



Faith United Methodist Church

432 59th Street

Downers Grove, IL 60516



“Wild Goose Chase” Sermon Series

Based on book by Mark Batterson

(7 Weeks) starts Sunday, Sept. 4 @ 10 AM

IMPORTANT DATES

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| 9/8 | Senior Fellowship – 11:30 AM | Blueberry Hill |
| 9/11 | All-Church Picnic at Faith Church | 11:15 AM |
| 9/15 | JOY Fellowship – 1 PM | Library |
| 10/2 | World Communion Sunday | |
| 10/12 | Church Conference – 7 PM | Sanctuary |
| 10/13 | Senior Fellowship – 11:30 AM | Golden Bowl |
| 10/16 | Laity Sunday & Favorite Hymn Sing | Sunday |
| 10/20 | JOY Fellowship – 1 PM | -Library |
| 10/29 | Trunk or Treat | |

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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| 9 AM | Sunday School for All Ages |
| 10 AM | Worship Service |
| 10 AM | Children’s Church |
| 11:15 AM | Fellowship |



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ECHOES OF FAITH

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Fall is around the corner. I already could feel the fresh air in the morning and evening. It is a time for us to prepare for a new season. My family and I already began a new season in ministry and life since we came to Downers Grove this summer. We have been busy to adjust to a new community, as well as a new church, Faith Church. I am so grateful to SPRC, Trustees, and the congregation for helping our transition go smoothly. I feel so blessed to be a part of the faith community of Faith Church when I see and meet welcoming faces and experience open and warm hearts of the congregation. I am still learning various ministries and getting to know each one in the Faith Church family.

During the summer we had two sermon series called “God Provides” and “I Am.” The worship committee helped and guided me in the planning of worship services and the praise team and the accompanists helped our worship services to be more inspiring. Beginning September 4, we will start seven weeks of a new sermon series called, “Wild Goose Chase.” This sermon series is based on Mark Batterson’s book, “Wild Goose Chase: Reclaim the Adventure of Pursuing God” (2008). Mark states that Celtic Christians had a name for the Holy Spirit – An Geadh-Glas, or ‘the Wild Goose.’ Much like a wild goose, the Spirit of God cannot be tracked or tamed. An element of danger, an air of unpredictability surrounds Him. “Wild Goose Chase” typically refers to a purposeless endeavor without a defined destination. But chasing the Wild Goose is different. The promptings of the Holy Spirit can sometimes seem pretty pointless; but rest assured, God is working His plan. And if you chase the Wild Goose, He will take you places you never could have imagined by going on paths you never knew existed. During this sermon series, we will explore six cages that keep us from roaming free with the Wild Goose and living the spiritual adventure God destined for us: the Cage of Responsibility, the Cage of Routine, the Cage of Assumptions, the Cage of Guilt, the Cage of Failure, and the Cage of Fear. Along with this sermon series and the book, I am going to lead both Women’s Bible study beginning on September 7 (Wed.) and Men’s Bible study beginning on September 10 (Sat.) I invite you to come to church and to listen to this sermon series and to join in the Bible study so that we can grow together and find God’s will for us.

I have visited several members who were in hospitals, rehabs, or home. It is my joy and privilege to visit them and to share faith life and God’s words with them. It is also one of the ways to get to know each other better. I enjoyed meeting the Faith Church family at the Senior Fellowship luncheon, at JOY Fellowship, at the small gathering of ‘Meet with Pastor’ and during the fellowship time after church. I hope I can have more chances to meet you and know more of you in our faith journey together at Faith Church. If you have any questions in ministry and life or if you need any pastoral care or visits, please feel free to contact me.

I want to be with you whenever, whatever, and whoever you are — laugh together, weep together, sing together, pray together, eat together, and worship together.

