

An aerial photograph of a dark, winding asphalt road that snakes through a thick, vibrant green forest. The trees are dense and appear to be in full summer foliage. The road has white dashed lines marking its edges and curves. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Defining Moments

BARRINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | JUNE 1, 2025

SCRIPTURE

Acts 9: 1-20

Fred Kocian

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

SERMON

"Because He Called"
Pastor Matthew Johnson

HYMN #354 (UMH)

I Surrender All
Vocal Ensemble

(1) All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name! (Refrain)

(Refrain)
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

(2) All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now. (Refrain)

(3) All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine. (Refrain)

(5) All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name! (Refrain)

(4) All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me. (Refrain)

INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Pastor BUMC

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Children this morning | Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to “Jesus and Me” Sunday School after children’s time in both services. Our June theme is “Deep Waters”

Planting Has Begun in our Congregational Garden!

The seedlings are here, and we’re now planting for the 2025 garden season! Over the past decade, our Congregational Garden has provided over 230,000 pounds of fresh produce to local food pantries and our Community Meal ministry. Let’s keep the harvest going! Whether you’re a seasoned gardener or have never picked up a trowel, we’d love your help! Questions? Contact Bill West (wlwest@att.net) or Ron Schneider (Schneidly@aol.com) – or scan the QR code to let us know you’re in!



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

Come join us as we celebrate and give thanks for all the wonderful experiences and gifts Pastor Matthew has shared with us. His last service with us will be Sunday, June 8th, and we want to send him off, feeling all our love and appreciation for his years of selfless dedication to us. The party starts at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers and a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. There is no cost. We will supply the main entrees and desserts but request assistance with sides and salads. Let us know if you can come and if you’re able to bring a side dish by scanning the QR code.

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

Checks made out to “BUMC Johnson” with ‘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



Labyrinth Walk at the Wheaton Theosophical Society in Wheaton | Saturday, June 7th at 10 a.m.

United Women in Faith Prairie Central District is hosting a Labyrinth Walk in Wheaton. All are invited to participate in this outing. We will meet at 10 a.m. at 1926 N. Main Street, Wheaton. We will be guided in the meditative process of walking the labyrinth by Charlotte Wyncoop. Please bring insect repellent and sunscreen, and prepare for a memorable walk. If you have any questions, require further information, or would like to say you’ll come, please contact Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net or 630-569-2763. There is no charge for this event.

Support our Tree of Life Mission Trip



This July, a BUMC team will serve at the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota with Tree of Life—a longtime mission partner. From the soup kitchen to the garden, youth and adults will work, learn, and grow together. Help make this transformative trip possible by donating to the Intergenerational Mission Trip Fund. Your support covers travel, supplies, and more. Scan the QR code and select “Tree of Life Mission Trip Fund.” Thank you!

Help Fight Hunger

Times are tough for many local families, but the Northern Illinois Food Bank is making a difference—and so can you! BUMC volunteers help repackage food for distribution twice a month in Geneva. Join us by using the form below or contact Pat Zeibart to get involved.



Save the Date – 91st Annual Rummage Sale! Spring cleaning? Set aside treasures for our Oct. 3–4 Rummage Sale! Donate Sept. 28–Oct. 1. Set-up starts Sept. 26—come help, have fun, and make friends! Questions? Contact Sydney (sparkerwhitley@gmail.com) or Linda (lmosikowicz@comcast.net).

Mission u 2025: Practicing Hope

This year's Mission u, sponsored by United Women in Faith, invites all—women, men, and children—to explore what it means to practice honest, restorative, and courageous hope. Choose from a weekend retreat July 18–20 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, or a one-day overview on Saturday, August 2 at Neighborhood UMC in Maywood (includes a children's session). The study explores the resurrection appearances of Jesus and the example of early Christian communities to discover what it means to practice hope in God even when things seem to be falling apart. The children's session will help them build trust in Jesus to bring them comfort and support as they find courageous hope in the face of uncertainty. Mission u is open to ALL (women, men, children). For more information, contact Linda Osikowicz, Lmosikowicz@comcast.net.



Scuba VBS | June 16-20, 9 a.m. to noon

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



Register!



Volunteer!

Save the Date for the 2025 Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, Oct.12 at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 421 E. Main St., Barrington.

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