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June 2011

First United Methodist Church, Park Ridge, Illinois



You are Invited

to attend First UMC's
1st Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch
on Sunday, June 12 at 10:30 am!

It's time we say "Thank you!" to the many volunteers who are actively involved in the ministries of this Church! All our church will join together in worship at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary, when we will experience a lively **Unity Worship** experience. Following the Unity Service, we will adjourn to Jorgeson Hall for our brunch and program. There will be some special awards given to volunteers who have truly gone above and beyond over the past year. Together we will express our gratitude. If there's a special person who you've noticed being a disciple of Christ - be sure you come so we can name and acknowledge that person! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

We will be celebrating Pentecost indeed!

*"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability."
Acts 2:1-4*



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

Two years ago, I had the honor of being commissioned as a Provisional Elder in the Northern Illinois Conference, at which time I began my ministry as the associate pastor of First UMC. That evening was very warm, but an exciting and momentous time. I remember watching with awe the stream of pastors walking into the MegaCenter fully robed with stolls and thinking it was not only this body of pastors, but many other pastors who I was joining in this work of building the church and leading God's people. What a task!? What a joy!? What an honor?!

I served communion that evening alongside one who was newly ordained, and as I served, the tears streamed down my face as I felt humbled and thankful that God would use one such as me.

Then a few short weeks later, I moved into my office and life as your Associate Pastor. Ministry over these past two years has been extraordinary! There have been difficult moments and downright painful moments, to be sure, but I have also had the honor of presiding over a wedding, several baptisms, and several funerals. I have been privileged to learn about the faithful generations who have served this church as ministers – some ordained, but most as laypersons. I have gotten to pray with so many of you and be prayed for by you. We have engaged one another in this work of following Jesus. Thank you!

Now, I am at the next stage of this process. On June 10, 2011 the Bishop and Annual Conference will examine me, lay hands on me, along with my grandmother and District Superintendent, and will ordain me as an Elder in this church. The road has been long, but good, and I am so thankful to be at this point. I stand as a witness to God's call on my life. God has not stopped using ordinary human beings, as our scriptures testify to again and again. I am not perfect. I will make mistakes. But, I offer myself wholeheartedly to God and the church, as so many others (including generations of my own family) have done.

I am honored to get to be your pastor. Thank you for your love and support. You're all invited to come to the Ordination Service on June 10 at 7:30 pm at the MegaCenter at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. I'd love to see you there.

Blessings,

Pastor Carol

*P.S. For those of you who haven't heard (or seen my new figure), we are pregnant!
I am due November 1, and am doing very well!*



[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:

Wyrta Heagy, Bette Bonney, Mike Koziol and all US servicemen and women which includes Paul Bartel. Our sympathy also to the families of our congregation who have lost loved ones recently. These include the families of Helen Pinney, Mae McCray, Lois Rezeau, and Hugh Lacey. If you have friends or family whose names should be listed here, please contact the church office office@parkridgeumc.org.

We Appreciate Our Church Family

The delivery of Easter Baskets brought many verbal and written thank yous. Excerpts include:

“I’d like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the Easter Bags so delicious. Each cookie was so good! I am enjoying the candy so much. Thank you all.”

“Many thanks to the mothers and children...

It’s such a lovely thing to do and a nice surprise for me!”

“My doorbell rang and before I could open it ~ through the glass I could just see a ‘little red jacket’ go skipping down the steps. My Easter gift gladdened my heart and brightened my day!”

The care and beautiful arrangements for recent memorial services have been a blessing to many.

We have received many thank- yous including:

The Van der Kloot family wants to thank our church family for all your thoughts, kindness and prayers in the loss of Jim's father.



The Youth give a special Thank you for the Plant Sale

We thank the chairs, Katy Hansen and Donna Darr, the **many people** worked endless hours and **EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED PLANTS!**

Your team chose to contribute the first \$3,000 to our youth mission trips for 2011, and from our youth – **THANK YOU!** Fundraising is never an easy task, and it means so much to us that you would offer such loving support to us.

