

THE KOINONIA

October 2011

First United Methodist Church, Park Ridge, Illinois



October 2nd will be our Rally Day, when all classes and our new fall schedule will begin.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Don't forget that our schedule shifts on October 2. Worship will be held in the Sanctuary at 8:15 am and 9:30 am. Sunday School classes will be offered for all ages at 10:30 am (Children will have Sunday School during the 9:30 worship as well).

RECONCILIATION SERIES Worship and preaching in October will be focused on the miracle of reconciliation between God and all of God's creation. We will also consider the position of the United Methodist Church, which discriminates against persons who identify as Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, and Transgender; and study scripture, reason, tradition, and experience and where God may be leading First UMC.

BLESSING OF THE PEACE POLE AND OUR MINISTRIES will be an important part of worship, as we pray God's blessing on our building, our various ministries, and install our brand new peace poles. We will also give Bibles to our 3rd grade students and bless our Sunday School teachers.

NEW CLASSES FOR ALL AGES will begin! Children will have a bonus program, which begins during 9:30 am worship and concludes at 11:30 am. Youth will have Sunday School at 10:30 am using a brand new curriculum. Adults will have the following options: 9:15 am—What's the Least I can believe and still be Christian? (library); 10:30 am—Conversations with the Preacher (parlor); and 10:30 am—Faith Stories: Reading and Writing (Jorgeson). Childcare will be available from 8:15—11:30 am.

SOUP BOWL, SALAD BOWL, and BIBLE BOWL: Everyone is invited to join in on this fun, multi-generational event, where we will eat and learn together from 5 –7 pm in Jorgeson Hall.



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

“‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’⁶ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.” Revelation 21:5-7

Happy New Year! I feel as though we should be getting out noise makers and confetti to celebrate the turning of a page. At each New Year I find myself thinking through what I'd like to do differently, pondering what new goals I'd like to set, and eagerly awaiting the revelation of what God will do next! That's exactly how I'm feeling as we look at Rally Day and the year ahead. School is back in session. Our first ever Hopefest was a tremendous success and will certainly cast a new vision on everything we do. And, we are getting ready to begin our new worship schedule – with an all new “blended” worship service at 9:30 am. This is an exciting New year!

I'm not so naive to think that we are all bubbling over solely with excitement. While I am excited, I also have my fears and anxiety about all the lingering “what if's.” However, as people of faith, even as we tremble a little at the unknown, we do know that we are not alone. We are blessed to have one another in this extraordinary faith community called First UMC Park Ridge. We are blessed to love and serve a God who promises to go with us. Even as Abram was being sent out into foreign lands, God promises to go too. From Genesis to Revelation, we experience God claiming us as beloved children, promising to be along with us from the beginning to the end.

We are at a new beginning. Let's celebrate. I encourage you to join a new class, try out Disciple Bible Study, get involved with Crop Walk or with Humboldt Park. Let's make this next year a year when God transforms each of us and our community. God's already at work. God's already started something big with Hopefest. Let's continue to live into this new creation as we drink deeply from the spring of the water of life to go out into a thirsting world. Are you ready? Let's go!

Pastor Carol

P.S. Just FYI – my new day off will be on Friday, so I look forward to seeing you Saturdays- Thursdays.



[Rev. Rich Darr, Th. D.](#)
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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, Skip Coggins (Laura Smail’s Dad), **Jean Dempsey, Audrey Fritz, Wyrta Heagy, Harold Selander** (Lorie Bartel’s Dad), **Barbara Sides**, 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 at *office@parkridgeumc.org*.



Congratulations!

We welcome **Christopher Eli Olson**, son of Brett and Rebecca Olson, grandson of Don and Nancy Olson. Born August 22.



**All Saints’ Sunday
November 6**

We will honor all those who have died since our last All Saints’ Sunday. If you have lost a loved one this past year, please contact the church office and, if possible, send a photo to be included in our service.

