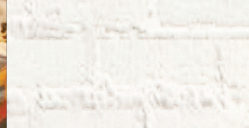
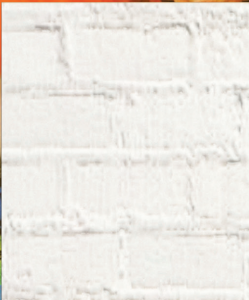


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Banner Newsletter

May | June 2020

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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.

When Will the Church Reopen?

As state governors begin to make decisions to “reopen the economy” many have begun asking, “When will the Church reopen?” The fact of the matter is that we do not know and cannot predict when we will be able to meet again in person for worship, faith development and outreach. Given that the models for reopening all indicate that groups as small as ten might be allowed to meet first, with the size of groups gradually increasing, we are not likely to be allowed to worship together as a whole congregation for some months.

While there is so much we do not know, there are at least two things we can be confident of. The first is that the church will always seek to be, first and foremost, a place of healing and hope and new life. Therefore until we can be sure that our members, constituents, visitors and staff can be reasonably assured of their safety and well-being, we must resist the impulse to open too soon and put people at risk.

We will be looking to the Conference and the federal, state and local governments for guidance and to let us know what protocols we must follow when the time comes. We have been informed that in-person church related activities may well be one of the last pieces of social interaction to be fully reinstated. This can be attributed to several realities that the Church must recognize including: an aging population that has an elevated risk of infection; many of our churches do not have the physical space to allow for proper social distancing; and that the ability to properly prepare worship, meeting and administrative space between gatherings could present a challenge.

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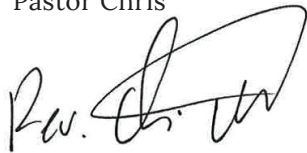
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Friends, it is my prayer that we will view these current challenges through the eyes of faith. Indeed, theological reflection reminds us of the story of the wilderness journey of the Hebrew people in Exodus where they spent long days and nights in the wilderness in preparation for living into their new reality. Another intriguing story from which we might draw parallels is the story of Noah and the ark. After the flood that devastated the earth Noah had to patiently read the signs before determining that it was time to open the doors of the ark and begin writing a new story in covenant with the Creator God.

For now, please do everything you can to stay connected: participate in on-line worship, join a neighborhood group, support our missions and ministries, hold the church and one another in prayer and look for every opportunity to live your faith in your daily life. We will get through this difficult time as we continue to be the church God is calling us to be, even as we look forward to that day when we can be together again.

May God sustain you and give you peace.

Pastor Chris

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Chris Winkler". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Rev. Chris Winkler

United Methodist Meetings Delayed Due to COVID 19 Pandemic

If not for the COVID 19 outbreak that has brought such significant change to everyday life, the United Methodist General Conference would be meeting in Minneapolis this month. This key meeting was scheduled to consider legislation that almost certainly would significantly alter the makeup of the UMC. Plans for division, separation and dissolving the church were all submitted and would have been considered by the delegates who are elected from around the world.

General Conference has been postponed until 2021 and a tentative date was released but has not been confirmed. The delay is unprecedented in the 200+ year history of the church. It is anticipated that the Conference will be held in Minneapolis next fall.

LIVE, ONLINE COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, June 7 All are Welcome!

- 10:30 a.m. Following Worship with Pastor Chris
Join with Google Meet
meet.google.com/rix-zkbv-gux
Join by phone 1-720-526-2106 (PIN: 387414261)
- 5:00 p.m. Bilingual Communion with Pastor Chris
Join with Google Meet
meet.google.com/yymy-xjsp-bjm
Join by phone 1-402-285-2413 (PIN: 615810791)
- 6:00 p.m. Communion with Pastor Wendy
Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89845744880>
Meeting ID: 898 4574 4880

As you make your space ready for this time of worship, please prepare the essential elements of bread and cup. For the bread you might use a slice or small loaf of bread you already have. You may use ordinary white bread or—as in other places in the world—a tortilla or rice cake or something similar. What is important is that this element be a representation of the most common food of life. If you wish to expand your worship experience you might prepare something homemade or unique to your family tradition or origin. For the cup, prepare a cup of juice or wine—whatever fruit of the vine you are comfortable with.

Set these elements in the space where you worship electronically with our faith community. Perhaps you want to put them on a lovely cloth or fabric that reminds you of a special time or a person deeply connected with you in the communion of saints. Perhaps you will light a candle or place a flower or plant or the photograph of someone you wish to bring into the circle of faith beside the bread and the cup.

Thank you for your preparation. If the essential elements of bread and juice are not available to you, please contact the church and we will make arrangements to provide these items for you, (847) 836-5540. Please allow several days for delivery.



STAYING CONNECTED

Over 40 days into living with the novel Coronavirus, we are beginning to discover our new normal. Our dogs get walked, often. Our gardens are getting extra attention this year. Puzzles are out on our tables, friends are sharing the names of binge worthy shows. Working from home gives us flexibility, but can make our work days longer. And, we are learning what it means to Do. Be. Live. Church anew. Attendance at our online worship is very faithful. Very many of us are finding ways to serve our



