

BANNER NEWSLETTER

Extraordinary Faith

Learning with the left out

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Barrington United Methodist Church
98 Algonquin Road, Barrington, IL 60010

Chapel Worship, *Sundays at 8:00 a.m.*

You are invited to be a part of this welcoming, caring community that worships God in an intimate setting. Essential elements of this service include: a time of gathering, liturgy, hymns, sermon and a sending forth into the world to live our faith. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

Classic Worship, *Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

Please join us in the soaring, light-filled Sanctuary for this more formal worship experience. Essential elements of this service include a mix of traditional and current hymns, liturgy, organ and choir, sermon and a time for children every Sunday. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

Crossroads Worship, *Sundays at 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, August 19*

There is a place for you in this casual, compelling worship service. The relaxed atmosphere invites us to interpret scripture in today's context with challenging questions, a variety of musical genres and an open, interactive format. Communion is celebrated regularly.

Comunidad Cristiano | Christian Community
1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville, IL 60110

Worship Service, *Sundays at 4:00 p.m.*

You, and your neighbors, are invited to join this emerging worship. A welcoming, caring community shares worship and a delicious meal on Sunday evenings. Experience Hispanic-style worship offered bilingually with a mix of traditional and contemporary worship elements. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

First UMC West Dundee
318 W. Main Street, West Dundee, IL 60118

Classic Worship, *Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

All are invited to experience this multi-generational blended worship service, which incorporates traditional worship elements like hymns and liturgy with more contemporary elements like thematic altar displays, video and occasional contemporary music selections. There is a children's message weekly, scripture lessons and sermon. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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Sign up to receive our weekly e-news through the sign-up form on our website, www.barringtonumc.com.

Nursery care is available on Sundays for infants and toddlers ages 0-3 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

There are moments in our lives when it feels as though our faith is rock-solid, when we feel certainty in our identity as a faithful follower, and when we are satisfied with the ways we are living our lives in line with God's plan. Then there are other times.

There are those moments when we are not sure where or how God is moving, if God even remembers who we are, or if faith makes any sense at all. During August and September, in worship and in small groups, we will learn alongside those who would have been considered as "outside" the people of God. Their extraordinary faith teaches and inspires us, reminding us that sometimes we also have felt outside, and yet the God who transcends human boundaries and limitations is constantly bringing us into community. People like Rahab, Esau, Tamar and

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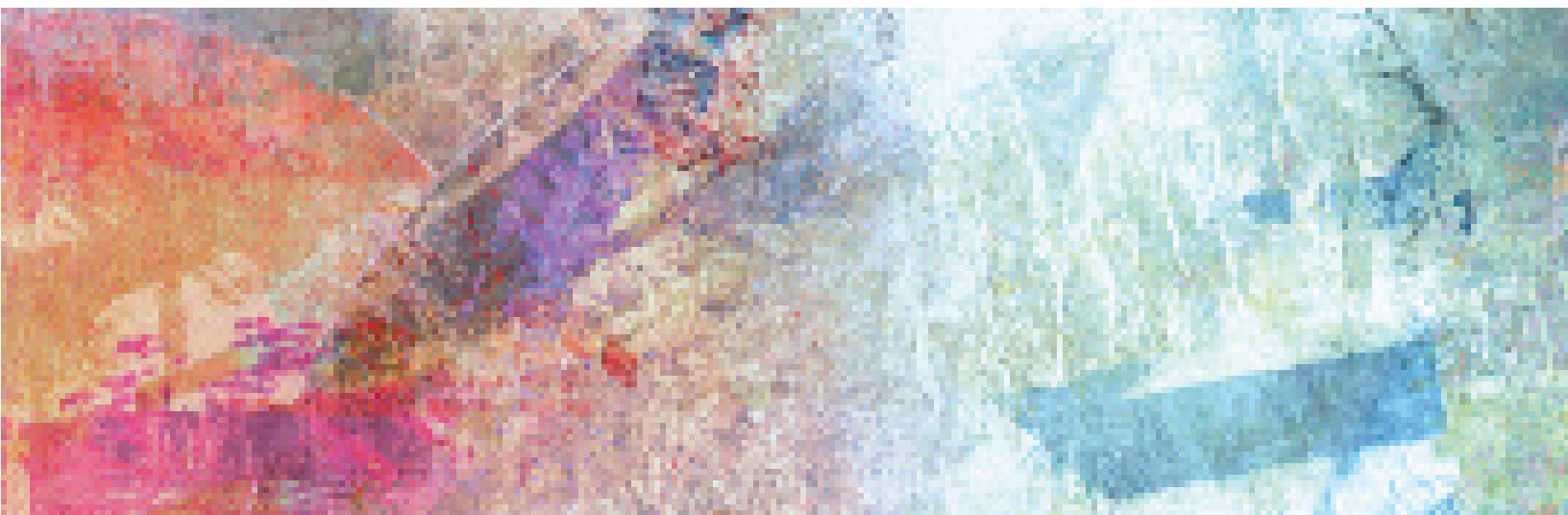
others reveal God's nature in transformative, faith-shaping ways. We are invited into this journey to learn, grow, and renew our identities as humble followers of Jesus the Christ. Sometimes we learn the most from those we consider "other" and discover that we have more in common than we realized. All are invited to come and learn from the stories of faith that are seldom told (several of these are excluded from the lectionary texts). We hope that through these stories and our shared experiences the divisions between "us" and "them," "insiders" and "outsiders" will be reshaped into a more robust community of faith in which we all become learners and teachers together—and that all of our faith will be bolstered in the process.

