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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.–2:00 p.m.,
Respecting the health and safety of all, masks are optional in the church building.

Worship online | *Services are posted each week on Saturday*

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.*

Chapel Prayer and Communion Service | *Third Sundays, 8:00–8:30 a.m.*

You are invited to share in this intimate time of prayer and communion.
All are welcome to attend and partake.

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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form on our website, www.barringtonumc.com.

First UMC of West Dundee

318 W. Main Street, West Dundee, IL 60118

Classic Worship, *Sundays at 10:00 a.m. | Online and In-person*

In-person worship is held in the sanctuary, nursery care and Sunday School
are available.

During the summer in junior high school – when it was too hot to
breathe, let alone play in the yard – I was one of those kids who
struggled to keep themselves entertained. I could only play Monopoly
with my brothers for so long. So, I would wander upstairs to complain
to my mother about there being nothing to do. I’d ask for a go-kart
like my neighbor had, or a Nintendo, or a ride to get ice cream at Dairy Ripple. But
every time I did that, she would give me the hush treatment. Dramatically. It was as
if the valve on the end of a gas station air hose broke.

“Shhhhhhhhhhhh!” she’d say as her arms flailed around like Dr. Octopus in a battle
with Spiderman. I remember this happening anytime you interrupted her when she
was watching her favorite soap operas on CBS. There was no breaking through her
wall of television attentiveness.

One day, admitting defeat, I threw myself down on the couch next to her. “What
was so great about these soap operas,” I thought. Well, I got hooked on them, too.
Even after the summer ended, I continued to watch. I watched many of them well
into college.

One of my favorite parts of those serial dramas was how they were one of the only
places where you’d see another actor jump into a role on a temporary or recurring
basis. “Today, the role of Brandon Spaulding will be played by ...” the announcer
would say as some stranger walked onto the scene. I always found it to be a cool
thing, because it was one of those rare spaces where the person playing
the part wasn’t nearly as important as the part they played. In some
places, the people telling stories aren’t nearly as important as the
stories they tell.

The church is one of those places.

By the time the next issue of The Banner is published, the role of
Barrington UMC pastor will be played by someone else. And someone
else will follow them, and them, and them. The star of the church is the
story of faith, after all; the diverse, wild, and odd story of our relationship with God
and one another. And everybody has a part to play. That means you. As members of
the universal church, the role of the faithful belongs to you, too.

So, even after I’ve said goodbye, you’ll have a role to play; a part in this great story
of our creation. You know how it goes: be love that you might know love; be present
that you may encounter holiness; be gracious that you may know it when you see it
offered to you.

To the glory of God, keep playing your part. And thank you for letting me join you
for the past seven years while I played mine.

Rev. Matthew Johnson

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Camina, Pueblo de Dios

Barrington UMC is in a time of transition. In fact, we are managing many transitions all at once. Our Christian Community worship service has welcomed retired elder Mario Mayer to offer preaching and teaching, while Luis Vega continues in his role as pastor and chaplain to BUMC and to the Carpentersville/Elgin/Barrington/Cary communities. This transition has brought new energy to the worshipping community and additional opportunities for small group study and prayer.

On May 3, BUMC will say its final goodbye to Pastor Chris and on July 6 we will worship for the first time with our new appointed pastor, Reverend David Lagos-Fonseca. Our new pastor will bring his own energy to our community. He will want to get to know all of us and begin to understand what makes this a special church – a process which will take some time. We look forward to welcoming him with grace, peace, and joy.

And, it is with sadness that we will say goodbye to Pastor Matthew who has steadied the ship through many storms. He led our transition to online worship. He has shepherded our care ministry and welcome teams. He stepped up to lead worship and staff during each of Pastor Chris' leaves and, since February, has helped us move forward through both our leadership transition and a difficult budgeting process. In order to maintain the viability of our church, Pastor Matthew and church leadership requested that the cabinet eliminate the position of Associate Pastor.

Now, the ball is in our court. With less staffing and new leadership, we all have to recognize that additional volunteers will be needed to take on key roles which may have migrated to staff. This is an opportunity to participate in important ways and build camaraderie. Please take thoughtful time to consider your own gifts, talents, and availability. Be ready when someone suggests something is needed to be the one to step up or step aside as necessary to help.

This is not the first time our congregation has transitioned – this is our fourth building and Pastor David will be our 64th pastor (including associates) since 1844. On October 28, 1998, the church on Hough Street burned to the ground. Members gathered across the street, watching in shock. Together they sang hymn #558: “The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple ... I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!” And together they journeyed for over four years as they built a new building and created a new reality for God's people at 98 Algonquin Road. There are few transitions as dramatic as what this church already accomplished.

As beloved children of God, we exist to experience and share God's love. We've committed to and are working to live into our values. As people of God, we embrace our purpose and our community. We look forward to joyfully taking the instruction offered in hymn # 305: **Walk On, O People of God**

Walk on, O People of God

La IMU de Barrington se encuentra en un momento de transición. De hecho, estamos gestionando muchas transiciones a la vez. Nuestro servicio de adoración de la Comunidad Cristiana ha dado la bienvenida al pastor retirado Mario Mayer para ofrecer predicación y enseñanza, mientras Luis Vega continúa en su papel como pastor y capellán de BUMC y de las comunidades de Carpentersville/Elgin/Barrington/Cary. Esta transición ha traído nueva energía a la comunidad de adoración y oportunidades adicionales para el estudio y la oración en grupos pequeños.

