

B A N N E R N E W S L E T T E R

November 2018

Gratitude

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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.*
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.

Do a New Thing

by Rev. Chris Winkler

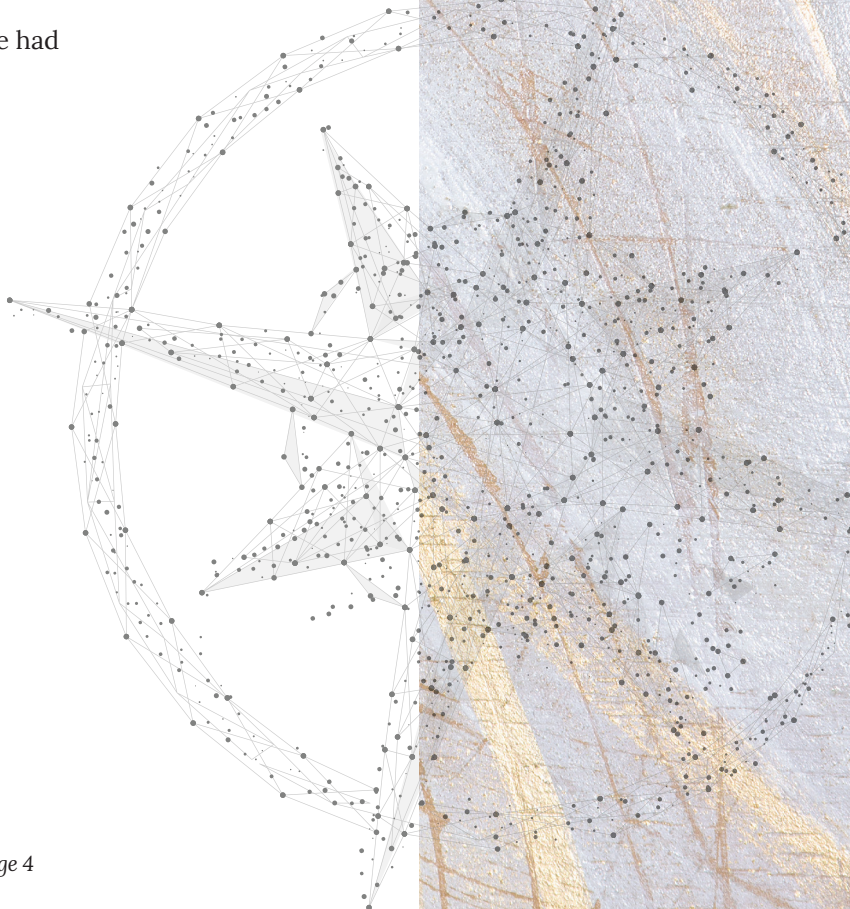
*“I am about to do a new thing; now it
springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and
rivers in the desert.” —ISAIAH 43:19*

When the prophet Isaiah spoke those beautiful words on behalf of God, he was delivering a radical and much-anticipated message. The Israelites had been conquered by the Babylonian Empire and many of their leaders had been sent out of their homeland into exile. The loss of leaders and the loss of a home would be traumatic for any nation, but perhaps even more so for the people Israel. They had long understood themselves to be God's chosen people and now it appeared that God had withdrawn the blessing from them. Likewise, they understood the land that they occupied was a tangible sign of the Covenant between themselves and God, and now they had lost possession of it.

Frankly, times had never been so bad and the future had never seemed so bleak. One can only imagine the extent to which fear and anxiety about their future filled their lives and consumed their thoughts. What had gone wrong? What had they done to deserve this? Imagine how they felt as they watched the Babylonians destroy their beloved Temple—the place where they believed God lived. Their once proud past was a dim memory and their future was anything but assured.

Those ancestors of ours had a choice to make. Were they going to give in to defeat? Were they going to accept the narrative that God was no longer with them, caring for them and guiding them? Or were they going to trust that the God who had always been faithful to them was still to be trusted? I wonder how

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they received that prophecy from Isaiah: “I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”

I wasn’t around on October 28, 1998 when the Barrington United Methodist Church building burned to the ground. But I have to imagine that some of the same emotions the Israelites felt were present that day and later that night when the congregation gathered to pray and seek God’s comfort. I understand there were some prophets who, from the beginning, spoke a word of hope. Clearly there were some very faithful people who believed that God was most certainly with them and would never abandon them, and in fact would “do a new thing” out of the ashes of the old. I am grateful that they were willing to believe and follow God and to take a risk at doing a whole new thing when they rebuilt a little more than 4 miles south of the old location on a parcel with plenty of land and parking. I am grateful for the prophets among them who heard a new word from God and I am awestruck at the faith and trust they placed in God as that new thing sprung forth.

