

BANNER NEWSLETTER

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#### WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Barrington United Methodist Church 98 Algonquin Road, Barrington, IL 60010 (847) 836-5540

#### 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.

#### $\textbf{Comunidad Cristiana | Christian Community Worship}, Sundays \ at \ 4:00 \ p.m.$

1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville, IL 60110

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 of 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 are scripture lessons, a sermon and a time for children every Sunday. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### The Masks We Wear, The Roles We Play

the Call to Worship and Opening Hymn, we engage in a Prayer of Confession? The reason is not to punish us by making us recite our sins and failures out loud. We do so because the church has historically understood that in order to prepare one's self to worship God it is necessary to get rid of whatever spiritual baggage we have accumulated since we last worshiped. We make ourselves ready to hear God's word read and interpreted and we are better equipped to respond to the word when we have acknowledged that we—though imperfect people—receive God's grace and forgiveness and continually have an opportunity to reboot, to start over, to live anew in the love of God and our neighbors.

The church does something similar every year when we observe the forty day period called Lent. The season of Lent is intended to be one of self-reflection and honesty about who we are, and what we are not, as followers of Christ. Thus it is a kind of extended season of confession and repentance that make us ready to receive the ultimate Good News of Easter.

We mark the beginning of Lent by gathering for Holy Communion and to be marked with ashes as a sign of our recognition that we have fallen short of the glory of God. Each year on Ash Wednesday the scripture that is read includes this verse:

"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward." MATTHEW 6:5

The word hypocrite is rooted in the Greek word hypokrites, which means "stage actor," or "pretender." Greek theatre had made its way into Israel when Alexander the Great invaded the region in about 330 BCE so the people Jesus was speaking to knew that Greek actors, known as "hypocrites," wore masks as a part of their performances. So when Jesus called the Pharisees "hypocrites" he was revealing that behind the masks of righteousness they wore, they were not the blameless and upright exemplars they were pretending to be. Rather, they were just as flawed as anyone else and in just as much need of God's grace and mercy.



#### The Masks We Wear, The Roles We Play

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Likewise, Jesus used parables—simple, but layered stories that contained religious and moral truth—in order to challenge his listeners to examine the roles they played in the stories and their own motives.

This season, our Lenten worship series is entitled: "The Parables of Jesus: the Masks We Wear and the Roles We Play." It is our prayer that these stories will speak to us anew and guide us to be more self-reflective and to recognize that we are all in need of God's grace. I hope to see you in worship this week!

Rev. Chris Winkler

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells a number of provocative parables that invite us, the hearers, to see ourselves as characters in God's unfolding drama. Heroes and villains, we've played all the roles. Which are we now?

> "The Good Samaritan" Sunday, March 1 at Barrington UMC Sunday, March 22 at First UMC

"Yeast and the Mustard Seed" Sunday, March 1 at First UMC

Sunday, March 22 at Barrington UMC

"The Widow and The Judge" Sunday, March 8 at Barrington UMC

Sunday, March 15 at First UMC

"The Rich Man and Lazarus" Sunday, March 15, 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. at Barrington UMC

"Once Upon A Parable" Children's Musical Sunday, March 8 at First UMC

> Sunday, March 15 at 9:30 at Barrington UMC Sunday School classes will remain in worship with their families to enjoy the Children's Musical

"Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son" Sunday, March 29 at Barrington UMC and First UMC

Palm Sunday, "The Story of Judas" Sunday, April 5

UMM Pancake Breakfast at BUMC, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, "The Story of Peter" Thursday, April 9 - 6:00 p.m. at Trinity Center,

7:00 p.m. at First UMC and 7:30 p.m. at Barrington UMC

Good Friday, "The Story of Mary, Mother of Jesus" Friday, April 10 – 7:30 p.m. at Barrington UMC

> Easter, "The Story of Resurrection" Sunday, April 12 – 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. at Barrington UMC