From this month on, this newsletter, 'Echoes,' will be issued every other month. So this month's Echoes informs you of the upcoming worship and church events in September and October. I hope this newsletter will be one of the important means of communication as we share our ministry and our stories through 'Echoes.' I would like to highlight several upcoming worship and church events during the next two months: All-Church Picnic has been scheduled on September 11. Please wear your favorite sport team jersey and invite your family members and friends. On September 18 our youth members will take the main leadership, including ushers, scripture reading, and praise band, and Mike Abron, Director of Youth ministry, will share a message. We will have a time for the dedication of the church restrooms, recognizing the trustees' hard work for the project during the service as well. On September 25 and October 30 there will be the children's moment during the service, including children's message and singing. This year's church (charge) conference has been scheduled on October 12 (Wed.) at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to the meeting. October 16 is Laity Sunday, and Mel Gehrs, Chair of Administration Council, will share a message. We will sing our favorite hymns during the service.

As we enter into a new season — a new season of life and ministry — we need to have more time to discern God's will and direction in our prayer and meditation of God's words. This is a basic and fundamental element in our life and ministry. Please take a moment of prayer and reading the scripture for few minutes every day. Please include the Faith Church ministry and family in your prayer. Let us meet God during this time of prayer and God's words. Let us feel and experience God's presence and grace in our lives. Let us deep dive into God's leading grace, trusting in His faithfulness and making ourselves available for God's kingdom work in Faith Church and beyond. Thanks be to God!



Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Charles

Pastor Charles
Blessing of the Backpacks, Aug. 28, 2016

October is Pastor Appreciation Month **Charles Yoon—Pastor**

Try these guaranteed pastor pick-me-ups.

1. Write a note telling the pastor how good a particular sermon was.
2. Invite others to church. Nothing says "The pastor is doing a great job" louder than asking your friends and business acquaintances to visit. Be sure to introduce them to the pastor after the service.
3. Pray for your pastor and his family daily. Take a few minutes to pray with your pastor whenever he is available during the week.
4. Remember birthdays and anniversaries of each member of the pastor's family. Find reasons to celebrate, like the anniversary of your pastor's arrival at your church as well as other memorable milestones.
5. Drop a note or humorous card in the mail to your pastor for no other reason than as a day brightener.
6. Find opportunities to tell people about your church and what you like about it. It's one of the greatest compliments a pastor can receive.
7. Let your pastor know when you have received a spiritual insight or breakthrough as a result of his or her teaching and preaching.

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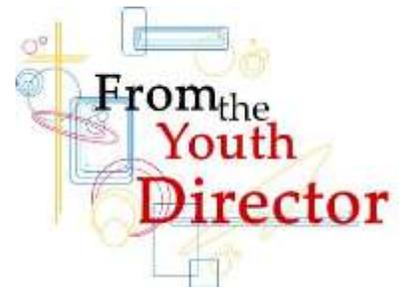
YOUTH MINISTRY

Curriculum Overview

Book Title: "The Way: Walking In the Footsteps OF Jesus"

By Adam Hamilton

Duration: September-December 2016



This curriculum will last from September-December 2016. It has been created from scratch and designed for the youth and college age young adults, based off the 6 week study and book called, The Way by Adam Hamilton. We are going to study the life challenges, focus, ministry, and suffering of Jesus as the son of man, and the son of God. We are going to watch Jesus as he set the ultimate pattern for all his followers, from those who were alive on the earth during his life and ministry, for us in modern time, and for every believer that has not yet been born into the earth realm.

The focus of the study will be:

- To understand the life and challenges of Jesus as he walked on earth in a human body, and how he continues his life through those who follow in path today.
- To understand the authority, acceptance, and rejection of Jesus's healing ministry.
- To understand what Jesus communicated about the kingdom of heaven, also how things look when his kingdom is manifested in the earth and when it is not.
- To see and understand Jesus as the son of God, and son of man. To give an understanding of his protection of those who follow him, his authority over nature, and even gravity itself.
- To reveal the mind and heart of God concerning those who follow him, including the church/religious people of Jesus day who have been forgotten or ignored. We will also learn ways from Jesus how we can stop and prevent this from happening in our day.
- To see Jesus demonstrating the undeniable act of sacrificial love even for those who hated and despised him. We will also learn from Jesus's example about the challenges of doing what God want us to do for the benefit of others and not just focusing our energy on benefiting ourselves. We will also learn what it means to partner with the Holy Spirit to keep our lives aligned with God's will, even when that means we may have to lose something dear to us.

