



Come Fill Your Life

Pastor's Greetings

Dear Friends,

Fall leaves flutter and fly in the wind. There is also a current of change streaming through our church, but it is one of warmth and renewal—the breath of God, the Holy Spirit! At our recent church charge conference new leaders were nominated and approved for the coming year as well as for multiple year terms. I am so grateful for the leaders of the church familiar and new, for indeed we are all called to participate in the ministry and mission of Christ. I am grateful for all members of our church family here and beyond, for only together are we the body of Christ. As we begin to prepare for Thanksgiving, a time of harvest, a time of reflection and expression of our thanks to the source of all our good gifts, may we remember that God desires to harvest the fruit of the Spirit from, in, and through

our lives. The Apostle Paul writes in his letter to the Church in Galatia that the fruit of the Spirit, as can be made tangible in the lives of disciples of Christ, is a composite of the following: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These characteristics ripen and grow collectively in individuals and congregations who actively respond to the Maker's call to live in relationship with the Triune God.

During the month of November, we continue to explore the practical steps to honor God with fruitful lives, as outlined by Bishop Robert Schnase of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church in his book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*. In the first of the five-part sermon series

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Testimonial

By Lisa Edge

On a beautiful Saturday in mid September, Pastor Hyemin Na, Rachel Tuohy and I attended the **Bishop's Summit for Lay Leadership** at Grace

United Methodist Church in Naperville.

As the session opened, we were greeted with a rousing hymn sing that was led by a pastor who seemed to have more energy in that

early hour than I have all day. It was a wonderful treat to be able to sit and soak in the spirit. While I was ready to learn how to be a Lay Leader in three

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"For what is faith unless it is to believe what you do not see?"

- St. Augustine

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easy steps, it quickly became apparent that it was important to learn what brings people to church today.

Once the Conference started, the morning discussion focused primarily on the changing culture of today's church. Because people have so many more time commitments, the church is getting a smaller margin of people's lives. So in order to attract more people to us, we have to learn what is important to do and stop doing what has not worked.

In past generations, membership in a group shaped one's identity. If you belonged to the Lion's Club, Kiwanis, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Moose, Triple A, you name it, you were a part of something, and that defined "your" personae. Now people just want to **participate**. That's about all they have time for, but they still want to be a part of something too, in order to seek meaning and purpose in their lives.

Essentially, we need to start thinking anew. We need to envision that we are in the "wilderness" as our speaker, Gil Rendle, stated. We have practiced

in a Christendom model for a very long time that worked based on the assumption that everyone in and around the church knew about Christ. We should think of ourselves as missionaries in a foreign land and learn the language of the land and culture that we find ourselves in today. Rendle gave us a humorous example of the "language barrier" that we sometimes face. He asked a congregation, which consisted largely of a more experienced population, if they had grandchildren. Many people raised their hands. He asked, "Do you love your grandchildren?" Those hands went higher. "Would you sacrifice for your grandchildren?" Hands went higher and heads nodded, of course, of course! Then he asked, "Would you let your grandchildren play their music at church on Sunday?" Those hands promptly disappeared. We all had a good chuckle, but his example showed that if we are not willing to be flexible in practice and strategy, we cannot be steady in our purpose. Essentially, we cannot wait for people to learn our language before we learn theirs.

So many other topics were discussed and in the afternoon, we focused more on leadership versus management skills. One easy way that I learned to discern the difference between the two is that church management should be saying, "Are we doing things right?" while church leadership should be saying, "Are we doing right things?" Another interesting statistic that Mr. Rendle quoted to us is that church leadership spends about 80% of its time in management rather than leadership.

There was so much thought-provoking information given at this conference, I feel that I am doing it a disservice by trying to condense it in order to share it with you. But I believe most importantly what Pastor HyeMin summed up perfectly in her notes that she shared with us. We need to know these three things about ourselves and our church:

Who we are
What God has called us to do
Who is our neighbor

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leading up to Stewardship Sunday on November 22nd, we learned that we, as individuals and as a congregation, experience God's radical hospitality, which in turn empowers us to practice Christ-centered radical hospitality (Oct 25). An encounter of God's hospitality leads us to respond with passionate worship (Nov 1) as we grow more in love with God. The Spirit whets our appetites for intentional faith development (Nov 8), where, by the grace of God, we become aware of our thirst and hunger for the things of God. We seek to

grow in knowledge of Scripture, become disciplined in prayer, and come to appreciate the power of gathering with fellow Christians for what John Wesley termed "holy conferencing," a time of support, encouragement, sharing, and accountability. We are reoriented to God day by day through these practices, and we are led to risk-taking mission and service (Nov 15) for the sake of others, and for the love of God. Disciples know what is ultimately important, viewing all aspects of life with the eyes of faith, and