10:00 a.m. at First UMC and 4:00 p.m. at Trinity Center

#### "Once Upon a Parable" Musical

Written by Tom Long and Allen Pote, this 45-minute musical has "gotta lotta stories" to tell through drama and song. Our cast includes 14 youth, grades 3 through 10, from FUMCWD and BUMC. Cast members Pundit Tetteh and Clara Davenport also serve as Assistant Director and Choreographer respectively. The unique script allows several different actors to portray Jesus and several others to serve as narrators moving the stories along. The drama climaxes with a symbolic crucifixion. But we all know that is not the end of the story, and neither is it the end of our play. Invite your friends to experience this powerful gospel presentation.

You won't want to miss it!







#### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBOR

#### Join the BUMC Meals with Wheels team! We need your help!

When? One or two days a month

For how long? For a couple of hours at lunchtime

To do what? To drop off a hot meal to four or five senior citizens in our community

A team of BUMC volunteers delivers hot meals to fifteen seniors on the second Friday and fourth Monday of each month. This program, managed by the Barrington Area Coalition on Aging, provides hot food at lunchtime five days a week to persons unable to shop or prepare their own meals. By providing a nutritious meal and a brief visit once a day, Meals With Wheels volunteers help seniors to stay in their own homes and reassure their families that they are well.

We need to add some new volunteers to our team. Come try it out with us one day next month!

To arrange a 'ride-along', please call Carolyn Schneider at (847) 204-0396. And thanks!



#### **Cookies for Kairos - A Lenten Spiritual Discipline**

Kairos Prison Ministry is a Christian faith-based ministry that addresses the spiritual needs of incarcerated men, women, youth, their families and those who work with them. Kairos prison ministries helps guests find God's grace and forgiveness in their lives at God's special time or "Kairos".

Each April and October, we help support a team that spends three days sharing their faith at Stateville Prison. Our ministry consists primarily of baking cookies! This Lent, we ask again that you and your family help bake some of the two thousand dozen cookies that teams bring to Kairos weekend events to demonstrate God's endless love and grace.

Booklets containing the approved recipes will be available at the church and online beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Please be sure to use only approved recipes found in the Kairos booklet and please take a moment while you are mixing or baking or packing up your cookies to pray over them. To pray that the prisoners, guards, lay people and others who will receive your cookies do find God's grace and forgiveness and come to understand "Kairos."

This is a powerful ministry and it needs our powerful support – please return your cookies to the freezer in the big kitchen or the kitchen at First UMC on or before Palm Sunday, April 5. The office staff can help between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

To learn more about the Kairos Prison Ministry, please contact Steve Middleton at sjmiddleton@comcast.net





#### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR NEIGHBOR

#### **UMCOR Sunday, March 22**

A special offering is taken in all United Methodist churches each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent. Funds raised through this offering are used to support the infrastructure of the United Methodist Committee on Relief and keep the promise that whenever a designated gift is given, 100% of those dollars are used for the relief the donor designates. Any extra funds raised on UMCOR Sunday go to relief wherever they are most needed.

Founded in 1940, UMCOR is the global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. It works in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. Its mission is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster—with open hearts and minds to all people.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. UMCOR works through programs that address hunger, poverty, sustainable agriculture, international and domestic emergencies, refugee and immigrant concerns, global health issues, and transitional development.

UMCOR projects are often joined with Growing Hope Globally and Heifer International efforts (two other groups that Barrington UMC faithfully supports). The predominance of Methodist hospitals across Africa prompted The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to partner with The United Methodist Church worldwide for Imagine No Malaria, an effort that has reduced deaths from malaria by 60%.

Disaster relief or special project offerings can be designated at any time. Additional offerings are suggested to the congregation following natural disasters or when events warrant.



