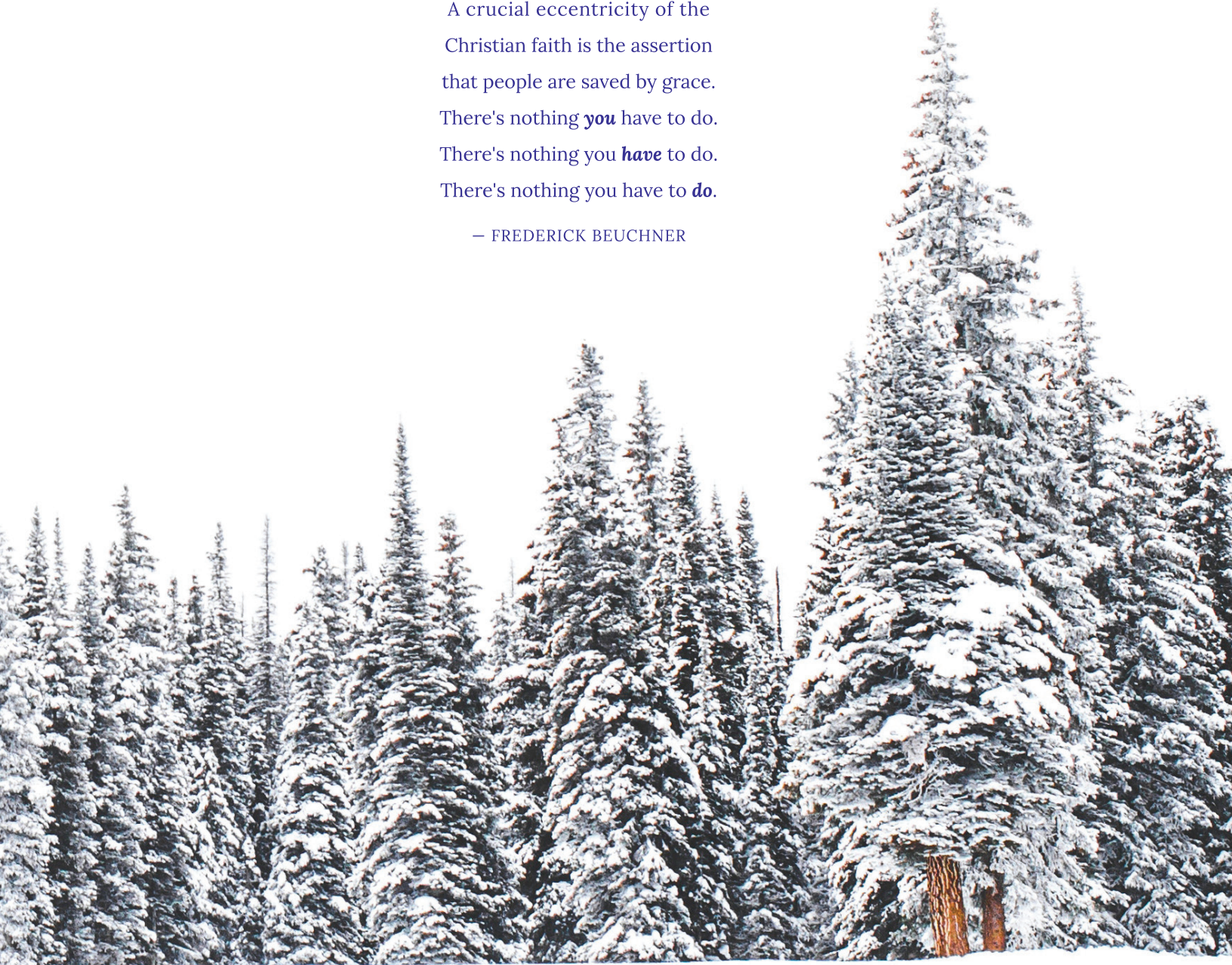


# BANNER NEWSLETTER

January 2019

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Christian faith is the assertion  
that people are saved by grace.  
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— FREDERICK BEUCHNER



## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Barrington United Methodist Church

98 Algonquin Road, Barrington, IL 60010

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

You are invited to be a part of this welcoming, caring community that worships God in an intimate setting. Essential elements of this service include: a time of gathering, liturgy, hymns, sermon and a sending forth into the world to live our faith. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

**Classic Worship**, *Sundays at 9:30 a.m.*

Please join us in the soaring, light-filled Sanctuary for this more formal worship experience. Essential elements of this service include a mix of traditional and current hymns, liturgy, organ and choir, sermon and a time for children every Sunday. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

**Crossroads Worship**, *Sundays at 11:00 a.m.*

There is a place for you in this casual, compelling worship service. The relaxed atmosphere invites us to interpret scripture in today's context with challenging questions, a variety of musical genres and an open, interactive format. Communion is celebrated regularly.

### Comunidad Cristiana | Christian Community

1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville, IL 60110

**Worship Service**, *Sundays at 4:00 p.m.*

You, and your neighbors, are invited to join this emerging worship. A welcoming, caring community shares worship and a delicious meal on Sunday evenings. Experience Hispanic-style worship offered bilingually with a mix of traditional and contemporary worship elements. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

### First UMC West Dundee

318 W. Main Street, West Dundee, IL 60118

**Classic Worship**, *Sundays at 10:00 a.m.*

All are invited to experience this multi-generational blended worship service, which incorporates traditional worship elements like hymns and liturgy with more contemporary elements like thematic altar displays, video and occasional contemporary music selections. There is a children's message weekly, scripture lessons and sermon. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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Sign up to receive our weekly  
e-news through the sign-up  
form on our website,  
www.barringtonumc.com.

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



# This is my earliest memory of church...

by Rev. Matthew Johnson

**W**e stopped and my door opened quickly; the hinge of the early 70s Chevrolet groaned as it flipped to its widest position. My mother bent herself at an square angle, leaned down to unbuckle my seatbelt and grabbed my hand. We cut across the street with long strides. It was like I was floating; only the tips of my toes ever touched pavement. When we came to four stairs leading to a door, my father grabbed my other arm and, together, they lifted me to the top of them in choreographed motion.

