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September 2011

First United Methodist Church, Park Ridge, Illinois

9-11-2011 RECLAIM THE DAY.

Join our team as together we observe the 10th anniversary of the World Trade Center/Pentagon attacks with a day of remembrance and HOPE-affirming volunteer action across our community!

Whether it's just one hour or the whole day,
it's your chance to embody HOPE!

MORNING MEMORIAL SERVICE and WTC I-BEAM UNVEILING
7:30AM AT MAINE EAST HIGH SCHOOL
2601 WEST DEMPSTER (AT POTTER ROAD), PARK RIDGE

HOPEFEST 2011

A COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT OF
First UMC Park Ridge • First UMC Des Plaines • New Hope UMC Norwood Park, Chicago

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How do you say Teec Nos Pos?

Is it ‘teek nose pose’...or ‘tees nose pose’...or ‘tees nose poss’? I’m still not quite sure after spending almost a week there among the Navajo of Arizona on our youth mission trip. One thing I am sure about, however, and that’s the fact that you can’t walk away from a mission trip without having your life changed.

For starters, I was awed by the sheer beauty and diversity of our country’s landscape, from the flat Kansas Prairie to the magnificent Rocky Mountains to the Mesas and wide open expanses of Arizona. That alone is a religious experience!

But the thing that impressed me the most was our youth. It’s amazing how quickly they can make friends with utter strangers as we joined two Methodist Churches from California. And, among other things, I was very proud of our youths’:

Great attitudes—in spite of 14 hour travel days that meant getting up very early in the morning and driving 9 hours from and to Denver Airport for a plane ride.

Strong work ethic—boy do we ever have some work horses! Counselors from the other churches spoke of that repeatedly. And much was accomplished as we finished off decks and wheel chair ramps, dry walled, sanded, painted and shingled roofs (including one out-house!).

Leadership—each youth on a work team was put in charge of an area such as tools, water, and lunch. Each team had a ‘spiritual guru’ and this youth would lead us in a time of reflection called ‘spiritual sandwich’ at lunchtime. In addition, teams took turns leading daily devotions.

Faith—this was perhaps my greatest joy, seeing our youth share their faith. Every evening the staff of Sierra Service Project led a very meaningful devotional. The God Whisper exercise, for example, was deeply meaningful.

The highlight of my trip? Well, that’s hard to say. But way up there is the statement I heard from one of our youth who said that the closest they’d ever felt with God was on this mission trip. Like I said. You can’t walk away from a mission trip without having your life changed.

— Pastor Rich



[Rev. Rich Darr, Th. D.](#)
Lead Pastor

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Sunday Worship Services
8:00 am, 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Children’s Sunday School 9:00 am



[Rev. Carol Hill](#)
Associate Pastor

Our Love and Prayers Go Out To:

Bette Bonney, Mary Chandler, Jean Dempsey, Audrey Fritz, Wyrta Heagy and her husband, and all US servicemen and women, including Paul Bartel, Christopher Abbot (Ginnie Flynn’s brother-in-law) and **Joe Ingraham** (Pastor Rich’s nephew). If you have friends or family whose names should be listed here, please contact the church office office@parkridgeumc.org.

Our prayers and sympathy are with the friends and families of:

Jean Brown, long-time member, who died July 12th.

Alice Frisch, mother of Mike Frisch, who died August 4th.

Shirley Benson, Parish Nurse in the 1980’s, who died August 2nd.

Congratulations!

Will Littell will celebrate his **100 year** birthday on **September 10th**. His health is good and he can use a walker some days. His family will gather for a party to mark this occasion. Birthday greetings can be sent to:

Will Littell
3200 Grant St.
McGraw, Rm # 114
Evanston IL 60201



Thank you!

Jennifer from ChildServ was very excited about the **school supplies** we collected. This year ChildServ has 600 children to outfit for school.

**Share your
Fresh Garden Produce**

Surplus fruits and vegetables from your summer garden can be placed in the basket by Grant Place. The items will be taken to the Maine Township Food Pantry for distribution to those in need.