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New Worship Series

All are invited to come and learn from the stories of faith that are seldom told, based on the book "Faith of the Outsider." Copies of this book are available for purchase in the Lobby at BUMC and in the Fireside Room at First UMC for \$11.

Adult Faith Development classes will continue the conversation and begin Sunday, August 26 at BUMC and First UMC. For more information, please visit the website of First UMC, fumc wd.org or of Barrington UMC, barringtonumc.com



“Welcome is an act of faith that begins even before invitation.”

by Rev. Matthew Johnson

Thank you, Barrington United Methodist Church. We've only been with you a few weeks, but I and my family have been made to feel at home. While we still don't remember many names, we do recognize a great many of your smiling faces. You've invited us into conversations and offered us embrace. You've been thoughtful with your explanations, and patient as we learn about you and our shared ministry.

The moment we walked in on July 1, we sensed that we'd been received into the life of this congregation. I've spoken with others who are newer to BUMC and its multi-site partners, and they have mentioned receiving a similar welcome. Clearly, how our communities move to include those who choose to become a part of them is bearing fruit.

Interestingly, July 1 wasn't the first time I was welcomed here. I've also been a guest, attending a number of Northern Illinois Annual Conference events held in this space. Many of you have directed me to restrooms and served me meals. You made copies of handouts, distributed bulletins, and operated audio visual equipment. You smiled at me when we made eye contact.

This community made a positive, gracious impression on me long before I ever knew I'd be serving as one of its pastors. And, believe it or not, I didn't even have to walk in the doors to experience that welcome.

In the past, I drove by the BUMC building twice a day on my way to and from my church in Naperville. On Sundays, the whole family did so with me. We would see its steeple emerge from the trees as we rolled up the hills on Illinois highways 62 and 59. It was a peaceful constant and a reminder we were (around) halfway there.

The weather got rough for one of those Sunday return trips; the late-afternoon sky was black. Rain was blowing sideways and visibility was almost zero. Tree limbs littered the road. A large one fell on 62 and made it impossible to get to Algonquin. So, we turned around and came to BUMC's parking lot. We pulled in under the portico to wait it out. Services had concluded hours before and nobody was around, yet I have never been more welcomed in a church than on that day. It was as if the memory of that steeple was a lighthouse, and the building an ark.

Out my new office window, I've seen a parade of people who feel the same about our parking lot. They stop here when they have car trouble and when they need to make important phone calls. Children in dual-custody relationships transfer from

car to car (and home to home) out there. I've even seen one pull in to nap. Sometimes, they make their way to the door. Sometimes, it is with an urgent need for a restroom. Sometimes, they need a little more. They need fuel for their empty bodies and automobiles. Sometimes, they have bills to pay. Sometimes, they need protection from another who is intent on doing harm. They, too, see the steeple and know what it means.

Welcome, you see, is an act of faith that begins even before invitation. It's hospitality found at the edge of everything we do and touch; it's wherever the remainders of our lives are found. It's a steeple visible for miles and a wide open parking lot

at a busy intersection. It's the echoes of love in conversations we never intended anyone else to hear. It's a gracious word in those social media posts we don't think anybody else will see. It's something at which we can succeed – or fail – well before we know we're doing it. We can welcome or reject before we learn anything about those who enter the orbits of our lives and community.

So, on a case-by-case basis, we are a community that's called to welcome sojourners: those who happen by on their way somewhere else. And we – the church – do this because God asks it of us. We are to welcome the strangers in our midst because we've all been strangers, too ... even we who are pastors.

Because we are a community who welcomes beyond our worship services, we are always in need of monetary donations to replenish the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and purchase gift cards to share with the sojourners passing by. To share a gift specifically with these two ministries, please contact Lynne Richardsdon (lrichardson@barringtonumc.com).

The Harvest has begun!

