



FUMCAH NEWS

JUNE 2018

Letter from the Pastor

"What's our word?," I called out on Sunday, May 6, after Jonathan Nii and Kevin Conlee, chairs of the Capital Campaign announced the total raised so far: 1.5 million dollars in pledges and gifts. The Capital Campaign committee responded, "SHAZAM!"

It may be a word more common to comic book characters than Capital Campaign committees, but for us, it held our childlike awe at the generosity God is stirring up in our church. Several families made pledges at \$100,000 or more. One giver said he had decided to give \$20,000 but then he felt called to more than double his pledge. Shazam!

It's not just the pledges of large amounts that have moved me. Someone who told me she wouldn't be able to give to the campaign pledged \$500 a year for three years. Shazam! A couple with some financial concerns committed to a few dollars a month. "It's not a lot, but we wanted to be part of it," they said. Shazam! We received commitments from seniors on fixed incomes and from families raising kids. Shazam! We received commitments from people who are deeply involved in the life of our church and those on the periphery. Shazam!

This kind of generosity is evidence of the Holy Spirit at work among us. What might be our next Shazam moment? Where else will the Holy Spirit stretch us, push us and cause us to grow?

Pastor Melissa Earley

What?!? THAT's in the Bible?!?

Did you know that there are stories in the Bible about a talking donkey, a king who was likely the inspiration for Jabba the Hut of Star Wars, and a coin being found in a fish's mouth? Join us for worship this summer for these and other bizarre, horrible and humorous stories in scripture.

June Worship Schedule

- June 3 - Balaam's Ass - *Pastor Melissa Earley*
- June 10 - Deborah & Joel / Pride Sunday - *Liz Evans*
- June 17 - Ehud & Eglun - *Pastor Lynn Mikels*
- June 24 - Revelation / ASP Celebration- *Anthony Livoti*

Garden Grace Worship Services

Enjoy the summer sunshine without missing church! Worship first thing, then head out to enjoy the rest of your summer weekend. Come to Garden Grace Worship Services on June 24, July 22, and August 26, from 8:00 to 8:45 am. This informal worship service will include a regular person giving a short talk on "What God has done for me lately." Garden Grace will take place in the Resurrection Garden at First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights (1903 E. Euclid Ave in Arlington Heights). The resurrection garden is just off the Euclid entrance, to the west of the parking lot. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket (folding chairs available upon request) and enjoy this simple summer worship service.

Speakers: June 24 - Chris Mier | July 22 - Grace Baldino | August 26 - TBA

Summer Office Hours

June 1 - August 31

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

June Mission - United Methodist Global AIDS Fund



At the beginning of 2016, approximately 37 million people around the world were living with HIV or AIDS. Young people and particularly women are increasingly affected - nearly half of all AIDS patients are women. And each day, 700 babies are born HIV positive. Mother-to-child transmission of HIV (MTCT) can be reduced to below 5% when women have access to testing, counseling, and treatment. But access is often difficult.

The UMC Global AIDS Fund (UMGAF) began in 2004 as a response to the global AIDS pandemic. Grants are provided to global projects that provide education for prevention and/or care for those who are infected with HIV or AIDS. As of 2016, funding for 287 Christ-centered projects in 44 countries had been allocated plus scores of Annual Conference AIDS projects. Of the total money raised in each Annual Conference for UMGAF, 25 percent shall be retained by the Annual Conference for programs combating HIV & AIDS in their region and/or in other global connectional projects. Advocacy for prevention, care and treatment has been a consistent focus of UMGAF through its partnership with the General Board of Church and Society which administers the AIDS Network in The UMC. The face of AIDS is changing in the world. More persons have access to life saving drugs which is reducing the number of overall deaths. But stigma inflicted by the Church and society keeps people from being tested and treated. UMGAF is the official entity in The United Methodist Church working to create an AIDS-free.