As the doors opened, music escaped. We were late. We filed in and found a place to stand. Everyone was singing. Then they all sat down.

Mom handed me a red book and some strips of paper. She pointed to a wooden sign on the wall that had big, cream-colored numbers arranged in twos and threes. They were stacked one atop the other. She wanted me to find the numbers in the book. A bearded man talked for a long time. He was wearing what looked like a long scarf; I liked the pictures that were on it — the wheat and fish. We stood by the door for a while trying to leave. The people who sang wanted to talk to my parents. My baby brother started crying, so they let us go.

This is my earliest memory of church — a United Methodist Church we attended while living in Lafayette, Indiana. I'd go on to have many more memories in United Methodist churches.

My grandmother was the office administrator at one down the road in Crawfordsville, Indiana. I'd spend many a summer Friday exploring that building while she printed bulletins and answered phone calls. When we moved north to Illinois, it was the people of a United Methodist Church that became our family. My longest-standing friendships were with those people. Sunday School. The gift of a "Good News" Bible accompanied by a spoonful of honey. Chili fundraisers. A mission trip to Puerto Rico. My first kiss was even at a United Methodist Church.

Like so many others whom I've had the honor of pastoring, a great deal of my emotional experiences are marked by buildings, congregations, and ministries of the United Methodist Church. The UMC is the only church I've ever known. So, the upcoming special session of the UMC's General Conference in February is concerning to me. I'd like to know what the future holds for the

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## This is my earliest memory of church... *continued from page 3*

tradition I've come to love like family — or to even know what's likely to happen. But, because of the way our governance works, there is no way to know. The connection is not of one mind about human sexuality, and how that will all shake out is still a mystery.

There are some things I do know, however.

I know the distinctives that make methodism matter aren't trademarked like the cross and flame. The ways we do theology together, the ways we share and celebrate sacred things, and the simple principles from which our movement was born are too big to be divided by dispute. These distinctives are ingrained in our daily, congregational life. They make up our ethos. They aren't provocative, but they are worth celebrating.

So, in the weeks leading up to 2019 General Conference, we will spend time in worship and study highlighting them. Children, youth and adults are all invited to study the "Three Simple Rules" that every person in our tradition is tasked with following: Do Good, Do No Harm, Stay In Love With God. And, be sure to attend worship to give thanks to God for the unique ways United Methodists are called to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I don't know what will come for the UMC in February, there are some things I do know. I know Barrington UMC and First UMC of West Dundee will keep doing great ministry. We will keep making space for all people to be inspired in worship, grow in their faith with one another, and serve their neighbors to the Glory of God. We will keep gathering children and youth so they can build their faith and memories. We will take mission trips — one to Puerto Rico in June, even — to help rebuild the lives of our neighbors and remind them of God's unfailing love. And, we will keep assembling to sing and pray each Sunday and other days we claim as holy. Because, while change and uncertainty is abundant in our world, there will always be more reasons to be grateful than fearful. God hasn't stopped working, loving, forgiving. In the midst of all our trouble, God keeps arriving and renewing creation.

I don't know what will come for the UMC in February, but I do know God hasn't given up on us. You are in my prayers as we begin the new year, and I look forward to all the new memories we will make.





# Dinners Together

great food   great conversation   great fun   deep connections

**There is a place for you! Groups are forming in January 2019.**

*"Shortly after relocating to the Chicago area and joining Barrington United Methodist Church, we signed up for our first **Dinners Together**. It was such a wonderful opportunity for getting to better know the people we see and say hello to at coffee after Sunday worship. Each year since then, **Dinners Together** has been an opportunity to expand the circle of those we know a bit more. Working together on church committees and activities one gets some familiarity with people. There are the "hellos" and brief conversations during an often busy coffee, but **Dinners Together** provides the time and setting for a richer exchange of conversation. One learns more of each other's histories, what has formed and led each of us to our lives today, and a better understanding of each other. The evenings (or afternoons) together at someone's home or a restaurant have been enjoyable with good food and good company. By hosting meals in our home, we feel it has enabled others to know and understand us better and created stronger connections to our church family."*

—RICK BURGER

Dinners Together is a program that fosters connections through dining experiences. Participants are placed in small groups, typically 8-10 people, that meet four times a year to share a meal and socialize. Within the group, individuals take turns hosting in homes, restaurants or other venues. The hosts decide where and when the next meal takes place. Singles, couples, everyone is encouraged to sign up for this enriching program that helps build deeper connections with others! Look for the sign-up sheet in the lobby or online at [barringtonumc.com/dinners-together](http://barringtonumc.com/dinners-together) or contact Carol Henrikson, [clhenrikson@gmail.com](mailto:clhenrikson@gmail.com) or (847) 650-6252 for more information. **Don't wait, tell us you can come!**



## Discover Barrington UMC

Sunday, January 13, 12:00–3:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Barrington UMC, how we live out our call as the church of Jesus Christ in the world today, or what church membership means, the "Discover Barrington UMC" class is the perfect next step on your faith journey! To sign up, contact Pastor Matthew Johnson at 847-836-5540 ext 109 or [mwhjohnson@barringtonumc.com](mailto:mwhjohnson@barringtonumc.com).





## Puerto Rico Hurricane Maria Recovery

The 2017 hurricane season caused Puerto Rico unprecedented levels of destruction, devastating the lives of millions of people and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless and displaced. The initial response has been slow for Puerto Rico as its food, fuel, and supplies are dependent on shipments from its air and sea ports, most of which have been severely damaged. The island's ports and airports are slowly reopening though, allowing much-needed aid to make its way into Puerto Rico.

One year after the devastating effects of Hurricane Maria, the United Methodist Committee on Relief and its partner, the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico, are

moving into Phase II of their response to this devastating event. Phase II can be described as moving from short-term recovery to long-term recovery. It will focus on rebuilding efforts on the island with teams of volunteers tackling rebuilding projects throughout the island. To date, there have been 35 teams encompassing 268 individuals from the mainland sent to Puerto Rico for the long-term recovery effort. There are plans to send 85 teams in 2019. Barrington United Methodist Church has been blessed to have been designated as a recovery team.





