

For I know
the plans
I have for you,
declares the Lord,
plans for welfare
and not for evil,
to give you
a future
and a hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11

BANNER NEWSLETTER

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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.

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.

At the beginning of the new year, congregations in Methodist and Wesleyan traditions have long-practiced renewing their covenant with God. It dates all the way back to 1756, when John Wesley, himself, led a 4 a.m. gathering in London. There, they all joined in praying this:

“I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.”

Wesley hoped for this prayer to be a practical embodiment of Jesus’ teachings where he proclaimed, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” The prayer was to serve as a roadmap for navigating the path of discipleship, guiding all in what it truly means to embrace a life devoted to Christ.

After that very first Covenant Renewal Service, Wesley wrote that the people were divided in their expectations for the coming year. Some were convinced it would bring “a large harvest of temporal calamities,” while others believed there would be an abundance of spiritual blessings.

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Ever the advocate for a middle way, he said that it might be both; that there would be trials, and that those trials would prepare the faithful for God's renewal.

I believe their expectations were influenced by their perspectives. How we see our world – and what our eye is drawn to in the Covenant Prayer – says a lot about what we hope and trust.

We already know that 2025 will be different. For Barrington UMC, the new year is bringing new clergy in July. In the months prior to that, staff roles will shift. Volunteer involvement will need to change, too. And, at First UMC, 2025 will mark the first calendar year of part-time clergy leadership in West Dundee since the multisite partnership began. What we don't know are what outcomes those differences will bring. Calamity? Blessing? Both?

We do know, though, how faithful God has been to our communities throughout their history, and we know the same to be true for the multitude who preceded their founding. Every year, God delivers as promised.

Whenever your imagination enlarges your anxiety or ego, take a pause and ask your soul: "Am I still on the path of discipleship, or has my spirit been led astray?" Because God is good – in all of our moments – I trust that you'll be able to find your footing when you ask that question, and then get back to the life Christ has called you to lead.

And, when we do that for ourselves – when we care for our spiritual health – we also imbibe our faith communities with the power they need to keep reflecting the love of God, the grace of Jesus, and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

May peace and equity blossom in us this year.

Rev. Matthew Johnson

Moving Our Vision Forward

Sunday, February 2, following the 10:30 a.m. worship

Over 70 members of the Barrington UMC congregation came together on March 10 for our all-church event: Discerning Our Vision and Values. Now, we need you to help move this vision forward!

Mark your calendar and join us for our next gathering on Sunday, February 2, immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall. Your voice and presence are vital as we continue this important work.

To help us plan, please scan the QR code to let us know you will join us for lunch.



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.

Giving at Barrington UMC

It's not too late to pledge your support for our 2025 missions and ministries! As we reflect on our calling, hopes and dreams for this new year, we ask you to consider making a pledge to BUMC if you have not done so already. Together, as beloved children of God we can share our missions and ministries, making an impact in the community and in the world. You can use the QR code and click on "My Stewardship Pledge for 2025."

Thank you for your consideration.

One-time and/or recurring gifts can be made through our giving portal, barringtonumc.com/give. Specific funds and frequency can be specified using the drop-down menu.

For more information, please contact Lou Ann Gordon, Director of Finance, at lgordon@barringtonumc.com or (847) 836-5540.