It occurs to me that we who now call Barrington United Methodist Church our church home are facing our test of faith. On a global level, the future of the United Methodist denomination is under attack and before the battle is settled some might find themselves exiled and we will likely be scattered. In our own church we are experiencing a level of anxiety and fear over the loss of some of our beloved and talented staff members and colleagues and we wonder how we will ever replace them and if we can possibly continue on without them.

Friends, I believe that the time has come for us to demonstrate our faith and trust in God. The truth is that we cannot control what happens with our denomination, but we can determine the vitality and viability of Barrington United Methodist and its Multi-Site Partner churches as we live into God’s future. I don’t think we can “replace” the people who have moved on to their new calling—they are irreplaceable. What we can and must do is pray, discern, and listen so that we can perceive it, and then we must risk ourselves as we join in this new thing that God is doing in this place.

How blessed we are to have the witness of forefathers and foremothers who have faced these challenges before us and who have showed us how to make this journey and walk this path in faith, trusting God as we go ■

30 Days of Gratitude Challenge

Throughout the rest of 2018 and 2019, Barrington UMC and First UMC Dundee are embarking on “A Year of Gratitude.” In every season, in every ministry, in every mission, in every part of our lives together, we will seek to practice attitudes and actions that cultivate the habit and routine of gratitude.

To kickoff this Year of Gratitude, you are invited to join the “30 Days of Gratitude Challenge.” Pick up a 30 Days of Gratitude Journal from the church office (you can also call or email to have one sent to you). Then commit to taking some time each day to reflect on and write down things that you are grateful for in any aspect of your life.

We would love to hear what you are grateful for! Share your gratitude statements with us by filling out the “Gratitude Notes” that come with your journal and sending them in or posting them on the church Gratitude Bulletin Boards. You can also post and comment on social media using the hashtags #bumcgratitude or #fumcgratitude ■

“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.”

—WILLIAM ARTHUR WAR

Living Each Day in Gratitude | Commitment Sunday

Sunday, November 18

We celebrate the many things that we have to be grateful for in our lives, in our church and in our world. We could have chosen to live in being lost and forget where we came from. But instead, we recognize that God saves us. We choose to remember and show gratitude, offering the first of everything we have to God.

<p>The smooth glassy calm of the morning pond, An old coat, A new poem, My library card, And that my car keeps running Despite all the miles. And after three things, More often than not, I get on a roll and I just keep on going. I keep running and listing.</p> <p>Until I lie grinning, Baskets pulled up to my chin, Awash with wonder At the sweetness of it all.</p>	<p>Day 1</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Day 2</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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Congregational Gardening Goes Viral: Idea Spreads Across Churches in West Africa

Jay Kim, a member of the BUMC Missions Committee, has a tremendous heart for international mission work. To be effective, he travels to conferences with Gospel Medical Mission International. Two years ago, Jay and Reverend Jerome, who works with local pastors in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, connected Barrington UMC with a local Congolese church. Barrington UMC provided \$500 in seed money (for seeds) and Jay sent pictures of the life cycle of the BUMC Congregational Garden. Local Congolese church members donated their labor and Reverend Jerome sent us back pictures of the local garden. Pete Wesley, Chairperson of BUMC Missions, named the project GrowDRC in May 2017.

In the second year, GrowDRC spread to a second city, Pweto, where many refugees are located. A small church there grew and as others heard about the garden project, more money was donated.

A garden was started at the Abba International School in Banjul, The Gambia West Africa in 2018. And another church garden opened in Ghana. Jay worked with the local people, always providing seed money and pictures of the BUMC Congregational Garden. No longer confined to the DRC, it was renamed the Barrington Farm Project.

Presently, Reverend Jerome receives funding from the Grace Church Movement in Osaka, Japan and works with Dr. Randall Hoag of Voices of Community Fellowship (VOCF) in Seattle, Washington. VOCF “exists to help people, leaders and communities experience transformation.” They focus on the root causes of poverty focusing on small projects that build confidence and are community-led.