### **WIFM (What's in it for me?)**

Jesus used spiritual gifts as part of his earthly ministry: He performed miracles, healings, and prophesied. He performed these deeds in His humanity by the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38) and asked his followers to do the things He had been doing (Luke 9:1). Since His ministry was a demonstration of spiritual gifts on earth, we can conclude He expected His disciples to continue this work. As disciples of Christ, we should look upon this opportunity as a means for us to share our spiritual gifts with those in need. It is our hope that this trip will be a means for you to further your journey in becoming a true disciple of Christ.

### **TRIP DETAILS**

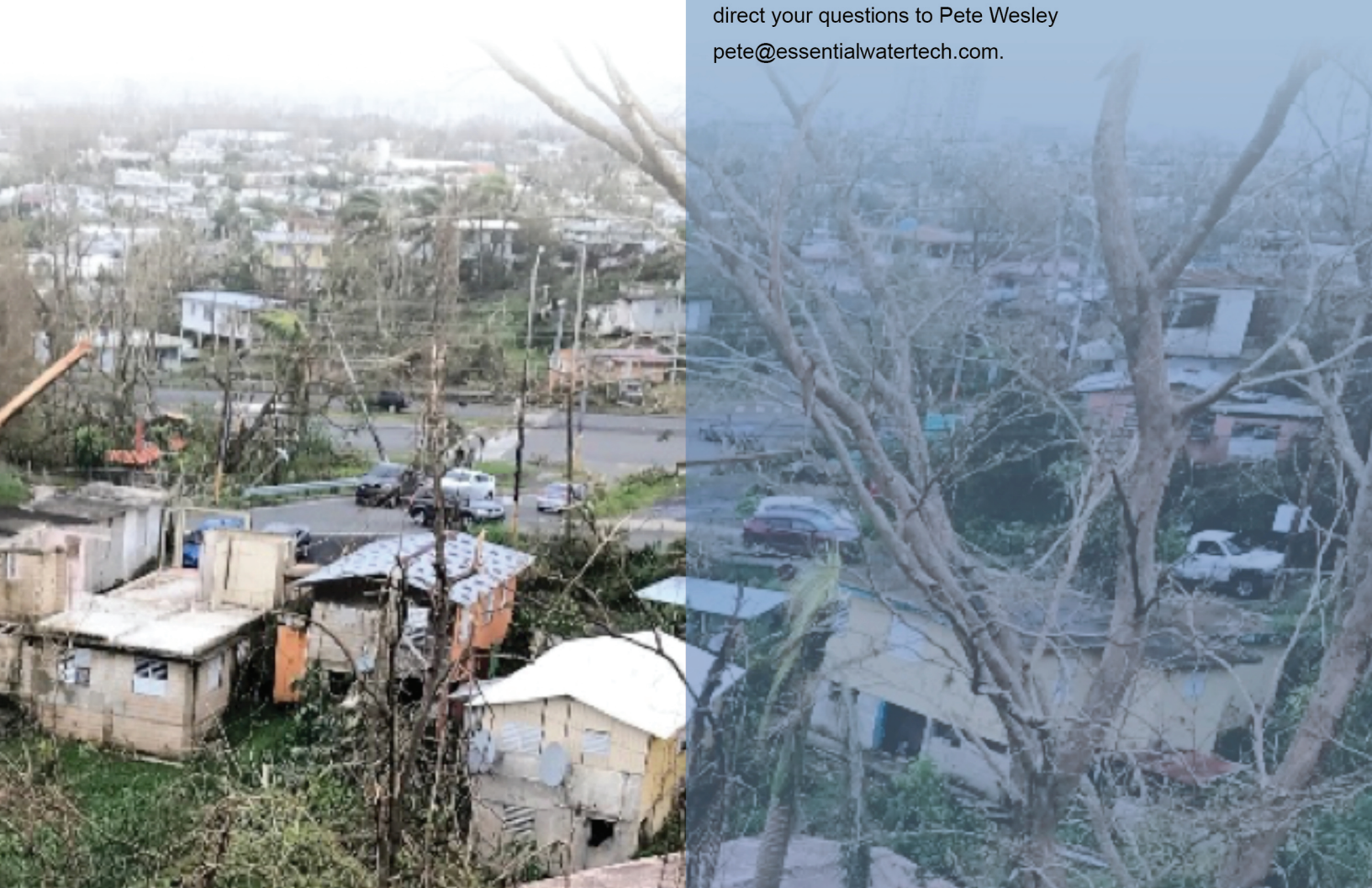
**June 7- June 14**

**\$900.00 per person**

We will need to recruit at least one tradesperson to attend as a group leader. This tradesperson should have a skill set in one or more areas as follows: electrician, carpenter, roofer, plumber or other similar building trades. BUMC Missions and Outreach will subsidize the expenses for the tradesperson to attend.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, January 13 at 10:45 a.m. (following the 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship service at BUMC) to discuss additional details.

Please note: We will not allow the cost of the trip to keep those sincerely interested from attending. In the meantime, please direct your questions to Pete Wesley [pete@essentialwatertech.com](mailto:pete@essentialwatertech.com).





## ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT

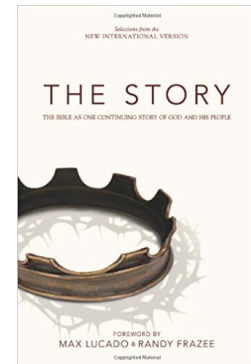
### WOW *Women of the Word*

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor at BUMC, facilitated by Ce Watson

Have you always wanted to give WOW a try? Now is the perfect time to drop into the study, *The Story. Getting to the Heart of God's Story* by Randy Frazee. Each week can stand alone in this year-long study. Join the discussion and fellowship of this ongoing group.

God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what *The Story* is all about: the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, *The Story* sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the accurate, readable, and clear text, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, *The Story* is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption; and this story's true!

