

September 2011

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

“Reality Christianity”

Reality TV permeates the air waves. Are there some spiritual insights to be had? What happens when we put the sacred and the everyday together? Join us for this look at the faith through a new lens!

- Sept 4 “The Biggest Loser” Matthew 16:21-28
- Sept 11 “The Amazing Race” II Timothy 4:1-8
- Sept 18 “Chopped” Matthew 10:5-15
- Sept 25 “Teen Mom” Luke 1:26-38 & Matthew 1:18-25

The Biggest Loser: Matthew 16:21-28

Theme: Contestants lose not only pounds as they diet and exercise but they expose the painful parts of their lives that have contributed to their weight problems. Once free of those painful parts of their past, they are able to move on to new beginnings. Once we “lose” ourselves, we will discover true life in Christ.

Amazing Race: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Theme: Contestants compete for \$1 million prize. They must follow rules, effectively work with their partner, be flexible, and be strong enough mentally and physically to meet the challenges. Our lives of faith are lived similarly. We have guidelines for our lives through scripture, church teachings to steer us through life.

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All of our church family

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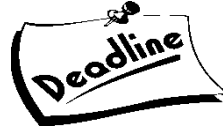
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Chris Lewis

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NEWS FROM AHUMC OFFICE**BUILDER
DEADLINES**

<u>Input Deadline</u>	<u>Builder Assembly</u>
September 21	September 28
October 19	October 26
November 16	November 23
December 14	December 21

If you are available to help us assemble the Builder please join us at 9:30 am in the fireside room on the dates listed above.

*Did you know ... you can find **The Builder** newsletter & event calendar on our church website? Check out our **News and Events** page.*

REMINDER: Input to the Sunday Bulletin is due by 9 AM each Wednesday morning. Please be mindful of this deadline as it is very helpful to the staff to have your input as early as possible.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

OFFICE CLOSED

The Arlington Hills UMC office will be closed on Friday, September 2 and Monday, September 5 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

THE PASTOR SHARES

Brace yourself!!!! Its fall and all of the programs and activities of Church will soon be kicking into high gear! We look forward to rally Sunday and the start of Sunday school as well as LOL Wednesdays, Choir, Bible Studies, Baptisms, Confirmation, and Confirmation Sunday! Our youth will be honored with the task of assembling the very first 4 PETS (Personal Energy Transportation) in the Twin Cities as this new ministry takes off! AHUMC is an exciting place to be! There is something for you at Arlington Hills! Come, Share, and Rejoice as we seek and serve the Lord together!!!



Pastor Chip

REALITY CHRISTIANITY SERMON SERIES

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Chopped: Matthew 10:5-15

Theme: Contestants are given a basket of items with which they must use in a dish served to the judges. The most important thing isn't really the items in the basket—because they are always unusual and strange—but how each chef uses his/her knowledge to create something delicious from those items. Jesus sends us out into the world telling us to pack our baskets with very few items—so few items it is clear to us that the most important “item” we bring to ministry is

the gift of ourselves—and all that God has given us.

Teen Mom: Luke 1:26-38 & Matthew 1:18-25

Theme: This show revolves around the stories of unwed teen mothers. As they share their lives, we see the challenges of being an unwed teen mother—as well as the mistakes they make. Mary was a teen mom who was likewise vulnerable in her pregnancy—Joseph could have divorced her & charged her with adultery. Opening our lives to God's call sometimes means making ourselves vulnerable in very real ways!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Webinger, Don & Marge— *new address*

Hazel Ridge Apt #321

2730 Hazelwood St.

Maplewood, MN 55109

Same phone number



Recorded copies (CDs) of our Sunday worship services are available upon request from the office. A \$3 donation is appreciated to offset costs.