The BUMC Congregational Garden is bearing fruit (or vegetables!) for our community. We've already begun deliveries of cucumbers and tomatoes to the FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville. We are looking forward to another banner year of production, but **we need your help!** It takes many hands to pick one ton of tomatoes—never mind six or seven! Please come out weekday mornings to help pick. We deliver to FISH Food Pantry on Monday, Wednesday and Friday before noon. Tuesday and Thursday, we store the harvest or Food for Greater Elgin comes out to pick it up. Come on out and help us fill the buckets!! For more information, contact Sharon Orr, sorr@barringtonumc.com.



Carpentersville Community Meal

We have a place for you! ¡Tenemos un lugar para ti!

Saturday, August 18, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

August 18 will mark our fifth Community Meal, the fourth open to the entire community. Many thanks to the amazing teams that have come together between the partner churches of Barrington UMC, First UMC of Dundee and Trinity UMC. It has been a great joy to see the community growing among our very dedicated volunteers. Thank you!

We are building our presence in the community – the word of mouth is getting out. Our Facebook page is active – please follow us! And check out our website: carpentersvillecommunitymeal.com

Most all, come join us for dinner! A full parking lot and an energetic room are so inviting. Put the third Saturday of the month on your calendar as a great evening to come meet new friends! For more information, please contact Marcia Buchs at mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net.

Heartland Blood Drive

12 pints collected = 33 lives saved Thank you to everyone who donated!

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time

by Linda Osikowicz

Sunday, October 21 marks the 36th anniversary of the Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk. In the past 35 years, over 12,700 walkers have raised almost \$1.5 million and churches, civic organizations and people of all ages are getting ready to fight hunger once again.

Barrington United Methodist Church has been a participating church for each of the past 35 years. Last year, Barrington UMC's team of 22 walkers raised \$7,505, ranking 65th in the nation. This year we have the honor of being the host church, and we hope to have a strong turnout of volunteers, walkers, and supporters. We hope to see all ages participate; this is a wonderful family event!

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen. Our local CROP Hunger Walk is a great place to start. For an hour or two and a few miles, friends and neighbors will be coming together to "...love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." (1 John 3:18) CROP Hunger Walks are community fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service (CWS), an international relief, development, and refugee resettlement agency. Money raised by CROP Hunger Walks nationwide is used by CWS to provide food, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development for needy people around the world. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is

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people working together to identify their own development priorities and then providing the resources that empower people to meet their own needs.

I first started doing CROP walks back in the mid 70's when we lived in the Bay Area of San Francisco.

At that time it was more to support the youth group of the church we were attending. Now 40 years later, here I am getting ready for another walk. I have not been on

CROP walks for the each of the last 40 years, but I did a few when we lived in Arlington Heights and this year will be my 4th walk in Barrington. I think I participate because it is something I like to do, walk, and it supports a cause that I find appealing, providing food and fresh water for those that need the help. In the past, I have worked in food pantries, served meals at PADS sites and most recently helped out at Feed My Starving Children and our church garden. I have seen up close how grateful people are just to get a meal or fresh food for their family.

I can't remember a time when I didn't have food to eat or water to drink. So, I walk and raise money for the CROP walk to do my small part to help others have food to eat and safe water to drink. This year, BUMC will be the host church for the Barrington walk in October and I hope to see all of you there.

—BOB WILLIAMS

Twenty-five percent of funds raised in the Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk are distributed to local hunger-alleviating agencies in the Barrington area. In 2017, the agencies included Northern Illinois Food Bank, FISH Food Pantry—Carpentersville, BACOA Meals with Wheels, Wauconda Island Lake Food Pantry, St. Anne Project Hope, and the People in Need program of the Barrington Area Ministerial Association.

St. Paul United Church of Christ, 401 E. Main St., Barrington, will be the step-off location for the Walk. Registration is at 12:30, the Walk begins at 1:00. There are many ways for you to be involved:

- You can walk on our team
- You can sponsor one (or several) of our walkers
- You can be a supporter
- You can help with hosting duties on the day of the Walk

We can all pray for hungry people and those involved with fighting hunger throughout the world.

To register as a walker, go to our website:
www.crophungerwalk.org/barringtonil

After creating your account, you'll have an opportunity to join our team: Barrington United Methodist Church. For more information about walking, contact Bob Williams, at bikefifty@yahoo.com.



What does it mean to be the host church?

Several churches – St Paul UCC, St. Anne Catholic Community, Barrington UMC, Salem UMC, Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Presbyterian Church of Barrington, St. Michael's Episcopal Church, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, and Community Church of Barrington – have alternated hosting the Barrington Area CROP Walk each year. The host church is responsible for organizing spaces ahead of time, for providing hospitality and for cleaning up after the Walk. Since we are outside of the Village, St. Paul United Church of Christ opens up their building for our use, making us doubly accountable for being prepared to set up and clean up.

