

# THE LEAFLINES

## River Forest United Methodist Church



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### OCTOBER 2011



Who says the Bible is outdated and irrelevant? One of the major arguments I hear when folks are telling me why they feel it's unnecessary to attend church is that a major portion of

what they are going to hear comes from that relic of a book. Interestingly, many of the themes of major motion pictures and novels can be found in scripture as can some of our well-used idioms. Take, for instance, the title of the sermon a few weeks ago, *The Apple of God's Eye*.

The phrase, *the apple of my eye*, still shows up in songs, crossword

puzzles, and the ever-popular *Wheel of Fortune* from time to time. But did you know it is also found in the Bible? In fact, it appears several times – Deuteronomy 32:10; Psalms 17:8; Proverbs 7: 2; Zechariah 2:8, and possibly a couple of other places depending upon translation.

While the literal meaning of *apple of my eye* is quite complex, the phrase has come to be used to describe one's most treasured and valuable possession.

*Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 17:8*

That God would describe humans beings as *the apple of my eye* is quite profound, especially in light of our sinful nature and the wonder of the rest of creation

It kind of makes us stop and think: “How do I view myself considering that God sees me as God’s most treasured possession?” or “How do I view others considering God sees them as God’s most valuable treasure?” Remember the bumper sticker:

“God made me and God doesn’t make junk?” What would the world look like as viewed through God’s eyes?

What if God were to be the apple of your eye? your most treasured possession?

Just a few things to ponder as you bite into that crisp, sweet, fragrant delicious orb that epitomizes the bounteous fall harvest.



October 2—David  
October 9—Solomon  
October 16—Hezekiah  
October 23—Josiah  
October 30—Jesus

B.I.G. Idea—We believe that stories about faithful kings help us to be faithful leaders for God.

Bible Verse—The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice.

B.I.G. Theme —The Stories of Kings



**CHURCH CONFERENCE**

**Sunday, October 9, 2011**

**4:00 p.m.**

**ALL encouraged to attend.**

## CANTATA REHEARSAL

Rehearsals for the Christmas Cantata begin Wednesday, October 12 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Practices will continue thru December 7. (no rehearsal November 23) The Cantata is scheduled to be performed on Sunday, December 11 at the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

## UNITED VOICES FOR CHILDREN Sunday, October 30

Gifts support the work of advocating for children and their families in Northern Illinois. Your gift *will* make a difference!

### OCTOBER FEST BRUNCH

OCTOBER 30  
following worship



Sausages, potato pancakes, more.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the beautiful floral arrangements this past year.

Please reserve your special date on the new 2012 flower calendar located in the hall. You may supply your own flowers or call the church secretary to order an arrangement.

The price is \$20 or \$22 from Westgate Florist. The bill can be paid through the church office.

The October donation for the Proviso Pantry is:

### CANNED VEGETABLES OR CANNED FRUIT

In September, the Proviso Pantry served 577 households or 2,013 people.

Please place donation in the basket on Sunday morning.

## NIC SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

Saturday, October 15, 2011

8:30 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

Cornerstone UMC. Elgin, IL

Bridging Personal & Social Witness

Keynote: Dr. Martin Marty

Workshops:

Worship

Faith Sharing

Meaning of Life

Closing the Back Door

Pastor Char will be presenting. Let her know if you would like a ride.

## REFRESHING LEADERSHIP

Introduction/Renewal  
for Lay Leadership and Lay Speakers

Saturday, October 29

8:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

First Vietnamese UMC

3100 W. Wilson

Chicago

- Roles for Lay Speakers
- United Methodist Heritage & Doctrine
- Intro to Preaching/Speaking

See bulletin board for further info.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 World Communion Sunday 	3	4	5 Choir Practice 7-8:30 pm	6	7	1 Rummage Sale 9-1 8 PP 8-10
9 SPRC 3:15 Charge Conf. 4 p.m.	10	11	12 Susanna Wesley 7 p.m. Choir Practice 7-8:30 pm	13 UMW outing	14	15 Proviso Pantry 8-10
16 Noisy Can	17	18	19 Choir Practice 7-8:30 pm	20	21	22 Proviso Pantry 8-10 UMW annual mtg.
23	24	25 Finance mtg. 7 p.m.	26 Choir Practice 7-8:30 pm	27	28	29 Proviso Pantry 8-10
30 UVC BRUNCH	31 Happy Halloween!					



1 Fiona Conrad  
5 Dot Sallee  
7 Joseph Hudson  
7 Nathan Hudson

8 Mary Hudson  
9 Trenton Charles Dillner  
11 Nancy Dillner  
14 Kent Kreider

14 Echo Gordon  
15 Jeffrey Dillner  
16 Autumn Dillner  
24 Sandra House

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to be Liturgist and/or Fellowship Host and/or Donate Flowers. Please sign up on the schedules provided in Fellowship Hall.

