



*Be still and know that I am God.....*

*Psalm 46:10*

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

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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### **New Sermon Series begins September 3**

#### ***Moses: Lessons From the Wilderness***

Moses-the most important figure in the Bible but what an unlikely hero he was.

Throughout the history of the biblical people, Moses' life and faith have been in the deep center and the background of Christian faith.

Walk in the footsteps of Moses as we read through Exodus: his birth, his call, and his leadership through the wilderness until he reaches the mountaintop where he sees God's promise.

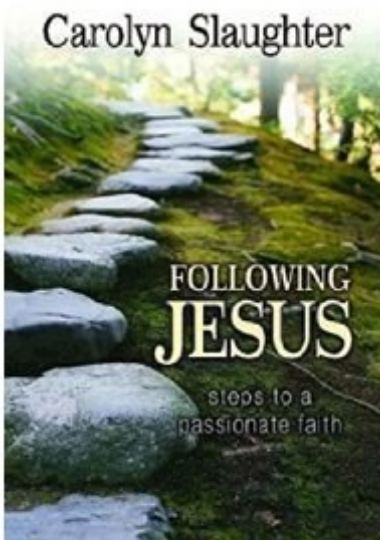
Explore what truth Moses' story tell us about God and humanity.

Does God speak to us through reluctant and unlikely people?

### **Following Jesus: Steps To a Passionate Faith Bible Study**

Have you wondered who Jesus is, or what it means to follow Jesus in your life, or what it is exactly like to follow Jesus in this world? And what are the first steps you need to take?

People have many opinions about who Jesus is, but many of them, unfortunately, are without much basis. In this study, you'll be searching for answers about the identity of Jesus and his role in your life, you'll discover more about your own spiritual gifts for ministry and new ways to be in service, and you'll think more deeply about what it means to be part of the church, the community of Christ. These are the first steps that lead to a deeper relationship with Jesus and a more passionate faith.



All are encouraged to attend!

Here are several options for you:

*Sundays 11:15am-12:45pm*

*Wednesdays, 10:15-11:45am*

*Fridays, 7-8:30pm*

*Sign up at the information station.*

## Reflections from Pastor Anna Shin

*“Be still, and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:10)*

*“Therefore, the LORD God, the holy one of Israel, says: In return and rest you will be saved; quietness and trust will be your strength—but you refused.” (Isaiah 30:15)*

As the summer comes to an end and a new school year begins, I have seen several signs of ‘garage sale’ in my neighborhood. I should have done it, I thought. If I have done it regularly or at least each time when kids move out, my life could have been much tidy and less chaotic, I thought. It doesn’t need to be ‘garage sale’ since it requires a bit of organizational skills. What I need is a house cleaning, not just tidying up but getting rid of accumulated stuff, I thought.

But deep down in my soul, I know what I need. I need quietness that I would get in touch with the love of God that has dwelled within my soul. And during the morning devotion this week I discovered the presence of God in my life again in the words of prophet Isaiah: *“Therefore, the LORD God, the holy one of Israel, says: In return and rest you will be saved; quietness and trust will be your strength—but you refused.” (Isaiah 30:15)* I know I need to surrender to the pull of Christ who dwells within.

It has been brutally challenging month to be Jesus followers. How in today’s world, in this ‘great nation’, can such an unimaginable ugly violent hatred action and words of white supremacy be in public arena without restraint? We must ask what the ordinary like us can do about it? What should Christians, the followers of Jesus teaching, do about it? Isn’t it Jesus reminded the religious leaders at his time that *“if they (the disciples of Jesus) were silent, the stones would shout” (Luke 19:40)?*

The Apostle Paul pleads, *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:21, NRSV).* Archbishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa reminds the desolate with this word, *“Love is stronger than hate; Goodness is stronger than evil”* which is included in one of our worship song books. I want Friendship struggle with a question: What does ‘love’ and ‘overcome evil with good’ speak to you today?

My friends, how have you been preparing yourself for a new season, a season of maturing toward harvest? Coming together for worship and sharing your experiences with others who might have had different experiences may open a new way to be touched with the presence of God in this difficult time to live like followers of Jesus.

Peace,



Pastor Anna



# Children and Family News



## September 2017

September 3 - 10am  
Deep Blue Adventure Party

September 10, 17, 24 - 10am  
Sunday School



## Sunday School - Sundays at 10:00am

Join us each week during the month of September as we explore the Judges and Kings of the Old Testament.

Bring your friends and hear the stories of Hanna and Samuel!

See you in Sunday School!



## DEEP BLUE ADVENTURE PARTY

Sunday, September 3rd  
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 2017-18 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 10<sup>th</sup>!

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

# Youth Happenings

## **Middle School Sunday School- Sundays @10am Begins again September 10**

As we begin a new school year, the class is 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**

### **It's back! 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.

## **Confirmation Rehearsal-September 24**

The Confirmation Class of 2017 will gather following worship on September for a short rehearsal.

### **Gathering at Pastor Anna's-September 24 @4:30pm**

Confirmands past and present are invited for a gathering at Pastor Anna's home.  
Come share the fun, food, and fellowship.





