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

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.

The Power of Gratitude

by Rev. Chris Winkler

first encountered Thomas Lynch many years ago at a conference on Faith and Writing that I attended with my father. Lynch is an undertaker/poet/essayist from Milford, Michigan who has written, among other things, Bodies in Motion and At Rest. Lynch most often writes on what it mean to try to live his Christian faith in his daily life. In his work as an undertaker he has seen firsthand how people struggle with mortality and death, but he also has had his own struggles with relationships, alcoholism and feelings of self-worth. Listen to what Lynch wrote about prayer and gratitude in one passage about the three stages of prayer:

When I was a child all of my prayers sounded like, 'Gimme, Gimme.' I wanted a Jerry Mahoney puppet and to be able to fly like Superman. I wanted my brothers and sisters to be adopted by other kindly parents and leave me and my father and mother alone... These prayers were never answered.

As he grew a little older he said, "I wanted a sign. I wanted God to prove Himself or Herself or Itself to me. Nothing ever happened. The proofs I prayed for never appeared." None of his "show me" prayers were ever answered. As his life descended into difficulty and despair he would ask God "why?" "Why do I drink when I know I shouldn't? Why do I have to work so long and so hard?" He wrote:

And when **my** inventory (of questions) was exhausted, I would ask them on behalf of my fellow (person): why did cars have to crash, planes fall from the sky, bad things happen to good people. Why if anyone's in charge did children die? Or folks go homeless?

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"The human heart does not have the capacity to be filled with both gratitude and fear..."

-AUTHOR UNKNOWN



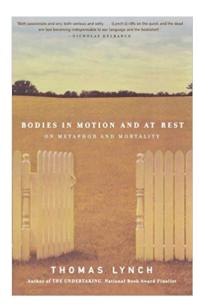
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It was not until he began to understand the power of gratitude that Lynch began to find answers to his questions. So he simply began to adopt an attitude of gratefulness. He began by giving thanks for his family...then for the daylight and the nightfall and the weather...then the kindness that could be seen in others, their foibles and their tender mercies. Soon, Lynch said, the more he uttered appreciation for the good things, the less the bad, sad or unfortunate things of life.

We have a lot of places where we could let fear overcome us, define us and disable us. There are circumstances that cause us fear in our lives, our nation, our world and even in our church. Wisdom and experience tell us that we should stay alert and be prepared—and we shall. At the same time, to become consumed or paralyzed by our fears is neither healthy nor is it in keeping with a life of faith. We serve a God of life and hope and future. We serve a God who has given us plenty of challenges but who has also given us innumerable blessings and resources with which to meet those challenges and to turn them into opportunities. The great theologian Dietrich Bonnhoeffer said, "It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich."

As we make our way through this next year—and beyond—it is my prayer that we will focus on all that we have to be thankful for, that we will become so convinced of God's generosity and goodness in our lives that we cannot help but respond with attitudes and actions that declare our gratitude for all we have. To do so means to adopt a theology of abundance rather than one of scarcity—it means to believe that God has been faithful thus far and will continue to be faithful as we live our lives of faith each day.

Thomas Lynch's stories, poems, and essays have appeared in Granta, The Atlantic, Harper's, the Times (of London, New York, Ireland, and Los Angeles), and elsewhere. "The Undertaking" was a finalist for the National Book Award; he is also the author of "Still Life in Milford," "Booking Passage," "Apparition & Late Fictions" and "Walking Papers." Lynch lives in Milford, Michigan, and West Clare, Ireland.





It Has Been a Wonderful Journey

by Rev. Mi-Sook Yoo

t has been a wonderful journey to be a part of Barrington United Methodist Church for the last four years. Pastor Chris told me following the introductory meeting that I will have the best time of my life by joining the team. Yes, indeed I have had the most fulfilling time of my life with the beautiful people of BUMC and across our multisite partner congregations.

Thank you for embracing me as your pastor, colleague and partner in ministry.

