



July 2016

It's summertime – my Summer 2016 includes wedding planning, gatherings with church family and friends, dog walking time, VBS and Art Camp, our Crossroads gathering, a picnic or two – maybe even a vacation away from Arlington Heights. But now it will also include memories of the tragedy in Orlando. When things like this happen, we offer our thoughts and prayers - but we are justifiably being called to do more. I think Anna Voinovich, a seminarian who grew up at FUMCAH, said it very well in this part of her Facebook post:

To my religious friends, I hope we remember that prayer not only happens with our palms pressed together in conversation with God. Prayer happens with our words AND our actions. We pray when we vote, when we protest, when we serve others, when we speak truth to power and challenge injustice. May our prayers actively pursue the kingdom on earth. Also, may the prayers that we post on Facebook and share with our congregations be congruent with those that we give with our actions. If you pray for the people whose lives were lost in Orlando but fail to challenge bigotry in your denomination, hold up policies that discriminate against LGBTQ persons, the very people who were killed, or preach about "loving the sinner, hating the sin," know that your prayer is ineffective and might actually be harmful to those who hear and see these incongruences . . . .

While we may not have all the answers or strategies, we can continue to work together to discover some. We can continue to create and innovate. We can continue to be the disciples of Jesus, building God's kingdom on earth.

So this is life – filled with great joy and incredible sorrow, with deepest despair while still looking for hope. I am filled with gratitude that we share our lives with God and one another through this church. Bring your grief, bring your questions, bring your good news – and we'll reflect together on God's Good News. Yes, we will pray together but we'll also work together to transform the world. Because that is what United Methodists of FUMCAH do.



Pastor Lynn

### **Summer Office Hours**

Please note that on Fridays during the months of July and August, the church office will be open from 9:00am until noon.

## **Worship Schedule**

**9:30am**

- July 3: “Haiti Mission”  
Guest Speaker, Rev. Evens Paul
- July 10: Gospel on Broadway  
“The Music Man”
- July 17: Gospel on Broadway  
“Godspell”
- July 24: Gospel on Broadway  
“Secret Garden”
- July 31: Gospel on Broadway  
“You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown”

## **July Mission**

Rosecrance and its Launch to Life campaign is the July mission and is the 2016 Northern Illinois Conference Bishop’s Appeal offering. Rosecrance is a private not-for-profit, faith-based organization offering treatment services at more than 40 locations in Chicago, Rockford and across northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Its services include comprehensive inpatient and outpatient addiction treatment for adolescents and adults, including prevention, intervention, detoxification, therapy and family education as well as high quality, efficient and effective outpatient mental health services for children, adults and families. Rosecrance served more than 22,000 families in the past year.

Rosecrance’s Launch to Life Campaign will support Rosecrance Lakeview, a new counseling center and recovery residence under construction at Waveland and Ashland avenues in Chicago. It will be a place of healing and addiction recovery for teens and young adults from all areas of the Northern Illinois Conference. The Rosecrance vision is to offer the best opportunity for lasting recovery. Please give generously to this mission, the Conference Bishop’s Appeal for this year.

## **Rev. Evens Paul, Executive Director, Missionary, Co-Founder**

Rev. Evens Paul, our guest speaker on Sunday, July 3, received a BA in Agriculture Science from the University Christian Northern in Haiti. After meeting his wife, Karina, during a mission trip in Haiti, Rev. Evens was called by God to give back to his local community of La Victoire. Starting as a Project Coordinator for Mission Baptist Jerusalem in Pignon, Haiti, and Ground Swell International, he gathered a team together to create Sustainable Action International. Through his vision, SAI supports hundreds of students and provides education and sustainable resources to rebuild the community through faith. Rev. Evens also has a Bachelors degree in Theology. He is a current student at Garrett Theological Seminary where he is obtaining his Masters Degree in Christian Education. Rev. Evens is the father of a beautiful girl, Abbey Grace Paul, and is an ordained pastor of Store House Church of Chicago. His home church is the Bridge Community Church of Des Plaines where he serves on the worship team and plays bass guitar.