Visit: VouTube UMCOR (The United Methodist Committee on Relief)





#### LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

#### **LENT: Parable Encounter**

Sunday Mornings at 11:00 a.m. beginning March 1 in Room 111 at Barrington UMC Jesus knew that people love a good story, so he taught in parables. We've probably all heard most of those short, provocative stories about Samaritans, widows, rich people, poor people, growing things, losing things—but does Jesus

still have a few surprises left for us? Come encounter the parables during this Lenten study, with fresh perspectives from scholars and fellow participants. See the schedule below, then join us for your favorites or the entire series.

March 1	Luke 10: 25-37	Good Samaritan
March 8	Luke 18:1-6	Widow and the Judge
March 15	Luke 16: 19-31	Lazarus and the Rich Man
March 22	Luke 13: 18-22	Yeast and Mustard Seed
March 29	Luke 15: 4-32	Lost Sheep, Coin, and Sons

#### Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi

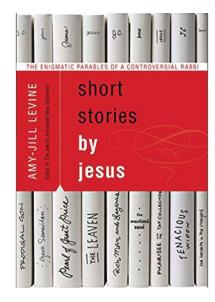
Sunday Mornings at 11:15 a.m. beginning March 1 at First UMC West Dundee

Co-taught by Rev. Wendy A. Witt and Tom Miller

The renowned biblical scholar, author of *The Misunderstood Jew*, and general editor for *The Jewish Annotated New Testament* interweaves history and spiritual analysis to explore Jesus' most popular teaching parables, exposing their misinterpretations and making them lively and relevant for modern readers.

Jesus was a skilled storyteller and perceptive teacher who used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Life in first-century Palestine was very different from our world today, and many traditional interpretations of Jesus' stories ignore this disparity.

This class sequence will align with the preaching series each Sunday. All are welcome!



#### Lenten Lunch and Learn at First UMC West Dundee

Join your missions team for soup and sandwiches after worship. Hear about some of our missions from our guest speakers.



#### March 8 at 11:15 a.m.

The United Methodist Women join us in welcoming Deaconess Catherine Inserra for a conversation about **ChildServ**.



#### March 15 at 11:15 a.m.

William (Bill) Bible will lead a discussion about **Outside the Walls** and **Nicasa**—ministries to help reintegrate recently released prisoners.



#### March 22 at 11:15 a.m.

Our **KidsHope USA** mentoring program is a partnership with D300 Lakewood Elementary School. Learn about the role of mentoring in students' lives from Sharon Orr, KidsHope Director.





#### **UMM Annual Meeting**

im Stein, Jim Finn, Bill West, and John Maxson represented our church at the Northern Illinois Conference United Methodist Men's Annual Meeting on Saturday, February 22, 2020, at Wesley United Methodist Church on Chicago's south side.

Bishop Sally Dyck (pictured below) conducted a communion service and preached a sermon titled "I Can See Clearly Now." During her presentation she summarized some of the financial and operational realities the United Methodist Church is facing due to an uncertain future. For example, to reduce expenses the Conference has already reduced staff and streamlined operations. The Bishop used Mark 8:22–26 as her text. This familiar story tells of the blind man in Bethsaida being led from the village into unfamiliar territory and cured by Jesus. Bishop Dyck compared this to the unfamiliar territory that the church is in now and how faith will restore and even strengthen church unity for the future.

The Wesley UMC men served a delicious breakfast and, of course, meeting other Methodist men from throughout northern Illinois is always an attraction.



from left to right: Jim Stein, Jim Finn, Bill West, Bishop Dyck and John Maxson

### Have Pancakes With The United Methodist Men So Others May Eat! Palm Sunday, April 5, 8:30–11:30 a.m.

hat if you could "redeploy" the money you would spend with your family at the local restaurant after church—providing enough fresh produce to feed a person for a year—and still take your family to breakfast! Wouldn't that be great?

You can, by attending the UMM Annual Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 5, 8:30-11:30. Join the UMM in raising money for Meals for Millions, a project of the national UMM. For a goodwill donation of what you'd spend at a restaurant, you will be treated to pancakes, bacon, juice, coffee, and a big helping of fellowship.