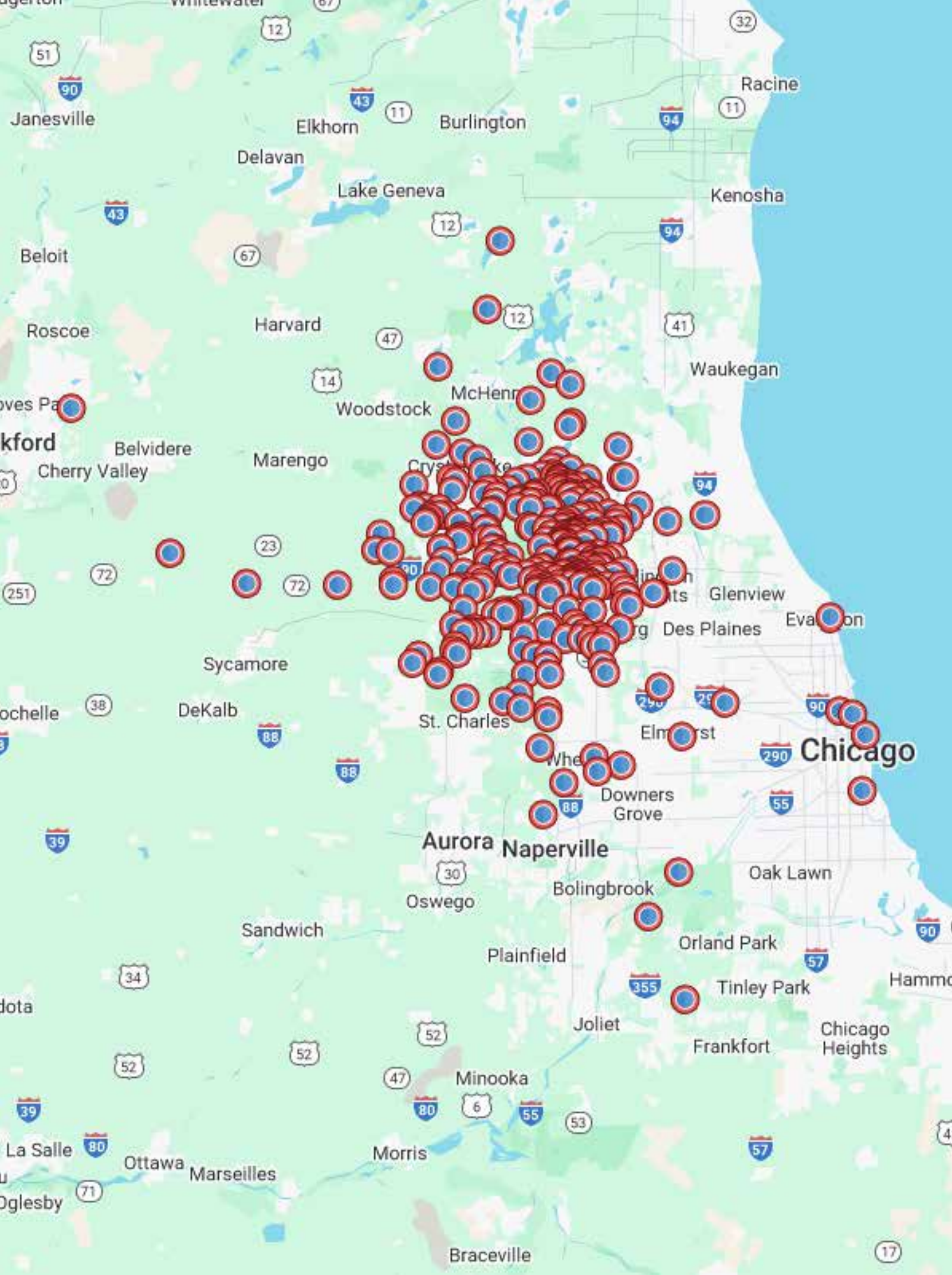
PRAYER REQUESTS for FUMC

We have a very active Prayer Team ministry here at FUMC. They believe strongly in the power of prayer and meet on a regular basis to pray for those in congregation and community that have requested prayer. If you have a prayer request that you would like included please contact either Marcia Buchs, mkbuchs@sbcglobal.net, or Pastor Rick, rcaulson@barringtonumc.com.

Giving at First UMC West Dundee

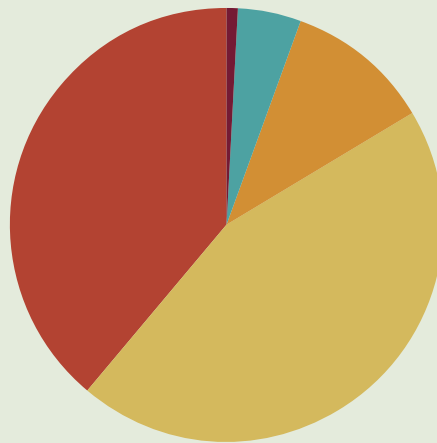
Visit our website, fumc wd.org and select “Giving” or scan the QR code below. One-time and/or recurring gifts can be made through our giving portal. Specific funds and frequency can be specified using the drop-down menu.





