



BANNER NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For the health and safety of our collective community, all in-person gatherings have been suspended at both campuses until further notice. An online worship service can be viewed each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on the Barrington UMC and First UMC websites along with their respective Facebook pages. If you wish to receive weekly email communications, please contact communications@barringtonumc.com for Barrington UMC and sorr@barringtonumc.com for First UMC updates.

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

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

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. | *Online Only*

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. | *Suspended*

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 Cristiana | Christian Community Worship, Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Online only on the Comunidad Cristiana Facebook page:

m.facebook.com/ComunidadCristianaUMC

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. | *Online Only at 9:30 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.

Stay strong. Do good and do no harm.

Lately I've been thinking a lot about what it means to be a person of faith in these challenging and difficult times. How do we, as followers of Christ, relate or resist or engage with the things that are troubling our world—especially as we are removed from the world and the community of faith like never before. How are we supposed to make sense out of a global pandemic that has thus far killed more nearly 500,000 people worldwide? Recent polls show that more people in the U.S. than ever before now believe the reality of systemic racism, but many of us struggle with how to bring about meaningful change. I see many people of faith who have heartfelt questions and differences about whether to prioritize public health or economic recovery...

Richard Niebuhr wrote some years ago about what he called “Christ and Culture.” He wrote that Christians might seek to understand difficult circumstances, and our faithful response, in one of several ways. He talked about:

Christ against Culture where our faith is exclusive and we stand against the forces of a pagan civilization.

Christ of Culture where history is the story of God's interaction with the world.

Christ above Culture where human history is a period of preparation for an ultimate communion between humanity and God.

Christ and Culture in Paradox where human history is the time of struggle between faith and unbelief.

And—the one that most resonates with me:

Christ Transforming Culture where we are living in the midst of the story of God's mighty deeds and humanity's response to them.

I guess the reason I like the notion of Christ transforming culture is because it asks us to actively participate in the coming of God's kingdom on earth. If Christ is to transform culture then Christians must put our faith before our politics, position and power. If Christ is to transform culture, then Christians must live each day as if it was our personal and corporate task to usher in God's kingdom. If Christ is to transform culture then Christians cannot ignore, avoid or hide from the pressing issues that trouble the culture.

I recognize that there are no easy answers, but perhaps it is by faithfully engaging the questions that we are able to live more fully as followers of Christ. Let us not grow weary or distracted or defeated, for we serve a God of transformation and new beginnings. Take heart. Stay strong. Do good and do no harm.



Rev. Chris Winkler

MASK PROJECT

Our amazing team of mask makers has delivered over 2,100 masks to hospitals, friends and neighbors. Thank you to everyone who has helped and is still helping!

On June 15th, Sydney Whitley delivered 200 masks to ChildServ and learned that the organization was just rolling out their NEW NAME! ChildServ is now known as **Kids Above All**.

