

**PROCLAMATION
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 100TH ANNIVERSARY**

WHEREAS, the First United Methodist Church of Lombard was founded at the corner of Maple and Main on November 7, 1909 as the Methodist Episcopal Church in order to spread the love of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, United Methodists are called to perpetuate the tradition of founder John Wesley, who cared for “the least, the last, the lost”, as well as the tradition of Circuit Riding preachers who pioneered communities of faith and helped settle our county as it moved westward; and

WHEREAS, the present church began in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chase and became a vibrant force for good that endures to this day, with a Food Pantry that distributes over 100 tons of food annually, a Medical Closet and Prayer Shawl Ministry that extends God’s healing hand, an Educational Ministry for the spiritual growth of young and old alike, and Mission and Relief efforts that touch people’s lives around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the music ministry of First United Methodist Church has put a song of gladness in many a weary heart and encouraged saints at every age and stage to praise God through instruments, hymns and songs; and

WHEREAS, First United Methodist Church continues to believe that we are “endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights”, one of which is to worship God freely in a faith community that is warm and inspiring; and

WHEREAS, First United Methodist Church begins its second 100 years of ministry and service to the good people of the Lombard and beyond on November 8, 2009;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William J. Mueller, President of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2009 as **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH’S 100th ANNIVERSARY DAY** in Lombard in honor of 100 years of giving and loving.

William J. Mueller
Village President