At an International Missions meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand this summer, Dr. Randall Hoag began sharing the idea of “Small Farms Everywhere.” He and Jay were invited to speak at the 2nd Africa Regional Conference in Gambia this fall by Rev. Jerome and Abba International School. The Conference had a long agenda; but, despite Jay being unable to attend, the topic that generated the most interest was small farms similar to the BUMC Congregational Gardens. As Dr. Hoag spoke about the farming initiative, it became a key focus for those in attendance. Now 26 church pastors are sharing the news, their excitement about congregational gardens and the difference they can make in their communities and for their churches.

“None of this would have been possible without the Barrington UMC Congregational Garden Project and all of its amazing volunteers. Thank you for being the inspiration for others to do small farming in their own churches, schools, and homes. This is one of the critical solutions to world hunger and poverty. Praise God!”

—Jay Kim



PADS of Elgin Bike Donation

by JoAnne Rapp

PADS of Elgin is in need of adult-size bicycles and safety helmets, in good working condition. These bikes and helmets, will be given out to PADS (Public Action to Deliver Shelter) guests who need them for daily transportation to and from work.

Are you skilled in bicycle maintenance and repair? Some donated bikes are in need of tuning before being donated. Please consider sharing your time and talents to repair donated bikes and serving those in need.

PADS of Elgin is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization, committed to providing safe shelter, support services and advocacy to the homeless men, women, and children of Dundee, Elgin and Hanover townships. Each night PADS hosts 40 to 60 guests and provides them with a safe place to sleep, an evening meal and a morning breakfast. PADS of Elgin is breaking the cycle of homelessness by comprehensively addressing the needs of the local homeless population. Each year they and exit shelter success rate greater than 73 percent which is three times the national average.

If you have an extra bike or helmet that you would like to donate or have questions about this program, please contact JoAnne Rapp, rappjo@sbcglobal.net, or (847) 791-3806.



First UMC of West Dundee reaches settlement with the Village

by Steve Granholm

On October 8 the Village Board of West Dundee voted unanimously to enter into a Settlement Agreement with the FUMC of West Dundee ending what was a long court battle over the old parsonage. The terms of that settlement will strengthen our church and our partnership with all of our churches. I want to thank Pastors Carol, Chris, Maddie, the District Superintendent, as well as all of the congregations here at First UMC West Dundee, Trinity UMC and Barrington UMC for all of their support and prayers. May we all continue to grow together in doing ministry pleasing to God.

Joyful Hands: Habitat for Humanity Northern Fox Valley

by Nancy Middleton

Joyful Hands (a partnership consisting of BUMC and six Barrington area churches) is working with the Habitat for Humanity Northern Fox Valley affiliate on a house build in Carpentersville. The churches provide a good portion of the financial backing for this project and the Habitat affiliate provides a project lead and guidance throughout the construction, overseeing the work, helping with safety and assigning tasks. The Joyful Hands church volunteers began working on this project on September 22. Some of the work had already been done by the Habitat affiliate using regular volunteers, but that stopped once Joyful Hands became engaged in the build. In the near future, the Affiliate will have volunteers also working on the house on Wednesdays and Fridays, in addition to the Joyful Hands Saturday build. This will help us to get more people involved and finish the house quicker. The house will be a 4 bedroom/2

bath with a detached garage. The property was an abandoned house that was purchased and demolished by Habitat.

The homeowner's name is Angelica and she has four children (three boys and one girl). Her youngest daughter is 2 1/2 years old and her sons range in age from 8 to 16. Angelica works as many as four part-time jobs and is also volunteering with the ReStore and at the job site to put in the required 250 hours of sweat equity. About half of the 250 hours can be done by friends and family, but she does not have a great deal of that type of support.

Angelica has been working since she was 17 years old. She is looking forward to having a home where her children can live happily and be satisfied with their surroundings. She is excited about the building process and knows it won't be easy. She is committed to give everything she has to learn and get to know the people that

dedicate their time to making her dream come true.

I volunteered for the nurturer role and will have direct contact with her to guide her through the process. I've also worked side by side with her on the job site cleaning up vegetation, moving rocks, building the front porch, taping around the window frames and general clean up.

The framing is nearly complete on the home and the walls are installed. Roofing should be done soon and then we should be able to install the doors and windows and begin installing the siding. The good news is that the house should be "buttoned up" by November 1st and completed sometime in the Spring. Still, lots needs to be done with inside and outside work along with landscaping.