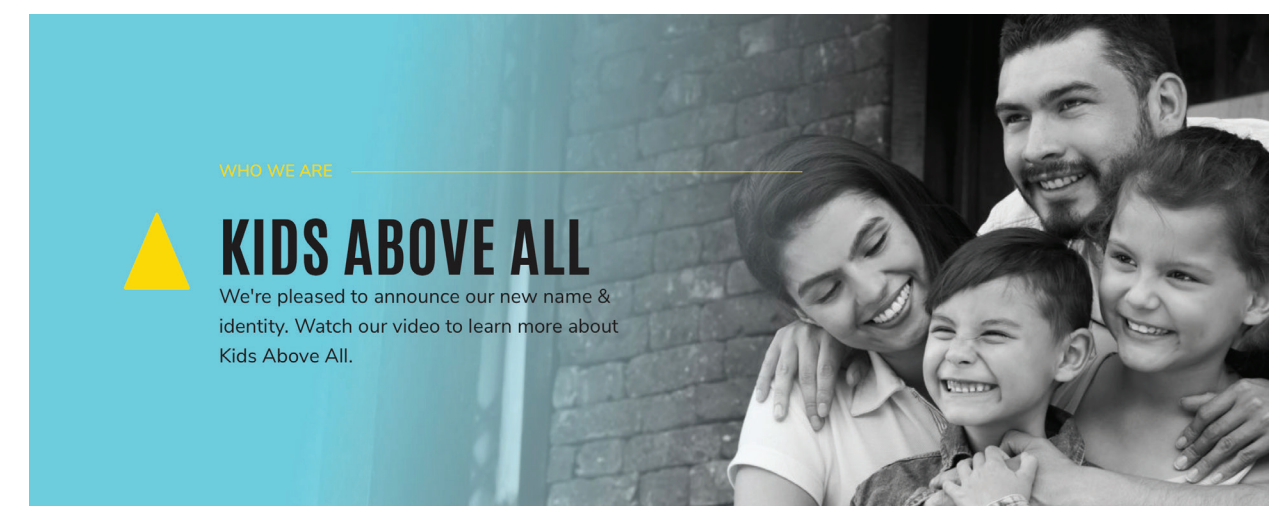


All. Their new name reflects their values and refreshes the brand. The organization has grown in the last few years and is serving even more children but with the same continuing commitment to their success. Our partnership with ChildServ has not changed except to become a partnership with Kids Above All.



ChildServ CHANGES NAME, SUPPORT TO CHILDREN STAYS THE SAME

On June 15, the Northern Illinois Conference-related agency founded by Lucy Rider Meyer in 1894 originally as the Methodist Deaconess Orphanage in Lake Bluff, IL, changed its name and brand to “Kids Above All.” CEO Dan Kotowski said, “‘Kids Above All’ is a statement of principle, an organizational value and an urgent call to action for everyone in and around Chicago—civic, faith and community leaders, the business community, the public, as well as our partners and supporters—to step up and join us in placing the safety, well-being and education of kids above all else, so they can live long, productive lives and achieve their potential.” After many years of expanding and adding more comprehensive services, the agency changed its name to ChildServ in 1986 and is one of three NIC-related child-serving agencies supported by United Voices for Children. Kotowski said that while “their name will be different, the organization will continue to build better lives for children and families who are at risk—in Cook, DuPage, Kane and Lake counties—through early childhood programs, foster care and adoption services, and housing support for teens and young adults who have experienced homelessness.” To learn more, visit kidsaboveall.org





OTTAWA-BARRINGTON GROWING PROJECT: WHAT'S GROWING?

Since a big part of our donation to Growing Hope Globally comes from the harvest, we are sharing an update from our friends in Ottawa. As of June 28, our farmer partners have committed 10 acres of corn and 5 acres of soybeans to this year's project. We know we can expect additional acreage and need your support to ensure Growing Hope Globally receives their full harvest. Your donations in support of their efforts allow our farmer partners to give more to help train and support sustainable agriculture and alleviate hunger in Nicaragua. If you haven't helped yet, please consider a gift to the Growing Project this year.

This field is planted in soybeans. They will start to set blossoms in the next week or two, close to the Summer Solstice.



This is a cornfield on June 9. You can see dying weeds between the rows due to the recent application of herbicide. Before the end of June the corn will be side-dressed with fertilizer to ensure enough nutrition to grow a good crop.



Farmers report that, so far, the weather has been far more cooperative this year than last – the seeds were planted much earlier. There was a freeze on Mother's Day that slowed development, and in some instances, required some replanting.



This is an area seeded with native flowers and grasses and set aside as pollinator habitat by one of our farmer-partners, John Garrity.

All photos courtesy of Kevin Nelson

OTTAWA-BARRINGTON GROWING PROJECT IS MAKING A REAL DIFFERENCE

The success story below was shared across all Growing Hope Globally donors on June 9, 2020. It is all about the difference that one of the two programs that we support is making for families in Nicaragua. Growing Hope Globally continually monitors and vets all of its projects in addition to the tracking that is done by the Christian Aid organizations that lead and support them. This extra step ensures that our gifts are used where intended – to end hunger and build a better life for small farmers, their families and communities.

