



BARRINGTON  
UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026



# Welcome to Barrington United Methodist Church!

We are glad that you joined us for worship this morning! At Barrington United Methodist Church we believe that worship is the place where we receive the comfort, hope and strength to sustain us along our journey of faith. You are always welcome and always invited.

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by. \* Please join in speaking the words in bold.

PRELUDE

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand in G Major*  
Bob Hudson, violin; Alexander Zintchenko, piano

by M. Jackson

WELCOME AND SCOUTMASTER GREETING (10:30 AM)

Pastor David

\* THE COLOR GUARD/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TROOP 10, PACK 287 (10:30 AM)

THE SCOUT OATH (10:30 AM)

Scouts

On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW (10:30 AM)

Scouts

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful,  
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (9:00 AM)

Rosalyn Wesley

We come, seeking the One who has been faithful to us in every season, through wilderness and  
promise, through doubt and deliverance.

**We remember God's faithfulness, and we give thanks.**

Choose this day whom you will serve.

**With heart and voice, with mind and strength, we choose to serve the Lord.**

**And we worship God together. Amen.**

\* OPENING HYMN #139 (UMH)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
(Please be seated after hymn.)

(Verses 1, 3, 5)

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor David

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor David

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rosalyn Wesley

Joshua reminds us that faith is not only inherited, it is chosen. Each day, we decide where we place  
our trust and to whom we give our loyalty. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess the ways we have  
turned toward lesser things and ask for hearts made new.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rosalyn Wesley

**Faithful God, you have brought us farther than we can see and loved us longer than we can  
remember. Yet we confess that we are often divided in heart. We say we will serve you, but we  
cling to comforts, fears, and habits that draw us away. We trust in our own strength instead of  
your grace. We follow voices that promise control or security rather than the voice that calls us  
to faithfulness and love.**

**Forgive us, O God. Turn our hearts back to you. Help us choose, again and again, to serve you  
with joy, courage, and trust. Amen.**  
(A time of silent prayer.)

## WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor David

Hear the good news: God's mercy is deeper than our wandering and God's grace is stronger than our hesitation. In Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and renewed.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor David

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## \* HYMN #2272 (TFWS)

*Holy Ground*  
(Please be seated.)

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 24: 15 (NRSV)

Rosalyn Wesley

Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

This is the Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## \* RESPONSE TO THE WORD #2016 (TFWS)

*Glorify Thy Name*

(Verse 3)

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

(Please be seated.)

## SERMON

"Wise Choice" (9:00 AM), "Gifted to Serve" (10:30 AM)

Pastor David Lagos-Fonseca

## ANTHEM (9:00 AM)

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord, O My Soul)*

Myrin/Redman

Jenna Hesseln, soloist; Bill Williams, drums; Jennifer Whiting, piano

(10:30 AM)

*Order My Steps*

Glenn Burleigh, arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir, directed by Jennifer Whiting, Interim Director of Music

Accompanied by David Rush, percussion; Alexander Zintchenko, piano

## BLESSING OF THE SCOUTS (10:30 AM)

(Scouts are invited forward to receive a blessing)

O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life. We lift to you the ministry of scouting that has been part of this community for 112 years. We give you thanks for camping and outdoor adventures, to teach us that the world is our great home; for study and work, to build character; for service, to see our responsibility to those in need; for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.

Bless the work of scouting, in this place here at BUMC and around the world, that, through its efforts, these young men and women may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in love with you and all people. *(continued next page)*

We pray for continued safety and growth for scouts and leaders, their families, friends, and all who may be influenced by this program.

We pray for continued support from this congregation here at BUMC, and that each and every scout may consider this community a place of welcome and love.

We thank you for your calling to serve the least of these, and in so doing, to discover ourselves in your image of grace and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

Rosalyn Wesley

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Rosalyn Wesley

CALL TO OFFERING

Rosalyn Wesley

OFFERTORY

*Improvised Meditation*

\* DOXOLOGY #95 (UMH)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE

Pastor David

**May the gifts we offer be used to shower others with grace, and to patch the potholes injustice, inequality and poverty have created in the roadways of the kingdom. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\* HYMN #415 (UMH)

*Take Up Thy Cross*

(Verses 1 and 4)

\* RETIRE THE COLORS (10:30 AM)

Scouts

\* BENEDICTION

Pastor David

POSTLUDE

*Arabesque No. 1 in E Major*

by C. Debussy

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#### NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

We are thankful for our Lay Liturgists who faithfully prepare and lead the Prayers of the People each week. Your thoughtful words and voices enrich our worship. To learn more about this team and ways to get involved, please contact Dennis Rossow at [DennisRossow@comcast.net](mailto:DennisRossow@comcast.net)

#### **PLEASE CONTINUE TO OFFER PRAYERS OF HOPE AND HEALING FOR:**

**THOSE IN A CARE/REHAB FACILITY:** Paul Bergetz, husband of Jane (New Summit Rehab and Healthcare of Arlington Heights)  
Sherry Schairer (Chapters Living Barrington), Del Haagen (knee replacement, Schaumburg Rehab facility)

