

THE LEAFLINES

River Forest United Methodist Church



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SEPTEMBER 2011

It's September, and the church programming year is back in full swing! Here are a couple of things you won't want to miss.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – A DAY OF HOPE.

Several churches in the NIC are planning to make the 10th anniversary of September 11 a time of solemn remembrance of those who lost their lives or their loved ones in the attack, an opportunity to offer thanksgiving for “first-responders”- those who were on site on 9/11 as well as those in our community

who continue to keep us safe and cared for, and a time of hope-affirming volunteer action. In

addition to worship, these groups are planning to take time to clean up parks and other public areas, organize collections for food pantries and disaster response/relief agencies, learn CPR, visit nursing homes, and a variety of other activities. The idea is to make a difference, to make a positive impact in our community and in our world. RFUMC will be remembering, thanking, worshipping, and praying that day. Why not get a few of your friends together and join the movement towards doing something positive out in the community?

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY is scheduled for **SEPTEMBER 18**. I think that this is the 3rd year this event has taken place, although I don't recall hearing much about it before now. The idea is to encourage members of our congregation to intentionally invite people to come back to church on that day and to provide a welcoming atmosphere for our guests.

Churches are invited to join the roster of churches who will be celebrating NBTCS for free, but must sign on to a statement of faith of which I can't totally agree on some of the language. So, while I'm not

ready to sign the roster, I can support and join the movement.

Using statistics from LifeWay Researchers, the organization sponsoring this event says that most people who drop out of church haven't lost faith in God, they have simply fallen out of the habit of church-going. The reasons are varied – work, moving, disillusionment with church/people/pastor, illness, busyness of life. Many just need a personal invitation to return. They also instruct us to keep

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? Romans 10:14

inviting, even if it doesn't work the first time. Some folks need multiple invitations.

LifeWay says that 67% of persons who are not attending church report that they might try it again if they were invited by a family member. 63% say they might come if invited by a friend, neighbor, or co-worker. LifeWay concluded that the more personal the invitation, the more likely someone is to attend. There is an extremely low rate of return on newspaper ads, fliers, posters, etc. In addition, only 2% of church members ever invite the un-churched and 98% never extend an invitation to anyone to attend during a given year. The 3,800 churches that signed up to participate in 2010 reported an average of 26% increase in attendance on that week. Ahh, statistics.

For a couple of interesting videos, go to www.backtochurch.com and click on the promo video. Or go to www.youtube.com, search for Back to Church Sunday 2011, and you will find several videos that churches have created for their members. Blessings!



B.I.G. Theme – The Beginning of the Story

B.I.G. Idea – We believe the stories in Genesis help us understand God’s plan for God’s people.

Bible Verse – The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Psalm 24:1

September 4 – The Beginning, Genesis 2

September 11 – Adam and Eve, Genesis 3

September 18 – Noah, Genesis 6 – 8

September 25 – Tower of Babel, Genesis 11

The SEPTEMBER donation for the Proviso Food Pantry is:
CANNED GREEN VEGETABLES
Please place your donation in the basket on Sunday morning.
In August, the Proviso Pantry served 611 households or 2,170 people.



**CHURCH SCHOOL
CUPCAKE SALE**
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
AFTER SERVICE**
All proceeds will go to Missions.



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

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
See the bulletin board or www.umcnic.org for further information.

BRUNCH RESUMES
Sunday, September 25
following worship



Volunteers are needed to decorate, cook, serve, and clean-up. Contact Glenn at glennhoffmann@comcast.net

SEPTEMBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Proviso Pantry 8-10 a.m.
4 Holy Communion	5 	6	7	8 UMW meeting 1:00 p.m.	9	10 Proviso Pantry 8-10 a.m. Pampered Chef Demo 1:30 p.m.
11	12	13	14 Choir rehearsal	15	16	17 Proviso Pantry 8-10 a.m.
18 Cupcake Sale	19	20	21 Choir rehearsal	22	23	24 P.P. 8-10 Annual meeting CNWD UMW 8:30 a.m.
25 BRUNCH	26	27	28 Choir rehearsal	29 Set up for Rummage Sale	30 Set up for Rummage Sale	



3 Michael Majkrzak

15 Hallie Hanson

9 Sari Grapenthien

19 Price Downey

11 Pat Nutter

23 Jerry Hills

23 Jocelyn Pritchard

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please sign up to be Liturgist or Fellowship Host or Donate Flowers on the schedules provided.