Getting to Know You - Ken Brandau

By Nancy Conner

Autumn has arrived! The days are shorter; the weather is beginning to change, and dusk creeps upon us much earlier as we eat our evening supper. The neighborhood trees – once lush and green begin to turn to gold and brown as their leaves lazily fall to the ground and cover our driveways. Autumn – a time to pick apples and carve pumpkins—a time to enjoy the last of the summer sweet corn and welcome the acorn squash. Autumn brings closure to summer; our children return to school, and we begin to look forward to other activities and the Thanksgiving holiday. Autumn – a time when our local farmers are busy harvesting their crops, bailing hay, and preparing for the cold winter months ahead, and that is exactly what **Ken Brandau** will be doing for the next several weeks — harvesting his crops.

I had a nice conversation with Ken one Sunday during coffee

hour, and he gave me a momentary look into his life – past and present. Ken's German grandparents and his parents were also farmers, and working the soil is and always has been an important part of his life. "I've had the same job for 65 years" Ken said proudly. He laughed and then said that if he had taken a government job, he would have two and a half pensions now. At one time, he and his brother, Ervin, cultivated 26 different farms. After Ervin moved away from the immediate area, Ken hired Diane Gawley to be his assistant; Diane has worked with Ken for the past 32 years. Currently, Ken farms approximately 1250 acres. "I farm corn and soy beans; my farms are in Cook County, Will County and Ford County." Ken has been an active member of the Tinley Park United Methodist Church since 1929; he and his brothers, Raymond and Ervin, were married in our church; attended Sunday school together,

and always participated in Sunday worship.

Ken maintains a very busy schedule. As I was talking to Ken, I wondered how many of us are aware of how hard farmers work. Farming is physical labor, and most farmers work over 18-hours in the fields during planting and harvesting season. "I'm very busy," said Ken. In addition to farming, Ken also repairs his own machinery. "I do all of my own repair work, and that includes rebuilding machinery." Although he is 80 years old, Ken said that he feels like he's 60. I remember my dad always said that hard work never hurt anyone; I'm sure all of us have heard this comment when we were children, and when looking at Ken Brandau, we can see that there is truth in this statement. "I've rebuilt tractors and combines," he stated. "I took them apart in my dad's yard and put them back together."

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begin to give of themselves with joy. Indeed, we learn the joy of God—the gift of giving. We acknowledge ourselves as recipients of God's extravagant generosity, and as we journey on the path of faith, we, too, are formed as agents of extravagant generosity (Nov 22).

How is your heart responding to this? Do you feel the Spirit's call to go deeper? We at Tinley Park United Methodist Church are already feeling God's warmth, pulling us toward life-giving ways. May we surrender ourselves to

this heart-thawing grace, and may God be glorified by the fruit harvested in our lives. Join us as we celebrate week by week what God does in our midst!

In Christ,,

Pastor Hyemin Na

Meetings & Events

Sunday School for adults is from 8:45-9:15a.m. in the Confirmation Room. The book they are studying is "Matthew for Everyone". Jan Paris leads the class. All adults are welcome to join.

Sunday morning worship begins at 9:30am. After each service, join us in the social hall during coffee hour for light refreshments and great fellowship. The nursery is open every Sunday during worship service for the children who are too young to go to Sunday school.

Children's Sunday school is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Bring your little ones in for a fun day of learning about God's love.

Chancel Choir

The chancel choir sings on the first and third Sundays of each month. We need more members, so please think about joining us.

Trustee Meeting

There will be a Trustee meeting on Saturday **November 14** at **9:a.m.** in the church library.

United Methodist Women Circles

Meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30am. New members are welcome to join.

*Miriam Rebecca Circle meets every month at the church. For information about this circle, call Dee Crandall at (708) 633-8100 or Home at (815) 469-1032.

*Ruth/Esther Circle meets every month at the home of the hostess. For information about this circle, call Claudia Kolb at (708) 614-7258.