Each year, through the generous free-will contributions of our congregation, the BUMC UMM sends the net proceeds of the Annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast to Meals for Millions, a partnership program of the national UMM.

Meals for Millions provides fresh produce for just pennies per serving! Imagine providing three servings of wholesome fruits and vegetables for about a nickel to those who need it most, all the while enjoying a homemade breakfast in fellowship with church members.

This year our goal is to raise \$3,000, which would provide almost 150,000 single servings of food to those in need throughout the USA.

Just imagine: you could take your family out for breakfast and spend \$50 and serve four people. Or you could join us for breakfast and donate that money, providing over 250 servings of food to less fortunate people and enjoy the fellowship of like-minded church members!

Help us remain an "Extra Mile Partner" by joining us for breakfast on Palm Sunday, April 5, anytime from 8:30-11:30 in Fellowship Hall.





#### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

#### **Centering Prayer**

Friday afternoons at 1:30 in the Parlor (behind the kitchenette near the sanctuary) at Barrington UMC

Come join in a centering prayer group each Friday. Centering Prayer is a simple form of Christian meditation that helps us calm our busy minds and be present to God. After twenty minutes of centering each week, the group streams and discusses a twenty-minute video from *Mindful Silence* by Phileena Heuertz.

For information or to attend, call Liz Penick at (847) 991-2654. No previous experience is needed. Those who are new to centering prayer, please call ahead or arrive 5 minutes early for a short introduction to the practice.







Blessing the Sunday School Mission Valentine gift bags to be given to the children at Elgin Community Crisis Center at First UMC West Dundee.

## **Barrington UMC Welcoming Ministries Volunteer Appreciation Brunch**

The Welcoming Ministries Team is grateful for all of our volunteers who help make Sunday mornings a time of intentional hospitality, and we would like to say "Thank you!"

If you are a greeter, a coffee host/hostess, an ambassador, an usher, a scripture reader or a projection volunteer, please join us in the Dining Room on Sunday, March 15, during the 8:30 - 9:30 hour to enjoy our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.

Please R.S.V.P. to Dana Angel, (630) 550-6909, by March 13 to say you will come.



#### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

#### 2020 Day of Spiritual Renewal

Saturday, March 21, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Cost: \$15/person Baker Memorial United Methodist Church, 207 Cedar Ave, St. Charles

Jane Rubietta, internationally acclaimed Christian speaker and author, will present "Celebrating at the Well." Come for a day of spiritual renewal as the program addresses peace, hope, and healing in our desert places. Morning beverages and brunch are included.

Childcare is provided upon request. For more information about registration and carpooling, contact Linda Osikowicz, (847) 540-5634. The event is co-sponsored by Elgin and Aurora District United Methodist Women. All are invited, please join us!





**Barrington UMC, UMW March 19 meeting**: 10:00 a.m. in the BUMC Dining Room We will be tying and stuffing pillows; program details will follow.

#### MEMBER CARE AND WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

#### **Traveling Tea Party**

The Member Care Team is revising the Traveling Tea Party. The third week of the month will be "Tea Party Week," and we will make visits any day that week depending on availability of the visitor and the one being visited. Let Elaine (RNeaa@comcast.net) or the Church Office know if you are interested in being a visitor or if you would like a visit. We will bring tea and cookies and enjoy time together. The visitors enjoy it as much as those being visited.



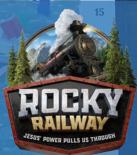
CORRECTION: The February Banner newsletter published Carol Svoboda's email incorrectly. Please see below for Carol's correct email address.

**Delivered Meals** Member Care also has a program to deliver meals to congregants going through a difficult time. Let the Church Office or Carol Svoboda, fcsvoboda@gmail.com, know if you need a meal or would like to be on the list to make a meal.

## Vacation Bible School

June 15-19, 9 a.m.-noon for children age 3 through grade 5





Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School Register today at barringtonumc.com!