El 3 de mayo, BUMC se despedirá definitivamente del pastor Chris y el 6 de julio adoraremos por primera vez con nuestro nuevo pastor designado, el Reverendo David Lagos-Fonseca. Nuestro nuevo pastor traerá su propia energía a nuestra comunidad. Querrá conocernos a todos y comenzar a comprender qué hace que ésta sea una iglesia especial, un proceso que llevará algún tiempo. Esperamos darle la bienvenida con gracia, paz y alegría.

Y es con tristeza que nos despediremos del pastor Matthew, quien ha estabilizado el barco a través de muchas tormentas. Lideró nuestra transición a la adoración en línea. Él ha pastoreado nuestro ministerio de atención y equipos de bienvenida. Dio un paso al frente para dirigir la adoración y el personal durante cada una de las ausencias del pastor Chris y, desde febrero, nos ha ayudado a avanzar tanto en nuestra transición de liderazgo como en un difícil proceso presupuestario. Para mantener la viabilidad de nuestra iglesia, el pastor Matthew y el liderazgo de la iglesia solicitó que el gabinete elimine el puesto de pastor asociado.

Ahora la pelota está en nuestro tejado. Con menos personal y nuevos líderes, todos debemos reconocer que se necesitarán voluntarios adicionales para asumir funciones clave que pueden haber migrado al personal. Esta es una oportunidad para participar de maneras importantes y generar camaradería. Tómese un tiempo para considerar sus propios dones, talentos y disponibilidad. Esté preparado cuando alguien sugiera que se necesita algo para ser él quien dé un paso al frente o se haga a un lado según sea necesario para ayudar.

Esta no es la primera vez que nuestra congregación hace la transición: este es nuestro cuarto edificio y el pastor David será nuestro 64th pastor (incluidos asociados) desde 1844. El 28 de octubre de 1998, la iglesia en Hough Street se quemó hasta los cimientos. Los miembros se reunieron al otro lado de la calle y observaron en estado de shock. Juntos cantaron el himno #558: “La iglesia no es un edificio, la iglesia no es un campanario... ¡Yo soy la iglesia! ¡Tú eres la iglesia! ¡Nosotros somos la iglesia juntos!” Y juntos viajaron durante más de cuatro años mientras construían un nuevo edificio y creaban una nueva realidad para el pueblo de Dios en 98 Algonquin Road. Hay pocas transiciones tan dramáticas como las que esta iglesia ya logró.

Como hijos amados de Dios, existimos para experimentar y compartir el amor de Dios. Nos hemos comprometido y estamos trabajando para vivir de acuerdo con nuestros valores. Como pueblo de Dios, abrazamos nuestro propósito y nuestra comunidad. Esperamos con alegría recibir la instrucción ofrecida en el himno #305: **Camina, Pueblo de Dios**

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? — Isaiah 43:19a

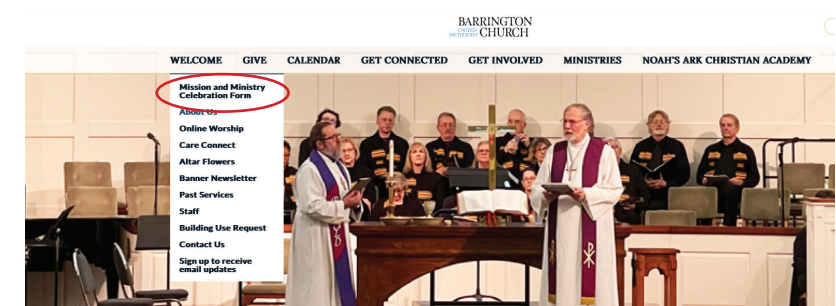
There are so many new things going on in our midst; sometimes, it is hard to take note of them all. Team Pay Attention tries hard to live up to the name. It is our job to notice, encourage, and help celebrate all the ways Barrington UMC is moving forward to live into our purpose (the one on the walls of the rotunda), to help us reach our aspirational values (by facilitating a leadership development gathering), and to help us celebrate where we are aligned with our aspirational values and success statements. After our February all-church gathering, Team Pay Attention has initiated a Leadership Minute, a brief email connecting everyone leading a team, a small group, or a ministry area. Team Pay Attention especially wants everyone to celebrate the wide variety of activities always going on in our church. We've asked leaders to provide pictures and stories. We want to celebrate everything connected to our purpose – small group gatherings, Holy Spirit sightings, missions that engage with those we serve, excellence in worship, opportunities that make space for new people, prayer that calms, and music that uplifts.



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Beginning Sunday, April 27, we will be displaying celebrations as well as announcements on the rotunda screen AND on the sanctuary screens before and after worship. To include your celebrations, we need current pictures and information. The staff has developed a process to best receive the information. We would like you to submit one or two excellent pictures that tell the story of your event or activities on a Google form. We will use those pictures and your narration to display on the screens in the building AND for the church's social media, both Facebook and Instagram. You can find the form on our website, barringtonumc.com, at the very top of the Welcome menu. When taking photographs, please use only a horizontal aspect, and please don't include folks who've asked not to appear on social media.