Below is a list of tentative events, outings, and missional activities which available youth/young adults are invited to participate in for the months of September and October. Information for the months of September- December can be viewed on the youth and college ministry board.

September:

- Sunday 4th Youth Night At Yorktown Mall (Labor Day Weekend)
- Sunday 11th Church Picnic
- Sunday 18th Youth Director Speaking

October:

- Sunday 2nd Downtown Downers Grove Missional Outreach
- Sunday October 23rd Meeting With Mission/Evangelism committee (Youth/College Members Are Invited)
- Saturday 29th Trunk OR Treat

Mike Abron, Director of Youth Ministry



Children's Ministry

Matt Gressett, Director of Children's Ministries:
childrensdirector@faithchurchdg.org

Starting this month in Sunday School the children will learn about Joseph, his multi-colored coat, his brothers' jealousy, and the (mis)adventures that ensued because of that jealousy all the way up to his gaining favor with Pharaoh and saving his family from famine.

In October we will continue the story and learn about how God rescued his people from Egypt. The children will learn about Moses, the burning bush, Passover and how the God used Moses to lead the Hebrew people out of captivity.

And in November the story will move on to what happened after everyone left Egypt as the children learn how God provided for his people as they wandered in the wilderness before proceeding on to His promised Kingdom.

Sunday School Schedule:

UNIT 1: Joseph's Journey

Sep. 4 – Joseph and His Brothers
Sep. 11 – Joseph in Egypt
Sep. 18 – Joseph Saves the Day
Sep. 25 – Joseph and His Brothers Reunited

UNIT 2: Freedom

Oct. 2 – The Baby in the Basket
Oct. 9 – The Burning Bush
Oct. 16 – Moses and Pharaoh
Oct. 23 – Crossing the Sea
Oct. 30 – Songs of Joy

UNIT 3: God Provides

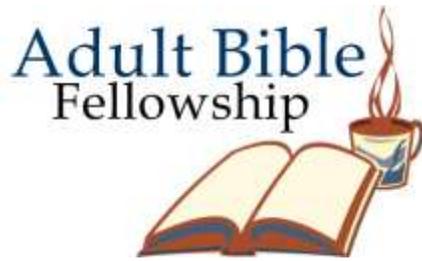
Nov. 6 – In the Wilderness
Nov. 13 – Ten Commandments
Nov. 20 – A House for God
Nov. 27 – The Peaceable Kingdom

Also beginning this month, Children's Church will be a little different. The format will be changed up to more mirror an actual church service and the children will start to learn what it means to be in "big church." We will start off by talking about what it means to be a part of the Body of Christ and the Church, then, we will begin examining the Lord's Prayer followed by the Apostle's Creed. We will take each one line-by-line, unpacking them and learn just what we mean when we recite this prayer and creed.

Lastly, this month we will kick off Parents' Night Out! Let's face it; sometimes even parents need a break. This night will be once a month on either the third or fourth Friday of each month. It is a night to give you parents a few hours of break time from being parents. The kids will play games, watch movies, and enjoy snacks while you go out to dinner, just sit at home in peaceful quietness, or do whatever you want! See schedule below.

Parents' Night Out Schedule:

September 23 (7PM-9PM)
October 21 (7PM-9PM)
November 18 (7PM-9PM)



New ABF Class
Starts Sun., Sept. 11
@ 9:00 AM in the Youth Room
“Earn. Save. Give.”
by James A. Harnish

John Wesley boils fiscal responsibilities down to just three rules: Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can. Sounds simple, right? Yes, but not easy, especially in today’s culture of consumerism. This twenty-first century translation of Wesley’s money management philosophy will give everyone in your congregation—children and teenagers as well as adults of any age—a new way to think about money, not only during your stewardship program, but for the rest of their lives.

