



## THE BIRTH OF HOPE

Acts 18:1-18

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of this church at Cenchreae, so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her with whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many people, as well as of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who work with Christ Jesus, and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Greet also the church in their homes. Greet my beloved Epaphroditus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. Greet Ampliatus, my

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because

each one heard them speaking in his own native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of Asia and Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him blaspheme words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people, as well as the elders and the scribes, then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth destroys this place and will change the customs that Moses handed us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" And Stephen replied, "Brothers and fathers, listen to me. The God of glory appeared to our ancestor Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, and said to him, 'Leave your country and your relatives and come to the land that I will show you.' Then he left the country of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After his father died, God had him move from Haran to this country in which you are now living. He did not give him a

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## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Barrington United Methodist Church  
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(847) 836-5540

*Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., closed Friday*

**Worship online** | *Services are posted each week on Saturday at 6:00 p.m.*

**Worship in the Parking Lot** | *Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

*Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to Sunday School, masks are required.*

In-person, socially distanced worship will be held in the parking lot when weather permits. Masks are optional and at the discretion of the participant. In inclement weather, the service will be moved to the Sanctuary and masks will be required. Audio will also be available in the parking lot via our FM transmitter for those who choose to remain outside.

**Fellowship under the Portico** | *Sundays, following worship*

**Comunidad Cristiana | Christian Community Worship**

*Sundays at 2:00 p.m., in-person and online at*

*Facebook.com/ComunidadCristianaUMC*

Trinity Center

1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville IL 60110

You and your neighbors are invited to join this emerging worship. Experience Hispanic-style worship with a mix of traditional and contemporary worship elements. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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First UMC of West Dundee

318 W. Main Street, West Dundee, IL 60118

**Classic Worship**, *Sundays at 10:00 a.m. | Online and In-person*

On days when the weather permits, our in-person worship will be held outside.

In inclement weather, in-person worship will be held in the sanctuary, and seating will be limited. Please contact Pastor Wendy to check availability,

wwitt@barringtonumc.com.

*“Pastor,  
when are you going  
to reopen the church?”*

**I**n the almost 25 years I have been an assigned pastor in the United Methodist Church, “Pastor, when are you going to reopen the church?” is now the question I have been asked more than any other. My first response is that the church never closed, and I am proud of the ways we have continued to serve God, serve one another and serve our neighbors in need during this difficult time.

As for returning to indoor, in-person worship, I am happy to report to you that I anticipate offering such a service sometime in mid to late June. The Health Team, the Staff, and the Church Leadership Council have been working on determining the guidelines and parameters for us to meet in our beautiful Sanctuary for regular worship once again. The Staff and lay leadership of the church overwhelmingly agree that we do not believe that it is in keeping with our Welcome Statement or our understanding of what this church is about, to segregate in any way other than personal choice. So when we do move back inside, we will ask all people to wear masks and observe the social distance recommendations in place at that time. The outdoor service will continue with people socially distanced and allowed to wear masks or not wear masks based on their and personal choice.

Additionally, we are considering the following questions and options:

- **Worship Times:** the current thought is that we will hold outdoor worship in the parking lot at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting. An indoor service will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary, and our online service will be offered as it has been throughout the pandemic. The main reason for this is that it is likely to very hot outside by 10:30 on a Sunday morning in July and August. It should be noted that these times are not permanent. However, they represent our best thinking for our current circumstance.

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- Congregational Singing: Those who attend the outdoor worship service will be able to sing aloud. As of now, the Centers for Disease Control, our United Methodist denominational authorities and the State of Illinois mandate that there be no congregational singing indoors. We monitor these guidelines constantly and will adjust as they change in the coming weeks and months.
- Song Leaders: We hope to have enough people willing to serve as song leaders for three different services. Please contact Patti Mangis, [pmangis@barringtonumc.com](mailto:pmangis@barringtonumc.com), if you are willing to help.
- Fellowship: We hope to have a time of fellowship outdoor, under the portico, so that we might all have the opportunity to see each other in a safe environment. These plans cannot be finalized yet.
- Sunday School: The Family Ministry Team plans to offer children's Sunday school online and at both services.


As always, our goal is to provide a meaningful, welcoming experience for all who attend our services. Your feedback will help us make sure we're doing that. Please complete the brief Worship Survey available on our website, [barringtonumc.com/worship-survey](https://barringtonumc.com/worship-survey), by Sunday, June 14.

One of the only consistent things about this pandemic is that things are constantly changing. My prayer is that we remember that we are God's church and that we remain faithful, connected, and hopeful. If you have any further questions, please call or email me at [cwinkler@barringtonumc.com](mailto:cwinkler@barringtonumc.com).



Rev. Chris Winkler

To Members and Friends of First UMC of West Dundee,

n Thursday, May 13, the CDC announced that fully vaccinated people no longer needed to wear masks indoors or out in most situations. The state of IL soon followed suit allowing more businesses and restaurants as well as other organizations to open up more fully. It is anticipated that Gov. Pritzker is going to announce that on June 11 the state of IL will move into Phase 5 of COVID recovery. In this phase the state will be fully open and most mitigations and restrictions will be lifted.