Here is where you can help!

We are very grateful for the volunteers from all the partnering churches each Saturday. Doug Bible and I volunteer from BUMC and we want to encourage you to consider joining us! Trust me, no construction experience is necessary. Please consider working alongside the homeowner and me to provide Angelica and her family with a "Hand Up" on this house build. Anyone over 18 years of age can work with us. For more information, please contact Nancy Middleton at ngmiddleton.com@gmail.com.



of Northern Fox Valley
800 North State Street, Elgin, IL 60123



All Saint's Sunday

Sunday, November 4

Join us for a very special morning of worship as we remember the Saints who have passed on this past year, as well as the gifts we have inherited from all the saints who have gone before us: the gifts of grace, hope, perseverance, faith and love.

Trinity UMC Remembrance and Recognition Service

Sunday, November 4, 2:00 p.m., 1647 Ravine Ln, Carpentersville

All are invited to a service that honors the legacy of Trinity United Methodist Service and the members and saints who were the foundations of faith in the Carpentersville community.

One Church Plan Listening Session

Saturday, November 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

The United Methodist Church is facing serious questions about the future of our denomination, particularly with regard to the topic of church unity and human sexuality. In February of 2019, delegates from across The United Methodist Church will gather in St. Louis for a Special General Conference to discuss and vote on the future of the church.

To learn more about this General Conference, the proposed One Church Plan, and the options for the future of The United Methodist Church, all are invited to a Listening Session at Barrington UMC. Northern Illinois Conference Delegates (including Pastor Chris and Pastor Carol) will speak and will offer an open question and answer time.

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Saturday, November 17, 4:00 p.m., 1647 Ravine Ln, Carpentersville

Individuals from all of our multi-site partner churches and local communities are invited to join together for a service of gratitude and Thanksgiving. Following the worship service, all are invited to be a part of the Carpentersville Community Meal – sharing fellowship and relationship around the table.



CROP Hunger Walk 2018!

Thank you for supporting the Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk!

Over 170 people enjoyed a beautiful, though chilly fall afternoon by walking for hungry people here in Barrington and around the world, on October 21 at the 36th Annual Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk. Eighteen people walked from Barrington UMC and twelve volunteers helped the day go smoothly. Thanks to them, their sponsors, and everyone who helped make a successful day. Thanks to Pastor Johnson for offering the invocation. Food is a blessing that all of us should have the good fortune to enjoy, and your generous donations and gifts of time help make that possible!

Missed sponsoring a walker or making a donation? Simply visit www.crophungerwalk.org/barringtonil/bumc at any time to make a donation or sponsor a walker.



Treats for Troops Packing Event

Sunday, November 11 beginning at 11:15 a.m. in The Well at Barrington UMC

Youth, adults and families are invited to help put together gift packs for the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment deployed to the Middle East and, also, for use as we serve at the USO locations in the O'Hare airport.

Contact George Gill at gkgill.sr@gmail.com or Bob Hammett at metbob1@aol.com

Feed My Starving Children

Tuesday, November 20, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. 1072 National Pkwy, Schaumburg, IL 60173

A great family event to serve out of gratitude! As we prepare for our own Thanksgiving feasts, take two hours to help feed others around the world in desperate need of the simplest of nutritious meals. Please let Sonja know that your family is coming and meet us at the Feed My Starving Children location in Schaumburg.

Contact Sonja Hunter at sonjahunter@comcast.net for more information or to say you can come!

Christmas Gifts for Children

Sundays, November 18 – December 2 at Barrington UMC

Through the Sunday School program at First UMC

Help provide Christmas gifts for those who would not otherwise receive them. Sign up, take a name and a wish list on November 18 or November 25. Return the unwrapped gifts in bags from St. Nicholas on Sunday, November 25 or Sunday, December 2. Most of our gifts go to ChildServ, but every year we also take about 25 names from the Early Learning Center in District 220.

For more information:

Barrington UMC, contact Barbara Bond at bbond32190@aol.com or Sharon Orr at sorr@barringtonumc.com.

First UMC, contact Sonja Hunter at sonjahunter@comcast.net



Christmas Gift Cards for Youth in Foster Care and Transition

Last year, you generously provided gift cards for all the youth living in ChildServ Group Homes and Transitional Housing or participating in other ChildServ programs. These gift cards offered each youth a chance to select something special for themselves and were often the only Christmas gift they received. Please find it in your hearts to help these children and young adults again this year; place your gift cards or a check payable to BUMC marked 'Gift Cards' in the offering plate on Sundays until December 2.