We encourage you to follow and share BUMC's Facebook and Instagram pages. That is the most effective way to help other folks see all the opportunities here at Barrington UMC.



In keeping with the climate justice campaign of United Women in Faith, we pass along a few tips from United Methodist Creation Justice. The topic this month: Our #1 job

The Bible reminds us, "God saw everything God had made and indeed, it was very good" (Genesis 1:31), and humanity's number one job was to tend and care for the garden God gave us (Genesis 2:15). The same is true today. Find your "garden" to care for Earth.

Plant plants that naturally grow in your area. Native plants require less water than lawns or annuals, help prevent erosion, and do not need fertilizers. They

reduce air pollution and increase shelter and food for pollinators and birds. For suggestions, visit: <https://citizensforconservation.org/native-plants/>

Engage children in nature activities. Grow something together, like a flower, tomato plant, cucumber, or pumpkin vine. Plant seeds outdoors or indoors, using cups or pots. Talk about the delight in God's creation you feel. As you work together, you'll foster a new generation that loves and cares for nature.

Plant a pizza garden Plant, tend, and harvest tomatoes, peppers, onions, and herbs. When ready, hold a homemade pizza party and offer a blessing to connect

the experience with God, the source of all growth. Feel the joy of growing and sharing fresh produce.

The more you choose native plants and other perennials, the less you will need to buy in the future. John Wesley encouraged us, "save all you can" to "give all you can." He'd be pleased; and butterflies, bees, birds and your budget will be happy.

Plant for pollinators—plant for our future. Butterflies, bees, and birds are essential for the growth of food for humans, but pollinators face extinction due to habitat destruction and pesticide use. Planting even a small patch can support their survival.

Food waste—both corporate and personal—is the #3 cause of greenhouse gas. Composting food scraps allows you to fill the land with nutrients and avoid the landfill. Explore your options for composting: industrial composting services, backyard bins, and networks of friends contributing to a common composter.

Shop locally at a farmers market or community garden and reduce the carbon emissions that come from shipping food long distances. Eat sustainably with more fruits and veggies and reduce the cost to your body. Fresh veggies and fruits stay fresh longer than store-bought, too. Give thanks for those whose work feeds you and others.

What if Jesus came to the Community Meal?

On Sunday, March 9th, Pastor Matthew posed the question: “What if Jesus came to Your Neighborhood?” I don’t know the answer to his question, but I have a very good idea about what would happen if he came to Trinity Center on the third Saturday of the month.

Jesus would partake of the community meal. He, like the others who came, would welcome being provided with their daily bread. (Many of us pray: “Give us this day our daily bread,” even though it’s the last thing we need to worry about.) Before he took his meal, he would approach the volunteers, thank them for their service, and offer to help in any way he could. Only then would he take his meal and sit with the people - being a companion to the lonely, a cheerleader for the discouraged, sympathetic to those in mourning.

In time, the volunteers would serve themselves and join the company. Perhaps they would sit with Jesus and inquire about his life - how hard it was for him to make a living, how unfairly the people were treated by those in positions of authority, and how he hoped for a better world based on everyone “loving their neighbors.”

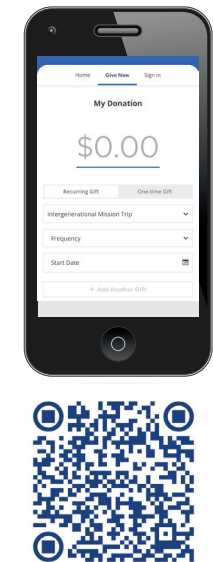
I’m pretty sure Jesus can always be found in Carpentersville.



Intergenerational Mission Trip to Tree of Life

July 12 to July 19

BUMC is taking an intergenerational mission trip to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota this July. This trip is an opportunity to work with Tree of Life, a mission of the Dakotas Conference and a partner of BUMC. As well as helping in the thrift store, warehouse, garden, soup kitchen, or construction, we will be engaged in cultural learning as we work and in the evenings. Youth will have time apart to process their experiences. Eleven people have signed up at the time of publication, and we have space for up to seven more. Please contact Sharon Orr, sorr@barringtonumc.com, if you would like to learn more about this trip. *If you can’t attend, please support the trip with a gift to the Intergenerational Mission Trip fund. Use the QR code to donate online.*



Growing Hope Globally

Thank you for your generosity! In this 22nd year of partnership with Trinity Lutheran and the farmers around Ottawa, Illinois, your support has started strong. Members of BUMC have given over \$8,000 toward transformative development programs. This will be our second year supporting a program in the Western Highlands of Guatemala, helping women grow kitchen gardens to combat malnutrition and teaching them to process some of their surplus to sell to nearby tourists. **Over the years, we have helped over 14,000 to leave poverty behind.** Your gift can still make a difference!



UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is one of the most efficient and effective relief agencies operating today. Your gifts on UMCOR Sunday are among the main reasons why.

Giving from Methodist Churches worldwide covers the operating and administrative expenses, allowing UMCOR to maintain long-term relationships around the globe. Being “first in and last out” of disaster areas truly makes a difference to the people we help. This year, Barrington UMC gave over \$9,000 to ensure that every dollar anyone gives to disaster relief goes fully to disaster relief. Thank you!