The goals of the UMGAF are: the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV; the prevention of HIV in young people and high-risk populations; increased access to HIV counseling, testing, and treatment services; and stigma reduction and psychosocial support to people living with HIV. Visit umcmision.org for more information.

Building for All – What’s Next?



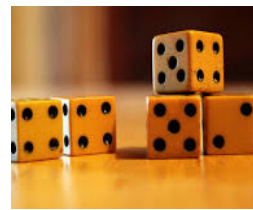
The Capital Campaign was just the beginning of our **Building for All** project. Over the next few weeks the finance committee will assess how much we have

available for the **Building for All** project, including the amount raised in the Capital Campaign, existing trustee funds, and loans. The building committee will be given the total dollars available and asked to develop a plan for work to be done. Those plans and a total budget will be presented to the congregation.

Commission on a Way Forward

As the United Methodist Church prepares for its special conference in February 2019 to move forward in the current debate over full LGBTQIA inclusion, many face confusion about what this means for our denomination and for our church. Join us for two class sessions after worship to learn more about the Commission on a Way Forward and the 2019 special conference. On June 3, at 10:45 am, we will learn about the general structure of the UMC and its decision-making process. Our June 10 session at 10:45 am will specifically provide information about the Commission and the 2019 conference. Then, join us June 11 at Kingswood UMC (401 West Dundee in Buffalo Grove) for a conversation with Bishop Sally Dyck about what to expect in 2019. Please sign up by contacting Liz Evans (elizabeth.evans@garrett.edu).

Young Adult Ministry Back-from-College Celebration June 6



All college students are invited to our Back-from-College celebration at Pastor Melissa's parsonage (1803 E. Euclid) on Wednesday, June 6 at 6 pm. We'll have dinner together and play games, and it will be a great opportunity for students to connect with Pastor Melissa, Liz, and Anthony, and reconnect with other FUMCAH college students. Please RSVP by emailing Liz Evans (elizabeth.evans@garrett.edu). Please park in the church lot.



Pride Parade June 24

The Reconciling Ministries Team invites all to participate in Pride by marching in this year's Chicago Pride Parade on Sunday, June 24. If you are interested, please contact Liz Evans (elizabeth.evans@garrett.edu).

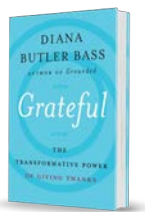
Newcomer Tour June 3

A great way to get connected at FUMCAH is to participate in a newcomer tour. Join Pastor Melissa at the welcome center on Sunday, June 3, after worship for a tour of our church building and an overview of our congregation's ministries.

Summer Sisters

If you're grateful, you're not fearful and if you're not fearful, you're not violent. If you're grateful, you act out of a sense of enough and not a sense of scarcity, and you are willing to share. If you are grateful, you are enjoying the differences between people, and you are respectful to everybody, and that changes this power pyramid under which we live.

-David Steindl-Rast



What does gratitude mean to you? In her book "Grateful", Diana Butler Bass reclaims gratitude as a path to greater connection with God, with others, with the world, and even with our own souls. In June, all women and friends of FUMCAH are invited to discuss this brand-new book. Join us on Thursday mornings, June 7, 14, 21, and 28, from 10:00-11:15 am in the Parlor. Both the discussion and fellowship are guaranteed to be heartwarming. Participants should bring a copy of the book to each meeting; we will discuss Part 1 on June 7. No registration is necessary.

Open to all, Summer Sisters gatherings are great opportunities to get acquainted with Sisters, our school-year faith discussion group which resumes in September.

Small Group Book Study



This summer, Faith in Action is partnering with Adult Faith Formation to offer a small group study on the book, "So You Want to Talk About Race", by Ijeoma Oluo. Join us for candid and constructive small-group conversations about racism. We are offering two meeting times, Sunday mornings at 10:45 am and Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. The small group study will be active between the week of June 10 and the week of July 29. We hope this will be an opportunity that will ignite a more long-term action plan related to our church's role in combating racism. If you're interested, please sign up online at go.fumcah.com/bookstudy. Contact Liz (elizabeth.evans@garrett.edu) or Pastor Lynn (l.mikels@fumcah.com) with questions.