Pancake Breakfast – October 30

Plan on coming to Church hungry **on October 30** and join us anytime **between 8:00am and 11:00am** for delicious pancakes. We’ve gone to the farthest corners of the world to find the absolute best pancake chefs in the world, and it turns out we have them right in our own Church. Better yet, invite a friend or two to join you that morning. Even better yet, enjoy your pancakes while you sit in on one of our adult Sunday school classes, to be held that day in Jorgesen Hall. Cost for regular attendees is \$4 per person. Guests are free.



NURSERY VOLUNTEER

We need a volunteer to serve in the nursery **on two Sundays, October 16th and October 23rd from 8:15—11:30 am.** Please contact Pastor Carol.



Rides Needed

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.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
REFRESHMENTS**

- October 2 UMW Board
- October 9 Esther-Priscilla Circle
- October 16 Esther-Priscilla Circle
- October 23 Esther-Priscilla Circle
- October 30 Discipleship

Served 9:00 - 9:30 am in the Parlor.

**Humboldt Park Food Pantry
and Meals Ministry**

On the **second Saturday of each month**, we shop at Aldi's for replenishing the HP pantry. On the **third Sunday**, a meal is prepared and delivered. How to help? Give your time and join the crews; or, shop for pantry items to place in the bins; or, give a monetary donation. Questions? Contact Lorie Bartel (847) 370-4455

Media Help NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to take one Sunday each month to press "spacebar" on our media presentation for worship. Dave Smail will train all interested persons from 9—11 am on Saturday, October 29 in the Sanctuary. Come and learn how you can be involved in this important ministry!

Brickwork Is Still 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, to getting this work done? Simply designate "brickwork" on your contribution. Many thanks!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

will meet on October 3, 17, & 31
at 1:00 pm in the Parlor.



Contact Dorothy Silver or
Marilynn Fisher
for more information.

Sunday Supper Ministry

Starting at 2 pm on **Sunday, October 30**, we will be preparing and serving a meal for some of the under-served in Park Ridge. This meal will be cooked in our kitchen and served at St. Paul's Catholic Church, home of the Sunday Supper Ministry, sponsored by the Park Ridge Ministerial Association. Look for the signup sheet by Grant Place -- many hands are needed for cooking, delivering, and serving.

HUMBOLDT PARK MEALS MINISTRY

Sunday, October 16

Will be cooked by Miriam Circle

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>

Boy Scout Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 15

8 am—1 pm

Jorgeson Hall

Vitamins and Weight Loss

Park Ridge Multi-Med will present a program on vitamins and weight loss on Wednesday, October 12, at 7 pm in the Parlor. All are invited.

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 in the Library.**

UMW General Meeting

Saturday October 8 at Noon

Briana Jungnickel

will talk about her experiences as a Rotary exchange student in Australia.

Lunch and program \$8.

Susanna hostesses.

Call Katy Hansen for reservations.

(847) 825-1847

All are welcome!



Adult Mission Day



Join us on **Saturday, November 5** as we travel to the **Chicago Food Depository** to lend our hands in repacking food. Opportunities include repacking bulk products to individual/family sizes, assembling boxes with assorted food, checking expiration dates and labeling and gleaning products. Meet in the parking lot by 8:00 am for carpooling. Return about 1:00 pm.

NOTICE

The Adult Mission Day to Jarvis Park on October 8 has been canceled.

NOTICE

The Emergency Preparedness training scheduled for October 1 has been postponed.

UMW Board Meeting

The UMW Board will meet on **Thursday, October 13 at 10:30 am.** .

Youth Mission Trip Celebration

All are invited to come to our mission trip dinner on **Sunday, October 9 from 5 -7 pm**

for more stories, pictures, and wonderful meal!

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 per person or \$30 for a family,

and they may be purchased at the door

or in advance from Pastor Carol.

Stockholders and their families are complimentary guests at the dinner.



NILES-PARK RIDGE CROP WALK IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

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 in Park Ridge, during which its local church walkers have collected \$320,000 to provide disaster relief and fight hunger locally and around the world.

One quarter of all proceeds go to the Maine Township Food Pantry, and the local need has never been greater. Pantry coordinator Carol Langan reports that she has been assembling and distributing food boxes at the rate of nearly 300 a month, and that non-perishable food donations are always welcome..