- ... Our friends and family who are continuing to heal and regain strength, including Rod Oberg, Leah Harding, Elsie Kueng, Bernie Baker, Jean Donovan, Marianne Sether, Jan Nienaber & Wilma Davis
- ... Greg Schlichting as he is deployed to Afghanistan for another tour
- ... Our refugee family, Suk Maya and Purna, as they settle into their new life, and for their family back in their homeland
- ... Our generous members who have helped and continue to help Suk Maya and Purna
- ... Audrey Davis and family upon the death of their beloved Jack
- ... Our young ones who will be baptized and confirmed later this month
- ... Those people around the world who are suffering from starvation and persecution

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Marjorie Boening
- 1 Gail Lowery
- 1 Jesse VanAllen
- 2 Peter Diede
- 2 Sheryl Hayne
- 2 Terry Sweeney
- 4 Susan Beebe
- 4 Dona Leland
- 4 Corbin Weber
- 5 Bernice Olson
- 6 Thomas Boles
- 6 David Moon
- 6 Albert Nienaber
- 7 Sheldon Manthei
- 9 Logan Sweeney
- 9 Rachel VanAllen
- 10 Janice Petersen
- 11 Jacob Nentwig
- 12 Craig Benson
- 12 Jacob Domagala
- 12 Lindsay Jones
- 13 Beth Thompson
- 13 Harriet Youngquist
- 14 Mae Jagodzinski
- 15 Delores Kaese
- 16 Claude Bewell
- 16 Haley Lewis
- 17 Karen Manke
- 19 Mark Watson
- 20 Karen Johnson
- 20 Bob Lowery
- 20 Autumn Schurr
- 21 Cyril Roy
- 22 Mirabel Johnson
- 24 Cole Maddio
- 25 Josh Mattila
- 28 Scott Hagberg
- 29 Ted Johnson
- 30 Amanda Earle
- 30 Rachel Lentsch



Thanks to everyone that went to United Methodist Night at Target Field on July 21. We had lots of fun; even though the Twins lost the game. Remember that our purchase of 60 tickets raised \$360 for "Imagine No Malaria."

Carole Benson

We want to thank our church family for all the prayers, visits, cards, etc. over the past months as we dealt with health problems and moving. We are now settled at Hazel Ridge and enjoying life here. It has been quite a journey, but thanks to your prayers we are looking forward to returning to church soon. God bless you all.

Don & Marge

To my dear staff, friends and loved ones, Thank you so much for your constant prayers, blessings, cards, calls and support you provided during this long recovery from my accident. My heart is overflowing from so much love, and I want you to know I love you all too!

Leah Harding

Dear Friends in Mission: Thank you for your generous gift to UM Committee on Relief. 100% of your contribution (\$1,055) will go to Japan Emergency, Advance #3021317... Because you gave, UMCOR is able to "Be There" and "Be Hope" on your behalf...

Roland Fernandes,
General Treasurer, UMCOR

Thanks for a lovely sendoff in Toni's memory. Hopefully the next time we meet it will be in happier times.

Michal Bristol & family

On behalf of the Maplewood Police Department and members of the Maplewood Police Benefit Fund we would like to thank you for your generous donation toward the Fallen Officers Memorial. Without your contribution, we would not have been able to build such a memorial. The dedication of the memorial was held on May 1, 2011. It is a spectacular memorial to Sergeant Joe Bergeron and others that have died in the line of duty. We hope you have an opportunity to visit the memorial that was made possible because of your contributions.

Sincerely,

Virginia A. Erickson, Treasurer,
Maplewood Police Benefit Fund

Dear church,
Thank you for the campership to go to Northern Pines Adventure camp. We had a lot of fun. We went swimming and crafts. We slept in bunk bed in a cabin.
Ryan Clum
Hunter Clum

Thank you to the Arlington Hills congregation for all of the donations to the help set up the apartment for Suk Maya and Purna. They feel very blessed to have such a nice place to live.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School begins again on Rally Sunday, September 11. On Rally Sunday we will get to know each other and talk about the summer and what’s coming up. We begin the year with the Story of Creation! Come join your friends as we learn about God’s magnificent creation. Our unit begins with Science and Games. It is a great way to begin the school year.

ALL parents need to come by the Sunday School room and register their children for the coming year. I need a complete list of birthdays, health concerns and grade levels. Thanks.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Children’s Choir will begin on the same day as Sunday School, September 18. To reach all the possible children, we have practice right after Sunday School. After choir, we have our own treats in the room next door. Having the practice and snacks right after Sunday School allows parents time to have coffee and a few minutes of time with each other before the children rejoice them.