This is a 4-week class led by Bruce Denby. Books are available for purchase. Please ask Bruce or Sharon for details. Digital downloads are available from Amazon, iBooks, or Google Play.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

We welcomed Pastor Charles and his family to his new appointment here at Faith UMC. Having moved in on June 30, we hope this transitional time has gone well for the Yoon’s and the congregation. August 23, 28, and September 8 are times you may want to join a “Meet the Pastor” event here at the church. See sign-up poster in the narthex.

Pastor Charles, Don Hayward and Barb Lynch attended a Northern Illinois Conference Pastoral Transitions Seminar on Saturday, July 23, at Lombard: First UMC. Bishop Dyck helped us to understand the process of appointment, saying our “goodbyes,” welcoming our new pastor and his family, and beginning the process of building this new relationship. During lunch we had an informative laity Q&A with the cabinet. Our afternoon was spent with Rev. Young-Mee Park, Dekalb D.S., exploring “cultural competence.” We examined our own values and preferences through several activities designed to help us recognize that mindset + skillset = competence. Something for you to think about: Every encounter is cross-cultural! Jesus was all about this!!

In September a two-hour workshop, “Rule of Christ,” will be presented here at Faith. You will be receiving more information about this workshop very soon. Please plan to attend.

Barb Abarro has been hired as our new Coordinator of Music. She will be directing the choir, planning for Christmas and Easter, coordinating the schedules for our various volunteers and accompanists, and planning together with Pastor Charles for our times of worship and celebration.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Lynch, Chairperson



2016 NIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 177th session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference was held at the Pheasant Run Mega Center in St. Charles on Sunday, June 5th through Tuesday, June 7th. Bishop Sally Dyck presided for the third year. Home church was Baker UMC

in St. Charles. Pastor Duk Kwon, Sr. Pastor, and Lay Delegate, Don Hayward, Jr. attended the conference representing Faith United Methodist Church of Downers Grove. This year's theme was "Walk By Faith."

The Sunday session was a short day because attendees had to attend church. Registration was between noon and 3:00 PM. This is where we received name tags with table assignments and registration. Clergy and lay delegates split up and met in two different sessions to discuss business that pertained to each group. Our session was more like a worship service. Our NIC lay delegate leader was Arnold Rivera who acquainted us with our manual.

In the evening after dinner an ordination ceremony of elders and deacons was held which was modeled after a worship service. We were dismissed and told to be back early Monday morning for Plenary Session.

At the 8:00 AM Plenary Session we set up the ground rules for the session. After opening prayer we voted on the boundaries of the floor which encompassed a certain area of the Mega Center. Our official NIC name tags were based on the registration list and qualified us to be voting members of the body. We used the standing rules of the 2015 Journal. Roberts Rules were used as the official basis to conduct our plenaries. Discussion of any piece of legislation consisted of three delegates for and three delegates against. Then the Bishop would call for a vote. Sponsors were able to withdraw or amend legislation until 6:00 PM. The budget is not put on the consent calendar because of its importance. We approved the historical reports which represent 64 pages in our book.

New legislation, which was definitely hot, was "FAIR COPS" ("Freedom through Accountability Investigation and Reform for Community Oversight of Policing Service." This was sponsored by Chicago Black Methodists for Church Renewal. They basically wanted NIC to support other faith-based organizations to reduce excessive force by the police.

The second piece of legislation was "Commission a Conference Organization Task Force." Much discussion was about who was to be on this task force. Two groups of members based on position and members selected by the NIC cabinet were to be a diverse group by gender, age, whether clergy or laity, and by race and ethnicity. Its goal was to provide "What do the local churches and ministries need that only the Conference can provide?"