Nicaragua Conquista Nandaime Program Update

Water Collection TanksImprove Dryland Living

A 1000-gallon rain-collection tank has made living in the so-called central “dry corridor” of Nicaragua easier for Bertha and Luís and their family of six. As a family dedicated entirely to agriculture, their involvement over the last six years with local partner Fundación San Lucas has helped them thrive in an increasingly unpredictable climate. Bertha and Luís have participated in the program’s hands-on Farmer Field School, following such principles of climate-smart Conservation Agriculture as planting and harvesting drought-tolerant grains like soy and amaranth. Bertha enjoys working the land and maintaining their crops, but before the water project, irrigation was an arduous affair. She and her children had to drive an oxcart to a water source over a half-mile away to fill barrels, a dangerous and time-consuming task. With their water collection tank, Bertha is able to fill the time

she saves by maintaining a vegetable garden during the dry season, and her children can go to school rather engage in water-fetching drudgery. The family’s health has improved not only because of the greater variety of wholesome foods, but because water allows for more scrupulous hygiene and sanitation practices. There’s enough for cooking, laundry, and watering livestock. Bertha also points out that they are economically better off because of the surplus produce they can sell, and because better health means less money goes for medications.



Bertha with her vegetable garden.

By providing tools, supplies, materials and knowledge to women like Bertha, Fundación San Lucas encourages sustainable farming initiatives that offer solutions to the many challenges of a dry climate. Being productive members of their families and communities increases women’s self-esteem and helps their community economy grow.

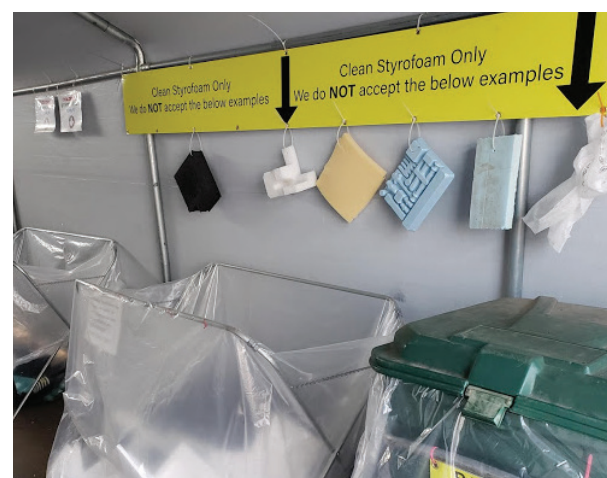
Nicaragua Conquista Nandaime Program is led by World Renew, an agency of the Christian Reformed Church, and Local Partner Fundación San Lucas

STYROFOAM RECYCLING

Did you know that styrofoam cannot be recycled in your curbside recycling bin? There are specific sites where styrofoam can be dropped off and then taken to Dart Co. in Chicago to be “up cycled,” melted down to make a variety of plastic items such as picture frames and household trim. The closest drop off site from the church is Algonquin Township, 3702 Hwy 14, Crystal Lake, IL 60014.

Drop off hours are 6:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m. The Environmental Defenders of McHenry County monitor this project.

At a time when carryout meals are at an all time high, so is styrofoam packaging. If you need help disposing of your styrofoam, feel free to call or text Linda McGill (847) 209-5513 or email mcgwilinator@aol.com for assistance.



THE RESULTS ARE IN, THANK YOU FOR FEEDING YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Thank you all for your generous response to the United Methodist Foundation's Challenge! Throughout Northern Illinois, **\$82,000** was donated to three eligible Food Banks. The original **\$50,000** match was increased to **\$75,000** due to the strong response. We have confirmed that all of our donations are being doubled.

Our multisite donations to FISH of Carpentersville totaled **\$12,465**. With the Foundation match, **\$24,930** in 'agency credits' will be available to FISH to purchase items from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Remembering that spending \$1 at the food bank is roughly equal to \$6 at the grocery store – you have provided many nutritious meals!