Step up and be a Crop Walker, or support an FUMC walker with your donation or pledge! Pledge forms will be available at church between services in the parlor, or call Ed Hansen at 847-825-1847. Or donate to a FUMC Crop Walker online...

https://secure2.convio.net/cws/site/SPageServer?pagename=events_find

And... a special CROP WALK fundraiser on Tuesday, October 4th:

Mention the Niles-Park Ridge Crop Walk while dining at RIGGIO'S RESTAURANT, 7530 W. Oakton! They will donate 15% of your bill.



CELEBRATING HOPEFEST!

Thank you to everyone who participated last Sunday in Hopefest. Our church was an outstanding witness to the love and hope we find through faith. Special thanks to Al Bartel, Lorie Bartel, Ed Hansen, Donna Darr, Pastor Rich, Pastor Carol, Judy Mendoza, Dave Smail, Roger Crawford, Lisa Shewfelt, Alice Crawford, Don Olson, Helen Billings, Dorothy Silver, David Dyer, Adrian Hill, and Marilyn Fisher for your leadership roles serving on the planning team for Hopefest.



A Snapshot of what we accomplished together:

- 600 Thank You bags given to the 1st responders and ER medical staff made with 600 dozen cookies, 600 prayer squares and 600 Thank you note cards;
- 23 people participated in the CPR classes;
- 50 volunteers at Park Ridge Youth Campus doing yardwork, planting etc.;
- 20 volunteers at Avenues to Independence doing yardwork, planting etc.;
- 4,000 items of food donated and dispersed between 3 food pantries;
- Over 25 people visited Bethany Terrace Assisted Living in Morton Grove, choir sang, worked with residents writing life stories, decorated party room for Grandparents Day;
- 1200 people participated throughout the day;
- Over 600 people learned about improving their health and safety
- 80 units of blood donated at the two blood drive locations;
- 1400 thank you notes written to our first responders and military; and

over 200 people experienced a commemorative service at 7:30 am, which included the presentation and unveiling of the 6' steel beam from the World Trade Center.



HOPEFEST REFLECTION by Pastor Rich

Looking back on the events of the 10th anniversary of September 11, I feel a deep sense of gratitude and joy, not only about the day itself, but the process leading up to it. Nearly a year and a half of hard work and planning led up to the day, including countless meet-

ings with our sister churches and community partners. A few weeks before September 11 someone asked if I thought Hopefest would be a success. My answer? It's already a success regardless of what happens on that specific day. We had already forged a great working relationship with New Hope UMC and First UMC Des Plaines. Many church members had already been outside the walls of our church connecting with newfound partners (Lutheran General and Resurrection Hospitals, LifeSource, Avenues to Independence, Youth Center, Bethany Home, Police and Fire Departments, Salvation Army, chambers of commerce, civic organizations like Rotary and Kiwanis, to name a few.) Others of us spent many hours preparing prayer squares, baking cookies, preparing thank you cards for our first responders. Before the day arrived, we had already long been out in our communities spreading God's love in order that we could reclaim the day as a day of hope. And that we did! Praise the Lord.

NEW BEGINNINGS by Pastor Rich

As Pastor Carol mentions elsewhere in this Koinonia, lots of new things are happening here at church starting with Rally Day, October 2nd. One of those new things is a new worship schedule and style. We will now have two services on Sundays, the first from 8:15-9:00 a.m. and the second from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Both services will be held in the sanctuary. The early service will be more traditional in style with piano accompaniment. The 9:30 service will feature a combined music ministry that will provide an array of music styles from contemporary to traditional.

Your pastors, music director (Matt Granger) and organist (Brett Zumsteg) are enthusiastic about working together with all of you to provide new and meaningful worship services. Meetings with the “old Jubilee” and “old choir” have also been enthusiastic as these worship leaders have embraced the desire to form one music ministry team moving forward. Worship, you know, is primarily about “worth ship”...ascribing worth to the God we love and serve. As your Pastor, I join the rest of the staff, musicians, and singers in looking forward to honoring and praising the Lord in our “new” worship services!