From the foreword by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee: "This book tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves his children, who established for them a way of salvation and provided a route to eternity. Each story in these 31 chapters



## UNITED OR UNITED

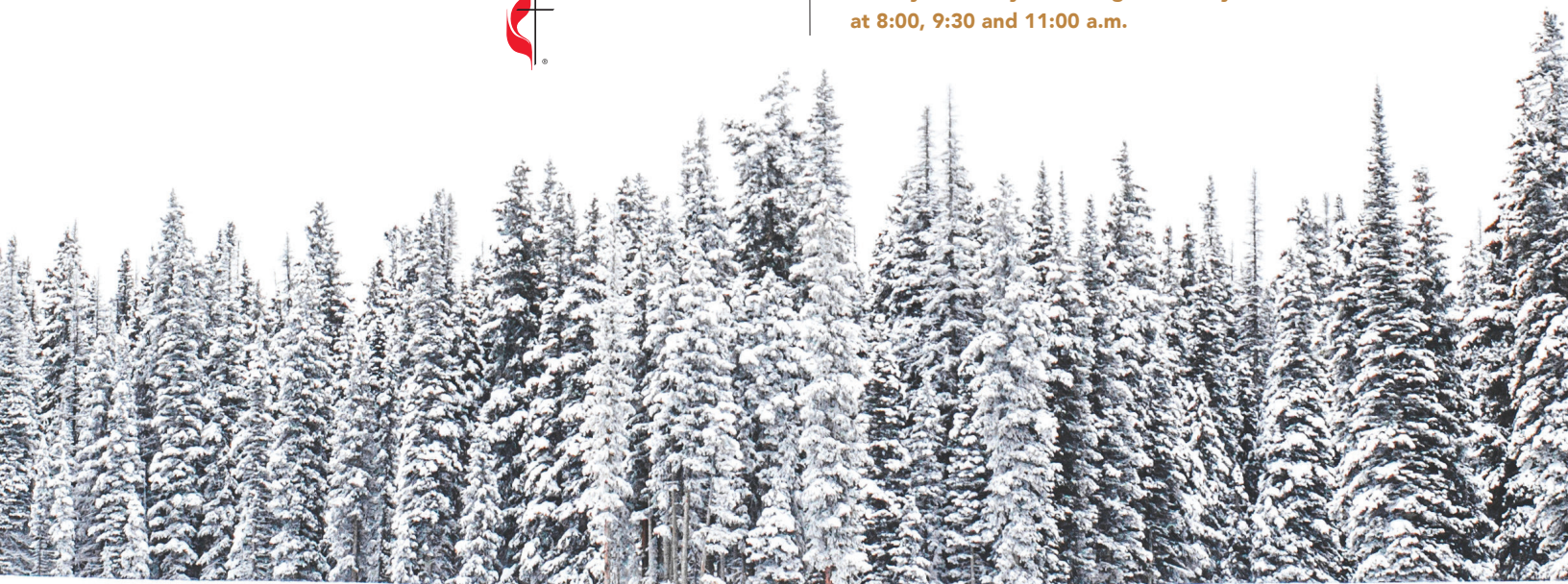
### WHY "METHODIST" MATTERS S E R M O N   S E R I E S



The United Methodist Church is fast approaching one of the defining moments in our history. It is important to understand and celebrate those aspects that make the "Methodist" expression of the Christian faith unique and essential.

Join us as we consider how Grace, Connectionalism, Social and Personal Holiness, and Wesley's Quadrilateral shape who we are and how we live our faith in our daily lives.

**Sundays, January 13 through February 24  
at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.**



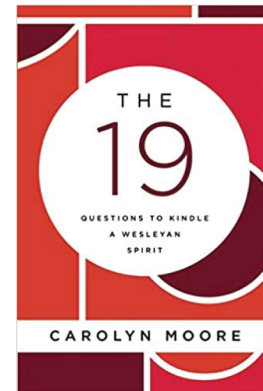


# The 19 Questions to Kindle a Wesleyan Spirit

by Carolyn Moore

*Sunday mornings at 8:45 in the First UMC Library with Pastor Joane Seaton, beginning January 6*

United Methodist pastors are familiar with John Wesley's nineteen questions—the questions he asked of every ordinand before they were approved for ministry; questions that are asked of ordinands to this very day. *The 19* suggests asking these questions is a powerful exercise for all United Methodists at any time in their spiritual journey. Author Carolyn Moore walks you through these profound and weighty questions, emphasizing that those who take them seriously—whether they be clergy or laity—should not have to be corralled into line behind them. Rather, as United Methodists, the concepts should bring us comfort and inspiration and shape us as people who live, work, and minister with integrity from a right heart, with authority and without fear or under compulsion.



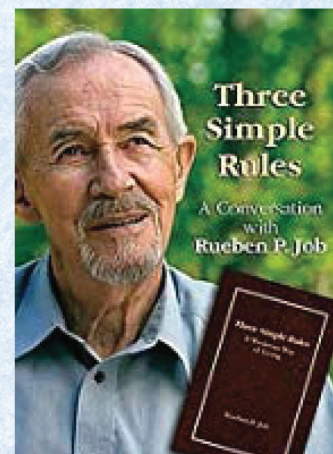
## ALL-CHURCH STUDY

### "Three Simple Rules for Christian Living"

*Beginning the week of January 13, 2019  
at Barrington UMC and regional locations*

Over the years, things in The United Methodist Church have gotten complicated. The upcoming General Conference in St. Louis (February 23-26, 2019) — where our global denomination will decide how we move forward from a generation's long debate around human sexuality and scriptural inerrancy — is evidence of just how complicated it has become. But in the beginning, the strength of the Methodist movement came from its simplicity. There were just three rules by which the people called Methodist were asked to live: do good, do no harm, and stay in love with God.

Beginning the week of January 13, 2019, you are invited to join us as we relearn how to live by these three simple rules. Utilizing the popular work of Bishop Rueben Job for an all-church study, we will have opportunities for adults, youth and children to all embrace the strength found in Methodism's simplicity. Watch for group signups to be released soon and, if you are interested in hosting or facilitating a group, please contact Pastor Matthew, [mwhjohnson@barringtonumc.com](mailto:mwhjohnson@barringtonumc.com).