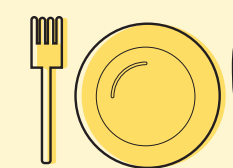


Additional designated donations to Food for Greater Elgin of \$1,314 and to Neighborhood Food Pantries of West Chicago of \$600 were also doubled for agency credit. In total, with the Foundation match, \$28,758 were made available to local food pantries to feed our neighbors. Our \$14,379 donations marked us as “by far the largest donor in this matching challenge.” *

*Chris Walters, President, United Methodist Foundation of the Northern Illinois Conference, Inc.

Table to Table

Meals for home.



Do Good. Be Kind. Live Community.

CARPENTERSVILLE COMMUNITY MEAL

Meals to enjoy at home. Carpentersville Community Meal will return on August 15 in a new format. From noon to 1:30 p.m., meals prepared and packed in the Barrington UMC kitchen, will be distributed from the parking lot at Trinity Center.

We hope to take advance reservations as well as offer drive-up distribution. Instructions for storing and reheating the meals will be included in Spanish and English. Watch this space for more information!

FISH FOOD PANTRY

At a time when many families are finding it difficult to put food on the table, it's comforting to know major warehouse stores and fellow food pantries are helping out. With a variety of contacts working behind the scenes, Linda McGill has been able to drop off fresh produce at FISH Pantry in Carpentersville. The drop-offs can be on any of their open times, Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Items have included lettuce, spinach, fresh green beans or complete vegetable boxes. It's a good feeling to know food is not just going to a dumpster. For ways you can help, call or text Linda McGill (847) 209 5513 or email mcgwilinator@aol.com.



Steve Middleton picks up and drops off donations from local stores on a regular route for FISH Food Pantry every Wednesday.



MISSION UPDATES

The Congregational Garden is Well Underway: Volunteers Needed!

Last year the Community Garden harvested 35,000 lbs. of vegetables to feed the hungry. Food was distributed through seven food banks in Cook, Kane, and McHenry Counties. So far this year, the garden's 11th season, 19 volunteers have been hard at work tilling the soil, repairing and installing a drip irrigation system, and planting over 3,000 plants. Small plants off to a good start include 1,900 tomato, 500 broccoli, 500 pepper, 70 tomatillo, and various squashes and cucumbers. Everyone is welcome to help and you can work as long as you like! Just a few hours make a big difference! If you would like to support this worthy outreach project, please contact Bill West at wlwest@att.net. The garden crew generally works 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on weekdays, but once you are trained, you can work any time you like. With a little more help it can be another great year for the garden!



Spirit Lake Project

On June 24, First UMC West Dundee delivered a full load of welcome items for this project. Marcia Buchs, Mission Chair, met our mission partner Andy at the Journey of Hope Church in Elgin. We had boxes and crates of books for the new library as well as a puppet theater, a few basketballs for the youth program, some tools for the apprenticeship program, and a collection of items that fit in the Christmas shoe boxes. We also delivered many shoe boxes already wrapped and ready for filling in September.

We have plenty more shoe boxes that need to be wrapped or folks can wrap shoe boxes you have at home (remember that we have to be able to open them in order to fill them). There is still a need for items to fill the shoe boxes: toys, toothbrushes, toothpaste, school supplies, baby items, sweat bands, wrapped candy, and craft supplies/kits. In the last few years, we have helped create 1000 shoe boxes so that children from babies to 12 years old can have a bit of joy in a box at Christmas time.

If you have time and want to fill a shoe box ready to send in September that would be wonderful. Simply find a shoe box (Marcia has plenty if you need one), wrap it with christmas paper, fill it for a boy or a girl, place the lid on top and say a little prayer of joy. Marcia will pick up or you can drop off by September 21 on her porch. Any questions contact Marcia at mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net or text (331) 276-7979.



Two United Methodist Churches in Elgin Merge

Effective on May 31, 2020, Epworth United Methodist Church and Wesley United Methodist Church (previously located at 1070 South Street, Elgin) merged to form the Journey of Hope United Methodist Church. The new church will be located at 37W040 West Highland Avenue (at Randall), in Elgin. The lead pastor is Jarrod Severing appointed to Epworth UMC, August 1, 2019. Find the church at their new website: www.johumc.org



BUMC PICNIC *in the* PARK *(ing lot)*

JULY 12
@11:00 a.m.