#### FAMILY MINISTRY

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

During the 9:30 worship service, following the children's message, and at 11:00 a.m. during Crossroads Worship, Pre-K through grade 2 will meet in the JAM room. Students grades 3–5 will meet in the Youth Room on the first and third Sundays and in the Dining Room on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers ages 0–3 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

#### Sunday School (10:15 a.m.) at First UMC, West Dundee

During the 10:00 a.m. worship service following the children's message, young people are invited to Sunday School including Bible Stories, crafts, music and mission projects. Nursery care is available for infants and toddlers ages 0–3 from 10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

**Barrington UMC Youth Sunday School** | Students grade 6 through 12 are invited on Sunday mornings at 9:30 for a time of fellowship and learning. The first and third Sundays of the month we will participate in worship, and the second, fourth and fifth Sundays we will meet in the Youth Room for Bible Study.

#### Family Ministries "Little Library" continues to grow

ur family ministries "Little Library" continues to grow! We continue to accept donations. A wish list of books is available on the Family Ministry Facebook page, on the family ministry bulletin board, and next to the JAM classroom. If you would like more information on how you can support this impactful programming, please contact Tammy McKay at tmckay@barringtonumc.com!







#### F E L L O W S H I P

#### **2nd Big Sing**

Thank you to everyone from Salem United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church West Dundee and Barrington United Methodist Church, who turned out for the 2nd Big Sing at McGonigal's Pub on Saturday, February 8. We enjoyed great food, warm fellowship and robust hymn singing!



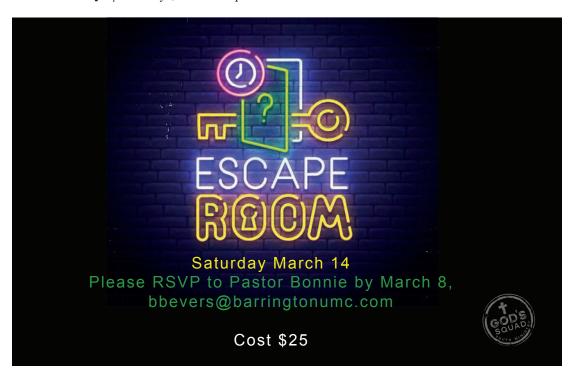




#### YOUTH MINISTRY

**Youth Sunday School** | Sunday mornings at 9:30 for a time of fellowship and learning. The first and third Sundays of the month we will participate in worship, and the second and fourth Sundays we will meet in the Youth Room for Bible Study.

**Coffee, Cocoa & Homework Hangs** | Sundays, 3:30-6:00 p.m. in The Well at BUMC **Youth Group** | Sundays, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at BUMC





**God's Squad Movie Night Out** | Friday, April 17 Don't miss this evening showing of Mulan! Please RSVP to Pastor Bonnie by April 5, bbevers@barringtonumc.com. Cost: \$8

Mulan features a celebrated international cast that includes: Yifei Liu as Mulan; Donnie Yen as Commander Tung; Jason Scott Lee as Böri Khan; Yoson An as Cheng Honghui; with Gong Li as Xianniang and Jet Li as the Emperor.

The film is directed by Niki Caro from a screenplay by Rick Jaffa & Amanda Silver and Elizabeth Martin & Lauren Hynek based on the narrative poem "The Ballad of Mulan."

#### **Noah's Ark Christian Academy**

At Noah's Ark Christian Academy, we implement a customized curriculum that exceeds Illinois State Standards while allowing children to develop at their own pace. We strive to provide maximum opportunity for growth through a cohesive progression of the curriculum material, beginning in our Two's program through our approved Kindergarten. Your child will be prepared for their future endeavors with a strong, balanced foundation built at Noah's Ark Christian Academy.

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year in now open. Applications are available in front of the Director's office. If you are interested in learning more about the school or would like a tour, please feel free to call, stop by or email Susan Brown, Director of Noah's Ark Christian Academy.



