



## AUGUST 2017

### Do Good – Seek Peace – And Go After It!

Those words, from Psalm 34, were our VBS 2017 motto, and by the end of the week, every one of our “Heroes” (aka Vacation Bible Schoolers) could repeat them on cue with appropriate hand motions. Throughout VBS, children discovered ways that heroes have heart, courage, wisdom and hope. These are good lessons for people of faith of all ages. While we did have specific curriculum plans for every day, like Jesus being our hero, there were also some “hidden lessons” that emerged . . . things like people of every age and stage are heroes, friends are all around us, sometimes we cry but there are people who will help us to feel better, it’s OK to move to Plan B (especially during thunderstorms).

Thank you to all of our Vacation Bible School Heroes who decorated, undecorated, played, prayed, told stories, sang songs, did science, and created masterpieces at Hero Central: the Montgomery family, Mary Kay Baldino, Mike Mikels, Kimberly Bianchini, Lisa Nelson, Eliza Siek, Allie Yoder, Jennifer Kaempfe, Anthony Livoti, Lindsey Pederson, Lauren Johnson, Elise Cory, Sue Mika, Wes Mika, Julianna Conroy, Patty Crusius, Christina Crusius, Daniel Crusius, Laura Jerbi, Peg Frerk, Sylvia Merz, Grace Baldino, Allison Anderson, Lydia Peddicord and Sarah Beth Peddicord, Linda Riddle, Emma Riddle, Thom Frerk, Barb Donahue, Sharon Nudo, Joe Nudo, the folks from St. John’s UCC who shared and delivered decorations from their VBS, and everyone at FUMCAH who prayerfully and generously supports these efforts.



By the time you read this, our decorations and materials will have made their way to Berry UMC in Chicago where they will be used in VBS at the end of August. How wonderful to be part of a sharing, caring and connected community of churches who are nurturing disciples of Jesus Christ.

Psalm 34, in The Message, also includes these words: "Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see – how good God is." How wonderful to experience God’s goodness in so many ways during Vacation Bible School.

*Pastor Lynn*

Pastor Lynn Mikels

### Worship Schedule

- August 6:** Savor the Sacraments and Name Tag Sunday
- August 13:** Gospel on Broadway : "Hamilton"
- August 20:** Gospel on Broadway : "Beauty and the Beast"
- August 27:** Gospel on Broadway : "Carousel"



## August Mission



Our mission emphasis this month is The Sammool House, which provides a safe haven for Asian immigrant women in need of assistance. The Sammool House is led by Rev. Misook Park and The Sammool Korean United Methodist Church in Mt. Prospect. The program not only provides a place for women and children to stay, but also offers career training, counseling services, medical care, and other support services to help those being served while they seek work and build a new and flourishing life for themselves and their families. The Asian immigrant women who stay at The Sammool House are more comfortable in this setting with assistance provided in their native language and where ethnic food is served, rather than in a traditional shelter where communication in English is difficult and they are offered foods they are not accustomed to. The Sammool House makes this period of

transition less stressful for Asian immigrants. It is a place of unconditional love, strength, and empowerment. The hope of those running this program is that their guests will encounter Jesus, the true host of The Sammool House, and learn to embody this love in their own lives.

## Calling All Knitters, Crocheters, and Sewers



FUMCAH's October mission is the Tree of Life Ministry which serves the Lakota Nation residing in Mission, South Dakota. This ministry feeds, clothes, shelters, and loves this tribe. Their soup kitchen provides breakfast and lunch for free, and boxes of food to help supplement the evening meal. One of their needs for October is hats and mittens. For those who knit, crochet, or sew, this is an opportunity to start making these items. Terry Passolt (tpassolt@gmail.com) has patterns to share with those who crochet and sew. Hats and mittens may also be purchased to donate. Visit [treeofliferelief.org](http://treeofliferelief.org) to learn more about the mission.

## Savor the Sacraments on August 6



On Sunday August 6, our entire worship service will revolve around our sacraments – Baptism and Holy Communion. Explore with us how these two key rituals connect us with God, one another, and the earth. Discover how they help us experience in the present both Jesus' past ministry and the future Kingdom of God. Plus, be sure to wear your name tag!

## Fall Sermon Series



Coming up in September, our worship emphasis will be “Failing Boldly”. We spend a lot of time figuring out how to succeed and how to avoid failing. Success good. Failure bad. Fear of failure has a cost and failing has its benefits. Join us during worship in September when we discover why failure might not be such a bad thing.

## Fall Plans for PADS



PADS is a community program which delivers shelter to the homeless in our community. Our church is open to the homeless on Monday nights from October through April. We provide shelter, food, and security. PADS is entirely a volunteer mission, and we need the help of the members of our congregation and the community. We are always in need of new volunteers who can give their time once a month on Monday nights/early Tuesday mornings for one of our shifts, or who can provide prepared or cooked food for our guests.

The PADS pizza party kick-off will be on September 11, at 6:30 pm, in Fellowship Hall. All volunteers and those who want to learn more about PADS are invited to attend. You will be able to volunteer to work, cook meals, or purchase food at that time. You can also sign up to volunteer at one of our Sunday morning sign-ups, September 17 and September 24, before and after church in the loggia.