**Rally Day is Re-Scheduled
for October 2nd.**

Unity Commissioning Service

Sunday August 28 we will worship at one service at **9:00 am**. Then we will travel to the Youth Campus north of us on Prospect Avenue (across from the Country Club). There will be games, food, fun, fellowship, and training for HOPEFEST. We will be joined by our sisters and brothers from First UMC in Des Plaines and New Hope UMC in Norwood Park.

If your last name begins with A-P,
please bring a side dish.

If your last name begins with Q-Z,
please bring a dessert.

The Welcoming Committee will provide
ham, rolls, and paper goods.

Questions?

Contact Kate Kerin at (847) 318-7376.

Christian Care Core

If you are a care giver who would like a group to talk to, contact Helen Billings (847) 759-8978.

If you can help call or visit those who don’t get to church, contact Helen.

If you can give rides to those no longer driving, contact Helen.

Media Help NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to take one Sunday each month to press “spacebar” on our media presentation for worship. Our media team has grown slim, and we need a few more people who are willing to help carry this ministry of the church. To volunteer and get on the schedule, email Pastor Carol at carol@parkridgeumc.org.

Can you give a ride?

If you are willing to give rides to members who no longer drive, please contact Helen Billings at (847) 759-8978 or call the church office. We are particularly interested in making it possible for all of our members to attend Sunday morning services.

Brickwork Is Needed

We need work done to the brickwork of our building before the bricks become a dangerous hazard. The Trustees have agreed not to spend money until they have it in hand. Can you help contribute, even in a small way, do getting this work done? Simply designate “brickwork” on your contribution. Many thanks!

**First UMC Food Drive
First Sunday of each Month
Groceries for
Humboldt Park Food Pantry**

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to First UMC on the first Sunday of the month. It may be left in the bins at the Grant Place entrance. Once a month OUTREACH volunteers take the donations to our sister church in the city to replenish the cupboards of their Food Pantry. Many are in need and our gifts are put to good use.

Many Thanks!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will meet on September 5 and 19
at 1:00 pm in the Parlor.



Contact Dorothy Silver or
Marilynn Fisher
for more information.

HUMBOLDT PARK MEALS MINISTRY

Sunday, September 18

Cook at 1:30 pm
Deliver at 4:00 pm



Volunteers are needed to cook (here)
and serve (at HP).

Sign ups sheets are at the
Grant Place entrance.

Contact Ruth Paul with any questions.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
REFRESHMENTS**

- Sept 4 Staff-Parish Relations
- Sept 11 HOPEFEST
- Sept 18 Miriam Circle
- Sept 25 Miriam Circle

Served 10:00-10:30 am in the Parlor.

The Bible and LGBT People

A three week class will be offered by the All Means All team on **Monday evenings beginning October 3**. With Pastor Bob Campbell leading, we will take another look at Bible verses that have been used in discussions about sexual orientation and gender identity. We will explore some relevant biblical themes that affect our ministry together with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their family members.

Consider the familiar and learn some different interpretations of scripture that have been employed. Bring your questions and insights and join us from **7:00-8:30 pm**.

Wednesday 8:30 am Bible Class

This study group will resume on **September 7**.

This study group meets each Wednesday morning to discuss how the Bible relates to every day life.

Scripture and Song

This study group will resume on **Monday, September 12 at 1:00 pm**.

This group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Come join us as we sing some hymns and read some scripture.

**RALLY DAY
IS RE-SCHEDULED
FOR OCTOBER 2nd**

The peace poles will be dedicated.
and
Bibles will be given to all 3rd graders.

**WORSHIP and STUDY GROUP
SCHEDULE CHANGE**

On **Tuesday, AUGUST 30 at 7 pm** there will be a Special Administrative Council meeting where all members of the Council and of the Congregation are invited to attend and vote on the recommendation presented by the Worship Schedule Change team.