Welcome Team

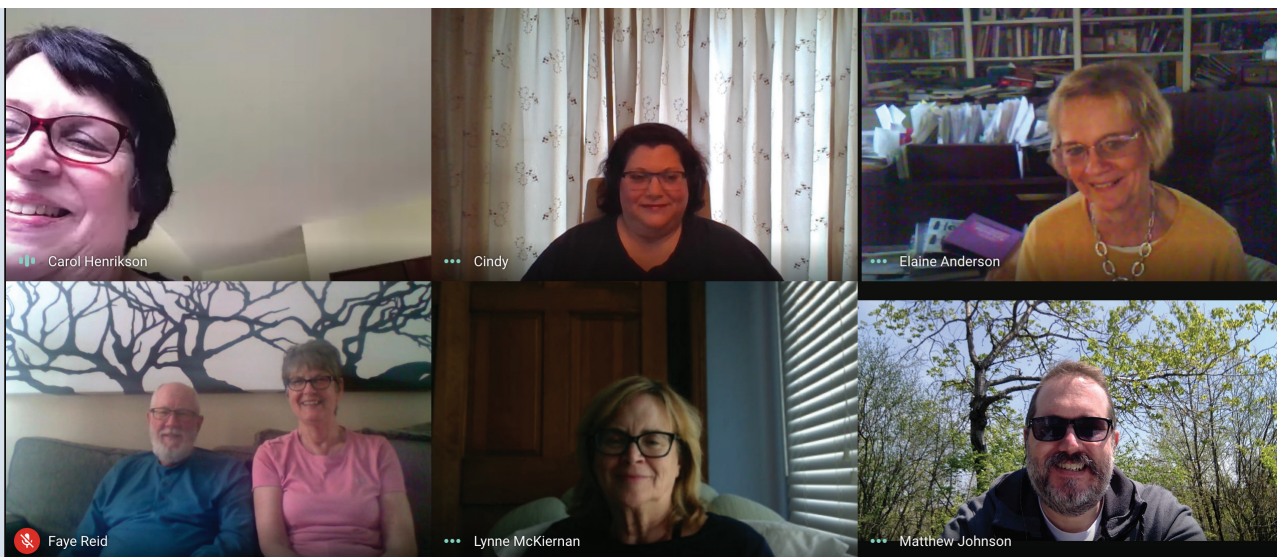


Leadership Council

neighbors—delivering food, making masks, offering donations, and, soon, working in the garden. Faith classes, both discussions and spiritual practices, have moved online with many active participants.

Neighborhood Connections is an opportunity for folks who live near one another to connect in online fellowship. We offered meeting times to seven communities during the first two weeks, most of those groups have continued and we have added several additional groups since then. For some of you the

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Fellowship Team



Member Care Team

STAYING CONNECTED *continued*

times are not convenient, for others there have been enough online meetings, and others are busy with your families at home. For many of us, however, these online gatherings give us respite. It is a chance to connect with friends and neighbors, to share stories and learn about each other. We inspire one another, learn new things and connect in a safer, more interesting space than we find on TV or YouTube.

As the State of Illinois and the Northern Illinois Conference of the UMC move slowly through the phases of re-opening, it will continue to be more appropriate to gather in small groups rather than as the entire body. We hope that these 32 neighborhood groups may offer an additional way for us to support one another in faith and fellowship as we continue to worship together online and to serve together while we are apart.

If you would like your neighborhood group to be one of the next opened up, please let Sharon Orr know and suggest a time and day that would work best for you. If you are interested in gathering another type of small group (an affinity group) please reach out to Elizabeth Schule or Paula Gordon with a membership list and a meeting time. Your church staff wants to help us continue to be the church for one another as we move forward together!



United Methodist Women

PENTECOST | *An invitation to the congregations*

Pentecost is celebrated 50 days after Easter, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. In celebration, we invite you to create an artistic response to share. We celebrate the God-given creativity of all our members, all media are welcome.

To help get your creative juices flowing, historic symbols for Pentecost are:

fire representing the Holy Spirit who came in tongues of fire on Pentecost
water representing new life and our baptismal commitment
wind representing God's first breath (ruach) at creation and the strong wind surrounding the disciples on that first Pentecost
dove representing the Holy Spirit who descended like a dove at Jesus' baptism
liturgical color red

For more information, email Patti Mangis, pmangis@barringtonumc.com.

Please upload files by Friday, May 22:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1xRpepxTxastmC8Gd0IzFKETxrb6km65>

GIVING

On behalf of the Finance Committee, we are very grateful for your generous support throughout this “stay-at-home” time. You make it possible for Barrington UMC to keep our vital ministries and missions moving forward, and our buildings maintained.

Thank you for all the donations we have received via the mail and all the donations that have been received online. It is truly humbling and inspirational.

Ways to continue giving:

Mail your regular donations to your home church:

Barrington UMC, 98 Algonquin Road, Barrington, IL 60010

First UMC West Dundee, 318 W. Main Street, West Dundee, IL 60118

Online through your bank's bill paying service;

Online through your church's website, www.barringtonumc.com or www.fumc wd.org, either of which will direct you to our provider of many years, Vanco Payment Solutions.

On your first visit, you will need to 'Create Your Online Profile' (on the lower right hand side). After you've entered your email and selected a password, you will first be asked for your donation amount and then be asked to select your method of payment which can be either a card or a bank account. You will receive a confirmation email.

After you have set up your profile, you can simply sign in and make a donation or pay for a special program.

Barrington UMC also offers a Text to Give option. Dial (847) 469-9048, set up your profile in a few steps, and enter an amount to give to the operating fund into the text line.

Each and every gift is always gratefully received, especially in this time when we are apart.

MASK SHORTAGES *by Sydney Whitley*

National shortages of masks have forced hospitals and other essential services to turn to a patchwork of local providers to provide protection for essential workers in the pandemic crisis. To answer the call, the First and BUMC “Face Mask Factory” has produced and donated over 1100 masks to help protect our community from the COVID-19 virus! Forty-five volunteers in our cottage industry have donated fabric, cut, and distributed mask-making kits to our network of sewers. The completed masks have been delivered to Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH) and other local hospitals, as well as congregation members, family and friends in our local community and across the country.

When I started sewing masks, I wasn’t intending to start an entire distribution system. I started sewing on my own after a friend in Indianapolis said that her group was making masks for a hospital in Evansville, Indiana. I used YouTube as my guide on the specifications and the most efficient methods.

Then on March 26, the University of Chicago implemented universal masking requirements and requested donations of home-made masks to supplement their supply of professional grade masks. Peggy Eastwood sent me and other seamstresses a link to the UC site, offering to deliver any masks we made for UC.



So we set out to start making masks.

By April 2, Northwest Community Healthcare expected to run out of masks and would now need them for all hospital workers. On April 3, offering fabric left over from the Rummage Sale, Linda Osikowicz put out the call to action to the UMW for sewers to get going. That afternoon, on a masked and socially distanced walk with Silvia Grabacki, we recruited the Bradford family teens right from their front yard. They offered to cut out fabric and elastic to make the first complete “kits”. Silvia and Tim also joined the effort, and Tim’s Scout skills were put to use in coiling elastic ‘just so’.

After announcing the need for workers in the April 4 pre-Palm Sunday email to the congregation, offers to help began pouring in from the BUMC and the First UMC of West Dundee congregations, and several congregation members recruited friends. Within four days, the first delivery of 197 masks was dropped off, and deliveries have been made twice a week since then.