Thank you for allowing me to pray for you and with you, hold your hands and laugh and weep ... to wrestle with difficult questions, to share sacred stories and learn from each other.

Thank you for your patience and grace as I have been shaped and equipped a better servant of God.

As we move onto next chapters of our stories, still walking toward where we belong as sisters and brothers yet separately on different paths, I bless you, my friends.

I bless your generous and faithful hearts and your tremendous gifts to the world.

I bless your unfolding future that God will use to bless many even more abundantly.

With my whole being, I pronounce blessings upon each and every one of you.

And I ask you to send me off with your blessings of shalom as I carry a part of you within me. Because of you and the moments we were present to one another and encountered the Holy, I am who I am and will be. I will be ever grateful for you and the life we shared through Christ.

Peace & Love,

Per Mi-Sost You



'That we are able to bless one another at all is evidence that we have been blessed, whether we can remember

That we are willing to bless one another is miracle enough to stagger the very stars

– Barbara Brown Taylor

Pastor Mi-Sook is taking a short time of renewal leave and will become the lead pastor of Christ UMC Algonquin beginning January 1, 2019.

36th Annual CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 21, Registration 12:30 p.m., step-off 1:00 p.m. Begins and ends at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 401 E. Main St., Barrington

The 36th Annual Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk will soon be here! There is still time for you to commit your time and/or treasures to this 2018 community effort of fighting hunger. You might ask,

"Why walk?" The slogan "Ending Hunger

One Step at a Time" reminds us of the millions who walk each day for food and water. Walking physically demonstrates our willingness to fight hunger and our concern for disaster victims.

CROP Walk is sponsored by Church World Service (CWS), an agency begun in 1946, in the aftermath of the Second World War, with a mission to feed the hungry and help those in need. Their work has expanded to help meet not only the needs of the hungry, but also the needs of the impoverished, of refugees, and of those affected by disaster, nationally and internationally. CWS is a 4-star rated charity on Charity Navigator, with only 10% of its funds used for fundraising and administration.

CROP Walk benefits many around the world, but also many local agencies:
Northern Illinois Food Bank, FISH Food
Pantry-Carpentersville, Barrington Meals with Wheels, St. Anne's Project Hope,
Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry,

and the PIN project of the Barrington Ministerial Association. Our task is a most serious one, but we have lots of fun as we join with our brothers and sisters from the Barrington, Barrington Hills, Wauconda, and Lake Zurich churches and community organizations, toward our common goal. PLUS, no one will want to miss the after-Walk fellowship. Let's fight hunger and celebrate together, by walking or by sponsoring a walker.

To become a walker, sponsor a walker, or make a donation is easy! Simply visit **www.crophungerwalk.org/barringtonil/bumc**, click on "donate" and follow the prompts. For more information, contact Bob Williams, bikefifty@gmail.com.

As host church, we have some additional responsibilities for the day. If you can help with set-up (post walk signs, set up at the church), hospitality, or clean-up, we have a place for you! Contact Linda Osikowicz, (847) 540-5634, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net

And, be sure to visit and "Like" us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/ pg/Barrington-Area-Crop-Hunger-Walk-505414766282194/posts/

Join the original Walk event in the United States! Fight hunger globally and in your local community. | Power of the property of the property

Living Each Day in Gratitude

FIRE ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

It has been twenty years since our former church building was destroyed by fire. Following that traumatic event, our congregation came together to revision and rebuild our church, setting the stage for renewal and growth.

To celebrate the 20 years of progress since the fire and to continue to look toward the future, all are invited to the Fire Anniversary Commemorative Dinner, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 27. The cost is \$10/person, children and youth are free.

The evening will include a catered dinner and a program featuring a video highlighting the fire and new church construction, presentations by former clergy and members of the congregation, a display of artifacts from the fire, and art by members of the congregation communicating the faith, commitment, and hard work it took to get to where we are today. If you care to display an artifact, please contact Sam Oliver, samoliver480@gmail.com. If you care to create a piece of art (drawing, painting, poem, short story, song, etc.), please contact John Maxson, jsmaxson@aol.com.