The Leadership Team here at First and the multisite Health Team have been closely monitoring these developments and discussing what it means for us as to when and how to move worship back into the sanctuary. Both Teams will meet again following June 11. If we have indeed moved into Phase 5, we will determine a date to return in-person sanctuary worship, probably late June or early July.

We want you to know that the Trustees have been extremely diligent in doing all that we can possibly do to make the sanctuary as safe as possible. The air system has been greatly improved and the air circulation and exchange rate has now been increased and is well within the safe range. It was not previously. Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the church. By the time we re-enter the sanctuary it will have been thoroughly cleaned and sanitized and will be each week prior to worship.

Here is what you can expect for the initial services: Masks must be worn, and worn correctly, by all persons over the age of 2

attending worship. This is part of keeping one another safe and a way to model for our children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated the importance of wearing masks. There will be no assigned seating, but we are asking that people be aware of and practice social distancing. Initially there will be no or very limited congregational singing. The nursery will not be open. We will continue to broadcast the service over the FM frequency, so that those who are not yet ready to come inside can still participate in communal worship. We will have fellowship outside so that both those worshipping inside and those choosing to remain outside can be together.

We are all eager to return to worshipping together in the sanctuary. The Leadership Team is committed to making sure that we do so safely. We plan to phase in the worship service adding elements over time.

We will get back to you shortly after June 11 to let you know the exact date of the return to sanctuary worship. In the meantime, please feel free to share your thoughts, suggestions, and opinions with Pastor Wendy or any member of the Leadership Team.

Grace and Peace,

Pr. Wendy

*Leadership Team*

*Tom Miller, Sherry Miller, Sonja Johnson, Marcia Buchs, Jeff Beichner, Sue Beichner, Holly McNeill, Deb Salzman, Dane Granholm, Steve Granholm, Linda Snyder, David Snyder, Dale Pryor, Barry Davis, Julie Johnson, Kristen Rahn, Laura Suskin, Jan Livengood*

## Keep the King of Instruments Sounding Its Best

### *Our pipe organ is in need of repairs*

In a letter to his father dated October 17, 1777, Mozart wrote, “In my eyes and ears, the pipe organ is the king of instruments.”

In fact, these large, carefully crafted, and very complex instruments have been a strong tradition in the Methodist Church for centuries. Our organ, one of the premier instruments in the Chicago area, has enriched our worship services immensely and, when showcased in concerts, has greatly enhanced our enjoyment of music.

But with distinction comes responsibility and our organ is in need of repair. Now, after nearly two decades of normal use our organ needs some repairs that go beyond routine maintenance. Some of the pipes need to be repaired and structural components that hold the pipes need attention. We also know that there are other repairs and service that will be needed in the near future.

Though we budget and spend about two thousand dollars per year on cleaning, tuning, smaller repairs, and routine maintenance, this more substantial work is the largest required since our organ was consecrated at a historic ceremony and concert on October 5, 2003.

Historically, pipe organs first became a part of church services during the 1400s and by the early 1500s had become common in the large cathedrals across Europe.

Our organ, built by the Wicks Organ Company of Highland, Illinois, represents a full maturing of the technology. With 1,464 pipes arranged in 24 groups (ranks) of similar sounding pipes, our organ is controlled by a sophisticated digital console containing three keyboards (manuals)

connected to hundreds of digital relays that effectively tell each pipe when to make its unique sound. Some pipes play like high pitched whistles, some like mellow flutes, and others have reeds and play like clarinets and saxophones. The mechanism is very complex and awes anyone who takes the time to study its sound, watch it in operation, and tour the loft where the pipes are positioned.





Our organ is in immediate need of repairs totaling nearly \$15,000 but several ranks of reed pipes will soon require another approximately \$20,000 in maintenance. To cover these significant costs and establish a fund to pay future expenses, a goal of \$50,000 has been set to keep our organ in excellent condition for the next many years.

Members of the congregation and organ music enthusiasts are being invited to support the Pipe Organ Fund to ensure that our organ continues to inspire and amaze. Please give prayerful consideration to supporting this ambitious effort. Anonymous donors have already stepped forward to match contributions made before June 30, 2021,

up to \$10,000. A committee consisting of George Gill, John Maxson, Shelly Walsh, and Pastor Chris, with the assistance of Director of Music and Worship Arts Patti Mangis and Financial Director Lynne Richardson, is managing the effort. Watch for more information in the mail. You may make a contribution now by sending a check to the church with "Pipe Organ Fund" in the memo line.



## MISSIONS | School Supply Collection

First UMC West Dundee is gathering school supplies for District 300's annual 'Stuff the Bus' event to help support 590 students in grades K -12. These items will be placed in backpacks for the kids to give them the tools they need to be great students. Among the 590 students, 205 are identified as homeless in our local community. We need to step up again this year to pray for these students and then to help by gathering the following school items by July 16:

24 Box Crayola Crayons	Markers	Scissors
Pocket Folders	Spiral Notebooks	Wide Rule
Loose Leaf Paper	Glue Sticks	Highlighters
Note Cards 3X5		

The Families that are homeless could also use:

Hand Soap	Facial Tissues
Wipes	Socks (K-12 sizes)

Please drop off donations at the church on Sundays or on Marcia's porch. The official drop-off day on Saturday, June 26, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the First West Dundee Fireside Room. If you have questions, contact Marcia at [mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net) or (331) 276-7979.