Barrington UMC by the Numbers

Worship Participants in 2024

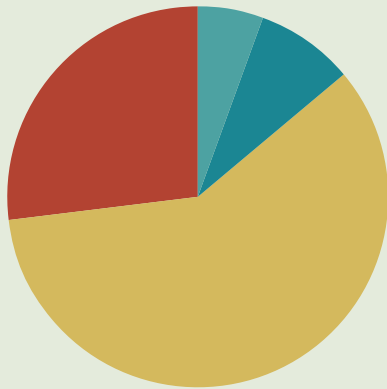


*infants, toddlers and teens
staying in worship or the nursery



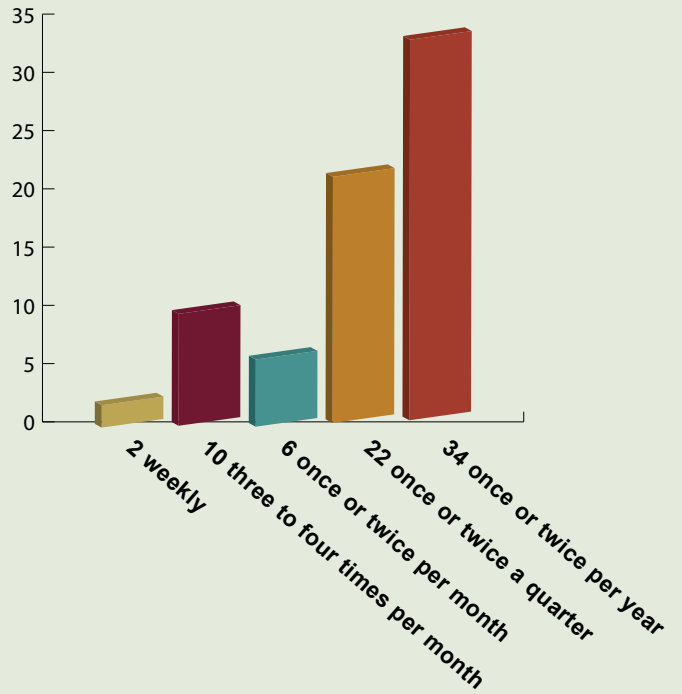
Map of
BUMC participants
in the region

Sunday School Participants in 2024

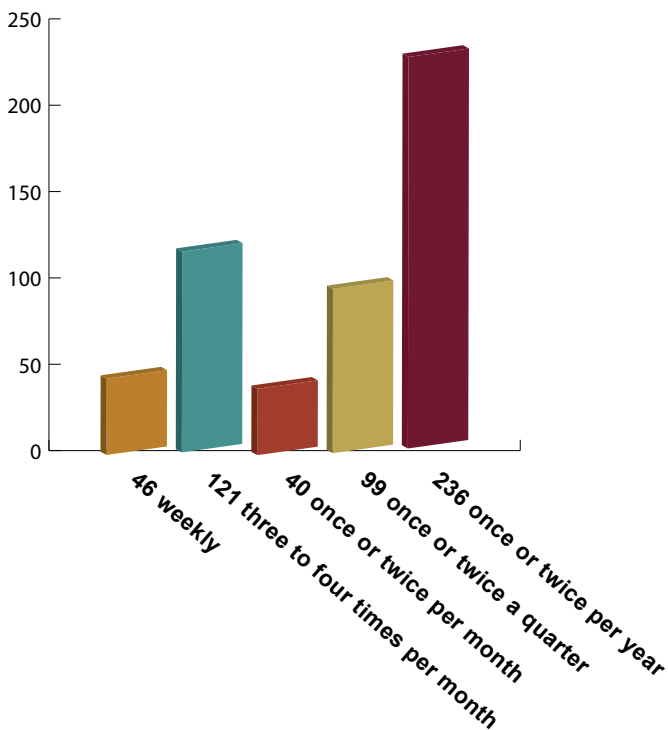


- 5 adults
- 7 teen helpers
- 51 regular participants
- 23 visitors

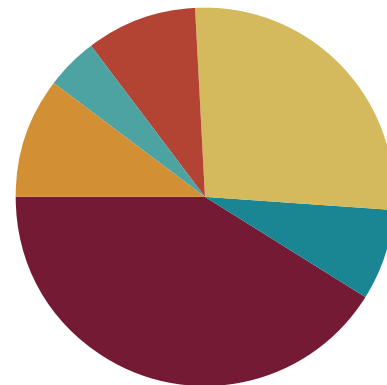
Sunday School Attendance in 2024



Worship Attendance in 2024



Worship Participants in 2024



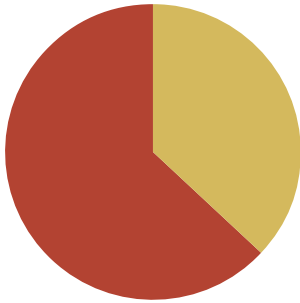
- 45 under the age of 19
- 19 age 20 to 39
- 41 age 40 to 59
- 118 age 60 to 79
- 33 over the age of 80
- 178 age unknown

About Our Members

In 2024, we cared for:

- 651** members
- 164** constituents
- 114** regular participants

Constituent: A non-member for whom we have pastoral responsibility, generally parents of baptized children, parents of confirmands, and spouses of members.