A note of sadness was the closure of the First UMC of Westmont. We are happy to see that many of the active members have joined Faith UMC of Downers Grove. This author sees it is hard to take away those memories over the years since its inception in 1921. This faith-based church touched the lives of many over the years in the Westmont area. For this we are thankful.

The report of the two United Methodist camps, Reynoldswood and Wesley Woods, was most interesting to this delegate. The two camps have been deteriorating for years, but this has been turned around in the last three years. Today the camps have been updated to the 21st century standards and are in high demand for usage.

The United Methodist Foundation by their by-laws hold their annual meeting within the NIC Conference. So we as delegates participate in their meeting. It is like a meeting within a meeting. Also, it is interesting to see what the Foundation is doing for UMC.

At our next plenary we discussed the Board of Pensions with the idea of flattening salaries and increasing benefits. One thing to note is that throughout the sessions, different groups and staff reported on this as well as the budget. This year's budget is balanced. This year our budget was reported at \$6,626,961.

During the course of the two days, we had 6 plenaries. A plenary is comprised of all members entitled to be seated within the bar of Annual Conference.

There was a worship memorial commemorating elders and deacons who passed away, as well as their spouses. Also, there was a retirement service. This year Pastor Duk Kwon retired. In the past, Jeff Baer retired. So in my eleven years as a delegate, two pastors retired from Faith Church.

Like any other Annual Conference, we always have a Bible study. From year to year they have varied. We studied Hebrews 11, 12, and 13 on Monday and John 5 on Tuesday. They were conducted by Drs. Jack Seymour and Margaret Ann Crain. Each year there is a different teaching style which makes it very interesting as well as informative.

In my opinion, many of the presentations and groupings of legislation were customary, necessary, or mandatory by the Discipline. The current Bishop, Bishop Sally Dyck, has learned how to group things and make presentations shorter. She opened the Annual Conference and made it "delegate and elder friendly."

Usually I write on the inclusive issue. Well, it was this year that this matter was brought before General Conference. This meeting or conference decides the rules of the church in which we call the Book of Discipline. This year, delegates from the NIC went to Portland, Oregon, in May.

To quote Rob Renfroe of Good News move, "The evangelical coalition now clearly forms the majority viewpoint with the United Methodist Church." The legislation regarding sexuality and marriage was defeated. This consisted over 100 pieces with Methodism growing rapidly in Africa and declining in the United States. By General Conference time in 2020 more United Methodists will be living in Africa than in the United States.

My view is that the traditionalists who support Biblical views and support the Discipline gained strength. For us that is a good thing. Much information was taken from the *Good News Magazine, May-June*.

I appreciate being your candidate to Annual Conference. As information comes available, I will share it with you. Next year's Northern Illinois Conference will be held at the same location on June 4-6, 2017.

Don Hayward

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

Dear Faith Family,

We thank God for you and for your investment in our ministry in the Bible translation movement!



PRAISE:

- John is thankful that the tech-crew from the Americas team was able to solve his wife and other computer issues -- long distance from Dallas, TX. This was so helpful, since we both work remotely.
- We praise God for our health and strength that allows us to continue serving in our ministry with Wycliffe and in our local church.
- We are also excited to share the message in the video ["Not Finished Yet!"](#), about progress toward the completion of the Anjam Old Testament. The Wycliffe couple who work among the Anjam became our friends while we served in PNG, then later were in the same ABF at our Duncanville, TX church!

PRAYER:

- During the next two weeks John will be picking up the responsibilities for a couple of his co-workers while they are on vacation.
- Ongoing request: Please pray for wisdom for Luci and her communications colleagues as they gather and report stories that build good partnerships for posting on the SIL website and Facebook.
- Please pray for wisdom and for people-discernment skills for John who was recently appointed Vice President by the Board of our condo association, Recently the re-roofing all 26 duplex units has begun, and the Canadian "snow-bird" President will be out of country until December.