Fish Food Pantry

FISH Food Pantry helps to feed over 50,000 hungry people in Carpentersville, East and West Dundee, Sleepy Hollow, Pingree Grove, and Gilberts. An all-volunteer agency since 1970, they are a long-standing mission partner of Barrington UMC, receiving food from our garden, donations in the blue boxes, gifts from our mission budget, and most importantly, designated donations from our members. **This Holy Week, we forwarded over \$1,500 given by members of BUMC to FISH.** This money will help purchase food now as inflation continues to pinch, and over the summer, when school is out and children still need breakfast and lunch. Thank you for sharing loaves and fishes (and vegetables) with our neighbors.

North Shore Line Rocks the House for a Great Cause!

Barrington United Methodist Church was filled with energy, music, and community spirit as the North Shore Line band performed to a packed house — all supporting the FISH Food Pantry. The concert featured an incredible lineup of classic hits from the 1960s and 1970s that had the crowd dancing, singing along, and celebrating together.

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended, the event raised an additional **\$1,400 for the FISH Food Pantry** — a vital organization that helps provide food and support to local families in need.

The North Shore Line is a talented rock band of seven musicians and a sound engineer, four of whom are members of our congregation: John Maxson, Gail Rossow, Sydney Whitley, and Dave Snyder. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the music and support this meaningful cause. It was truly a night to remember!



Help Care Ministries Deliver Meals

Care Ministries provides meals to those recovering from illness, surgery, or other challenges. We use an easy online tool called Meal Train to coordinate meal details, including dietary needs and delivery dates.

We need more volunteers to help make and/or deliver meals occasionally. We also provide cooked meals to individuals who can't attend our monthly Carpentersville Community Meal in our Trinity Center.

These programs depend on volunteers to continue — please consider lending a hand! To help or request a meal, contact Elaine at 847-921-5356 or rneaa@comcast.net.



91st Annual Rummage Sale

As you pack away your winter clothes and go about spring cleaning, remember to store those unwanted treasures for the Rummage Sale. The sale is October 3-4, with drop-off beginning Sunday, September 28, through noon Wednesday, October 1. Let your friends and neighbors know! Consider setting aside time to come and help – it's a great way to meet new friends, and seeing what you find is always fun! We will be setting up beginning Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27 (limited set-up those days) and continuing through Thursday, October 3. If you haven't joined in the fun of this project, now is the time to start!! This year marks the 91st annual Rummage Sale.

If you need more information, contact Sydney Whitley, sparkerwhitley@gmail.com, or Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net, to see how you might use your passion to be part of this historic service project. Mark your calendar and plan to bring a friend!!

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

The Have a Heart Pillow Project will not meet in May

Our next gathering to tie and stuff these well-loved pillows will be Tuesday, June 24 at 10 a.m.. The patients who receive the pillows are very grateful, so come help!

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Final Spring Gathering

Join us on Tuesday, May 13 at 1 p.m. in the BUMC parlor for our final gathering before the summer break! Bring your completed shawls for blessing, any leftover yarn to share, and your current project. Let's celebrate another meaningful year of ministry together and begin dreaming and planning for what's next. When we return in September, we'll mark a special milestone—our 21st year—with a fall shawl blessing. Don't miss this time of fellowship, reflection, and renewal!

Join the BUMC Garden Team

Spring is coming! We are making plans! In order for the church garden to continue to supply fresh vegetables to families who are in need we want you to be a member of the team. Your help is essential for success.

In the last 10 years the garden has provided 230,000 pounds of fresh vegetables. Last year we supported 9 area food pantries as well as our own Community Meal. We hope to provide more than last year's total of 9,000 pounds. Last year was difficult with an overabundance of weeds impacting the crops.

This year we are planning to grow several varieties of zucchini, broccoli tomatoes, sweet and hot peppers and pumpkins. We also will grow winter squash and cucumbers.

The main tasks are:

- deploy the irrigation system – May
- transplant young plants into the garden and place tomato cages – late May, early June
- weed, weed, weed – on and ever going June thru September. The more effective our weeding program the more harvest to share
- rototilling – June thru September – to control weeds
- harvesting – late July through September

All tasks are “weather permitting”

Questions, comments – please contact Bill West via email-wlwest@att.net or Ron Schneider at Schneidly@aol.com

FAQ's

1. When are most of the people there to work? Most folks come in the morning as that is the most comfortable time to work. You can come when you have time available especially to weed.
2. We hope we can get more volunteers into the garden during this growing season. You can come any day, any hour to weed. We have the tools; you bring your gardening gloves. Don't know how? We will teach you, No problem!
3. Need to have a conversation with the Lord, the garden is a great place to do it!

To start your involvement, go to barringtonumc.com/get-involved or scan the QR code to indicate your interest.



¡Únete al equipo de jardinería de BUMC!

Cada verano cultivamos vegetales frescos para FISH Food Pantry, Food for Greater Elgin y otras 7 despensas. Necesitamos ayuda para desherbar y cosechar. Mucha gente trabaja a primera hora de la mañana o el sábado. El deshierbe se puede realizar a cualquier hora del día o por la noche. Se invita a las personas que trabajan en el huerto a llevar verduras frescas a su mesa en el momento de la cosecha.



