



*The Lord has made everything beautiful in its time.  
Ecclesiastes 3:11*



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



# Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, October 29, 5-8pm

Join us for an exciting evening featuring games, dinner, crafts, a bonfire and Trunk or Treat!

## **What is Trunk or Treat you ask?**

It's like trick or treat without the house! Families decorate their vehicle's trunks and children walk around and receive treats from each trunk. It's safe and family friendly!

## **We Need your Trunk!**

Decorate your trunk any way you like! You can go with a Halloween theme, sports, Biblical, animals, etc. You can express your creativity as simply or elaborately as you wish, just nothing too spooky or gruesome, please!

Bring your friends! Dress up in your favorite costume!

## **All are Welcome!**

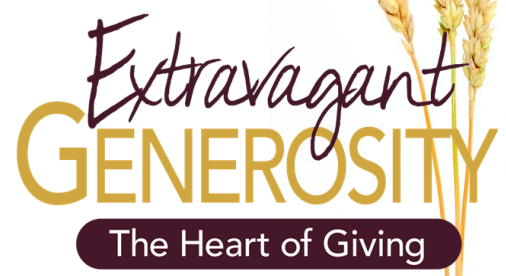
### **Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving** **Four week sermon series beginning October 30th**

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.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*  
2 Corinthians 9:7



## Reflections from Pastor Anna

*“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching... proclaiming... and curing...  
When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless,  
like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:35-38)*

“So, what did you get out of it?” I was asked by one of our leaders who knew that I attended the Leadership Institute at the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Missouri where Adam Hamilton is senior pastor. After spending 8 hours in driving (one way), and after sitting in the classes (workshops) for full three days to learn ‘how to do church’, is there anything that Friendship United Methodist Church would apply to continue to be faithful to God’s commission in our community and beyond? I believe that was the question.

First, I have been impressed with their hospitality starting from parking lot to snack corner. I was told they have been praying for our safe arrival. Each participant’s name was up on the screen of the prayer room. I have learned that about 2000 people from 42 states attended this year’s Leadership Institute and more than 500 volunteers of the Church of the Resurrection worked for this event. It was so obvious that they love their pastor, they love their church, and they love what they are doing.

Second, I have learned that 80 plus workshops that were offered are the fruits of their hard work and commitment to developing a team, through years and years of prayer, discernment, mistakes, risk taking, redirecting, revising, adjusting, and doing all over again. It is so clear that they are willing to deal with the ambiguities and challenges of faith in today’s world. It has been a quite journey of living together for putting their belief into action.

What impressed me deeply is that whatever ministry they decide to do they ask the same questions again and again:

*Why do we need Jesus?*

*Why do we need the Church?*

*Why do we need our church?*

After being clear with their own responses in prayerful manner, they plan, execute, reflect and evaluate what they do. And they have honored such procedure, without skipping, hurrying, or shortening, year after year.

Perhaps my big take from this leadership workshop is the role of pastor and the leadership. If I consider the etymology of the word, ‘pastor,’ which comes from ‘pasture’ meaning ‘to feed,’ there should be no confusion. Plus the Bible suggests that God is the chief shepherd and God appoints and calls certain people to act as shepherds of God’s sheep. And I remember the words of Jesus to Peter when he asked Peter three times if he loves him: “Peter, do you love me? Feed my lambs... Tend my sheep... Feed my sheep. (John 21:15-17)”

I pray you all will help me to be a better shepherd who will go after the sheep and take them home.

*Anna Shi*





# Children and Family News



## Welcome!

The Children's Ministry team is pleased to announce the addition of Amber Pidgeon as our Children's Ministry Coordinator. Amber began her duties in early June and is a welcome addition to those of us who work with the children here at Friendship Church.

Amber is not new to Friendship Church. She has been attending here since she was born. Her parents, Mike and Wendla Pidgeon, are members. Amber has two older sisters, who also attended Friendship Church. She also has three younger siblings, Christian, Hailey and Ydelia, who are active in Sunday school activities and Choralier and Alleluia Choirs.

Amber sang in the Cherub, Choralier, Alleluia and Chancel Choirs as she grew up. She attended Sunday school, was confirmed here and was an active member of the youth group for six years. After graduating from Bolingbrook High School, Amber attended Joliet Junior College. She is still working toward her degree and hopes to be a teacher someday.