Some of the ways that you can help:

- Provide healthy snacks sufficient for BUMC's walkers.
- Arrive at St. Paul's by 11:00 a.m. to set up tables for each church's registration and snack and beverage service.
- Volunteer to serve as a greeter and direct folks to their registration table (or the rest rooms) from 12:00 pm until all the walkers have stepped off.
- Help with BUMC's registration table so that all our walkers are well cared for.
- Staff a "rest stop" along the route from 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- Set out the snacks (available to walkers upon their return), prepare lemonade, coffee, etc., serve, and then clean up snacks after the Walk, 12:15–3:30 p.m. (shifts available).
- Volunteer from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. to welcome the walkers back for refreshments and to clean up and return all the spaces at St. Paul's to pristine condition.

All told, we would like to have 12 volunteers as a part of our host team. Of course, we would also like lots of walkers as the host church and so that the BUMC team can continue to contribute to the work of ending hunger locally and worldwide.

To volunteer to host, contact Linda Osikowicz at Lmosikowicz@comcast.net or (847) 540-5634.

When my children were young, they and my husband went to bed before me; I often stayed up late to finish the day's to-do list. It would be late, very dark, and in the winter when the thermostat set-back, very cold by the time I finally got into my warm bed. As I pulled the covers over my head, I felt so blessed, that I thought someday, I would need to do something for others who were not blessed to have a warm bed. It might not seem logical, but that "something" has been my involvement with CROP Walk. Of all the facts I have read or heard about hunger, this one has kept me coming back to help with CROP Walk:

"It wasn't my turn."

Response of a U.S. child who had fallen asleep at school when asked if he had eaten breakfast that morning.

—LINDA OSIKOWICZ

For First UMC West Dundee and Trinity UMC members:

Sadly, the Cardinal CROP Walk will not take place this year. Since Church World Service hunger efforts are world-wide and the Northern Illinois Food Bank and FISH Food Pantry serve across our area, we invite members of all the partner churches to walk in the Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk. Linda Snyder will coordinate registration at First UMC, please contact her at jamesmom5082@sbcglobal.net or 847-551-5292. Welcome to the Team!

Spirit Lake Ministry Christmas Project

Saturday, September 15, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 6, 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Epworth UMC 37W040 W Highland Ave, Elgin, IL 60123



Spirit Lake Ministry Shoebox Christmas Project is an annual project of First UMC West Dundee and Epworth UMC, Elgin. The program provides Christmas gifts to children of the Spirit Lake Nation across the Dakotas and Minnesota. One thousand boxes were put together in 2017. All of the items for 2018 need to be collected by September 9. Work days to assemble the boxes will be September 15, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and October 6, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Epworth UMC 37W040 W Highland Ave, Elgin, IL 60123

Ideas for gift items: small toys, costume jewelry, toy cars, crayons, travel size toothpaste, toothbrushes, stickers or other items for kids that will fit inside a shoe box. Please leave them in the box outside the First UMC office.

Kids Hope Mentoring

Be a mentor, change a life! The new school year begins in a few weeks. Please consider mentoring a student at Lakewood Elementary school or becoming a prayer partner for a mentor/student relationship!



Trinity UMC and Lakewood Elementary (District 300, Carpentersville) are partners in the Kids Hope USA mentoring program. Mentors meet once a week with one student to provide support and encouragement. Mentors and students eat lunch together, talk, play games, read stories and do art work together. Students with mentors have better attendance and are positive about their experiences. For a child to have one stable adult whose only interest is in him or her makes all the difference in the world.

Unique to Kids Hope are the prayer partners who pray weekly for the mentor/student relationship. Checking in once a week with the mentor, the prayer partner is a special source of insight and support.

Kids Hope mentors receive online training and ongoing support from Kids Hope USA and from the Lakewood Elementary School staff. Contact Sharon Orr at sorr@barringtonumc.com or (847) 636-9934 to explore the possibilities.

OUTSIDE THE WALLS PRISON MINISTRY

Picnic in Douglas Park

Saturday, September 8, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

1401 S. Sacramento Drive, Chicago, IL 60623

This is a community re-entry event, part of our prison ministries, in partnership with Reverend Tommie A. Johnson. Rev. Johnson worked as a Recovery Support Services Coordinator for TASC and the State of Illinois Prison System. He developed OUTSIDE THE WALLS to provide additional support to the men and women living in halfway houses in and around Chicago. In addition to a family picnic, this event brings together a variety of social services organizations and offers an uplifting worship service for those trying to re-integrate into their community. BUMC members who have attended previously have helped with the cooking and celebrated with the guests. Reverend Johnson could use our help, even if it is simply a ministry of presence and prayer. Volunteers are needed to help with setup and to serve food. There will be a choir singing as well as other entertainment and inspirational messages. Donations are also needed to help with the cost of food. Checks should be made out to the church with “Outside the Walls” on the memo line. A sign-up sheet is available in the Lobby. Contact Bill Bible at wbible2@comcast.net to learn more.



