

BARRINGTON
UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 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

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands in E Flat Major
Alexander Zintchenko, Organist

by M. Kim

WELCOME

Pastor David

SCOUTMASTER GREETING

GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

GIRL SCOUT LAW

I will do my best to be
honest and fair, friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring, courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
and to respect myself and others,
respect authority, use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 100, *The Message*)

Sydney Whitley

On your feet now—applaud God!

Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into his presence.

Know this: God is God. He made us; we didn't make him.

We're his people, his well-tended sheep.

Enter with the password: "Thank you!"

Make yourselves at home, talking praise.

Thank him. Worship him.

For God is sheer beauty, all-generous in love, loyal always and ever.

Let us worship God with joy!

For he is good; His steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN #2270 (TFWS)

He Has Made Me Glad
(Please be seated after hymn.)

(sung twice)

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor David

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor David

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sydney Whitley

God is a merciful God who helps us to find him when we ourselves are lost and broken. Trusting in God's mending ways, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sydney Whitley

Lord, we often forget that we have more than we could ever use yet, like squirrels, store up more and more. Unclutter our lives, Lord. We consume too much, expect too much.

Grant us gratitude for what we have, our daily bread, the gift of life. Unclutter our lives, Lord, give us simplicity, thankful hearts. Amen.

(A time of silent prayer.)

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor David

Hear the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. 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 #2036 (TFWS)

Give Thanks

(chorus, sung twice)

(Please be seated after hymn.)

THE SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (RSV)

Sydney Whitley

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray constantly, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD #269 (UMH)

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

(Verse 3)

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live by thy most holy word.

SERMON

"Thanks-living"

Pastor David Lagos-Fonseca

ANTHEM

Indescribable

Laura Story/Jesse Reeves

(9:00 AM)

Jenna Hessel, soloist; Bill Williams, drums; accompanied by Jennifer Whiting, piano

(10:30 AM)

Offertory

John Ness Beck

Chancel Choir; Stephanie Preucil, violin; Walt Preucil, cello; Alex Zintchenko, piano
Jennifer Whiting, Interim Director of Music conducting

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

Sydney Whitley

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

Sydney Whitley

CALL TO OFFERING

Pastor David

OFFERTORY

Berceuse

by Gliere

Stephanie Preucil, violin; Walt Preucil, cello;

* LENTEN DOXOLOGY

(Old 100th)

Praise God throughout these 40 days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND GRATITUDE

Pastor David

Lord, we thank you for daily bread, for people who walk with us, strength for today, and hope for tomorrow. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #130 (UMH)

God Will Take Care of You (verses 1 and 3)

* BENEDICTION

Pastor David

POSTLUDE

Little Fugue in G Minor, BWV 578
Bob Hudson, violin; Alexander Zintchenko, Organist

J.S. Bach

Johann Sebastian Bach frequently signed his musical manuscripts with the initials S.D.G., standing for Soli Deo Gloria (To God alone, the glory), indicating his belief that his music was crafted to glorify God. Bach expressed that the ultimate aim of music should be "the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul".

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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

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: Tina Vega, 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

THOSE TO HOLD IN PRAYER: Barbara Finn, Pastor David's mother and his family, 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.)
Brian Koltia, 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), or Linda Snyder (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), phoning the office - 847-836-5540, ext. 105, scanning the QR Code or by visiting our website barringtonumc.com



A Wesleyan Journey of Prayer | *Wednesdays through March 18*

Classes are at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m., in person or online. Use the QR codes to join by Zoom.



This Lent, explore the many forms of prayer—adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication—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.



Morning Class

Evening Class

“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. Throughout Lent, our theme is “Jelly Beans.””

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.

Stations of the Cross Share your creative gifts to inspire visitors and our church community during Holy Week, with a unique Stations of the Cross exhibit. We are looking for artists from the BUMC/comunidad cristiana community to create original artwork for Stations of the Cross to be displayed in the BUMC Chapel from Palm Sunday, March 29, through Good Friday, April 3. All ages are welcome to participate and create something new and original for this event. For more information, contact Terrie McComb, tlmccomb@msn.com

Celebrating National Girl Scout Week

Barrington United Methodist Church is proud to be home to five Girl Scout troops serving girls from Kindergarten through fourth grade. The troops gather in the church basement on Sunday evenings, building friendships and learning together. This morning, the Scouts and their leaders are hosting Coffee Fellowship and sharing complimentary samples of Girl Scout cookies. Cookies will also be available for purchase—thank you for support!



Easter Flowers Help us fill our sanctuary with the beauty of Easter by ordering blooming plants by March 16. The flowers will decorate the church for our Easter services. After the second service, you are invited to take your plant home to enjoy. Flowers are \$15 each. Please indicate the variety of flower and the number of plants you would like.

_____ Easter Lilies

Your name: _____

_____ Tulips

Email: _____

_____ Daffodils

Phone: _____

_____ Hyacinths

These flowers are giving in memory of: _____

These flowers are giving in honor of: _____

I will pay by check.

Please state how you would like to be listed in the Easter bulletin:

I will pay online.

Sing with our Easter Choir!

Have you ever thought about trying choir? Easter is the perfect time! We're inviting anyone who enjoys singing—beginners to seasoned pros—to join our Easter Choir for just four rehearsals and Easter Sunday worship. No long-term commitment, just the joy of making music together during this most hopeful season. Rehearsals: Thursdays, March 12, 19 & 26 (7:00–8:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 4 (9:00–11:00 a.m.) in the Choir Room.



Come on—you already sing in the car. Sing with us!
Questions? Contact Jennifer Whiting at music@barringtonumc.com.

