

BANNER NEWSLETTER

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., Friday, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.,

Worship online | Services are posted each week on Monday

Enjoy weekly online worship services through our Do.Be.Live channel on Vimeo, through our mobile app and our website: barringtonumc.com.

Worship in the Sanctuary | Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School is available for children age 3 through grade 5 during both worship services.

Comunidad Cristiana | Christian Community Worship

Sundays at 2:00 p.m. | Bilingual, in-person

Trinity Center

1647 Ravine Lane, Carpentersville IL 60110

Bilingual worship with a mix of traditional and contemporary worship elements.

Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

PRAYER REQUESTS for BUMC

We believe in the power of prayer and have a dedicated 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), Julia Hooper (2juliahooper@gmail.com) or use the QR code. Please also indicate if you would like your request to be printed in the Sunday bulletin.

Creemos en el poder de la oración y tenemos una equipo de oración dedicado y comprometido a orar por sus peticiones. Si tiene una solicitud de oración, comuníquese con el pastor Luis Vega, (224) 209-1610, o lvega@barringtonumc.com. Por favor, indique también si desea que su solicitud se imprima en el boletín dominical.



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Dear Beloved BUMC Community,

It is with a grateful heart and deep sense of calling that I step into this new season with you. Transitions like these carry with them a quiet kind of sacredness, full of possibility, full of hope, and full of the unknown grace God has yet to reveal. I feel both honored and humbled to begin this journey among you.

Bishop Schwering and the Cabinet are excited about this appointment and feel strongly that my leadership is a great fit for a few key reasons:

1. To continue the strides the congregation has made in being a gospel witness for justice and inclusiveness.
2. To provide directional leadership for the multi-site and multi-language ministries.
3. As head of staff, to provide faithful and inspirational leadership to all staff and employees.
4. Provide spiritual and practical leadership for administration and financial stewardship.
5. To engage the congregation around intentional evangelism and building community relationships.
6. To grow disciples through inspirational worship and preaching.

From the very beginning, my desire is to lead by listening. My first and most important work here is not to direct or decide, but to dwell among you, to learn your rhythms, and to learn the heartbeat of the congregation. I believe that it's important to pause, to truly see and hear one another.

Over the coming months, I hope to spend as much time as possible simply getting to know you. Not just your names and roles, but your stories, your journeys of faith, your joys and questions, your memories of this congregation, and the hopes and dreams you carry into the future.

I'm eager to discover what you love most about this church: the ministries that give you life, the relationships that sustain you, and the values that have shaped your witness



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to the world. I want to celebrate what is strong here, because I believe every church carries its own God-given brilliance, its own particular way of embodying grace.

At the same time, I want to hear where things feel tender. What's been difficult in recent seasons? Where do we feel stretched, or unsure, or weary? What frustrations and challenges you are facing. These are not signs of weakness, they are invitations to be real with one another, and to trust that God meets us most powerfully in places of honesty.

We are in a transition period and transitions are accompanied by change. They are ripe with possibility and peril. Congregations experience hope in tension with grief. Passions may run high. Anxieties may surface. Some people may seem very excited, some may greet the transition, they find themselves curious, excited, and hopeful about the future. And some may be sad their beloved pastors left. Some will remain neutral. People react in different ways, which is part of the process of change in communities. The truth is, in a church system, everyone is affected one way or another.

What this change will look like for us remains to be seen. ("Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a things or Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" Isaiah 43:18-19a.) So, during this transition period, which coincides with summertime when things slow down a little bit, I invite

you to open your hearts and open your voices to this new season for BUMC. Let's take time out to pray for our church, to refresh our vision/mission for the next chapter of our congregational life, to clarify congregational identity and expectations. This transition could be a period of productive activity, exploration, testing, and preparation. It invites innovation, discovery, and learning. It is a great opportunity to take stock of ourselves and our calling; time to stop avoiding being honest with ourselves; time to stop resisting the nagging of the Spirit in our lives; time to walk ahead with an audacious faith in the future. ("Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am." Ephesians 4:13)

So, I will be listening with open ears and a prayerful heart. I'll be learning about your visioning process, how it is setting direction for the life of BUMC, how you imagine your preferred future living out your core values and seeking to realize your aspirational ones. I believe God is always doing a new thing, and the best visions are born when we "pay attention" together. I want to help in shaping this new vision into reality. (I will be your salesman of the vision.)

I want to witness firsthand the beauty of what you've built together, whether it's worship, mission, education, music, youth, outreach, or hospitality. So, you'll find me sitting in on ministry meetings, joining

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you in worship, dropping in on gatherings, walking the halls, tending the crops, caring for the sick and homebound, and hopefully sharing many cups of coffee or tea. I'll be asking questions, lots of them, not to interrogate but to understand and learn. Because behind every program is a passion. Behind every tradition, a reason. Behind every challenge, an opportunity waiting to be discovered. I will be setting up one-on-one and small group conversations with as many of you as possible, members, staff, lay leaders, long-timers, newcomers, people from the community outside the church, youth, and elderly alike.

As we begin to know one another more deeply, my hope is that we will also begin to sense the shape of what God is calling forth in this season. Not in haste, but in faith. Not out of pressure, but out of promise. The future God has for us will emerge not from a

single voice, but from the collective wisdom of a beloved and Spirit-filled people.

Friends, I believe ministry is never just about programs; it's about people. It's about who we are becoming in Christ and how we live that out together. So, I don't take lightly the privilege of being your pastor. I promise to walk gently, speak truthfully, listen deeply, and pray constantly. I see this season not as a time to rush into change, but as a sacred opportunity to root deeply in relationship.

Thank you in advance for your stories, your time, your wisdom, and your welcome. Thank you for the trust you extend in welcoming me and my family into your lives and your life together. I'm honored to walk this journey with you.