The Wednesday Night Book Club just finished reading “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness.” A thoroughly researched, academic work, it was both challenging and enlightening to read. Here are some excerpts:

“ More African American adults are under correctional control today – in prison or jail, on probation or parole – than were enslaved in 1850, a decade before the Civil War began.⁷ The mass incarceration of people of color is a big part of the reason that a black child born today is less likely to be raised by both parents than a black child born during slavery.⁸ ... Thousands of black men have disappeared into prisons and jails, locked away for drug crimes that are largely ignored when committed by whites.

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“ All of us violate the law at some point in our lives. In fact, if the worst thing you have ever done is speed ten miles over the speed limit on the freeway, you have put yourself and others at more risk of harm than someone smoking marijuana in the privacy of his or her living room. Yet there are people in the United States serving life sentences for first-time drug offenses, something virtually unheard of anywhere else in the world.

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“ One reason so many people have a false impression of the economic well-being of African Americans, as a group, is that poverty and unemployment statistics do not include people who are behind bars. Prisoners are literally erased from the nation’s economic picture, leading standard estimates to underestimate the true jobless rate by as much as 24 percentage points for less-educated black men.¹¹ Young African American men were the only group to experience a steep increase in joblessness between 1980 and 2000, a development directly traceable to the increase in the penal population. During the much heralded economic boom of the 1990s, the true jobless rate among noncollege black men was a staggering 42 percent (65 percent among black male dropouts).¹²

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Backpacks for ChildServ

The Barrington UMC Back to School Backpack Drive has ended, but we're still collecting! For BUMC families who would still like to donate, there will be a ChildServ box in the cloak room. We will make sure that your donations get to ChildServ, and – Thank you!

First UMC West Dundee will be collecting backpacks and school supplies throughout August and will bless them in worship on August 26th. Please include ChildServ families and foster children in your shopping, especially if you find a sale! Donations of backpacks and school supplies can be brought to the Fireside Room and will be blessed on Rally Day.

Noah's Ark Christian Academy families will be donating backpacks and supplies during meet the teacher days and during the first week of school in September. What a wonderful opportunity for NACA kids to help other kids!

Barrington Area Council of Aging (BACOA) Hall of Fame 2018

Congratulations to two BUMC members who have been recognized as outstanding volunteers this year!



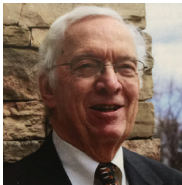
Since 2014, **George Peirce** has been the Barrington Area Council on Aging's go-to-volunteer for everything from transporting older adults to general home maintenance.

"George's kindness, patience and generosity are endless," says BACOA's Social Service Coordinator Sue McNamara. "We couldn't help some clients as much as we do without George's help."

The affable 73-year old has helped dozens of BACOA clients over the years, but what makes George particularly critical to BACOA and its clients is his sense of compassion and desire to help others.

"There was one client that needed help in an emergency situation over a weekend," said McNamara. "George took that client all the way down to the University of Illinois Chicago hospital and didn't get home until 3:00 a.m. That's dedication!"

Peirce's dedication also extends to Citizens for Conservation, where he helps on special projects including the Baker's Lake bird count.



Long-time Barrington resident **Wayne Schild** volunteered for years at Noah's Ark Christian Academy developing and executing an outdoor program, for children to learn about and appreciate nature.

But he wanted to do more, so he began volunteering for the Citizens for Conservation where he has served on its board of directors while performing a host of essential functions.

"For almost 10 years, Wayne has maintained the CFC database of donors and members, volunteering about 400 hours annually," said Edith Auchter, a 2016 Hall of Fame recipient also for CFC. "Wayne also submits electronic publicity to community publications for events and provides expert technical and design support to numerous CFC committees." But it's Wayne's enthusiasm for nature and the outdoors that makes him a valued CFC volunteer.

"Wayne has a passion for the outdoors and a love of wildlife in its natural habitat," said Auchter. "He makes a significant contribution."