Don't miss this event commemorating perhaps the most significant period in the history of our church! Say that you can come by signing up online or through the sign-up sheets in the Lobby!



Barrington United Methodist Church Sunday, October 21 at 5:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Barrington UMC, how we live out our call as the church of Jesus Christ in the world today, or what church membership means, our "Discover Barrington UMC" class is the perfect next step on your faith journey!

Discover Barrington UMC is an opportunity to learn about who we are as United Methodists, the unique mission and vision of Barrington UMC, ways to get more involved with our missions and ministries, and what it means to be a church member.

To sign up, contact Gayle Richard at (847) 836-5540 ext 107 or grichard@barringtonumc.com

ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Extending the Table:

Communion That Builds Community

Sunday, October 7 at 11 a.m. in the Dining Room, facilitated by Rev. Eric Doolittle, Chaplain of North Central College

Today's college campuses are incredibly diverse places and microcosms of what our neighborhoods — and we hope churches — may look like in the near future. How ready are we to welcome and extend hospitality to our new neighbors? Join Rev. Eric Doolittle as he shares his experiences and leads conversation around how we can each extend Christ's table in reality and spirit and build meaningful relationships with our neighbors.





No More Shame:

Breaking the Stigma of Addiction and Recovery

Sunday, October 14 at 11 a.m. in the Dining Room, facilitated by Rev. William Lenters, Chaplain at Rosecrance Health Network

Many who are battling to overcome addiction are plagued by feelings of shame and failure because of the judgment of others and society in general. Because of this, only about 10 percent of those who need it ever get professional help. At this gathering, Rev. William Lenters will share stories of challenge and healing as he's experienced them over the years at Rosecrance, and give some practical examples of how we can each begin to end the stigma that keeps people from getting the physical and spiritual care then need.



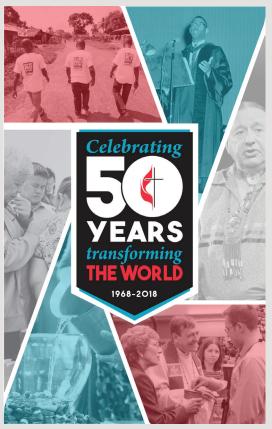
A Golden Year:

The United Methodist Church at 50

Sunday, October 28 at 11 a.m. in the Dining Room, facilitated by Dr. Jeffrey Barbeau, Professor of Theology at Wheaton College

Come and join for this special presentation on the 50th Anniversary of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Jeffrey Barbeau will present important historical details about the union of The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren. What led to the merger? What has happened since? These and other vital questions about our denomination will be addressed in an event you won't want to miss.



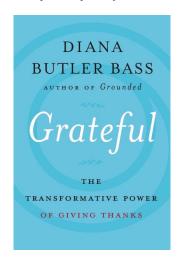


Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks

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 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.



And our new Youth Group name is... (drumroll)... GODS SQUAD

by Pastor Maddie Johnson

ur first month at youth group has already been so full. Every Sunday night from 6:00-7:30 p.m., God's Squad has played foursquare, shared meals, played sardines, sang worship songs, and journeyed through our youth series "The Outsiders." Reading about Biblical characters like Rahab, Hagar, Jonah and Jesus, we have learned that if we feel like an outsider, we aren't alone and in fact, God shows up for those on the outside.

Our next God's Squad sermon series will be Sparknoting the Sacraments, where we will be diving deeper in our understanding of Holy Communion and Baptism. Bring a friend, we hope to see you there! And be sure to check out our other upcoming events:



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

Corn Maze | Friday, October 5 from 6:00–10:00 p.m. at Richardson Farm. Meet at Barrington UMC; this event is free of charge!

Fall Retreat | Friday, October 19 through Sunday, October 21 Wesley Woods in Wisconsin (details to come)

Zoo Lights | Friday, December 14 at Lincoln Park Zoo This event is free of charge.