Supplies

We have been fortunate to have a large donation of fabric that belonged to the late Barb West, an artist and crafter whose legacy is found in several art creations in the building. Folks have dug into their sewing baskets and found leftover fabric from previous projects, or cut up men’s cotton dress shirts or sheets. Lisa Bubolz found a bolt of Christmas fabric; Sharon Schule found 40 yards of muslin, which has been used as the back side of many of the masks. My daughter Allison ordered over 1000 yards of elastic, which has been in short supply due to the nationwide mobilization of mask-makers.

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This is a picture of the team that has been collecting supplies for NCH and distributing resources throughout our organization.

All of the staff at Northwest Community Healthcare that don’t care for patients wear these masks while here and our clinical employees wear these masks when moving around but not taking care of people. The masks have been a tremendous help and we appreciate every stitch from all of you. You are a tremendous help and a great benefit to our employees, our patients and their families.

*Thank you!!!!
Michael Hartke*

MASK SHORTAGES *continued*

Where else are our donations going?

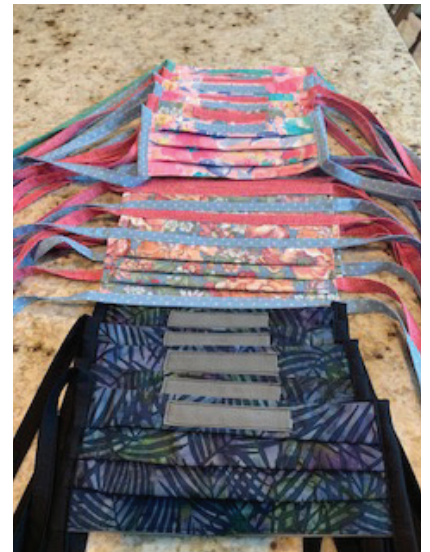
In addition to NCH, masks have been sent to many other facilities, including Advocate Good Shepherd, Sherman Hospital in Elgin, the Lake Zurich Library, and to individual clinicians or scientists at the University of Alabama Birmingham, the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, and New York Presbyterian Westchester Behavioral Health Center. New requests from House of Hope and Project Hope in Barrington and ChildServe in Elgin have come in recently as well.

Closer to home, we plan to make child-sized masks for the children of our Sunday Schools and the teens in the youth group. The BUMC kits of fabric and elastic are also helping to fulfill many individual requests from family and friends, which have been sent all over the country.

Volunteers

Approximately 45 volunteers from our congregations have contributed. At least one husband is an expert pleat ironer (who knew?). Don Dugger drops off supplies and picks up many completed masks produced by his friends the Szydlofskis. A young mother, the daughter of a congregant of First UMC of West Dundee, has managed to sew many masks while managing two preschoolers. Many have commented on the satisfaction it gives to participate.

Martha, one of Sam Oliver's friends who donated fabric, said "I wasn't one of the busy sewers, but my fabric donations gave me a happy feeling of contribution to the community in its time of special need. I like the thought that the community is pulling together for the health of all!"



Sue Dyon added, “Although I had not used my sewing machine in over 15 years, I volunteered for this project because I wanted to help and give something back. It takes me nearly 20 minutes to complete one mask, but I get a special feeling with each one I finish. Some days I make only 3 or 4 and other days it might be 12 or 15. I try and make at least 1 every day.”

Linda Osikowicz shared, “I do try to say a prayer for the recipients’ safety as I am sewing the masks. And, my mind goes back to ladies in the past who made bandages during previous wars and how people came together during WWII to deal with shortages of many things. We are part of a new and different war effort by pitching in to protect the people in our community.”

How you can help

Our neighbors will continue to need masks into the summer. In one hour, you can cut kits for about 50 masks, or sew about 6 masks. If you would like to volunteer to cut fabric or sew masks, contact Sydney Whitley at sparkerwhitley@gmail.com



THE OTTAWA-BARRINGTON GROWING PROJECT

Growing Hope Globally

Since our growing project began in 2004, Barrington UMC, Trinity Lutheran in Ottawa and our farmer partners have donated almost \$590,000 to programs that develop sustainable agriculture in the DRC, in Malawi and, more recently, in Nicaragua. Growing Hope Globally (formerly Foods Resource Bank) carefully vets and monitors the programs they support. All overseas programs are led by Christian organizations and all focus on supplying the agricultural training and resources to bring entire communities from starvation to success. Measured results show that \$55 donated through Growing Hope brings one person out of starvation for life. Last year, despite a truly difficult growing season, our project donated \$29,460 – enough to help 536 people!

Last year we supported two different programs in Nicaragua – Carazo Diriambe and Conquista Nandiame. **Carazo Diriambe** is a long established program of Church World Service in partnership with UMCOR. Diriambe is the third group of communities they have worked with to help overcome the difficulties of climate change, environmental degradation and drought. The program teaches conservation agriculture, encourages planting fruit trees and patio gardens and helps develop access to clean water. **Conquista Nandiame**, in the Pacific Dry Corridor, is led by World Renew, the mission arm of the Christian Reformed Church. Increasing temperatures and drought have dried up wells and required emergency food aid in this area. The program teaches dry farming techniques, has introduced alternative crops, and supports the development of clean drinking water systems.



**GROWING
HOPE**
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These are life changing interventions that keep families together in their homes and allow them to plan for their futures. Your support makes this happen.

How? Barrington UMC and Trinity Lutheran Church in Ottawa donate funds to pay for seeds, fertilizer and fuel for a certain number of acres of this year's crop. Our farmer partners donate use of their land, labor and equipment. When the crop is sold, the value of the production of those acres is given to Growing Hope Globally. Somehow, no matter how difficult the year, our harvest has been blessed and always increased our donations – something we celebrate together at the annual Harvest Festival.



Inputs for an acre of corn are \$830, a half-acre is \$415, and a quarter-acre \$208. Your donation in any amount makes a difference. To make a donation, please choose Growing Hope on the BUMC giving page or send a check to BUMC, 98 Algonquin Road, Barrington 60010 and mark Growing Hope in the memo line.

The sweet corn is coming!

John and Sue Hughes plant a special patch of sweet corn each year especially for BUMC members to support the Ottawa-Barrington partnership. Kevin and Marge Nelson come up on a Sunday in July and distribute bags of 6 or 12 ears from the portico. Our members give a freewill donation to GHG.