The results of the August 30 meeting will be implemented beginning **Sunday, OCTOBER 2**.

Backpack Blessing

There will be a Backpack Blessing at the **9:00 am service on September 18**. All students can bring their backpacks for a special blessing.

UMW Board Meeting

The UMW Board will meet on **Thursday, September 8 at 10:30 am**. This is the first meeting of the year where we will discuss plans for the rest of the year. All circle chair and all officers should plan to attend.

Adult Mission Day

Any adult is invited to join us for a day of mission at the Jarvis Sanctuary in Lincoln Park. Meet in the parking lot at **8:00 am on Saturday, October 8**. There will be three hours of habitat restoration, sponsored by the Sierra Club, organized by Lorie Bartel, Chair of Outreach.

Many Thanks!

Your generosity is overwhelming. Adrian, Katie, and I are so thankful for this congregation. I understand that the fund established for Halle's medical bills is now around \$10,000. That's an incredible gift, and words can only begin to express the depth of our gratitude for you. Halle's bills have just begun to come in, and I can tell you that we experience such relief knowing that our church has already covered every penny!

Truly, we are blown away by the many expressions of love and support, from meals to cards to tears shed to donations to help us pay those costs of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. We continue to grieve for our daughter, but we do so knowing we are very blessed—blessed by God and blessed by you. Thank you.

— Carol, Adrian, and Katie Hill

**Curious Savage Video**

Thanks to Tim Fanning for videotaping and creating a DVD of "The Curious Savage" as performed by the Marvelous Methodist Players this past June! There is now a copy in the library and a copy for the church archives.

**Niles-Park Ridge Crop Walk
Sunday, October 16****Save the Date!**

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church (at Northwest Highway and Elm) will be the host of this year's CROP HUNGER WALK.



This fundraiser benefiting Church World Service and the Maine Township Food Pantry will be celebrating its twentieth year, during which its local church walkers have collected \$320,000 to provide disaster relief and fight hunger locally and around the world.

Step up and be a Crop Walker, or support an FUMC walker with your donation or pledge! Pledge forms will be available at church beginning Sunday, September 18.

Contact Ed Hansen for more information.

First UMC Website

Because people and events are always in a state of change, we try to communicate their information and energy! Send the links to your friends and invite them to join us!

Help us to keep the fresh news posted and the pages current—contact the church office.

<http://www.parkridgeumc.org>

Consider making an endowment gift to the Church for a scholarship fund or other ministry in the name of your family. In this manner, your family name can live on forever. Feel free to discuss with one of our pastors any special programs or projects you would like to support.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
418 W Touhy Ave, Park Ridge IL 60068

Memorial Garden
BRICK ORDER FORM

YES!
I WANT TO order () bricks,
at \$100 per brick (4" x 8")

Name: _____
(Print)

Phone: _____

Engrave my brick(s) with the following inscriptions. Please print in capital letters ONLY as you wish the name to appear on the Brick. There is a limit of three (3) lines of 13 Characters per line (including spaces). You do not need to use all three lines.

BRICK 1

BRICK 2

NOTE: Order a second identical brick
for your home for \$50 each

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ brick(s)

Make check payable to: First United Methodist Church, Park Ridge

YES!
I WANT TO order () bricks,
at \$175 per brick (8" x 8")

Name: _____
(Print)

Phone: _____

Engrave my brick(s) with the following inscriptions. Please print in capital letters ONLY as you wish the name to appear on the Brick. There is a limit of five (5) lines of 13 Characters per line (including spaces). You do not need to use all five lines.

BRICK 1

BRICK 2

NOTE: Order a second identical brick
for your home for \$75 each

Deadline: September 30, 2011

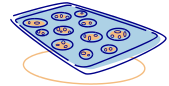
Thank You Gift Bags for First Responders

Prayer Squares

New Hope UMC and FUMC have completed 600 prayer squares for presentation to the first responders in the community. In connection with the HOPEFEST activities, the squares will be combined with cookies and a card for each recipient. Congratulations to the many busy hands who have completed this phase of the project.

