

FRIENDSHIP FOCUS!

**The E-mail Newsletter of
Friendship United Methodist Church
Bolingbrook, Illinois
June 9, 2010**

JUNE 13TH, 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, 10:00 A.M.

THEME: MARKS OF A MATURE CHRISTIAN

The tranquility, gentleness, and strength with which we deal with the circumstances of our outward life are marks of the maturity of our faith in Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 7:36-8:3

MESSAGE BY DR DAN HENRY

FISH BASKET

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: Your Mistakes and God's Love

CELEBRATION OFFERING

Held the second Sunday of every month.

This special offering is in addition to the General Offering held every Sunday. It gives people a chance to celebrate the blessings (however big or small) God has bestowed upon their lives. There are special offering envelopes in which to place your offering. In addition to a monetary offering there is a place to mark if you would be willing to share your testimony with the congregation during Sunday worship.

In May 2010 we had 18 celebration offerings totally \$177.00 Four just made an offering while others had the following celebrations: The life of our dear friend, Dave Harris; My daughter's graduation; God's blessing and grace upon my life for the past years and years to come – Thank You Jesus; That Lilly had a great 4th birthday; For all the wonderful women in my life, especially my daughter; God's mercy & blessings; prayers answered for my daughter and all those whose health insurance has been extended to the age of 26; In memory of my mother's 80 years; My mom; Mother's day; That my nephew Billy made it through heart surgery; My mom; my granddaughter's confirmation and graduation. Has God blessed you with a birthday, anniversary, some good fortune in your life, or even for something to be grateful for even in times of difficulty? Consider celebrating that through the Celebration Offering with the Friendship UMC church family.

5:00 P. M. SOUTH ASIAN GUJARATI WORSHIP

YOUTH HAPPENINGS, TAKE NOTE

Sunday School in the Youth Room Sundays at 10 am!
Come check us out. This week we had 20 youth!!!

1. Feed My Starving Children, June 24th. Meet at Friendship Church at 10:30, need to be at the facility by noon and stay until 2 pm. We will be home at 3:30. We have reservations for 20 youth, 4 adults. 2 adults confirmed already. CURRENT YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

2. Youth Fellowship Welcomes New 6th Graders, June 27th, from 2-6 pm, Pool Party at Ms Barb & Mr. Curt's house. This event is open to all new 6th graders to come hang out With the Rest of the YOUTH Fellowship!! So, if you have just ended 5th grade, that means you!!! Even if your older siblings try to tell you different. **(From this date on, you are part of YOUTH FELLOWSHIP!! Welcome!)**

New 6th Graders- Please bring Fruit to pass

New 7th Graders- Please bring Vegetables to pass

New 8th Graders- Please bring a Drink to Share

New 9th graders- Please bring Chips to Share / Pass

New 10th Graders- Please bring a Dessert to Pass/Share

New 11th & 12th Graders - Please bring a Drink to Pass/Share

Please Confirm your attendance!!! Otherwise there just may not be enough main dish!!

Bring your swim suit, your towel, sunscreen, even "floaties" if you need them!

Your parents can hang out and are more than welcome. But the most important thing you can bring is a spirit of cooperation, love and friendship.

What not to bring- anything that you cannot afford to be lost, dunked in water or broken.

3. July 11, 2010 the YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be teaching Sunday school for Children's Ministries. It is a great way to "practice" your leadership skills before you take on the task of VBS. Get Ready to be role models!

4 Chrysalis is a 3 day retreat for Sophomores – Seniors, held this year at Judson University, July 16th, 17th and 18th. Please see Ms. Terri or Mr. Andrew (AKA, Mr. T.) for more information! There is a cost, so come talk to Ms. Terri about monies that have been fund raised just for this event!

CONTACT INFORMATION

For information about Sunday worship or any other activities at Friendship Church, including those listed below, please contact the church office, either by calling 630-972-1011 or by emailing churchoffice@friendshipchurch.com.

The Friendship Church Calendar is now online and available whenever you want! Check it out! Let us know what you think!

PRESCHOOL ENROLLING FOR FALL

First Friends Preschool is open to 3 & 4 year olds. The part-time program is open to the public; Friendship Church members receive a discount. It is a quality, Christian-based & DCFS certified program. Teacher/Director Mary Williamson can be reached at (630) 739-3010.

JUNE 15TH – AVANI-COSSET CHRISTIAN will be commissioned in a special ceremony at Annual Conference at 7:30 pm at the Mega Center at The Pheasant Run Resort on Illinois Route 64 east of St Charles. Contact the church office for more details.

"SHARING OUR LOVE"

MISSION BANQUET

You're Invited!

Friday, June 18, 2010, 6:30 – 9:30 P.M.

New Life Church, 249 N Bolingbrook Dr, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

FUNDRAISING EVENT: To support a Mission Trip to Belize.

Joan Lydia Leslie, leader.