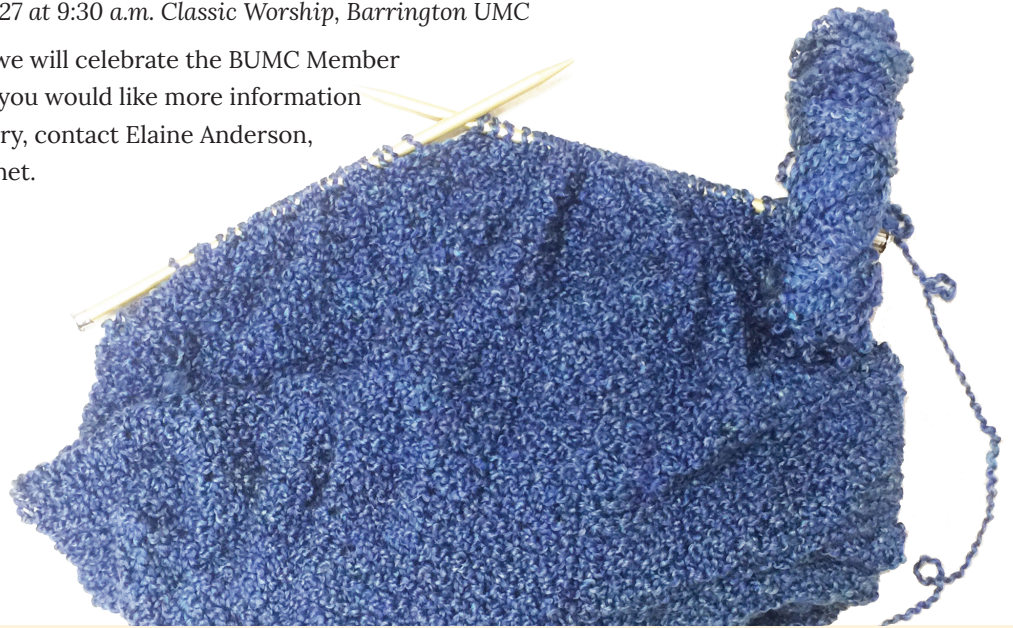




## Shawl Blessing and Member Care Celebration

Sunday, January 27 at 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship, Barrington UMC

During worship we will celebrate the BUMC Member Care ministry. If you would like more information about this ministry, contact Elaine Anderson, [rneaa@comcast.net](mailto:rneaa@comcast.net).



## Big Sing at McGonigal's Pub

Saturday, February 16 at 6:00 p.m.

105 S Cook St, Barrington, IL 60010

Save the date and mark your calendars as Barrington United Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church of West Dundee and Salem United Methodist Church join together for the first **Big Sing at McGonigal's Pub**. A children's program will be available from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Salem (111 W. Lincoln Ave., Barrington) for parents wishing to attend the event. Space is limited, so make your plans now, buy your tickets and attend this rollicking musical evening. You can sing or kick back and listen. And, or course, there is an appetizer buffet that eats like a meal.

Tickets go on sale in the Lobby at BUMC, \$25/person







# Carpentersville Community Meal

*Open to everyone and always free of charge!*

## What an amazing first year and what an amazing mission!

**I**n 2018, we have opened the Trinity building eight times to serve delicious meals to the community. One hundred five people follow us on Facebook to be reminded ahead of the third Saturday of each month. Ten families put out a yard sign every month to remind their neighbors.

Sixty-nine members of First UMC, Trinity UMC, Barrington UMC and Comunidad Cristiana participate regularly in preparing, serving and cleaning up after the meals. Some serve every month, and some when they can – but we've all become a powerful team. And, we've had help from Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

Attendance has built each month as people learn that the food is good and the fellowship is better. It is such a joy to see Fellowship Hall filled with friends and neighbors moving from table to table, talking and getting to know one another.

Any extra food at the end of the evening is delivered to PADS in Elgin where it is gratefully received and put to good use.

After reassessing, as promised, this mission will continue in 2019.

With a clearer look at the costs, we know that each meal costs us \$350 including food and paper goods. We've received support from local businesses throughout 2018 and look forward to further developing community support in 2019. Please check our website to see the complete list of sponsors ([www.carpentersvillecommunitymeal.com](http://www.carpentersvillecommunitymeal.com)).

We are so grateful to those from First UMC, Trinity and Barrington who stepped up from the beginning to sponsor a meal, half of a meal, or several meals. Thank you for your help! We need continued sponsorship from within our congregations to support this mission – if you can help, please do!

### **\$350 sponsors**

#### **a meal, any amount helps –**

please mark your donations 'Carpentersville Community Meal' or 'CCM' in the memo line. And please do come and eat with us on Saturday, January 19, 2019 — we have a place for you!





# unexpected gifts

## **Children and families thank you!**

Your thoughtful shopping has made Christmas morning a wonderful time for **150 children and their families** this year! The people of Barrington UMC and First UMC delivered gifts for **100 at-risk children** served by ChildServ. Families at the D220 Early Learning Center were also blessed with **50 gifts for students** and their siblings from Barrington UMC. *Thank you for the unexpected gift of promise.*

## **Youth and Young Adults thank you!**

**142 youth and young adults** enrolled in ChildServ, including foster care and transitional programs, received \$40 in gift cards thanks to your overwhelming generosity. This expression of concern is all the more powerful for those learning to love themselves again. *Thank you for the unexpected gift of hope.*

## **Hungry communities worldwide thank you!**

Your generous purchase of Living Gifts: Heifer International, make it possible for families to receive animals that allow them to feed themselves and earn enough to send their children to school. In addition to training in animal husbandry, some gift recipients learn to manage fresh water and reclaim animal waste as fuel. Families pass the first offspring and the training they learned to their neighbors, improving the lives of entire communities and serving as a major source of empowerment for women. *Thank you for the unexpected gift of faith.*