This picture shows John Hughes planting OUR sweet corn on Monday, April 20, 2020. (His granddaughter Jane is supervising.) The picture was taken by John's daughter and sent to Kevin Nelson.

Faith is foundational to farming. Kevin will be here in July to distribute the sweet corn—even if we have to manage it a little differently than usual. You can plan on it!



MISSION UPDATES

Thank you for your generous contributions!

Your response to this appeal for donations has been amazing. At the time of this mailing, over \$10,000 has been donated to the Food Bank to be matched. Our dollars are making a difference in the lives of so many of our neighbors. If you have not had a chance to contribute, it is not too late. Throughout May, the United Methodist Foundation is offering a dollar for dollar match for donations to food pantries. This match is limited to \$50,000

Double your donation today by giving online or sending a check marked 'food pantry support' to your church. The Noisy Offering from First UMC for May is also designated to the FISH Food Pantry. Thank you!



Tree of Life Thank You

While our summer mission trip cannot happen this year, we celebrate the support that has been given to this United Methodist Ministry. Your donations toward the excellent work that Linda Garriott and her team are doing are much appreciated. Together we have moved them that much closer to an expanded kitchen for their daily soup kitchen and their demonstration kitchen, garden and greenhouses. Linda's goal is always to teach self-reliance and love through her ministry.

The Reservation is closed to outsiders this summer as the Council tries to protect their people. They are expecting their Covid-19 peak to arrive in late June or July.

Please keep everyone in prayer, but especially those who enter into this pandemic with less – less health care, less food, less running water, less ...



ChildServ Elgin

ChildServ's lead social worker in Elgin has stopped by our portico twice since Palm Sunday to collect your generous gifts of diapers, wipes, cleaning products and flannel blankets. The team continues to counsel their client families virtually each week and to stop by their homes to drop off necessities and books at a safe social distance. Thank you for your in-kind gifts and gift cards. Your support helps these young mothers give their children a better start in life.



Congregational Garden

There will be a Congregational Garden this year and there will be plenty of opportunities for YOU to volunteer (at a healthy distance from one another).

The seedlings are already started at Horchers Country Flowers in Wheeling. Lou Schairer checks on their progress regularly. Bill West waited impatiently for our fields to dry out and has finally been able to start plowing so that he can turn in some fertilizer to amend the soil in accordance with the test results we've received. Once tilling is complete, a small team is ready set out the irrigation, and by June there will be plenty of opportunity for you to help set out the seedlings; plant hills of squash, cucumbers and pumpkins; set out tomato cages; and weed, weed, weed.

Last year, the Congregational Garden produced 34,167 pounds of produce that was shared across seven food pantries in Kane, McHenry, Lake and Cook Counties. Every year, we know that we have hungry neighbors that need nutritious fresh produce. This year, we know that there is already 40% more need and that, until the food supply chain catches up, grocery stores won't have as much excess to give to the food pantries. The garden is a great way for you to help out AND a great opportunity to safely get out of your house and work alongside friends. Plan to join us!



MISSION UPDATES

Thank you for your support of UMCOR Sunday

Thank you for your continuing support of UMCOR through Special Sunday envelopes at BUMC, through the March and April Noisy Offerings and Lenten Pence boxes at First UMC, and through designated online giving to your church. Together our churches have sent over \$8,000 to UMCOR this month.

Most recently, UMCOR has opened a Covid-19 Response Fund offering:

... grants that will be rapidly released to equip partners to assist vulnerable populations around the world impacted by COVID-19, including racial/ethnic and indigenous communities in the United States. Grants from this fund will be disbursed quickly and efficiently to address health concerns, food insecurity, water and hygiene limitations and other pressing needs.

Donations to support the work of UMCOR are always a good investment. Gifts can be given through your church either by mail or on the online giving page.

Palm Sunday Donations for FISH Food Pantry

Thank you for shopping in your closets (or adding to your shopping order) to provide hygiene and grocery items for the FISH Food Pantry. These items were gratefully received. As promised, the blue bins for food pantry donations remain outside the front doors under the portico ready to receive additional donations.



We celebrate everyone who is Living Church!

To those who are cutting fabric, sewing and delivering masks—*thank you!*

To those who have stepped up to help out at FISH Food Pantry—*thank you!*

To those who continue to provide meals to PADS of Elgin—*thank you!*

To the team that delivers Meals with Wheels in Barrington—*thank you!*

To those who reached deep to make an extra donation to local food pantries—*thank you!*

To those preparing to help in the Congregational Garden—*thank you!*

To those newly working from home with all the changes that entails—*thank you!*

To those teaching and learning and supporting learning online—*thank you!*

To those for whom 40 days of isolation has been difficult—*thank you!*

To those who must go out to work to keep the rest of us safe and fed—*thank you!*

To those who pray for healing, hope and safety—*thank you!*

Reach Guatemala update

Please pray for our students and their families in Guatemala. The country is under strict stay at home orders that include a curfew, mandatory use of masks, and a suspension of public transport. The fines for violations are very high. As of May 4, over 700 cases of Covid-19 had been reported. With people unable to work, many are in need of food and medicine. Additionally, a quarter of overseas remittances have stopped according to Oxfam*. The government and aid agencies are struggling to provide relief.

*Oxfam is a global organization working to end the injustice of poverty. We help people build better futures for themselves, hold the powerful accountable, and save lives in disasters.

MISSION UPDATES

PADS of Elgin Thanks to emergency funding through the United Way, the State of Illinois, and Kane County; PADS clients are now housed in a hotel in Elgin. Wellness checks, food deliveries, protective masks, cleaning supplies, and other daily needs as well as comprehensive case management service continue to be provided by the staff.

Thank you to the yarn ministry at First UMC for making wash clothes for the shelter. Currently, requested donations include: snacking items in small sizes, Tide pods, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes and crossword or word search books. You can find the list on their website: <https://www.padsfelgin.org/needs>. The clothing closet is filled at this time.

Thank you to the faithful team at First UMC and all the other groups that continue to provide meals. PADS is feeding between 35 and 40 people at each meal. There is a need for additional meals dropped off on Thursday to be used throughout the week-end. All meals and donations should be dropped off at the front door of 1730 Berkley Street, please call first (847) 608-9744 to ensure that a staff member will be there to receive the food, and thank you.