Amber works with the Sunday school and recently ran the Deep Blue Adventure Kickoff Party for our Sunday school children. She will also oversee our upcoming Glow in the Dark Trunk or Treat Party on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased to have Amber working with our team. We welcome her and the enthusiasm she has for her job and the children!



## 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.** **October 19 through December 14**

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 begins Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

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>. 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

After having the week off for World Communion/ Confirmation Sunday, the children will start the new month with stories about Moses and his many adventures in Egypt.

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!



## Bible Retreat

On Saturday, September 17th, 6 children gathered to learn more about the Bible and how it can be used in their lives. Those attending were: Kian Valdez, Audrina Chocian, Claire Hanna, Emmanuel Nettey, Ydelia Pidgeon and Ryan Uscila. There were snacks, games, and other activities all centered around the special Bible they received during worship on Sunday, September 18th.







### **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.

Join us!

## **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](mailto:mell0cell0@aol.com)

Or

Mr. Tom [thomas.d.marsh@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.d.marsh@gmail.com)  
for more information.

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

The first meeting of Career Choices for High School Students met on September 18th as a "Parents Only" session with guest speaker Cortez Watkins. Cortez led the group in a discussion about "Important Ways to Engage Your Child for Success". Cortez received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in both Engineering and Physics, and has pursued a career mentoring and coaching youth at the Urban League TSTM/Project Ready Program. He is also active with Rotary Club, World Affairs Seminar, his church's youth program, the National Society of Black Engineers, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.



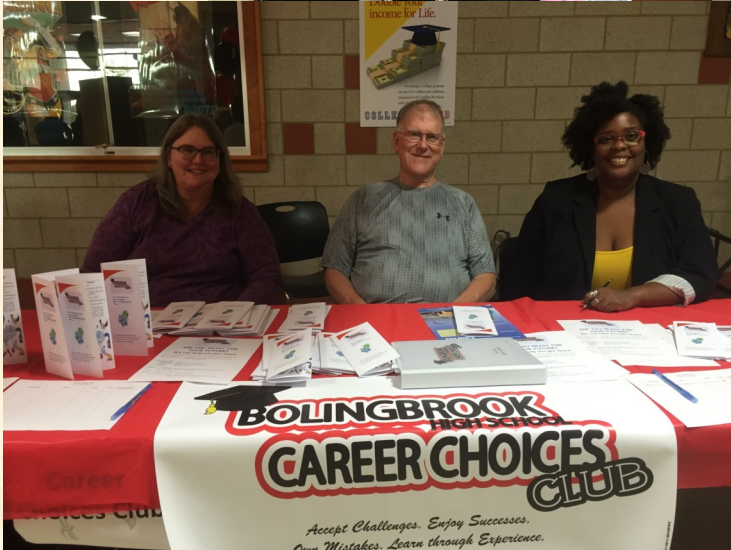
This was a great opportunity to share thoughts, ask questions and support each other in helping our youth achieve their greatest potential while also growing in spiritual maturity.



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## New Outreach Ministry

### Career Choices Club



The Career Choices Club (CCC) is a program at Bolingbrook High School (BHS) sponsored by Friendship United Methodist Church. CCC provides opportunities for students to obtain life skills and knowledge that will prepare them to successfully navigate life and achieve their goals. This progressive on-going program will take students from their Freshman through Senior year providing a continuum of skill-building, decision-making and support as they mature.

Friendship Church's Career Choices for High School Students (CCHSS) Leadership and volunteers, in partnership with Bolingbrook High School and the Valley View School District, will provide resources, curriculum and volunteers to support, encourage, and mentor these students who have great potential but lack support through these critical development years.

Student participation will be based on BHS identifying and soliciting students. Only Freshmen will be solicited for the 2016-17 academic year. The number of participants will be based on the number of available mentor volunteers.



## Around and About Friendship Church

### Trustees Workday

The Trustees would like to extend a grateful "Thanks" to all who helped give the church a fresh coat of paint! Thanks to their hard work, the church was able to save about \$3000! Those participating were: Gene Paquette, Larry Hilb, Dave Lichty, Julie Verson, Carolyn and Loren Weber, Leonard Jones, Dan Kozlowski, Tom Marsh, Greg Prins, and Steve Steinwandt. Your service is much appreciated!