## **Missions Programs Funding**

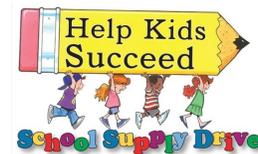
The Missions Committee will soon receive funds from the land sale proceeds to support additional missions programs. We invite the congregation to submit recommendations for the mission programs they would like the Committee to support financially from the land sale proceeds. Request forms are available in the church office. Please submit the form by July 31, to either the Missions church mailbox or to Wendy Dunnington (wadunnington@gmail.com).

## School Supply Drive

Back to school means new school supplies! Although crayons and pencils aren't expensive, a long list of school supplies for multiple kids can really add up. Please consider purchasing some extra supplies and dropping them off in the school supply bin at church. The school supplies will be donated to Faith Community Homes families and CEDA for ages kindergarten-high school. We will be accepting donations until Sunday, August 7th. Thank you!

In addition to markers, crayons, folders, notebooks and glue sticks, these are some of the most requested supplies:

Black Flair Tip Markers	Colored Pencils	Backpacks (All Ages)
Post it Notes	1 Inch Binders	Gallon Size Storage Bags
Red Pens	2 Inch Binders	Inexpensive Earbuds
Highlighters	Index Card	Containers of Disinfecting Wipes
Dry Erase Markers		



### Plan Ahead for a "Bountiful Harvest"

There will be fresh produce available every Sunday morning at the "Bountiful Harvest" table. Our home gardeners will be bringing their produce to share. Others are invited to make their selections and give a monetary donation. All money donated will be contributed to local food pantries. Stop by our table near the elevator to see what's available. We are starting the season with rhubarb. There will be vegetables, fruits, and herbs through September. Contact Nancy Duel (847-259-3793 or nduel@aol.com) for more information. The "Bountiful Harvest" table is sponsored by the Faith in Action Committee.

## Summer Reading

*No Longer Silent* by Susan Dehn Matthews

Imagine that you hear the voices of the women in the Gospels, many ignored, misrepresented, or misunderstood. Listen as they reveal the stories behind their words and actions in the Scriptures. They are no longer silent, but speak the truth about themselves as it was revealed to them by their encounter with Jesus, the one they called teacher, prophet, brother, beloved and son. This book is recommended summer reading for a discussion that will be held by the United Methodist Women on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00pm. All are welcome!

## Summer Church School

Summer Church School isn't just for kids! Parents, grandparents, and other youth and adults can help out when schedules permit, and enjoy the experience with the children. Sign-up sheets are in Room 100 and outside Room 32. While our school year teachers take a needed "break," we look to people to sign up to teach a Sunday or two. All lesson ideas and supplies are provided. Won't you lend a hand?

## Summer Crossroads Making a Difference

All 4th, 5th and 6th Graders (2015-16 school year) are invited to make a difference in our community by preparing dessert for the Summer Supper on Tuesday, July 12. Crossroads is our tween fellowship group at FUMCAH; Summer Suppers provide a meal for food insecure individuals in the community. Meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen from 1-2:00 that day to cook up a storm. Cookie and easy dessert recipe suggestions are welcome. RSVP by Sunday, July 10. Chef supervision is essential; let Pastor Lynn know if you are willing to be an adult helper!



### Summer Art Camp

Set your inner artist free at this summer's Art Camp, Monday through Friday, July 25-29, 9:30-11:30am. Open to children (those who have completed 2nd grade, or 1st grade if attending with a parent/caregiver), youth, and adults, this camp will be mixed media, as always, and our instructors have announced that they plan to "outdo themselves" this year! No art experience? Camp is the perfect place to develop your potential. Have some art experience? The camp will help you hone your skills. Our leaders, Peg Frerk and Thom Frerk, are both experienced artists and teachers.

Peg has degrees in Art and Interior Design, and has taught children and adults at the Studio in the Woods and at Kaleidoscope in Barrington. During her winters in Florida, she teaches classes for newcomers at her local United Methodist Church. Thom has his degree in Advertising and Design. He has been Art Camp Director for the City of Evanston, Artist in Residence for the Chicago Park District, and was co-director of the not-for-profit group, Friends of the Arts. Thom currently teaches art in our Studio 1903 at FUMCAH on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings, and serves in ministry as artist-in-residence at FUMCAH. We are fortunate that Peg and Thom are once again sharing their artistic gifts with our church.