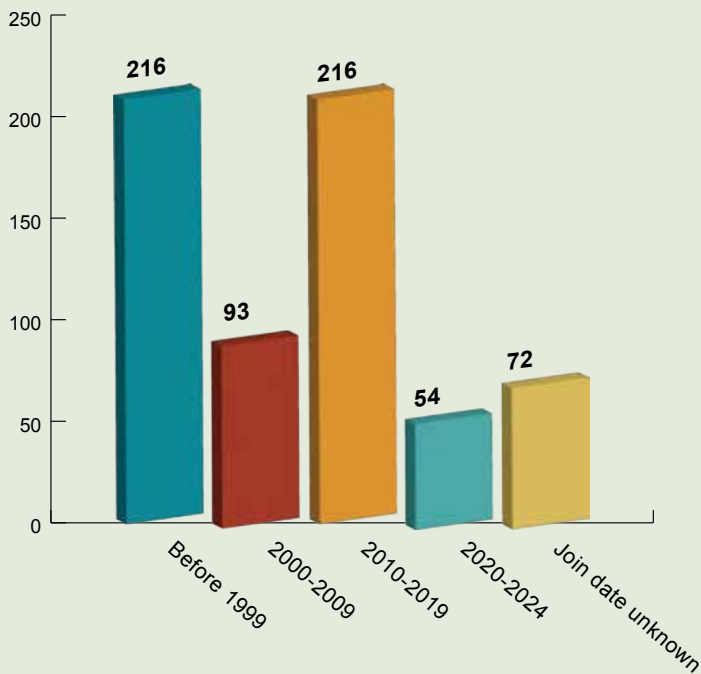
Of our 651 members:

241 attended worship in 2024

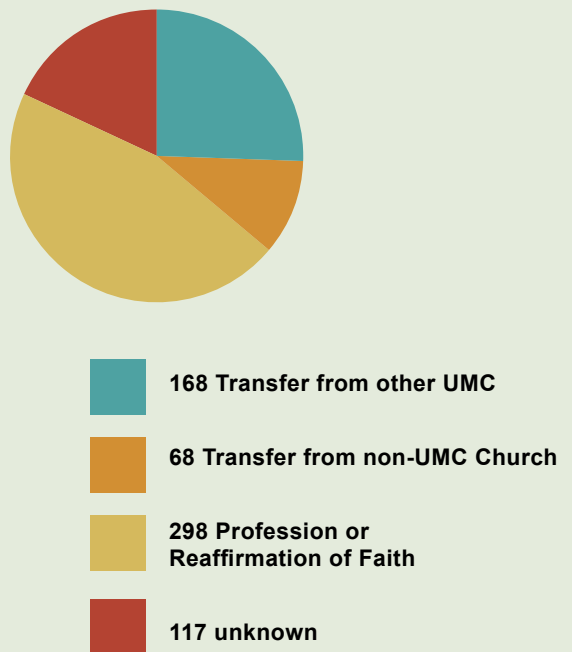
410 were unable to attend, lived away, or chose not to attend

These members continue to receive our care and contribute financially.

Membership Join Dates



How Members Were Received



The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul

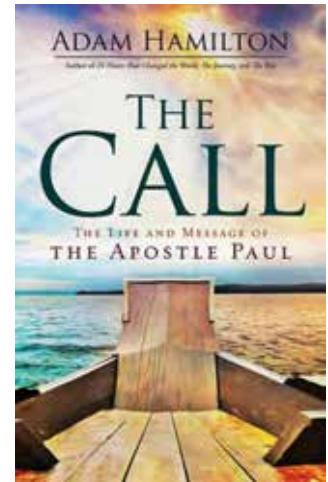
by Adam Hamilton

*Wednesday, January 15 through Wednesday, February 19
7 to 8:30 p.m. in BUMC Room 111 or on Zoom*

Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites and explore Paul's conversations with the Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Thessalonians. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary.

*Scan the QR code to say you can attend.
Books are available for purchase on Amazon
and Cokesbury.*

“Adam Hamilton has proven to be a faithful guide to applying the Bible to modern life in a sane and balanced way, and I trust him as an interpreter of the Apostle Paul for today.”
PHILIP YANCEY



Simon Peter: Flawed But Faithful Disciple

by Adam Hamilton

*Women of the Word, Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon,
Room 111 or on Zoom beginning January 9*

Like us, Peter had flaws. And, like us, he had gifts, talents, and abilities that God could use. He became the rock on which the church was founded. What a comfort to all who desire to be faithful Christians today.

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Radicle Methodism: Back to Our Roots

by Ashley Boggan D.

*Practical Christianity for Men, Saturdays, 9 to 10 a.m.
in BUMC Room 111 or on Zoom*

This four-module course was put together by the General Commission on Archives and History. “Radicle” refers to a foundational part of a plant. In this online video history course, we talk about root systems and what that has to do with Methodism and, especially, what it means to be United Methodist.