Humboldt Park UMC se está reubicando

por Silvia Grabacki, Presidenta de Misiones

Nuestra iglesia ha tenido una larga asociación con la Iglesia Metodista Unida de Humboldt Park (HPUMC). El 6 de abril asistimos a un culto especial de celebración y puesta en servicio mientras HPUMC cierra sus puertas en su ubicación actual. El servicio bilingüe celebró la asombrosa historia y el impacto de la congregación HPUMC durante más de 100 años. La pastora Paula Cripps-Vallejo recordó a todos los presentes que “tenemos la suerte de ser una bendición” y “nuestras acciones tienen que reflejar nuestras oraciones”.

La congregación en Humboldt Park comenzó en 1901 como una reunión de escuela dominical para inmigrantes alemanes recién llegados. La congregación siguió creciendo y en 1928 se construyó una iglesia con apartamentos. La propiedad fue diseñada para ayudar a quienes necesitan viviendas asequibles y de calidad. A medida que las sociedades cambiaron, el servicio pasó al inglés. ¡En 1947 la congregación había pagado el edificio!

Durante los años siguientes, la iglesia creció y con el tiempo la demografía del vecindario cambió de una comunidad predominantemente blanca a una creciente población hispana. HPUMC sirvió a ambas comunidades con un pastor que hablaba inglés y español. En la década de 1980, la iglesia lanzó los Servicios Sociales de Humboldt Park (HPSS) para abordar la falta de vivienda y el hambre en el vecindario. Durante las siguientes dos décadas, el ministerio alimentó, alojó y brindó apoyo integral a miles de personas. Se sirvieron más de 1,3 millones de comidas, las despensas de alimentos apoyaron a más de

Se sirvieron más de 1,3 millones de comidas, las despensas de alimentos apoyaron a más de 2.000 familias, se proporcionó alojamiento a más de 6.000 hombres y se ofreció alojamiento de transición a 1.500 mujeres y niños.

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Vidas (CCL). BUMC continúa apoyando a CCL hasta el día de hoy.

En 2020, HPUMC votó a favor de vender su edificio histórico a LUCHA (lucha.org), asegurando el legado de la iglesia de viviendas asequibles en un vecindario que se gentrifica rápidamente.

En 2022, HPUMC amplió su ministerio para atender a los migrantes recién llegados, principalmente de Venezuela. Nuevamente, BUMC ayudó con la entrega de alimentos y apoyo financiero.

En enero de 2025 se concretó la venta del inmueble. LUCHA está renovando los 12 apartamentos existentes y agregando 10 unidades más sin desplazar a los residentes actuales.

La congregación busca mudarse a un vecindario donde puedan continuar acercándose a la comunidad hispana/latina y brindar un espacio inclusivo para el crecimiento espiritual. BUMC continuará caminando junto a esta congregación en el próximo capítulo de lo que Dios tiene reservado para esta comunidad de fe.



Humboldt Park UMC is relocating

by Silvia Grabacki, Chair of Missions

Our church has had a long partnership with the Humboldt Park United Methodist Church (HPUMC). On April 6, we attended a special worship of Celebration and Recommissioning as HPUMC is closing its door in its current location. The bilingual service celebrated the amazing history and impact of the HPUMC congregation over 100 years. Pastor Paula Cripps-Vallejo reminded all present that “we’re blessed to be a blessing” and “our actions have to reflect our prayers”.

The congregation in Humboldt Park began in 1901 as a Sunday School gathering for newly arrived German immigrants. The congregation continued to grow and in 1928 it built a church with apartments. The property was designed to support those in need of affordable and quality housing. As societies shifted the service transitioned to English. In 1947 the congregation had paid off the building!

During the following years, the church grew and over time the neighborhood demographics changed from a predominantly white community to a growing Hispanic population. HPUMC

More than 1.3 million meals were served, food pantries supported over 2,000 families, shelter was provided to over 6,000 men and transitional housing was offered to 1,500 women and children.

served both communities with an English and a Spanish speaking pastor. In the 1980s the church launched the Humboldt Park Social Services (HPSS) to address homelessness and hunger in the neighborhood. Over the next 2 decades the ministry fed, housed and provided holistic support to thousands. More than 1.3 million meals were served, food pantries supported over 2,000 families, shelter was provided to over 6,000 men and transitional housing was offered to 1,500 women and children. BUMC was in partnership with HPUMC during this time providing Sunday evening meals and financial assistance. HPSS added focus to financial and income security as a means to achieve housing stability. HPSS is now the Center for Changing Lives (CCL). BUMC continues to support CCL to this day.

In 2020, HPUMC voted to sell its historic building to LUCHA (lucha.org), ensuring the church's legacy of affordable housing in a rapidly gentrifying neighborhood.

In 2022, HPUMC expanded its ministry to serve newly arrived migrants, primarily from Venezuela. Again, BUMC helped with food deliveries and financial support.

In January, 2025 the sale of the property was finalized. LUCHA is renovating the 12 existing apartments and adding 10 more units without displacing current residents.

The congregation is looking to relocate to a neighborhood where they can continue outreach to the Hispanic/Latino community and provide inclusive space for spiritual growth. BUMC will continue to walk alongside this congregation on the next chapter of what God has in store for this faith community.



