



June 2016

The month of June is a time of change and transition in the life of the United Methodist Church. As new appointments begin on July 1, most pastors' relocations are completed in June. After his final Sunday with us on June 12, our Associate Pastor, Will Green, is moving to Washington, D.C., for his new appointment at Foundry United Methodist Church. We are grateful for his ministry with us the last four years and send him off with our blessing.

With Pastor Will's departure, some staff changes are expected. Cheryl Salas, who has been with us for several years as Office Assistant, is leaving us, and Maya Durham Rayner will be our new Communications Manager, beginning on July 1. Working with the Outreach Committee, she will handle all matters related to communications, including our church website and social media. Maya is an adjunct faculty member of North Park University and will continue to teach there. Also, we are in the process of hiring a new Youth Ministry Director and potentially a part-time Associate Pastor. Hopefully, we will know soon who they are. For the first time in many years, we will be a field education site for a Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary student and welcome Elizabeth Evans as a Student Pastor. I am very excited about the new, positive impact these changes will make to the team work of our staff and leaders. Special thanks go to the members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee for their hard work.

In addition to the staff changes, we are in the process of switching our church data system to Access ACS, which will greatly enhance the quality of communications among our church family. Members of the Access ACS Launch Team have been diligently working together to prepare to introduce the new system to our church family this summer. Along with this change will come a new church website. In partnership with ACS, members of the Outreach Committee are faithfully working to have it in place this summer.

One more change we anticipate this summer is the installation of 60 solar panels on the roof of our church building. Since it was initiated by the Faith in Action committee almost two years ago, the Solar Panel Project has been smoothly progressing. Thanks to the generosity of our church family, especially a committed donor who gave a matching fund of \$20,000 and more, we will be able to fulfill the vision of pioneering the green energy movement in our community. The completion of the installation will be no later than this October.

In the midst of a busy summer, occupied with outdoor activities and travels, please stay tuned to the news of these changes. Through the many changes we are experiencing in the life of our church, the Spirit of God is moving and leading us to the future. I do not know what the future will bring to us but am certain that God will continue to walk and work with us, providing for us what we need for our journey.

Happy and healthy summer to you and your loved ones!



Pastor Ouk-Yean

Worship Schedule, 9:30am

June 5: "Heirs of Rich Promise"
Galations 3:19-4:7
Baccalaureate and Pride Celebration

June 19: "The Power of Words - to Bless or to Curse"
James 3:1-12

June 12: "Leaning into Love"
1 Corinthians 13

June 26: "The Power of Words - to Build Up or
to Tear Down"
Ephesians 4:25-32

Anticipate Great Music!

- We are honored to have Mark Miller here at FUMCAH to lead our worship on June 5. Mark is a prolific hymn writer, accomplished organist, pianist, and vocalist. Since 1994, Mark has served on the faculty of Drew Theological School in Madison, New Jersey, where he is director of music, composer in residence, and instructor in church music. He is also the minister of music at Christ Church in Summit, New Jersey and Covenant United Methodist Church in Plainfield, New Jersey; and the composer in residence for the Harmonium Choral Society, based in Morris County, New Jersey. He travels regularly around the country to perform concerts and lead worship. He has published music with Abingdon Press, Choristers Guild, and Pilgrim Press.
- The Gospel on Broadway series is returning! Once again we will discover how faith intersects with culture as we explore the message and the music from four excellent hits: "The Music Man;" "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown;" "Secret Garden;" and "Godspell."

Pastor Will's Ordination and Reception

You are invited to Pastor Will Green's Ordination Service! He will be ordained as an elder in the United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 5, at 7:00pm. The service will be at the MegaCenter at Pheasant Run in St. Charles with a reception following in the St. Charles Ballroom. Please consider attending this special and moving service. If you are interested in carpooling, contact Beth Williams at emwilliams74@sbcglobal.net.

Join us for a reception to honor Pastor Will's time with us after the worship service on Sunday, June 12! This will be his last Sunday with us and a special opportunity to celebrate his ministry here at FUMCAH.



Thank You Gardeners and Donors

On April 30, 25 people worked in a light rain to weed and lay down wood chip mulch in 15 gardens and several tree areas on our church campus. These hardy, fun-loving volunteers pulled and filled 12 large bags of weeds, and applied 750 bags of wood chip mulch. This inter-generational team ranged in age from teens to senior citizens. Thanks to all of the workers for helping make our church grounds beautiful.

Thanks, also, to all who donated money for our Adopt-A-Garden fund. Your generosity is enabling us to maintain and improve our beautiful church and parsonage gardens.

We still have a few gardens to adopt and several one-time projects to complete. Please contact Ron Reed (rreed@wideopenwest.com or 224-688-3114) if you are interested in helping out.

FUMCAH Has PRIDE!

Join members of our congregation and Prince of Peace United Methodist Church as we participate in a witness of welcoming congregations in the 2016 Chicago Pride Parade. We will be marching, along with members of the Chicago Coalition of Welcoming Churches, in witness to the wide welcome of God lived out in our congregations in the northwest suburbs. We will meet at FUMCAH at 9:00am, on Sunday, June 26, carpool into the city, and return to FUMCAH no later than 3:30pm. For more information, or to RSVP, please contact David Rich (davr8683@gmail.com or text/call 801-540-0001).