As we journey together through these radicle moments, we hope you are reminded of what it means to be United Methodist, to follow in our founders' footsteps, and to be in connection with one another.

For more information, contact John Maxson at jmaxson@aol.com

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, beginning November 10

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 tmmccomb@msn.com.



Adult Education Forum

Sunday mornings beginning at 8:45 a.m. in the FUMC Library

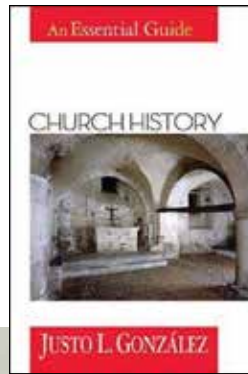
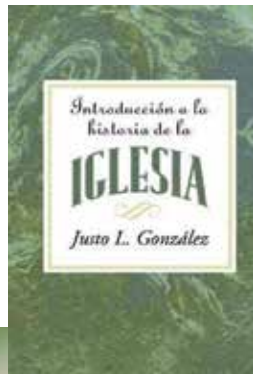
This forum is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and a deeper understanding of how our faith shapes our lives. We'd love for you to be part of the conversation as we grow together in community. All adults are urged to attend.

Introducción a la historia de la Iglesia de Justo L. González

Church History: An Essential Guide by Justo L. González

Domingos, desde el mediodía hasta las 2 p.m. en el Wesley Room, Trinity Center

Sundays, noon to 2 p.m. in the Wesley Room, Trinity Center





A Moment for Parents Only

Sunday mornings from 10 to 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room, January 26 – March 2

Need a moment to breathe, talk to other parents, and share a quiet coffee? Following worship, join other parents in the dining room for refreshments and a few minutes get to know one another. Our family ministries team will help your children to get their lemonade and cookies at the children’s table in the narthex while you meet and greet one another.

Have a Heart Pillow Project

January 28, 10:00–11:30 a.m. in the BUMC Dining Room

February 25, 10:00–11:30 a.m. in the BUMC Dining Room

We have delivered 240 pillows in 2024 as of the first of December! They are given to lumpectomy and mastectomy patients at Good Shepherd Hospital and are greatly appreciated. We will meet on Tuesday, January 28 to tie and stuff. There are many ready for stuffing, so if you don’t want to tie, you can help stuff! *In case of inclement weather, check with the church office to confirm we are meeting.*

“Thank you for the amazing “heart pillow” I received just before surgery yesterday at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital. It’s a comfort in more ways than one. Your kindness and thoughtfulness during a pretty scary time is so very much appreciated.”
– Pillow recipient

Growing Hope Globally Calendars

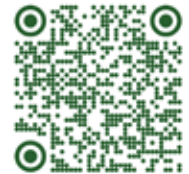
Marj Nelson, widow of Kevin Nelson, graciously sent us copies of a new 2025 calendar with photographs of rural sights local to Ottawa, Illinois. These beautiful calendars are available for a donation of your choice and can be found in the front office. Proceeds will go toward Growing Hope Globally’s mission of empowering communities worldwide through sustainable agricultural development. Thank you for your generosity and for honoring Kevin’s legacy by supporting this meaningful ministry.



One of the current justice campaigns of United Women in Faith continues to be climate justice. With this in mind, we pass along a few tips from United Methodist Creation Justice to begin your year.

John Wesley began a New Year tradition of leading people in renewing their covenant with God. At the very beginning, God gave us a garden to tend and till. Now is the time to renew your commitment to be good stewards of our earth. Choose one new thing you can do throughout the year to care for creation.

Junk mail invades our lives to the tune of 41 pounds per person per year. Eighty to 100 million trees lose their lives each year to print junk mail, and much of it ends up in landfills. Stop junk mail. Scan this QR to see ways you can stop junk mail.



Could you be a “reducetarian”? You may know the high costs meat, eggs, and dairy inflict on the planet, the animals, and water, but going vegetarian or vegan is not for you or your family. There is, as John Wesley would say, a “Third Way.” Reducing the amount of animal products in your diet by just 10% makes a difference, and if just 25% of Americans did so, the impact would be enormously helpful. Find out more by scanning this QR code.



Hot food or drink in single-use cups and take-out containers made of what is often called “Styrofoam” leach toxins (Styrene and Benzene—both suspected carcinogens and known neurotoxins). Some ultimately will be absorbed into our bloodstream and tissues. Keep that in mind. Demand and use alternatives (glass, ceramic, aluminum, even multiple-use plastic ware). Speak up for your health and the health of the environment.