7th & 8th grade Confirmation

Confirmation Class | Sunday, October 14, 12:30–2:30 p.m. at First UMC Dundee

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









e cream social + game night fun!

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.

We have new groups this fall! 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.

Christmas Play Practice begins in October!

If your child (grade 3 and up) would like a speaking line, please see Susan Brown (sbrown@barringtonumc.com) for more information.















Friday, October 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

All are invited to a night hike and scavenger hunt, learning to trust Jesus even when we can't see him.

Glow sticks, s'mores and adventure provided!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 9 to say you can come!

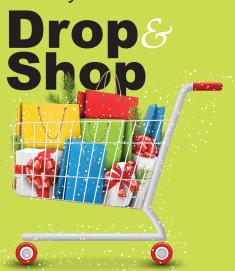
Contact Tammy McKay, tmckay@barringtonumc.com, or register online at barringtonumc.com.

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Family Ministries



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

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.

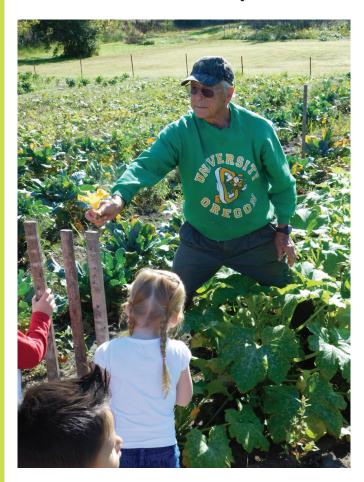
October happenings at Noah's Ark Christian Academy

Fall registration is still open, so please stop by and tour the school. 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.

Fall Fun in the Garden with Papa Lou!







Noah's Ark Christian Academy Book Fair

Monday, October 15 through Friday, October 19

For over 90 years, Scholastic has strived to foster a lifelong love of reading in children by delivering quality and affordable books and educational products. As one of Scholastic's signature book distribution channels, Scholastic Book Fairs partners with schools across the country to host more than 127,000 book fair events that reach more than 35 million students and families. A portion of the proceeds from the event goes directly to the school. Come stock up on your child's' favorite book and support the Noah's Ark Christian Academy at the

Fall Fest

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Enjoy a fall day of crafts, games and family fun for everyone!

The Grand Event

October 18 and 19 from 8:30–9:30 a.m. Grandparents (or special family members) are invited to join us for this special event. We have a great time letting the children show you their classroom.



same time!





You, My Friends, Inspire Me

by Rev. Carol Hill

hese past two and a half years have been a gift. I have so deeply enjoyed getting to be a part of the pastoral team serving First West Dundee, Trinity, and Barrington Churches. Teaching Disciple Bible Studies, dreaming up worship series, visiting at hospital bedsides, celebrating weddings and funerals, baptizing infants, debating with youth, serving on mission teams, and wrestling with concepts of God and denominational hope...have consumed my days, weeks, and months. Members of all of our congregations have allowed me the honor and privilege of serving as a trusted pastor, sharing tender and sacred moments that I will forever cherish. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.



As a United Methodist Pastor's Kid and Pastor, I know the nomadic life that means beginnings and endings and repeat. However, anticipating those moments doesn't diminish the very real joys of finally feeling like my family and I belong or the very real pain at saying goodbye when it's time to leave.

The Staff at Barrington and Dundee and our multi-site churches have taught me so much, have been patient with me as I jam the copier, and have inspired me in new understandings of how a team can lift the whole organization to a new level. Pastors Chris, Mi-Sook, Matthew, Uziel, Luis, Anna, and Maddie have been more than colleagues and dialogue partners, they have been friends and the incarnation of the Love of God.

At Dundee, I celebrate that we have strengthened our lay leadership teams, instituted systems of doing ministry together, hired nursery staff,

replaced the roof, established stronger children and youth programs, adopted a Reconciling statement that proclaims all are welcome, stood up to the Village of West Dundee, and have grown in our relationships with God and one another. The ministry and time we've shared has been a blessing in my life and my role as pastor.

