

*Give thanks to the Lord...
Make known among the nations what the Lord has done.*

—Psalm 105:1 (NIV)



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?*

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Saturday, October 28, 5-8pm
All are Welcome!

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!
Registration forms available on the information station.



FUMC Ladies' Trip
I&M Canal Mule-Pulled Boat Ride, LaSalle, Illinois
Sunday, October 15 following worship

Come journey back in time aboard the "Volunteer," a 70-passenger, mule-pulled 1840's replica canal boat as it coasts gently up and down the I&M Canal.

Bring your camera, grab a snack and something to drink at the Lock 16 Cafe,
and climb aboard for an hour of peaceful, historical fun!

Cost of the trip is \$25 which includes transportation to and from LaSalle and Lunch!
Contact Donna Jacobs for more information: 630.759.6015 or bbkjacobs@comcast.net.

Reflections from Pastor Anna Shin

“Give thanks to the Lord...Make known among the nations what the Lord has done.” –Psalm 105:1 (NIV)

Perhaps you’ve heard that the people, called ‘nones’, who acclaim that they are not affiliated with any religion (Catholics, Protestants, and all followers of non-Christian faiths), have grown significantly in North America and most of Europe and now make up almost a quarter of the U.S. population. *National Geographic* (2016) reports that the world’s newest religion is ‘no religion.’

There have been many studies and analysis about why more and more people are opting out to become ‘nones’. I have realized one reason is that a lot of bad images of Christianity which many people identify as religious have dominated much of the media way too long. I believe true images of what religion is and what religious people who are listening to God do need to be known.

This week I have heard the voice of Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel during my morning walk through podcast: “It is customary to blame secular science and anti-religious philosophy for the eclipse of religion in modern society. It would be more honest to blame religion for its own defeats. Religion declined, not because it was refuted, but because it became irrelevant, dull, oppressive, insipid.”

His diagnosis was for his era, which is 50 some years ago but it sounds just right to me.

Rabbi Heschel who was born into a prominent Hasidic family in Poland in 1907, escaped Nazi controlled Europe, and immigrated to the United States in 1940. He became best known in American culture in the 1960s, as he infused the theology and example of the Hebrew prophets into the social and political tumult of that era. Many people recognize him in a famous photograph taken of the 1965 Selma-to-Montgomery civil rights march. He’s a conspicuous bearded figure, looking exactly like the Hebrew patriarch, in the front line of leaders surrounding Martin Luther King, Jr. Heschel later said, in words that became famous, “I felt like my legs were praying.” (Krista Tippet)

I, and countless others, have found a Christian home because many Christian leaders made a bold decision to tell its story, the Good News to all nations, even in the dangers of atrocities committed in the name of religion, and now we must make known what the Lord is still doing in the world. We must re-introduce the world to the living God.

The Psalmist teaches us to not only give thanks to God, but to let the nations know why we give thanks to God. I give thanks to God that there are people who kneel making a compelling case for the value of their own faith in the face of injustice, who show the solidarity with the voiceless standing side by side and locking their arms. May God make us bold to make known among the nations what the Lord has done!

Peace,

Anna Shin



Children and Family News



October 2017

October 1-Confirmation Sunday-
No Sunday School

October 8, 15, 22, 29-Sunday
School, 10am

October 18, 25- Choralier and
Alleluia Choirs, 6:30pm

October 18, 25- Friendship Café
6-7:45pm



Sunday School - Sundays at 10:00am

Join us each week
during the month of
October as we learn
about David and his
journey from Shepherd
to King!

Bring your friends!
Don't miss the fun!

See you in Sunday
School!



Time to join the choir!

*The Choralier Choir for children
ages 4 years old-5th grade
And*

The Alleluia Choir for youth in grades 6 and up

The combined choirs rehearse
Wednesday evenings, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
October 18-December 6

The choirs will sing in the church services
Sunday, November 19 (Thanksgiving worship service)
Sunday, December 10 (Advent worship service)
December 24, 5:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve service)

We hope every child and youth will join us and sing
in one of these two choirs for Thanksgiving, Advent
and Christmas! We need a chorus of strong
children's voices to Sing to the Lord!