Small Acts of Kindness

On Sunday, June 3, Volcán de Guego in southern Guatemala erupted. Our TeachGuatemala mission in Mixco is only about 30 miles from Escuintla, one of the affected towns. Pastor Chajon, whose church houses our Saturday ESL program, wanted to help. He contacted Jay Kim, BUMC member for advice. Jay suggested small acts of love and kindness to the victims. His team provided \$380 to purchase toilet paper, bottled water and emergency products from the local Wal-Mart and to pay for gas for the trip. The entire neighborhood came together to provide assistance. They collected vegetables, homemade bread and prepared juices; then sorted them into hundreds of small plastic bags. Volunteers included church members, ESL students, other students and elderly neighbors with time to assist. The team went first to El Rodeo. They brought so much, that they had leftovers so they made a second stop in Alenantanango. Pastor Chajon and the neighborhood volunteers sent back a message with the pictures: "God bless you. Thank you for everything. God bless Barrington Church."



PADS of Elgin

Addressing homelessness in our area

by Sharon Orr



On Wednesday, July 18 ten people from First West Dundee and Barrington UMC toured the PADS of Elgin shelter with Penny Rick, their Volunteer Coordinator. Here are some of the things we learned during our visit:

- PADS is an emergency homeless shelter serving Hanover Township and Elgin — the U46 school district.
- The shelter is open daily from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. with an evening meal, laundry, showers and breakfast available. A site manager is present.
- Clients, whose backgrounds are checked upon arrival, work with one of three case workers on a 90-day plan. Steps include finding a job, arranging transportation and saving enough to get into permanent housing. Job and housing opportunities are posted daily. It is a hand up, not a hand out!
- Forty-five percent of PADS clients are employed. Most are male, but women and children are in residence. This summer, this PADS shelter is housing about 35 people. In the winter, it often goes up to 70 people. They could house up to 96 guests if necessary.



OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP:

Once a month | 6:00 p.m. help serve dinner to the guests with the Rapp family from BUMC

Mondays | launder the blankets used on site

Third Saturday nights | deliver leftovers from Community Meal to PADS

On call | Drivers with a truck to help people move furniture and beds into their new homes!

On call | Volunteers to drive guests to medical appointments in the PADS minivan.

February 3, 2019 | Annual Winter Harvest Gala Fundraiser

Additional donations beyond the lunches and milk provided monthly by First UMC:

Laundry Pods, toilet paper, coffee, plastic silverware

Donations toward Bus Passes (\$4 a day)

Bicycles & Helmets

Baked goods and snacks

Monetary donations toward new flooring for the center

To learn more, please contact Jo Anne Rapp at rappjo@sbcglobal.net or (847) 791-3806 or Marcia Buchs at mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net.



Sexual Harassment & Assault **FAITHLINK STUDY**

Sunday, August 5 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 111, facilitated by Maelynn McCrory

The recent revelations about movie producer Harvey Weinstein have sparked a national conversation about sexual harassment and assault. Many women have spoken up publicly about their experiences. This resource by Rebekah Jordan Gienapp looks at how our faith guides us to listen and to respond and how the church can be a place of healing for individuals who have experienced sexual harassment and assault.

Responding to Tragedy **FAITHLINK STUDY**

Sunday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 111, facilitated by Maelynn McCrory

We live in an era where suffering and tragedy seem endless. The events of the past few months have been particularly painful. As people of faith, how does suffering change our perception of God? How can we respond to bad news in a healthy, proactive way?

Depression and Bullying

*Sunday, August 19 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 111, facilitated by Jamie Altman,
Clinical Social Worker, Samaritan Counseling*

Jaime Altman is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and received her MSW degree from Loyola University Chicago. While she enjoys seeing clients of all ages, Jaime specializes in working with adolescents and their parents. Jaime has worked with individuals, families and groups on varying issues such as substance abuse, depression, anxiety, anger management, and coping with stress. Jaime works from a strengths-based model and believes that everyone possesses positive qualities that can be utilized to promote emotional growth.

Extraordinary Faith: Learning with the Left Out

beginning Sunday, August 26 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 111

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Based on the book "Faith of the Outsider." Copies of this book are available for purchase in the Lobby at Barrington UMC and in the Fireside Room at First UMC for \$11.

Sunday, August 26: Ruth

Sunday, September 23: Rahab

Sunday, September 2: Esau

Sunday, September 30: Samaritan Woman

Sunday, September 9: Tamar

Sunday, October 7: One God, one Family

Sunday, September 16: Naaman

COZY MOUNTAIN LODGE



Where women find shelter in God.

Women are invited to be whisked away to a virtual cozy mountain lodge where they'll enjoy digging into God's Word, uplifting worship, a time for Christian service, and wonderful relationship-building activities inviting them to participate and experience God's story.

Date: September 21-23, 2018

Location: Delavan Lake Resort
1505 South Shore Drive
Delavan, Wisconsin 53115

Cost: \$200.00* – Double *suite-style room, double occupancy with two private bedrooms/private baths*
\$180.00* — Triple *suite-style room, triple occupancy with two private bedrooms/private baths*
\$270.00* — Single *private bedroom/private bath*

*Includes lodging along with breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Pizza dinner is available on Friday for an additional \$7.00.