## **Artisans working to**

## **feed their families thank you!**

Your purchase of fair-trade gifts and products from our annual 10,000 Villages pop-up shop help support the artisans around the world allowing them to earn a fair wage, feed their families and send their children to school. 10,000 Villages ensures that care is taken for the environment and the safety of the makers and their children. By helping artisans develop products and marketing those products, 10,000 Villages has improved the lives of families around the world. *Thank you for the unexpected gift of peace.*





### Recently incarcerated people thank you!

Through our operating budget, we help fund the "Outside the Walls" Christmas luncheon each December. You also donated children's gifts and additional gift cards. These give newly released persons living in half-way houses the chance to shop for their families – especially the children just getting to know them. In addition to the fellowship of a warm meal lovingly served, this opportunity to offer gifts to their families brings tears of joy to those in attendance. *Thank you for the unexpected gift of joy.*





## TeachGuatemala: Vacation Bible School

From Wednesday, November 7 through Sunday, November 11, an adult mission team traveled to Mixco, Guatemala. Each year we encourage a team to travel to teach Vacation Bible School and check in with Silvia, the ESL teacher we sponsor and with the church from which we arrange space. This year Elaine Moffit and Jane Trent joined Sandra Sanitzo and Silvia Grabacki for the trip. Here are some of Elaine's thoughts:

*"We had a very wonderful rewarding time with over 100 students in several groups from age 4 to adult. Our theme this year was "Community," focusing on how we are all part of a community where we live and with God. We also worked on vocabulary that we use everyday, such as greetings, foods, clothing, animals, feelings, etc. We did crafts daily, decorating canvas bags, creating feeling faces and created cross necklaces and bracelets. Sandra took the helm for the teens, young adults and worked on sentence expansion as their English has improved over the last several years. One of the parents cooked for everyone every day and we were invited to the pastor's house for lunch. We were treated to music and dance at the graduation service on Sunday from a very grateful student and parent community."*





# Mujila Falls Agricultural Center

Barrington UMC has sponsored this important mission for over a decade through Rainbow Covenant giving. Mujila Falls is an agricultural school with a strong focus on providing proper and balanced nutritional choices. In addition to sponsoring the school, we have also sponsored Betty Tshala, nurse and nutritionist, as one of our missionaries and, previously, her husband, Tshala Mwengo, a graduate of Africa University and the Director of the Agricultural Center who was tragically killed in a bus accident in April of 2014. A new missionary, Temba Nkomozepe, was commissioned in 2017 and is serving as an agriculturalist at Mujila Falls. Please read his words to our church below:

Dear Barrington UMC,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I got your email address from a list I recently received of individuals, churches and organizations that supported Mujila Falls Agriculture Center in November of 2018. I greatly appreciate your generous gift of \$500. We cherish your support as it enables us to make a difference for others here in Zambia.

I am the new missionary at Mujila and my profile is available on [umcmmission.org](https://www.umcmmission.org/explore-our-work/missionaries-in-service/missionary-profiles/nkomozepe-temba) ( <https://www.umcmmission.org/explore-our-work/missionaries-in-service/missionary-profiles/nkomozepe-temba>)

I also post updates on our current activities on our new Facebook page, "Mujila Falls Agriculture Center, Advance 15016a" which I encourage you to follow and correspond with us.

I would be happy to get some feedback from you about your thoughts on the Mujila project and which activities stand out to you.

God bless you, God bless Barrington United Methodist Church, and God bless Mujila!

Peace and blessings,

Temba Nkomozepe  
GBGM Global Missionary,  
Mujila Falls Agriculture Center



*We are working with the Lunda people of extreme North West Zambia. They have the highest infant mortality rates and lowest life expectancy of all tribes in Zambia. The greatest need is to improve protein, vitamin and mineral content in the local diet and help families to increase incomes so they can provide for schooling, medical care, clothing and additional foods. For more information, contact Sharon Orr, [sorr@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sorr@barringtonumc.com).*



# Gratitude to God for Calling Me Here

by Patti Mangis



Looking back over my first full year at BUMC, I am full of gratitude. Gratitude to God for calling me here. I am grateful for the musicians in the Chancel Choir, the Exaltation Ringers, the Crossroads Worship Band. I am grateful for the emerging worship arts ministries: the Allegro Children's Choir (grades 3 and up), and our multi-site Drama team which made videos for the "Extraordinary Faith: Learning With the Left Out" series and which has another drama in the hopper.

And I am especially grateful for the team God is raising up in Visual Worship Arts. It has been a joy to get to know you and to work together, to see God use us as a team to create something more than any of us could individually. The Worship Arts team started last Advent and now here we are again, bigger and better, working on the Unexpected Gifts worship series and preparing for Christmas Eve.

I thank God for each of the people who ministers alongside me in all of these areas. And for the privilege of serving at Barrington United Methodist Church.



Christmas Eve 2018!





## United Methodist Women at Barrington UMC

*"We always thank God for you all and always mention you in our prayers.  
For we remember before our God and Father how you put your faith into  
practice, how your love made you work so hard, and how your hope in our  
Lord Jesus Christ is firm."* —1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3 GNT

Thanks again to everyone who helped support United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale and Geranium Sale. We are especially thankful to all the volunteers who help to make the Rummage Sale so successful! We could not carry out this project without each and every one of you! Over 150 individuals helped during the week, amounting to over 1,800 person hours and we were able to have a net profit of \$19,860. It is a long week and lots of work, but there is so much joy in knowing that our work helps so many. Thank you!

Monies from these fundraisers and members' pledges in 2018 allowed United Methodist Women to donate over \$20,300 to various missions—local and around the world—including: United Methodist Women, Elgin PADS, Meals with Wheels, Humboldt Park's Center for Changing Lives, ChildServ Barrington Giving Day, JFON, Northern Illinois Food Bank, FISH Food Pantry (Carpentersville), Heifer Project, Katie Kirschner's mission work in Cambodia, Midwest Mission Distribution Center, the Community Meal, BUMC Youth Mission Trip, BUMC Garden, UMCOR, and BUMC.