### Dinner Dance and Silent Auction

Saturday, April 25, 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Cost is \$30/household
Reservations due April 1
Come and dance the night away!
Money raised from this event will
go to the school for playground and
"Nature Explore Classroom" upgrades.
We love receiving auction donations
such as event tickets, family
experiences and outings to name a
few. We thank you for your support!



EVEREVE shop day at The Arboretum of South Barrington is on Sunday, March 15, 2:00–5:00 p.m. Have fun shopping and a percentage with come back to Noah's Ark Christian Academy if you mention the school! **Shop and Support NACA!** 







Thank you to all who came out to see the Windy City Bulls with us! We had a blast.

Special thank you for all the support we received at our annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser.



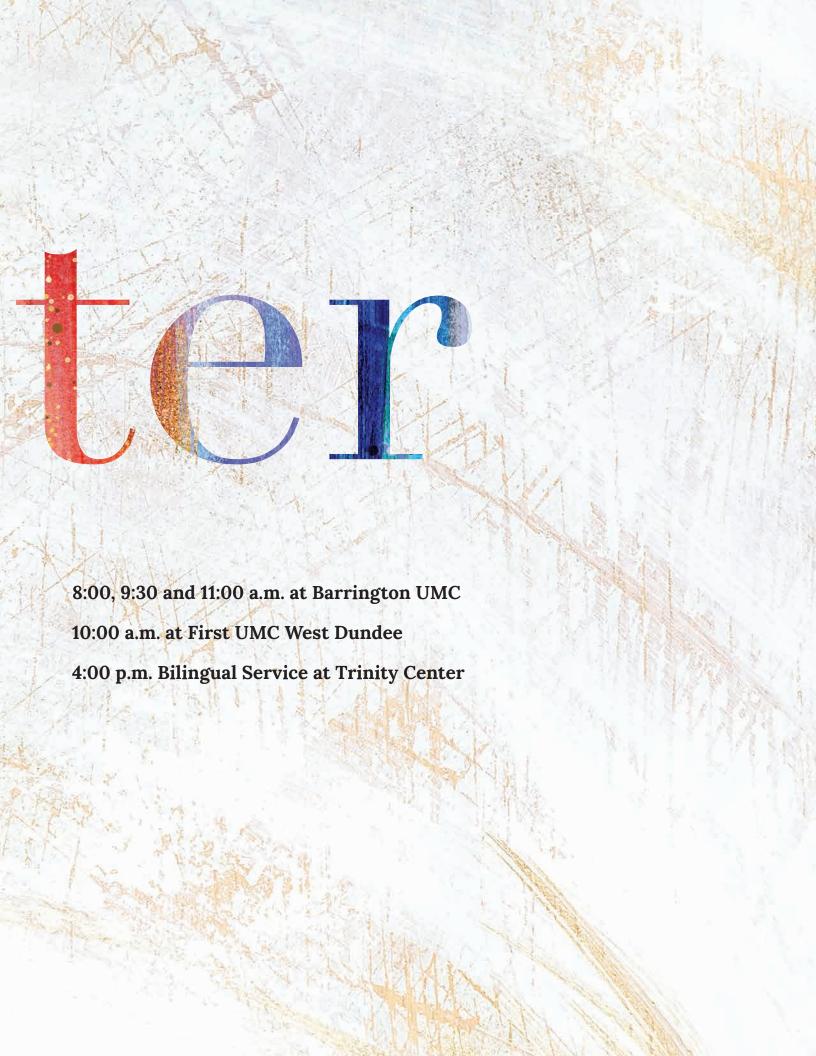


## EXPERIENCE

### Sunday, April 12

The story of Jesus is a powerful one—
his birth, his teachings, and even his death
are still discussed thousands of years later.
But perhaps the most miraculous part of the
whole story is the resurrection. Come hear
how this changed everything.

We hope to see you here!



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