ADULT EDUCATION & ENRICHMENT

FALL ADULT ED CLASS

The Education Spiritual Growth ministry team is featuring a new study this fall. This is a book study called, If Grade is True: Why God Will Save Every Person by Phillip Gully and James Mulholland. This is a great discussion book on a very interesting topic. It received great reviews. The study will run from the beginning of October to Thanksgiving. We have one class that will be offered by Mark Youngstrom on Monday evenings.

Hopefully, we will be able to offer another class on Wednesday evening. Watch for signup sheets at the Welcome Center. If anyone is willing to facilitate a Wednesday evening class, please talk to Maxine.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY begins again on September 21 at 9:30 AM in the fireside room.

Thursday Morning Men’s Prayer group will begin meeting in September after Rally Sunday. Contact Keith Wells for more information.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

LOL (LIVING OUT LOUD)

LOL begins on Wednesday, September 14. The evening begins with a meal and continues with programming for all church members. We start with a wonderful meal cooked by our Chef – Chris. Our first meal is a Fajita Bar. Yummy!

Each week the programming includes confirmation classes, SH Youth discussion time, adult education classes, choir practice, children’s time and maybe just time to connect with friends. Once a month we’ll host an informal midweek worship service. There is always childcare available. We have something for everyone.

See you at 5:30 p.m. on September 14. Schedules are on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board for the rest of the year.

SEPTEMBER LOL DATES

- 14** Kick-off Night
- 21** Midweek Worship Service
- 28** Gospel Sing-Along led by Methodist Creek

MARK THESE DATES...

The GAP group is planning a potluck picnic – location to be announced – for Saturday, September 3. Contact Karen & Dave Johnson for more information.

The bridge group regularly meets on the second Thursday of each month. This month we will meet Thursday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. New players are always welcome.

RALLY DAY SUNDAE!

Sunday, September 11

On September 11, we will be having our Rally Day to kick off the events of the new church year. To start the process Hospitality, with the help of the Church's various ministry teams, will be hosting a do-it-yourself Sundae bar in the Fellowship Hall. Hospitality will be dishing out the ice cream; each

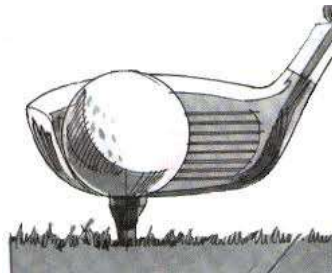


of the other ministry teams will be responsible for a topping of their choosing. To get your dish of plain ice cream topped, just bring it to the teams you are interested in.

Ministry Teams: (If you are on a committee or in a small group, this means you!) Please make your way to the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center to choose your topping. This is strictly first come, first served! If you want cherries or chocolate syrup, you'd best get there soon. Otherwise, you'll be stuck with the chopped sardines or boiled okra.

Questions: Jim Watson (612 619 2756)

The BLB group regularly meets the third Saturday of each month. We enjoy good fellowship and food. This month we will meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 17 at Denny's on White Bear Avenue in Maplewood. Please sign up at the Welcome Center the weekend before. Contact Lorraine Swanson if you have questions.



ALL-CHURCH GOLF TOURNEY

Sunday, September 18

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 18 at 1:00 PM for the All-Church Golf Tourney. The best ball tournament will be held at the beautiful Gem Lake Golf Course in scenic White Bear Lake. All skill levels are encouraged to join in on the fun! We do need to know how many will be playing in order to reserve the correct number of tee times so please sign up by Sunday, Sept 11th at the Welcome Center or call the church office to get signed up at 651-776-1547. If you have any questions, contact Dave Engelhardt or Martha Rice. It will be a fun event you don't want to miss!!

The Stamping Card Group will on Thursday, September 29 at 1:00 p.m. in the fireside room. If you would like to help make cards to send to our homebound members, please join us.

BAPTISM / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 25

Yes on the same Sunday!!! Baptism marks the beginning of our faith journey when the congregation and parents take vows to nurture and raise their children in the Christian Faith and life. We look forward to the Baptism of Hadley Kate Bensen and Anastasia Carlson

Confirmation marks that time when young people "come of age" and claim the faith for themselves. Please come to celebrate and welcome the confirmation class of 2011: Peter Diede, Jacob Domagala, Aaron Gordon, Ellen Jones, and Alex Sether.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2



World Communion Sunday is one of the special United Methodist Sunday offerings which provide scholarships (Doors to Education) for U.S. racial and ethnic minorities and international

students. World Communion Scholars represent more than 25 countries. They study in a wide variety of fields including family pastoral care, clinical psychology, peace and governance, crop production, law, health and Christian-Muslim relations.