Registration forms can be found in the lobby.

Registration begins August 12 and continues through September 9.

For more information, contact Elaine Anderson, rnea@comcast.net, Kathy Black, kathy.black77@gmail.com or Carol Henrikson, clhenrikson@gmail.com.

Please note: The Women's Retreat is in need of 6 to 8 card tables to borrow during the retreat. Please contact Kathy Black (black77@gmail.com) if you are able to help.

85th Annual Rummage Sale!

Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6

Barrington United Methodist Church will be holding its 85th sale on Friday, October 5 and Saturday, October 6, with donation drop off beginning on September 30.

The sale began during the Great Depression when “times were tough” and church families reached out to help each other. Church members brought in their unneeded items and out-grown clothing and traded the items between families. When there were many items left after a few of these events, the idea of having a rummage sale, so others experiencing hard times could share the abundance, evolved. Records of one of the first sales, in 1932, showed a profit of \$11.67.

Now, 85 years later, the sale continues to serve the same purpose—helping others who may be experiencing hard times. Money raised from the sale goes to many different mission projects—many of them local, including ChildServ, Meals with Wheels, FISH Food Pantry, Northern Illinois Food Bank and the mission work of United Methodist Women.

Not only are you helping others with your donations, you’re helping to keep usable items out of landfills. If you have questions regarding your furniture items or if you are moving or can’t store items until October, please contact Mary Mellon, (847) 217-2760. Again this year we will have a smaller tent for accent furniture pieces, large garden items, large plastic toys, bikes and sporting goods. We are no longer able to handle the logistics of taking large pieces of furniture, such as upholstered pieces, kitchen/dining sets, large entertainment units, large bookcases, china cabinets, dressers, etc. We will accept smaller decorative pieces like accent chairs and tables.


Spread the news to friends and family—start saving your treasures. Ask them to put the dates on their calendar—helping out is a lot of fun and a great way to meet people! Contact Mary Mellon, (847) 217-2760 for more information or if you have any questions. To volunteer your time, contact Sandy Starnes, starnes16n118@aol.com or Sydney Whitley, sparkerwhitley@gmail.com, or sign up on Sign Up Genius, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044faba92eaafc1-2018>





The Rummage Committee is looking for a truck to bring and return shopping carts to the Jewel on Saturday, September 29 and Thursday, October 4 as well as picking up donations for various times Sunday, September 30 through Wednesday, October 3. If you have any ideas for us, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Mary Mellon, (847) 217-2760.

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Welcome to our newest members, Mike and Jo Anne Rapp!

Opportunities to Care for our Church Family

The Member Care Ministry has many opportunities for people to serve others who may be going through difficult times. Three key areas of need are visitation volunteers, transportation, and meals for families in distress.

We are looking for volunteers with caring and compassionate hearts to spend time visiting members of our church family who are hospitalized or homebound. Pastors will do initial visits and then member care volunteers may be called on to make follow-up one time or ongoing visits and contacts. Training will be made available as needed for visitation volunteers.

We are also looking to expand our transportation ministry, which provides rides to church, doctors appointments and other needs to church family members who cannot drive themselves.

Hospitalizations, illness, bereavements and other stressful events can make cooking healthy meals at home seem like an impossibility. If you enjoy cooking and would like to help individuals and families in our congregation by providing a prepared meal, please sign up to be a part of our Meal Ministry. There is no set meal schedule - you will receive a call when meals would be appreciated!

To find out more or to volunteer in one of these member care areas, please contact Elaine Anderson at rneaa@comcast.net or (847) 426-4347 or (847) 921-5356 or rneaa@comcast.net.

To join the member care team at First UMC, please contact Brian Fu at brian.fu@ameritech.net.

Family Garden Day 2018!

We learned so much about BUMC's year-round Congregational Garden garden. Did you know we produce over 13 tone of fresh produce each year for donation to local food pantries? WOW!

Thank you Lou for your love of this garden and our children. All are always invited and welcome for tending, weeding, harvesting, weighing and delivering produce to our food pantry partners.



We are so excited to launch our fall youth program!

by Pastor Maddie Johnson

As we near the end of summer (I cannot believe it!), we wrapped up our summer Bible studies at the end of July. Our high schoolers explored themes such as family, politics, and grief through Netflix shows and Scripture. It was so fun diving deeper in our faith, grabbing some Starbucks, and learning more about one another! Our middle schoolers learned about the Bible by also becoming masters at our biblical version of the game “Extreme Spoons,” and learning some prayer practices and how we as people of faith engage with our sacred text!