Go thrifty; save the earth! When you purchase clothing from a thrift or second-hand store, your choice uses fewer resources, generates fewer emissions and less waste, gives other people work, extends the life of the garment, and keeps textiles out of the landfill.

Join us in February!

We will gather Thursday, February 12 at 11:00 in Room 111 and via Zoom. Our program will focus on how scriptures and songs have informed our faith. Following our time of sharing we will have a light lunch.



United
Women
in Faith

Cook pasta in its sauce and about ½ cup of water or broth. This small change is projected to save some six billion gallons of water a year that would otherwise be thrown out. Your community may be spared, but our neighbors across the country and around the world are dealing with drought. Conserving water is a baseline action of caring for all.



You already know Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. You may even have added Refuse, Repair, and Rot (compost) to the list. Here's one more: Remember! First, remember who you are and Whose you are! When you focus on God's call to you to care for creation and justice, it's easier to remember to do the other R's.



Feels Like Grace

A new year, a new month, a new day.
Despite the night, God's sun is faithful.
Despite the dark clouds in our world and our lives,
God's Son is Faithful.

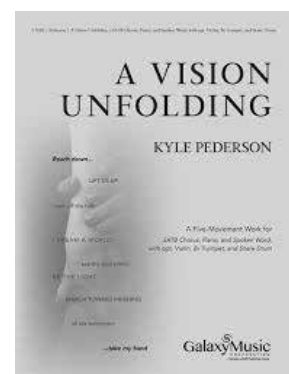


Composer Kyle Pederson

A Vision Unfolding

A Vision Unfolding will be sung by our Chancel Choir as part of our Ash Wednesday service on March 5. Centered around themes of social justice, this extended work invites the choir and congregation into a compelling vision of a world rooted in compassion, freedom, inclusivity, and justice. RyAnn Brown and Liberty Johnson will perform spoken-word poetry before, between, and within movements. Begin thinking now of friends you can invite to share this unique worship experience.

Members of the Chancel Choir will be joining other choirs to perform at Carnegie Hall on Sunday, March 16! We will sing the multi-movement piece *A Vision Unfolding* by Minneapolis-based composer Kyle Pederson, who will be in residence during our visit. If you are interested in traveling to New York City to hear this concert, see Patti Mangis for details.





Chicago Bronze Concert

Many, many thanks to all the musicians and artists who shared their gifts during Advent and Christmas. We are grateful for Crossroads Worship Band, Chancel Choir, and Exaltation Handbell Choir, who minister in music week by week. Thanks to James, Stephanie, and Walter Preucil for their Christmas Eve prelude; Dana Angel and Denise Calderon for music during the Hot Chocolate Bar; Alex Zintchenko for music during fellowship on December 29; Rosalyn Wesley and Liz Richardson for beautiful solos.

Thanks to the Worship Arts team — Jody Antrim, Nancy Jensen, Terrie McComb, Jenny McComb, and Lynn Pampalone — for extended service during this busy time of year. We also express our deep gratitude to Kathy Black and her team for hosting beautiful receptions for the Chicago Bronze concert and the extended fellowship on December 29.



The BUMC music department is extending beyond our walls this spring! Our Exaltation Handbell Choir joined with the bells at Lutheran Church of the Atonement to commission Brian Childers to compose a handbell piece in honor of their mutual director, Laura Olson. The two choirs will combine to play his special two-choir arrangement of *Be Thou My Vision* at each church. The choirs will play the arrangement at BUMC on Sunday, February 23.

Laura is also working with other Barrington directors to organize a Handbell Festival at BUMC on April 25.

Youth Opportunities

YOUTH MINISTRY | at Barrington UMC

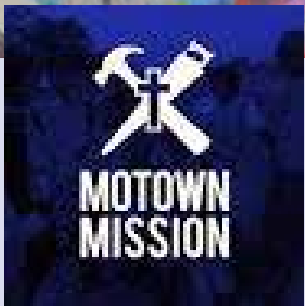
January 12	9:00 - 10:00 10:30 - 11:30 12:00 - 2:00	Sunday School Worship All-Church Game Social
January 19	9:00 - 10:00 10:30 - 11:30 12:00 - 1:30	Sunday School Worship God's Squad
January 26	9:00 - 10:00 10:30 - 11:30 12:00 - 1:30	Sunday School Worship God's Squad
February 2	9:00 - 10:00 10:30 - 11:30 12:00 - 1:30	Sunday School Worship Youth are invited to our all-church meeting in Fellowship Hall, "Moving Our Vision Forward."
February 9	9:00 - 10:00 10:30 - 11:30 12:00 - 2:00	Sunday School Worship All-Church Soup "er" Chili Sunday Scan the QR code to say you can come.
		