Cookies

Now we need 600 dozen homemade cookies to include in the thank you packages...



There will be a group baking time from **1-3 pm on Saturday August 27**. Dough and equipment will be provided, we just need your hands to help.

You can also help by baking 4 dozen cookies at home and bringing them to the church by September 10. If you plan to do this, let Alice Crawford know for planning purposes. We are asking for chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin or sugar cookies. No nuts. (This is not the time for the fancy stuff... keep it basic.)

Cards

Anyone can participate in making the cards for these packages. Supplies are available in the parlor at **any time between now and Sept. 9**. Card making sessions on September 11 will begin at 8:30 am in the parlor.

Assembly

Volunteers are needed to assemble the gift bags between **9 am and 2:30 pm on September 11**. If you can help with this, sign up in the parlor or contact Dorothy Silver.

Distribution

Volunteers are needed to help **distribute the gift bags later that afternoon and on September 12 and 13**. Contact Alice Crawford if you can help with this. We will be visiting fire, police, paramedics, emergency room personnel, and military. Both volunteers and vans are needed.

Opening Ceremony
 7:30 am—8:00 am
 Maine East High School
 Solemn remembrance and thankfulness to First Responders. Steel remnant from the Twin Towers will be on display.

Closing Ceremony
 3:00–3:30 pm
 Maine East High School

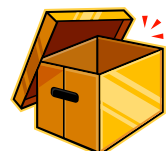
Sirens and Bell-Ringing



Bells and Sirens will go off at 7:53 am and again at Noon remembering the events of September 11, 2001.

Boxes Needed

We need boxes for the HOPEFEST food drive, specifically the size and type that package rams of paper. Please bring any empties your office may have and store them in the large coat closet. Thanks!



Blood Drive

9:00 am—3:00 pm

Maine East High School

Greeters as well as donors are needed.

Donors should sign up in advance.

CPR Training

11:00 am -12:30 pm OR 1:00-2:30 pm

Maine East High School

Greeters as well as students are needed.

Health Screening

9:00 am—2:30 pm

Maine East High School

Greeters as well as clients are needed.

Spruce up the Gardens

9:00—11:00 am

100 N Clifton, Park Ridge

Avenues to Independence

Work with residents on the grounds.

Recycle small electronics

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Maine East High School

Booth for Avenues to Independence

Bethany Terrace

10:30 am—Noon

Waukegan between Oakton and Dempster

Visit with residents.

Sing in the choir.

Contact Linda Ritts or Matt Granger.

Emergency Preparedness

Class at Maine East High School

1:00-2:30 pm



NOTE: On Saturday, October 1 there will be an 8-hour Emergency Preparedness training at the Elk Grove Salvation Army.

Ask for more details.

Advocate Lutheran General Kids Fair

For KIDS of all ages, this free fair will provide families with “KIDS: Knowledge, Information, and Decisions on Safety.” From 12 noon to 3 pm, featured activities will include a bicycle obstacle course, dog safety, family disaster preparedness information, fire and train safety tips, DUI simulation, Internet and cell phone safety, and kid’s fun activities from Kohl’s Children’s Museum.

For more event information, volunteer opportunities and sign-ups, contact Lisa Shewfelt and visit www.HOPEFEST.net.

Salvation Army Canteen

Breakfast 8:00 -10:00 am

Maine East High School

Hot Dog Lunch 11:00 am-2:00 pm

Traveling between sites

Cake Service 2:30-4:30 pm

Maine East High School

Food Drive

to benefit the food pantries at New Hope UMC, Des Plaines UMC, and Park Ridge UMC.

Help is needed to prepare bags for collection, distribute bags on Aug 28, receive food at Maine East on Sept 11, sort food, load trucks for distribution on September 11.

Youth Campus

9:00 am—2:00 pm

733 N Prospect, Park Ridge

Prepare grounds for new playground.