Fair Trade Gifts from 10,000 Villages

Sunday, November 18 in the BUMC North Hallway

Find hostess gifts, Christmas gifts or something for yourself at the annual 10,000 Villages market. All items for sale come from 10,000 Villages global network of Artisans and Makers who are fairly paid for their work, who have safe working conditions and who help support their families with their labor.



God Blessed the Garden this year.

In the 2018 season the Barrington UMC garden produced 27,900 pounds of fresh produce to feed our neighbors in need. For a short period, we had more than our food pantries could handle; thank you to those who helped throughout the growing season and to those who helped us donate the extra to other locations!

Thanks to all our cookie bakers!

130 dozen cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry's October event! If you couldn't bake this time, we look forward to your support next April.

The Annual Foods Resource Bank Harvest Festival was held on Saturday, October 13. By partnering with local farmers, the Ottawa-Barrington Growing Project has donated over \$1 million to Foods Resource Bank supported programs since its inception. Based on FRB estimates that \$55 is enough for one person to leave hunger behind for a lifetime, the Ottawa-Barrington Growing Project has helped over 18,000 people move beyond hunger through sustainable agricultural practices.



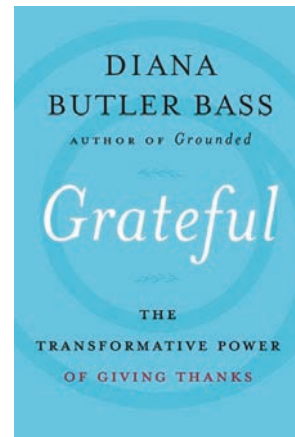
ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks

Sundays, October 21, November 4, 11, and 18 at 11 a.m. in Room 111, facilitated by Wendy Mospan

In *Grateful*, author Diana Butler Bass challenges readers to think about the impact gratitude has in our spiritual lives, and encourages us to make gratitude a “difficult and much-needed spiritual practice for our personal lives and to make a better world.”

Grateful is partially an individual, emotional response to our circumstances, but research has shown that what we often miss is how much more it is a communal, actionable response. Bass examines this more unexpected experience of gratitude, and reveals how people and communities can practice it and thrive, whether or not they are part of a traditional religious community. Reading this book, and participating in the ensuing conversations, will be a great way to engage in our “Year of Gratitude” theme.



Christmas Gifts That Won't Break

Sundays, November 25 through December 16 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 111, facilitated by Julia Hooper

Go on an Advent journey with beloved teacher and storyteller James W. Moore, exploring the spirit of Christmas. As you light the candles of your Advent wreath, reflect on the unbreakable gifts that God has given us: hope, love, joy, and peace. And remember God's greatest gift, who comes to us as a baby and leads us through all the days of our lives.

The five-session DVD features Jacob Armstrong in his warm and pastoral style exploring the principles found in the popular Advent book by James W. Moore *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break*. The video segments are approximately 10-12 minutes each and when combined with the book chapters, make an ideal five-week Advent group study. All video sessions are closed captioned.



I was blessed to walk with all of you for a season...

by Gayle Richard

On my first Sunday at Barrington UMC, Bob Harrigan sat me down and said in his gruffest, most Bob Harrigan sort of way, “We don’t need you to support us in doing what we are already doing. We need you to lead us in doing it better.” Every week for the past five years I have thought of that challenge and done my best to live into it. Along the way, I have had some successes and some failures, have made changes and taken risks, I have learned, I have grown and I have gotten to know and love so many of you.

My most treasured moments at BUMC have been in the journeys we’ve been on together—welcoming newcomers and watching them grow in life and in ministry here, tracking the growth of a child as I see their increasingly-legible handwriting on the attendance pads each week. I have loved dreaming with you, visioning with you, working with you to bring new plans and new ministry to life.

The heart of Barrington UMC is in hospitality and welcome, and that was in place long before I arrived here. I was blessed to walk with all of you for a season, to play some small part in extending that welcome to those who came through the doors these past five years. As Mike and I move on to retirement and to a new season in our lives, I hold all of you in my heart and am so very grateful for our time together.