## MISSIONS | Back to School Backpack Drive

Kids Above All (formerly CHILDSERV) was founded as the Methodist Deaconess Orphanage in 1874 and serves children in the Chicago area in many programs. Approximately 700 school-aged children receive supplies for the new school year. Many families have difficulty affording school supplies and your generosity ensures that those children have the necessary tools to be successful in school and reach their potential.

Last year, we donated a car load of supplies and backpacks to children in need. It was such a successful and important mission that Barrington UMC is going to collect again this year.

If you would rather donate money instead of shopping for the items, your check made out to BUMC or with a note in the memo for “Kids Above All Backpacks.” An estimated cost for a full backpack would be \$40, but any amount would be gratefully received. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Bond, [bbond32190@aol.com](mailto:bbond32190@aol.com), or (847) 381-6117.



**All donated items should be dropped off at BUMC by August 22, 2021.**

Pre-K through Kindergarten		Elementary School through 6th		Middle & High School - 7th through 12th	
Plastic pencil box	Jumbo crayons / markers	Bookbags / backpacks	Kleenex, paper towels	Bookbags / backpack	Kleenex, paper towels
Construction paper	Jumbo pencils	Pens (black, blue, red)	Hand sanitizer	Pencils #2 with erasers	Hand sanitizer
Glitter glue sticks / pen	String / yarn	Crayons	Pencils #2 with erasers	Pens (black, blue, red)	Calculators
Smocks	Finger paints	Pocket folders	Colored pencils	Colored pencils	Calendars
Scissors (rounded tip)	Popsicle sticks	Washable markers	Highlighters	Highlighters	Binders
Colored pencils	Glue	Supply Box	Spiral Notebook	Pocket folders	Assignment notebook
Sharpeners	Erasers	Scissors	Pencil-top erasers	Spiral notebook	Note cards
Pre-school book bags	Single hole punch	Water color paints	Glue sticks	Washable markers	Water color paints
		Paper (loose leaf, wide and college-ruled)	Ruler	Pencil-top erasers	Supply box
			Sketchpads	Glue sticks	Scissors
				Ruler	Flashdrives (16G)
				Sketchpads	
				Paper (loose leaf, wide and college-ruled)	

## MISSIONS | Thank You

The Community Meal Team, the Missions Teams and the Multi-site Churches would like to take a moment to thank Marcia Buchs for her leadership of the Carpentersville Community Meal for the past three years. Her knowledge and commitment took an idea, turn it into an event, and then into a regular and powerful program feeding our neighbors and connecting our multi-site churches to the community of Carpentersville.

While Marcia has decided to take a step back from this project, we look forward to continuing to feed and connect with our neighbors long into the future.

Thank you, Marcia.

Table to Table

Meals for home.



*Do Good. Be Kind. Live Community.*

CARPENTERSVILLE COMMUNITY MEAL



## MISSIONS | Carpentersville Community Meal receives a grant from the Barrington Area Community Foundation COVID Response Fund

On April 21, 2021, we were notified by the Barrington Area Community Foundation that Carpentersville Community Meal would be a recipient of a \$5,000 grant from BACF COVID Response Fund. The grant is given to offset the added costs of transitioning to packaged food and the increase in meals served due to the pandemic. It will go toward the cost of compostable, recyclable packaging materials as well as stainless racks and a chest freezer to store the larger quantities of food that we are handling now. We are so grateful for the help from this wonderful community organization.



*Seated in the first row: first row from left to right: Dave Nelson, Norval Stephens, Kim Duchossois, George Yapp and Dr. Young Chung*

The Mission of the Barrington Area Community Foundation is to address the unmet needs of the community. The purpose of the Barrington Area Community Foundation is to establish a permanent, long-term fund for the betterment of the community. The Foundation will use the annual proceeds to support initiatives that benefit the community and maintain our quality of life.

The Barrington Area is the greater of the Barrington Area Council of Governments (five suburbs with Barrington in the name and Tower Lakes and Deer Park) and School District #220. To learn more or to support these efforts, go to [barringtonareacommunityfoundation.org](http://barringtonareacommunityfoundation.org)

## MISSIONS | KIDS ABOVE ALL *Thank you*

Thank you to the UMW of Barrington United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church of West Dundee for your kindness in the Mom and Me Drive! Your generosity helps support our families and we couldn't be more grateful! In total, our Mom and Me Drive collected over 15,000 diapers!



## MISSIONS | GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY *Update*

Many thanks to all who have donated to help smallholder farmers in developing countries grow lasting solutions to hunger. **So far, members and friends have donated \$7,281 to the Twin Rivers-Barrington Growing Project.** This money will support our farmer partners as they commit acreage to the project further increasing our gift to the Christian relief organizations that work to end hunger around the world.

If you have not made a donation yet, please join us — **for every \$55 our project gives, another person leaves hunger behind for life.** In the last 17 years, our partnership has helped 11,200 people achieve a better life in Malawi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nicaragua. There's still time for you to be part of the change/effort!

