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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For the health and safety of our collective community, we are working with our multisite Heath Team to create a safe space for our gatherings. In September, outdoor worship services will be available in the BUMC parking lot at 9:30 a.m. Online worship services can be viewed each Sunday at 8:00 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
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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.

Trinity Center
1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville IL 60110
You and your neighbors are invited to join this emerging worship. 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.

Words of Assurance

Bind us together Lord, bind us together

With cords that can never be broken

Bind us together Lord, bind us together

Bind us together in love.

Friends, the message I need you to hear is that Barrington United Methodist Church and our partner multi-site churches are alive and well. We continue to be the church and to do what God calls us to do. I am also urging you to continue your support. Our expenses have not diminished. We are still doing ministry. Even though our buildings are not as open as they were in early Spring, we still have to heat, cool, insure and maintain them. Our full staff continues work at our usual frenetic pace and our support for the global church and our ministry partners is ongoing.

I am so incredibly moved by the ways the people of Barrington United Methodist Church have stayed connected during this unprecedented time in our world. We continue to connect with one another through our weekly online worship experiences and notes of encouragement from the pastors. Pastor Matthew's Saturday Spins—AKA the on-line dance parties—have been well attended. Our neighborhood groups, UMW and Practical Christianity for Men are going strong.

We have also stayed connected by working together to serve others. Our Congregational Garden to date has produced over 13,000 pounds of fresh produce, all of which has been donated to those in need through local food pantries. Our Mask Makers have sown and delivered nearly 3000 face coverings for hospitals, healthcare facilities, Noah's Ark Christian Academy and others. Our Community Meal served over 150 take-out meals in August and could have served more and our friends with Growing Hope Globally delivered fresh sweet corn as a thank you for your generous support of our growing project.

Our Youth Ministry Team is finding ways to meet through parking lot picnics and Portico Gatherings to care for our children and youth. Our Member Care team and pastors have been reaching out to our friends who find it even harder to get out and around during this pandemic and we have heard numerous stories of text

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Words of Assurance *continued*

messages, phone calls and socially distanced gatherings among our members and constituents as we care for one another.

We know that many of our members and constituents have suffered financially during this outbreak. Others are doing ok and some are even experiencing a small increase in their discretionary income because they are not going on vacation or out to dinner like they did previously. Our giving is always diminished during the summer but going into the fall with a deficit causes me even more anxiety than in previous years because of the uncertainty around us.

If you are someone who likes to give their gift on Sunday morning at worship, please consider “catching up” by either sending a gift in the mail or electronically. If you can give an extra gift, please consider doing so. If your circumstances cause you to need to adjust your planned giving, please let me or Lynne Richardson know so we can plan accordingly. Please know that every gift and every giver is appreciated. Your efforts and your faithfulness uplift and inspire our entire church community. Stay safe and God bless you as we continue to negotiate these difficult days together.

Rev. Chris Winkler

Enjoy Outdoor Worship in the Barrington UMC Parking Lot!