Please contact Jane Pierce at jane.pierce@comcast.net
or in person if you have any questions!

Friendship Café

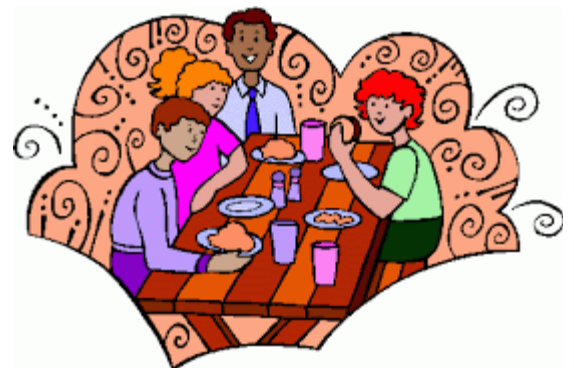
The Friendship Café
will open again for the fall during October!

Wednesday evenings
October 18 – December 13
6:00 – 7:45 p.m.

(Please note the time change from last year)

Each Wednesday night meal with consist of the
main course with chips, salad or veggies, beverages
and desserts!

There is no cost so come join us and bring the
family!



Youth Happenings



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 7, 14, 21 - The Foundry meets from 7-9pm

October 27 - Trunk or Treat Preparation 6-8pm

October 28 - Trunk or Treat Event 5-8pm



Middle School Sunday School- Sundays @10am

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to join all members of Earth's community, listening attentively to Forest, Land, Wilderness/Outback, and River. We then enter the story of a hungry, thirsty, tired, grieving, impatient people on the journey of their lives to a new land, a new life, and a new identity.

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

Youth at Work!

In September, some youth went down to Christ UMC in Lockport to help them move things out of the building.



Congratulations to our Confirmands! Cindy Chocian, Kortney Chocian, Joshan Christie, and Kris Valdez were confirmand and received into the Friendship Family on October 1st.



**Women of Purpose
(Soon to be United Methodist Women)**

Friday, October 20th
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
In the Friendship Center

We will enjoy food, fellowship and a special program!

All women are invited! We will spend the evening getting to know each other better and will hear from several of the women of FUMC their personal story of their journey to Bolingbrook and our church from other parts of the world!

Please, come and join us to share in this special and important gathering of women!



Calling All Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Graders!

Pastor Anna would like to invite you to be a part of our worship service by becoming an acolyte. This would require a training session on October 8 following worship (11:00) and a commitment to serve as an acolyte every few months at our 10:00 am worship service.

The light you carry in to worship is symbolic of the light of Christ entering our lives and when you carry the light out of worship, it is a symbol of Christ's light and love going out into the world.

We encourage you to be a part of the worship service in this special way!

Please RSVP to Muffy Paquette:
epaquette3@comcast.net.

Eagle Scout Project-Thank You!

From Joe Callahan: I want to thank you all so much for your outpouring of support yesterday after my presentation. I had planned on writing personal thank you notes to all those who donated, but I was quickly overwhelmed by your amazing generosity, and couldn't keep track of everyone's names. I am happy to report that I have raised what I needed for the quarters, and then some! I have all of my supplies covered as well thanks to a generous donation by the Home Depot in Naperville. I am now ready to carry out my project this Saturday, the 23rd, at Community Access Naperville. However, if you would still like to support this project, I plan on donating any additional funds directly to All God's People so that Ms. Doreen can continue her mission of providing for the homeless population of Chicago. Thank you again for your support, I literally couldn't have done this without you all!



Career Choices Club at Bolingbrook High School.

CCC works with the support of the High School to provide support to students who need encouragement and guidance as they discover who they are and what they may want to be when they graduate high school. For more information, please see our brochure at the Information Station.