Employment opportunities at Barrington UMC

Barrington UMC is seeking an individual to fill a part-time position of Organist. This individual is responsible to play organ and piano music at our traditional Sunday services (8:00 and 9:30), to accompany Chancel Choir rehearsals, and to play for weddings and funerals. The organist should have a heart for ministry, prepared to serve as a worship leader, engaging our congregation in vibrant worship experiences. S/he should be an accomplished musician with a spirit of collegiality, compassion and cooperation. S/he should be flexible and able to adapt to last minute changes in a creative, fast-paced environment. Please visit our website, barringtonumc.com, for detailed information or contact the church office.

Barrington UMC is seeking an individual to fill a part-time position of Receptionist/Membership Secretary. This individual would be responsible for greeting and directing guests and phone calls to the church office, managing the BUMC membership records, and entering data into the church management database. This individual should have a gracious and welcoming attitude, strong attention to detail, a sense of discretion and the ability to work in a fast paced environment. If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please contact the church office for more information.

GOD'S SQUAD

Movies, Music, Books... OH MY!

by Pastor Maddie Johnson

October was filled with many #funfallactivities for God's Squad! We braved the elements and went to the Richardson corn maze, we went on our fall retreat to Wesley Woods in Wisconsin, and we ended the month with a Halloween party!

God's Squad has youth group on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Barrington UMC for grades 3-12. Join us for our next sermon series "Movies, Music, Books... OH MY!" where we explore the Gospel and who God is in pop culture. If you are interested in providing meals or volunteering with God's Squad, please reach out to Pastor Maddie.

Even though the weather outside is getting frightful, we have hot chocolate to keep you warm at Coffee, Cocoa, and Homework Hangs on Mondays from 3:30-6:00 p.m. at The Well at Barrington UMC. Feel free to bring friends, and know we have former science teacher, Fred Kocian, on hand to help with any science questions!

Our first service project is coming up at Feed My Starving Children. More information will be coming so reach out to Pastor Maddie if you would like to volunteer!

Youth Group

Sundays, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Barrington UMC

Coffee, Cocoa and Homework Hangs

Mondays, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
The Well at Barrington UMC

7th & 8th grade Confirmation

Confirmation Class | Sundays, November 4 and 11, 12:30-2:30 p.m. at
First UMC Dundee

Feed My Starving Children | Tuesday, November 20

6:00-7:30 p.m., 1072 National Pkwy, Schaumburg, IL 60173

RSVP by November 7 to Sonja Hunter at sonjahunter@comcast.net or register online at fmnc.org and clicking volunteer then search Sonja Hunter within the groups (www.fmnc.org/group-results?group=Sonja%20Hunter)

Zoo Lights | Friday, December 14 at Lincoln Park Zoo

This event is free of charge.

Contact Pastor Maddie at mjohnson@barringtonumc.com to sign up or for more information.

Fall Retreat

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Sunday Morning Opportunities for Children

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 (11:00 a.m.) at Barrington UMC

Children 3 years through grade 5 are invited to grow in their faith while learning about the Kingdom of God through Bible stories, games and activities during the 9:30 worship service, following the Children's message, and at 11:00 a.m. during Crossroads Worship.

Mrs. McKay leads the children 3 years through grade 3 in creation station and Ms. Brown leads the children grades 3–5 in the youth room.



Our Sunday School leaders are important to us. 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 BUMC Family Ministry Committee at nicolesandage@hotmail.com or Sonja Hunter, sonjahunter@comcast.net, First UMC.

Family Ministries Bowling



Monday, November 19, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Pinstripes, 100 W Higgins Rd, South Barrington, IL
Roll on over, there's no time to spare, we're going bowling and we want you there! Family ministries invite all to an afternoon of fun. The cost is \$10 per bowler, adults and/or children attending and not bowling are free.

RSVP is required by Wednesday, November 14!

Contact Tammy McKay, tmckay@barringtonumc.com, or register online at barringtonumc.com.

Drop & Shop



Saturday, December 8, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Attention all parents and caregivers! Need a few hours to shop, clean, cook or just relax? Leave your children and your worries with us. Children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring their sleeping bag for an afternoon of Christmas themed crafts, movies and snacks! Pizza lunch is provided.

Please RSVP is required by Wednesday, December 6 to say you can come!

Contact Tammy McKay, tmckay@barringtonumc.com, or register online at barringtonumc.com.