9:30 a.m. each Sunday in September

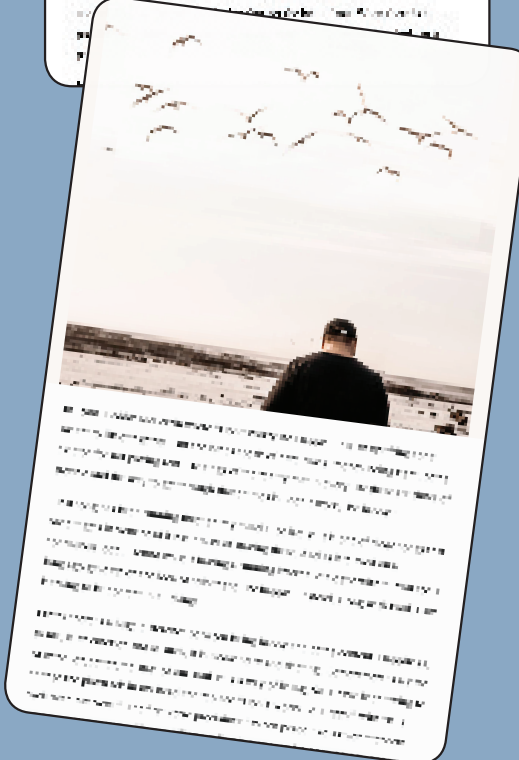
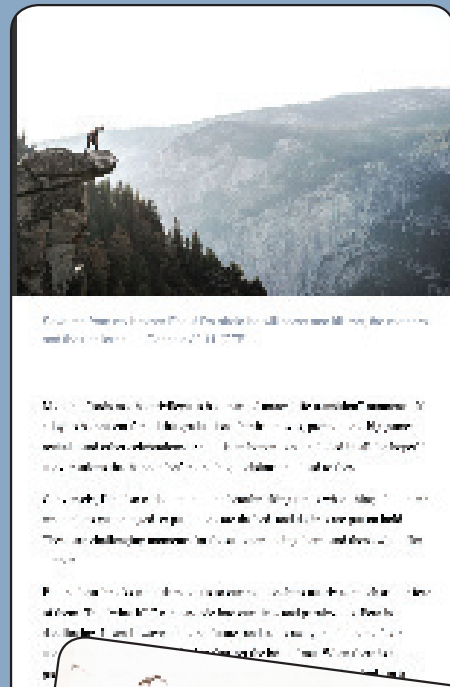
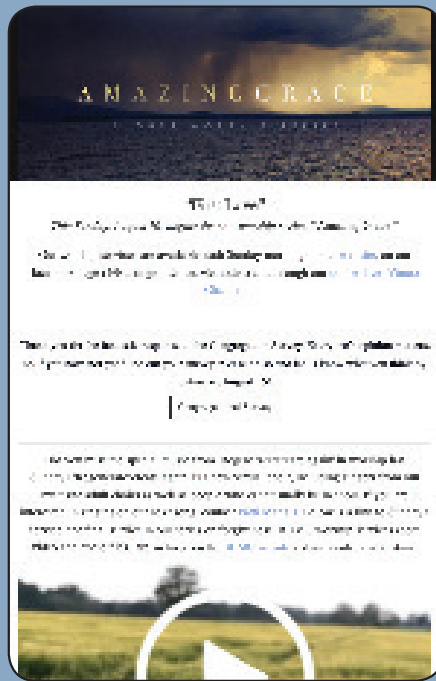
We are so excited to worship with you in person! Throughout September, all are welcome to outdoor worship as we kick off our new series “Food for the Soul.” Reservations are required through the website link below. Instructions will be sent prior to each service with last minute details. All attendees are asked to enter the parking lot from Algonquin Road/IL-62 only. After entering the parking lot, last-minute information will be given and sealed communion elements will be distributed using a no-touch process. You may also choose to bring your own elements from home if you prefer.

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

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

Our online worship services will continue to be central to the life of the church, and will be posted at 8:00 a.m. each week. Please note Outdoor Worship on September 13 will replace our previously scheduled Picnic in the Parking Lot.





Are you receiving our emails?

Each Thursday, receive an e-newsletter with opportunities to connect and engage in worship, fellowship, faith formation and mission.

Throughout the week, receive notes of encouragement from Pastors Chris, Matthew and Wendy.

If you are not receiving your weekly emails, please contact Becky Lemna, blemna@barringtonumc.com.

If you would like to update your contact information or be added to the email list, contact Elizabeth Schule, eschule@barringtonumc.com.



MASK PROJECT DONATES 2,700 MASKS

The BUMC Community Mask Making Project has contributed 2700 homemade cloth masks since April to several partner agencies and mission organizations. In July, 250 children's masks were delivered to BUILD Chicago (buildchicago.org) at its city-block-large facility on the West Side of Chicago. This intervention, prevention, education, enrichment, and wellness program is doing incredible work to keep children safe and away from gangs. We have also donated masks to JourneyCare in Barrington for use by family members visiting patients with serious illnesses. An additional batch has been delivered to Kids Above All, a UMC mission, for its foster care and group home programs.