Also, remember to watch for the delicious sweet corn from the Hughes family farm—coming in July !



**Barrington UMC and Trinity Lutheran Church in Ottawa  
have helped nearly 11,000 people escape  
food insecurity for life through Growing Hope Globally!**



## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

### **Sacred Connections in Nature** | Wednesday, July 28, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

*A morning for adults to explore the subtle, wondrous connections that exist between the natural world and our spiritual lives, on our beautiful church grounds, facilitated by Wendy Mospan*

**S**pending time in nature awakens us to God's presence in all of life, and connects us to wellsprings of curiosity, compassion, and resilience within. Nature nurtures our creativity and arouses the freedom to express our true selves.

This morning workshop is an invitation to encounter these sacred connections in nature. The morning will begin with a safely distanced group gathering in The Well, where we will learn a few exercises for awakening to the wisdom of the natural world. We will then have an opportunity to experience these exercises alone outside as we disperse into the fields, savannahs, marshes, and lawns of our beautiful church campus. The morning will end with a brief closing gathering back at The Well.

*Participants are asked to please wear comfortable clothes for being outdoors and bring: a journal and pen, sunscreen, bug spray, sturdy shoes, and a water bottle.*

*For more information, please contact Wendy Mospan,*

### **First Wednesday Prayers** | June 2, July 7 & August 4, 11:00 a.m. – noon

This summer, on the first Wednesday of each month, the sanctuary of First UMC West Dundee will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for quiet prayer. During this time, you are invited to pray for a few moments or simply sit quietly, feeling God's warmth. Prayer cards will be available for those that want to share a prayer request with the prayer team. The Fourth Street entrance will be unlocked for access; please sign in as you pass through the Fireside Room.

*For more information, contact Marcia at [mkbuchs@sbcglobal.com](mailto:mkbuchs@sbcglobal.com).*

### **Centering Prayer Group** | Fridays, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Following a time of centering prayer from 1:30 to 1:50 p.m., the group gathers online for a brief time of fellowship.

*For more information, contact Elizabeth Penick ([cemp@prodigy.net](mailto:cemp@prodigy.net)).*

**The Member Care Team has been very active and has several opportunities for others to help!**

**Door Dash Party Volunteers** The Door Dash Parties with short socially distanced visits continue, and we can now include homemade cookies instead of store-bought treats. If anyone feels like baking cookies, it would be greatly appreciated. You can deliver them to the church office, and they will be saved and included in the next Tea parties. A great group of volunteers helps deliver the 30 parties, and we thank them for doing this. We could always use more volunteers and hope to resume our actual indoor Tea parties before too much longer. *Are you able to help with this?*

**Drivers Needed** Member Care has realized that several people would like rides to church on Sunday or need rides to other appointments during the week. We need volunteers for this and someone to coordinate this project. *Would you be interested?*

**Deliver Community Meals** We have been delivering Community Meals to several people on the 3rd Saturday of the month. We may be able to deliver more meals if we have more volunteers. *Can you help?*

*If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, need some of these services, or have questions, please contact the church office at (847) 836-5540 or Elaine Anderson at (847) 921-5356 or RNeaa@comcast.net.*

**WOW** (Women of the Word) | *Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – noon.*

Women of the Word are starting a new study on Thursday, July 8.

Each week, participants will watch an episode of season two of *The Chosen* on their own. We will discuss the episode at our meeting on Thursday mornings.

*The Chosen* is the first-ever multi-season series based on the true stories of the gospels of Jesus Christ. Watch for free at [www.thechosen.tv/app](http://www.thechosen.tv/app). The series can also be viewed on YouTube. Last year, WOW completed a study on Season One and really enjoyed the discussions.



Feel free to join us by contacting Faye Reid, [fayereid6@gmail.com](mailto:fayereid6@gmail.com) or Sharon Orr, [sorr@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sorr@barringtonumc.com).

## MUSIC ARTS UPDATE

This year the BUMC Bell Choir was blessed to rehearse together weekly, socially distanced and masked. We are all grateful for their role in our virtual worship. Not to mention the fun of seeing them ringing in the parking lot on May 23! They are adjourning for their summer break and will resume in the fall. Laura Olsen, BUMC Handbell Director, is always looking for more ringers. If you are interested in learning more about handbells, please email Laura at [lolsen@barringtonumc.com](mailto:lolsen@barringtonumc.com).

Of course we are all aware that the situation for choir has been and continues to be different. The Chancel Choir has rehearsed virtually for a year now, and records virtual anthems once a month. We will continue to record virtual anthems for the foreseeable future.

Now that things are slowly opening up, I am thrilled that the Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing outdoors in the Columbarium at 7:00 on Thursday, June 3! I can't wait to see all their faces in person rather than through a Meet screen! We are excited to be able to learn music together rather than alone in our living rooms. This will provide creative possibilities for virtual recording while we continue to wait for the science to say we can sing together in worship. If you love singing, this is a perfect chance to join, as we'll be using the time to recondition our voices using the techniques we learned last week from Northwestern Voice Professor Karen Brunssen.