With gratitude, anticipation and grace,
Pastor David Lagos-Fonseca

Ice Cream
SOCIAL
Sunday, July 13th!

All are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall after second service for summertime treats!

The ice cream may be cold, but the welcome will be warm. Come meet Pastor David while enjoying time with our church family and sharing summer stories.

Non-dairy treats will also be available.

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CORRECTION

In the May June Banner article 'Camino Pueblo de Dios,' it was mentioned that our current church was our fourth church home. That is not correct; this is, in fact, our fifth church building.

The church was founded in 1840 and, by 1853, had built a church at the corner of Sutton and Dundee. This, our first church building, adjacent to the Barrington Center Cemetery, is still in use for worship. When the railroad arrived, we built more centrally at the corner of Ela and Franklin Streets, a building that was sold and became the

first St. Anne church. The proceeds from that sale purchased a lot at 312 South Cook Street, where we built a new building that is now the Masonic Temple. During the Great Depression, our Hough Street church was purchased and remodeled several times to accommodate the growing congregation. On October 28, 1998, that beloved building was lost to fire, and after four years of worshipping in school gymnasiums and meeting in homes, our current church opened in March 2003.

Barrington Bear would like to spend the summer with you!

Meet Barrington Bear! He wandered into the church one day, searching for something—maybe a connection with God, and definitely some new friends. Let's welcome him and show him what our church is all about!

He can come with us on our travels, let him join you for your vacation. He can come on hikes or watch baseball games. He can play with your kids or meet your grandchildren.

Remember to invite him to church events with you, too. He might have even spent some time at Vacation Bible School already.

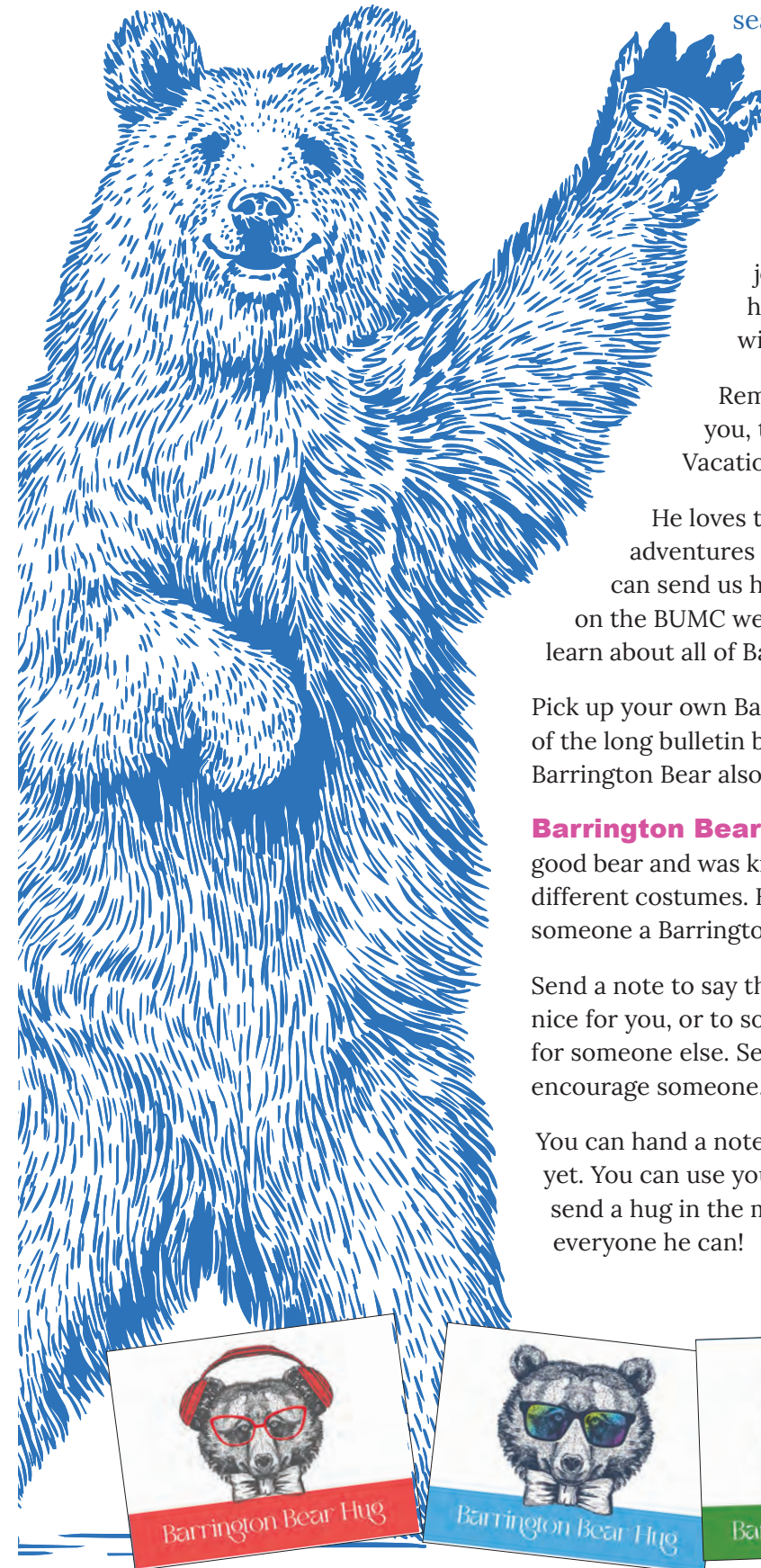
He loves to have his picture taken. You can share his adventures on social media **#BarringtonUMC** or you can send us his picture using the Barrington Bear form on the BUMC website under Welcome. We can't wait to learn about all of Barrington Bear's Adventures!