I just opened this email message from a translator friend and I had to pass this along, for your encouragement and for your prayers, as the Lord prompts. Keith and Wilma have worked for many years with the San Blas Kuna people in Panama, where the complete Bible in **Kuna** was made available in 2015.

"This is an exciting day in Panama - tonight and tomorrow night the Jesus FILM in the Kuna language will premier in one of Panama City's major theaters. How grateful we are for the ministry of Campus Crusade (CRU.) For months their team has worked with the Kuna to record the sound track and lip synch the audio.

THIS WEEK and in coming days Kuna communities throughout Panama - in the city, on the San Blas Islands and in mainland communities - will see the life of Christ and will hear Jesus speaking in their language!

A message came yesterday from the CRU Team which is currently in Panama City --

"...a Kuna pastor...told me that the theater capacity will not be sufficient for the number of Kuna people who have already obtained tickets for the Premier. Little ones will need to sit on the floor."

Please pray for the impact of the film. May many Kuna come to Christ and may the spiritual life of Kuna believers be enriched and strengthened."

In His grace and peace,
John and Luci Tumas
Wycliffe Bible Translators

Put Your Trust in the Lord

By Don Hayward

The other day I was reminded by a new Christian that she got affirmation of the Lord through something here on earth. My memory is slipping because I now remember that I had a similar experience which I had not thought about in a long time. God puts things in our lives to remind us of His divine being and presence in our day.

We struggle with things which we should turn over to God immediately and let Him be our divine guide. Sometimes the Lord has to give us a nudge or a gentle reminder to get our attention. God has His unique way of doing this.

Below is an explanation of how I personally experienced the Lord here on earth. First of all we need to set the stage by turning back the clock eight years to 2008. During this time I worked for the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County as a seasonal worker doing much of the same work as the college kids who had summer jobs. This was my first job after my initial retirement in January 2000.

Today was different because we were short full-timers and the seasonals would have to step in and do the role of the full-timers and do what they would normally do. I was selected to take the place of an absent full-timer. Al thought that I was the man for the job. Panic struck me because I had always had this safety net of the full-timers taking the brunt of responsibility. This was my first mistake!

My comfort zone of being a ride-along seasonal was broken. My assignment was the north area, real tough preserves because of their high usage. Later that morning I arrived at Cricket Creek Forest Preserve. Standing in the meadow was a big buck deer. Usually in the heat of the day you do not see deer. He had moved to a shady area closer to the shelter.

I sat in the truck admiring the grandeur of this animal. Momentarily he was startled and raised his head from eating to look right at me. Our gazes at each other seemed fixed for almost a minute. There I saw the face of the Lord. God used this deer to remind me that He was with me and would be my guide.

After this, I could do no wrong at all. My confidence level went from zero to 100 percent. At that point I realized my day was going to be successful. My faith level was very low. Satan thought he had me with low self-esteem. The sad thing is that I should have turned my situation over to the Lord upon receiving my assignment. As I pulled out of the preserve, I could see the face of the deer looking again in the side-view mirror of the truck.

After many years I came upon the appropriate scripture for this situation. Hebrews 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him."

In my case, yes I was a believer who was not all in the program. Monday morning quarterbacking would tell you that I should have put my trust in the Lord when Ranger Al told me I was in charge. It is easy hindsight, but it would have saved me a lot of anguish. God did not give up. God rewarded me with "a job well done."

Many of us should turn over things to God immediately so He can be our great guide. In my case, God used the face of a deer to remind me of His sovereignty and how He can be the great helper. Many of us struggle with our faith in Him, and He needs to remind us.

One of the first steps to overcoming this faith level issue is a relationship with Jesus Christ, our Lord, who took away sins of the world. Repeat after me. "Lord, this may be a first-time relationship with your Son Jesus or a rededication with Him. Today I am turning over my past, present and future sins to Jesus so that I might be free."

Welcome to becoming a Christian today! Take the struggle out of your life by turning over issues to God and/or turning over your sins to Jesus. The time is now! The decision is yours!



From our friends...