— Patricia Mangis, Director of Music and Worship Arts

*Just some of the 4+ octaves  
of handbells we polished to  
close out the season. The  
shiny bells have been lovingly  
cared for and put to bed to  
rest for the summer. A big  
thank you to Laura Olsen  
for her awesome leadership  
during a challenging year.  
She's worked hard to keep  
us together initially through  
zoom and eventually in  
person with restrictions that  
kept us all safe.*

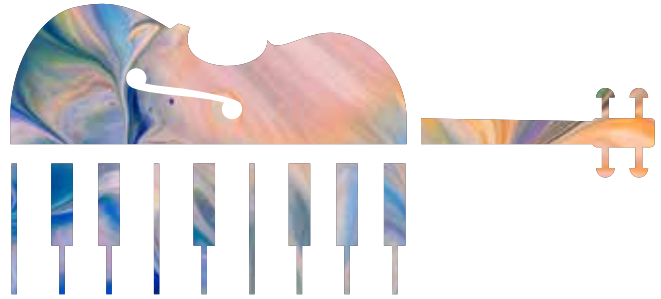


# JAMES PREUCIL IN CONCERT

## with WILLIAM KOEHLER

*Sunday, July 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Barrington United Methodist Church Sanctuary*

James Preucil is a 19-year-old violist from Schaumburg, IL. He attends The Juilliard School of Music where he recently completed the first year of his bachelor's degree in music performance. Some of his past accomplishments include 1st chair viola at Illinois Allstate (2020) and 2nd chair in the national orchestra (NAfME 2018). He is passionate about making his music accessible for a wide variety of audiences, which led him to create his YouTube channel "Viola King." In addition to standard repertoire, he often incorporates his own compositions and arrangements into his performances.



His performance will include Cello Suite in C major by J.S. Bach (viola transcription), "The Sea Suite" for Solo Viola by James Preucil, "Marchenbilder" for Piano and Viola by Robert Schumann and "Concertpiece" for Viola and Piano by Georges Enescu

Proceeds from a free-will offering will support Growing Hope Globally, a Christian Response to Hunger, whose funds are used to teach sustainable agriculture to small-holder farmers around the world, bringing families out of poverty and mitigating the effects of climate change.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**Barrington United Methodist Women are staying 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 on Thursday mornings. If you would like to join us, please email Linda Osikowicz, [Lmosikowicz@comcast.net](mailto:Lmosikowicz@comcast.net) to receive the weekly meeting link. Each weekly “chat” is a time to share and support one another as well as learn about the mission and social action work of United Methodist Women—“the program” topic bounces around! We would love to have you join us. Also, we continue to assemble Have a Heart pillows for mastectomy patients at Good Shepherd Hospital; please let Linda know if you would like to tie and/or stuff pillows.

**A new date for the 2021 Rummage Sale**  
Like so many, the rummage committee members are watching the roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines and longing for a return to all we have missed—even a rummage sale! So, we are still keeping our fingers crossed that there will be a 2021 Rummage Sale on **September 24-25** (note the dates have changed!) Watch for further information. As you store your winter items and complete your spring cleaning, we would love for you to save those treasures you are ready to pass on to someone else. Rummage drop-off will begin **Sunday, September 19** after services and go through noon, Wednesday, September 22. If you have jewelry you are planning to donate, we would be interested in receiving that at any time; it is something we can get ready for display, price, and store easily. Contact Wendy Sibery, [wslakewood@aol.com](mailto:wslakewood@aol.com) to arrange a drop-off time.



## SAVE THE DATE! SUMMER MISSION U

At our upcoming virtual Mission U, we will examine how we, as God's people, can deepen our moral witness and respond faithfully. We will learn about the culture of violence that impacts children in and out of schools.

This virtual event will happen on Friday, July 23 (7:00–9:00 p.m.) and Saturday, July 24 (9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.). There will be sessions available for youth and children. Registration can be made at: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/2021-mission-u>

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### United Methodist Women Reading Program

The United Methodist Women Reading Program includes books showcasing diverse characters and provoking critical thinking about many issues, divided into five categories. It includes books for children and youth. The entire list for 2021-2022 can be found at: <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram>

*Here are a few from the list:*

**Gum Moon:** A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown by Jeffrey L. Staley | Based on a true story, this tells of Mei Chun Lai, a Chinese girl placed in a home for abused girls; the home is destroyed by the 1906 earthquake and fire.

**Beyond Loneliness: The Gift of God's Friendship** by Trevor Hudson | Loneliness touches everyone, and it can be one of the most painful experiences of life. This book provides guidance for building a close friendship with God and easing the ache of loneliness.

**Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home** by Traci Smith | Add family faith moments to your daily routine with little or no prep and share meaningful spiritual experiences with your children.

**For Such a Time as This: the Hope and Forgiveness After the Charleston Massacre** by Rev. Sharon Fisher with Sherri Wood Emmons | Plunged into the depths of mourning, anger and shock, the Reverend Sharon Fisher could have wallowed in the pain of losing her mother and two cousins at the hands of a white supremacist during the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church massacre. Instead, she chose the path of forgiveness and hope—eventually forgiving the convicted killer for his crime.