New volunteers must attend a volunteer orientation, to work when guests are present, held at the Journeys office. Watch for the orientation dates in the September newsletter. All are welcome to attend orientation, even if you only want to learn about the PADS program.

Please contact Nancy Dorsey (847-956-4392 or [njdorsey@comcast.net](mailto:njdorsey@comcast.net)) if you have any questions about the PADS program or about volunteering.

## Travel Club



Do you like to travel? Do you like hearing about other people's adventures? Are you a little uncertain about what travel entails, especially as the international scene changes so rapidly? These are

some questions/comments that have emerged in informal FUMCAH conversations lately and your Adult Faith Formation Committee is exploring the idea of a Travel Club. We are not exactly sure what that would look like, but would love to hear your suggestions and ideas. Let us hear from you! Please contact Pastor Lynn ([l.mikels@fumcah.com](mailto:l.mikels@fumcah.com)) or talk to a member of the Adult Faith Formation Committee.

If you would like to share pictures from one of your own trips, please contact Pastor Lynn ([l.mikels@fumcah.com](mailto:l.mikels@fumcah.com)). The Committee is considering a mini-travelogue day at Kaleidoscope next year.

## Summer Sisters



Our school-year "Sisters" group is officially on hiatus until fall but we still want to get together – at least occasionally. On Wednesday, August 2, Mary Ann Laforet has invited us to her

home at 7:15 pm. Please contact Mary Ann Laforet ([boesels4@me.com](mailto:boesels4@me.com) or 847-870-8344) to RSVP. We'll experience a little "lectio divina" and catch up with one another.

Anita Herr will host our "pot luck salad supper – fall book selection" event. RSVP to Anita ([arherr@aol.com](mailto:arherr@aol.com)) if you can join the group on Wednesday, August 23, at 6:30 pm.

Not already a member of Sisters? Come join us! This is your chance to experience the fellowship and fine, faith-filled conversation that defines this group of women.

## Preschool/We-e Care Registration



FUMCAH Preschool/ We-e Care Program is accepting registrations for the 2017/2018 school year.

Contact the preschool to schedule a tour (847-255-5119 or

fumcps@sbcglobal.net). Visit our website for more information about schedules and fees.

## Save the Date! Intergenerational Dance Party



FUMCAH will host it's first all ages dance party the evening of October 14. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

## Student Ministry Volunteers Needed

A major way our church family can make a difference in the lives of teenagers is by participating in the student ministry. At FUMCAH, we are approaching student ministry intentionally, ensuring that everything we do has a purpose and follows the vision of the church. We need your help to make this vision a reality! Some of the roles we would like to fill in the FUMCAH student ministry are:

### High School Discussion Leaders

The HSDL is someone who is passionate about hearing students' voices and discovering new perspectives on a myriad of topics. If you like asking questions and challenging people's preconceived notions about particular ideas, then you would make a great discussion leader!

### Middle School Activities Facilitator (7th and 8th grades)

A middle school activity facilitator loves watching young minds work while having the restraint to allow the students to solve problems on their own. If you like watching students grow through challenges, struggle with each other to achieve a common goal, or enjoy seeing the "light bulb" go off as students suddenly recognize what they're learning, then activity facilitating is for you!

### Mentors

Mentors engage with individuals or very small groups of students. You meet with students to listen to what's going on in their life, to go over confirmation students handbooks with them, and be interested in your mentee's activities and faith development.

### Relationship Builder / Station Leader / Server

We are looking for a group of volunteers who enjoy spending time with students and building relationships. These roles will help facilitate unstructured time for students to spend with each other. If you like to smile, have a willingness to serve, or have a passion for games or sports, this role may be a perfect fit.

Visit [fumcah.com/student](http://fumcah.com/student) to read more about these roles and FUMCAH's Student Ministry program. Contact Anthony Livoti ([a.livoti@fumcah.com](mailto:a.livoti@fumcah.com)) with questions, or sign up to be a volunteer.

### We want to hear from you!

Do you have suggestions or feedback about Student Ministry? Please contact Anthony Livoti ([a.livoti@fumcah.com](mailto:a.livoti@fumcah.com)) to share your thoughts.



## School Supply Drive

The Missions Committee will be collecting school supplies for 34 children in the Faith Community Homes program ([www.fchomes.org](http://www.fchomes.org)). Additional items received will be donated to Northwest Compass ([www.northwestcompass.org](http://www.northwestcompass.org)), which provides emergency services and education to those in crisis in the Northwest suburbs. Visit [go.fumcah.com/schoolsupply](http://go.fumcah.com/schoolsupply) to pick an item you wish to donate. Place your donations in the collection bin outside of the parlor. Donations will be collected until August 6. Thank you for your support!



