



*Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.....*

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

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



**September 18, 25; October 2, 9, 23**

### **Following Worship**

September 18: Practicing Politics, Keeping Faith

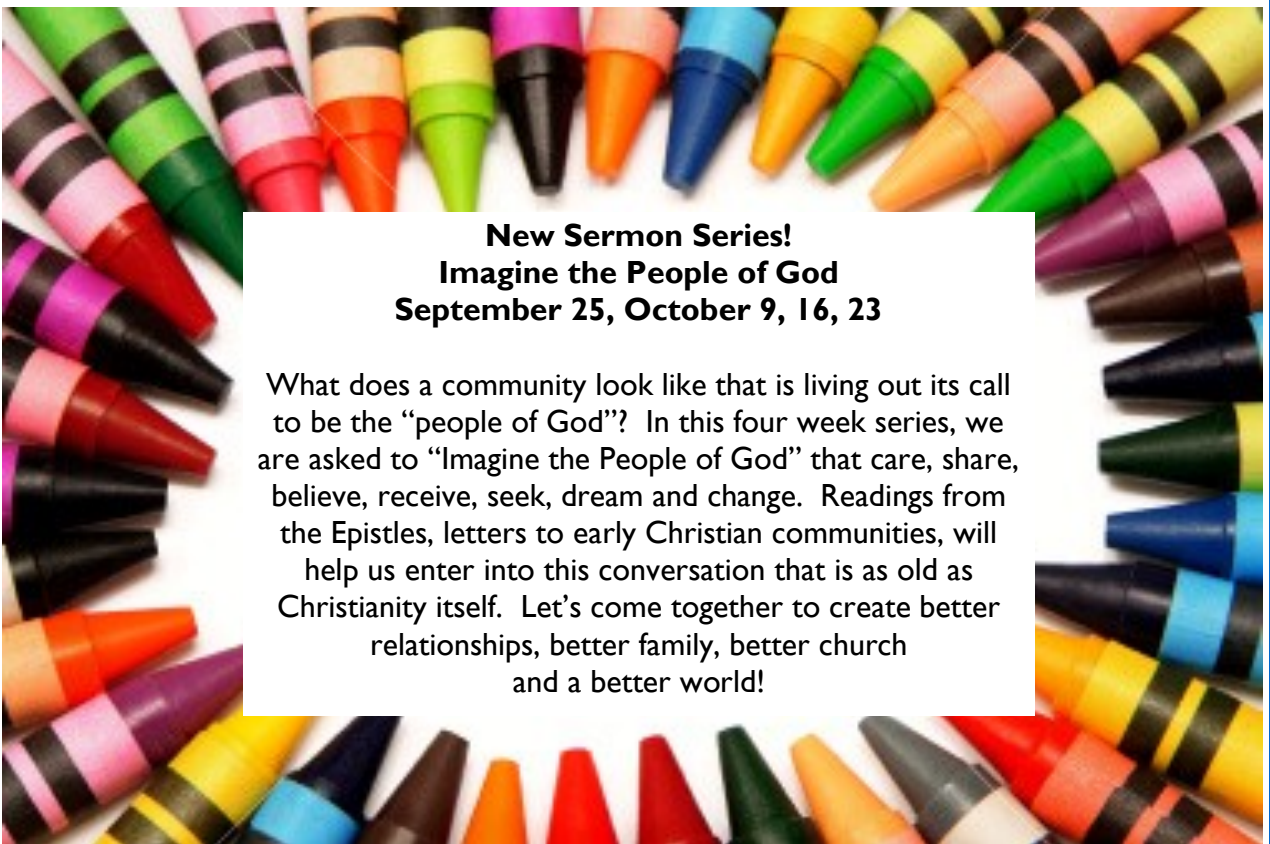
September 25: Immigrants and the Bible

October 2: A Christian Response to Islamic Extremism

October 9: Christianity and Health Care

October 23: Christianity and Guns

This study is designed to help individuals and groups deal with some of the political and social controversies that divide Christians today, disrupting the lives of churches, communities, and even families. Disagreements over key issues are as old as the church itself. Join us as we explore these not so easy to resolve issues and think about how the Scriptures might connect to these issues and how to approach these issues in a way that is open to hearing the views of others. Sign up at the information station or call the church office 630.972.1011.



### **New Sermon Series! Imagine the People of God September 25, October 9, 16, 23**

What does a community look like that is living out its call to be the "people of God"? In this four week series, we are asked to "Imagine the People of God" that care, share, believe, receive, seek, dream and change. Readings from the Epistles, letters to early Christian communities, will help us enter into this conversation that is as old as Christianity itself. Let's come together to create better relationships, better family, better church and a better world!

## Reflections from Pastor Anna

We are not what we do.  
We are not what we have.  
We are not what others think of us...  
Coming home is claiming the truth.  
I am the beloved child of a loving Creator.  
—Henri Nouwen

It is clear that the days are getting shorter. Finally I find myself settling down from several trips that I made this summer collecting where I have been and what I have been, piece by piece. I have spent quite amount of time outside home this summer. Somehow summer has become for renewing and reconnecting, and re-thinking of life.