Thank you to everyone who is cutting, sewing, and delivering material and masks for the project. If you would like more information about the Mask Making Project, please contact Sydney Whitley, sparkerwhitley@gmail.com.



Can you help?

As we enter into September, we need your help to finish this year financially strong.

Help our ministry leaders as they look at the needs of 2021.

Help our faith leaders build programming to reach those within our multisite congregations in addition to those we have yet to meet.

Every gift and every giver is appreciated!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Prison Ministries | Portico Collection, August 30–September 27

While we won't be providing interview clothing to Nicasa as we usually do because the Rummage Sale is delayed, we can still help Nicasa with transitions from prisons into halfway houses and homes by providing toiletry kits or supplies. The following donations can be left in the Prison Ministry bin found under the BUMC portico:

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| Shampoo | Toothbrushes and Toothpaste | |
| Deodorant | Soap | Washcloth |
| Hairbrush and/or comb | Diapers | Sanitary Products |



Pictured left to right are Keith Leoni, John Maxson, Steve Middleton, Bill Bible, Bill West, Keith Leuthold, Joanne Rapp, Jim Finn, Lynn Grant, Mike Rapp, Suzanne Bible, Mark Ciesla and Nancy Middleton during our 2019 collection.

Carpentersville Community Meal

Our August "Table to Table" Carpentersville Community Meal drive-through distribution brought many new faces needing a hot meal. Thank you to the 20 willing volunteers that helped cook and distribute the packaged food safely. They went above and beyond the original basic food safety protocols to prepare 158 meals. Thank you to our garden team for providing fresh vegetables to all those that received our prepared meals. Thank you to each of the volunteers for their selfless act to serve the way Jesus taught us. We are truly blessed to have many amazing helpers.

Saturday, September 19, will be our next "Table to Table" Community Meal in the same pick-up format. Please register through the community meal website, carpentersvillecommunitymeal.org. Please know we are unable to guarantee walk-up requests. Pick up time at Trinity Center is Saturday, September 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

In September, we are increasing our meal count to 225 prepared meals to meet the growing demand. This increase in meals has doubled our cost to approximately \$898 each month.

If you would like to contribute any amount to support "Table to Table" Carpentersville Community Meal, please send your donation to BUMC and indicate Community Meal on the envelope. Spare change adds up just as well as a check.

School Supplies to Church Kids

The First UMC Family collected enough school supplies to support all 28 children from Pre-School to Seniors in High School. We gathered all the items, assembled them, and delivered the packages to the porch of each student in church. Some smiles were seen through the house windows or doors, many texts of joy and thanks were also received. We hope this simple act of kindness brought joy to those students starting school remotely this fall. We will continue to lift all our children, teachers and parents in prayer as school gets underway. Blessings and thanks to all who donated, organized, and delivered. The few extras will go to our Shoebox Ministry.



First UMC provides PADS Lunches and Blessing Bags

We continue to provide lunches once a month to PADS of Elgin Homeless Shelter. We still need some help supporting this program in November and December. Donations of bread, lunch meat, canister lemonade mix, coffee, paper plates, paper cups, paper bowls, silverware, individual snack items, 4-pound bags of sugar, lunch bags, sandwich bags, laundry pods, hand soap, pine sol cleaner, hand sanitizer, and paper towels are needed.

Our church has done a fantastic job remembering those that need a helping hand to get their feet on the ground. PADS continues to help individuals and families find homes and stay employed during this time. PADS continues to counsel with the goal that each individual will only be at the shelter a max of 90 days. This is a wonderful program with many success stories.

This fall, we would like to assemble blessing bags as PADS has seen an increase of individuals that need some items to get by for a day or two. Blessing bags, made with one-gallon zip lock bags, include a small bottle water, a pair of socks, a small bottle of hand sanitizer, a mask, a granola bar, chapstick, a pen, a small notebook, a zip lock sandwich bag, plastic silverware, a fruit cup, a small bottle of lotion, band-aids, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a comb, and mints. Please drop off items at Marcia's porch by October 12.

Did you know?

Barrington UMC and First UMC have been busy cleaning and sanitizing the buildings in preparation for the return of in-person, small group meetings. The health teams continue to monitor regulations and recommendations to provide a safe environment.