Need a copy of a book? There is one copy of each of our summer books available in the church library. You may also find copies at your local library or order a copy from your favorite bookstore.

United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale Results!

UMW's Spring Rummage Sale was a record setter this year and brought in a profit of over \$9,400. The proceeds will go to UMW's pledge to mission. This money is used to support programs that benefit women, children, and youth worldwide.

None of this would have been possible without the generous donations of our church family, and the countless hours of hard work by our dedicated UMW volunteers and their families. We had over 50 volunteers who helped us to set up the week before the sale. It is a great deal of work! Thank you all for your support!

The success of our Rummage Sale has been gaining in recent years due to new ideas. Do you have a suggestion for our sale? Please pass along your new ideas to Jacqueline Raitano (JacquelineRaitano@yahoo.com). UMW is also looking for someone who would be interested in selling some of our valuable donations on eBay. Our previous contact is no longer selling on eBay. If you have experience with eBay or know of someone else who would like to work with us, please let us know.

Mark your calendars for our Recycled Christmas Sale which will be held Saturday, November 17th!

Anna Voinovich to be Commissioned at Annual Conference

The journey toward ordination for United Methodist Clergy is long. On Sunday, June 3, at 4 pm at Annual Conference at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, Anna Voinovich will be commissioned as a probationary elder. This is the step before ordination. The worship service is the highlight of the annual conference and typically features excellent music and preaching. It is open to the public. If you would like to carpool, please contact Mary Kay Baldino, Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Save the Date - Afternoon in Chicago July 8



Join friends from church for an informal afternoon trip. Itinerary includes a visit to the Chicago Temple, lunch, and the American Writer's Museum. Watch for registration information in the enews, July newsletter, or talk to Dick May.

Gospel on Broadway series returns in July!

Les Misérables - July 8

The July 8 service will feature songs from Les Miserables.

Les Miserables is a sung-through musical based on the novel, Les Misérables by French poet and novelist Victor Hugo. Premiering in Paris in 1980, it has music by Claude-Michel Schönberg and original French-language lyrics by Alain Boublil and Jean-Marc Natel, alongside an English-language libretto with accompanying English-language lyrics by Herbert Kretzmer.

Set in early 19th-century France, it is the story of Jean Valjean, a French peasant, and his quest for redemption after serving nineteen years in jail for having stolen a loaf of bread for his sister's starving child. Valjean decides to break his parole and start his life anew after a kindly bishop inspires him by a tremendous act of mercy, but he is relentlessly tracked down by a police inspector named Javert. Along the way, Valjean and a slew of characters are swept into a revolutionary period in France, where a group of young idealists make their last stand at a street barricade. Pastor Melissa Earley will be preaching at this service.

Moana - July 15

The July 15 service will feature songs from the 2016 animated Disney movie, "Moana".

The film features songs written by Lin-Manuel Miranda (Hamilton composer) and Opetaia Foa'i, and orchestral score composed by Mark Mancina.

The film tells the story of Moana, the strong-willed daughter of a chief of a Polynesian village, who is chosen by the ocean itself to reunite a mystical relic with a goddess. When a blight strikes her island, Moana sets sail in search of Maui, a legendary demigod, in the hope of returning the heart of Te Fiti and saving her people. Liz Evans will be preaching at this service.

If you are interested in singing any of the group numbers, please email Jeannie Workman, Director of Music (j.workman@fumcah.com). Children are also welcome to sing the group songs, especially the ones from Moana.