Admin Council News

There will be an Administrative Council meeting on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 pm in the Parlor. We will hear reports from Trustees, Finance, and Staff-Parish as well as others.

Chairs of all Ministry Teams and Committees are voting members of the Council.

Anyone is welcome to attend. If you have a specific agenda item you would like presented, contact Dorothy Silver (847) 823-0208.

Welcoming Ministry

Many thanks to Al Bartel and the Welcoming Ministry for the new sign at the front of church. This sign easily allows display of information on special upcoming events..

Also, thanks for a set of portable A-frame signs: on the Touhy side to tell of the parking behind the church, for the parking lot to tell of limited parking due to funerals or other church events. These signs are being kept in the closet by the Touhy entrance.

Spiritual Growth Opportunities over the Summer:

Don't let your faith take a vacation!
Nourish your spiritual growth by taking advantage of these opportunities:

- * **NEW Disciple Bible Study** on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Library. Carol Benz and Pastor Rich will co-teach the 8 week Old Testament Disciple Bible Study. Get ready to spend June and July getting to the nitty-gritty of the Old Testament! Think you know it all? 10 Commandments, Prophets, Temples, Kings, ... there's much to be gleaned from this study.
- * Join the **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**, currently being taught by Pastor Rich using the Children's Bible to understand the story of the scriptures and how we apply these to our lives today. All are welcome—no prior study required!
- * **9:00 am Sunday School** Discussion Group Continues! While the other Adult Education classes on Sundays are coming to an end for the summer, you can still attend the class at 9:00 am, facilitated by Leah Cozad.
- * For CHILDREN: **Live B.I.G. One Room Sunday School** at 9:00 am. NEW curriculum for the kids, which focuses on 3 truths: God is a great BIG God; God loves us with a great BIG love; and We are part of God's great BIG world! Come and explore new crafts, new songs, and new games as we learn more about God!
- * Start practicing a NEW Spiritual Discipline for the summer months: morning prayer walks, daily devotions, quiet meditations, or weekly fasts are all good ways to stay in touch with God.
- * **ATTEND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 20-24!!! Learning for ALL AGES!**

Fathers For Mission

Remember or honor a loved one on **FATHERS' DAY** this year by making a donation to our church's fund supporting the social services of Humboldt Park United Methodist Church. Our church provides a meal each Third Sunday that feeds 60 people. We also shop each month with \$430 to help stock their food pantry.

Please fill in a form and place it with your donation marked "Outreach" in the offering plate Sunday or mail / bring it to the church office. (Forms will be in the Sunday worship bulletins or may be found at Grant Place entry.)

Donations received by Wednesday evening, June 16, will be listed in the bulletin on Fathers' Day. Thank you.

Media Help at 10:30 am 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.

UPCOMING IN WORSHIP:

- * **New Series** on our Identity as Christians
- * **9:00 Outdoor Worship** on 1st Sundays starting June 5
- * **Unity Worship** Service at 9:00 am on June 12
- * **9:00 Worship in Jorgeson** starting on June 19
- * **Special Musical Groups** and Arrangements every week during the summer at 10:30 am
- * Conversations continue regarding the Sunday morning worship schedule for the Fall! Want to take part? Contact John Prueitt.



Are you a caregiver?

For those who are involved in the caregiving for aging parents, relatives or friends, the Christian Care Core invites you to a time of fellowship and sharing. We will meet in the church parlor on June 16th at 7 pm.

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

will meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month at 1:00 pm in the Parlor.



Contact Dorothy Silver or Marilyn Fisher for more information.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS

June 5 Sr High Youth
June 12 UMW Board
June 19 UMW Board
June 26 Esther-Priscilla

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

Youth Car Wash on June 26!

Bring your dirty cars over to church on June 26, and the youth will be ready to wash them!

All proceeds of the Car Wash will go to the Summer Mission Trips.

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. Thanks!

Summer gardeners

Hoping the growing season goes well, it will be possible to donate from the abundance of your veggies to local food pantries at harvest time.