United Methodist Women will meet on January 17 at 10:00 a.m., in the BUMC Dining Room (if the weather cooperates) to tie pillows for our Have a Heart pillow project. Watch for further information. Contact Linda Osikowicz, [Lmosikowicz@comcast.net](mailto:Lmosikowicz@comcast.net) or (847) 540-5634 for more information. If the weather should be questionable that day, check with the church office to be sure we will meet.



## 2019 marks the 150th anniversary of United Methodist Women

As we celebrate, we look back at women whose legacy has impacted the work of this organization. One of them was Alma Mathews.

Imagine being a woman with a child, arriving in a new country, not knowing the language, trying to navigate a complex immigration system and not knowing where to go next. This is what thousands of women faced in the late 1800s as they arrived in the new world, often alone to meet their husbands, fathers or other relatives who had traveled ahead.

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the precursor of United Methodist Women, realized that these women traveling alone were not only in need of help, but also in danger, often robbed of everything they owned.



Alma Mathews

Helen and James Mathews and their daughter Alma, with the help of others, thus began a new ministry to help the vulnerable women arriving at the docks of New York. They rented a small house, and while two stayed home to run the household, two would comb the docks looking for single women disembarking the ships. They helped the women and their families through the immigration process, and offered a free and safe place to stay at what was then known as the Immigrant Girls' Home. The women then helped the newly arrived get to

their next destination, in New York or elsewhere in the country. In the year 1887 there were over 3,000 lodgers at the house, with 808 ships that were met by Methodist women.

When Helen and James had to leave the ministry, their daughter Alma took their place. Alma worked in this ministry for a whole generation — from the 1890s to 1922, and she later continued her work welcoming the immigrant as a greeter on Ellis Island. She died in 1933. The house was renamed the Alma Matthews House and was a vital part of United Methodist Women's ministry, until it was sold in 2016.

## UMW Sharing and Training Morning

Saturday, February 23 will be the Elgin District UMW Sharing and Training Morning at First UMC in Crystal Lake and March 23 will be an Elgin District 150th Birthday Party at Cary UMC. For more information, contact Linda Osilowicz, [Imosikowicz@comcast.net](mailto:Imosikowicz@comcast.net).



WOMEN'S ONE-DAY SPRING RETREAT

# FOR- GIVE *to* LIVE

**March 2, 8:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Speaker: Rev. Cynthia Anderson**

*Centering Prayer Session by  
Liz Penick & Wendy Mospan*

**REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 20, 2019**



# Sunday Morning Opportunities for Children

*Children ages 3 and up are invited to be a part of our Sunday morning programs that boost discovery and invite kids into relationship with Jesus and with each other. Growing in faith takes time; we welcome all children to join us each week for faith, learning and fun!*

## **JAM – Jesus and Me (9:45 a.m.) and (11:00 a.m.) at Barrington UMC**

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

## **Sunday School at First UMC West Dundee**

Children 3 years through grade 5 are invited to grow in their faith while learning about the Kingdom of God through Bible stories, games and activities during the 10:00 a.m. worship service following the Children's message.

## **Family Ministries' Drop & Shop Joy, 2018!**





# Family Ministry Opportunities

Mark your 2019 calendar for these family events and don't miss a moment of fellowship, friends and inspiration!

"I am so grateful for the love and support that the church has given to the family ministries team. I am blessed to work with Tammy McKay and Maddie Johnson, both are passionate and ready to move us to the next level. We are working together to make sure the children and families are growing in their spiritual journey. We have worked hard to create a level of learning that starts in the nursery and grows through high school. The first day we started the new curriculum and divided the children in JAM, I heard a child say "I really liked JAM today." That statement made my day and I knew we were making a difference. We will continue to work together to make family ministries grow." — Susan Brown, Director of Children's Ministries at Barrington UMC and Noah's Ark Preschool Academy.

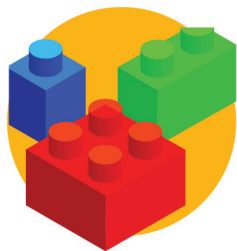


## JANUARY

### Family Movie Night

Saturday, January 26, 5:00–7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at BUMC

Children are invited to vote for their movie choice at the table in front of the JAM classroom at BUMC. The winning movie will be revealed the week before, stay tuned!



## MARCH

### Building Bible stories with Legos

Saturday, March 2, 3:00–4:30 p.m. in the Dining Room at BUMC

Families are invited to re-create Bible stories out of Legos. Dig in and let your imagination run away with you! Light snacks will be served.

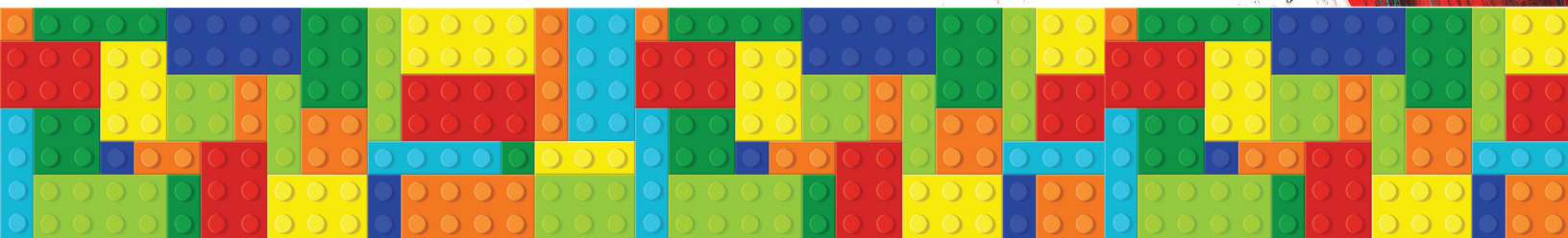


## FEBRUARY

### Family Paint Party

Saturday, February 9 at 4:00 p.m. in the Dining Room at BUMC

Get your Picasso, Monet and Renoir on! Families will be able to use their creativity to create a masterpiece to take home. Light snacks will be served.





## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Happy New Year, God's Squad!

2018 was full of incredible memories, new friendships, mission trips and retreats, and growing our faith with God. I can only imagine what 2019 has in store for us as a group!