## 5 THINGS YOU CAN DO

**Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by Harvey.** Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.

**Make relief kits.** Download the packing list and shipping label at [umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies](http://umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies).

**Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts:** U.S. Disaster Response, **Advance #901670** at [umcor.org/donate](http://umcor.org/donate).

**Donate only those items requested.** (To keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources **Advance #901440** at [umcor.org/donate](http://umcor.org/donate).)

**Please wait for an invitation to volunteer.**



The United Methodist Committee On Relief is grateful for your relentless prayers and support.



### Career Choices for High School Students (CCHSS)

CCHSS was formed in the fall of 2014 to provide prayerful guidance and support to high school students as they prepare for life after high school. This is done through faithful consideration of God's love, purpose and presence in the lives of these students.

CCHSS is ready to kick off its Fall Learning Sessions. All high school students and their parents are encouraged to attend. The sessions will be held in the Youth Room on the 3rd Sunday of the month

approximately 15 minutes after morning worship. A snack and bottled water will be served.

The next session will be September 17: Education and Financial Coaching for Young People or "If I knew then what I know now." featuring Michael Rayford, Financial Educator, Heartland Institute of Financial Education.

### Career Choices Club (CCC)-Bolingbrook High School

CCC works with the support of the High School - Erica Cook, Counseling Department Chair; Mark Ondracek, Counselor and College & Career Center Chair; and Jackie Lewis, Assistant Principal - Educational Supports, Technology & Assessments. We 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.

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

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Robin Lichy, Chairperson, at [CareerChoicesClubBHS@gmail.com](mailto:CareerChoicesClubBHS@gmail.com) or 630-660-3215.

## Friendship Flames Softball

Congratulations to the Friendship Flames on taking 3rd place in the annual end of season tournament!



### Generous Donation Given to Friendship

Friendship Church has been blessed by a very generous donation from founding member Marianne Smith. Mrs. Smith relocated to Virginia several years ago and was very involved in our two building projects during FUMC's early years. It is her wish that this donation be used for the building.

The donated amount will reduce our mortgage by a year! Trustee Chair, Gene Paquette reports we are now only three years from being mortgage free.

*Thank you, Marianne! !*



### Calling All Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Graders!

Parents- Encourage your child to be an Acolyte! 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. This is an important job in our 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.

Please bring your parents to the training. If you have already served as an acolyte, we will count on you to serve again.

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

2017 Picnic-Thanks to all who helped make it so much fun!



*No importa de dónde eres,  
estamos contentos que seas  
nuestro vecino.*

No matter where you are  
from, we're glad you're  
our neighbor.

لا يهم اين ولدتم، و لكننا  
سعداء انكم جيراننا.



## 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 received \$78.10 for the month of August. They are for remembering late father, mother, and sister whose birthdays are all in July; only sister's 71<sup>st</sup> birthday; the joy and gift of life each and every day.

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, September 15 @ 5:30 pm*

*Breakfast on Saturday, September 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, September 21 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](mailto:chrisbosacki@firstfriendspreschool.info)

# September 2017 ~ Friendship Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 10am BPC Ministry  7:30pm GA	<b>2</b> 9am AA
<b>3</b> 9:15am Prayer in the Chapel 10am Worship 10am Deep Blue Adventure Party  5pm AA	<b>4</b> Labor Day Office/Building Closed	<b>5</b> First Day of Pre-school 10am BPC Ministry  7pm Nominations	<b>6</b>  6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10am BPC Ministry  7:30pm GA	<b>9</b> 8:45am Bible Retreat 9am AA  7pm The Foundry
<b>10</b> 9:15am Prayer in the Chapel 10am Worship & Sunday School 11:15am Following Jesus  5pm AA	<b>11</b>  5pm Girl Scouts	<b>12</b> 10am BPC Ministry 10:30am Worship Planning	<b>13</b> 10:15am Ladies Christian Study  6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm Chancel Choir	<b>14</b>  7pm Anxiety Support	<b>15</b> 10am BPC Ministry  6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Following Jesus 7:30pm GA	<b>16</b> 9am AA  7pm The Foundry
<b>17</b> 9:15am Prayer in the Chapel 10am Worship & Sunday School 11:15am Following Jesus  5pm AA	<b>18</b>  5pm Girl Scouts	<b>19</b> 10am BPC Ministry  7pm Church Council	<b>20</b> 10:15am Ladies Christian Study  6:30pm Boy Scouts 7:30pm	<b>21</b> 8:30am Clergy Gathering 11:15am Sr. Lunch & Bible Study	<b>22</b> 10am BPC Ministry  7pm Following Jesus 7:30pm GA	<b>23</b> 9am AA  7pm The Foundry
<b>24</b> 9:15am Prayer in the Chapel 10am Worship & Sunday School 11:15am Following Jesus 11:15am Confirmation Rehearsal 4:30pm Gathering at Pastor Anna's	<b>25</b>  5pm Girl Scouts	<b>26</b> 10am BPC Ministry	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10am BPC Ministry  7pm Following Jesus 7:30pm GA	<b>30</b> 9am Aa  7pm The Foundry