Rehearsal Times: Sunday, 6/3 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary; Sunday, 6/10 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary; Thursday, 6/14 at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room; Sunday, 6/24 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary; Thursday, 6/28 at 7:30 pm the Sanctuary; Thursday, 7/5 at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

"Signs and Wonders" - Watoto Children's Choir at FUMCAH

July 7



Watoto Children's Choir from Uganda is coming to present their concert, on Saturday, July 7 at 6 pm!

Watoto's heart is that the choir's music combined with the children's personal stories about how the love of Jesus changed their lives will have an eternal impact in the lives of people in your community. This choir has performed around the world including the White House, Buckingham Palace, and with Chris Tomlin on tour.

If you are interested in helping with the logistics of that day, please email Jeannie Workman (j.workman@fumcah.com). We will be serving them and sharing a potluck meal at 4:00 pm that afternoon. We hope you can attend this amazing concert. There are no ticket sales, but a love offering will be taken.



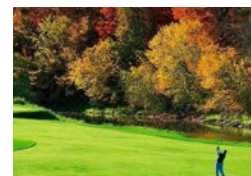
Voice Lessons

NEW! Lorena Cory is excited to become part of Studio 1903 as our new voice coach! Our 7-week summer session will begin June 6 and run through July 25 (no July 4). Individual sessions are \$30 for 30 minutes with discounts available for the full 7-week course. Recommended for ages 12 and up. Scholarships are available. Contact Lorena (lorenacory@gmail.com) for more information about pricing and scheduling.

Visit go.fumcah.com/studio1903 to learn more about our other fitness and creative classes.

10th Annual FUMCAH Golf Event & Dinner at Rob Roy

"A Milestone Event"



Registration Now Open!

Come one, come all golfers (and diners)! FUMCAH's 10th Annual Golf Event & Dinner will take place on Saturday, September 8. Join us for this milestone event, and enjoy a day of golf, folks, food, and fun! Visit go.fumcah.com/golf to register online or stop by the church office to pick up a registration form. Please contact Lee Saip for additional information (leesaipandassoc@aol.com or 630-715-9160).



VBS & Flat Romper the River Otter

Flat Romper the River Otter. Romper our 2018 Vacation Bible School mascot just arrived in the northwest suburbs. Won't you help introduce him to the area? Download the picture of Romper, color it, and take him along for summer fun! Then send us a picture of Romper enjoying all his new adventures. We'll post them on our church Facebook page. See you all . . . and Romper at VBS in July! You may color Romper any color you choose but I think his favorite color is purple.

Vacation Bible School July 9 - 12

FUMCAH invites preschoolers (must turn 3 by September 1, 2018) through sixth graders to experience the ride of a lifetime with God at Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School! This "white water rafting adventure" includes exciting new music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of life. Pick up a brochure at church or register online at go.fumcah.com/vbs2018. Romper the Otter looks forward to meeting you!

The rapids are running Monday through Thursday, July 9-12, from 3:00-5:15 pm. There is no fee; VBS is priceless.

We need you! As always, parents, grandparents, interested adults and students are invited to share the fun as guides and station leaders. Contact Pastor Lynn or visit go.fumcah.com/vbs2018 to become a volunteer

Art Camp July 16 - 19

Set your inner artist free at this summer's Art Camp, Monday through Thursday, July 16-19, 9:30-noon. Open to children (those who have completed 2nd grade, or 1st grade if attending with a parent/caregiver), youth and adults, this year's theme is "Paint It!" Participants will learn to paint with brush and non-brush techniques, on various two and three dimensional surfaces, while exploring a variety of paint mediums.

Whether a novice or experienced artist, this camp will help you develop your skills. Our leaders, Peg Frerk and Thom Frerk, are both experienced artists and teachers.

Cost of Camp is \$8.00 per individual session or \$25.00 for all four days. Register for through the church office or online at go.fumcah.com/artcamp.