EXALTATION RINGERS

The Exaltation Ringers played for church on March 8th, and on March 13th, we received the news church services would be starting in a virtual format that next Sunday. The first couple of weeks were eerily quiet as we all hunkered down. Many made masks, and some worked essential jobs. It was hard to grasp that we had no idea how long this would last. I sent an email to the bells on March 23rd and was so happy to hear from everybody. Patti suggested we all do a Google Group meeting on March 31st to stay connected, and we have been meeting virtually ever since. It's surprising how much you miss your friends' faces. An email was good, but a smiling face was so much better!

It seems we have a different group every week which keeps things interesting and now, 20 some weeks later, I think we find that we have helped each other through some difficult times and shared joys and so much more. We're forming a plan to begin ringing again. First in small groups and then, as things open up, we hope to have our full complement of ringers joined by our church's talented instrumentalists. We're looking forward to making a joyful noise unto the Lord; we just want to do it safely.

If you would like to learn more about Exaltation Ringers, please send me, Laura Olsen, an email, lolsen@barringtonumc.com.



VIRTUAL CHOIR

The shelter in place order meant no more choir rehearsal. But I didn't want us to lose touch or to stop singing. We began hosting "Chancel Choir Happy Hours" by Google Meet on Thursday nights during our regular rehearsal time. After a couple of months of gathering to encourage one another, we decided to start rehearsing virtually. Every one mutes themselves so all can hear my instructions and piano playing and then sings at home. While certainly not the same, singers express gratitude to be singing. We end with prayer and a sung benediction.

Since mid-March our worship has been led by a virtual trio comprised of Seth Durbin, Jenna Hessel and Patti Mangis. Now we have begun a new choir called **regenerate:create again**. This is a virtual choir that records songs for use in worship. Some of the singers are members of our multisite adult choirs; others are people who like to sing but can't usually be in choir. We aim to produce about one virtual choir piece a month.

We are grateful for instrumentalists Denise Calderon, Ava Dahnke, Laura Olson, Stephanie Preucil, Walter Preucil, Owen Szorc, and singers Amy DeLamoureux, Gail Rossow, Rosalyn Wesley, Sydney Whitley, and Pat Ziebart whose music has blessed our worship.



FAITH DEVELOPMENT AND FELLOWSHIP

- **Cultivating Compassion** *facilitated by Wendy Mospan, M. Div.*

Wednesdays, September 9 – 30, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on Google Meetup

Compassion is a multi-layered art, skill, and spiritual practice that can help us to navigate our inner and outer worlds with greater ease and effectiveness during these days of uncertainty.

Over four weekly online sessions, Wendy Mospan will lead an exploration of compassion, sharing insights from psychology, science, spirituality and theology. One-hour online gatherings will offer spiritual practices and tools to expand your understanding of compassion for self and others. Guided meditation, group interaction and other resources will be offered to encourage and deepen your compassion practice. Come encounter a sacred practice that sustains and empowers us in today's changing world.

Contact Wendy Mospan to learn more, wendy.mospan@gmail.com.

- **Sunday Morning Study**

Beginning Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 a.m.

This Sunday morning online adult faith formation opportunity will be focusing on Paul's Letter to the Romans. While the primary text will be the letter itself, a suggested reading list will also be provided for those who want to know more or go more in-depth. Some of the major themes that appear in Romans are faith, grace, and how Christians are to live and order their lives.

Contact Tom Miller to learn more, tslb71@sbcglobal.net.

- **Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition**

Beginning Tuesday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Pastors Chris and Wendy will be co-leading a class this fall on hospitality. The text will be *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition* by Christine Pohl. From the Introduction: "Grounded in Scripture and Christian tradition, this class will challenge us to see the ministry of hospitality in a radically new way and will help us to consider what it means for us to extend hospitality to strangers and those on the margins as well as to family and friends. The day and time for this class is still being determined.

Register online at barringtonumc.com. For more information contact Pastor Wendy A. Witt, wwitt@barringtonumc.com.