Our BUMC Parsonage Gets a Fresh Start

As we prepare to welcome Pastor David and his wife, Pastor Shirley, members of our Board of Trustees are hard at work sprucing up the church parsonage. Nestled in a warm and welcoming Barrington subdivision, the home has faithfully served our congregation's pastors since the 1990s and is now receiving some much-needed updates.

A microburst in 2024 left its mark, taking down a large tree in the front yard and cracking the front stoop. Plans are underway to level and retile the stoop, restoring safety and visual appeal.

The home's three sliding glass doors, located along the back of the first floor, are also being upgraded. Two have already been replaced, and the final door is scheduled for installation soon. Several aging windows that have begun to fail will also be replaced to ensure the home remains comfortable and energy efficient.

Inside, the parsonage is coming to life with fresh paint and flooring. Thanks to the generous help of some of our congregation members, the living and dining rooms are being repainted. At the same time, Pastor David and his family have graciously offered to paint the bedrooms themselves. Overdue for replacement, the second-floor carpeting is being swapped out for durable solid surface flooring.

Outdoors, the parsonage boasts a wonderful patio and grill area perfect for summer gatherings. With a bit of spring cleaning, it will soon be ready for use again. Our Trustees also hope to refresh the home's exterior by painting the shutters and brick, enhancing the property's curb appeal.

With everyone pitching in, the house will be a warm and welcoming home for Pastor David, Pastor Shirley, and their family.



Damage to the front stoop



Before



After



Celebration of Ministry for Pastor Matthew Johnson | Friday, June 6 at 6 p.m.

All are invited as we celebrate the ministry of Pastor Matthew Johnson!

Pastor Matthew has served local congregations in rural, urban, and suburban settings since 2004. In that time, he has come to love preaching and teaching from the places where the present world intersects with scripture; the gift of prayerfully guiding parishioners through their life-giving and life-changing moments; and equipping laypersons to develop their Spirit-led passions into fruitful and vital ministries. Pastor Matthew established our online worship service and his presence was essential as we supported Pastor Chris through his medical difficulties. Come and share on this special occasion as we honor Pastor Matthew and give thanks for his ministry at BUMC!

Donations for Pastor Matthew's Love Gift may be given in the following ways:

Checks made out to "BUMC Johnson" with 'Pastor Matthew Love Gift' in the memo line

BUMC App - Select "Love Gift - Pastor Matthew"

Visit: barringtonumc.com/give - select "Love Gift - Pastor Matthew"

Online Giving - payment types accepted: credit card, Venmo, Google Pay, PayPal, ACH



Centering Prayer

Fridays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the BUMC Parlor

Experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your prayer life. Join us as we open ourselves to the movement of the Spirit through the practice of Centering Prayer. Learn more through occasional book studies or experiential art. Draw closer as we ask the very Methodist question: 'How is it with your soul?'

Gather Together with Lectio Divina

Second Sundays, 9:15 to 10 a.m. in the Dining Room

We invite you to experience the presence of God through contemplation of the scriptures with Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina, literally "Divine Reading," is a Christian practice that dates back to the early days of the church. Join us as we meet together on the second Sunday of each month. No experience with the technique is required, and no preparation or long-term commitment is necessary. Lectio Divina is easy to learn and can become an inspiring, restful way to draw closer to God. And you will have time to enjoy a cup of coffee before the 10:30 a.m. worship service. For more information, contact Terrie McComb at tlmccomb@msn.com.

Bible Study at the Trinity Center

Sundays through May

Spanish: 1 p.m. in the Wesley Room, taught by Pastor Mario

English: 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, taught by Tina Vega

United Women in Faith gathering at BUMC

Wednesday, May 14th from 10:00 a.m. to noon

United Women in Faith will gather for a program about our Methodist Foremothers, followed by a light lunch. The focus will be historical, but hopefully we'll also be encouraged to celebrate our continuing witness as women in the Methodist tradition. Everyone is welcome. You may also join via Zoom.



United
Women
in Faith



Geranium Sale

Orders for geraniums can no longer be placed but there will be some available on Sunday, May 11. Stop by and take home one (or more) of these lovely plants. We'll accept cash and checks payable to BUMW.

Hearing God in the Defining Moments of Your Life

Wednesdays through May 28th from 7 to 8:30 in Room 111 or on online

During Eastertide, our worship will look at 'Defining Moments,' the instant when the true nature of a situation is revealed and faithful responses are offered. This class is a chance to respond to and go beyond our worship series. Watch the sermon in person or online, then drop in and join us as you are able. Use the QR code to join by Zoom



You are invited to subscribe to Amplify Media

Amplifymedia.com is a streaming service from Cokesbury, part of the United Methodist Publishing House, offering high-quality videos with a Wesleyan perspective. Barrington UMC has subscribed to make video studies more affordable and accessible. Up to 100 individuals can access a vast library, including thousands of Cokesbury studies and timely webinars.



So far, access has gone to small group leaders and participants, with some individuals finding valuable content on their own. We're now opening it up to anyone interested in exploring materials individually or with friends. To request access, email Sharon Orr at sorr@barringtonumc.com.