I have realized I ask myself more often than ever, 'Why I am doing the things I do.' What I do, I believe, is important. But perhaps *what* I do is less significant than *why* and *how* I do the work.

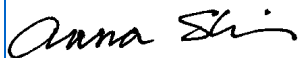
Often I find myself struggling with getting things done on time. Even this moment I know the newsletter deadline is way over. I wonder why. There would be many responses: I squeeze too many things into my schedule. There are things, many things that I am responsible for. They are not just for my sense of being but for the well-being of others. And I need and want to accomplish them perfectly well and all in my timeline. I think I have to control all the pieces and the messiness of the days. And now as I sit down in silence breathing deeply in and out, wondering 'have I forgotten to breathe?' the words in whisper come to me: *Come to me.*

There is even a song, titled, "People Need the Lord." When my efforts to be responsible and successful break my tranquility, it is time to sing, "People Need the Lord". When I become panicked, pressured by the business of the days, it is time to sing, "People Need the Lord". When I feel unproductive, it is time to sing, "People Need the Lord". Henri Nouwen writes, "We are not what we do. We are not what we have. We are not what others think of us." Then who are we and what is our life for? I believe we are God's instrument for God's love song. That song needs to be sung through you and me and heard by many.

I would like to welcome you all to a new season of loving, learning, and serving of God and God's people through Friendship United Methodist Church. I am very grateful that I am in search of the truth in our life with you together. I am grateful to the staff and leaders who have been diligently preparing for this new beginning.

Come and join us each and every Sunday. Let's appreciate the beauty of life together, the gift of God, Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer, and share this good news through our singing and sharing.

In love of Christ,



Pastor Ann

\*\*Come to the Chapel on Sundays 9:15 – 9:35 am with a curious mind.

We will learn to lead a life with God. Sometimes in words, but most of the time in silence.





# Family Fun Fest!







Family Fun Fest was held on August 28th with food, fun and fellowship! New this year were an inflatable bouncy house which was enjoyed by all the young ones! Also new this year was the bungy run. The youth seemed to enjoy it immensely.

Many thanks to all those who pitched to help make this event a huge success!





# Children and Family News

## DEEP BLUE ADVENTURE PARTY

You are invited to the  
Deep Blue Adventure Party

Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.



All children, ages 3 years old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to a special party to kick off our 2016-2017 Deep Blue Adventure Sunday school!

Bring your friends, neighbors and relatives and enjoy a morning of Deep Blue camping experience with games, crafts, scavenger hunt, puppet show, treats and treasures to take home!! The Deep Blue Party will help us all prepare for Sunday school, which begins the following Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>!

Hope to see all 3 year old – 5<sup>th</sup> grade children at church for this exciting adventure!!

## Bible Retreat

September 16, 4:30-8pm

September 17, 8:45am-12:00pm

3rd Graders and up are invited to join this chance for them to discover the Bible as a life-long companion! Each participant will be given a Bible during worship on Sunday, September 18. Contact the church office for more information.



## Sunday School Starts

September 11<sup>th</sup>

Children ages 3 yrs. through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend this Christian learning experience on Sundays at

10:00am. Featuring the Deep Blue Curriculum, there will be Bible stories, music, activities, and so much more.

Bring your friends and join the Adventure!



## Choralier and Alleluia Choir

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:15pm

Begins October 19<sup>th</sup>

Children ages 4yrs old through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join these two choirs where they will praise God through music and singing! Older children will learn to sing harmonies and play hand chimes. They sing for church during one service in November and one in December.



Save the Date!  
Glow in the  
Dark/Trunk or Treat  
October 29, 5-8pm

Everyone is invited to our annual fall festival! There will be food, activities, games, a haunted tunnel, and end with Trunk or Treat, a bonfire and hot chocolate!

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## Jr. High 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



CCHSS (Career Choices for High School Students) will meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September, October and November following worship in the Youth Room.

The meeting on September 18th will be for an orientation for parents with students joining the conversation during the October and November meetings.

The Bolingbrook High School Career Choices Club is an outreach program of Friendship United Methodist Church that started as an outgrowth of CCHSS. Our goal is to provide encouragement, support and mentoring to prepare students for careers after high school. The first club meeting at Bolingbrook High School will be held Monday, September 26, 2:15 – 3:45p. If questions, please contact Amania Drane at [niaenterprises1@comcast.net](mailto:niaenterprises1@comcast.net), 630-886-7469.



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## Around and About Friendship Church



### Caregiver Support Group Mondays, 7-8:30pm, Begins September 19

This group will provide caregivers a safe place to share experiences, learn about resources available, and receive encouragement and support. While we may come from different cultures, situations, and life stages, we can begin to recognize our commonalities and needs as caregivers. Questions? Contact Mary Steinwandt: 214.662.4869 hisgrace4caregivers@gmail.com

### A New Home for the Friendship Quilt!

Our cross pattern quilt that has hung on our sanctuary wall for many years has found a new home! We are delighted that it will be a gift from member Julie Verson to her mother, Marilyn Knoepfel. Mrs. Knoepfel is starting a new



chapter in her life in a senior living facility in St. Louis, Missouri after a bad fall this past July. Mrs. Knoepfel is a devoted Christian woman and received her doctorate in Ministry five years ago. Julie tells us that her mother loves the bright colors and cross pattern of the quilt. We are so happy she will be comforted by a piece of history from Friendship Church!