For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

RECONCILIATION SERMON SERIES IN OCTOBER by Pastor Rich

What images come to mind when you hear the word “reconciliation?” The Berlin wall coming down? Nelson Mandela and Bishop Desmond Tutu mending broken relationships in South Africa? Family members who’ve not spoken a word to each other in decades mustering the courage to meet and open a discussion? Scripture tells us that “God was in Christ reconciling the world to God’s self.” Not only that...as disciples of Jesus Christ we are given the ministry of reconciliation. Whatever it is, reconciliation is at the very center of God’s heart and, therefore, of our ministry!

For this reason, we will be devoting a sermon series throughout October, starting on Rally Day, October 2nd, on this topic. By “we,” I mean your pastors (Rich, Carol and Bob Campbell) and a guest speaker for one Sunday, Rev. Bonnie Beckonchrist of First UMC in Arlington Heights. We will begin by gaining a biblical and theological understanding of the broad scope and basis of reconciliation, and gradually narrow the focus to specific areas that as disciples of Jesus Christ we simply must address, including our relationship with the LGBT community. Following each sermon, you will have an opportunity to interact and dialogue with the preacher of the day during the Adult Sunday School session from 10:40-11:30 a.m. We need you, and we all need each other in this holy conversation.

Safe Sanctuary at First UMC

In order to provide a safe environment for our children and youth, First UMC has adopted a Safe Sanctuary policy. This policy provides a procedure for lay and clergy to follow if they suspect a child is being abused. This policy also creates standards for our nursery and Sunday School and programming. Some of these standards include: windows into all classrooms, 2 adults leading each class or event. All leaders who are working with children and youth must have a criminal background check run every three years. A parent/guardian must sign children in and out of childcare. If you have any questions about or would like a copy of the Safe Sanctuary Policy, please ask Pastor Carol or Maureen Koziol.



Congratulations, 3rd Graders!

Our third grade class will receive their Bibles on Sunday, October 2 as a part of Rally Day and blessing our new year. Congratulations to Rocky Daehler, Adam Ferraro, Angelo Loutos, Abigail Mendoza, Gavin Patel, and Michael Yelich! These children will receive new hardback Hands on Bibles, the same Bibles we are now using in our Sunday School classrooms.

New Sunday School Format for Children

Starting on October 2, our children's Sunday School program will make several shifts. First, the class formation will be based on age, rather than mixed age groups. The Pre-K class are the "Blessings" class, the K-2nd grade class group are the "Sonshiners" class, and the 3rd-5th are the "Discoverers" class. Each class will be using the Hands on Bible curriculum for their age group. Children will be dismissed in worship every Sunday following the children's message at the 9:30 am worship (no more First Family Worship) to go to Bobbie Fox for singing, prayers, and the Bible Story for the day. The classes will do part of the lesson for that day. Then at 10:30 am, they will transition into additional arts and crafts. Children are welcome to stay the full time until 11:30 am or to leave at 10:30 am. Also, children will be learning puppet shows, dramas, and music to participate in the 9:30 am worship service each month.

New Sunday School Curriculum for Youth

Youth will continue to meet for Sunday School at 10:30 am. The classes will continue to be separated into Middle and High School groups. However, we are beginning a new curriculum. We will be using a variety of tools to dive into the scripture lessons each week as we cover the entire Bible in the next few years!

New Adult Class Offerings

With our new Sunday schedule, the adult classes will shift. At 9:15 am, Leah Cozad will continue to lead a group, similar to the one that currently meets at 9:00 am in the library. At 10:30 am, there will be two additional adult classes that meet – in Jorgeson and in the Parlor. These classes will change periodically from now to June with a variety of topics and variety of teachers.

October 2 – 30

Conversation with the Preacher (Parlor)

Did the sermon make you think? Perhaps you would like to ask a question? Well, now you can! Join the Preacher of the day in the Parlor for additional conversation and dialogue! ALL are welcome to come and share perspectives and thoughts!

Faith Stories: Reading and Writing (Jorgeson)

Join Donna Darr and Lisa Campbell as we explore faith stories from multiple directions--learning about the forms and functions of spiritual memoir; writing and/or collecting life stories from our own church; reading excerpts from published faith stories/memoirs; and sharing what we've discovered with others in the church and larger community.