We have a space just for you!

Barrington UMC is hosting lunch in the trunk in the church parking lot beginning at 11:00 a.m. on July 12. Be sure to watch the Worship Service at home and then join us for lunch and a communion service in the parking lot. Please bring lawn or bag chairs, a table if you wish, lunch and elements from home (juice and bread of your choice) for communion.

All cars will be socially distanced, and bathrooms will be available in the buildings with proper safety measures. Please bring your face mask and hand sanitizer. Soap and hand sanitizer will also be available within the building.

RSVP to:
barringtonumc.com/picnic-in-the-parking-lot

Upcoming Picnic in the Park(ing lot) dates:

Sundays, August 9 and September 13 at 11:00 a.m.

FUMC FRONT YARD *gathering*

JULY 11
@11:00 a.m.

Bring a chair and let's gather (at a distance)!

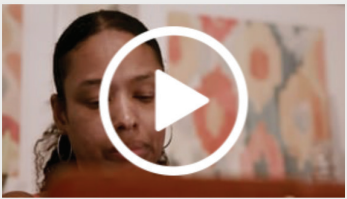
Assuming that the State of Illinois does indeed move into Stage 4 at the end of this month, on Saturday, July 11 @ 11:00, we as a congregation will gather on the front yard of the church (Main St.) for a time of fellowship and conversation. During this time you must be wearing a mask, that includes all children over the age of two, and we will maintain proper physical distancing of 6' or more. This will give us time to see one another, get caught up with what is going on in each other's' lives, and reconnect as a family of faith. We have been separated from one another for too long. While this is not ideal, and we will need to stay outside, it does let us be together. Hope to see you all on Saturday, July 11 at 11:00 a.m.

**This event has been canceled.
Watch your weekly enews for
updates on future events.**

JUNE WORSHIP SERIES

Daniel

"I Don't Dance"
Join us online this Sunday, June 28, as we consider Daniel 3:19-30.
Sunday worship services are available at 7:00 a.m. on our website and our Facebook page each week.



Same God | film discussion
with Director, Linda Mulgrew, Michael and Patti Mangia
Friday, July 10 at 7 p.m. on Google Meet
(watch for link in upcoming e-news)

In 2015, Dr. Larycia Hawkins, an African-American political science professor at Wheaton College, posted a photo of herself in a hijab on Facebook. "I love my Muslim neighbor," she wrote, "because she deserves love by virtue of her/his human dignity We worship the Same God."

Not receiving our emails?

Contact Elizabeth Schule
(eschule@barringtonumc.com,
(847) 836-5540) and provide your
contact information to receive in your
inbox up-to-date information about
our missions, ministry and fellowship
opportunities in addition to Notes of
Encouragement along the way!

Update | Traveling Tea Party The Traveling Tea Party has resumed but during this time of social distancing, it will be done similar to a "Door Dash." The Traveling Tea Party will call the recipient and tell them they will be receiving a little bag of tea and goodies later that day. When the Traveling Tea Party arrives, they will ring the bell and leave the bag of goodies outside the door. For more information, please contact the Member Care Team through the church office, (847) 836-5540, or email Elaine Anderson, RNEAA@comcast.net.

Update | Member Care The Member Care Team is available for meals and rides, as people are available to help. Please contact the church office for more information or if you are able to make meals or provide rides.

Update | Women's One Day Retreat Plans are in progress for rescheduling the One-Day Women's Retreat with Shannon Plate for the fall instead of our annual Weekend Retreat. The tentative date is Saturday, October 24. More information will be available soon.



FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND FELLOWSHIP

Spiritual Wellness for Changing Times

facilitated by Wendy Mospan, M. Div.
Wednesdays through August 12, 9:00–10:00 a.m. on Google Meetup

“Spiritual Wellness for Changing Times” is a weekly online gathering that will offer spiritual practices and tools to nurture self-compassion and well-being during these days of uncertainty and change. Settling our minds with guided meditation, reflection, and gentle sharing, all will be encouraged to discover an open-hearted spiritual path. We won’t advise or problem-solve, rather we will seek to move with faith toward deeper meaning, beauty, inner wisdom and trust.