LEAFLINES

Please turn in your articles for the October Leaflines by Sunday, September 25.

SHAPING A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE FOR RETIREMENT

Friday, September 16

9 am—3 pm

Kingswood UMC

Buffalo Grove

This event is a tool for discovering significant personal growth and satisfaction in one's retirement. Presented by R. Jack Hansen & Jerry P. Haas, co-authors of the book by the same name. Further info on the bulletin board.

NEWS AROUND THE CLUSTERS - COMMUNITY

The 700 block of Bonnie Brae in River Forest will be holding it's 10th Annual LemonAid Stand today from 1-5 to benefit Thrive Counseling Center. There will be a special opening ceremony at 1:00 commemorating the 10th anniversary of the attacks of 9/11. Please bring your spare change and stop by for a fresh cup of lemonade and tons of fun!

Mary Hudson
Manor Care
600 W. Ogden
Hinsdale, IL

WORSHIP LEADERS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGISTS</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP HOST</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
September 4	Shirley Spear	Jerry Hills in memory of Chuck Hills	Norma Marquardt	Margaret Hamilton
September 11	Margaret Hamilton	The Hansons in honor of Hallie's Birthday	TBD	Margaret Hamilton
September 18	Pastor Char	TBD	TBD	Margaret Hamilton
September 25	TBD	Cindy Belle in memory of Emily Lloyd and Diane Belle	BRUNCH	Margaret Hamilton

COMMUNION STEWARDS, SUNDAY, September 4, 2011: Steve & Sari Grapenthien



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The regular meeting will be held on Thursday, September 8th at 1:00 p.m. The program is "Making Peace With Mother Earth."

Our last meetings have been held at the homes of members and everyone seems to have enjoyed the change and bright, pleasant surroundings.

"The Rummage Sale" which will be held on Saturday, October 1, 9-1:00 p.m. We will be setting up for the sale on Thursday and Friday, September 29th and 30th. We would be happy to have help from anyone who has a couple of hours to spare. Bring your gently used items to church ASAP. Please place them on the stage.

All the money collected is used for Mission projects for women, youth, and children.

The Chicago Northwestern District Annual Meeting will be Saturday, September 24 at Franklin Park United Methodist Church. For details, ask Margaret or Jean.

SAFE SANTUARY TRAINING

**Saturday, September 17
9:00 A.M.—3:00 P.M.**

Elgin: First UMC

Church leaders and trustees are encouraged to attend. See bulleting board for further info.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

**Spiritual Congress
September 16-18
Williams Bay, WI**

Worship, fellowship, workshops.
See bulletin board for details.

PAMPERED CHEF DEMONISTRATION



Saturday, September 10, Denise Costigan will again show us the latest in kitchen helpers and as always will prepare a delightful dessert for us to enjoy. Items suitable for showers, wedding gifts, birthday presents, Christmas or your own kitchen will be demonstrated at 1:30 p.m. Our own Proviso Pantry will earn a portion of the sales.

MARKET DAY DELIGHTFUL OFFERINGS

Pick up a copy of the Market Day order form. Mouth watering items, NEW items, a chance to get a FREE Jumbo Tote, and a FREE Apple Pie. Read all about it and turn your order in at the church by Sunday, September 4, or on line until 11 p.m. Wednesday, September 7. Our food pantry ministries benefit from the sales and satisfaction of every item is guaranteed.

There is a contest to enter on the back page with a chance to win one of three Apple® products, an Apple iPad®, Apple Phone®, or \$25 Market Day Gift Certificate.



Hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, ... the United Methodist Committee on Relief is there. You can support their work in the US by donations. Put Advance #901670 in the memo section of your check.

To read about all that UMCOR is doing on your behalf go to their website at new.gb-gm-umc.org/umcor.



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In Remembrance of
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***Return Service Requested
Dated Material Enclosed***

UMW MEETING, Thursday, September 8, 1:00 p.m.

PAMPERED CHEF, Saturday, September 10, 1:30 p.m.

CHURCH SCHOOL CUPCAKE SALE, Sunday, September 18, after worship.

CNW DISTRICT UMW ANNUAL MEETING , Saturday, September 24, 8:30 a.m.

RUMMAGE SALE, Saturday, October 1, 9:00—11:00 p.m.

ANNUAL CHURCH & CHARGE CONFERENCE, Sunday, October 9, 4:00 p.m.