- November 6 – 13** **Finding Financial Peace** (Parlor)
What’s a United Methodist? (Jorgeson)
- Nov. 27 – Dec. 18** **Behold! A Contemplative Prayerful Advent** (Jorgeson)
Serious Answers to Hard Questions (Parlor)

Look for other exciting classes this year including: A Book Study on Love Wins, Creating and Sustaining Relationships, Momentum for Life: Making Healthy Living Choices, Unpacking the Hymnal, A Christian Understanding of Death and Dying, and MORE!

Disciple 3 on Thursdays at 7 pm

Join our class as we begin a thirty-two week study of the prophets and the letters of Paul. As we engage in daily scripture reading, we will see how God has been at work throughout history. Be prepared for video and lively discussion each week. Study manuals will be purchased for participants, but each person is asked to cover the cost of their materials. Classes begin on October 6 at 7 pm.

All New Covenant Group Option for Adults on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Bob Campbell and Adrian Hill will co-lead a small group on Wednesday evenings from now until the end of the year. This group will meet in the parsonage at 403 Grant Place. The format of the group will be similar to traditional Wesleyan Covenant Groups, which focus on sharing answers to the question “How is it with your soul?” and holding one another accountable in one’s spiritual walk.

Wednesday Morning Bible Class

This study group meets each Wednesday morning at 8:00 am in the Parlor to discuss how the Bible relates to every day life.

Scripture and Song

This group meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 1:00 pm in the Balcony..Come to sing some hymns and read some scripture.

Soup Bowl, Salad Bowl, and Bible Bowl for ALL AGES on Sunday, October 2 from 5 -7 pm

Calling all children, youth, adults, and older adults! We are going to gather for some fun, fellowship, and Bible learning! We will eat together and participate in a Bible Bowl, where we are able to see if in fact, you are smarter than a 5th grader! All are welcome! Bring your friends and neighbors!



CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!!

Please plan to stay after Sunday School at **11:30 am on Sunday, October 2** for a brief meeting to go over goals for the year, meet the new curriculum, and fill out new background check forms. This is very important. All teachers and volunteers with children and youth should plan to attend. A family-style lunch will be provided.

OTHER SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Peace Pole Blessing will be **October 2**.

There will be a children’s **CROP walk on October 16 at 10:30 am**.
We will collect pledges and walk in the neighborhood.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF will be on **October 31**. Contact Maureen Koziol for details.

AND a very large THANK YOU! to all of our summer volunteers!



Climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro



Bucket List Opportunity! Have you always wanted to go on a grand adventure? How about for a great cause? A group of intrepid First Church members are planning to join a Global Alliance for Africa Mount Kilimanjaro climb to benefit GAA's Community Library Program in early 2012.

The trip will run from January 27 – February 12, 2012 and will include visits to the Kibosho, Tanzania and Kibera, Kenya libraries, along with a safari at the Ngorongoro Crater, time on the ex-

otic island of Zanzibar that includes a Swahili Music Festival, and the Kilimanjaro climb.

Global Alliance is also offering a non-climb option for this trip that will involve more time spent at each of the libraries. We still have space available so if you want more information, please contact Jennifer Sterling (847) 253-7178 or Judy Warner (773) 763-5518.

Thanks to the Gardeners!

We have received many compliments for our beautiful garden flowers.

Through the rains and the warm days, volunteers have tended the entry ways of our church. Thank you to all who have watered, weeded, and given time to keeping the grounds and flower pots looking great. The greenery and flowers provide a wonderful greeting to all who enter ~ visitors and home folks. Many people have taken time to sit on the benches and enjoy the nice days of summer.