Pick up your own Barrington Bear from the counter in front of the long bulletin boards. While you're there, notice that Barrington Bear also likes to give hugs!

Barrington Bear also likes to give hugs! He's a good bear and was kind enough to pose for pictures in lots of different costumes. He would like you to use his pictures to send someone a Barrington Bear Hug.

Send a note to say thank you to someone who did something nice for you, or to someone you saw do something nice for someone else. Send a note to appreciate someone, to encourage someone, or to let someone know you miss them.

You can hand a note to someone even if you don't know them yet. You can use your church app to look up an address and send a hug in the mail. Don't be shy, our bear wants to meet everyone he can!





The Dolphins Quartet in performance with friends and family

Sunday, July 20, at 3 p.m.

On Sunday, July 20 the Mission Team will host BUMC's own James Preucil, Julliard graduate and founding member of the Dolphins Quartet, in a benefit concert for Growing Hope Globally. Dolphins Quartet members Ian Mahoney, Luke Henderson and James Preucil will be joined in performance by Walter and Stephanie Preucil and by Kyle Rappe, on the Steel Drum.

The performance will include pieces by Schubert, Dvork, Coleridge-Tayle Perkinson, and Andy Akiho, as well as The Dolphins own compositions. Additionally, we will be honored with the premier of original piece by Walter Preucil.

The proceeds of a free will offering will go to **Growing Hope Globally**. Barrington UMC is in our 22nd year of partnership with the farmers in the Twin Rivers area and with Trinity Lutheran Church in Ottawa. As a result of our support, over 14,000 people have left poverty behind. Please join James, his family and friends to help small-holder farmers around the world.



Don't forget Sweet Corn Sunday!

We can't tell you when it is, but we know that the sweetest corn you've ever tasted is coming to us again this year. John and Sue Hughes will be coming soon to offer you ears of corn for a donation to Growing Hope Globally. Watch your eNews so you don't miss the opportunity!



Whether you are praying or weeding, it's always good to spend time in the garden!

Come on out and join friends, old and new. Spend time in nature and do good work that helps feed all God's children healthy, fresh vegetables. Find out if this is your way to share God's love!

Early mornings are a great time to stay cool; once you've been oriented to the garden, work when you can. Reach out to Bill West at wlwest@att.net for more information.



Have lunch with a child once a week – make a difference in their life!

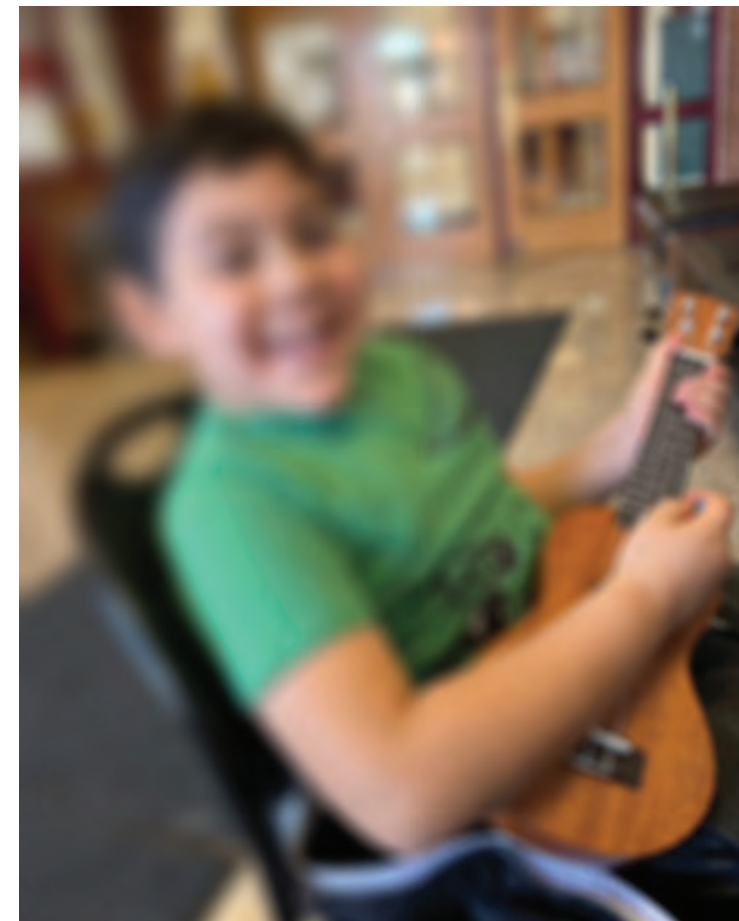
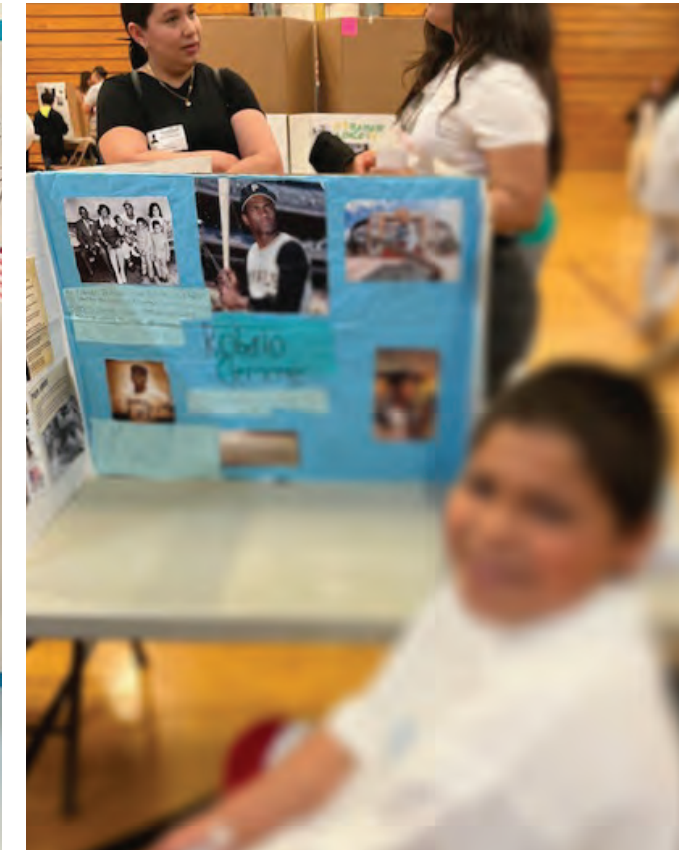
If you have time and are looking for a rewarding opportunity, consider becoming a Kids Hope mentor. Kids Hope USA is a national organization that equips partner churches, such as Barrington UMC, to send volunteers to local schools. We mentor at Lakewood Elementary in Carpentersville. At Lakewood, each mentor is matched with one student and commits to having lunch with them once a week, which totals approximately 45 minutes per week. During that time, you will get to know your student by playing games, coloring, reading books, or helping with schoolwork. It is important that you consistently show up and be a supportive, encouraging adult in your student's life. If you decide to become a mentor, you will receive training and then be matched with a behind-the-scenes prayer partner who will pray for you and your student.