November happenings at Noah's Ark Christian Academy

October was so much fun with getting our own pumpkins, fall fest, and inviting our Grandparents to see our school. November, we will be going to the Windy City Bulls game and getting to high five the players before the game. If you would like to go on Sunday, November 11 at 4:00 pm, please contact Susan Brown, sbrown@barringtonumc.com.



We will also be selling Poinsettia Plants on Sundays, November 11 and 18, with the plants being delivered on December 2.

If you are interested in learning more about the school or would like a tour, please feel free to stop by or email at sbrown@barringtonumc.com

Windy City Bulls vs. Raptors 905

Sears Centre Arena

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

You are invited to join the Windy City Bulls – the official NBA G League affiliate of the Chicago Bulls – for a special Noah's Ark Christian Academy Family Day!

- Watch the Windy City Bulls take on the Raptors 905 with family and friends!
- High five the Windy City Bulls players as they run onto the court!
- Have a blast in the Fun Zone with basketball hoops & a Windy City Bulls obstacle course!
- Catch t-shirts from the Scream Team and interact with mascot- Gus T. Bull!

To join Noah's Ark Christian Academy families and friends at the Windy City Bulls game, purchase your tickets from Susan Brown! Tickets: ONLY \$20!



NIJFON Dinner

On Sunday, October 14th, Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors celebrated its 8th year with an event at Two Brothers Roundhouse in downtown Aurora.



From left to right: Kerry Winkler, MaeLynn McCrory, Jim McCrory, Rev. Chris Winkler, Dennis Rossow, Gail Rossow, Rosalyn Wesley, Pete Wesley

Welcome to our newest members!

Sharon Schule and Elizabeth Schule
Bruce Grabenkort Marilyn Helberg
Sandy Hagan John Todd
Pat Ziebart

Mission u

It's often referred to as one of United Methodist Women's best kept secrets—the transformative education event called Mission u. You are invited to attend Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Women's Mission u on January 18-20, 2019 at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, IL. Three studies, led by trained leaders, will be offered: "Embracing Wholeness" a spiritual growth study which challenges readers to work toward stronger and healthier relationships with creation, their communities, themselves, and God; "Missionary Conferences of the U.S." a look at the Alaska UMC, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, and Red Bird Missionary Conference; and "What About Our Money" explores how we relate to money within the context of our faith.



Cost will be \$150 for the weekend, which begins with dinner on Friday night and concludes with worship and lunch on Sunday. About eight hours of the weekend are devoted to study; worship and time for further learning or reflection is also scheduled. Scholarships are available. Contact Linda Osikowicz, 847-540-5634, for further information. Registration forms will available on the narthex bulletin board and are due January 7.

The Barrington UMC Member Care Team has a place for you!

Would you like to visit some people who are ill or going through a difficult time and give them some diversion and encouragement? The member Care team is starting a visitation Program where the Pastors will do the initial contact and those interested will follow-up with a visit or a phone call and can follow these people as long as they need or want it. We will have training sessions as needed. Please contact Elaine Anderson if you are interested, (847) 921-5356 or rneaa@comcast.net.

We also have a transportation service that can provide rides for people who need transportation to church or other local needs. Please contact Elaine to find out how you can get involved or if you are in need of a transportation.

We continue to have a congregational meal program where we provide meals to those who are going through a difficult time. Please contact Carol Svoboda, fcsvoboda@gmail.com or (847) 639-0842 know if you would like to provide meals or are in need of a meal.

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our 85th Annual Rummage Sale a success! If you came to help for an hour or a day, donated some treasures, brought food for busy workers, or spread the word to friends, you were a part of this incredible service project and we so appreciate your help! Proceeds will be donated to United Methodist Women and many local and international mission projects.





The Women's Fall Retreat was held at the beautiful Lake Delavan Resort in Wisconsin. Participants enjoyed 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. Mark your calendar for the Women's Spring One-Day Retreat on Saturday, March 2!



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CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

2:00 p.m. Family Service at Barrington UMC

4:00 p.m. Family Service at First UMC, West Dundee

4:00 p.m. Family Service at Barrington UMC

4:00 p.m. Bi-lingual Service at Comunidad Cristiano, 1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville

7:00 p.m. Candlelight and Carols Service at Barrington UMC

7:00 p.m. Candlelight and Carols Service with Communion at First UMC, West Dundee

11:00 p.m. Candlelight and Carols Service with Communion at Barrington UMC



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