Members of the garden committee include: John Morell, Helen Billings, Peggy Damrau, Mike Guidotti, Christy Hammes, Paul Hammes, John Laurin, Wilbur Mills, George Shewfelt, Anita Smith, and Trudi Winkler. **Thank you!**



Saturday, October 22

*Park Ridge
Women's Prayer
Breakfast*

THIS YEAR'S FEATURED SPEAKERS

CYNTHIA GLENSGARD OF GLOBAL HANDMADE HOPE

CAITLIN DORFF AND SUSAN BATTISTA

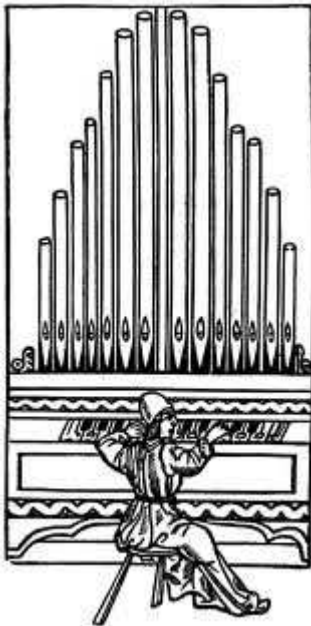
OF ST. PAUL YOUTH GROUP

Park Ridge Country Club

8:30 AM

Call 847.318.7376

For Tickets (\$25) or Information



HALLOWEEN ORGAN CONCERT

Saturday, October 29

4:00 pm in the Sanctuary

With Brett Zumsteg...

Come listen to some scary but fun music!

Pairs and Spares

The fall groupings for FUMC's popular Pairs and Spares will begin in early October! If you are already part of this "family" of folks who enjoy meeting and eating with different members of the church on a rotating basis your new groups will be sent out in a few weeks and we assume you are "re-upping" unless you contact us. If you haven't joined us yet, please call Rick Stanits for details at (847) 685-0685.

The Meditation Room

This small space off the entry of our church is open to anyone who needs a quiet place to meditate, pray or rejoice. The room is 95% done. Feel free to bring a photo (4x6) of a loved one or happy occasion you would like others to remember during their quiet time. Enjoy quiet music, candle light, view of the garden outside the windows and all the private time you need. Contact Suzanne Stanits with questions at (847) 685-0685.

Community Health Screening

Monday, October 31, 9 am—5 pm
FUMC Jorgeson Hall

Open to the entire community, invite your friends and neighbors!

Pre-registration required: (800) 324-1851

Life Line Screening: The Power of Prevention

Using painless, accurate sonogram technology to "see" plaque build-up in your arteries.

Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening is \$60

Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation) is \$60

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening is \$60

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening is \$60

Osteoporosis Risk Assessment is \$35.

OR get all five screenings for only \$149, a savings of \$126.

A PLAN FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

(...and you can have fun at the same time...)

You have probably heard that the world is in a state of economic uncertainty. That includes this Church. But never fear, we have a plan to help out. We are organizing a Service Auction for all to participate in. Proceeds will go to our operating budget to help get us back on track with apportionments as well as brick repairs and all the other things that go into maintaining the house of the Lord.

Step 1: Volunteer time and talent that you already have.

Step 2: Participate in the special Auction Event.

Step 3: Enjoy the service offered and the fellowship of shared experience.

Here's the plan —

Between October 2 and 22 we will **gather items** to auction. Items can range from an offer to babysit for 10 hours to an offer to weed the garden for 10 hours (or to design and plant the garden) to an offer of a time-share in Hawaii for a week to ... whatever you enjoy doing anyway... We will have more suggestions available from other groups who have done this in the past.

Between October 23 and November 4 we will **gather bids** on the various items. Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to participate. Bid sheets will be available in the Parlor, and you will want to check them often to see if someone is trying to out-bid you!

On **Friday, November 4**, we will have a **Service Auction Event** starting at 7 pm in Jorgeson Hall. There will be a time for “final bids” followed by awarding of the prizes. (Prizes can be fulfilled any time in the coming year, but the funds for those prizes will be collected on November 4.)

We are currently forming a committee to put all this together. If you can help, or if you just have questions, contact Dorothy Silver (847) 823-0208, Kate Kerin (847) 318-7376, or Lorie Bartel (847) 696-4135.

.... hmmm How much is my desire to polish silverware worth?



For where two or three have gathered together in my name, I am there in their midst.

Matthew 18:20





I-BEAM from Twin Towers



Health Screening

Singing at Bethany Terrace



MSHS Hawkettes teach dance routine



Yardwork at Youth Campus

Sorting Food Pantry Supplies



CPR Training



Salvation Army Food Truck



Blood Donations



Youth News



...making disciples and having a blast!