To become a mentor at Lakewood Elementary, contact Barrington United Methodist Kids Hope Director Wendy Sibery at wslakewood@aol.com.



At the year- end breakfast, mentors received gifts with hand written thank you notes from their students.



Back to School Backpack Drive Sunday, June 29th through Sunday, July 27th

It's time for our annual Kids Above All Back to School Backpack Drive! Each year your support helps nearly a hundred kids start the school year with confidence and all the supplies that they need.

Here is an updated list of supplies by grade. Shop with your kids or grandkids. You can also shop online using this Amazon link: KAA Wishlist. Scan the QR code below.

Through Kids Above All, you help students in early learning programs, foster families, and group homes to be excited about learning. All of these are God's children eager to bring their best selves into the new school year.

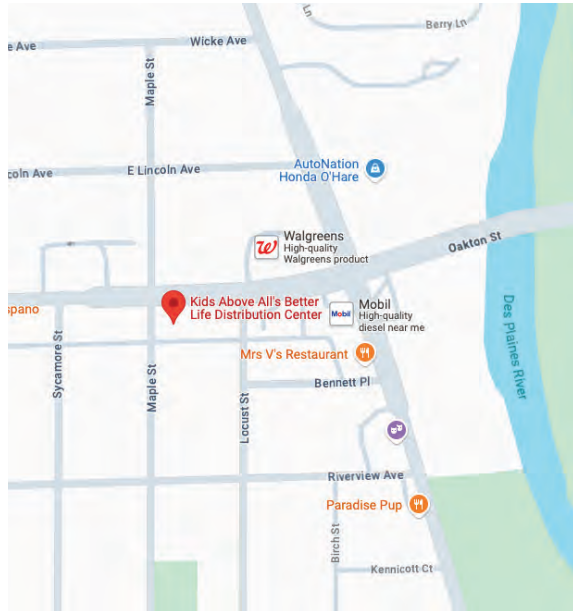
Bring your supplies and backpacks anytime through Sunday, July 27 and thank you!

Join in Kids Above All Day of Celebration and Service

Wednesday, August 6

Better Life Distribution Center, 1801 E. Oakton Street, Des Plaines, IL

Join Barbara Bond and other United Methodists for a Day of Celebration and Service for Kids Above All. In two shifts, teams will be invited to help assemble backpacks and share lunch together. You can come 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6. To attend, reach out to Barbara Bond at bbond32190@aol.com or make reservations with Catherine Inserra at (847) 224-2870 or cinserra@kidsaboveall.org



2025
**BACK TO SCHOOL
BACKPACK DRIVE**
JUNE 15 - AUGUST 20

It's time for Kids Above All's annual Back to School Backpack Drive! Each year, we invite individuals, community and faith groups, and businesses to step up so the 1,500 school-aged kids in our programs have the supplies they need for the new school year. Lists of needed items are below.

We also have an **Amazon Wishlist** for this year's Back to School Backpack Drive! Visit kidsaboveall.org/bts for more information, or to make a financial gift to help fill specific needs for our clients.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Spiral Notebooks
- Sketchbooks
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- Headphones

BACKPACKS FOR ALL AGES NEEDED

KINDERGARTEN

- Large Pencils
- Large Crayons
- Washable Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erase Eraser
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors (Round Tip)
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Play-Doh

1ST-3RD GRADE

- Pencil Case (No Boxes)
- Pencils
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Washable Markers (Both Fine-Point and Broad Line Markers)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erase Eraser
- Yellow Highlighters
- Liquid Elmer's Glue
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors (Round Tip)
- Ruler
- Post-It Notes (3x3)
- Notebooks (Wide-Ruled)
- 2-Pocket Folders
- Headphones

4TH-6TH GRADE

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Watercolors
- Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Dry Erase Eraser
- Highlighter
- Pens (Red, Blue, and Black)
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Post-It Notes (3x3)
- Index Cards (3x5)
- Loose Leaf Paper (Wide-Ruled)
- Notebooks (Wide-Ruled)
- Composition Notebook (Wide-Ruled)
- Sketchbook
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- 3-Ring Binders (1 Inch)
- Clear Sheet Protectors
- Earbuds/Headphones

7TH-12TH GRADE

- Pencil Case
- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Large Erasers
- Colored Pencils
- Markers
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Pens (Red, Blue, and Black)
- Glue Sticks
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Post-It Notes (3x3)
- Index Cards (3x5)
- Quad Ruled Graph Paper
- Loose Leaf Paper (College-Ruled)
- Notebooks (College-Ruled)
- Sketchbook
- 2-Pocket Plastic Folders
- 3-Ring Binders (1 or 1.5 Inches)
- Subject Dividers
- Calculator (Texas Instruments TI-34)
- Earbuds/Headphones

2025 KAA Back To School Drive
KAA 2025 Back To School Backpack Drive
Jun 15, 2025 | Chicago, IL

Most Ne... Kindergarten... 1st - 3rd... 4th - 6th... 7th - 12th...