Our youth team is gearing up for our Mission Trip Dinner on Saturday, August 25 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at Barrington UMC where the youth will share stories, reminisce on pictures, and lift up some of the takeaways of faith and action from the trips to D.C. and St. Louis! All are welcome to attend... tickets are \$20 at the door (or free for those who bought stock for youth!) which include a meal and will go towards our budget for our mission trips for next summer! We also will be leading worship for Mission Sunday on August 19 at First UMC of West Dundee and on August 26 at Barrington UMC. Come join us for worship as the youth lead with songs, stories, Scripture reading, and preaching!



A new year to make music together!

by Patricia Mangis

As the curtain rises on Cole Porter's "Kiss Me, Kate," the cast rehearses "Another Opening, Another Show!" The song starts quietly, building in volume and tempo as one singer after another joins the tune. The sax chimes in. The drum kicks. Exploding with excitement, the chorus and orchestra joyfully celebrate coming together, using their gifts to create a show that carries their audience away from their daily lives for one splendid evening.

That's how I feel as I think about a new year to make music together at Barrington United Methodist Church. Another fall, discovering exciting music, designing worship plans, another year to come together with singers, instrumentalists, adults, kids—all joining our gifts to create worship experiences that bring glory to God. There is room for you here. Do join us!

Chancel Choir—high school and adults, rehearses Thursdays 7:30-9:00. Leads worship at 9:30 Classic Service mid-August through June. No experience necessary. First weeknight rehearsal: Thursday, August 23. Chancel Choir will lead worship on Sunday, August 19. Come at 8:45 to rehearse music for this service.

Exaltation Handbell Choir—youth and adults. Rehearses Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30. Leads worship at 9:30 Classic Service on the third Sunday September-May. Music reading ability is required. First rehearsal: Tuesday, August 21.

Beginning Handbell Choir—youth and adults. Rehearses Tuesdays, 6:30-7:20. No music reading ability is needed.

Allegro Children's Choir—grades 3rd-8th. Rehearses Sundays, 10:40-11:00. Leads worship on the second Sunday September-May. First rehearsal: Sunday, August 26.

Watch for information later in the fall about Christmas music preparation for all ages of children and youth. For more information, contact Patti Mangis, Director of Music and Worship Arts, pmangis@barringtonumc.com.

Family Ministries

Kick-off Sunday!

Sunday, August 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Come make a splash at Kick-off Sunday! Enjoy outdoor water and oversized games and much more. Bring a towel and clothes you can get wet and we will have a splash. Don't forget to bring your backpacks to worship for blessing of the backpacks!



Family Ministries this fall!

Children ages 3 and up are invited to be a part of our Sunday morning programs that boost discovery and invite kids into relationship with Jesus and with each other. Growing in faith takes time; we welcome all children to join us each week for faith, learning and fun!

JAM – Jesus and Me (9:45 a.m.) and Pathfinders (11:00 a.m.) Children are invited to grow in their faith while learning about the Kingdom of God through Bible stories, games and activities at JAM during the 9:30 worship service, following the Children's message and at Pathfinders, 11:00 a.m. during Crossroads Worship.

For more information or to learn more about how you can get involved as a family ministries class leader or volunteer, contact Nicole Sandage, Chair of the Family Ministry Committee at nicolesandage@hotmail.com.

Have you ever wondered what our Sunday School classes are like?

Our children are growing and you can be a part of their spiritual growth! All are invited to join us for a Sunday School Workshop on Sunday, August 5 at 10:45 a.m. to learn about our curriculum and volunteer needs. We are very excited to incorporate the fall worship series "Extraordinary Faith" into the Sunday School Curriculum in August and September. Our children will be discussing the same stories and lessons we will be considering in worship, enabling further conversations at home and throughout the week. Come and find out how we can become learners and teachers together; you do not have to have a child in Sunday School to volunteer!

August happenings at NACA

School starts Tuesday, September 4! Fall registration is still open, so please stop by and tour the school. We still have openings for teachers, so if you know of anyone, please give Susan Brown a call or email. Registration applications for the 2018-2019 school year can be found on the table in front of the Director's office.

If you are interested in learning more about Noah's Ark Christian Academy or would like a tour, please feel free to contact Susan Brown, Director of NACA, at (847) 844-3738 or email sbrown@barringtonumc.com.



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Crossroads

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**Crossroads Worship resumes Sunday, August 19 at 11:00 a.m.
in the Barrington UMC Sanctuary**

There is a place for you in this unique contemporary service where you will experience new traditions of praise and worship. Essential elements of this service include: diverse musical styles led by our worship team, ancient traditions and rituals reinterpreted, and a sermon that invites both reflection and action.