Weekly Youth Sunday School 10:30 am

October Events

Oct. 2—Soup, Salad, and Bible Bowl

Come from 5–7 pm to compete against the rest of the church in Bible knowledge. Don't worry, you know more than you think!

Oct. 9.—Mission Trip Dinner

FINALLY! We will be serving a meal to our Stockholders, family, and friends as we share pictures and stories from the summer trips. All participants from both trips are expected to attend from 5—7 pm.

Oct. 16—Youth Group: School Drama

In youth group from 5–6:30 pm, we will do some games, role plays, and bible study around school drama and bullying. We will break into age groups for part of the evening.

Oct. 23—Youth Group: Mystery Trip

Meet at church at 5 pm for a Mystery trip...you never know where we'll be going, but you won't want to miss it! Youth group will end at the usual time 6:30 pm.

Oct. 28-29—Fright Fest Lock-in

Meet at church at 7 pm to go o Six Flags for Fright Fest. Purchase your own ticket, and then we'll return to church to spend the night— more fun and games!

Oct. 30— Sunday Suppers

Come join our church team as we serve a meal at St. Paul of the Cross. We will meet at church at 4 pm to collect the food to take over and serve with the other volunteers from FUMC.

Youth Spotlight



Celia Petersen

Celia Petersen is our Youth Spotlight for October. A junior at Maine South High School, Celia has been active in our Youth mission trips for years. Celia is an artist at heart. She loves to paint, draw, and work with visuals. She is very talented at making movies, many of which have blessed our worship services. Celia has balanced schoolwork while also pursuing her career in modeling, and staying active in church and a dear friend to all. We love you, Celia! We are proud of you@

TRICK OR TREAT!?!

Dressing up for Halloween is really fun. I remember the excitement around simply selecting what I would be for Halloween each year. For an evening (or sometimes longer depending on how many parties you go to), you get to put on a mask and pretend to be something or someone else. It's fun. No harm done, right? Just remember that you are still you. At school and even at church, we may feel pressure to be something that we are not—and not just at Halloween time. God wants us to be ourselves. You are uniquely beautiful, and you never have to put on a mask to prove anything to God. Church is a place where you also do not have to pretend. We work hard to make sure that Youth group and Sunday School are places where you can feel free to be yourself without be

ing judged. You will be encouraged and held accountable, but you are loved no matter what!

If you decide to go trick or treating this year, consider taking a UNICEF box and collecting money to help others.

FUNDRAISING FOR MISSION:

In October, we will be holding a Bake Sale on Rally Day to benefit the Youth Mission fund. We will also start selling Christmas wreaths (from a new vendor). Our youth fund is about balanced from this year, so all our fundraising will go towards our mission trips for 2012. Our mission trips will probably be to Pittsburgh (Sr. High) and Springfield, IL (Jr. High).

BE SURE TO GET YOUR YOUTH CALENDAR FROM CHILL!