**THOSE UNDERGOING MEDICAL TREATMENT:** George Nikolaou (cousin of Walter VanPuyenbroeck), Theresa and Charlie Brady and their granddaughter (friends of the Gradts), Brian Kotila, Al Sauer, Alton Parker (brother of Sydney Whitley), Ken Rossow, Marge Marlowe (sister of Nancy Jensen), Scott Wilk (brother of Pam Kocian), Tim Ryan (brother of Sean Ryan)  
Gerry Deneen (friend of Kenneth Slack), Michele Evans

**THOSE RECOVERING AT HOME:** Steven VanPuyenbroeck (nephew of Walter VanPuyenbroeck), Christine Oettinger, Phil Pardun  
Mike Black, brother of Steve Black, Chris Winkler (back surgery)

**THOSE TO HOLD IN PRAYER:** Pastor David's mother, Pastor's family, Vaughn Simon, Marilyn Helberg (surgery)  
Priscilla Akins, Ted and Pat Gradt, Paulette Todd, Rev. Duk Kwon, Anne Courter (hospice care), Lawrence Huff, son of John Todd  
Adam (friend of Ashley P.), Matthew Jachim (son of Mike and Kathy), Ray Maxwell, Pastor Luis Vega

#### **Prayer Requests:**

We believe in the power of prayer and have a dedicated prayer team committed to praying your requests.

If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office, (847) 836-5540,  
Paula Gordon ([pgordon@barringtonumc.com](mailto:pgordon@barringtonumc.com)), or Linda Snyder ([jamesmom5082@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jamesmom5082@sbcglobal.net)).

You can also visit the church website or use your church app to submit a request.  
Please be sure to indicate if you would like your request to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

#### **Flowers for the Altar**

Each Sunday there is an opportunity to provide flowers on the altar. If you are interested in providing an arrangement on a Sunday, please contact Paula Gordon either by email - ([pgordon@barringtonumc.com](mailto:pgordon@barringtonumc.com)), phoning the office - 847-836-5540, ext. 105, scanning the QR Code or by visiting our website [barringtonumc.com](http://barringtonumc.com)



# Ash Wednesday

February 18 at 7 p.m. | Communion will be served

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten journey with humility, prayer, and repentance, marked by the placing of ashes as a reminder of our mortality and the truth that all of us are equal in the hands of a loving God. Though we are dust and will return to dust, we are precious dust—created, known, and deeply loved by God, and made for eternity.

## **A Wesleyan Journey of Prayer** | Wednesdays, February 18–March 18

**Important note:** On Ash Wednesday, the evening session will meet at 6 p.m. (in person and online).

All other Wednesdays are offered in person or online at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.

This Lent, explore the many forms of prayer—confession, lament, petition, fasting, examen, and more—through scripture, conversation, and meaningful prayer practices. This study connects with the Lenten sermon series and offers space to reflect, learn, and grow in faith together. All are welcome. Please register and indicate which time works best using the QR code.



## **Celebrating Black Composers in Worship During Black History Month**

On Sunday, February 1, the Chancel Choir offered “Total Praise” by Richard Smallwood (1948–2025), arr. Patsy Ford Simms (b. 1946). Richard Smallwood, a visionary in contemporary gospel music, composed many beloved songs that continue to shape worship today. He died on December 30, 2025. The arranger, Patsy Ford Simms, is a distinguished Kentucky-based music educator whose work is recognized internationally in sacred and educational settings.

This morning, the Chancel Choir offers “Order My Steps” by Glenn E. Burleigh (1947–2007)

This well-known gospel anthem reflects the rich musical voice of Glenn Burleigh—composer, pianist, and conductor—who masterfully blended gospel, jazz, blues, and classical traditions.

**Scout Sunday!** Today we celebrate Scout Sunday and give thanks for the scouts who call Barrington UMC home! We’re proud to support Scout Troop 10 and Cub Scout Pack 287 at our Barrington campus, and Cub Scout Pack 43 at our Carpentersville campus. These scouts are learning leadership, service, and integrity—and making a difference in their communities along the way. Please join in offering them encouragement and appreciation!







## **Sew Hope. Keep Girls in School. Sewing Event & Collection Drive for Girls4Girls Ghana, Inc.**

**Saturday, March 7, 12-3 p.m. at Barrington United Methodist Church**

### **Be part of something meaningful!**

Join us for a hands-on sewing and service event that helps girls in rural Ghana stay in school by providing reusable sanitary pads.

### **No sewing experience needed!**

Cut fabric, assemble kits, donate supplies—or sew if you'd like. Sewing machines will be available.

### **Donate & Make a Difference**

We are collecting fabric, sewing supplies, and girls' cotton underwear to support G4G's mission to reduce poverty and promote education.