## Music Camp

While it may be “beast”ly hot outside, everything is “beauty”full at Music Camp! Setting the Stage will once again lead our Camp from August 14-18, 1:00-3:00 pm. The featured musical this year? You probably guessed; it’s “Beauty and the Beast.” Children who have completed Kindergarten and older are invited to rehearse musical selections, brief skits, and dances during camp, and perform during worship on Sunday, August 20. It’s part of this summer’s “Gospel on Broadway” series. The fee is \$40.00 per child; \$20.00 for additional children in the same family. Pre-register at the church office or contact Pastor Lynn Mikels. Everyone is invited to “be our guest” at the culminating worship celebration.



## Commonground BBQ

Saturday, August 26, 6:00 pm at the home of Carolyn and Kevin Conlee. A main dish will be provided, but bring your own beverages and a side dish to share! RSVP to Carolyn ([carolynconlee@mac.com](mailto:carolynconlee@mac.com) or 630-747-1137). Commonground is a social group at FUMCAH for parents of school age and teenage children. New faces are always welcome!

## 9th Annual FUMCAH Golf & Dinner Event

The 9th Annual FUMCAH Golf & Dinner Event will take place Saturday, September 9, at 11:00 am at Rob Roy Golf Course in Prospect Heights.

### Online Registration is now open!

Visit [go.fumcah.com/golf](http://go.fumcah.com/golf) to register online or pick up a form at the church office.



## There's an App For That!



Did you know that FUMCAH has a free mobile app for ACS members called Church Life? ChurchLife allows you to easily look up phone numbers and emails, view the calendar, and make donations with one click. Visit [go.fumcah.com/churchlife](http://go.fumcah.com/churchlife) to learn more!

### Need an ACS Account?

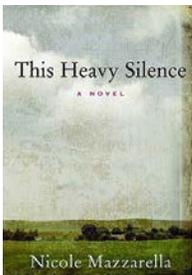
Click the "learn more" tab under ASC & ChurchLife at the bottom of our website or visit [go.fumcah.com/acs](http://go.fumcah.com/acs) for a step-by-step guide. Still stuck, feel free to contact the church office for assistance (847-255-5112).

## Church Women United Summer Event



Join CWU on a trip to the Nation Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago on Tuesday, August 15, at 9:00 am. There are three special exhibits on view: "Nuestras Historias - Stories of Mexican Identity"; "West Kings Highway: The Work of Cesar A. Martinez"; and "Placemaking & Landmarks: The Creation of Mexican Spaces in Chicago." Transportation will be provided from FUMCAH at 9:00 am. Museum entry is free, but there will be a minimal cost for travel expenses and lunch-on-your-own. Contact Melinda Kirby (847-347-6379, [jmmskirby@gmail.com](mailto:jmmskirby@gmail.com)) by August 7 to RSVP. You are welcome to invite friends.

## United Methodist Women Gathering



Join United Methodist Women for a book discussion with author Nicole Mazzarella, Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00pm in the Wesley Room. If you want to borrow a book prior to this event please contact Kathy Pollard ([kpollard325@gmail.com](mailto:kpollard325@gmail.com)). All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Childcare reservations can be made at [shunter26@hotmail.com](mailto:shunter26@hotmail.com).

## Looking for Newsletter Volunteers



We are looking for willing volunteers to help fold the monthly newsletters and attach mailing labels. Volunteers meet at the church once a month for a couple of hours. All ages are welcome. Please call the office (847-255-5112) or email Joyce ([j.hawley@fumcah.com](mailto:j.hawley@fumcah.com)) to sign up.

## Job Opportunity - Bell Choir Director



We are seeking your God-given talents as a part time Bell Choir Director to develop and expand our music ministry. You will rehearse and direct with a wide range of enthusiastic musicians, from children through senior citizens.

Schedule requirements during school year (September through May): Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 am at least twice per month. Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 pm and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Visit [fumcah.com/jobs](http://fumcah.com/jobs) for a list of job requirements. To apply, let us know your salary need and mail a cover letter and resume to [jobs@fumcah.com](mailto:jobs@fumcah.com) and to apply.



## Bountiful Harvest

Stop by our table on Sunday mornings! Bring your fresh produce to share, or select produce and give a monetary donation. Money received will be given to a local food pantry. Sponsored by the Faith in Action Committee. For more information, please contact Nancy Duel (847-259-3793 or [nduel@aol.com](mailto:nduel@aol.com)).



## Congregation News

### Baptism

July 23 - Austin Williams Metcalf, son of Grant and Hollie Metcalf, grandson of Pat and Jack Metcalf

### Deaths

July 6 - Rosa Good

July 17-Ray Schulenberg

## Financial Report through June 2017

June Revenue: \$46,692 Year-to- date Revenue: \$370,770

June Expense: \$58,487 Year-to- date Expense: \$370,355

We have paid six months (\$45,360) of our \$90,720 apportionment for 2017.

Consider Electronic Funds Transfer – no need to worry that you don't have your checkbook or cash with you! And please let Melinda Kirby (m.kirby@fumcah.com) 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 and it's great for church budgeting!

Contact Melinda in the church office (m.kirby@fumcah.com or 847-255- 5112) with any financial questions or concerns. Thank you very much for your good stewardship in 2017!



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