Spirit Lake Ministry Center

A United Methodist VIM destination supported by First UMC West Dundee and Epworth UMC

The shoebox ministry continues, please collect small toys, hygiene items, school supplies, socks, hats and gloves for children from babies to age 12. Your help to wrap empty shoeboxes would be graciously accepted – contact Marcia for a delivery of boxes and paper.

Other in-kind items requested for the Ministry Center:

Good condition children's books for the new library being built on the reservation.

Basketballs and sweat bands for the youth program.

Good condition tools for carpentry or small engine repair for their apprenticeship program.

If you would like to donate any of these items, reach out to Marcia for a pick up or participate in the Porch Pickup Program.



Porch Drop-off & Pick-up If you live in the western neighborhoods of our churches and have items to donate, you can participate. There are currently two porches available for dropping off items at your convenience:

Marcia's Porch
11663 Joan Ave.
Huntley, IL 60142

Linda & Dave's Porch
1818 Van Dyke Lane
Carpentersville, IL 60110

Items dropped off will be delivered to our ministry partners, particularly PADS of Elgin. If you prefer to have items picked up from your porch, please contact Marcia at (331) 276-7979 to set up a day.



Missions continue at FUMC West Dundee, and your care for others has been gracious, bountiful and filled with the utmost love.

Our Yarn Ministry team took on the call to make wash clothes needed for the PADS shelter to get to families.

Individuals and Families have assured that food and hygiene items are collected and delivered to PADS and FISH Food Pantry.

Shoebox ministry gifts for the kids are being made and gathered.

WOW! You are an amazing team for God's Service here in our world. Thank you so much for keeping missions active in our church. As we move forward, below are more ways we can continue to serve each day. —*Marcia Buchs*



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 (see page 17). We “gather” at 10:00 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.

Unfortunately, Mission u has been cancelled for the summer. The study books are available; the spiritual growth study is Finding Peace in an Anxious World by the staff of Urban Village Church in Chicago and is based on “The Serenity Prayer.” The topic was chosen a few years ago, yet is so timely. It is available through:

www.umwmissionresources.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=53481



Faith Talks are monthly conversations with United Methodist Women hosted by Jennifer R Farmer, Spotlight PR. Each conversation explores themes and resources that empower us to put faith, hope and love into action. Past podcasts are available at www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/faithtalks

Some of the topics include grief (the five stages of grief, what the Bible says about grief, and ways we can support one another) and faithfulness and worship in the time of coronavirus. Upcoming Faith Talks are:

Thursday, May 21 at 5:00 p.m.: Faith Talks: Emotion and Anxiety with Trudy Rankin

Thursday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m.: Faith Talks: Caring for the Body with Ghylian Bell

Looking for something to read? **response**, an award-winning publication, is the official magazine of United Methodist Women and is published by the national office. Each issue will touch your heart, stir your soul, and challenge your mind. Topics and issues cover spiritual growth, mission outreach and reports on our local, national and international work. Selected articles can be found at:

www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/response

We are so sorry our annual geranium sale was canceled this year but look forward to our sale in 2021!



United Methodist Women national and international missions are working hard to maintain and increase their services as the need becomes greater. Sometimes it is so interesting to see how God has been at work! In 2019, the women’s work coordinator of the North Katanga Annual Conference in Central Africa applied for an Economic Development Grant from United Methodist Women. The \$14,000 grant the Conference received was earmarked to train women in soap-making in 24 Districts of North Katanga Annual Conference in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



“Under the leadership of Honorine Mujing Mwaad and her team, one step at a time the women of North Katanga Annual Conference were transforming their lives through the soap-making grant from United Methodist Women,” noted Grace Musuka.

Little did the North Katanga Annual Conference in DRC know how valuable its soap-making enterprise would turn out to be. In response to COVID-19, the women, through their phone networks, are sharing the message about staying at home, washing hands with soap and praying. They are using the soap in their homes and distributing it to widows and orphans as well as selling some. The women and young adults trained in soap-making are going a step further to train other women in this skill.

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.

Update | Traveling Tea Party The Traveling Tea Party has been suspended until further notice. If you are in need of meals or of transportation to a medical appointment, 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 may still be available for meals and rides, as people are available to help. Please contact the church office for more information.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

The Reading Program is a cherished United Methodist Women tradition that brings together members in mission as they explore, share and discuss the books. Reading Program books are divided into five categories and are available for people of all ages and reading levels. As you read, track your progress using the Reporting Form. When you submit the Report of Completion Requirements, you will be recognized with a Certificate of Recognition.

Earning your Certificate of Recognition is just one way to show what you've gained from the Reading Program. The Reading Program is not meant to be completed alone or in a vacuum. Below are just a few suggested books. Visit unitedmethodistwomen.org/readingprogram.

We Kiss Them With Rain

by Futhi Ntshingila

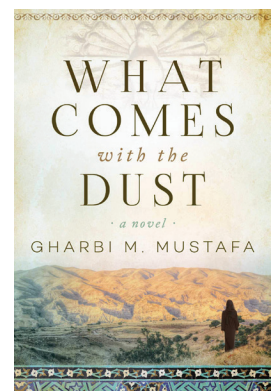
Life wasn't always this hard for 14-year-old Mvelo. There were good times living with her mother and her mother's boyfriend. Now her mother is dying of AIDS, and what happened to Mvelo is the elephant in the room. In this modern-day Shakespeare-style comedy set in a squatter camp outside Durban, South Africa, appearances are a façade and the things that are revealed provide Mvelo with a golden opportunity to change her fate.



What Comes With The Dust

by Gharbi M. Mustafa

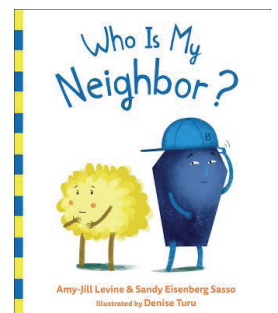
This slim, profound novel illuminates the plight of those living under the Islamic State as well as the spirit of the Yazidi people—similar to how *The Kite Runner* and *The Swallows of Kabul* shed light on the Taliban regime. It tells the story of Yazidi women Nazo and Soz as they fight to survive.