I thank you all for your kindness and your care. I am sorry for my shortcomings and that the time has come for me to move on. I covet your prayers for my family and me as we begin this next chapter of ministry in Park Ridge, a place that was home 5 years ago and that will become home once again. We are excited about what lies ahead, but I will never forget the moments we've shared. I continue to hold out hope for our denomination, particularly because of people like you – the faithful disciples continuously seeking to live out Christ's love for the world, taking risks in multi-site ministry, embodying vulnerable compassion, and dedicating yourselves to study and worship. You, my friends, inspire me! It has been an honor to serve among you, and I look forward to seeing all that God will continue to do through you!

Rev. Carol Hill

Pastor Carol will become the lead Pastor of Park Ridge Community Church as of November 1, 2018.

United Methodist Women **Annual Celebration**

Saturday, October 27 at Court Street UMC, Rockford

The Annual Celebration of the Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Women will be held at Court Street United Methodist Church, Rockford, on Saturday, October 27. The theme for the day is For the Love of the Child. The guest speaker will be Kim Coffing, ChildServ Director of Faith and Community



Relations. There will also be sessions on Adolescent Health and Safe Sanctuaries. The meeting begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and concludes about 3:00 p.m.; cost is \$15, which includes morning coffee and lunch. Child care is provided.

Questions? Want to carpool? Please contact Faith Rotan, (847) 382-8796 or Linda Osikowicz, (847) 540-5634. Registration is due Friday, October 15; registration forms are on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Mark your calendar! The next meeting of our Faith and Grace Circles will be in November; Pam Arrigo will be sharing information about the work of Project Hope. Watch for more information!

Mission u

Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Women's Mission u will be held January 18-20, 2019 at Camp Reynoldswood, Dixon, IL. Three studies will be offered: "Embracing Wholeness" a spiritual growth study; "Missionary Conferences of the U.S.", and a study on "What About Our Money."



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.

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.

Staff Sabbath

To allow our staff a time of Sabbath and renewal, the church office will operate on a modified, limited schedule the week of October 8-12. The church office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday (10/8 and 10/9). On Wednesday-Friday (10/10-12) the staff will be in the office to perform essential functions and to focus on a time of team-building, organizing and preparing for the upcoming stewardship, Advent and Christmas seasons. On Wednesday-Friday office and phone service will be limited to allow our staff this planning time. Pastoral care and emergency services will continue to be provided throughout this sabbath week.

We appreciate your ongoing support of our staff and your understanding as we set aside this week to give them the rest, tools and support they need to continue to serve our church with excellence.

If you have questions, please contact Keenan Baker at keenbak@gmail.com, Pastor Chris at cwinkler@barringtonumc.com or Pastor Matthew at mwhjohnson@barringtonumc.com.

For emergency pastoral care during this sabbath week please contact Pastor Chris at (630) 280-9929.

Barrington UMC Church Conference Vote: Merger with Trinity UMC

On Sunday, September 16, members of Trinity United Methodist Church held a Church Conference during which they voted unanimously to merge with Barrington United Methodist Church. This is a joyful affirmation of our multi-site partnership and the trust that has developed among our members.

On Sunday, October 7 at 12:15, at the Barrington UMC Church Conference we will consider and vote on a merger with Trinity UMC.

ive years ago, Barrington United Methodist Church was invited by the Bishop and Cabinet of the Northern Illinois Conference to design and implement a plan for Multi-Site Ministry that would include several area congregations working together to bring vitality and new life to each church. The Northern Illinois Conference recognized that BUMC was a leader in seeking and implementing best practices in Welcoming, Engagement, Worship, Faith Development, Member Care, and Service and Outreach. It is our shared belief that-by working together-we could have a greater impact in our region and breathe new life into struggling congregations. The Pastors and Administrative Team recognized that Multi-Site Ministry was in keeping with the Strategic Priorities that are directing the congregational life of Barrington Church.