Dear Faith Church,

We would like to inform Faith Church that we have moved to Tucson, Arizona, since Estrella and I are officially retired. Our lives have been enriched with the worship services and fellowships for some 25 years. Surely, we will cherish the pleasant memories of this beautiful congregation.

Blessings,

Estrella, Conrado and JayR Villanueva

Thank you! We want to thank everyone for the thoughtful cards at the time of my son's passing. It helps to know so many people care.

Sincerely,

Sharon Paul & family

Dear Brothers and Sisters at Faith Family, It's been two month since I have retired. I am enjoying my retirement and trying to adjust to the new rhythm of life. Myung Za still works at Central DuPage hospital, which she enjoys, so our scheduling is somewhat limited to that situation so far.

Words cannot adequately express how much we have enjoyed our ministry at Faith church and appreciate your love and kindness shown to us. Thank you so much especially for your gracious words, beautiful cards and special gifts of various kinds you have given to us at my retirement celebration.

To hear some of your reflections of our life together, and especially the song by the "Wounded Healers" quartet were deeply moving, knowing what they've been through. We kept them all in our memory and in our Florida room (the cards) and visit them often to be inspired by your loving hearts and the generous and resilient spirit.

The celebration was one of the highlights of our ministry, and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve you. We wish you all the best in your future as individuals and the church.

You are and will be in our special thoughts and prayers always.

Grace and Peace,

Duk and Myung Za

1S411 Cantigny Dr., Winfield, IL 60190

Why hold the Collection Plate?

Most Sundays I don't have a personal offering to put in the collection plate. Don, my husband, writes a tithe check and submits it in the collection plate for both of us. So why hold the plate when there is nothing to give? What comes to my mind is God gives us everything – our lives, our families, our talents, our jobs, our joys, etc. So why not accept the plate and thank Him for all we have been given. We are a Faith family. Let us worship as a family. Our purpose every Sunday is to give God honor, glory, and divine respect. No matter where we are in our life's walk, we owe Him at least a thank you in the plate.

Please join my family on Sunday to honor God in this way.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Hayward, Worship Co-Chairman



Everyone 55 years of age (older and younger) is invited to the Senior Luncheon at:

Blueberry Hill Breakfast Cafe

7340 Rt. 83, Darien

Thursday, Sept. 8th at 11:30 a.m.

Golden Bowl

6313 Fairview, Ave., Westmont

Thursday, Oct. 13th at 11:30 a.m.

If you plan on going, please call Bonnie Gentile at 630-969-3419 so she can include you in the reservation.

If you need a ride, please call Bonnie and she will be happy to arrange for someone to pick you up.

So, until then, take care and God Bless!

Everyone is invited



All-Church Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 11
at Faith Church

★Food

★Praise Band

★Games & Prizes

for Children & Adults

★Wear picnic clothes to church or your favorite sports team jersey.

★Hamburgers & Hot dogs will be furnished. Please bring a salad or dessert to share and a lawn chair.

July 2016 Financial Report

July's giving was only \$3132 per week. This was less than last year at \$3482 per week. Year-to-date general giving is on pace with last year, however, recall that we need \$15,000 more than last year to fund our expenses.

Expenses continue to be well managed. The bathroom expense is all in and has been funded from various donations and Harvest Home (last year and past Harvest Home).

Our available cash is around \$30,000.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Denby

"Wild Goose Chase" Bible Study

Women's Bible Study at 10:00 a.m.
Beginning Wed., Sept. 7th

Men's Bible Study at 7:00 a.m.
Beginning Sat., Sept. 10



This year's Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, October 12, at 7:00p.m. All are invited. The SPRC will meet at 6:30p.m. with the District Superintendent.

OCTOBER 16, 2016 LAITY SUNDAY & FAVORITE HYMN SINGING SUNDAY



On that day Mel Gehrs will share a message and we will sing our favorite songs in the United Methodist Hymnal.

