

THE LEAFLINES

River Forest United Methodist Church



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Our granddaughter, Sydney, was in the school musical last week, so Glenn and I took the afternoon off and headed for Wisconsin. Ever since living in Polo, one of the things that has truly heralded the coming of spring is the sight of freshly tilled fields spread with fragrant manure. As we drove through rural America, I was blessed by the confirmation that spring is truly upon us! But I was also saddened by the fact that many of the formerly wide open spaces were festooned with the evidence that they were not about to be wide open any longer. Subdivision signs and stakes with fluorescent pink, yellow, and orange flags dotted the landscape. Front loaders, bulldozers, and dump trucks sat at the ready. I know that in a short amount of time, what used to be a pleasant get away into the corn fields and bean fields of Wisconsin, will come to an end.

Sometimes I wonder if all this progress is really progress. I wonder where all of the food to feed the multitudes will come from as we continue to build houses and shopping malls on what is some of the richest soil in America. I realize that I probably won't be around when the real crisis comes, BUT my grandchildren will.

In Genesis we are told that God made the humans and put them in the garden to be God's stewards – to till the soil and to tend to all of God's special

creatures – the animals, the plants, the forests, the land, and other people. Throughout scripture we are told that good stewardship goes beyond just taking care of the land or of our material possessions, it means caring for our abilities, emotions, time, and talent, all of our lives and all of the lives of others. What affects the well-being of one part of God's creation, affects us all.

And so, on Saturday, March 27 at 8:30 p.m., I will turn my lights and TV and other electrical appliances off for an hour. And on Saturday, April 24 (or some other day if I need to be elsewhere), I will spend time picking up the debris along the DesPlaines River. I will recycle my "gently used" articles for the Rummage Sale and my papers, cans, and bottles in the appropriate receptacles. I will make an effort to use "real" plates and flatware instead of the disposable stuff. And as I do it, I will say a prayer for the earth and all that is within it and upon it and above it, first of all, because I am a beloved and gifted and hopefully, faithful child of God. And, also, because my grandkids are beloved children who deserve an opportunity to grow and thrive in the best environment possible as well.

How about you?

Native American Ministries Sunday, April 25

This Sunday serves to remind the Church of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. Offerings educate Native American seminarians, plant Native American churches and cultivate Native American outreach .



S.O.U.P. Dinner
March 30, 6:30 P.M.
River Forest UMC

Maundy Thursday
April 1, 7:00 P.M.
River Forest UMC

Good Friday
April 2, 7:00 P.M.
First UMC, Oak Park

Easter Eggstravaganza
April 3, 10:15 A.M.
Egg Hunt and activities for kids

Easter Sunday
April 4, 9:15 A.M.
Continental Breakfast
Egg Hunt
10 A.M. Worship Service

For Egg Hunt reservations, call the church office and specify which day your children will be attending. (708-771-3668)



Easter Eggstravaganza
Saturday, April 3, 10:15 a.m.

Children 10 years and younger
\$5-Child \$10-Family

Egg coloring, face-painting, egg hunt and more..
Reservations appreciated, not necessary.
708-771-3669

River Forest United Methodist Church and
Mosaic Montessori Academy

(Bring your camera for a photo with the
Easter Bunny)

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday
April 24, 9:00-1:00 p.m.



Set-up: Thursday & Friday, April 22 & 23
beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Call 708-771-3668 if you need a pick-up.
Proceeds benefit UMW Pledge to Mission
which helps women, youth, and children
locally and around the world.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN


- **MONTHLY MEETING**—Thursday, April 8, 1:00 p.m. *Program: Mission Comes Home-Gather to Celebrate.*
- **SUSANNA WESLEY**—Wednesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.
- **RUMMAGE SALE**—Saturday, April 24, 9:00—1:00 p.m.
- **POT LUCK**—Thursday, June 3—lunch at the home of Karen Sanders in Winfield. Let Margaret or Jean know if you are interested in coming along. The more the merrier!

APRIL donation for the Food Pantry
is:

CANNED FRUIT AND JELL-O

Please place your donation in the basket on
Sunday m morning.