Youth group (for students grade 3-12) will be kicking back up again on Sunday, January 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. We will have a "Belated New Years Party" with games, food, New Year's Resolutions and... OUR MISSION TRIP DESTINATION REVEAL! You won't want to miss it!

Starting January 20, our first sermon series will be "Strangely Warmed: A Look at Methodism with the Help of Stranger Things." Following along our church-wide series, we will look at some of early Methodist stories and themes, compared with the amazing Netflix show "Stranger Things," as our denomination approaches Special Session 2019. Bring a friend... all are welcome!

Lastly, our youth team is going to try something new this semester. Coffee, Cocoa and Homework Hangs will meet at Barrington UMC in The Well on Sundays from 3:30-6:00 p.m. beginning Sunday January 20. Since we all have work to complete for Monday, we might as well do it together. Fred and Pastor Maddie will be there to assist with any school questions, moral support and hot chocolate or coffee!

Here's to a new year where we continue forming deep relationship, sharing stories and learning about our God of new life!

#### Youth Group

Resumes Sunday, January 13  
6:00-7:30 p.m. at Barrington UMC

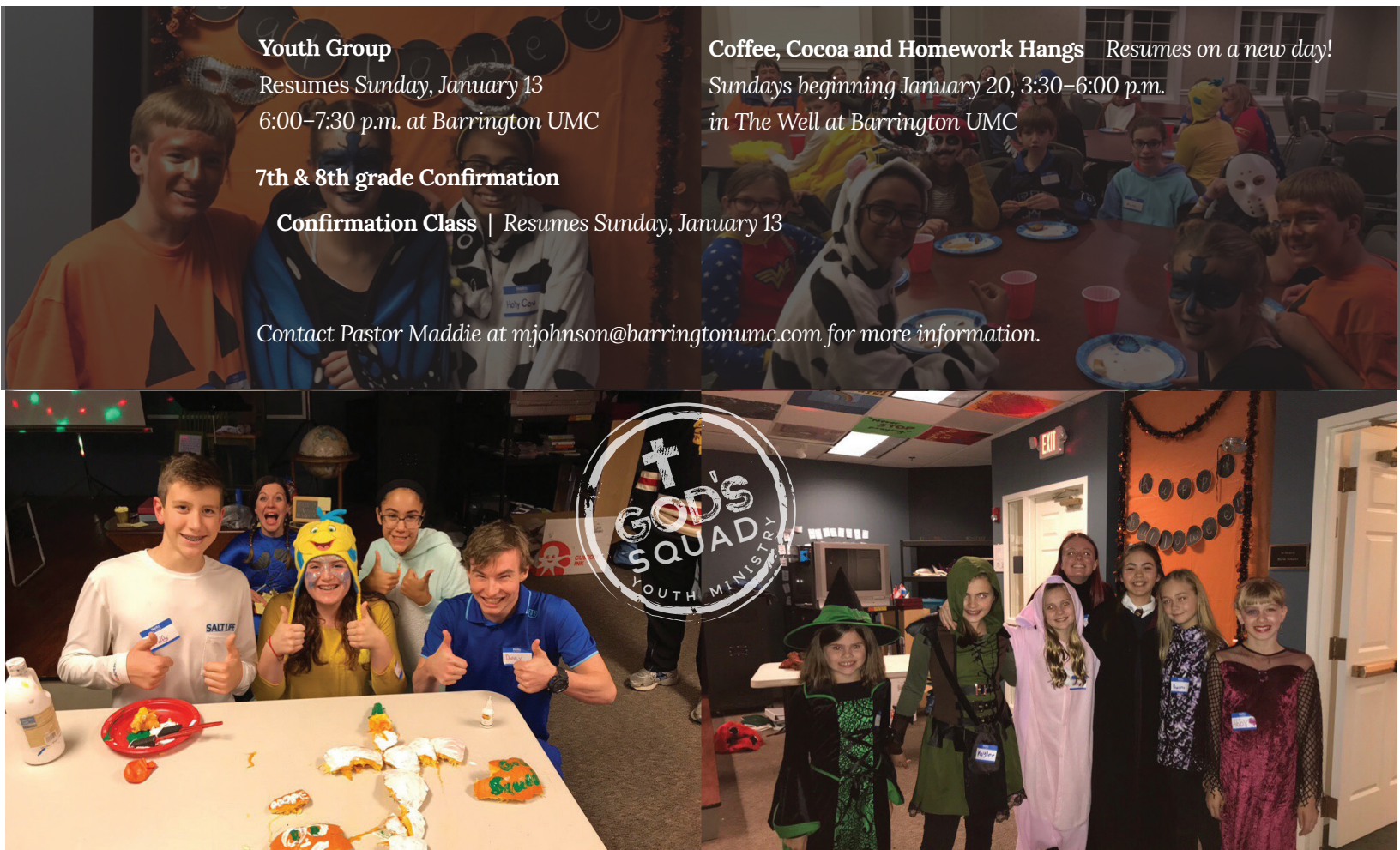
#### 7th & 8th grade Confirmation

Confirmation Class | Resumes Sunday, January 13

Contact Pastor Maddie at [mjohnson@barringtonumc.com](mailto:mjohnson@barringtonumc.com) for more information.

#### Coffee, Cocoa and Homework Hangs Resumes on a new day!

Sundays beginning January 20, 3:30-6:00 p.m.  
in The Well at Barrington UMC





# Noah's Ark Christian Academy

January starts our registration for the 2019–2020 school year. Church families can register before the public. Open registration starts on Monday, January 21, so enroll before then. If you are interested in learning more about the school or would like a tour, please feel free to call or stop by. Please contact Susan Brown, Director of Noah's Ark Christian Academy at [sbrown@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sbrown@barringtonumc.com).



This year we will have our annual Spring Fling auction on Saturday, March 9. All are all invited to come and dance the night away. We are looking for donation items, experiences, even getaways for children, women, men and families. The money we raise goes to the school for playground and Nature Explore Classroom (NEC) upgrades. We are looking to replace the playground mulch with durable, pour in place material. We thank you for your support!



Noah's Ark Christian Academy

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