ASP Game Night Fundraiser Sunday, June 3

Our game night fundraiser for ASP is on June 3, from 5 - 7:00 pm. The whole church is welcome! Play games of all kinds as Anthony brings his ridiculous collection to church. Donations will be taken at the door and pizza will be served! For more information, contact the church office at 847-255-5112 or email Anthony at a.livoti@fumcah.com.

ASP "Dads and Grads" Gift Card Sale!

Support ASP during our annual "Dads and Grads" gift card sale. Buy a gift card for your favorite graduate, father, or both, and help support our annual youth mission trip to Appalachia in the process! The sale concludes with a final pick-up on June 17.

Music Camp August 13-16



Setting the Stage staff will once again lead our amazing Music Camp, Monday through Thursday, August 13-16, 1-3 pm. Children will sing, dance and play the parts of characters

from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, performing in worship on Sunday, August 19. Registration is \$40 per child (\$20 each for additional children in the same family); please sign up by July 31. Invite your friends! Our summer programs present great opportunities to introduce others to FUMCAH.

Visit go.fumcah.com/musiccamp to learn more and register online.

Movie Night for All June 23

Get ready for this summer's Gospel on Broadway series by enjoying (or enjoying again) one of the musicals featured in the series! On June 23, 6:30 pm, you can see Moana at FUMCAH. In keeping with the theme, tropical sundaes will be served. If you wish, you can bring your own blanket or beach/ lawn chairs to further set the mood. No fee, but to help with our planning, please register online (go.fumcah.com/movienight) or contact Pastor Lynn (l.mikels@fumcah.com).

Bountiful Harvest

"Bountiful Harvest" is a time on Sunday mornings when gardeners in our congregation may bring their garden produce to our table to share with others. Money donated and any produce leftover is contributed to an area food pantry. For more information contact Nancy Duel (847-259-3793 or nduel@aol.com).

Green Corner Tip!

"Did you know that FUMCAH has a hot composter in the Fellowship Hall kitchen? You are welcome to deposit your food scraps in it from church events. This will reduce food waste and ultimately benefit our church gardens. All we ask is that you send a quick note to Christina Crusius (christina.crusius@gmail.com or (847)917-9641) letting us know you used it to ensure that the green team maintains it on an appropriate schedule. Thanks!"

March in the 4th of July Parade!



What's Red, White and Blue, and Green? The Arlington Heights' Fourth of July parade, with the Interfaith GreenPartners recycling brigade! The FUMCAH Green Team

will join partner churches (with their recycling bins) to promote recycling and green efforts in the community. Join us at the parade on Tuesday, July 4! We'll gather at 10:00 am to prepare, march the 1.5 mile parade route, and be finished by 12:30 pm. We encourage you to wear GREEN or a church hat or T-shirt, and be prepared to spend a delightful couple of hours connecting with other earth care advocates. Please contact Christina Crusius (christina.crusius@gmail.com) if you'd like to join us.

Recycle Used School Supplies! Through June 10

Do you have gently used school supplies that you no longer need? Consider being green by donating them to be reused or re-purposed! The Green Team will be sponsoring a collection at the end of the school year, between May 20 and June 10. We welcome notebooks, folders, writing utensils, office supplies and much more. Donations will be given to SCARCE (School & Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education), an organization that re-purposes and redistributes them to school children in need. We will also be sharing certain items, such as crayons, with the Haiti mission team as needed.

For a complete list of accepted supplies, please visit scarce.org/tools-for-school/. If you have questions, please contact Christina Crusius (christina.crusius@gmail.com).

Green Coffee Hour June 3

Caring for the earth works best as a community! Please join us in greening FUMCAH by participating in our Green Coffee Hour on Sunday, June 3. You are encouraged to bring your own reusable mug or cup. We will also offer china mugs, washable cups, cloth napkins, and metal stirring spoons. Composting and recycling will be available, as well as opportunities to learn more about how to partner with the FUMCAH Green Team in taking care of God's creation.