June Missions Giving



FUMCAH is a member of the Reconciling Ministries Network. Along with over 700 reconciling churches, we say with one voice that: "We celebrate humanity's diversity of age, racial and ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, special needs, socio-economic conditions, and family status. Created in the image of God, all persons are worthy of God's love and grace and welcomed into full participation in the life of our congregation. The June Missions fundraising effort is to support the important work of the Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). RMN is a Chicago-based organization dedicated to the inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in both the policy and practices of the United Methodist Church. For more information about their guiding principles and strategic directives, please visit www.rmnetwork.org. You can also stay up-to-date on their work by liking their Facebook page!

Missions Giving Update

January - Journeys The Road Home, \$759

February - Imagine No Malaria, \$3,861

March - Clean Water Delivery Ministry, \$425

April - Heifer International, \$1,503 (including \$665 in Sunday morning change collection on April 17)

Thank you for your generosity!

Block Party

Join us on August 20, for our third annual FUMCAH family Block Party. Celebrate the fellowship of our faith family alongside magicians, karaoke, dunk tanks, and more! Then be sure to stick around for a special screening of the Pixar classic, "Inside Out." More information to come.



FUMCAH Service Weekend

Thank you to all who participated in the first FUMCAH Service Weekend! On Saturday, April 30, volunteers worked in the community at WINGS in Elk Grove Village sorting clothing, sang at The Moorings retirement community, packed food at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg, and gardened at FUMCAH. On Sunday, May 1, volunteers donated blood in the Heartland Bloodmobile, baked treats and wrote thank you notes for the Arlington Heights Police Department, and set up for the United Methodist Women Spring Sale. The mission statement of the Missions Committee is: "Empowering our congregation to seek hope and justice for others through works of compassion and generosity." The service weekend was a perfect way to see our mission in action. Thank you for your support!

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.

Thank You, Cheryl

We would like to thank Cheryl Salas for her six years of service and ministry to FUMCAH as the Office Assistant. Her time with us will be ending in June. She has worked on the eNews, and provided office coverage and graphic assistance, among other daily activities in the office. We will honor her time with us during Hospitality time on Sunday, June 26.

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)

Summer Church School

I say it every year: Christian Education doesn't take a vacation, but we do change things up a bit. Knowing that many in our FUMCAH family do take vacations, we combine some classes for summer and ask parents, as well other youth and adults, to sign up to teach one (or more!) Sundays. Our Nursery and Toddler Rooms will continue to be staffed as usual. Children who met in Rooms 100 and 200 during the school year will combine in Room 100. Festival kids will be grouped together at the beginning of the church school time, meeting in Room 32.

Our Festival Kids will be "visiting" Norway this summer. We want to fuel kids' faith perspectives by taking them beyond their own backyard to explore God at work in the lives of real children in a different corner of the world. In *Expedition Norway*, ancient stories of Daniel and Jesus will help children of today relate faith and life and grow in relationship with God and one another.

All lesson plans and materials are provided for our teachers. There are sign-up sheets outside Rooms 100 and 32. Please share some time with our FUMCAH kids this summer. It's fun! Questions? Contact Pastor Lynn (847-255-5112) or Lori Reich (847-398-2694).

Support Your ASP Team!

For over 40 years FUMCAH has participated in ASP. And every year it would be impossible without help from you. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to ASP by writing a check (memo line ASP) or by calling the church office at 847-255-5112. We currently need to raise \$3500 to reach our goal. For more information, please contact Pastor Lynn at l.mikels@fumcah.com.



Dads and Grads Gift Card Sale

Our annual Dads and Grads gift card sale begins on Sunday, May 15, and concludes with a final pick-up on June 19. Buy a gift card for your favorite graduate, father, or both, and help support our annual youth mission trip to Appalachia in the process! No one to buy a gift card for? Never fear! You can also purchase gift cards (Shell only, please) to help get our vans to and from Appalachia. For more information, please contact the church office at 847-255-5112.

Save the Date for a Picnic!

The "All Church Picnic" returns on July 10 following the worship service. Order your food before worship – enjoy a meal with friends after worship. If you prefer, you may bring your own food. We will picnic rain or shine - but indoors if it rains.



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, and we are fortunate that they are 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.

Summer Sisters

Our school-year Sisters group is on hiatus but we still want to get together, at least occasionally. We will be meeting monthly on the first Wednesday of June, July, and August at 7:15pm, in the church parlor. We'll touch base with one another and discuss a short story or two. The stories will all be available online and be discussion worthy from a faith standpoint. Since God is in practically everything in all creation, that should not be too limiting. Suggestions welcome! Summer schedules can be crazy; join us when you can. Not already a member of Sisters? This is your chance to experience the fellowship and fine, faith-filled conversation that defines this group of women.