Who Is My Neighbor

by Amy-Jill Levine, Sandy Eisenberg Sasso and Denise Turu, Illustrator

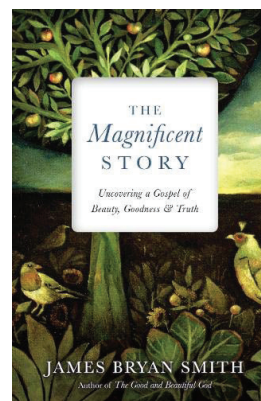
Blues and Yellows just don't mix, and that's how it's always been. No one remembers why. But then comes the day Midnight Blue takes a tumble along the road. His friends Navy and Powder Blue don't even stop to help! It's only when Yellow comes along that everything changes—forever.



The Magnificent Story: Uncovering A Gospel of Beauty, Goodness and Truth

by James Bryan Smith

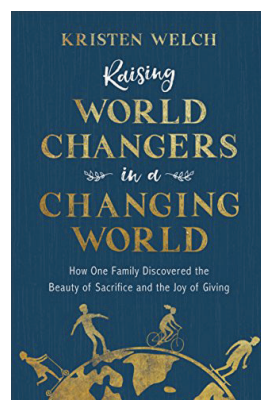
Any story worth giving the power to shape our lives must pass a simple test: Is it beautiful, good and true? If it is, then it is a magnificent story and that is where transformation takes place. This spiritual formation resource will help people understand the magnificent story of Christ. Uncover the true story of beauty, goodness and truth that will satisfy the ultimate longings of your heart.



Raising World Changers in a Changing World: How One Family Discovered The Beauty of Sacrifice and the Joy of Giving

by Kristen Welch

This inspiring book shows parents how to discover and instill in their kids the profound joy of sharing our gifts—our time, our talents, and even our money—with those who have less. Through powerful personal stories as well as Scripture, Kristen Welch offers a tantalizing, powerful alternative to status-quo parenting. At the end of each chapter, Welch’s kids offer their perspective on what it’s like to be raised as a world changer.



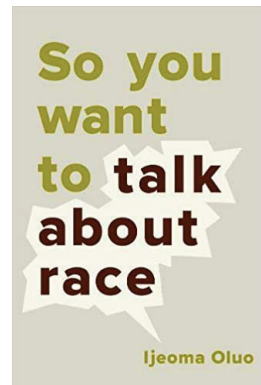
So You Want To Talk About Race

by Ijeoma Oluo

Ijeoma Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from intersectionality and affirmative action to “model minorities” in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race and racism, and how they infect almost every aspect of American life.

“Oluo gives us—both white people and people of color—that language to engage in clear, constructive, and confident dialogue with each other about how to deal with racial prejudices and biases.”

—National Book Review





CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES!

Ashleigh Angel

Daughter of Dana and Rich Angel
Graduated from Vermont
Law School with Juris Doctorate
and MA in Food and Agriculture Law
and Policy



Elliot Kathleen Grantz

Granddaughter of
Bob and Sam Oliver
Graduated from The University
of Louisville with a Master of Science
in Sustainability.



Ava Dahnke

Daughter of Jeff and Maria Dahnke
Graduated from Barrington
High School and will attend
Northwestern University to study
Chemical Engineering



Christopher Guerra

Son of Luis and Rebecca Guerra
Graduated from Barrington
High School and will be attending
Michigan State University to study
Physical Therapy



Jackson Bradford

Son of Sandra Ficke-Bradford and Neal Bradford
Graduated from The Chicago Academy for the
Arts, Dance Major

James Harley

Son of Elizabeth Harley
Graduated from Indiana University
with a Bachelor of Science in Business

Catherine (Cate) Brashler

Daughter of Dave and Jamie Brashler
Graduated from Station Middle School and will be
attending Barrington High School

Nina Hugi

Granddaughter of Maggie and David Lamb
Graduated from Carmel Catholic High School and
will attend Sweet Briar College

Stephanie Fu

Daughter Jim and Sharon Fu
Graduated from Westminster
Christian School and will be
attending Loyola University



Kyle Johnson

Son of Tim and Leanne Johnson
Graduated from Saint Viator
High School and will attend
Adrian College to study
Communication and Minor in Theatre



Noah Gingrich

Son of Sharron Gingrich
Graduated from North Central College with a
Bachelor of Arts in Sports Management

Mary McNeill

Daughter of Holly and Mark McNeill
Graduated from Dundee-Crown
High School and will attend
a school in Oregon to study Psychology



Ashlyn

Graduated from Fremd High School and will attend Illinois
State University to study Elementary Education

Erika Medina

Daughter of Sara and Basy Medina
Graduated from Barrington High School and
will attend Harper College



Ben Meitzler

Son of Rick and Pam Meitzler
Graduated from Barrington
High School and will attend
Loyola University to study Global Studies,
International Relations

Kinga Rzezinowska

Granddaughter of Del and Irena Haagen
Graduated from DePaul Univeristy
with a Bachelor of Arts in Educaiton

Inka Rzezinowska

Granddaughter of Del and Irena Haagen
Graduated from Hoffman Estates High School and
will attend Northwestern University to
study Linguistics

Anna Nourbash

Daughter of Shannon &
Paul Nourbash
Graduated from Barrington
High School and will attend the
University of Southern California to
study Biochemistry



Elena Sloan

Daughter of Georgia McWhorter
Graduated from HD Jacobs
High School and will attend
Ball State University to study
Pre-Med and Biochemistry



Sophia Oliver

Grandaughter of Bob and
Sam Oliver
Graduated from Fremd High
School and will be attending
Fordham University to study English



Sierra Travez

Daughter of Jamie and Shari Travez
Graduated from Dundee Middle School
and will be attending Jacobs High School

Zachary Preucil

Son of Walt & Stephanie Preucil
Graduated from the University of Wisconsin
with a PhD of Musical Arts

Mitch Walsh

Son of Mike and Shelly Walsh
Graduated from Huntley
High School and will attend
Florida Gulf Coast University
to study Civil Engineering and
Construction Management



James Preucil

Son of Walt & Stephanie Preucil
Graduated from The James B Conant
High School and will attend The Juilliard School

*Congratulations to
our graduates,
both listed here
and in our hearts!*



WELCOME LUIS LANDA!

Luis joined the BUMC staff in March and has been a pleasure to get to know. He has an amazing willingness to work and his level of commitment has far exceeded our expectations!