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				1 Maundy Thursday RFUMC 7 p.m.	2 Good Friday First UMC Oak Pk. 7 p.m.	3 Proviso Pantry 8-10am Egg hunt 10:15 am
4 EASTER Continental Breakfast/ Market Day Due	5	6	7	8 UMW 1:00 p.m.	9	10 Proviso Pantry 8-10am
11 Church Council noon	12	13	14 Susanna Wesley 7 p.m.	15	16	17 Proviso Pantry 8-10am
18 Native American Ministries	19	20	21	22 Rummage Sale set-up 9 a.m.	23 Rummage Sale set-up 9 a.m.	24 Proviso Pantry 8-10am Rummage Sale 9-1 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30 Teriyaki Chicken dinner	



6 L. Eugene Davis

11 Pearl Schoenberger

18 Elizabeth Glasgow

26 Sarah Brooks

29 Jesse Hudson

For Your Information

VOLUNTEER

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

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Deadline for the LeafLines is Sunday, April 25, 2010

CHURCH COUNCIL
Sunday, April 11, noon

NEWS AROUND THE CLUSTERS AND COMMUNITY

CRAFT FAIR, Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Cornerstone UMC, Oak Park Hot dog meal with chips, soda/juice for \$4.00.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

A couple of chances to shred important papers you don't want to dispose of in recycling containers will be available at the following places and times:

Oak Park Community Bank 9-11 a.m.
 Saturday, May 15
 Saturday, August 7
 Saturday, November 13

River Forest Community Bank 9-11 a.m.
 Saturday, May 22
 Saturday, August 14
 Saturday, November 20

W O R S H I P L E A D E R S

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LITURGISTS</u>	<u>FLOWERS DONATED BY</u>	<u>FELLOWSHIP HOSTS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
April 4	Cindy Belle	Congregation	Brunch	Vicki Bartlett Nancy Culbertson Mickey Sanger Sonny Sanger
April 11	Nancy Erickson	Clem Grygiel in memory of my husband John	TBD	Vicki Bartlett Nancy Culbertson Mickey Sanger Sonny Sanger
April 18	Pat Nutter	The Sangers	TBD	Vicki Bartlett Nancy Culbertson Mickey Sanger Sonny Sanger
April 25	Dot Sallee	Joseph R. Palumbo & Family in memory of Darlene Palumbo	TBD	Vicki Bartlett Nancy Culbertson Mickey Sanger Sonny Sanger

COMMUNION STEWARDS : EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 2010—Margaret Hamilton & Pat Nutter

**DES PLAINES RIVER
CLEAN -UP**

**Saturday, April 24, 9:00 a.m.
Thatcher Woods Pavilion**

Join with volunteers from the area in seeing how many trash bags you can fill with bottles, cans, and other debris from in and around the river. The day begins with a continental breakfast and concludes with a delicious lunch at noon.

This is a great opportunity to show the community that RFUMC cares for God's creation. It's also a wonderful way to enjoy the great outdoors. Contact Fred Lenhoff at flenhoff@yahoo.com if you are interested.

TERIYAKI CHICKEN DINNER

Friday, April 30

5:00—7:30 P.M.

Teriyaki Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Salad
Dessert

Adults \$9 Children 5—12 \$4 Under 5 free

Proceeds to benefit RFUMC music ministry.

Contact Chris or Jerry for more information.

MARKET DAY

If you missed ordering to have special items for Easter, don't miss ordering in April. Turn in your order on Easter Sunday to "Try What's New in April" on page 4 of the form. "Family favorites at great value" are listed on the front page, several have special prices. With the "Frequent Buyer ® Program", you can earn a "Mite 'N' Mighty Stool; check how to do it on the back page of the form.

**HUNGER WALKATHON WEST
SUNDAY, MAY 2**

1:15 p.m.—registration

2:00 p.m.—Step-off

Pilgrim Church in Oak Park

Two routes: 6 miles OR 3.2 miles

Needed: People to walk

All of the money raised will go to fight world hunger. The Proviso Pantry will receive some of these funds. Last year we received \$2,130.63 as our share of the Walk! With the increase in the number of families served, the Pantry has seen an increase in costs. All donations are appreciated.

If you cannot walk, you may help by sponsoring a walker, helping at the starting site or as a crossing guard along the route, or participating in the program: *Living More Simply Than Others Might Simply Live* (a guide for contributing money based on the number of luxuries you have such as books, cans of food in the pantry, etc.). Jean Dillner is local recruiter, call her for a walker's packet 708-344-8405.

Dear River Forest United Methodist Church,

We acknowledge you and your congregation for your faithful participation in our annual CROP Hunger Walk.

In the past decade you have raised over \$5, 000 to feed the hungry & provide safe water both locally & internationally.

We recognize the crucial leadership role you play in energizing and supporting your CROP WALK recruiter Jean Dillner and we thank you.

We hope that you have the opportunity to view and discuss the many materials we have provided for this year's May 2 CROP WALK.

God bless you as you continue to "feed the hungry"!

*Gratefully,
The 2010 CROP Hunger Walk Team*



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