HUMBOLDT PARK MEALS MINISTRY

Sunday, June 19

Cook at 1:30 pm

Deliver at 4:00 pm

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



Sign ups sheets are at the Grant Place entrance.

THE WAREHOUSES THEATRIST PLAYERS

Proceeds of this play will go to the UMCOR Japan Relief

Presents
A Gentle Comedy by John Patrick

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE

The story centers around kindly Mrs. Savage and her greedy stepchildren, who have her committed to "The Cloisters" sanatorium, hoping to get their hands on \$10 million that her husband left her. With the help of her new found friends, the "Guests of The Cloisters," Mrs. Savage leads her stepchildren on a laugh-filled chase!

Three Performances
 June 3, 2011 7:30 p.m. Friday
 June 4, 2011 7:30 p.m. Saturday
 June 5, 2011 1 p.m. Sunday

\$10 per person

Directed by: Norm Gates
 Starring: Judy Audrey, Leah Cozad, Alice Crawford, Dan Boney, Tim Fenning, Ed Hansen, Wilbur Mills, Don Gloom, Ruth Paul, Linda Ritz and Lisa Shewfelt

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 For tickets call (847) 825-3144

Thanks to the wonderful volunteers in the nursery!

A special thanks to Alice Crawford, Ginnie Flynn, Kathy Loutos, Kris Hammes, Vernelle Casper, and Judy Mendoza for volunteering to help staff our nursery! You are making our church a more welcoming and loving place for children and us all! Thank you!



Congratulations to OUR Youth - Elected District Officers!

On May 1, Ethan Smail and Emilee Warner were elected by the District Youth to be District Youth officers, Jr. High Representative and Secretary. They will spend many hours over the next year working with teams to lead events and help others worship God! We are so proud of you! Thanks for your leadership and for representing our church well!



The United Methodist Women
Invite you to
A LIGHT LUNCH

on Sunday, June 5 from 11:30 —12:30 pm

This will be between church service and
the final performance of the play,

THE CURIOUS SAVAGE

By John Patrick

\$10/person for lunch and \$10/person for the play.

Tickets available during coffee hour in the Parlor

OR Contact Lorie Bartel (bartelsan@aol.com) OR the office 847-825-3144



UMW made the most of a warm day in May!

Several of the UMW ladies had a wonderful time at the Chicago Botanic Garden on Thursday, May 12. It was a glorious day for a tram ride. The flowers were simply amazing (as usual). If you get a chance this summer, we highly recommend you stop by for a visit!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS!
JUNE 20–24, 2011 · 6:00–8:00 PM**



For Adults – Adults are invited to a learning experience led by Dr. Rich Darr and his brother, Dr. John Darr. Rich's recent doctoral dissertation reveals that historically and theologically, earth-keeping has been an integral part of the church's mission. John Darr, Professor of New Testament at Boston College, teaches a course in the Bible and ecology. Together they will lead discussions on biblical and practical aspects of earth care as disciples of Jesus Christ. So come on out and join the dialogue!

A Sneak Peek at the Children's Program:

Children will be divided into classes according to their age and grade. Children age 3—5th grade are welcome to participate. Classes will spend time rotating among several activity sites:

- a World Activity Site: Kids will learn about all creation from the people and parts we see everyday, once in a while, and never.
- a Self Activity Site: Kids will discover what each person can do to grow in faith and care for creation
- a Community Activity Site: Kids will encounter the part of creation we call community and recognize God at work in our relationships with one another.
- a Game Activity Site: Kids will play games to actively learn about creation and the Bible Story.
- a Snack Site: Kids will eat and make snacks while also learning where food comes from
- Gather & Send: Kids will prepare and celebrate the day through singing, learning the Bible Story, collecting Mission Moment offering, completing a daily ritual, and choosing a challenge to carry VBS home!

REGISTRATION FORM— LAST PAGE OF THIS EMAIL or
AVAILABLE ONLINE OR AT CHURCH!

Volunteers still needed to help make this week run smoothly!
See Pastor Carol.