### **Especially needed:**

- cotton flannel
- PUL fabric
- Zorb fabric
- thread & snaps
- girls' cotton underwear (sizes 12-18 / women's 5-8)

### **Every donation—big or small—matters.**

### **Come serve. Come sew. Come support girls' education.**

Sign up through the QR code below and help us spread hope, one stitch at a time. For more information, please contact Linda Osikowicz, [Lmosikowicz@comcast.net](mailto:Lmosikowicz@comcast.net)

*Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you there!*

### **We are seeking donations of fabric and supplies, including:**

1. Cotton Flannel (machine washed and ironed if possible), 50-100 yards or more (*items can be purchased from Hobby Lobby or other stores*)
2. 1 Mil PUL fabric, 25-50 yards (*purchased from wazoodle.com, search for "ProSoft Waterproof 1 mil ECO-PUL fabric"*)
3. Zorb Silver Fabric, 25-50 yards (*Zorb fabric can be purchased from wazoodle.com, search for "Zorb Original Silver"*)
4. Plastic Snaps and snap pliers set (*items similar to this can be purchased from Amazon*)

5. All-purpose Gutermann Thread -All colors

These supplies can be brought to the church on the day of the event or ordered for delivery to Barrington United Methodist Church. Any contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated!

*In addition to sanitary supplies, we are also collecting girls' cotton underwear. G4G aims to collect over 5,000 pieces of girls' underwear in 2026 (girls' size 12-18, or adult female sizes 5-8, preferably 100% cotton). Donations can be brought to the church or ordered for delivery to the church.*



Scan this QR code to make a financial gift to Girls 4 Girls Ghana Inc.



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Scan this QR code to let us know how you'll help Sew Hope.



Scan this QR code to shop wazoodle.com



Donations may also be made through BUMC at [barringtonumc.com/give](http://barringtonumc.com/give)

## **BUMC United Women in Faith Gathering**

Wednesday, February 11 in Room 111 and via Zoom at 10 a.m. A light lunch will follow. All are welcome!

## **United Women in Faith Prairie Central District | Saturday, February 21, 9:00-11:00 a.m., via Zoom.**

All are invited to Prayer on the Prairie—a morning of varied prayer practices to prepare your heart for Lent and enrich your spiritual resources. There will also be information shared about Lessie Bates David Neighborhood House, a National Mission Institution in East St. Louis supported by UWFaith mission giving. If you'd like to attend, contact Linda Osikowicz, [Lmosikowicz@comcast.net](mailto:Lmosikowicz@comcast.net).

## **Soup “er” Chili Sunday | Sunday, February 22, noon – 2:30 p.m.**

You are invited to Fellowship Hall for a hot bowl of soup and/or chili and lots of warm fellowship. We invite all you great chefs to show us what you've got! Bring a pot of your favorite soup or chili to share. Don't worry if you can not bring a yummy pot of goodness – you are encouraged to come taste all the wonderful creations and share in God's love. Please sign up so we know you will be joining the fun.



**Can we borrow your Christmas Tree? |** This summer, we're heading *True North* for VBS by transforming our halls into an Alaskan wilderness—and we need Christmas trees to set the scene! If you can lend a tree for VBS 2026, please let Susan Acosta ( [sacosta@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sacosta@barringtonumc.com)) know. Trees can be brought to the church in early June.

## **2026 Mission Trip | Wednesday, February 11 at 7 p.m. on Zoom**

An adult mission trip is being planned for 2026, with two or three meaningful project options under consideration for June or possibly September. Curious about serving together? Your input matters as plans take shape. Scan the QR code and join the conversation via Zoom.



**“Jesus and Me” Sunday School |** Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to JAM, “Jesus and Me,” Sunday School after children's time during both services. This month our theme is “Board Games.”

**Youth Gatherings |** Middle and High School students are invited each Sunday for a time of fun, connection, and growing in faith together. Bring your friends, bring your questions, and come ready for games, conversation, and community.

Middle School Youth – Meet in the Youth Room at 9:00 a.m.

High School Youth – Meet in the Youth Room at 10:30 a.m.

## **Lectio Divina | Today from 9-10 a.m. in the Dining Room**

Everyone is invited to join us for our Second Sunday Lectio Divina in the Dining Room. Lectio Divina is simple to pick up and provides a restful way to reflect on scripture and encounter the presence of God.

## **Carpentersville Community Meal | Saturday, February 21, 4:30 to 6:45 p.m.**

Join us for our monthly Carpentersville Community Meal, prepared in our kitchen and served at our Carpentersville campus. Each month, we welcome 60+ guests for a warm, home-cooked meal, meaningful conversation, and grocery donations from local partners. It's a chance to build community and create a space where everyone feels welcome—whether visiting for the first time or returning regularly.

## **Shawl Ministry | February 10, 1 p.m. in the Parlor**

All are welcome each second Tuesday of the month. Whether you knit, crochet, or are curious to learn, there's a place for you here—supplies and friendly guidance are provided. Contact Terry Costello ([costello.terry@gmail.com](mailto:costello.terry@gmail.com)) for more information.