There's Something About That Name...Tag!

Got one? Need one? Stop by the Welcome Table and order your name tag today. Because everyone smiles a little bigger when they're greeted by name!

United Women in Faith Gatherings

Wednesday, March 11 at 10:00 or via Zoom in the BUMC Dining Room

All are invited as we reflect on "Mapping Our Meanders," the "living water" Jesus invited us to, and a bit of United Women in Faith history. A light lunch will be provided. All are invited, we hope to see you! Scan the QR code to join by Zoom.



North Shore Line in Concert

Saturday, March 14, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in

Fellowship Hall

North Shore Line, a seven-member classic rock band that includes BUMC members John Maxson, David Snyder, and Sydney Whitley, will perform 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026, in Fellowship Hall. The show will include classic songs by the Eagles,



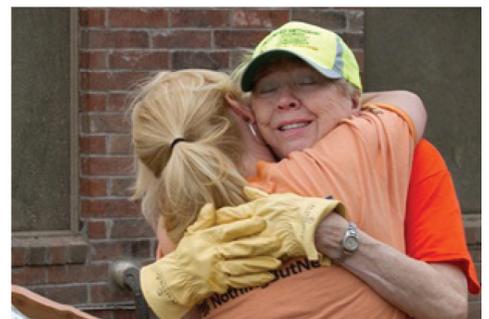
Beatles, Grateful Dead, Linda Ronstadt, Tom Petty, Eric Clapton, and more. Other members of North Shore Line include vocalist Beth Bassler, drummer Paul Betz, guitarist Henry Greene, and bassist Rob Kofkin. Special guest Pres Maxson, who grew up as a member of BUMC and has moved to the Indianapolis area, will be sitting in on keyboards. Admission is free, although there will be a free-will offering to benefit BUMC children's ministries. Make plans now to enjoy a fun afternoon of music and good camaraderie.

Northern Illinois Food Bank | Sunday, March 15 noon in the BUMC Dining Room

NIFB representative Chris Easley will join us for worship. Following the service, everyone is warmly invited to the Dining Room for a light luncheon and conversation. Chris will share how Northern Illinois Food Bank is responding to recent changes in funding and federal support—and how the organization continues to meet the growing needs of our neighbors. Come learn, ask questions, and discover ways to be part of the response.

UMCOR Sunday | March 15

On the fourth Sunday of Lent, United Methodist churches receive a special offering to support the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), the disaster relief and humanitarian arm of the United Methodist Church. Often described as "first in and last out," UMCOR holds an A+ rating from CharityWatch and directs 97% of its funds to relief programs. Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday cover the organization's administrative costs, making it possible for 100% of all other donations to go directly to disaster relief and humanitarian assistance in the U.S. and around the world.



March Madness – Movie & Game Night!

Sunday March 15, 5-8:30 p.m. | Open to kids 3rd grade and up

Get ready for a night of fun, food, and friendly competition! Vote for your favorite movie and game, then sit back (or jump in!) and enjoy the action. We'll have plenty of food and snacks included. It's going to be a slam dunk of a night—you won't want to miss it!



Fellowship Event - Taste Around the World

International and Heritage Food Fair – Sunday, March 22 at noon in Fellowship Hall

Share your international or regional heritage by bringing a taste of your favorite foods and traditions! Whether your roots are from another country or elsewhere in the U.S., we'd love to learn and celebrate with you. Individual stations can feature food, decorations, music, or anything that shows what you enjoy and are proud of. This is a fun opportunity for fellowship—and everyone is welcome to taste, whether or not you set up a station! To participate or share your special food, sign up via the QR code, online, or on the sheet near the Kitchenette. For questions, contact Elizabeth Patterson at robliznick@gmail.com or 860-942-1780.



Treats for Troops

Packing event on Sunday, March 22 after both worship services

Help assemble care packages for a marine unit working out of Bahrain. We will provide them with some hygiene items appropriate food items, and other gifts from home. Donations toward this effort will offset the cost of shipping as well as the items we purchase to send. Mark your gifts 'Treats for Troops' or give online. Join us on March 22 to help thank a serviceman or woman serving overseas. To learn more or help with preparations, contact George Gill at gkgill.sr@gmail.com or (847) 778-5475.

Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday | March 29

The United Methodist Men's Group is back with their Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon! It's the first time this beloved event has returned since the pandemic—don't miss it! Everyone is welcome to enjoy pancakes, bacon, juice, and coffee while sharing in fellowship and supporting a great cause. Breakfast is free, and donations support Meals for Millions, helping provide fresh, nutritious produce to those in need. Volunteers are needed for various roles, including flipping pancakes, grilling, serving, and cleaning up. Volunteers can sign up for a shift: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. or 10 a.m. to noon. Interested individuals can contact Phil Pardun at ppardun@sbcglobal.net or (847) 239-2397.

Women's Spring One Day Retreat: The Prayer Palette

Exploring the hues of Who, What, When, Where and Why of Prayer | Saturday, April 25, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Together we'll explore the rich hues of prayer through inspiring teaching, meaningful conversation, and time for personal reflection. Guest speakers Pastor Shirley Pulgar-Hughes, Chris Streed, and Elizabeth Penick will guide us as we deepen our understanding of prayer and grow in faith alongside one another. The cost is \$40 and includes a light breakfast and lunch.



True North VBS 2026: Finding Your Way in a World Gone Wild!

June 15-19, 9 a.m. to noon

Join an unforgettable VBS adventure where kids discover that Jesus is our true north. Through music, games, stories, and hands-on fun, children will build a rock-solid foundation as they learn to trust Jesus—their steady guide and unshakeable friend in every season of life.



Register a child



Volunteer to help