In June, we will discuss *Everything That Rises Must Converge* by Flannery O'Connor, and *The Griffin and the Minor Canon* by Frank Stockton. Happy Reading!

Financial Report through April 2016

April Revenue: \$60,489	Year-to-date Revenue: \$264,723
April Expense: \$64,806	Year-to-date Expense: \$269,930

We have paid \$21,480 (3 months) of our \$85,920 apportionment for 2016. Thank you very much for your good stewardship in 2016!

Summer Months Giving

As we head into the summer months, with travels and other activities, we would appreciate your consistent giving so that we do not experience a "summer slump."

Electronic Funds Transfer is available – a great way to give regularly.

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

Summer Crossroads

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 meals for food insecure individuals in the community. Meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen from 1:00 -2:00pm on July 12 to cook up a storm! Cookie and easy dessert recipe suggestions welcome. RSVP by Sunday, July 10. Chef supervision is essential; let Pastor Lynn know if you are willing to be an adult helper!

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, call 847-255-5119 for more information.

United Methodist Women Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:00am, June 14 - July 26

Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God

by Cynthia A. Bond Hopson and Sarah Heaner Lancaster



You want to be happy. God wants you to be happy. Yet, sometimes happiness seems impossible to attain. What messages do we get from our culture and the media about how to be happy? Are they the same? How can we as Christians live a happier life? The book above may be purchased at www.umwmissionresources.org. For more information, please contact Terry Clements at terry.clements@rocketmail.com.

Spring Rummage Sale Success

The United Methodist Women hosted our annual Spring Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7, and it was a huge success! We raised over \$6,000 for our UMW missions pledge. Many thanks to all those who brought in donations. And a huge thank you to all of the UMW ladies (and a few men, too!) who spent countless hours sorting, organizing, and pricing thousands of items. It was a long week but it was well worth it!

Summer Reading

No Longer Silent by Susan Dehn Matthews

Imagine that you hear the voices of the women in 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!

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.



FUMCAH Golf Event

Make sure to "Save the Date" for FUMCAH's 8th Annual Golf Event and Dinner. Join us on Sunday, September 11, for a day of Folks, Food & Fun!!

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.



Congregation News

Welcome New Members



Mary Baines

My husband, Patrick, and I have lived in Palatine for 36 years and have four grown children, including boy-girl twins. We also have three grandchildren. Pat and I met at Arlington High School in 1963 and have been married for over 40 years. I worked as a Dental Assistant for 18 years and have helped with our family business for the last 15 years. I was a Presbyterian for over 30 years and was very active in the PADS program.

When I decided to change churches, a friend of mine agreed to help me look for a new church, and we visited many. I am very happy to have found this wonderful church!



Lisa, Ryan and Alice Kelsey

When we moved to Arlington Heights with our daughter, Alice, we wanted to find a church where we could learn and grow in our faith, serve God and our community (both local and global), and worship in a place that welcomed and included everyone. We were blessed to have found that and more at FUMCAH - and just three blocks from our home!



Nancy Gustafson

I am a retired realtor, born and raised in Chicago, then I lived in Arlington Heights, and Phoenix, Arizona. I returned to Illinois from Arizona two years ago to be closer to my two married children, their spouses, and my very special young granddaughters, Maggie and Ellie. I currently reside in Buffalo Grove. Maggie went to preschool at FUMCAH, and it seemed like a very welcoming, friendly church, so I decided to attend a service a few months ago, and enjoyed it very much. I especially like the excellent music

groups, the kind pastors, the welcoming congregation, and that the church is very service-oriented. I had fun working with a super group of women at the Wings volunteer opportunity recently, and look forward to volunteering at the intake center again this fall on a regular basis. I feel very happy and blessed to have found a great "church home" at FUMCAH!



Erin, Gary and Rita Risler

We moved to Arlington Heights shortly before giving birth to our little girl, Rita, in the fall of 2014. Erin grew up in the Methodist church in La Grange and was familiar with FUMCAH as her grandfather, Ralph, had been a member many decades prior. We started attending on a more regular basis last summer and are thrilled to be officially joining the FUMCAH family.

Confirmations

Abby Andre, Ryan Egan, Alana Herr,
Jenna Koch, Quinn Robinson

Marriages

Lauren Leipprandt and Drew Ursic, April 30
Scott and Aline Leipprandt, May 7

Baptisms

William Gary and Brenley Grace Kramer, May 8
Hailey Lin Valerio, May 15
Graham David Smazik, May 29

Deaths

Howard Pollard, April 30
Lenna Hensley, May 7
Martha Mossberger, May 16
Vera Carroll, May 19
Dixie Grubb, May 19

New Communications Manager

Maya Durham Rayner is an artist, designer, and educator who was raised on the south side of Chicago. She received her BA from North Park University and her MFA from Washington University in St Louis. She is an adjunct Art and Design Professor at North Park University and has worked as a freelance graphic and web designer. Currently she resides in Elmhurst, Illinois, with her husband, Ivan, and pet rabbit, Bowie. In her spare time, Maya enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with family.

or current resident