Seniors Club

Will meet on **November 11** (the sec-ond Wednesday) at 12:00p.m. in the social hall. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Brown Bag Lunch

Come join Pastor Na at noon on Nov 3 in the church library. Bring your lunch and enjoy some quality fellowship!

Tai Chi

Please consider signing up for the Tai Chi classes we have in our church each Saturday from 1 to 2:00p.m. The cost

is just \$5 per class. See Rachel Tuohy for more information.

Youth Meeting

The second youth meeting will be held at the Pastor's house on Friday **November 6** from **6:00 - 7:30p.m.** We are also looking for adult volunteers with the youth group! Please contact Pastor Na if you feel called to serve in the spiritual formation of our beloved youth!

Ladies' Evening

On Saturday **November 7**, there will be a special get-to-know-you evening for the women in the church in their 20s, 30s and 40s (or whoever feels that way!). We will gather at the parsonage from **7:30p.m.** until who knows when! Please come for a night of desserts, stories, laughter, warmth of fellowship and prayer.

Ken Brandau (cont.)

When he is not working on the farm, Ken enjoys watching auto racing on television. I was very surprised when Ken, who is always upbeat and optimistic, said that his favorite movie is "Grumpy Old Men" featuring Walter Matthau. When asked his preference in music, Ken replied, "My favorite music is country and western. I like the old country singers like Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, and Hank Williams, but I also like the music of Ray Charles." Ken also enjoys country cooking, and his favorite ice cream is Ben & Jerry's Cherry Garcia.



Painting by Doris Bertinetti

Announcements

Coffee Hour

We are in need of Coffee Hour hosts. Please check your calendar & sign up to host a Sunday. Sign up sheets are on the desk next to the kitchen.

Food Pantry

The volunteers of the Tinley Park Food Pantry are here every Wednesday for 6-7 hours helping people of this community. When you offer to prepare lunch for them, it saves the pantry money and shows your support for the hard work they all do. If you would like to volunteer to bring in lunch for them, please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex, or call Kerri Whitworth in the office (708)532-2960.

Sunday School Teachers

October teachers were: Kathy Row, Kim Knoll and Dawn Shires. November teachers are: Norma Brandau, Helen Kruceck and Jan Kush. Thank you for volunteering!

Church History

*The church now has available our 150th anniversary memory books! From 1858 to 2008, our church has experienced some extraordinary changes, in the appearance and structure of the building, as well as the people who have made this church a family.

*The 150th Anniversary Committee has several videos for sale commemorating TPUMC events over the past 68 years. Videos include photos of the 1940 construction of the present church building, the removal & opening of the time capsule, & the 1990 video removed from the time capsule. See Jerry McCarty for additional information.

Collections

We are currently collecting unwanted cell phones and eyeglasses. The cell phones are recycled for parts and the money from the program buys calling

cards for soldiers overseas to call home. The glasses are donated to Target, who passes them out to those who are in need.

Bell Choir Director

We are looking for a volunteer to direct the handbell choir for our Christmas program. See Phyllis Ebeling if you are interested in helping with this beautiful music ministry.

Facebook

We are on Facebook! This social networking site now has a page for our church, so if you have a Facebook account, become a fan of TPUMC online! Facebook is free to use, but you are required to register for an account to sign on. Click the Facebook icon that appears on our church web site (www.tinleymethodist.org) to go directly to our Facebook page.



Fundraisers

GoodSearch and GoodShop

Our church receives donations through the **GoodSearch.com** and **GoodShop.com** web sites. Each time you use the GoodSearch site instead of other search engines like Google or Yahoo, our TPUMC earns a penny per click. Since the beginning of the year, we have earned **\$55.00** (that's over 4,000 searches in 2009!)

DaySpring

Start your Christmas shopping ! If you go to the church web site (www.tinleymethodist.org) and click on the **Day-Spring** picture, you can shop their online catalog for holiday gifts and cards while earning a donation for TPUMC. For card products, our commission is **15%**. For non-card products, our commission is **12%**.