February 16	9:00 - 10:00 10:30 - 11:30 12:00 - 1:30	Sunday School Worship God's Squad
February 23	9:00 - 10:00 10:30 - 11:30 12:00 - 1:30	Sunday School Worship God's Squad





2025 God's Squad Mission Trip

Be sure to register for our summer mission trip through the church website. Dates will be announced soon. If you are an adult interested in helping facilitate this year's mission trip, please reach out to our Director of Youth Ministries, Ana Kelsey-Powell at akelsey-powell@barringtonumc.com.



All-Church Shenanigans: Soup “er” Chili Sunday

Join us on February 9 for a “Souper Bowl” lunch of chili and soup. You are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate at our Souper Bowl event.

March Movie Madness

Voting for March Movie Madness begins on Sunday, March 2. Be sure to check the GroupMe to cast your votes! Our annual screening will be Sunday, March 23!



Soup “er” Chili Sunday

Sunday, February 9, from noon – 2:30 p.m. in the BUMC Fellowship Hall

Join us before the BIG Game for soup and/or chili and fellowship. This year we will not award prizes but still invite all you great chefs to show us what you’ve got! Bring a pot of your favorite soup or chili to share.

We will also be taking a “poll” of who will win the Super Bowl, by dropping a donation in each team’s respective basket. We will announce the favorite team at the close of our time together – so we can watch the game and see how accurate we are! Please sign up using the QR code.



Mardi Gras Party featuring SPINS

Saturday, March 1, 5:00 p.m. in BUMC Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of fun, food, fellowship and special music (SPINS) at our Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, March 1, at 5:00 p.m. in the BUMC Fellowship Hall! Enjoy delicious Cajun-inspired dishes (yes, even a King Cake), festive music (featuring Pastor Matthew and SPINS), and Pie O'clock (a Spins tradition).



Come and connect with friends and family; this event has something for everyone - including beads! Scan the QR code to say you can some. We can't wait to see you there!





2024 Painting Party

Save these BUMC fellowship dates!

Red & White Party

*Saturday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.
fellowship and wine tasting
at the Grabacki's home*

Fall Potluck

*Saturday, October 11 in
Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m.*

Ice Cream Social

*Sunday, July 13 in Fellowship Hall
following the 10:30 a.m. service*

Painting Party

*Saturday, November 8, 2:00-5:00 p.m. in
Fellowship Hall*

Rally Day Cook-out

*Sunday, August 24 in Fellowship Hall
following the 10:30 a.m. service*

Hot Chocolate Bar

*Sunday, December 14 in
The Well, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.*

Fall Walk & Picnic Lunch

*Saturday, September 20, 10:00 a.m.
at Crabtree Nature Center*

Mission Celebrations



Ten Thousand Villages

This year our annual pop-up fair trade market sold \$4,600 of goods by makers who are able to directly support themselves and their families with their artisan crafts. There were some new items this year from organizations working in Chicago as well as from around the world. Your purchases offer the dignity of work and an equitable income. Thank you.



Christmas Gifts for District 300

Thank you, First UMC, for your incredible generosity and support! Your donations filled a van with clothes and gifts for the students in School District 300. Your kindness didn't stop there! Along with the truck full of donations, 20 care bags were delivered to share extra love and hope with those who need it most this season. You have truly made a difference, and we are so grateful for your giving hearts.





Christmas Gifts for Kids Above All and the Early Learning Center

Rachael Naumann with help from her mom, Sara, and her daughter, Norah, delivered 130 gifts from St. Nicholas to help children celebrate Christmas this year. She reported that both organizations were very appreciative – your generosity gave 130 children and their families a merrier Christmas this year!



Heifer Living Gifts Market

We ran out of alpaca cards again this year! Thanks to everyone who supported our Living Gifts Market. Your donation to Heifer International helps families support themselves and brings whole communities out of poverty. Members of Barrington donated \$4,620 and Heifer International was able to double the donations received from churches in 2024. A special thanks to Linda McGill for leading this effort every year. You'll want to bring your kids and grandkids to see her real alpacas on the farm just north of the Village of Barrington.

Lake Zurich Jewel Donates 50 Thanksgiving Dinners and 30 Christmas Dinners

During the holiday season our community meal team gratefully received 50 Turkey Dinners before Thanksgiving and 30 Ham Dinners before Christmas. Shoppers in the Lake Zurich Jewel made donations to help others enjoy the holidays. Our community meal guests were able to deliver dinners to their neighbors as well as enjoy them themselves. They were universally reported to be "Delicious!"



