. Please note that there will not be Sunday School on November 20th due to the Thanksgiving Celebration.

Catch up with what's going on in the classroom by downloading the Deep Blue Kids App from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store!

Don't miss out on all the fun!



# Glow in the Dark Party





### **Middle School Sunday School-Sundays @10am**

6th-8th graders are invited to explore the meaning and mystery of the Bible through readings and discussion as they study God's creation, God's calling, and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Teachers will follow the "Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum. Students will have the opportunity to join worship on the first Sundays of each month.

## **THE FOUNDRY**

### **Saturdays, 7-9pm**

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

The praise band "Band of Bread" will rehearse from 6:30 to the start of the evening at 7pm.

Contact Miss Melissa  
mell0cell0@aol.com

### **A Hunger Free World Begins with You**

This November, as we prepare for our Thanksgiving feast, we ask that you remember those who have never celebrated with a feast, and often go without. Just \$40 can help feed and care for a child for a month! The Youth are participating in the 30 Hour Famine on February 24 and 25. During November, they will create their online accounts and begin to ask you for donations. Please consider prayerfully what you can give.



### **Career Choices for High School Student Third Sundays, 11:15am**

Parents and students met on October 16th for a question and answer session regarding how to get started in their journey towards a career. Some of the questions included, "Where do I get the money for college?", "What do state's require for residency?", "What's important to include my senior year?" The students were encouraged to seek guidance with their parents, school advisors, and church mentors. The next session will be on November 13th and will feature Pastor Anna and her insights into the process.

### **Career Choice Club (CCC) International Connection By Audrey Mikulcik**

CCC has recently expanded its ministry to helping students at Bolingbrook HS. When Paul and I were in London in September, we stopped for lunch at the cafe in the basement of the Methodist Central Hall Westminster. This is a large church and conference center across from Westminster Abbey. There were a number of school groups in the basement of the church, so I asked what was going on. I was told that this was their Making The Leap Program. The program helps young people find their way into a successful career, whether that is trade school or college. It is a wonderful feeling to know that this ministry is being carried on at a sister Methodist church so far away.





### Congratulations Confirmands!

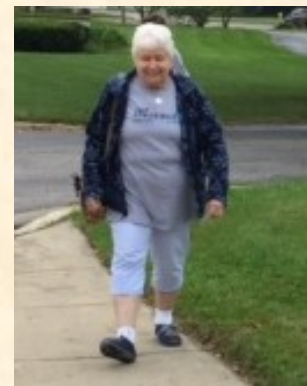
On October 2nd, Friendship Church welcomed three new members to their congregation. Jumobi Arowolo, daughter of Ibrahim and Audrey, was baptized and confirmed. She is very active in music, soccer, and basketball and hopes to one day be a doctor. Mayowa Olatunde, son of Adey and Yetunde, likes playing basketball and hopes to get a master's degree in engineering and play professional basketball. Bryson Taylor, son of Jennifer and Bryant, is interested in genealogy, Soccer, and music and hopes to be a business entrepreneur someday.

The new members were honored with a cake and other refreshments following the service.



### Crop Hunger Walk Update

Those walking for Friendship raised \$3000 of the \$4600 raised for hunger relief both locally and globally. Many thanks to all who donated! Three cheers for Kathleen Campbell, Pastor Anna, Melissa Schoonover, the entire Nettey family and Sharon Hall who were instrumental in our fund raising!



## From the Church Council



The October 18, 2016 Church Council meeting was spent planning programs for the coming months and reviewing previous programs to improve the ministry of Friendship UMC.

The 2017 Stewardship program began on October 30 and will continue each Sunday through Consecration Sunday on November 20. On that Sunday, we will have our traditional Thanksgiving meal immediately following the service. Also, this year there will be several small groups studying the book, *Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving*.

Outreach programs continue at Friendship. Several people are volunteering at Power Connection with food pick-ups, the food pantry, and the resale shop. The Career Choices program from Friendship has now expanded to Bolingbrook HS where volunteers meet with freshmen to discuss their future goals. The Caregivers Support Group has begun meeting weekly.

Thanks to all of the walkers and those that contributed to the Crop Hunger Walk on October 16. Friendship raised \$3,000.

Upcoming dates to remember:

- Church Conference – November 14, 7 PM
- Consecration Sunday and Thanksgiving meal – November 20
- Christmas Eve services – December 24 at 5 & 10 PM
- Friendship's annual planning meeting – January 21, 2017
- Northern Illinois Conference Leadership Event – January 28, 2017
- Ministry Fair – January 29, 2017

Church Council meetings are open to all. We generally meet in February, April, June, August, and October-November.

Carolyn Weber, Council Chair

## Coming for Advent

### God Bless Us Every One! The Redemption of Scrooge

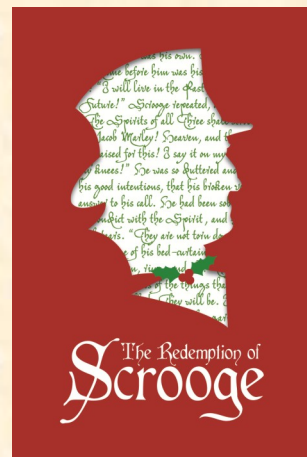
Beginning November 27, this Advent Series will take a look at how living in God's economy of grace and justice is the antithesis of the life-threatening addiction to money, success, exclusion and looking out for ourselves.

The chimes of the clock-tower bells in Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol" provide a wake-up call for Ebenezer Scrooge and turn him from his resentment, fear and isolation. Just as God's presence was born anew into this world, we too can be born anew, woken up and redeemed into renewed life, joy, passion, generosity, humility and love.

Join us each week!

- November 27~Bah Humbug! Making Change
- December 4~The Remembrance of Christmas Past: Hope from Heartbreak
- December 11~The Life of Christmas Present: Look Upon Me
- December 18~The Hope of Christmas Future: Death-Defying Acts
- December 24~Christmas Eve at 5 & 10pm  
The Redemption of Scrooge: Keeping Christmas Well
- December 25~God Bless Us-Every One!

*God has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and lifted up the lowly. God has filled the hungry with good things....Luke 1*





# First Friends Preschool



Our annual field trip to the pumpkin farm was great this year, we had beautiful weather!

Each week we introduce a new letter of the week. For letter D, we started using our drum collection to play along with music. The children have quickly picked up the beat, and so the next step is to have them march around the classroom playing their drums. They love it! For drums, we use empty coffee cans and oatmeal boxes, painted red or white. Later in the year, the children will have the opportunity to personalize their own drum to keep. We welcome donations of oatmeal boxes and Folger's coffee cans (red) : these make the sturdiest drums. We would also love to acquire some more "real" drums! Thank you so much to the church members who have donated unused calendars for our picture collection as well as the various art and craft supplies! We really appreciate it! As always, thank you for your prayers for a successful school year.

Chris Bosacki



## Friendship Community

### Prayer Chain:

Please email your requests to [prayerrequests@friendshipchurchumc.org](mailto:prayerrequests@friendshipchurchumc.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.

This month we received a total of \$42.10 from six envelopes. The celebrations were: for a sister and brother-in-law's 51st wedding anniversary and God's grace upon my life and children and every family.

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, November 18 @ 5:30 pm*  
*Breakfast Saturday, November 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, November 17 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**

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](mailto:chrisbosacki@firstfriendspreschool.info)

# November 2016 ~ Friendship Church

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