Register for camp through the church office. Submitting the \$25 materials fee will reserve your spot. Just imagine what you can do! Parent/child teams (or caregiver/child teams) attending together receive a \$5 discount for each child.



### Music Camp

Setting the Stage staff will once again lead our amazing Music Camp, Monday through Thursday, August 1-4, 1:00-3:00pm. Children will sing, dance, and play the parts of characters from Guys and Dolls, performing in worship on Sunday, August 7; this will be the concluding Sunday of our Gospel on Broadway series. Registration is \$40 per child (\$20 each for additional children in the same family); please sign up by Sunday, July 24. Invite your friends! This, and other special summer programs, is a great opportunity to introduce others to FUMCAH.

### Art Exhibit

During June, our Studio 1903 artists displayed their work at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. During July, it is the teacher's turn. Thom Frerk, our artist-in-residence and incomparable instructor, will display his works in one of the cases near the Dunton Avenue entrance. Check it out!

### Vacation Bible School

Surf's up! VBS 2016 is coming Monday through Thursday, July 11-14, 3:00-5:30pm. Surf Shack VBS has everything kids will need to hit the impact zone with a deeper understanding of God's awesome power! Open to preschoolers through 4th graders (2015-16), this is a priceless program - there is no fee.



Details are available in the VBS brochure available at the church or on the website. When you sign up your family and friends, please sign up as an adult helper. All lesson plans are provided. You can help one hour, one day, or every day. You'll grow in your own faith as you lead others in discovering that "the Lord is great and awesome." (Nehemiah 4:14b)

## Picnic on the Grounds

Summer is a great time for picnics and fellowship, so grab your (or borrow a chair from church) and enjoy a relaxing meal with worship on Sunday, July 10. Our sandwiches will come from choice from a select menu for \$6-\$7; dessert and lemonade will be provided. Order your sandwich when you arrive at church and it will be waiting for you after worship. Of course, you can always bring your lunch from home if you prefer. No need to RSVP – just come and enjoy the day. Rain (indoors) or shine (outdoors) – it's picnic time!



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## Family Block Party

Join us on Saturday, August 20, from 4:00-10:00pm, for our third annual FUMCAH Family Block Party. Celebrate the fellowship of our faith family alongside magicians, karaoke and more! Then be sure to stick around for a special screening of the Pixar classic, "Inside Out."

## Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers for the FUMCAH Block Party on August 20. Many different activities and time slots are available. Sign-up sheets will be in the Loggia before and after worship services during the month of July. We are also looking for tent donations for the day, so if you have a tent in good condition and can share it with us on August 20, please let us know. Please call Sheelagh Tittle at 708-846-3942 if you have questions or need more information.

## Summer Sisters

Sisters, one of our faith groups for women, continues to meet once a month in the summer, on the first Wednesday of the month. On July 6, we will meet in the church parlor to discuss *The Griffin and the Minor Cannon*, a short story by Frank Stockton. (We didn't get to talk about it in June.) The story is available online. On August 3, we will meet for a potluck salad supper at the Mt. Prospect home of Anita Herr. If you would like to receive the Sisters email updates, please contact Pastor Lynn (l.mikels@fumcah.com or 847-255-5112).



## Financial Peace University is coming to FUMCAH!

We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! (<http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu>) Class will meet weekly on Wednesdays between 9/7/16 – 11/2/16. More information to come in our August newsletter.

## The Time to Register has Arrived!

Join us for Folks, Fun and Food at the 8th Annual FUMCAH Golf Event and Awards and Prize Dinner on Sunday, September 11, at the Rob Roy Golf Course. Registration forms are available at the church office.

## REGISTRATION FORM



### 8th Annual Golf Event & Dinner Sunday, September 11, 2016

#### Rob Roy Golf Course

505 E. Camp McDonald Rd., Prospect Heights

11:00am Check-in, Refreshments\*, Putting Contest

1:00pm Shotgun Start - Scramble Format

4:30pm Social Hour, Cash Bar\*, Contests

5:30pm Dinner, Prizes, Awards

Please check all that apply:

#### ADULT (over age 19)

- Golf & Dinner \$85
- Dinner Only \$30

#### YOUTH (age 10-18)

- Golf & Dinner \$60
- Dinner Only \$30



Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

To appear in our event program, everything must be submitted by Friday, August 26.