Over eight online one-hour sessions, Wendy Mospan will lead an exploration of spiritual wellness through the lens of embodied awareness, self-compassion, inner peace, active hope, courage and generosity. Group interaction will follow each spiritual practice and reflection. Everyone is welcome, regardless of prior meditation experience, to come encounter a sacred presence that sustains and empowers you in today’s changing world.

Weekly Format
Welcome/Coffee and conversation, Opening, Guided spiritual practice,
Reflection on today’s focus area, Gentle sharing followed by a Closing blessing

Join Hangouts Meet meet.google.com/hse-zwnz-skx

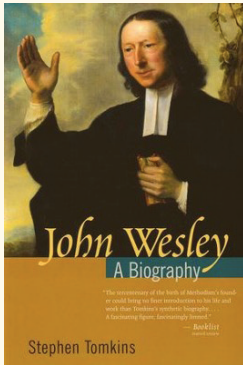
Join by phone +1 731-468-5607 PIN:

If you have not used Google Hangouts Meet, or are uncertain about the technology, please reach out to Sharon Orr, (847) 636-9934.

Practical Christianity for Men Has Started a New Study of Wesley

Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Open to men of all ages, Practical Christianity for Men is a Saturday morning study group that offers opportunities for faith development, meaningful outreach and lasting fellowship.



Join this inquiry into the life and times of John Wesley, founder of the Methodist faith. During the time of the American Revolutionary War and the development of the basic tenants of the new United States, John Wesley was busy leading a revival movement within the Church of England that would eventually become the independent Methodist movement. The UMM study explores the theologian’s life and what objections he had with the “C of E” that led him to start a new denomination. Under the leadership of Mike Rapp, the group is reading the book John Wesley: A Biography by Stephen Tomkins, which is available at bookstores and from Amazon. Contact John Maxson (312-933-3239) for further information.



Same God | Online Film Discussion

with director Linda Midgett, Dr. Larycia Hawkins, Dr. Michael and Patti Mangis

Friday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. on Google Meet

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/igx-cjar-idg

Join by phone: +1 334-708-0124 (PIN: 979297128)

In 2015, Dr. Larycia Hawkins, an African-American political science professor at Wheaton College, posted a photo of herself in a hijab on Facebook. “I love my Muslim neighbor,” she wrote, “because s/he deserves love by virtue of her/his human dignity.... We worship the Same God.”

The firestorm that followed exposed conflicts over race, gender and religious freedom that are still alive in the United States today.

View the film “Same God” at home on Amazon Prime, or iTunes, and then join the adult faith development team for an online conversation with Linda Midgett, director of “Same God” and Wheaton College alumna, Dr. Larycia Hawkins, Dr. Michael and Patti Mangis. Dr. Mangis, a professor of psychology at Wheaton College at the time, publicly supported Dr. Hawkins.

Saturday Spins | Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/rzj-wsxd-zif

Saturday, July 4, 5:00–7:00 p.m. — Independence Day Blues

The occasion of our nation’s founding calls for a theme that celebrates a foundational form: the blues. We’ll travel the Blues Highway, from the Delta to South Side via electrified guitars, Mississippi Saxophones, and the hard-driving laments of artists whose songs were often the only things they had.

Saturday, July 11, 5:00–7:00 p.m. — ‘Merica: The Road Trip

What are the tunes that tell the story of the USA? This week, we’ll enjoy some of the definitive and obscure numbers that highlight our nifty fifty, and the songs you might listen to on 8-Track while driving there that old Vista Cruiser. You’re not flying anywhere for awhile, so come see the country together through the songs about all those places we’d rather be than here.

As always requests are welcome ... send them in here: <https://forms.gle/jM9PLsJsnDPn817o6>





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Weekly Zoom meetings Barrington United Methodist Women continue to stay connected via weekly Zoom meetings. Anyone who would like a chance to “visit” with old or new friends is welcome to join. We “gather” at 10:00 or 10:30 on Thursday mornings. If you would like to join us, please email Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net to receive the weekly meeting link. Also, please let Linda know if you would like to tie pillows for the Have a Heart Pillow Project!