The purpose for the banquet is to help raise the funds needed to complete various building projects at the Epworth Community Center & Methodist Church in Dangriga, Belize.

Projects on the Agenda include: a new roof, windows and paint for the Methodist Church; constructing new desks & chairs and purchasing new fans for the children's classrooms at Epworth Center School. Other needs are:

1. School supplies for high school students (No. 2 pencils, mechanical pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpener, pencil case, large eraser, ballpoint pens, highlighters, composition notebooks, loose leaf notebook paper, ruler with English and metric measurements, folders)
2. Seven (7) sturdy backpacks
3. Gently used clothing
4. Bibles

We humbly thank God for your support of this worthy cause.

Cost: \$25.00 per person, if paid prior to June 18th!

\$30.00 per person, at the door

Please make checks payable to: "Journey of Hope"

P.O. Box 5454; Woodridge, IL 60517

Send your payment or donation by Paypal using email: jlydia_06@yahoo.com

Questions? Call Joan @ (630) 415-6667

Please RSVP by June 14, 2010 Thank you for your support!

We will work as many of the projects listed above, depending on the funds that we are able to raise.

JUNE 27TH – LAY MINISTRY SUNDAY worship and a special reception afterward. Letters of explanation and invitation have been distributed. If you did not get one, contact the church office.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

ANNUAL YARD SALE: We need someone to lead our annual yard sale. This can take place anytime...usually at summer's end. Involves organizing donations, a little publicity, recruiting workers, and overseeing the day's event. Last year's leader is happy to work with you! This is not a hard job...we just need someone to organize.

ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION: The auction committee is raring to go! Our auction is essential to making our ministry dreams come true. We need a leader to head up the event—the hard working committee has all the wheels in place & every year the evening

runs very smoothly. This job entails organizing meetings, delegating, and helping to recruit donations. Again, the chairperson of years past will work with you to get this valuable event up and running. It is a most rewarding event.

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP

Come join us for a playgroup geared toward children 1½ to 5 years of age, here at Friendship United Methodist Church in the Mom's Day Out room. It is open to anyone in the community and there is no charge to attend. **Please bring a snack for your child.**

Sat June 12th 10-11:30 Playgroup at the church; Father's Day Craft picture frame, \$2.00/frame to cover supplies

Sat June 26th 10-11:30 Playgroup at the church

There are several different outings under consideration for the summer: Ty Warner Park, Pelican Harbor, 2Toots Whistle Grill/train ride, Phillips Park. Give feedback on these to, and for further information please contact, Myra Bertling through the church office.

CHIARI/CANCER CANDLELITE BOWL FOR AWARENESS

Start Time: Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 8:00pm

End Time: Sunday, June 20, 2010 at 12:00am

Location: AMF Lanes Bolingbrook

Street: 401 W Boughton Rd

City/Town: Bolingbrook, IL

\$30 per couple... covers shoes and 3 games of bowling!

For further information, contact Larry Hilb through the church office.

Quick Notes:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, GALACTIC BLAST: A COSMIC ADVENTURE PRAISING GOD, Monday-Friday, July 19-23, 9 am – 12 noon, for ages 3-11. Nominal fee for program. Includes games, craft, snack, songs. We are looking for volunteers who can help before the event to be part of the planning, decorating, and communications. If you have any questions, please contact Kristy Homan through the church office.

Regular Events:

A LIFE CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH GOD'S WORD FROM THE BOOK OF MATTHEW, Second and fourth Monday of each month, 7:00 pm. This study is facilitated by Nancy & Terri O'Gara. Contact the church office if you are interested.

SENIOR LUNCHEON AND BIBLE STUDY, 3rd Thursday of month, 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All seniors are invited to take part. Enjoy the word of God (and a delicious meal) with friends. Contact Linda Guzman through the church office for further information.

DAYBREAK HOMELESS SHELTER MINISTRY, 3rd Friday of month, 5:45 p.m., and next day (Saturday), 4:45 a.m. Donate food. Come cook & serve a meal, dinner on Friday, breakfast on Saturday. Get to know each other better & meet your sisters and brothers at Daybreak. Watch for Daybreak notice each month in

church bulletin. For more information and to sign up, contact Richard Guzman through the church office.

NEWBORNS IN NEED, 2nd Saturday of month, 9:00 a.m. until noon. All who sew, knit, and crochet are welcome to join this group. Contact Laura Hilb through the church office for further information.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN LADIES' NIGHT OUT! (no kids) 2nd Saturday of month, 6-10 pm, in the Friendship Center. Next date: June 12th. Please consider joining us even if only for a short time. It is a lot of fun! Feel free to bring any other friends who might enjoy this time also. Everyone is invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share and her own drink. Use the time for anything you wish. Contact Brandy Ihne through the church office for information.

Remember to visit the church website! <http://www.friendshipchurch.com>

Read the most current version of the Spirit of Friendship [monthly newsletter](#).

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