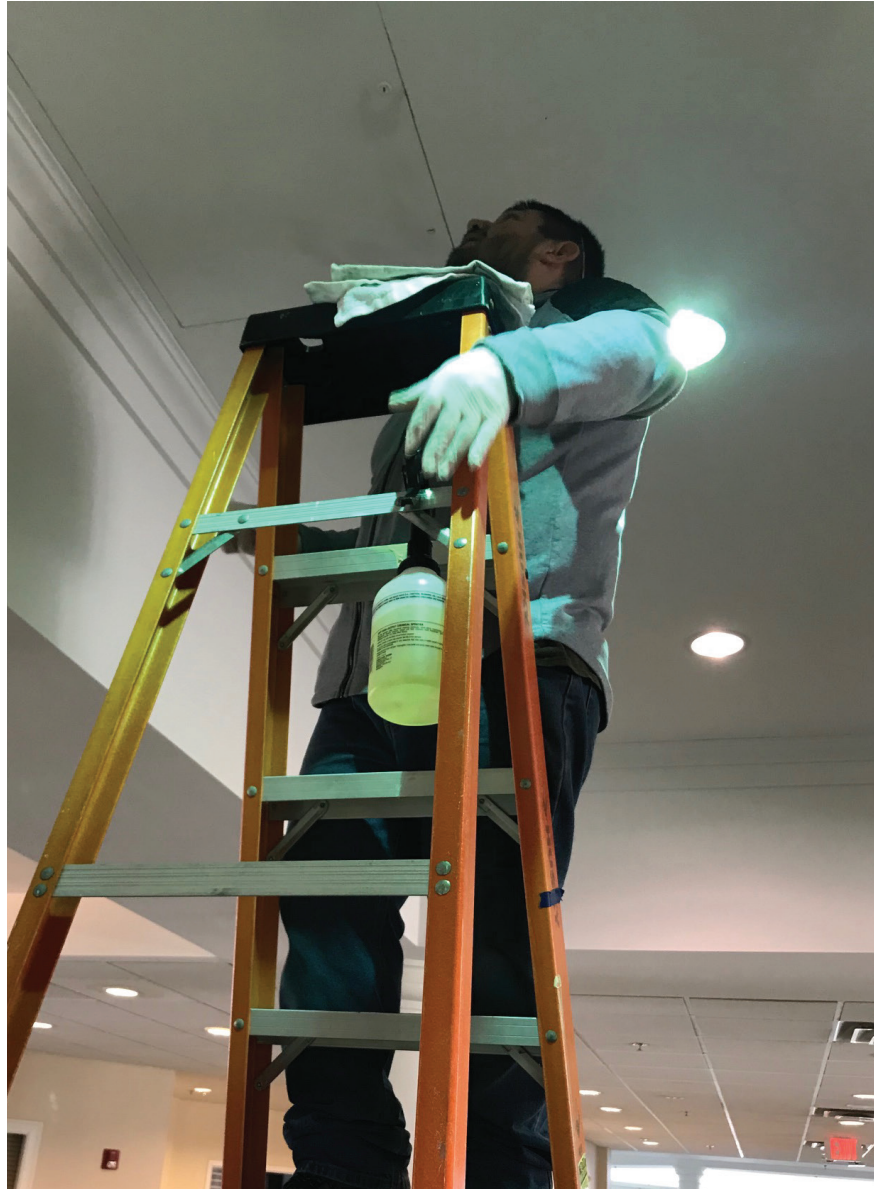


Our stay-in-place order has allowed him lots of time to do some of the deep cleaning we would normally do through the summer. He has quickly found his way around the building and continually finds new projects!

We are so excited for him to meet more congregation members and see how busy the Church can be. He is already commenting about how busy we are, and truly no one is around!

Watch for his smiling face next time you visit the Church.







YOUTH MINISTRY

I want to begin by offering a huge CONGRATULATIONS to all our graduates!

This has been an unusual year, and I know many of you are missing some of the traditions that you earned, but now cannot participate in. Know that your church family is loving and congratulating you from a safe distance, and praying for your next steps. We cannot wait to see what God has in store for you next.

I would also like to invite all rising 6th through 12th graders to join us on Sunday evenings at 6:15 p.m. for Virtual God's Squad. We hang out, chat, catch up, fellowship, and do a short devotional. It is a time to see our GS family's faces, and to stay connected to our friends. All are welcome. If you would like to participate, please contact me at bbevers@barringtonumc.com for the link.

As summer begins, know that I am praying for each of you. Though we are not able to connect in the ways we normally do over the summer, with camps and mission trips, the youth team is planning some fun and creative ways for us to be together! Watch the Banner, Instagram and the Facebook page for more info!

Blessings to each of you. Know that I am with you, even as we are apart. I would love to hear from you. If you need anything, or just want to chat, hit me up! I miss you guys!

Blessings and Peace, Pastor Bonnie

God's Squad: We have scheduled virtual God's Squad at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday evenings. Contact Pastor Bonnie, bbevers@barringtonumc.com, for the link.

Confirmation: We have scheduled virtual gatherings at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings. meet.google.com/jee-paag-fte

Multisite Family & Youth Facebook Page: Stay connected with the multisite families and youth by joining the facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/bumcyouthgroup/



FAMILY MINISTRY

Back to Basics

VBS Family Style, June 15–19

Due to the COVID-19 safety recommendations, we can not offer our community VBS this summer. Undeterred, our Family Ministry Team put their heads together and created “Back to Basics: VBS Family Style” as a summer outlet for our multisite families.

At ‘Back to Basics,’ families will travel through six stations (two craft stations and game, science, music and Bible story stations). Families will be given a time to arrive and then will travel the stations as a family, socially distanced from other families, throughout the morning.

A family donation of \$10 is requested to cover supplies. If you are interested in learning more, contact Susan Brown, sbrown@barringtonumc.com.