Elgin District Day of Spiritual Renewal

Our Day of Spiritual Renewal has been rescheduled as a “live” online event Saturday, August 1 from 9:00 a.m. to noon - Save the Date!

Internationally acclaimed Christian speaker and author Jane Rubietta will be leading a Day of Spiritual Renewal on Saturday August 1st from 9 am to 12 pm. Jane has a heart for all who are seeking or struggling or growing weary. She reminds us about the importance of our relationship with Christ and with others in challenging the “desert places” in our lives. Her presentation, Celebrating at the Well: Peace, Hope & Healing in our Desert Places, will now be presented as an online “live” event. Join us in your ‘jammies from home, or enjoy a “socially distanced” watch party from BUMC (if available and adhering to group gathering limits, of course). The cost is \$15 and includes the speaker fee, a donation to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and a donation to United Methodist Women (UMW) Mission Giving.

All are welcome, register here: <https://celebrating-at-the-well.cheddarup.com>

For more information contact Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net. This event is cosponsored by Aurora District and Elgin District United Methodist Women.

Update | The 87th annual Rummage Sale, which would normally be held in October, will be postponed until spring 2021 due to the risk of COVID-19. The UMW Rummage Committee has made this decision because it is impossible to predict what the COVID-19 situation will be in the fall. The safety of our shoppers and volunteers are our first priority of course. It is our hope that we will be able to have the Rummage Sale in the spring of 2021. We know many of you have used your “stay@home” time to clean out closets and garages and may not want to keep those treasures until then. However, any items you will be willing to store will be most gratefully accepted. Proceeds from the Rummage Sale are distributed each year to organizations such as United Methodist Women, Kids Above All (formerly ChildServ), FISH Food Pantry, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Elgin PADS, Meals with Wheels, Barrington Giving Day, Midwest Mission Distribution Center, UMCOR, our community garden and community meal, and Heifer Project. We are disappointed that we will not have the proceeds this year for these donations. Watch for further information on how you can help us continue to give monetary support to these organizations that provide essential services to our community.

Linda Osikowicz and Sydney Whitley, for the BUMC Rummage Executive Committee.

Black Lives Matter to God and Black Lives Matter to United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women condemns the culture of White supremacy and the racism it nurtures. We decry the criminalization of Blackness as it shows up in these most extreme, fatal cases and as it appears in the everyday harassment that disrupts everyday life—from coffee shop meetings to street corner catchups to, most recently, even solo bird-watching. Such racial harassment exhausts the mind, body and spirit of many in the family of God.

At times, United Methodist Women members and leaders have been complicit in this violence: When Ida B. Wells invited legendary lay leader Frances Willard to join in the anti-lynching movement, Willard said no, in a haunting refusal of solidarity under the false belief that lynching was “necessary” to protect White women. At other times, however, United Methodist Women members—of all racial identities—have been inspirational leaders in the work of racial justice: 90 years ago, Jessie Daniel Ames helped found the Association of Southern Women for the Prevention of Lynching; Mary McLeod Bethune, in addition to an incredible legacy of educational leadership, also campaigned actively against lynching and other forms of racial violence; and in the mid-20th century it was United Methodist Women members who led the struggle for the denomination’s adoption of the Charter for Racial Justice even as their mission dollars helped finance bail funds for those jailed in the Civil Rights Movement. Then, as now, work for racial justice does not come naturally; it is work against resistance, and therefore must be an active discipleship choice we make each day.

We are committed to choosing justice. We also realize that there is no easy fix. There exists no single, one-time action that can undo a multi-generational legacy of racist violence. But we at United Methodist Women commit to engaging in the ongoing work, guided by the promise that God’s future is far brighter than the present moment.