- **Disciple I Study**

Beginning Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Pastor Chris will be leading this 34-week study that covers the entire Bible (Old and New Testaments), following the biblical story from creation to the Revelation. Disciple study draws upon the work of scholars, personal Bible reading and study of participants, and dynamic group discussion.

Register online at barringtonumc.com.

- **Disciple III Study**

Beginning Wednesday, September 16 at 1:00 p.m.

Pastor Wendy will be leading a Disciple III class entitled *Remember Who You Are*. Cokesbury describes this study as one that "examines the connection between memory and identity as the people of God. Participants will find common themes, including calls to remember, calls to repent, calls for renewal, and calls for community." Study books will be available to purchase for \$31.99.

Register online at barringtonumc.com.

- **Centering Prayer Group's moments of Grace**

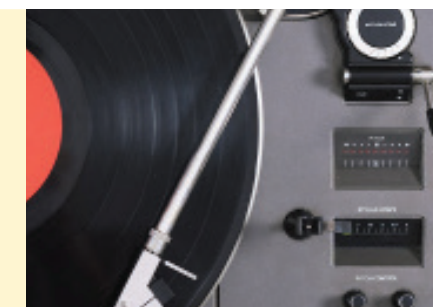
The Centering Prayer group has continued to meet each Friday during our pandemic time period. Though our meeting in person has ceased, our time together has not. Our centering has started and ended with a text message. Then we have joined together via Google Meet to check-in with each other and to discuss how the pandemic is affecting us, what we have felt and learned about social injustices in our country, and how centering is affecting our spiritual openness and awareness. These small group discussions along with the centering have brought us many moments of gratitude and grace!

Contact Elizabeth Penick to learn more, cemp@prodigy.net.

Saturday Spins | 5:00–7:00 p.m.

All are invited each week to experience Pastor Matthew's vast album library and maybe a dance or two! Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/rzj-wsxd-zif

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



SEED COLLECTION | Saturday, September 19, 7:00–10:00 a.m.



Check out these fantastic pictures from our property—what a great representation of how wonderful our prairie acres are growing. The native prairie plants are getting established and blooming in profusion; many of these species are blooming for the first time on the property. More importantly, they are also producing valuable seeds that can be collected and redistributed to other portions of the property. This redistribution will help ensure that these plant communities become stable and sustainable for many years to come. In addition to their beauty, these wildflowers are also valuable to a wide variety of wildlife. Already we are finding several species of bees, butterflies, and birds that are using the habitat we are working to create.

On Saturday, September 19, from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m., we have a fun opportunity to help collect these valuable seeds from our blooming plants to use next spring. David Bart, from Stantec, is graciously volunteering his own time to teach us the art of seed collecting. **If you can help us, please contact Shelly Walsh at walshshelly@yahoo.com or (847)269-3942.**



If you are around Barrington UMC, take a drive, slowly, all around the property. We have land to the East, West and South of the main building that is flourishing.

FELLOWSHIP AND MEMBER CARE

Traveling Tea Party The Traveling Tea Party is continuing with a “Door Dash Tea Party.” The person delivering the Tea Party will call the recipient and tell them they will be receiving a little bag of tea and goodies later that day. When the Traveling Tea Party arrives, they will ring the bell and leave the bag of goodies outside the door. If you are interested in receiving a “Door Dash Tea Party” or helping to deliver them, please contact the Member Care Team through the church office, (847) 836-5540, or email Elaine Anderson, RNEAA@comcast.net

Member Care The Member Care Team is also working on a plan for some “Over The Back Fence” outdoor visits. These will be short social visits just to keep in touch. Communion may be offered if requested. Please contact the Member Care Team or Elaine Anderson at RNeaa@comcast.net if you are interested in having a visit or making visits.

The Member Care Team and others have been making calls and sending notes, please let the Team know if you are interested in receiving notes or calls or if you would like to help with this as well.