**The Hate U Give** by Angie Thomas | Starr, 16, moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and her fancy suburban prep school. This uneasy balance is shattered when she witnesses the fatal police shooting of her childhood best friend, Khalil. Suitable for youth.

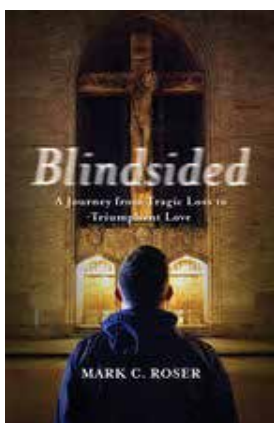
## What are you reading this summer?

*"It cannot be that the people should grow in grace unless they give*

### Blindsided

A Journey from Tragic Loss to  
Triumphant Love

by Mark C. Roser



*Why is there evil in a world created  
by a good and all-powerful God?*

Ethan Roser, a 19-year-old  
studying to be a pastor at  
Wheaton, raised in Africa as the  
son of faithful missionaries, wrote  
those words just days before his  
death due to a freak accident on  
campus—almost as if he had left  
a message behind for his parents,  
siblings, and friends.

After Ethan died his father, Mark  
Roser, kept his sanity by writing,  
and wrestling with questions as  
profound as life itself. God had  
kept Mark's family safe for 22  
years in Africa, doing missionary  
work; he needed to know why God  
permitted his son to die now. In  
Blindsided, he shares the answers  
to those questions.

This book will grip every parent,  
and it will inspire every person  
who strives to live for God.

### Anxious to Talk About It

Helping White People Talk Faithfully  
About Racism

by Carolyn B. Helsel

Talking about race can make us  
anxious. Professor and pastor Carolyn  
Helsel draws on her experiences with  
white congregations to offer tools  
and practices to explore the anxious  
feelings that can come up when talking  
about racism. Learn how to join the  
hard conversations and move forward  
with less fear, more compassion and  
more knowledge of self, others and the  
important issues at stake.



*themselves to reading. A reading people will be a knowing people.”*

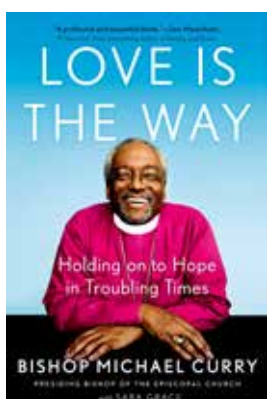
— JOHN WESLEY

## Love is the Way

by Bishop Michael Curry and Sara Grace

As the descendant of slaves and the son of a civil rights activist, Bishop Michael Curry's life illustrates massive changes in our times. Much of the world met Bishop Curry when he delivered his sermon on the redemptive power of love at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle. Here, he expands on his message of hope in an inspirational road map for living the way of love, illuminated with moving lessons from his own life. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love Is the Way* shows us how America came this far and, more important, how to go a whole lot further.

This book will lead readers to discover the gifts they need in order to live the way of love: deep reservoirs of hope and resilience, simple wisdom, the discipline of nonviolence, and unshakable regard for human dignity.

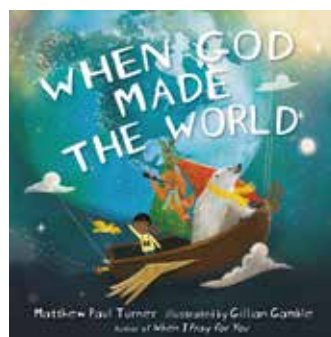


## When God Made the World

by Matthew Paul Turner

For parents who are looking for a different kind of creation book, Matthew Paul Turner's *When God Made the World* focuses on the complex way that God created our vast and scientifically operating universe, including the biodiversity of life on our planet and the intricacies of a vast solar system. Scottish illustrator Gillian Gamble brings the natural world to vibrant life with rich colors and poignant detail certain to stretch young minds and engage imaginations.

From the author of the bestselling children's book *When God Made You* comes a rhythmic, whimsical journey through creation—for little readers who love science and wonder and the beginnings of all things.



## COMMUNITY PARTNER VACCINATION CLINIC

Saturday, July 3 | 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Trinity Center Campus, 1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville IL 60110

**T**he Northern Illinois Conference and Illinois Great Rivers Conference are teaming up with the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) to help provide 100 vaccination sites (Community Partner Vaccination Clinics) around our state.

On July 3, we will open a Community Partner Vaccination Clinic at the Trinity Center. This clinic, staffed by the IDPH, will administer the Pfizer vaccines to adults and children age 12 and over. Pre-registration is recommended through the form on our website, [barringtonumc.com/clinic](https://barringtonumc.com/clinic). Once registered, you will receive a confirmation time for your vaccination. Walk-ups are welcome but same-day registration lines may be slow.

Volunteers are needed to help direct visitors. If you can help anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., please contact Sharon Orr, [sorr@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sorr@barringtonumc.com).