Teen Girl Mission Group at First UMC West Dundee

The United Women in Faith at FUMC is organizing a group of teen girls to work on local service/mission projects in our community. Teens will earn community service volunteer hours. Teens do not need to be members of FUMC or attend regularly. Any teen girl would be welcome to join this service group. The first meeting is Sunday, May 18th, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room on the lower level.



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We will be assembling oral hygiene kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, flossers, lip balm) for donation to a Shoebox Christmas gift ministry assembled for children and Teens who live in the Spirit Lake Native American Reservation in South Dakota. We will discuss ideas for future projects.

Donations of toothpaste, lip balm, tooth brushes and flossers are welcome. Please contact Jennifer Schaffer schaffek@sbcglobal.net, (847) 287-7185 or Marcia Buchs mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net, (331) 276-7979 for more information.

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. All youth are welcome! Please note that we will not have Sunday School on June 1st so we can celebrate our graduates.

Our youth had a fantastic time at glow-in-the-dark mini golf! Between the neon lights, creative course challenges, and plenty of laughter, it was a fantastic outing filled with fun and fellowship—thanks to everyone who came out and made it a great experience!



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!

May: "Truth or Dare...Are you up for the challenge?"

June: "Deep Waters"

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!

Dive Into VBS—We Need Your Help!

We're getting ready for an amazing Scuba VBS, and we need volunteers to make it a success! Whether you love working with kids, decorating, or helping behind the scenes, there's a place for you to serve. Come on board for this incredible journey!



Volunteer!

If you can volunteer let us know—we'd love to have you on board for this incredible journey!

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! Beginning May 11, there will be a helping hands tree located between the nametags and the Scuba bulletin board. You are invited to select a helping hand and help cover the costs of our VBS underwater adventure and JAM class.



Tween Bowling event



The Noah's Ark Christian Academy community is pleased to share that we raised \$230 through our Easter donation initiative. We are grateful for the support of our families and church members who helped make this contribution possible. We are grateful for our students, families, and church community as we wind down another wonderful school year.

Enrollment is now open for our 2025/2026 School Year.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our program, I would be happy to provide a tour and answer any questions. Please don't hesitate to contact me—I would be delighted to welcome you to the Noah's Ark family. Thank you for your support, Susan Acosta, sacosta@barringtonumc.com.



Ash Wednesday Cantata

Our Chancel Choir sang Kyle Pederson's *A Vision Unfolding* as part of our Ash Wednesday service. The multi-movement piece (accompanied by trumpet, violin, and snare drum) invited us to reach beyond our comfort zone and seek to build bridges of care and connection. RyAnn Brown read the spoken word sections; Abby Grebner created art for the pulpit and bulletin. Soloists included Gloria Grebner, Gail Hamilton Rossow, Shirley Tetteh, Mary Ulery, and Rosalyn Wesley.



Barrington Area Handbell Festival

Sunday, April 6th, our church hosted six local handbell choirs. Sixty-eight handbell ringers processed into our sanctuary and then, led by five directors, rang six massed pieces of music and six solo pieces. Our bell choir, the Exaltation Ringers, joined by the Atonement Ringers, rang their recently commissioned arrangement of *Be Thou My Vision* and an arrangement of *Hey Jude*, which the audience enjoyed and even sang along to. In total, the ringers rang 259 bells and additional hand chimes. The audience filled our church and was delighted with the gift of music. It was a lovely, joyful, music-filled evening.



Carnegie Hall

In early March, a group of nine traveled to New York City to sing *A Vision Unfolding* as part of a 200-singer choir, with composer Kyle Pederson at the piano and spoken word artist Shanelle Gabriel performing her pieces. We thoroughly enjoyed the 10 hours of rehearsal under Kenney Potter, Artistic Director of the Charlotte Master Chorale. BUMC singers who attended were Gloria Grebner, Terrie McComb, Gail and Dennis Rossow, Patti Mangis, plus two singing friends and two supporters. We took advantage of our out-of-rehearsal time to see the sights and enjoyed a group dinner at Carmine's. Our final performance was well-received by critics and the audience—a truly memorable experience.





Rev. Mario Mayer



Holy Thursday at Comunidad Cristiana



Pastor Matthew enjoying conversation about faith to conclude our Lent Lab experience.



Fred Kocian and Bob Hudson sang "To Make You Feel My Love" by Bob Dylan as part of the Holy Thursday gathering in Fellowship Hall at Barrington UMC



The Good Friday joint service was enriched by the work of our Visual Arts Team.





Sunrise Prayer Service Comunidad Cristiana



Easter Sunday Choir and Stonegate Brass



Easter Sunday Children's Time with Pastor Mario



Easter Sunday at Comunidad Christiana



Easter Sunday Children's Time with Pastor Matthew



Easter Sunday Children's Time at First UMC West Dundee

Thank You, Women's Retreat Team!

Thank you, Women's Retreat Team, for organizing such a beautiful and meaningful Spring Women's Retreat. Your care, creativity, and leadership made it a truly special experience for all who attended! We especially thank Abbey Grebner for creating the beautiful art that was used as the theme for this retreat.