Shipping address with the recipients.

Most Wanted Purchased Sort by: Most Wanted Clear filters

Items

Plastic Folders with Pockets (...

3 of 200 Purchased

★★★★★ 1,179

\$6.99 (11% discount)

\$6.64 with Subscribe & Save discount

Qty: 1

Add to Cart

Bulk Headphones 4 pack...

0 of 200 Purchased

★★★★★ 1,345

\$8.99 (11% discount)

\$8.00 typical: \$9.99

Qty: 1

Add to Cart

Oxford Spiral Notebook 6...

3 of 200 Purchased

★★★★★ 1,180

\$11.50 (11% discount)

Save more with Subscribe & Save

Qty: 1

Add to Cart

To set up an appointment to drop off donations, contact our VP of the BLDG, Zulma Colon.

Phone: (773) 794-7991

Email: zcolon@kidsaboveall.org

1801 E. Oakton St. Des Plaines, IL 60018

KIDS ABOVE ALL

Blessing the donated Kids Above All Backpacks in 2024.

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Growing Hope Globally Summer Gathering in Bloomington, IL

Thursday, August 14th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

All local growing projects are invited to “Together in Hope”, a chance for supporters of Growing Hope to gather for a meal and learn about our shared impact from this year’s special guest.

Georgine Biwaga Nyingambe is project coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee and works with the Burkino Faso Boulkiemde program, which is funded by Growing Hope Globally. Come hear about the day to day impact of the project on local people.

RSVP by August 1 to GrowingHopeGlobally.org/events

Enjoy videos and webinars on current topics!

Discover webinars connecting the bible to your life, on Spiritual Growth, or on what it means to be Methodist. See video series suitable for groups or individual use. Available for all seasons and all levels, sign up to explore and enjoy. Request access by emailing Sharon Orr at sorr@barringtonumc.com

Amplifymedia.com is a streaming service of Cokesbury, the United Methodist Publishing House. Their goal is to deliver high quality videos with an emphasis on Wesleyan perspectives. Barrington UMC has subscribed to provide a less expensive more accessible way to provide video studies. Up to 100 individuals can access the entire library of digital media including thousands of videos from Cokesbury studies and a wide variety of webinars on current and recent topics.



Care Ministries

The Care Ministries Team held a Potluck Luncheon at its May meeting to honor and wish Pastor Matthew farewell and good luck as he goes onto the next chapter in his life. Pastor Matthew has been an integral part of the Care Ministries Team.

One of his contributions was to encourage us to use the “Meal Train” computer App to improve our process of providing occasional meals to those going through difficult times. If someone is in a difficult situation due to illness or injuries and needs meals for a while, they can contact the church office or the Care Ministries Team. We will follow up with them to discuss their food preferences, dietary restrictions, or food allergies, as well as the number of days per week they need a meal. The Meal Train app handles all the details, like scheduling, reminders, and updates. We always need volunteers who are willing to provide the meals. It can be a homemade meal, a meal ordered from a restaurant using a delivery service, or even one purchased from a grocery store using Instacart or a similar program. Please get in touch with the church office or Elaine Anderson at RNeaa@comcast.net if you would like to participate in this program by providing meals.

Pastor Mathew was also instrumental in helping us develop our Care Connect Program, which enables congregants to inform the Care Ministries Team if they need any of our services or how they can assist our congregants who require help in various ways.

Watch for the video coming soon for more information about this program.



Care Ministries' meeting and luncheon with Pastor Matthew

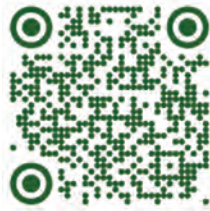


Come make new friends, meet some new people, and enjoy dinner music with your meal at Carpentersville Community Meal, 1647 Ravine Lane on Saturday, July 19 and Saturday, August 16. Dining is from 4:30 to 6:45 p.m.

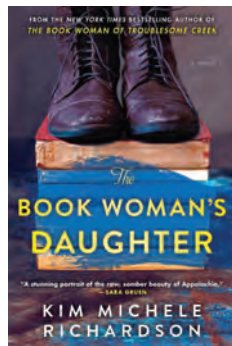


Find yourself looking for a book to read on a hot, summer day?

United Women in Faith's Reading Program is designed to help women of faith to achieve five key goals: lean into our spiritual growth, strengthen our leadership skills, equip ourselves for local and global mission, take faithful action for the common good, and build community in ways large and small. The books are current and cover a wide variety of topics. Visit bookshop.org/shop/uwfaith or scan the QR code, to browse and purchase most of the 2025 Reading Program books while earning 10% back to United Women in Faith to support our work.