## **THE LEAFLINES**

Please turn in your articles for the November Leaflines by Sunday, October 23.

## **DEEPEST SYMPATHY..**

To Marian Brennen and family on the death of Nancy, September 20. Funeral Service was Saturday, September 24 at RFUMC.

## **NEWS AROUND THE CLUSTERS AND COMMUNITY**

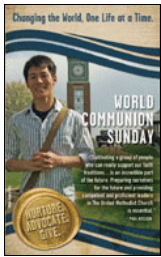
**Discernment and Community in the Twitter Age**, Tuesday, October 13, 2011, 7:00 p.m., Priory Campus Auditorium at Dominican University. Free.

**Wind Symphony Concert**, Friday, October 28, 8 p.m. and The Kapelle Home Concert, Saturday, October 29, 7:30 p.m. at Concordia University Chapel, River Forest. Admission is free.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGISTS</u>	<u>FLOWERS DONATED BY</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP HOST</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
October 2	Pat Wilken	Becky Eanet in honor of niece Sage's Birthday	Chris & Mike Majkrzak	Vicki Bartlett Sari Grapenthien Steve Grapenthien Anthony Palermo
October 9	Cindy Belle	Jean Dillner	Chris & Mike Majkrzak	Vicki Bartlett Sari Grapenthien Steve Grapenthien Anthony Palermo
October 16	Becky Eanet	Joseph & Carmella- Palumbo in memory of Joseph Palumbo Sr.	TBD	Vicki Bartlett Sari Grapenthien Steve Grapenthien Anthony Palermo
October 23	TBD	Mickey Sanger	TBD	Vicki Bartlett Sari Grapenthien Steve Grapenthien Anthony Palermo
October 30	TBD	Jocelyn Pritchard in honor of family birthdays	BRUNCH	Vicki Bartlett Sari Grapenthien Steve Grapenthien Anthony Palermo

**COMMUNION STEWARD:** Sunday, October 2, 2011— Shirley Spear, Marilyn Young



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY October 1

The World Communion offering provides scholarships for U.S. (racial- and ethnic-minority) and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Because of your donation, deserving students receive the opportunity for a quality education. Thank you for your donation.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING

Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Women's Annual Meeting will be Saturday, October 22, at New Lenox UMC. The theme of the day is "Hand in Hand in Mission--hope, love in action". The special guest speaker will be Glory Dharmaraj, Phd., Executive Secretary for Justice Education for the Women's Division. It will be a full day of singing, worship, communion, resources available, and fellowship. School kits for Church World Service will be collected; a list of items will be posted on the hallway UMW bulletin board.

UMW Potluck Lunch will be Thursday, November 10 at 1 p.m. (our regular meeting, day) Units from the Cluster are invited. Please bring a dish you can share.



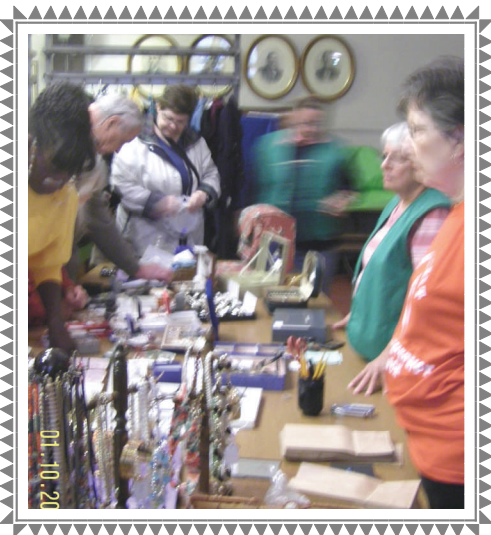
**SAVE THE DATE!  
ANNUAL RFUMC  
CHILI CAFÉ  
FRIDAY, November 11, 2011**

***RFUMC  
Serves PADS Dinner  
Sunday, October 16, 2011***

*Contact Cindy Belle if you are willing to help  
cook or serve. (708-771-6114)*

## UMW RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

To all who donated, sorted, priced, worked the sale, and/or bought items. Special thanks to Chris Majkrzak and Debb Hammond who chaired the event. To date we have made over \$1,400 for missions.





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***Return Service Requested  
Dated Material Enclosed***

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, October 1.**

**RUMMAGE SALE, Saturday, October 1, 9:00-1:00 p.m.**

**SPRC, Sunday, October 9, 3:15 p.m.**

**CHARGE CONFERENCE, Sunday, October 9, 4:00 p.m.**

**UMW outing, Thursday, October 13.**

**SUSANNA WESLEY, Wednesday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.**

**FINANCE MEETING, Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.**

**BRUNCH/ Sunday, October 30, after service.**

**UVC Offering, Sunday, October 30**