Garden Walk

June 24

The Annual Arlington Heights Garden Club Garden Walk and Unique Boutique will be held at the Arlington Heights Historical Museum at 110 W. Fremont on Sunday, June 24, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

FUMCAH is going to be a bonus garden location. We will be highlighting 5 gardens: the peace garden, rose garden, resurrection garden, native garden, and the tiered garden. Attendees will be encouraged to enjoy all of our gardens. Docents will be available for questions.

Advance tickets may be purchased for \$10 at the Arlington Heights locations of Village Bank, at the Garden Club Plant Sale on the Historical Society Grounds on June 2, or at the Farmers Market at the Master Gardeners' booth on the Saturdays prior to the garden walk. Tickets can also be purchased via credit card at ahgardenclub.com, which will include a small fee. Tickets are \$15 the day of the event. Proceeds are used to fund scholarship and community programs.

Act 2 Summer Picnic

July 28

Act 2's Summer Picnic takes place Saturday, July 28 from 3-9 pm. Join us at Pavilion #2 at Twin Lakes Recreational Area, 1200 Twin Lakes Drive in Palatine.

Plan to bring a dish to share and your choice of beverage. The only cost will be a small fee to cover the pavilion rental (estimated \$5 per person). Sand volleyball and boat rentals will be available. More details to follow. Please contact Patty Neuswanger (pattynneu@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP.

Congregation News

Baptisms

Greta Sporcich - May 20

Andie Will - May 20

Deaths

Ollie Arseneau - April 6

Merton Fish - April 28

Norman Mostad - May 5

New Members

FUMCAH welcomes our new members. Kate & Katie Compagno, Chris & Diane Mier, Brian Rowe, Janet Tyse, and our confirmands.



Kate & Katie Compagno

Kate currently works as a Sales Executive at ADP and Katie is the Director of Student Activities for Niles West. They live in Arlington Heights with their two dogs, Bogey and Charlie. They are also expecting their first child, Caroline Jane, this August!



Chris & Diane Mier

The Miers are return members. Chris works as a chief strategist for an investment firm and enjoys playing the guitar on weekends. Diane recently retired from teaching and school administration. She enjoys volunteering and working out. They have two adult sons, Keith and Neal. Chris and Diane are happy to be back at First United Methodist.



Brian Rowe

Brian is originally from the Upper Peninsula of Michigan (Ishpeming); received his B.S. in Business Administration from Northern Michigan University (“NMU”) and Master of Information Technology from Loyola University. He is the divorced father of two grown and successful children, both living in other states.

Brian works as an IT Security Project Manager with extensive onsite engagement experience throughout western Europe, Asia Pacific, Latin America and stateside. He lives in the Chicago northwest suburb of Des Plaines. In his free time, he enjoys theater, cooking, dining out, Chicago Symphony Orchestra (“CSO”), and Ravinia.

Confirmands who became new members on May 20 (Confirmation Sunday):

Francie Bajorat

Isabela Erfort

Sam Nudo

Sally Bornhorst

Kate Hager

Matthew Raitano

Joey Breitenstein

Sylvia Merz

Greta Sporcich

Matthew Carlson

Lucia Montgomery

Andie Will

Financial Report through April 2018

April Revenue: \$73,675

Year-to-date Revenue: \$303,054

April Expense: \$63,905

Year-to-date Expense: \$272,313

We have paid four months of our 2018 apportionment total of \$85,704: \$28,568

We encourage you to consider Electronic Funds Transfer – no need to worry that you don’t have your checkbook or cash with you! And, please let me know if you’d like any help looking at your pledges and contributions on our church database, Access ACS.

With Access ACS, you can also set up contributions, through your bank account or credit card. Please consider rounding up your donation to cover the fees for this service, especially on credit card charges (2.25%). We really encourage EFTs; it’s great for household and church budgeting!

Contact Melinda in the church office with any financial questions or concerns. Thank you very much for your good stewardship in 2018!



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