The journey we began with the partner churches in Multi-Site Ministry is already achieving many positive results as we bear fruit for God's Kingdom. First UMC of Dundee has seen a significant increase in attendance and vitality and is poised to move boldly into a new season of ministry, worship and outreach. Trinity UMC of Carpentersville is hosting numerous groups, classes and fellowship events and serving as the home to a bi-lingual worship community called "Comunidad Cristiana" that is substantially layled. Barrington UMC continues to thrive and has benefited in many ways from Multi-Site Ministry including having a much larger and more vital program for youth and their families; the presence of so many wonderful, talented pastors and interns who wanted to be a part of this exciting ministry and by serving a much broader population than we otherwise could reach.

As expected, Multi-Site Ministry has also presented many challenges that have emerged out of risks we have taken as we've explored new ways to be God's Church. In the spring of this year, El Mesias UMC decided to end their relationship with the Multi-Site-Ministry, believing that they were better served by sharing staff and resources with another Hispanic Latino congregation. Still, many valuable relationships were formed and lessons were learned as we attempted to do something previously untried. Indeed, a worship service celebrating all that was accomplished during our time together was held at El Mesias on Sunday, September 30th.

Merger Proposal: Trinity UMC & Barrington UMC

In the fall of 2017, it became clear that funding from the NIC Harvest 2020 program was ending and that Trinity UMC could not continue to stand independently. At a congregational meeting, members of Trinity UMC voted to bring a motion to the Multi-Site Charge Conference requesting a merger with Barrington UMC. That motion passed, and, at the 2017 charge conference, Barrington UMC graciously received the request and agreed to engage in a period of exploration and discernment about what a merger would encompass, including the value and condition of the property, the operating costs, and present and future uses of the Trinity property. After a year-long evaluation the task force recommends approval of the merger for the purposes of boldly living into God's future, preserving the legacy of Trinity UMC, and serving the many existing and future groups that use and will use the facility.

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In less time than it takes to write a check to Barrington UMC, you can now make weekly offerings and respond to special appeals by simply sending a text message to (847) 469-9048 with the amount you would like to give as the text message. You will receive responses to prompt you through the process.

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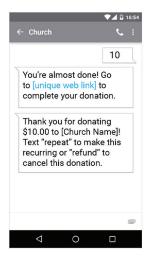
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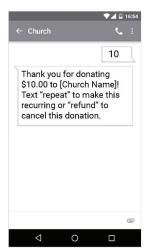
You will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process."

3) Give



After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.

4) Repeat



For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

Frequently Asked Questions

How to give to BUMC by text message:

After registering, you will receive instructions on how to send donations by text message. Text donations are sent to a 10-digit number where they are received and processed by Vanco, BUMC's online payment service.

How will you know when your donation is processed?

You will receive immediate confirmation via text that your donation was received. After a text donation has been processed, it appears on your credit card or bank statement.

How quickly are text donations deposited?

Text donations are electronically deposited into the BUMC's bank account within 2 to 4 business days for debit and credit card transactions.

Are all contributions set at a fixed dollar amount?

No. You are able to choose the amount of each donation.

Will I be assessed any special fees?

No, but normal text messaging fees from their cell phone carriers may apply.

Are text donations ever charged to my mobile phone bill?

No. Donations are processed using the payment method specified in your online profile. Phone carriers handle only the text message, never any financial information.

What payment methods are available for giving by text?

Vanco's Give+ Text supports donations via debit and credit cards.

Can I set up recurring donations by text?

Yes. You can text "Repeat" after you have made a donation to make it recurring. You can also text "Schedule" to set up a recurring donation.

Can I text donations to individual funds?

Currently, donations by text are deposited into the BUMC operating fund. If you would like your donation to be directed otherwise, please contact Lynne Richardson, lrichardson@barringtonumc.com.