# First Friends Preschool

The class of First Friends Christian Preschool, 2016-2017 is off to a great start! We have 14 students in the Monday Wednesday Friday class and 10 in the Tuesday-Thursday class. The children are getting comfortable in the classroom, learning how to sit at circle time and walk in line to go out to the playground. We have started our letter of the week program and are planning our first field trip to the pumpkin farm. First Friends is also gearing up our fall fundraiser.

Our Poinsettia Sale was so successful last year that we are doing it again! Orders for the long-lasting, beautiful 15-inch plants will be taken until October 30th and they will be delivered December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please support our preschool by purchasing flowers for your home and church decorating needs! Thank you!



## 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.

We have received 8 envelopes totaled \$84.00. They are for the thanksgiving for God's grace, God's abundant love and grace upon children and family, and God's grace and mercies in our lives today and always.

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, October 21 @ 5:30 pm*  
*Breakfast Saturday, October 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, October 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**

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)



# October 2016 ~ Friendship Church

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
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| <b>2</b> World Communion Sunday<br>Confirmation Sunday<br>10am Worship<br>11:15am Facing Issues<br>5pm AA | <b>3</b><br>5:30pm Girl Scouts<br>7pm Care Giver Support                             | <b>4</b> 10am BPC Ministry  | <b>5</b> 10:30am Women's Bible Study<br>6:30pm Confirmation<br>6:30pm Scouts<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                                     | <b>6</b><br>6:30pm Covenant Bible Study                                  | <b>7</b> 10am BPC Ministry<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts<br>7:30pm BA   | <b>1</b> 9am AA<br>7pm The Foundry<br>8 9am AA<br>7pm The Foundry       |
| <b>9</b> 10am Worship & Sunday School<br>11:15am Facing Issues<br>5pm Gujarati Worship<br>5pm AA          | <b>10</b> Columbus Day- No Preschool<br>5:30pm Girl Scouts<br>7pm Care Giver Support | <b>11</b> 10am BPC Ministry<br>10:30am Worship Planning<br>7pm Staff Parish | <b>12</b> 10:30am Woman's Bible Study<br>6:30pm Confirmation<br>6:30pm Scouts<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir                                    | <b>13</b><br>6:30pm Covenant Bible Study<br>7pm Anxiety Support          | <b>14</b> 10 am BPC Ministry<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts<br>7:30pm GA | <b>15</b> 9am AA<br>7pm The Foundry                                     |
| <b>16</b> 10am Worship & Sunday School<br>1pm Crop Hunger Walk<br>5pm AA                                  | <b>17</b><br>5:30pm Girl Scouts<br>7pm Care Giver Support                            | <b>18</b> 10am BPC Ministry<br>7pm Church Council                           | <b>19</b> 10:30am Women's Bible Study<br>5:30pm Café<br>6:30pm Scouts, Choraller & Alleluia Choirs, Confirmation<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir | <b>20</b> 11:15am Sr. Lunch & Bible Study<br>6:30pm Covenant Bible Study | <b>21</b> 10am BPC Ministry<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts               | <b>22</b> 9am AA  |
| <b>23</b> 10am Worship & Sunday School<br>5pm AA  | <b>24</b><br>5:30pm Girl Scouts<br>7pm Care Giver Support                            | <b>25</b> 10am BPC Ministry<br>7pm Nominations                              | <b>26</b> 10:30am Women's Bible Study<br>5:30pm Café<br>6:30pm Scouts, Choraller & Alleluia Choirs, Confirmation<br>7:30pm Chancel Choir | <b>27</b><br>6:30pm Covenant Bible Study<br>7pm Anxiety Support          | <b>28</b> 10am BPC Ministry<br>6:30pm Girl Scouts<br>7:30pm GA  | <b>29</b> 9am AA<br>5pm Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat<br>7pm The Foundry |
| <b>30</b> 10am Worship & Sunday School<br>5pm AA  | <b>31</b><br>7pm Care Giver Support  |   |  |  |   |   |