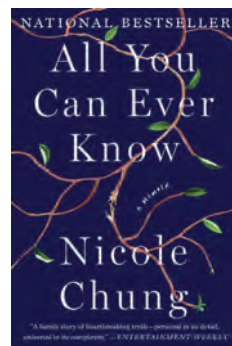


Below are a few titles from their Reading Program list:



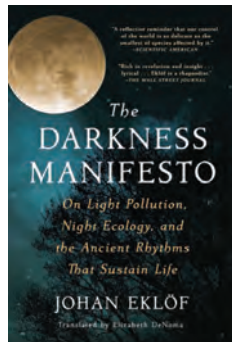
The Bookwoman's Daughter

A Novel by Kim Michelle Richardson
Both a standalone and a sequel to the bestselling novel *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*



All You Can Ever Know

A Memoir, by Nicole Chung



The Darkness Manifesto: On Light Pollution, Night Ecology, and the Ancient Rhythms That Sustain Life
by Johan Eöf



The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today
by Shannon Bream



The list also includes books for children and youth:

Berry Song by Michaela Goade

The Little Book of Joy by His Holiness The Dalai Lama & Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Have A Heart Pillow Project

The Have a Heart Pillow Project will not meet in July. Our next gathering to tie and stuff these well-loved pillows will be Tuesday, August 26 at 10 a.m. The patients who receive the pillows are very grateful, so come help!

Creation Justice Tips

Summer beckons us outside to see God at work! For yourself, family, and friends, speak aloud the connection of this ordinary yet spectacular experience in nature to the Creator. Pray your praise and gratitude.

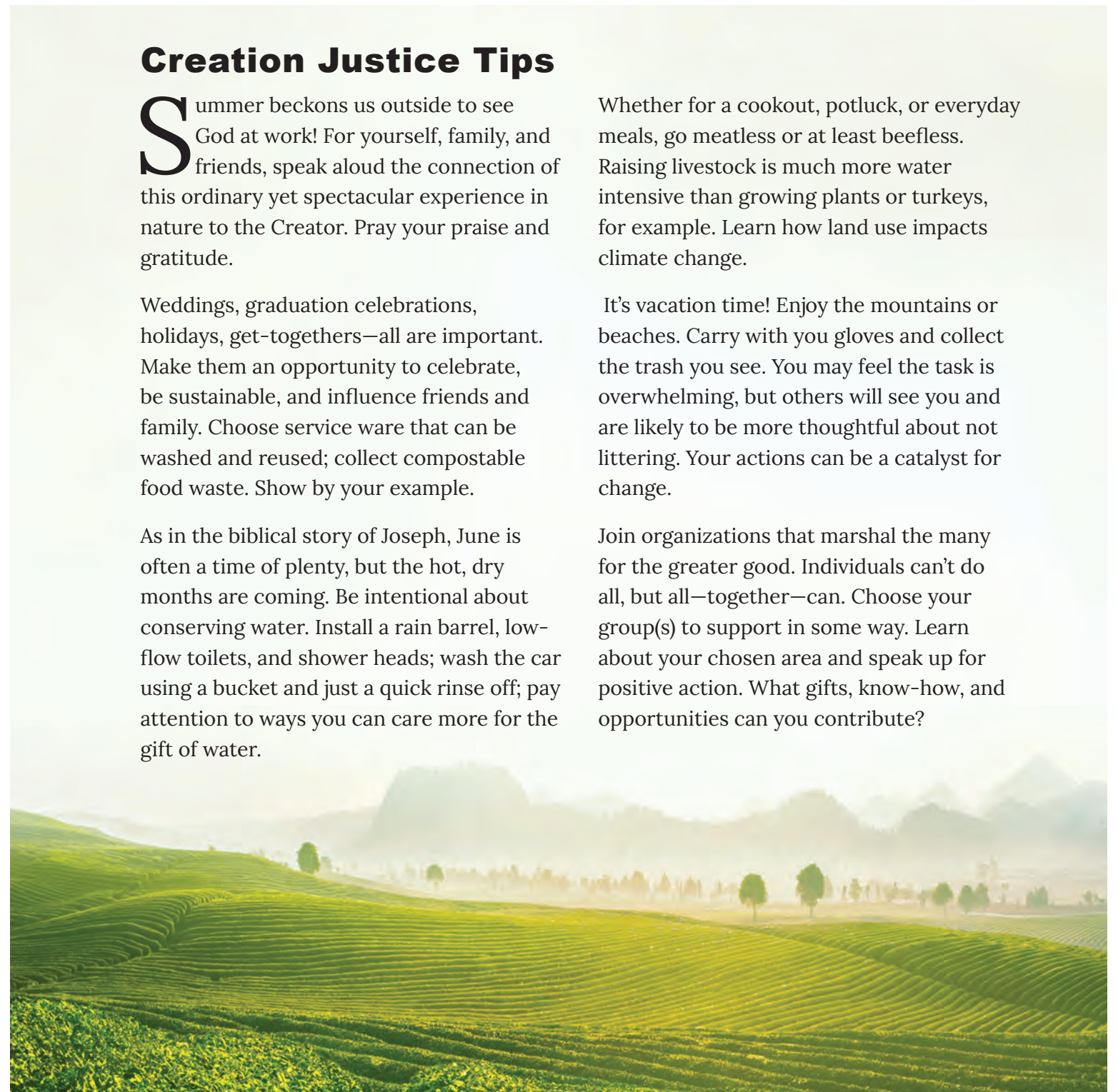
Weddings, graduation celebrations, holidays, get-togethers—all are important. Make them an opportunity to celebrate, be sustainable, and influence friends and family. Choose service ware that can be washed and reused; collect compostable food waste. Show by your example.

As in the biblical story of Joseph, June is often a time of plenty, but the hot, dry months are coming. Be intentional about conserving water. Install a rain barrel, low-flow toilets, and shower heads; wash the car using a bucket and just a quick rinse off; pay attention to ways you can care more for the gift of water.

Whether for a cookout, potluck, or everyday meals, go meatless or at least beefless. Raising livestock is much more water intensive than growing plants or turkeys, for example. Learn how land use impacts climate change.

It's vacation time! Enjoy the mountains or beaches. Carry with you gloves and collect the trash you see. You may feel the task is overwhelming, but others will see you and are likely to be more thoughtful about not littering. Your actions can be a catalyst for change.