Special envelopes will be available in the bulletins October 2. We invite you to give generously. You can also send a special offering clearly marked "World Communion Sunday" to the church office.

LOOK WHAT ELSE IS COMING UP ...**October**

- 2 World Communion Sunday (special offering)
- 5 Confirmation Class begin
- 9 Blessing of the Animals
- 12 Speaker: Concussion Syndrome
- 16 3rd Grade Bibles Presented
- 23 4th Sunday Lunch Youth Fundraiser
- 26 Fall New Member Class
- 30 Reuben Ristrom & Friends Concert
UNICEF Sunday in Sunday School

November

- 4-6 JUMYS
- 6 All Saints Day observed
- 6 New Member Sunday
- 13 Con Brio Girls Choir Concert
Stewardship Sunday Brunch
- 20 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service
- 24-25 Thanksgiving – Office Closed
- 27 United Methodist Sunday (special offering)
- 27 Hanging of the Greens
with Youth Lunch Fundraiser

December

- 6 Care Baskets for the homebound
- 10 Sunday School Christmas Rehearsal
- 10 UMW Christmas Tea
- 11 Sunday School Christmas Program
- 18 Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata
- 20 Senior Luncheon
- 24 Christmas Eve Services
4:00 PM Family Service
10:00 PM Candlelight Service

Dec 26 – Jan 2 - Office Closed for holiday break

January 22 Robert Robinson Concert

February 26 Northern Lights String Quartet
Concert

See the **Youth News** page for addition information about Youth activities and events.

Youth News

1380 Seconds of Current

What is this? It's our new youth Sunday morning discussion time on current events for kids in grades 6-12. Join us in the youth room Sunday mornings from 9:32 to 9:55 AM beginning Sunday, September 11. Check it out!

Rally Sunday

Join us at the Youth table on Rally Sunday. We'll have caramel topping and info about upcoming youth activities and fundraisers.

Wednesday Night Youth Schedule

There will be youth programming for kids in grades 6-12 every Wednesday night when there is LOL. Join us around 6:00 PM for dinner.

September Youth LOL Schedule

- 14 Mission Planning for grades 6-12
- 21 2013 Confirmation Class Meeting with pastor, parents & mentors
Fellowship, mission & fundraising planning session
- 28 Methodist Creek Sing-Along followed by Youth Orientation & Registration and a special "Gutter Social"

*Stay tuned for information about helping with the **PET project** sometime in September...*

2011 Confirmation Class

As we make our final preparations for our 10th graders' confirmation, students who will be confirmed in September 2011 are asked to join Pastor Chip at 7:00 PM on BOTH Sunday, September 11 and 18.

Then please join us on Saturday, September 24 at 6:00 PM for our confirmation rehearsal and dinner. On Sunday, September 25 we will hold Confirmation during service.

JUMYs Coming in November

JUMYs 2011 – "faithbook" – will be Friday, November 4 – Sunday, November 6 at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud. Open to grades 5-8. Registration information will be coming soon. Registrations are due by October 1.

October Youth Events

We've got lots more exciting opportunities in the works for October...

- Oct 2 – Calendar Sales begin
- Oct 16 – Alligator Safari
- Oct 20 – Cardboard City
- Oct 21 – Work Como
- Oct 23 – 4th Sunday Lunch Fundraiser

So please stay tuned... check your email, watch the Sunday bulletin announcements, and check the Youth bulletin boards in the fellowship hall and Pam's office door.

MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

CHANCEL CHOIRS

On Wednesday, August 31 the Chancel Choir potluck will begin at 6:00 PM so bring a dish to share and be ready to share what you've been doing this summer. Rehearsal will begin at about 7:00 PM in the choir room.

Chancel Choir rehearsals are at a **NEW TIME** this year beginning Wednesday, September 7. We start singing at 7:00 PM and will be finished earlier too. We hope this new earlier time may encourage YOU to give choir a try! Come for the fellowship and for growth in YOUR faith journey!