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Children ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to Sunday School each week, masks are required. The children's program follows closely with the current sermon series.*



## FAMILY MINISTRIES

Families of all ages are invited to bring your lunch or dinner and we will provide tons of fun activities. Register online, [barringtonumc.com/grow-in-faith/family-ministries](http://barringtonumc.com/grow-in-faith/family-ministries) or contact Tammy McKay, [tmckay@barringtonumc.com](mailto:tmckay@barringtonumc.com), to learn more.



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Family Park Meet Up  
Sunday, June 6, 12:00–2:00 p.m.  
we will be at The New Community Park  
at 8 Bridges Drive in Barrington



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Family Park Meet Up  
Friday, July 16, 5:00–7:00 p.m.  
we will be at Randall Oaks Park  
at 750 Randall Road in West Dundee.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars!

**Anchored by Love, Peace, Hope, Faith and the Holy Spirit**

Vacation Bible School at Barrington UMC, June 21-25 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

*Children age 3 through grade 5 are invited! Register online,  
[barringtonumc.com/vbs](http://barringtonumc.com/vbs)*



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## YOUTH

Come catch up with this summer! Starbucks, fellowship, and amazing conversation included. Registration is required. Please include your Starbucks order with registration, [barringtonumc.com/grow-in-faith/gods-squad](http://barringtonumc.com/grow-in-faith/gods-squad)



### *Coffee Connections*

Sunday, June 27, 1:00–3:00 p.m.  
Grafelman Park  
North 5th Street, West Dundee, IL



Sunday, July 18, 1:00–3:00 p.m.  
The New Community Park  
8 Bridges Drive in Barrington



Sunday, August 22, 1:00–3:00 p.m.  
Towne Park Algonquin

## God's Squad Summer Games and Grub!

*July 10, 6:00–8:00 p.m. at BUMC*

Join us for a night of high energy games and tons of fun!  
Food is provided. This is an outdoor game event, and sunscreen and bug spray are encouraged! Bring a water bottle... Or two!

## Messy Mayhem

*August 7, 4:00–7:00 p.m. at BUMC*

This isn't your typical game night! Join us for every kind of messy game you can possibly imagine. Dress to destroy (your clothing) and bring your competitive side! Pizza is provided.

## Movie Night Under the Stars

*September 11, 7:30 p.m. at BUMC*

Join us for a movie night under the stars! Pizza and popcorn provided.

## God's Squad Resumes!

*September 12*



## NOAH'S ARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

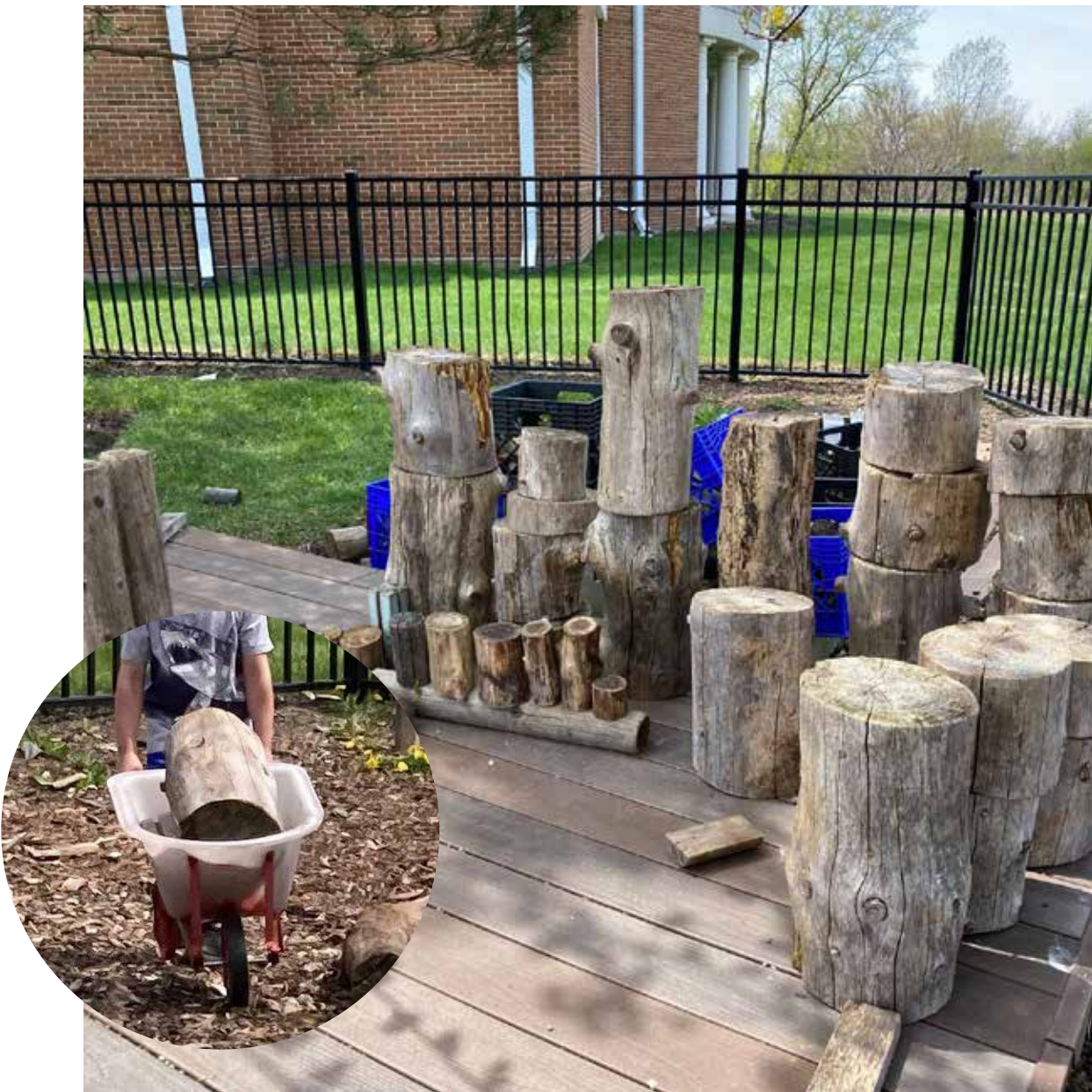
We are so very proud of all of our students and staff. Thank you for all of your very hard work and your beautiful spirit, you made this a year to remember!