### Prayer Garden Dedication

A beautiful dedication ceremony was held August 14th for the new prayer garden constructed by Tecuma Venzant for his Eagle Scout project. The garden features a peace pole with the phrase "May Peace Prevail on Earth" written in eight languages. We raised up prayers for peace for countries around the world experiencing war and violence. Many thanks to all who helped in building the garden. It will be enjoyed by our members for years to come.





## From the Church Council

From Carolyn Weber,  
Council Chair:

Church Council met on August 16, 2016 and our next meeting is set for October 18 at 7 PM. All are welcome.



Friendship Church has so many wonderful volunteers and church council wants to make sure that everyone gets a little recognition. Each month a different group of faithful volunteers will be recognized during the church service, beginning in September.

The title of this year's stewardship campaign will be "Extravagant Generosity – The Heart of Giving". Watch for presentations beginning on Oct 30. Small groups will meet to study this topic.

The Community Outreach Team is active at Power Connection and Career Choices for High School Students. Members continue to volunteer at the food pantry, resale shop and do food pickups at Power Connection. Those interested in volunteering for the new Career Choices at Bolingbrook High School, see the article about CCHSS on page 7.

The goal for this year's Crop Walk is \$10,000 and FUMC's goal is \$2,500.

Dates to remember:

- New class begins, "Facing Issues that Divide" – September 18
- Career Choices for High School Students meets 9/18, right after church
- Covenant Bible study begins – September 22
- Next Church Council meeting – October 18, 7 PM
- Crop Walk – October 16
- Church Conference – November 14, 7 PM
- Christmas Eve services – December 24 -5 and 10 PM
- Ministry Fair – 1/29/17

## A New Year at First Friends Preschool

### Time to make friends at First Friends Preschool

Parents and children started making new friends Tuesday night, August 30<sup>th</sup> at our parent night orientation. Parents met with lead teacher/director Chris Bosacki to go over policies and procedures, while the children played in the preschool classroom with assistant teacher Mrs. E. and several parents of returning families.

We are starting our new year strong, with 13 children in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday class and 9 children in the Tuesday-Thursday class. We are licensed for twenty in each class, so there are still a few openings. Let your family, friends and neighbors know that we are still accepting registrations. School opens Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. New this year: a three-hour day, from 9:00 to 12:00.

Thank you for your prayers for a successful year!



## Friendship Community

### Prayer Chain:

Please email your requests to [prayerrequests@friendshipchurchmc.org](mailto: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 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 11 envelopes totaling \$219 in thanksgiving for a sister's 70th birthday; three sons' being healthy and a healthy ministry at Friendship; God's Grace; and a grandson's successful surgery and excellent recovery.

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, September 16 @ 5:30 pm*  
*Breakfast Saturday, September 17 @ 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, September 15 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)



# September 2016 ~ Friendship Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>4</b> 10am Worship 10am Deep Blue Adventure 5pm AA</p>	<p><b>5 Labor Day Office/Building Closed</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> 10am BPC Ministry</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6:30pm Scouts 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7pm Anxiety Support</p>	<p><b>9</b> 10am BPC Ministry 7pm GA</p>	<p><b>10</b> 9am AA 7pm The Foundry</p>
<p><b>11</b> 10am Worship &amp; Sunday School 11:15am Confirmation Orientation 5pm Gujarati Worship 5pm AA</p>	<p><b>12</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10am BPC Ministry 10:30am Worship Planning</p>	<p><b>14</b> 6:30pm Scouts 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>15</b> 11:15am Sr. Lunch and Bible Study</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10am BPC Ministry 4:30pm Bible Retreat 7:30pm GA</p>	<p><b>17</b> 8:45am Bible Retreat 9am AA 7pm The Foundry</p>
<p><b>18</b> 10am Worship &amp; Sunday School 11:15am Facing Issues that Divide 5pm AA</p>	<p><b>19</b> 5:30pm Girl Scouts 7pm Caregiver Support 7pm Boughton Ridge</p>	<p><b>20</b> 10am BPC Ministry 5:30pm Girl Scout Training</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6:30pm Scouts 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>22</b> 6:30pm Covenant Bible Study 7pm Anxiety Support</p>	<p><b>23</b> 10am BPC Ministry 7:30pm GA</p>	<p><b>24</b> 9am AA 7pm The Foundry</p>
<p><b>25</b> 10am Worship &amp; Sunday School 11:15am Facing Issues that Divide 5pm AA</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7pm Caregiver Support</p>	<p><b>27</b> 10am BPC Ministry</p>	<p><b>28</b> 6:30pm Scouts 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6:30pm Covenant Bible Study</p>	<p><b>30</b> 10am BPC Ministry 7:30pm GA</p>	