Treats for Troops

For more than a decade the Barrington United Methodist Church has enthusiastically supported a mission project to serve units of our deployed armed forces through Christmas gift packs and through serving at O'Hare Airport USO facilities. This year our project to support the troops will be to join with the USO to provide troop care packages. Importantly, the project will also support the families of deployed troops through the international facilities and services of the USO.

Beginning October 14th and for the following three Sundays, we will be collecting funds and small packages of treats to be distributed through the USO to the troops. Your support this year will be greatly appreciated by the troops. Below are notes from our deployed men and women: "Appreciate everything you have done for us...Thank you for your support and the care packages. We are very grateful."

The USO was established in 1941 in response to a request from President Franklin D. Roosevelt to provide morale and recreation services to the U. S. military personnel. It is an independent charity wholly dependent on private donations. It receives no government funding and has served our troops since World War II. Still today, the USO provides a number of live entertainment shows overseas.

You can participate with a donation of appropriate items or of funds to purchase items and pay for shipping, or join us our Treats for Troops packing event on Sunday, November 11.

For more information, please contact Bob Hammett, metbobl@aol.com or (847) 942-6860 or George Gill, gkgill.sr@gmail.com or (847) 778-5475.



Kairos Prison Ministry

Cookies for Kairos | Please return labeled frozen cookies to the big freezer in the BUMC kitchen by noon on Sunday, October 7

Kairos Prison Ministry will bring two-thousand dozen cookies to Stateville Maximum Security Prison in October. If you can bake one dozen, you can help us reach people who need to know God's love. Recipe booklets are available on the missions bulletin board. Please bring frozen cookies to the big kitchen freezer by noon on Sunday, October 7. For more information or to request a recipe booklet, contact Steve Middleton, sjmiddleton@comcast.net.

Agape Prayer Vigil | Saturday, October 20, 2:00 p.m. until Tuesday, October 23, 2:30 p.m. Join the Agape Prayer Vigil held during the weekend event at the prison. Pray for the residents of the prison for 30 minutes at a time. Sign up online by copying this link in your browser: www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14861&commid=1686

Ottawa-Barrington Growing Project Harvest Festival

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the farm of Gary and Jean Dau (2 miles west of the town of Sheridan on N42nd Road)

A wonderful day in the country for yourself and your family! This year's Harvest Festival will begin with an informal worship-in-a-shed followed by lunch, combine rides, children's activities, and craft displays. It concludes with a pie auction!



Carpentersville Community Meal

Saturday, October 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC 1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville, IL

Join with the community for a delicious pot roast dinner and fellowship. We welcome new faces on the 3rd Saturday of every month, we have a place for you!



Spirit Lake Shoebox Ministry Packing

Saturday, October 6, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Epworth UMC, 37W040 W Highland Ave, Elgin, IL 60123

Members of First UMC West Dundee join with Epworth UMC to send Christmas Shoeboxes to Spirit Lake Ministry Center to be delivered to six reservations in the Dakotas and Minnesota.

Bishop Dyck Visits to Barrington UMC

On Sunday, September 16 Bishop Sally Dyck led worship at Barrington UMC in celebration of the Missions and Ministry of the congregation.



Congregational Garden

The 2018 Congregational Garden has produced over 25,000 pounds of produce to feed our neighbors who are food insecure. The team is now in the cleaning up and preparing to overwinter stage which means they can still use your help on weekday mornings!

Other ways to help the food insecure include making donations to or volunteering with the FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville or the Northern Illinois Food Bank.

Puerto Rico Adult Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Wednesday, October 24 7:00 p.m. in the Barrington UMC Conference Room

Anyone, 18 or older, with interest in traveling to Puerto Rico to help in disaster relief work is invited to join these preliminary discussions regarding dates, work, costs and affiliation.



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

Your presence will support the work of NIJFON as it continues to protect immigrants by providing free, high quality legal services. NIJFON also invites allies to learn about complex immigration issues and advocate for justice. Contact Pastor Chris at cwinkler@barringtonumc.com for more information about attending.





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