Noah's Ark Christian Academy is registering for the fall, please contact Susan Brown for more information, [sbrown@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sbrown@barringtonumc.com), (847) 844-3738.



### **Are you cutting down trees around your home?**

Please consider donating your tree stumps to Noah's Ark Christian Academy. All sizes of tree stumps, tree cookies, 3 to 6-inch diameter branches, etc. are needed. We are also in need of a "Handy Person." Please contact Susan for more information and if you can help, [sbrown@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sbrown@barringtonumc.com).



## Masks or No Masks

The recent CDC announcement that fully vaccinated people no longer have to wear masks came as a breath of fresh air, literally as well as figuratively, for most of us. But it has also resulted in a great deal of confusion and, for some, concern. Even as, or maybe especially as, things begin to open up, and we are given the green light to resume many of the activities that give us so much joy, it is important for us to continue to practice many of the protocols that have become routine over the last 14 months.

In some situations, it will be helpful to continue to wear masks. If we are attending a gathering and are not sure who is and who is not vaccinated, wearing a mask will be helpful. And let us remember that at this point, no person under the age of 16 is vaccinated. So if we are around children and youth not in “our bubble,” wearing masks is the right thing to do. It is also noteworthy that, during this year of mask-wearing, hospitalizations for the flu have dropped to nearly zero. Covid-19 is not the only airborne virus from which masks protect us and those we love.

We have learned much about social distancing, but this, too, is an important lesson that extends beyond Covid-19. For many, this time of social distancing has been a relief. Social distancing forces us to observe boundaries and acknowledges each person’s sense of personal space. Practicing social distancing gives them not only a sense of physical safety but emotional safety as well.

Finally, we have all been more diligent about washing our hands frequently. But this is something we should have been doing all along. We have been taught since we were very young about the importance of washing our hands: before we eat, after we go to the bathroom, when we have been outside, when

## Congratulations!

We celebrate the commissioning of James Fu and the ordination of Andi Voinovich as a full elder on April 24 at a special session of the Northern Illinois Conference. Bishop Sally Dyck returned to preside at this ceremony with interim Bishop John Hopkins, which was conducted in the sanctuary of Barrington UMC.



Jim entered into the candidacy process while an active member of First UMC. His commissioning puts him on the track to become an Elder in the Northern Illinois Conference. Jim currently serves a two point charge that includes Christ United Methodist Church of Elmhurst and Calvary United Methodist Church of Villa Park.

we have been playing or working with our hands. Washing our hands throughout the day keeps us healthy.

Even when things are “fully open,” we need to realize that each person must carefully assess their own tolerance for risk. Some of us will choose to continue to wear masks when inside with people outside our bubble. They will do so for a variety of reasons, and we should refrain from criticizing them, judging them, or trying to shame them out of it. Some of them have other underlying health issues that make them susceptible to other airborne viruses and have found that wearing a mask protects them from those viruses as well as from Covid-19. Continuing to wear a mask may be a critical part of their health care plan, and we need to respect and honor that. This is now part of what it means to love our neighbor as ourselves.

—Pastor Wendy A. Witt



Andi served as a seminary intern and licensed local pastor in our multi-site ministry with Barrington UMC, First UMC of West Dundee, Bethel New Faith Community, and El Mesias, UMC in Elgin while studying at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Reverend Voinvoich currently serves First United Methodist Church of Downers Grove as Associate Pastor.

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**Acts 2:5-11**

Now there were devout Jews from  
every nation under heaven living in  
Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd  
gathered and was bewildered, because  
each one heard them speaking in the  
native language of each. Amazed and  
astonished, they asked, "Are not all  
these who are speaking Galileans? And  
how is it that we hear, each of us, in our  
own native language? Parthians, Medes,  
Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia,  
Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,  
Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the  
regions of Libya, all of us here, and  
visitors from Rome, both Jews and  
proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we  
hear them speaking about God's deeds o

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in num  
complained against the Hebrews because their words were being  
lected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve  
called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is  
not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait  
table. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men  
full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer  
to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community.  
They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together  
Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte  
Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed  
laid their hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disc  
increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests bec  
obedient to the faith.