Fall Arts Fling

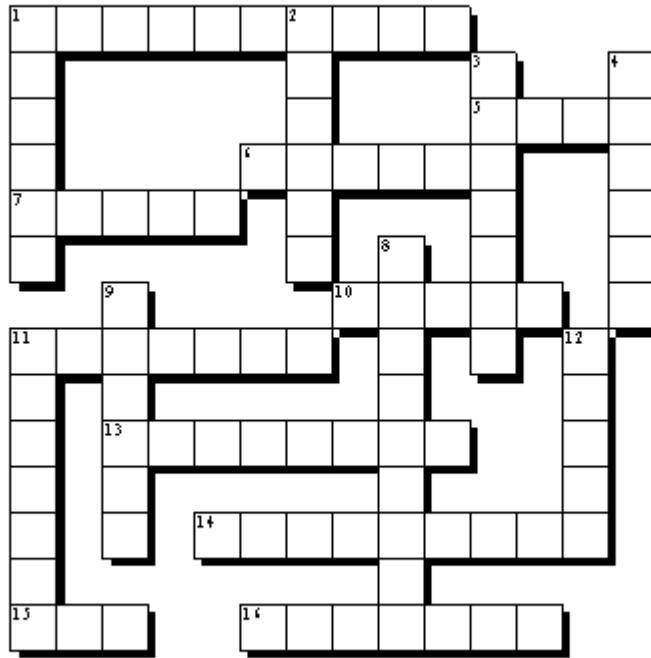
The UMW would like to thank everyone for their participation in the Fall Arts Fling October 25! The entirety of the proceeds (**\$430.25**) will go to missions, including St. Joseph Indian School in South Dakota and Child Serve, a non-profit organization that helps Chicagoland's at-risk children and their families.

Church Calendar

November 2009

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 Daylight Saving Time ends 8:45a.m. Adult Sun. School
2	3 12:00p.m. Brown Bag Lunch 7:00p.m. Bible Study	4 Pastor Na away	5 12:30p.m. Ministerial Assoc.	6 11:30a.m. A.A.R.P Meeting 6:00p.m. Youth meeting	7 1:00p.m. T'ai Chi 7:30p.m. Ladies' evening	8 8:45a.m. Adult Sun. School
9	10 9:30a.m. UMW Circles 7:00p.m. Bible Study	11 Veteran's Day 12:00p.m. Senior's Club	12	13	14 9:00a.m. Trustee meeting 1:00p.m. T'ai Chi	15 8:45a.m. Adult Sun. School
16	17 7:00p.m. Bible Study	18	19 6:00p.m. Magic Masters	20	21 1:00p.m. T'ai Chi	22 8:45a.m. Adult Sun. School
23	24 7:00p.m. Bible Study	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28 1:00p.m. T'ai Chi	29 8:45a.m. Adult Sun. School
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Jesus and the Children



Created by The Word Puzzle (www.thewordpuzzle.com) using Crossword Express (www.zenwords.com)

John Kapteyn

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The following is from the story of Jesus and the Children in Mark 10:13-17.
From the passage, discover which words are missing and then place them in the puzzle.

One ___ some ___ brought their children to ___ so he could touch them and bless them, but the disciples told them not to ___ him. But when Jesus saw what was ___, he was very ___ with his ___. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the ___ of God ___ to such as these. I ___ you, ___ who ___ have their kind of ___ will ___ get into the Kingdom of God." Then he took the ___ into his ___ and ___ his hands on their heads and ___ them.



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Serving the Church This Month

	Nov 1	Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 22	Nov 29
Liturgist	Gerald Crandall	Larry Paris	Carl Nilsen	Ruth Vazquez	Colleen Bettenhausen
Ushers	Kathy Row	Bob & Jan Kush	Chereline McCarty Frank Jelke	Kurt Edwardson Dorothy Smith	Chereline McCarty Ty Gillooley
Communion Steward	Beth Kendall				
Altar Flowers		Dorothy Smith, <i>in honor of all veterans</i>	Bob & Jan Kush, <i>in memory of Merna Trotter's 80th birthday</i>	Lloyd & Marilyn Brandau, <i>for their 59th anniversary on 11/25</i>	Nancy Conner, <i>for Larry's birthday</i>
Bulletin Covers				Lloyd & Marilyn Brandau, <i>for their 59th anniversary on 11/25</i>	
Sunday School		Dee Crandall	Norma Brandau	Helen Krucek	Jan Kush
Special Music					
Coffee Hour					
Sound System	Kurt Edwardson	Kurt Edwardson			
Multimedia	Jerry McCarty, Lucille Wu	Jerry McCarty, Lucille Wu	Jerry McCarty, Lucille Wu	Jerry McCarty, Lucille Wu	Jerry McCarty, Lucille Wu