#### Registration for ADVERTISING. Please check all that apply:

- Hole Sponsor (hole sign, business card ad, web & program listing), \$75
- Business card ad only in program guide, \$25
- Prize Donation (see back of this form)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Company \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit business card &/or logo, digital or printed, by Friday, August 26.

Questions? Contact Lee Saip at [leesaipandassoc@aol.com](mailto:leesaipandassoc@aol.com) or 630-715-9160.

\*Please do not bring alcohol onto the premises.

## Golf Event Prize Donations

If you would like to be a hole sponsor, sponsor an ad in the program, or make a prize donation for the Golf Event on Sunday, September 11, please contact a member of the Golf Committee. A sign-up sheet will also be available on Sunday mornings beginning July 3, if you would like to donate a prize basket for the event. If you have questions, please contact Sue Saip ([suesaip@yahoo.com](mailto:suesaip@yahoo.com)).

## Need Technology Help?

If you need help with a presentation, or event requiring audio, music support, microphones, etc., please see Melinda or Joyce in the church office and complete a Technology Assistance Request form. We have several available portable systems available, and can help with other areas including sound, TV use, or projector. Your request will be given to a member of the Technology Team, who will then contact you to help fill your needs.

## Youth Pool Party

Calling ALL 7th-12th graders (2016-2017 school year)! You are invited to a Pool Party on Sunday, August 14. Bring a friend, a towel, \$5 for entry, and concession stand money. We will meet at the River Trails Pool from 8:45-10:45pm. RSVP to Becky at [rebecca.paz@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.paz@gmail.com), and please let her know if you are willing to be an adult helper.

## Congregation News

### Birth

Claire Olivia Bacino on May 31, daughter of Amanda and Dave Bacino, sister of Owen, and granddaughter of Laurie and Mike Schellinger

### Baptism

Vivian Dawn Kritselis-Dowling on June 12, daughter of Michelle Kritselis and Tim Dowling

### Deaths

Jane Callard on May 30  
Jack Garland on May 31

## Preschool Teacher Openings

The First United Methodist Church of Arlington Heights Preschool (DCFS Licensed and NAEYC Accredited) has openings for Preschool Teachers. Two years of college with a minimum of six hours of early childhood education is required. Hours are 8:15am to 12:00pm. Depending on the age group, days would be Tuesdays/Thursdays; Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays; or Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays.

If you or someone you know is interested, please call 847-255-5119 for more information.

## FUMCAH Solar Panel Project Update

As of June 5, pledges and contributions totaled \$61,506, which is \$5,814 short of our goal of \$67,320. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to contribute to this cause so that we can reach our goal!

In June, Solar Service conducted a Technical Visit, which included taking technical measurements and photographs for the permitting process, and confirming the original design. There were a couple of modifications. The permit process takes four to six weeks to get all of the calculations and applications together. This is typically the longest time frame and can be the most frustrating. Hopefully, this will be completed by the end of July. Other steps include setting up Net Metering with ComEd and/or Nordic Energy Sources, completing the ComEd Interconnection Application, completing the installation which takes two to three weeks, and inspection by the city inspector who then provides the Interconnection Inspection ticket to forward to the utility company. At this point, the project installation is completed, which we communicate to SRECTrade to begin our Renewable Energy Credit (REC) program. All of the above steps will take two to four months.

We appreciate your patience and support as we anticipate a completed Solar Panel Project!

## Financial Report through May 2016

May Revenue:	\$62,134	Year-to-date Revenue:	\$326,858
May Expense:	\$57,176	Year-to-date Expense:	\$327,106

We have paid \$28,640 (4 months) of our \$85,920 apportionment for 2016.

Consider Electronic Funds Transfer – a great way to give regularly, especially for the summer months of travels and other activities!

Contact Melinda in the church office with any financial questions or concerns.

Thank you very much for your good stewardship in 2016!

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