Red and White Fellowship Party

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped organize our recent Red and White fellowship party on May 3rd. Your presence and participation made the evening truly special. We are especially grateful to Silvia and Tim Grabacki for generously opening their home and sharing their time, knowledge, and hospitality with us. The wine-tasting



Celebration of Ministry for Pastor Chris Winkler

On Saturday, May 3rd, we joyfully celebrated the ministry of Pastor Chris Winkler! It was a meaningful occasion filled with gratitude and reflection on his faithful leadership in worship, preaching, teaching, and missions. Pastor Chris's service to Winfield Community Church, Gary UMC, Roselle UMC, and Barrington UMC has touched many lives and left a lasting impact. With deep roots in the Methodist tradition, his life of dedication to God's work was honored by all who gathered. We give thanks to Pastor Chris and his many years of faithful ministry!



and pairing experience was educational and delightful, and the selection of tapas and wines provided a perfect way to continue the evening in fellowship and good cheer.

To those who helped with planning, setup, and contributions of wine and food—thank you for making this gathering a success. We look forward to seeing you at our next fellowship event!



We have received many great questions in the **Ask Finance** box and in conversations with members of our congregation. I hope you will take the time to read through the following update, which is intended to educate, inform and answer questions about how we are doing and how our finances impact our future work together.

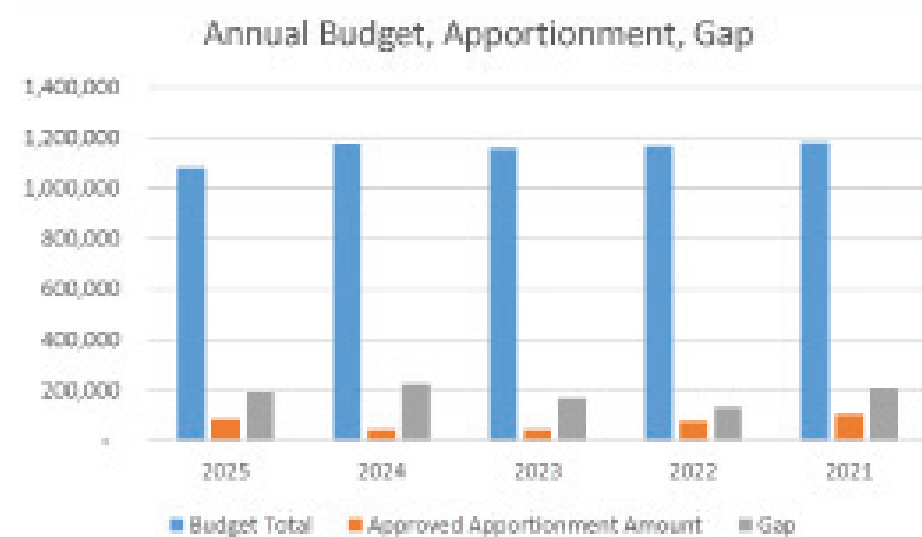
2025 FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE

How is the BUMC budget developed?

We begin by determining the needs of our work groups and operations to live into the visions and values of Barrington UMC. Our work groups are Children & Family, Youth, Adult, Care, and Welcoming Ministries, as well as Fellowship, Missions, Music and Worship & Arts. Operations includes Office, Finance, Communications, Trustees and Staff. The Director of Finance meets individually with the Chair or person responsible for each of these areas to determine the budget for that group. The next step is to forecast what receipts will be for the year. Receipts include pledges, unpledged giving, plate offerings, building usage, NACA donation, interest, and offsets from other funds. If we are underfunded for the year, this amount is our “gap”.

The budget is then taken to the Finance Committee for review, revisions and approval. The final step is to take a motion to the Church Leadership Council for approval.

The chart below shows a comparison of the total annual budget, approved apportionment amount and the gap for the past five years. The 2025 budget



(\$1,083,263) is the lowest it has been in five years, the apportionment amount (\$83,898) is almost double of the 2024 approved amount, and the gap (the amount we are underfunded) is \$36,500 less than 2024. For the past five years, we have allocated \$50,000 of reserve funds to reduce the gap.

How are we doing at the end of the first quarter?

Historically we have received around 24% of the annual budgeted giving amount by the end of March. We always have a cumulative underfunding throughout most of the year (primarily due to the gap) and have a substantial increase at the end of the year. Last year we were gifted 20% of the annual contributions in December and 32% of the annual contributions were received in November and December. We are not unique in that giving decreases during the summer months. While we most certainly are grateful for all gifts, no matter when they are received, we would joyfully welcome some of the year-end gifts earlier in the year.

Q1 2025	
% of budgeted giving received	96%
Q1 budgeted giving / expense	82%
Q1 spending (over) / under income	(\$38,899)

← Giving is on track with expectations. We appreciate our faithful donors!

← Expected giving was less than expected expenses – this represents the budget gap.

← This is the actual deficit after Q1. Please prayerfully consider additional giving to help close the gap.

Peace,

Lisa Buboltz
Chair of Church Leadership Council

Gwen Bennett
Chair of Finance

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Committee Director of Finance

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June 16-20, 9:00 a.m. to noon at Barrington United Methodist Church

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!



Register!



Volunteer!



June 26-27, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. First UMC West Dundee

Join us for an unforgettable adventure filled with faith, fun, and fellowship at Rocky Point Lighthouse! Kids will discover how to shine God's light in the world through exciting stories, songs, games, and crafts. Let's get ready to shine bright together! Don't miss it! To learn more, contact:

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