Volunteers are needed to support this ministry.

Time - Mentors work with the students twice a month on Tuesdays during lunch (time TBD)

Food - Contact local businesses to provide a meal at the meetings.

Talent - Speakers that can talk about their business on College/Career Day Thursday Feb 8.

Talent - If you would like to lead a presentation, please contact us.

\$\$ - We will gladly accept donations to be used for food and supplies.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Robin Lichy, Chairperson, 630.660.3215 or CareerChoicesClubBHS@gmail.com.

Please keep us in your prayers.

Career Choices for High School Students

CCHSS had guest speakers from Heartland Financial Education and Illinois Student Assistance Commission speak to students and parents about financial education and completing FASFA for college during our September CCHSS Meeting. In October, we will have a speaker presenting about building and enhancing soft skills such as attitude, presentation, building positive relationships, self-awareness, self-esteem, etc.



First Friends Christian Preschool

Thank you for your prayers and good wishes for the new school year. We have 13 children in the Monday-Wednesday- Friday class and six in the Tuesday-Thursday class. We still have openings so if you know someone who has a 3 or 4-year old child, please refer them to us if they are looking for a school! Thank you!

We've already been out on our first field trip, to Johansen Pumpkin Farm. It was a gorgeous fall day and everyone had a wonderful time.



This year our fundraising goal is to get an iPod touch, to enhance our music program. Please support us. Our first fundraiser is with Five Below. 10% of your purchase will be donated to First Friends when you shop October 18th through October 25th. Maybe your family would enjoy a Home Run Inn Pizza? On Monday, October 23, from 11:00 AM to 9:30 PM, 50% of your purchase will be donated to our school. You **must present a flyer** at each of these stores. Pick one up on the Information Station or on the Preschool sign-in table. A copy of the needed flyer for five below is attached to the back of this newsletter, too!



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1001 75th Street
Woodridge
<https://www.fivebelow.com>

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.

In the month of September, we have received 11 envelopes, totaled \$82.00. They are for thanksgiving for the life and protection, blessing on family; living; first granddaughter's going off to college; child in treatment for chemical dependency; retirement.

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, October 20 @ 5:30 pm

Breakfast on Saturday, October 21 @ 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 19 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.

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

October 2017 ~ Friendship Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Confirmation Sunday World Communion Sunday 9:15am Chapel Prayer 10 am Worship 11:15am Following Jesus 11:15am Chime Squad 5pm AA	2 5pm Girl Scouts	3 10am BPC Ministry	4 10:15am Ladies' Christian Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts, Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5	6 10am BPC Ministry 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Following Jesus 7:30pm GA	7 9am AA 7pm The Foundry
8 9:15am Chapel Prayer 10am Worship & Sunday School - Teacher Recognition 11:15am Following Jesus 11:15am Chime Squad 5pm AA	9 No School - Columbus Day 5pm Girl Scouts	10 10am BPC Ministry Nominations 7pm	11 10:15am Ladies' Christian Study 6:30pm Boy Scouts, Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	12 7pm Anxiety Support	13 10am BPC Ministry 7:30pm GA	14 9am AA 7pm The Foundry
15 9:15am Chapel Prayer 10am Worship & Sunday School 11:00am Ministry Fair 11:15am Following Jesus 11:15am Chime Squad 5pm AA	16 5pm Girl Scouts	17 10am BPC Ministry	18 10:15am Ladies Christian Study 6pm Friendship Café 6pm Boy Scout Dinner 6:30pm Bell Choir, Children's Choirs 7:30pm Chancel Choir	19 11:15am Sr. Lunch & Bible Study	20 10am BPC Ministry 6pm Women's Ministry 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Following Jesus 7:30pm GA	21 9am AA 8:45am Bible Retreat 7pm The Foundry
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TO A FUNDRAISING SHOPPING EVENT FOR

First Friends Preschool

DATE: 10/18/2017-10/25/2017

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WHERE: 1001 W 75th Street

Woodridge, IL 60517

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