BELL CHOIRS

Are you interested in playing in the bell choir? We would love to have you join us. We always welcome new ringers. No previous musical experience is necessary, but you do need to be able to count to four. We will teach you to play bells. I try to assign parts based on abilities. I try not to assign more bells than you can handle.

Besides learning to play music for the glory of God, we have a good time. Rehearsals are in the bell room in the lower level. We own 4 octaves of bells so we have room for many ringers. I have some fun music picked for this year. One piece is a two choir arrangement of Jesus Loves Me, which will allow the Youth Bells to play with the Golden Bells.

Golden Bells is open to anyone 8th grade or older. Rehearses are Thursday 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Our first rehearsal is Sept 15. To help me plan for the first rehearsal, please let me know if you are planning on ringing.

Senior High Bells is for senior high youth. Rehearses the second, fourth and fifth Sundays 6:30 to 7:30 PM *if there are youth interested*. Please let me know if you want to practice on Sunday evenings.



Youth Bells is geared to youth in the 4th to 8th grade. (Older youth are still welcome) We rehearse Sunday before church at 9:00 AM. No experience necessary. I mark music as necessary to make it possible to play the music. We try to have a good time while learning music. Our first rehearsal is Sept 18.

If you have questions about either bell choir, please call Linda Oberg 651-776-8074.



ARLINGTON HILLS MUSIC SERIES

Reuben Ristrom and Friends will open our 2011-2012 music series on Sunday, October 30 during our 10 AM service. Twin Cities native and graduate of the U of MN, Reuben has entertained audiences across the country, whether it live in concert or on recordings by national artists. You might have heard him pick his guitar or banjo at Ingredients in White Bear Lake or with Boone & Erickson, or out at the Old Log Theater with the MN All-Stars. It should be a foot tappin' good time.

In the coming months you can also look forward to the following:

- **The Con Brio Girls Choir**, under the direction of Ms Julia Fahey, will grace our service on November 13.
- Twin Cities Gospel favorite **Robbie Robinson** returns to bless us with his gift of song on Sunday, January 22.
- **The Northern Lights String Quartet** shares their gifts of classical music on Sunday, February 26.
- **Partner's in Praise**, Julia Fahey's elite high school choir, rounds out our series in the spring.

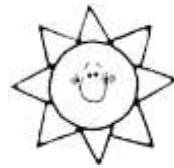
You will not want to miss any of these musical events!



WEDNESDAY EVENING SPEAKER

October 12th, 6:30 - 7:30 PM - Jan Thatcher Adams, MD., retired family practice doctor, United Methodist organist and author of *Football Wife*, *Coming to Age with the NFL* as Mrs. Karl Kassulke.

SUNSHINE PRESCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Sunshine Preschool is gearing up for another year of fun and learning. We are grateful to be part of the Arlington Hills family of ministries and community outreach programs.

We are finding the times we are in are affecting our families' ability to pay for preschool education. Our tuition this year is \$105 per month for two mornings a week and \$130 for three mornings. Several families are asking for scholarship help at this time.

Please take a moment to pray and consider a gift to our scholarship fund. If you have been blessed, this is a great way to give back and to sow into the Lord's work. Any amount, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

Checks payable to Sunshine Preschool, marked Scholarship Fund on memo line, can be mailed to the church or put into the offering on Sundays.

Thank you for your help and God bless you.

Sunshine Board and Team

SCRIP NEWS

Don't forget to pick up your Scrip gift cards for that back to school shopping. You can order from the dozens of retailers listed on the order form or stop at the Scrip table on Sunday mornings to buy from our inventory. This is a wonderful way for us to financially support the ministries of our church!

We currently have **Cub, Rainbow, Target, Panera, Chipotle, Outback, Chili's** and **Dunn Bros** Scrip on hand. Order forms are available at the Welcome Center or can be downloaded any time from the church website. As always, thank you for your participation!



PET PROJECT UPDATE

A few weeks ago we hosted Larry Hill at AHUMC, one of the founders of the PET Project International. He told about how lives are changed the instant a disabled person sits on a PET and becomes mobile for the first time!