Join organizations that marshal the many for the greater good. Individuals can't do all, but all—together—can. Choose your group(s) to support in some way. Learn about your chosen area and speak up for positive action. What gifts, know-how, and opportunities can you contribute?



We are so grateful for the pledges and gifts that support our missions and programs, enable us to operate our buildings, and pay our staff. The table below shows results from the month of May and our current financial position as of five months into 2025. The pie chart on page 19 represents our expenses year-to-date.

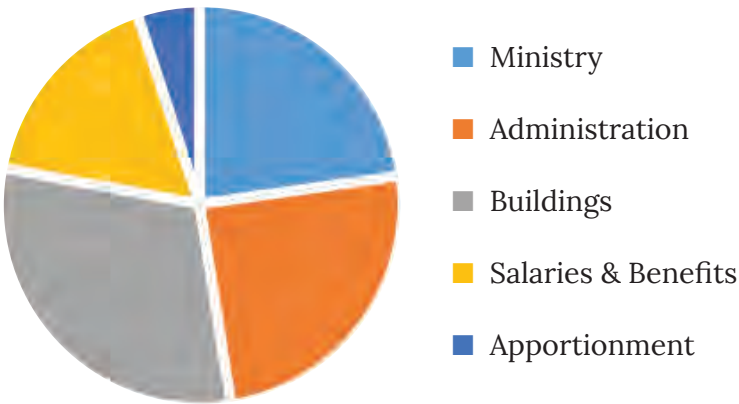
	May			Year-to-Date		
	Budget	Actual	% of Budget	Budget	Actual	% of Budget
Receipts	\$90,272	\$91,765	102%	\$451,360	\$371,068	82%
Expenses						
Ministry	\$6,536	-\$594	-9%	\$32,680	\$14,775	45%
Administration	\$7,555	\$5,013	66%	\$37,775	\$31,357	83%
Buildings	\$18,940	\$20,146	106%	\$94,700	\$102,854	109%
Salaries & Benefits	\$50,250	\$46,218	92%	\$251,250	\$246,754	98%
Apportionment	\$6,992	\$0	0%	\$34,960	\$21,000	60%
Total Expenses	\$90,273	\$70,783	78%	\$451,365	\$416,740	92%
Surplus / Deficit		\$20,982			-\$45,672	

We are thankful to report that May was a strong month with receipts exceeding expenses by \$20,982. Year-to-Date, we have a deficit (expenses exceeding receipts) in the amount of -\$45,672. The average YTD deficit in May over the past five years is -\$65,000. Summertime brings vacations and many activities. Consequently, we see giving decrease during these months. We humbly ask that you continue to support BUMC throughout the year with your pledges and gifts, as important ministries are taking place, the buildings need to be cared for and planning is underway for the fall.

Why is “Salaries & Benefits” such a large number? Staff compensation is usually the largest investment in a church. For a mid-size church, this would be 40 – 60 % of the total budget. The church staff are the hands and feet of Barrington UMC ministries and their compensation reflects the church’s commitment to supporting those who serve. A glimpse of how BUMC staff impact how we live out our mission that we exist to experience and share God’s love:

- teach the youngest of God’s children about His love

YEAR-TO-DATE EXPENSES



This pie chart disperses most salaries from the table to the appropriate group leaving only clergy compensation in “Salaries & Benefits.” For example: the office staff salaries are included in “Administration.”

Ministry | staff and expenses to support family, youth, adult, care and welcome ministries; fellowship, missions, music, worship & arts.

Administration | staff and expenses to support the office, communications, finance

Buildings | staff, utilities and maintenance at our main building at 98 Algonquin Rd, the parsonage in Barrington, Trinity Center in Carpentersville

Salaries & Benefits | clergy salaries and benefits

Apportionment | paid to the UMC Northern Illinois Conference to support local churches, conference services, conference missions, clergy leadership

- coordinate the efforts of missions that impact those in need both near and far (from our local community meal to Growing Hope Globally)
- many are involved in various ways to make worship a meaningful and engaging experience
- support for the welcome team, caring ministries, fellowship, building our relationship with God and sharing His love with others
- coordinate mission trips that not only serve those in need, but impacts spiritual growth of those who participate

Exciting times are ahead as we welcome Pastor David and begin a new season of experiencing and sharing God’s love. By giving our time, talents and treasures, we seek to create God’s Kingdom here on earth.

If you have questions about our finances, feel free to contact:
Lou Ann Gordon, Director of Finance
847-836-5540 x104
lgordon@barringtonumc.com

Don't miss out on any of the remaining 2025 Fellowship Events

July 13, Sunday – Ice Cream Social with Pastor David

Fellowship Hall after 2nd service

August 24, Sunday – Rally Day Cook-Out

Fellowship Hall after 2nd service

Mark your calendars to join the back-to-church gathering after second service. Catch up with BUMC friends while enjoying picnic fare of hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and desserts. No better way to jump back into the routine than with an end-of-summer barbecue!

September 20, Saturday – Fall Walk & Picnic Lunch

Crabtree Nature Center at 10 a.m.

October 11, Saturday – Fall Potluck

Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m.

November 8, Saturday – Painting Party

Fellowship Hall from 2-5 p.m.

December 14, Sunday – Hot Chocolate Bar

The Well – 9:30-11 a.m.



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Sunday school for youth, 6th - 12th grade, at 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Room

The youth group continues its series on Women in the Bible, exploring the stories and impact of key female figures in Scripture.

Congratulations to our graduates!

