

# *First* United Methodist Church of Oak Lawn

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world



## September, 2026

Welcome to Fall, and a time of renewed purpose as we plan for the coming months.

We take a moment to support Pastor Beverly as she mourns the loss of her step-mom of more than 40 years, Carolyn Thirus, who transitioned into eternal life this past week, after a battle with cancer. As arrangements are finalized, we will share them via e-mail. Please continue to hold Pastor Beverly and her family in prayer. (Pastor's note will return next month..)

As we move into September, we have some great opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship with our church community.

Our in person Bible study has begun. Eight members gathered last week to embark on a study of the Gospel of John, led by Pastor Beverly. The study will continue as we meet on the first and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6 p.m. at church. It is never too late to join in! We will be gathering this Tuesday, September 1, to delve into the second and third chapters of the gospel of John . Come join us!!

On Sunday, September 20th, we will be celebrating Back to Church Sunday! There will be **NO service at 9 that day; worship**, lunch and other activities **will begin at 1 p.m.** If you are a “regular” on Sundays, you need to come for worship and fellowship and a role in welcoming others. If you know someone who has fallen off from being a “regular” it’s a perfect time to give them a call and invite them back. If you haven’t made it to Sunday in a while, come on over!! If you know someone who needs a little Jesus in their lives, it is a great day to invite them along for an introduction. We are planning for a great day of fun, fellowship and praise. AND a celebration of Pastor Beverly’s birthday! Mark your calendar for 1 p.m. on the 20th and be sure to join us!!

We celebrate with all those marking birthdays, anniversaries, and other milestones ; and walk the path with those going through more difficult times; handing all into the loving hands of Jesus. Continue to care for one another, and hold each one up in prayer. We’ll see you on Sunday!!

—Marty Linderborg, Lay Leader

## ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

**URGENT PRAYERS:** Bonnie Bergman

**ONGOING PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING:** Penny and Randy Millsagle,  
Greg Greiman, Joanne Bartlett, Gary Czemske  
Aaron Burch, Janice Fox Thompson,  
Arthur Vazquez, Helen Gesell

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN SERVICE:** Loretta Caplinger, Air Force,; Christine Boyd, Army  
; Scott Boehn, Marines; Keith Danalewich, Navy

### ***FRIENDS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN NEED OF PRAYER***

Dave Morris

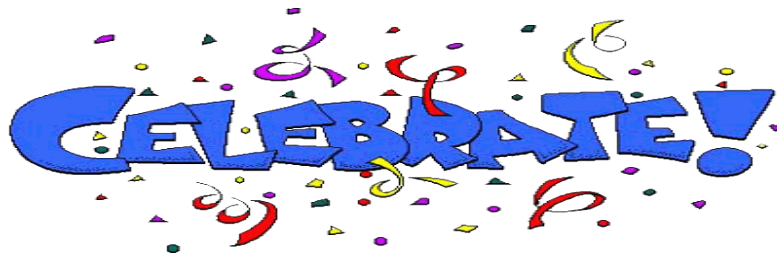
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let them know you care!

### ***WHO'S AT CHURCH?***

AA, NA, Al-Anon, Alateen, Girl Scouts, Fit Your World, Friendship Fridays, Compassion Word Ministries, our food pantry guests and more! Many groups utilize our facilities and, although not all are directed by us, they become an extension of our community by helping us to be visible, and by reflecting values we hold as Christians, such as the importance of self-care; control of substances that can harm our physical bodies; creativity; acquiring knowledge and growth; and helping those less fortunate. We invite you to be aware of these various programs, and, if you should meet their members here, extend your hand in Christian fellowship and recognize them as part of our community. **Invite them to church, an event or a circle meeting. Let them know their presence is a blessing!**



Happy Birthday to.....

3rd Sandra Smith    13th Randy Millslagle    16th Pam Krull

17th Ruth Dawson    20th Pastor Dukes

Happy Anniverary to.....

6th Sheila and Dan Kendryna

24th Karen and Joe Santoro

24th Penny and Randy Millslagle

Praises to God for a wonderful celebration at our fourth African Day held on August 9th. Thanks to Bola Alabi and her team of Julia, Mercy and Brandi, as well as guests and attendees, whose efforts made the day amazing. Joyous music, a fiery sermon that was surely heaven-sent, delicious food and a wonderful fellowship time was experienced by all. If you missed this day you missed something special in the life of First UMC.

We are putting the final touches on the painting at the parsonage!! Thanks to all who helped with that huge undertaking!:: Karen, Joy, Marty, Rachel, Karen and Joe, Tom, Paul, and Greg. Thanks to Maggie and Anne for keeping our Crews fed!!

# **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Sundays: Worship! 9 am**

**Adult Sunday School 10:15**

**Fellowship and “coffee and”**

**Tuesday, Sept. 1, Bible Study, 6:00 P.M.**

**Tuesday, Sept. 8 Rachel Circle, 9:30 A.M.**

**Friday, Sept. 11, Friendship Fridays resumes**

**Saturday, Sept. 12, Parking Lot Sale, 8-2**

**Sunday, Sept. 20th, 1:00 P.M.**

**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY!!**

**Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, Bible Study, 6:00 P.M.**

**Saturday, Sept. 26th Parking Lot Sale 8-2**



Mark your calendars now for September 20th and invite friends, neighbors. (Please note the start time of 1 pm, that day only.)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH OF OAK LAWN  
P R E S E N T S

# 3 in 1 ACTIVITY

**1**

**BACK-TO-CHURCH  
SUNDAY**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

COME HOME.  
WE'VE MISSED YOU!

LET'S RECONNECT  
IN FAITH & LOVE!

**2**

**PASTOR  
BEVERLY  
B-DAY  
CELEBRATION**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE  
OUR BELOVED PASTOR  
BEVERLY!

**3**

**B-B-Q  
OUTDOOR  
WORSHIP**

FOOD • FELLOWSHIP  
• FUN • FAITH

GOOD FOOD.  
GREAT PEOPLE.  
GREATER GOD!

**THEME:**  
*Come! Let's  
reconnect, worship,  
& break bread.*

**DATE:**  
SUNDAY,  
9/20/27

**TIME:**  
1PM

**HOST:**  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK LAWN

10000 CENTRAL AVENUE, ILLINOIS 60453

## PARSONAGE REJUVENATION!

As you know, our parsonage has been in need of some TLC. Now, while the building is empty, is the time to catch up on some much needed maintenance. We are looking for members, or friends of, who can help with some simple drywall, small plumbing projects, and outdoor maintenance and landscaping. If you, or someone you know, would like to give a hand on such projects; or if you know of reasonably priced workmen for such projects; please contact Marty Linderborg.



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. in person worship in our sanctuary

And available via Zoom in real time

and on Facebook Live

(Contact the church for Zoom links)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult class at 10:15 Sundays

### BIBLE STUDY in PERSON

The 1st and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 6 P.M. at the church!

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