Contact John Prueitt or Dave Dyer.



Youth News



...making disciples and having a blast!



Youth Spotlight

4 Youth in 4 States

Sarah Thomas, Celia Petersen, Emilee Warner, and Grace Makuch (Northbrook UMC) are enjoying the start of this year's mission trip to Arizona...but only one of these young ladies are actually in Arizona! The other three are in completely other states! Don't miss Youth Sunday on September 25th where our mission team will lead us in extraordinary worship!

**Weekly Youth Sunday School 10:30 am
RESUMES SEPTEMBER 18!!**

September Events

Sept. 4th- NO YOUTH STUFF

Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend! This is a good time to consider what God could be calling you to use your Labor for...



**Sept. 11th-
HOPEFEST**

Come and participate with our whole community in a variety of projects as we give our service as our worship! **NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL OR YOUTH GROUP.**

Sept. 18th- MISSION TEAM REUNION

Youth Sunday School resumes as we celebrate and share stories of summer happenings at 10:30 am. Come back at 5:00 pm to have a mission team reunion, as we plan for next Sunday's worship.

**Sept. 24th- DISTRICT
DODGEBALL**

Meet at FUMC at 8:30 am to drive to Glenview, where we will join youth from the District for a Dodgeball tournament and MORE to raise \$ for Nothing But nets. \$5 per person, plus an offering for NBN. We will return at 1:30 pm.



Sept. 25th- YOUTH SUNDAY

Our youth will lead all three worship services at 8, 9, and 10:30 am. Even those who weren't on the mission trip should come and participate. Then, come back at 5:00 for Water Olympics (weather permitting).



Back to School and Back to Youth Group!

What's new in our Youth Group?

WELCOME! Special Welcome to our new 6th grade class: **Isabel Virgen, Ashley Spears, Brittany Richardson!** We are so glad to have you as part of our youth group, and we look forward to getting to know you better as we grow together through fun activities and study! Our new freshman class includes **Jenna Wear, Kevin Woroch, Courtney Richardson, Eddie Wendling, and Chris Smail!** This year's Senior Class includes **Sarah Kerin, Brett Warner, and Joey Gagliardi.** Prayers are with all of our students, but

especially these as they begin this important year of transition.

Summer is over and school is back! Now it's time to get back to Youth Group!

Our new youth calendar is set! Be sure that you get your calendar for the year, along with your permission form. **PLEASE RETURN YOUR PERMISSION/ HEALTH FORM ASAP!**

Happy Birthday to:

- Sept. 8- Alex Gagliardi
- Sept. 13- Emma & Michelle Carrico
- Sept. 19- Celia Petersen
- Sept. 23- Emilee Warner
- Sept. 25- Ashley Spears



September 2011

Sunday Worship 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30am

First UMC ParkRidge

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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Weekly Events: Monday - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm / Fridays + Saturdays-Teen Center 7pm



There are many hope affirming volunteer projects available to remember and honor the tenth anniversary of the events of September 11, 2001. In all of these events, we are working with Des Plaines UMC and with New Hope UMC.

These projects are available to any and all. Invite your friends, relations, and neighbors to join us!

If you can help in any way, contact Lisa Shewfelt or call the church office.

Our many thanks to organizers Al Bartel, Lorie Bartel, Alice Crawford, and Ed Hansen. The UMC office in Nashville TN has also been very helpful.... from billboards to T-shirts and everything in between.

Here are some of the many opportunities available. More details are inside.

*Commemorative ceremony
Life Source Blood Drive
Youth Campus work project
Food Drive
CPR Training
KIDS Fair
Thank you gifts for First Responders*

*Sing with the choir at Bethany Terrace
Visit with residents at Bethany Terrace
Letter writing to military personnel
Avenues to Independence work project
Youth Campus work project
Health Screening
Salvation Army Disaster Relief Training
Recycle small electronics*

**We are a multi-generational Christian community welcoming all,
offering spiritual growth and opportunities for compassionate service.**