Women’s One Day Retreat Please continue to save the date of Saturday, October 24, for the One Day Women’s Retreat at BUMC. We are still in the process of making final plans and getting approval for having the Retreat in the church. Information will be available soon.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

On-line Spiritual Congress 2020

“What can I do?” United Methodist Men asked our region’s most influential political and spiritual leaders that question. What can Christian men representing 370 United Methodist Churches in Northern Illinois do now to be a part of the long-term and permanent solution to the racism, violent crime, intolerance, and social unrest that has escalated dramatically over the past several months?

Speakers who are already confirmed include: Mayor Lori Lightfoot, City of Chicago; Bishop Sally Dyck, Northern Illinois Conference; Congressman Danny K. Davis, United States House of Representatives; Bishop James Swanson, Mississippi Conference; and Father Michael Pfleger, Senior Pastor, Faith Community of Saint Sabina

They will be speaking at the On-line Spiritual Congress 2020

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Saturday, September 19

Participation is free. Voluntary donations will be requested to defray UMM expenses.

Pre-register now by sending an email to ElginDistrictUMM@aol.com. Just say, “I want to participate in the UMM Spiritual Congress.” You will receive a link to the meeting prior to the event. For more information, please contact John Maxson, jsmaxson@aol.com or (312) 933-3239.

Practical Christianity for Men | Saturdays, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Annual Rummage Sale

If this were a “normal” year, you would be reading about how you could help at the annual Rummage Sale. But the 87th annual sale has had to be postponed for the safety of our volunteers and customers. However, the needs of the recipients of the sale proceeds have not been postponed.

Each year, the proceeds of this sale are distributed to several organizations such as United Methodist Women (UMW). UMW supports almost 90 “national mission institutions” in the US, empowering women, caring for children, educating youth, housing the neglected, advocating for social justice issues, and creating economic opportunities, and changing neighborhoods. Giving to United Methodist Women also supports 121 programs carried out by 107 organizations in more than 110 countries, from women farmers feeding their families in Haiti to women and children receiving treatment for tuberculosis at a missionary hospital in the Philippines; from crisis intervention for migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong to unlocking financial opportunities for rural communities in Mozambique.

Elgin PADS, Meals with Wheels, FISH Food Pantry, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Center for Changing Lives, Barrington Giving Day, Heifer Project, JFON, and more are recipients of our annual Rummage Sale proceeds. It is our hope that we will be able to meet a portion of our pledge to United Methodist Women and our budgeted gifts to these many deserving organizations.

So, this year, instead of donating your treasures in person just now, we offer you some alternatives: a “virtual rummage sale” and a “no-bake bake sale.” Perhaps you will consider making a cash donation in the amount of what you might have purchased at the sale, or in the amount of what we might have charged for some of your donations. Also, a bake sale was part of the rummage sale in the early days of the sale. Reviving that tradition, we invite you to make a donation in the amount you would have spent on ingredients.

Donations may be mailed to: Janeen Hamack, Barrington United Methodist Women Treasurer, 1750 Ida Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169, and questions directed to Janeen, jhamack@sbcglobal.net or Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net. Checks can be made payable to: Barrington United Methodist Women.

We thank you for your consideration of this request, your contribution to United Methodist Women impacts more lives than can be counted.

“If every one gives a thread, the poor man will have a shirt.” —RUSSIAN PROVERB

Weekly Zoom meetings United Methodist Women continues to connect weekly via Zoom. Meetings are Thursday or Friday mornings, at 10:00. All are welcome, it’s a chance to “see” one another and share whatever topics come to mind; it is always good to connect. Email Linda, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net, for the link to join us. All are welcome!



Some things have returned to a “little more normal.” Mastectomies and lumpectomies are being rescheduled at Good Shepherd Hospital and heart pillows are needed. These heart-shaped, fleece pillows are knotted and stuffed; they are used to provide comfort between a woman’s arm and the wound and as a sleeping aid. If you would like to help with this project, which has provided over 900 pillows since 2009, please contact Norma Jung-Stein, (847) 516-3936 or Linda Osikowicz, (847) 540-5634, and we will safely get some pillows to you for tying and/or stuffing.





YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Attention all 6th through 12th Graders! It's time, again, for us to begin meeting for God's Squad! It might look a little different this year, but we still plan to get together, learn about our faith, and fellowship together. We are planning to meet twice a month beginning in September. One meeting will be a fun, hang-out activity and the other will be a more traditional youth meeting. God's Squad meets 6:00-7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

September 13 - *God's Squad meeting. We will have a lesson, fellowship time, and discuss what other activities we'd like to do in the coming months.*

September 27 - *Tie Dye Night. We will meet together to share pizza and tie dye our God's Squad shirts for this year! (If you have not already done so, please let Pastor Bonnie know what size shirt your youth will need ASAP, as she needs to order the shirts!)*

October 11 - *God's Squad meeting. We will share together, have a lesson, and spend time in fellowship together.*

October 25 - *Join us for a bonfire, s'mores, costumes, and maybe even a scavenger hunt!*

Attention all 3rd through 5th Graders! We miss seeing you. Mark your calendar to join us in September!

September 13 - *3rd through 5th graders, 12:00-1:30 p.m. for a picnic and Sunday School Lesson outside BUMC.*

Please note that all activities will follow strict health and safety guidelines. The Family Ministries Team is working closely with the Health Committee at BUMC to ensure that all guidelines are followed. We will meet outside when possible. The Fellowship Hall has been reserved as a backup location in case of poor weather conditions.

In the meantime, please join us every other Friday for our virtual **God's Squad Devotional Services**. They can be found posted on the Family Ministries Facebook and Instagram pages, the BUMC Facebook and Instagram pages, and the BUMC website. These are services piloted by our students. They write and present the devotional, lead the prayers, and read the scriptures! The next services will be released on August 28, September 11, and September 25.



Noah's Ark Christian Academy



We have spent the summer creating new guidelines and they have been approved by DCFS. In addition to staff members meeting existing DCFS requirements and qualifications, all staff members, including qualified substitutes, shall maintain current First Aid and CPR certifications.

Staff members will perform health checks, including but not limited to taking temperatures of children, and persons accompanying them into the school.

Staff members will have temperatures taken and recorded upon arrival, and at any point of the day if they are feeling ill.

NACA will operate at reduced class sizes of 10 students and 2 teachers per class for the first 4 weeks to insure understanding and success of additional health and safety practices. After the 4 week period, NACA will consult with DCFS regarding increasing class sizes to the maximum allowable capacity of 12 children in the two year olds class, and 15 children in the other classes, with 2 teachers per class.

NACA families must notify the NACA Director immediately if their NACA student or someone in their household tests positive for COVID-19, or if the NACA student has been in close contact with a positive case.

NACA staff must notify the NACA Director immediately if they or someone in their household tests positive for COVID-19, or if they have been in close contact with a positive case.

In the event a staff member or child in attendance at NACA tests positive for COVID-19, the NACA Director will immediately notify the NACA Board Chair, the Illinois Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease Control, and the local DCFS Office.

In consultation with the IDPH, CDC and the NACA Board, the NACA Director will inform the staff, school families, and church staff, in writing via personal email and in accordance with DCFS confidentiality and permission requirements, of the exposure to COVID-19 and the next steps NACA will take, as suggested by the public health entities.

For more information about NACA's Reopening Requirements, please contact Susan Brown, Director of Noah's Ark Christian Academy.

Mark your calendar:

We will begin our school year with a parking lot prayer on September 8!

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Food for the Soul

Throughout the Gospels, when Jesus speaks of what the Kingdom of God will look like, he most often compares it to a banquet. Food feeds our bodies, feeds our spirit, and feeds our souls. Jesus shared food with the accepted and the outcast. As followers of Christ, we gather at a table open to everyone.

Our "Food for the Soul" worship series begins on Sunday, September 6 and we would like to share a community cookbook, video cooking demonstrations and favorite images of the food that feeds our soul with our multisite congregations.

**What is your favorite comfort food?
What feeds your soul?**

Get out your recipes and bake, roast, broil, fry and share what comforts your soul!

Be sure to send your recipes, photos and/or cooking videos to be added to this must-have multisite congregational "Food for the Soul" collection. Submit as many and as often as you like! Email contributions to communications@barringtonumc.com.