Outside the Walls Christmas Luncheon

Tim Grabacki was able to attend this celebratory luncheon for recently incarcerated folks who are rebuilding their relationships. The gym was filled with families including many children who enjoyed the performance of a magician who magically produced two white pigeons! Everyone who attended was able to select a gift before they left. A display of used clothing including winter jackets was also available. Tim worked alongside a team from Salem UMC as well as volunteers from Outside the Walls and other local churches.

He helped serve a delicious lunch that included chicken, spaghetti, greens, yams, and stuffing. Reverend Tommie Johnson built this ministry to help give people tools and reasons to succeed as they reintegrate into their community. Your mission team supports this dinner each year and encourages you to visit at least once.



Windy City Bulls!

Monday, January 20, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
Join us for an exciting family outing at a Windy City Bulls game! Come cheer on the official NBA G League affiliate of the Chicago Bulls, alongside friends and family from BUMC. The game is on Monday, January 20—don't miss out! Tickets can be purchased through the QR code.



Family Glow Party in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 24, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of glowing fun at Barrington UMC! Bring the whole family and enjoy music, games, and activities that light up the night. This free event is open to everyone—come and make some bright memories with us! Scan the QR code to say you can come!



Family Glow Party



Parent's Day Out in Fellowship Hall

February 8, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Scan the QR code to say you can come!

Need a day to yourself? We have a fun-filled event for kids ages 3 (potty-trained) through 5th grade! Drop them off for a day of games, crafts, movies, and more. The cost is \$20 per child and includes lunch and snacks. Your kids will have a blast while you enjoy some well-deserved time off. Space is limited, so be sure to register soon! For more information, contact Susan Acosta, sacosta@barringtonumc.com.





The Barrington UMC Care Ministries Team has been busy!

Calls and visits to congregants going through difficult times.

Care cards are sent to people whose names are in the church bulletin and who are hospitalized or have suffered a loss.

Card Angels send cards routinely approximately every 2 to 3 weeks with words of encouragement to those going through difficult times.

Shawls are knitted or crocheted and given to congregants or acquaintances who are going through difficult times. The shawls have a note attached indicating we are surrounding them with prayers.

Tea Parties are held every 3rd Tuesday of the month, and ladies go out two by two with a basket of cookies, tea, and tea cups and visit those going through difficult times. We are revising this program to make times more flexible, allowing for more visits and more visitors.

Community meals are delivered to those who cannot attend the Community Meal held every 3rd Saturday of the month.

Rides are given to people who need transportation to church or other appointments.

The “Care Connect” program has been designed to provide people with a way to let us know who needs help and who is available to help. This is an online program, but there are hard copies available. More information on this will be coming in 2025.

The Care Ministries team, with help from others, delivered 42 Christmas gifts to congregants who experienced various issues during this year. The gifts were made by the women at the Women’s Retreat as their service project.

Care Ministries developed a “Helping Hands” booklet, which provides information about various resources available in the community for those going through difficult times. There are books on the Welcome Table or can be accessed on the church website. This will be updated in 2025.

If you would like to learn more about our care ministries team, contact Elaine Anderson at rneaa@comcast.net.



Carpentersville Community Meal

Tenemos un lugar para ti! We have a place for you!

Sábado, 18 de enero & 15 de febrero, 4:30 a 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, January 18 & February 15, 4:30 to 6:45 p.m.

Join us in making a difference through hospitality at our monthly Carpentersville Community Meal, prepared in the BUMC kitchen and served at our Trinity Center. This meal is a beautiful opportunity to create a welcoming environment where everyone—visitors and regulars alike—can feel embraced and find their place in our church family. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors, or come on your own to share good food, great company, and the joy of connection.



Sunday School

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

In November, we had a blast with our "Fast Faith" theme, where we learned to slow down, make time for God, and even create our own slogans to live by!

In December, we celebrated Jesus' Birthday.

In January, our theme is "Donuts and Disciples." Kids are welcome to wear pajamas or comfy clothes to church.

In February, we'll focus on "God is LOVE."

We can't wait to see you there!



Children's Time with Pastor Rick

Each Sunday at First UMC West Dundee, prior to Sunday School, children are warmly invited to join Pastor Rick for a special Children's Time during the service. What a wonderful opportunity for our youngest members to engage, learn, and grow in faith. We hope to see you there!





We want to thank our church for your support with our poinsettia sale and our Christmas Basket Raffle. We are so blessed to have our church family's support.

Noah's Ark Christian Academy also helped provide 30 gifts for Kids Above All. We love supporting church's mission and vision.

In January, we are enrolling for the 2025/2026 School Year. Please email me if you, or someone you know, is looking for a preschool. We love to give tours of our beautiful classrooms and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your support, Susan Acosta, sacosta@barringtonumc.com.

Gifts for Kids Above All





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