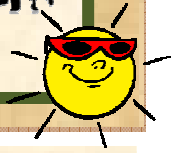
First UMC Website Because people and events are always in a state of change, we try to communicate their information and energy! Help us to keep the fresh news posted and the pages current. Send the links to your friends and invite them to join us!
<http://www.parkridgeumc.org>



Youth News



...making disciples and having a blast!



Youth Spotlight

Jenna Wear

Jenna Wear is an 8th grader at Emerson Middle School. Jenna was recently confirmed, having completed the year long confirmation program. Jenna also recently starred in the Talent Show, dancing to Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance." Jenna has a funny sense of humor and extraordinary sense of self. Thanks for being you, Jenna Wear! We love you!

Weekly Youth Sunday School 10:30 am

June Events

June 5—YOUTH COFFEE HOUR

Be sure you bring some goodies to church and get ready to set up, serve, and clean up for coffee hour.

We will also have a display with information about our youth summer trips—in case anyone feels inspired to give a donation.



June 5—YOUTH GROUP

Exciting Youth Group from 5:00—6:30 pm. All are welcome!

June 11—YOUTH @ CONFERENCE

Join with tons of youth from our District and all over for Youth Day at Annual Conference at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. There will be games starting at 2 pm and worship following at 5 pm.

June 12—SUMMER KICK-OFF

Come from 5:00—6:30 pm for our youth cook out and celebration of Summer! We will play games outside (be prepared to get wet) and kick off the summer right!



NO MORE WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP AFTER JUNE 12 UNTIL SEPT.!



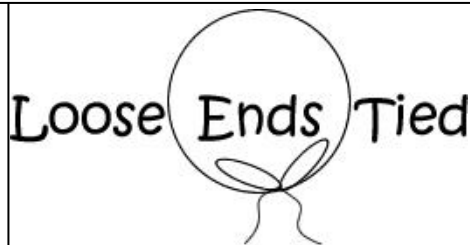
June 26—YOUTH CAR WASH

Bring your soap and towels to wash cars all morning! This will raise \$\$ for mission trips!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTINUES THROUGH JULY 17.

SUMMER, SUMMER, SUMMER

Summer is **FINALLY** here! With summer comes vacations, no school, fewer youth group events, and a generally more relaxed pace of life! Whew! That's good! Youth are encouraged not to take a "vacation" from God. It's easy to veg out, skip church, or "take the summer off." But is that really being faithful? Find ways to remain involved. Keep coming to church. Volunteer with Humboldt Park. Sign up for special youth trips. Pray about the summer mission trip to Arizona and the Youth trip to Purdue University. Summer can be a time to catch up on sleep—and it can also be a time to catch up with God! Don't miss your opportunity for some important one-on-one time with the Almighty! He's waiting for you!



All ARIZONA MISSION TRIPPERS:

- Be sure that you have
- * Paid your final balance \$100
 - * Started selling 8 stocks
 - * Mailed out letters for support
 - * Turned in your forms to Chill

Happy Birthday to:

June 29—Carol Hill



Keep in your prayers: each other that summer would be a time to reconnect with God; Chris Smal (upcoming surgery), and those in summer school



Our Confirmands on Retreat with those from Hinsdale UMC



PLANT SALE: THE ORGANIZERS AND THE ORGANIZED



June 2011

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

First UMC Park Ridge

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Weekly Events: Monday - Boy Scouts 7:30pm / Fridays + Saturdays-Teen Center 7pm



June 20-24, 2011
RENEW REGISTRATION FORM

I'M REGISTERING FOR VBS FOR:

- Children
- Adults

Participant Name: _____

(Children only)
Parent/Guardian name: _____

Address: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Home email address: _____

(Children only) (Children only)
Kid's age: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Home congregation (if any): _____

In case of emergency (if parent/guardian cannot be reached) please contact:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Relationship to You: _____

Please list any allergies (including food allergies) the VBS staff should be aware of:

(Children only)
Person who will pick kid up at the end of each VBS day:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

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