Trunk or Treat Our Halloween Alternative Saturday, Oct. 29th



Wear your Halloween costume and go trick or treating among car trunks filled with candy.



All men are invited to Men's Bible Study & Breakfast on Tuesdays from 6-7AM at Omega Restaurant on Ogden Ave. Study of "Nehemiah" led by Bill Miller.

To Our Pastor

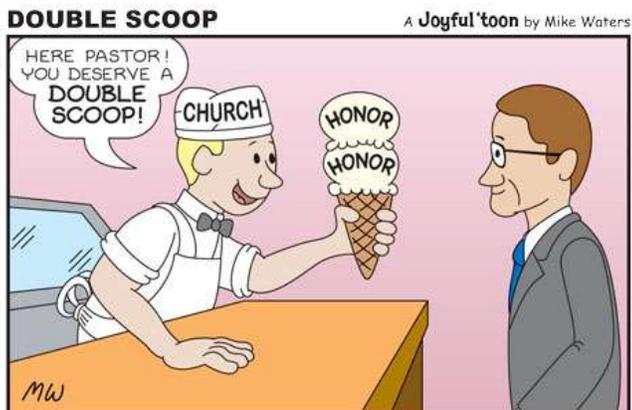
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Our God has sent you to this place
To lead us in the way
That He would have us work and think
And live from day to day.

No matter the hour; whatever the need,
You go the extra mile -
Always ready and willing to share
A comforting thought and a smile.

We're grateful that you're here with us
To teach us from His word,
And we will try to do our best
In service of our Lord.

We thank you for your ministry,
Your guidance and your care.
His greatest blessings for your life
Is our most humble prayer.



The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. *1 Timothy 5:17 NIV*

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Sarah Alcantara
Roger Pangilinan
- 02 Cort Wilson
- 05 Vivian Howeler
Ruth Chavez
- 12 Dorothy Narta
- 15 Walter Szalajka
- 17 Kate Conner
- 19 Shirley Wilson
- 21 George Welson
Diana Paulhus
- 23 Vernetta Sima
Matthew Tapia
- 25 Ceferina Francisco
- 27 Noah Alcantara
- 28 Kate Harrison
Jean Alcantara
- 29 Emilia Ledda
- 30 Obet (Geovanni) Chavez



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Bette Camit
- 04 Marianne Musni
- 05 Ruth Chavez
- 06 Nancy Gehrs
- 07 Sharon Kelly
Gareth Chavez
- 08 Garnett Chavez
Rachel Pangilinan
- 09 Kristen Yoon
- 10 Emma Deguia
- 12 Chad Scherbring
- 13 Cathy Kupisch
- 14 Priscilla Alcantara
Angelica Alcantara
- 20 Theresa Octava
Matthew Bair
- 21 Pam Whitt
Winlynn Lin
- 22 Girlie Magday
- 24 Brandy Francisco
- 26 Todd Fischer
Sylvia Tan
- 28 Joel Schoenberger
Michael Ji
- 30 Dorislinda Guillem





Methodist Open Golf Outing
Saturday, September 24, 2016
Start Time: 1:00 PM



Join us for our combined Men's and Women's "Annual Golf Outing." We will have all sorts of fun prizes for golfers of all abilities. You may also wish to invite some of your friends to join us as your guests. Make your own foursome or join one of ours!

The outing will be held at the Downers Grove Golf Club, with tee-off time beginning at 1:00 PM. The Registration Fee, which includes green fees and prize fund, is \$25 per person.

If you need more details, call Bruce or Linda Swanson at 630-969-2514. Deadline for registration is Thursday, September 15th. You may mail your registration, checks payable to Bruce Swanson (address below).

Registration Form
Methodist Open Golf Outing
Return by September 15th

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

\$25.00 Fee: Check _____ Cash _____

Please return this portion with your \$25 fee, payable to Bruce Swanson, by Thursday, September 15.

Mail to: Bruce Swanson
Pine Hollow
4116 Washington
Downers Grove, IL 60515



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