Mission Giving: United Methodist Women National Office is making a special gift this week of \$21,000 to

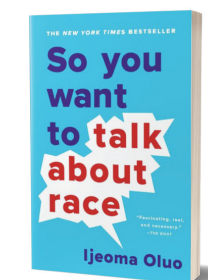
organizations demanding justice and accountability for the recent deaths of Arbery, Taylor and Floyd. We will be granting \$7,000 each to support NAACP Georgia in its work with Just Georgia, the Louisville Community Bail Fund organized by Black Lives Matter Louisville, and the Minnesota Healing Justice Network. We are grateful for the work of both emerging, next-generation organizations and long-serving civil rights groups. We hope that this gift inspires others in our organization to give, likewise, to the local organizations that are most effectively doing anti-racist work in their own communities.

Witness for Justice: United Methodist Women commits that we will continue to speak out against extrajudicial killings and the culture of White supremacy and racism that under-girds these killings. We will use our public voice to bear witness. We will seek to amplify the voices of others who have been speaking out and whose voices are underrepresented in media. We will do so via virtual means, as long as is necessary, and we will do so in bodily presence, whenever it is again safe to gather. We encourage all members to do the same.

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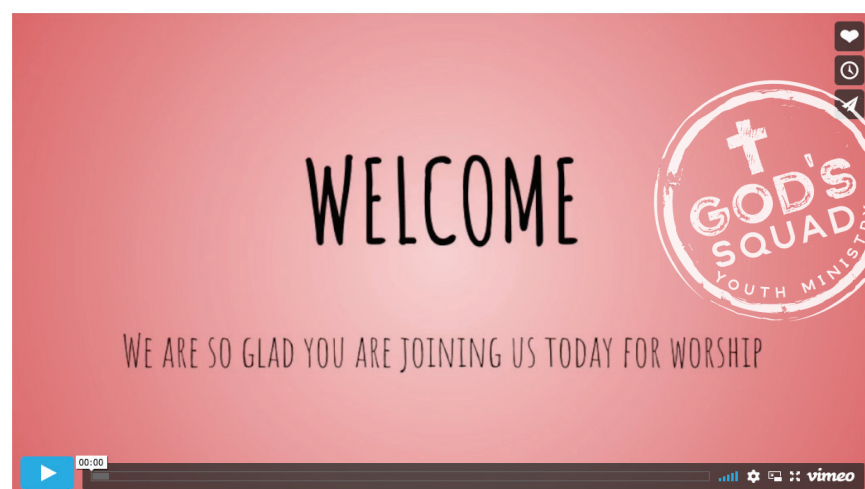
United Methodist Women encourages members to engage in the work of ongoing anti-racist learning, recognizing that—especially for White folks—ongoing anti-racist learning and self-reflection is not a one-time experience but must be, instead, a sustained spiritual practice. If you are unsure where to begin, we recommend that you read and study *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo, an important introduction to this work. This is a 2020 United Methodist Women Reading Program selection book. You may also join a free, self-paced, online class on the book, if you so choose. Use the link below to join this class.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Want to connect with your church family in a new way or add a short devotional service to your spiritual studies? God's Squad is offering bi-weekly devotional services to be released on July 3, 17, and 31! God's Squad members will pray, read scripture, write and present a short devotional. Music recorded by BUMC's own Praise Band will be included, as well! The services are short, approximately 15 minutes, which is the perfect length to add to your schedule for a little bit of connection and a whole lot of God! These are family-friendly devotionals aimed to reach all generations. We hope you can join us next Friday as we praise Jesus together, and connect with our church family! Services are posted on the BUMC website, barringtonumc.com, and on Instagram @barrington_umc.



MISSIONS IN A BOX

Missions in a Box, designed to make missions come alive. As we engage in a new culture, we learn about traditions, cuisine, games, arts and crafts, as well as missions work happening there—all while having a great time. Sign up online if you would like to “go on a mission trip” with us this summer!

Register today:
barringtonumc.com/missions-in-a-box/

FAMILY MINISTRY

Thank you to all our families and volunteers for making Back to Basics: VBS Family Style such a success!. What a great way to learn about Jonah and the Whale, Joseph and his brothers, Noah, Daniel and Zacchaeus.



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