Can you help? We need some leaders from AHUMC to work with Community Leaders Jim Conn and Bob Peterson as they direct a team of people in establishing a PET International site in the Metro. We need lots of help including a starting location. If you would like to volunteer or know of someone with around 3,000 square feet of warehouse type space that could be used (donated or leased at good terms), please call Martha Rice, Director of Community Outreach or Pastor Chip.

In the coming weeks we will be producing parts off site and bringing them together for final assembly at AHUMC. From there we hope to move into a production facility by November.

DONATE

LEAVE YOUR CHECKBOOK AT HOME

Online giving is available at Arlington Hills. This service transfers funds directly from your savings or checking account to AHUMC's bank account using the standard Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) system, which you may already use to pay your bills. A list of Frequently Asked Questions and instructions for getting started are available on the church website.

There are two ways to register for VANCO: online via a link on our church website or via a paper form submitted to the office. Please contact Cindy in the church office if you have any questions.

"I Give Electronically" Cards – Once you've sign up and are making your regular Sunday offering electronically through Vanco, we invite you to use the new "I Give Electronically" cards available at the Welcome Center in the narthex. Simply pick up a card as you enter the sanctuary and drop it in the offering plate instead of your regular envelope.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Have you put your fall and winter events on the church calendar yet? As we work to expand our ministries here at Arlington Hills, more and more events are being scheduled in the church building and we have experienced conflicts for time and space.



Please, please, please, all ministry teams, committees, social groups, UMW Circles, scout troops, clubs and individuals - stop by the office and **pencil in your dates**, drop a note in mailbox #1, give Cindy a call or send her an email. We would hate to have someone sign up for a room you use regularly because your event isn't on the calendar. And we would hate to miss publicizing an important event or meeting because we don't know it's happening

And remember to fill out a **Room Set-up Request Forms one week prior to your event** to make sure the custodians have time to fulfill your request. They are here only 15 hours per week and not every day of the week so be considerate and give Ron time to plan their schedules accordingly.

United Methodist Women

Serving Sunday Coffee

Naomi Circle serves during the month of September.

September Circle Meetings

Naomi Circle: Thursday, September 1, 9:30 AM at Lorraine Swanson's home, 592 Terrace Ct, Roseville (651) 484-8605

Rebekah Circle: Thursday, September 1, 9:30 AM at church

Lydia Circle: Wednesday, September 7, 1:00 PM at church Viv LaRock, hostess

Hannah Circle: Saturday, September 10, 9:30 AM at church

News & Events

September Gathering

Saturday, September 24, 9:30 a.m.

As we continue our Haiti study, Dave Elton (a volunteer with the nonprofit organization Compatible Technology International [CTI]), will share stories of his travels to Haiti and his involvement with the Breadfruit Shredding project. This is one of the projects that our UMW unit supported with proceeds from our 2010 Cookie Walk/Craft Sale. Dave will also talk about CTI and their various efforts to alleviate hunger and poverty in the developing world by designing and distributing simple, life-changing food and water technologies.

A sign-up sheet will be available at the Welcome Center to help us plan refreshments. We hope to see you there.

UMW Reading Program

It's "back to school" time and a great time for reading...the UMW Reading Program, sponsored by the national UMW organization, offers some wonderful books in the following categories.

- Education for Mission
- Spiritual Growth
- Social Action
- Nurturing for Community

Our local UMW unit has a number of books available in the UMW Library in the Fireside Room. Many of the books are also available at Public Libraries. If you are interested in the Reading Program, please pick up the 2011 program document in the UMW Library or talk to Laurie Mickelson. A program is also posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

School of Christian Mission Recap

In July five members from Arlington Hills attended the School of Christian Mission held at St John's University. Viv LaRock attended the weekday school while JoAnne Dansdill, Diane Ellis, Evelyn Hunt and Linda Oberg attended the weekend school. The school was a chance to reflect, study, worship, sing, and fellowship. The geographical study this year is Haiti. The final dinner was an international banquet with a Haitian inspired menu. If you want to hear more about the school talk to one of the member who attended.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH AT ARLINGTON HILLS



Rally Day Sundaes – Sunday, September 11

Wednesday, September 14 – **LOL Kickoff**

All-Church Golf Tourney - Sunday, September 18

Baptism and Confirmation – Sunday, September 25

Wednesday, September 28 – **Gospel Sing-Along**