Kamryn Blumer graduated from Cary Grove High School
daughter of Kyle & Libby Blumer

Catherine Brashler graduated from University of Wisconsin, Madison
daughter of Dave & Jamie Brashler

Nicole Evans graduated from University of South Carolina
daughter of Michele Evans

Andy Jachim graduated from North Central College
son of Kathy & Mike Jachim

Emily Linden graduated from Dundee Crown High School
granddaughter of Mike Buhmann

Sofia Oliver graduated Fordham University
granddaughter of Bob & Sam Oliver

James Preucil graduated from Juilliard
son of Stephanie and Walter Preucil

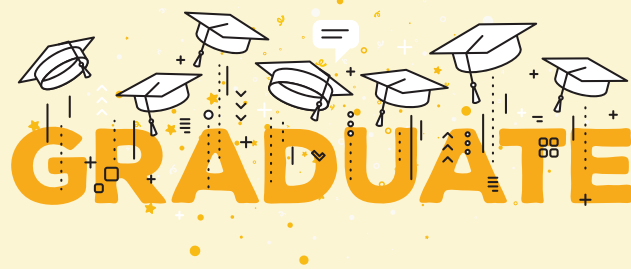
Plaudit Tetteh graduated from Barrington UMC High School
daughter of Shirley Tetteh

Connor Towle graduated from Rolling Meadows high School
grandson of Jackie & Rick Feare

Sierra Travez graduated from Jacobs High School
daughter of Shari Travez

Michael Walsh Jr. graduated from Colorado State University
son of Shelly & Mike Walsh

Mitchell Walsh graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University
son of Mike & Shelly Walsh



Students ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join JAM Sunday School after Children's Time during both services.

Check out our upcoming Sunday School Themes!
July: "Gone Fishin= Committed to Jesus. Hook, Line, and Sinker"
August: "Cooking with Jesus"

First Sunday Family Gathering, a welcoming space for parents and children!

Join us on the first Sunday of each month from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the dining room for a relaxed time of fellowship. Our family ministries team will bring the children to the dining room, where parents can pick them up and stay to enjoy coffee, lemonade, and hearty snacks. We look forward to seeing you there!

Give a Helping Hand to Family Ministries

Creating exciting environments for our children to learn about God requires supplies, decorations, and equipment. You can help! Visit our Helping Hands Tree located in the Narthex and select a helping hand to help cover the costs of our family ministry opportunities. Thank you!





A Special Place to Grow and Learn! We had an amazing time at summer camp and are already looking ahead to our 2025/2026 school year!

If you know a family looking for a nurturing, faith-based learning environment, let them know we're offering tours all summer long. Noah's Ark Christian Academy offers small class sizes and programs for children ages 2 through private Kindergarten.

Come and see what makes our school such a special place to grow and learn! Contact me, Susan Acosta, sacosta@barringtonumc.com—I would be delighted to welcome you to the Noah's Ark family. Thank you for your support.





Thank you for your generous donations! Your support was crucial in transforming our church into an amazing underwater adventure for over 100 children during Scuba VBS. Because of you, our VBS campers were able to dive deep into a fun, faith-filled experience they'll never forget. We are truly grateful!

Thank Bobbi Triptow, Britini Wilkens, Michelle Fawcett, Fred Kocian, and Nanjoo Seo for helping us decorate. We would like to also say thank you to the many volunteers: Bobbi Triptow, RyAnn

Brown, Plaudit Tetteh, Plucky Tetteh, Gina Gill, Donna Zink, Payton Kozlowski, Sarah Nauman, Evana, Olivia, Payton Trzaska, Whitney Schoeny, Scarlett West, Lisa Fidducia, Noel Berkwitt, Laurie Launhardt, Aimee Glover-Tay, Silvia Grabacki, Pat Ziebart, Pat Gradt, Brett Gough, Maggie Dowling, Lynne Backer, Kaylee Coleman, Rosalyn Wesley, Lauren Jiles-Johnson, Tim Grabacki, Lisa Buboltz, Connie Claybough, Fred Kocian, Elizabeth Schule, Pam Koican, Liz Patterson, Lynn Fairlamb, Dana Angel, Max Gendusa, Patti Menges, Paulina and Pedro Mayer, and Lou Ann Gordon.



It's never too soon to start planning for our 91st Annual Sale!

We all know summer flies by, so put October 3rd and 4th on your calendar—our 2025 Rummage Sale. Let your friends and neighbors know, too. Drop-offs will begin Sunday, September 28th, and continue through noon on Wednesday, October 1st.

Consider setting aside some time to come and help – it's a great way to meet new friends, and it's always fun to see what you can discover! We will be setting up for the sale beginning Saturday, September 27th (with a limited set-up that day) and continuing through Thursday, October 2nd. If you haven't joined in the fun of this project, now is the time to start! It takes almost 200 volunteers to accomplish this fantastic sale, so plan to volunteer some time during the week to help set up, work the sale, or clean up, and bring a friend! Watch for our Sign-Up Genius website coming soon.

Proceeds from the sale benefit local organizations and United Women in Faith, which supports work that benefits women, children, and youth nationally and worldwide.

If you need more information, please contact Sydney Whitley at sparkerwhitley@gmail.com or Linda Osikowicz at Lmosikowicz@comcast.net. Watch for more details to come! Mark your calendar and plan to bring a friend!

NOTE: We are not accepting furniture. We continue to only sell children's books and DVDs (no adult books, DVDs, CDs), and no VHS tapes, electronics, or magazines.

A special request to begin now for the sale:

Some clever individuals have found a compact way to store plastic bags (like grocery bags) in empty tissue boxes. We receive lots of “grocery” size bags during rummage sale drop-off, but we could use more large bags. If you have some large plastic bags, please drop them off in the box in the coat closet, and we will pack them neatly into boxes — it will make our check-out tables look much neater! Please remember to bring both the smaller bags and all sizes of paper shopping bags with your rummage donations in September. We especially need paper shopping bags from Whole Foods and Trader Joe’s. (And, if you would like to bring your grocery bags flattened and rolled in a tissue box, we’ll accept those with a smile!)



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