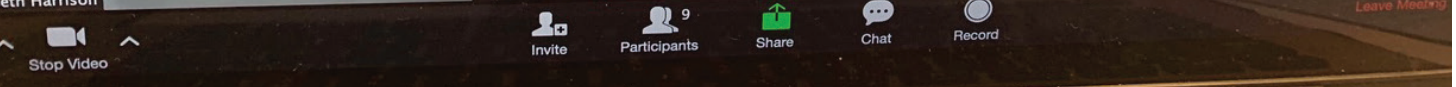
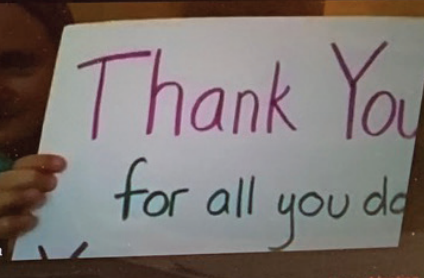
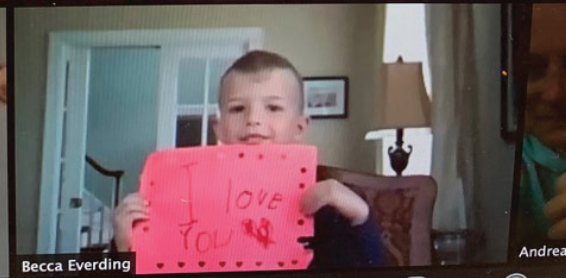
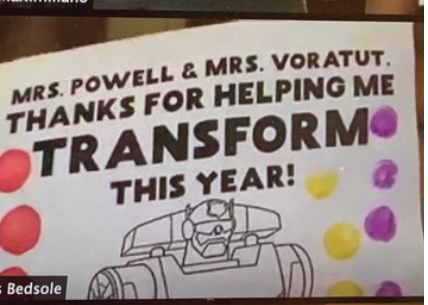
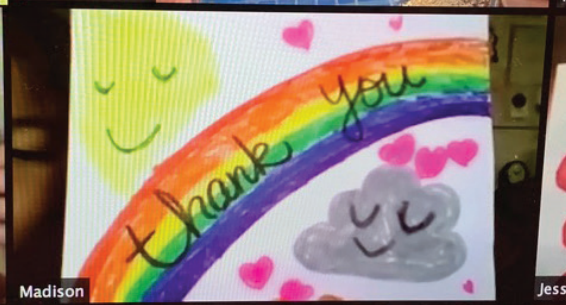
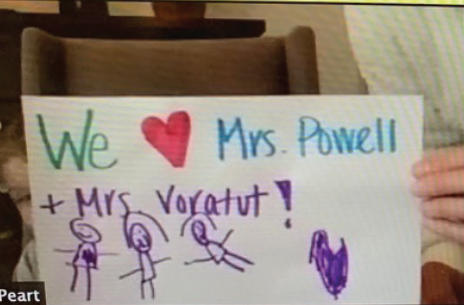
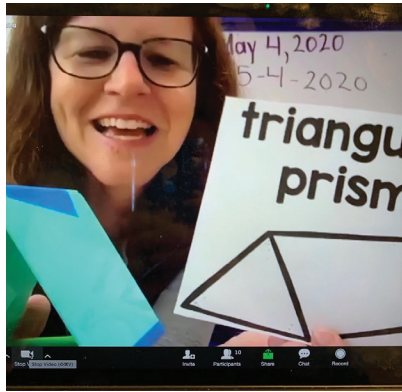


NOAH'S ARK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

We are so proud of all of our students and all of our amazing teachers!

Registration is open for our 2020/2021 school year. Please contact Susan Brown, Director of Noah's Ark Christian Academy, if you have any questions about school programming this fall.





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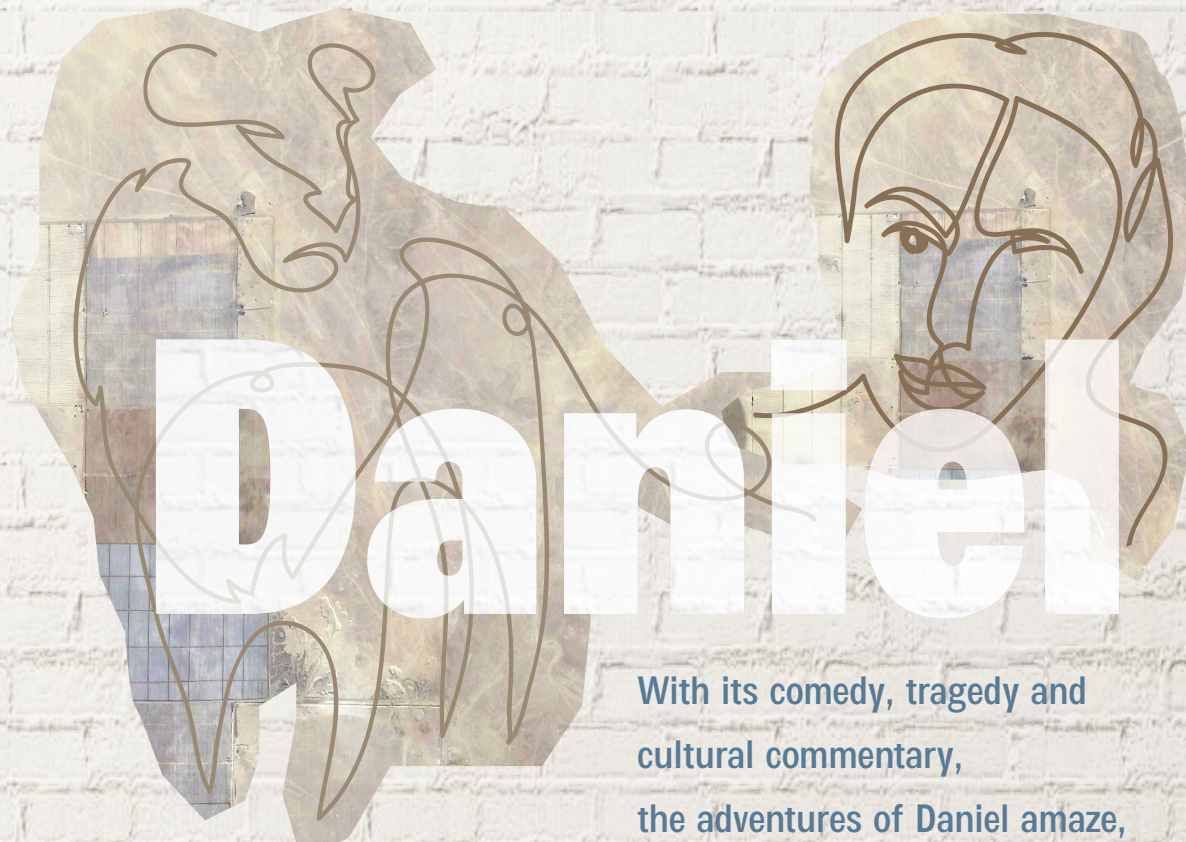
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