October 2011

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

First UMC Park Ridge

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Rally Day 8:15 & 9:30 am Worship H.P. Food Collection 9:15 AM Adult Discussion - Library 10:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 4:00 PM Service Auction - Library 5:00 PM Soup, Salad and Bible Study for everyone!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer Shawl - Parlor 7:00 PM Cub Scouts den leaders - Library 7:00 PM Inclusion class - Jorgeson 7:00 PM Fam. Anon. - Parlor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>7:00 PM Admin Council</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study Group - Parlor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p>7:00 PM Discipleship - 3 - Library</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">7</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>9:00 AM H.P. Food Delivery 12:00 PM UMW Luncheon - Parlor & Kitchen</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p>8:15 & 9:30 am Worship 9:15 AM Adult Discussion - Library 10:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 5:00 PM Youth Mission Trip dinner - Jorgeson</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p>1:00 PM Scripture & Song - Balcony 7:00 PM Inclusion class - Jorgeson 7:30 PM Fam. Anon. - Parlor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p>7:00 PM Council on Ministries - Parlor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study Group - Parlor 7:00 PM Park Ridge Multi-Med program - Parlor*</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>10:30 AM UMW Board - Library 7:00 PM Discipleship - 3 - Library 7:00 PM Toast-Masters - Fireside</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p><i>Koinonia info due</i> 5:00 PM Boy Scout rummage sale setup 6:00 PM Staff Meeting - Parlor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>8:00 AM Boy Scout rummage sale</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>8:15 & 9:30 am Worship Crop Walk* 9:15 AM Adult Discussion - Library 10:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 11:45 AM PRC - Library 1:30 PM Humboldt Park Meal - Kitchen 4:30 PM Cub Scouts - Jorgeson 5:00 PM Youth Group</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p>1:00 PM Prayer Shawl - Parlor 7:00 PM Inclusion class - Jorgeson 7:30 PM Fam. Anon. - Parlor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p>7:00 PM Trustees mtg - Parlor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p>8:30 AM Bible Study Group - Parlor 7:00 PM Finance - Library</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">20</p> <p>7:00 PM Discipleship - 3 - Library 7:30 PM Boy Scouts Troop 1 Leaders - Parlor</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">21</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p>8:30 AM Park Ridge Women's Prayer Breakfast - Country Club* 2:00 PM Service Auction setup - Parlor</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p>8:00 AM Service Auction Begins 8:15 & 9:30 am Worship 9:15 AM Adult Discussion - Library 10:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 5:00 PM Youth Group 5:00 PM Cub Scouts - Jorgeson + Kitchen</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>1:00 PM Scripture & Song - Balcony 5:30 PM Boy Scouts Court of Honor - Jorgeson & Kitchen* 7:30 PM Fam. Anon. - Parlor 7:30 PM Lydia Circle</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p><i>Koinonia mailed</i> Montessori decorating Jorgeson 10:00 AM Esther-Priscilla Circle - Parlor 7:00 PM Park Ridge Multi-Med program - Parlor* 7:00 PM Susanna Circle</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p>Montessori decorating Jorgeson 8:30 AM Bible Study Group - Parlor 7:00 PM Miriam Circle - Offsite</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">27</p> <p>Montessori decorating Jorgeson 7:00 PM Discipleship - 3 - Library 7:00 PM Toast-Masters - Fireside</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p>5:30 PM Montessori Halloween Party <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">7:00 PM Youth Fright Fest Lock-in</div></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p>9:00 AM Media Training Session - Sanctuary 4:00 PM Halloween Organ Concert - Sanctuary</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p>8 am Pancake Breakfast - Jorgeson & Kitchen 8:15 & 9:30 am Worship 9:15 AM Adult Discussion - Library 10:30 AM Sunday School for all ages 2:00 PM St. Paul Sunday Supper</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">31</p> <p>Trick or Treat for UNICEF 8:30 AM Lifeline Screening - Jorgeson* 1:00 PM Prayer Shawl - Parlor 7:30 PM Fam. Anon. - Parlor</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

GUEST PREACHER ON OCTOBER 16

Welcoming Rev. Dr. Bonnie Beckonchrist



Reverend Bonnie Beckonchrist, Lead Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights, Illinois and Vice President of the Board of The Reconciling Ministries Network, a national grassroots movement for love and justice, working for a fully inclusive United Methodist Church, will preach at First United Methodist Church, of Park Ridge at our 8:15am and 9:30am worship celebration on Sunday, October 16th. Rev. Beckonchrist will explore the biblical witness of "God's Wide Welcome." At 10:30am an opportunity for a "Conversation with the Preacher" will be available for those who want to expand their welcome quotient.

Beckonchrist received her Master of Divinity degree from Garrett Evangelical Theological seminary, Evanston, Illinois and her Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in the nation's capital. In addition, she holds a certificate from the denomination's Academy of Preaching and a certificate in Congressional Development and Redevelopment from Duke Divinity School. Ordained for 29 years, she has led two congregations, one small urban parish and one large suburban congregation, to become Reconciling Congregations.

Reconciling Ministries Network is a growing movement, with over 474 congregations and communities, working to remove the discriminatory policies of the United Methodist Church denomination and welcome all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. "The Christ I follow and proclaim," says Beckonchrist, "leads us to the practice of radical hospitality and extravagant grace!"

ALL ARE WELCOME!