

LENT LAB 2025

**Experiment 4:** Sunday, March 30

Who is capable of leadership?

BARRINGTON  
UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

## HYMN #57 (UMH)

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
Vocal Ensemble

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| (1) O for a thousand tongues to sing<br>my great Redeemer's praise,<br>the glories of my God and King,<br>the triumphs of his grace!                | (2) My gracious Master and my God,<br>assist me to proclaim,<br>to spread through all the earth abroad<br>the honors of thy name.            |
| (3) Jesus! the name that charms our fears,<br>that bids our sorrows cease;<br>'tis music in the sinner's ears,<br>'tis life, and health, and peace. | (4) He breaks the power of canceled sin,<br>he sets the prisoner free;<br>his blood can make the foulest clean;<br>his blood availed for me. |
| (5) He speaks, and listening to his voice,<br>new life the dead receive;<br>the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,<br>the humble poor believe.        |  |

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Susan Acosta, Director of Family Ministries  
and Noah's Ark Christian Academy

## PRAYER

Pastor Rick Carlson, First UMC West Dundee

## THE LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 38-42

Julia Hooper

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

## SERMON

*"Experiment 4: Who Is Capable of Leadership?"*  
Pastor Bill Obalil

## HYMN #617 (UMH)

### *I Come with Joy* Vocal Ensemble

- (1) I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free;  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.
- (2) I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.
- (3) As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends;  
the love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.
- (4) And thus with joy we meet our Lord;  
his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.
- 5) Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways;  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.

## INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Associate Pastor BUMC

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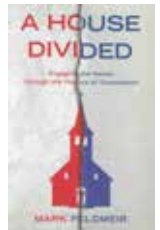
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**Today is UMCOR Sunday, one of The United Methodist Church's Special Sundays.** Special Sundays are designated Sundays each year that deepen the connection between the local church and ministries on a global scale. Gifts given on UMCOR Sunday strengthen the church's global humanitarian response by underwriting UMCOR's administrative costs. This allows UMCOR to use 100% of additional funds for specific programs like U.S. disaster response, international disaster response, and global migration. Special UMCOR Sunday envelopes are available in this morning's bulletin, or donations may be given online at [barringtonumc.com/give](http://barringtonumc.com/give).

### **United Methodist Men Embark on New Study**

The United Methodist Men's study group, Practical Christianity for Men, will continue their study of Rev. Mark Feldmeir's book *A House Divided* in Room 111 on Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. All men are encouraged to participate in this discussion. The book presents a biblically inspired technique for considering controversial issues, using eight examples – Climate Change, Racism, Immigration, Healthcare, Medical Aid in Dying, Islamic Extremism, Homosexuality, and Social Isolation and Suicide. For more information, contact John Maxson at [jmaxson@aol.com](mailto:jmaxson@aol.com).



### **The Gospel of Mark: Living Up to the Challenge**

Wednesdays through April 9, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Room 111 or online, led by Reverend Bill Obalil  
All are invited to this drop-in class led by Reverend Bill Obalil. Join the discussion any week as we read the shortest Gospel together and explore its implications for us in today's world. Scan the QR code for the Zoom link, or join us in person in Room 111.



## BARRINGTON AREA

# Handbell Festival Concert

Sunday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. at BUMC

Enjoy the uplifting sounds of handbell choirs from  
Village Church of Barrington,  
Lutheran Church of Atonement, Presbyterian Church  
of Barrington, St. Michael's Episcopal,  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Barrington UMC

**All are welcome!** Admission is free.



## FELLOWSHIP EVENT

### **Red & White Party**

Saturday, May 3rd



**Back by popular demand,  
the Red & White Party!**

Join us for fun and fellowship while we sip and learn. Silvia and Tim Grabacki will generously host us at their home while educating us with a wine-tasting and pairing event.

We will gather at 7 p.m. for the tasting, then enjoy Tapas and various wines collected from several sources.

Attendance will be limited, so sign up early.  
Sign-up starts next week.

**Children this morning** | Kids, get ready for an adventure! Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to JAM Sunday School after children's time in both services. This morning, we're diving into "Bible Science"—where faith and fun experiments come together to make God's Word come alive! Don't miss out!

**Youth this morning** | 6th through 12th-grade students are invited to gather at 10:30 a.m. in the youth room. We are continuing our 6-week study, asking questions and exploring spiritual practices that make faith real in everyday life. We can't wait to see you!

### **Tween Bowling Event!**

Hey, 3rd-5th graders, are you ready to strike up some fun? Join us for an evening of bowling, pizza, and laughs at Poplar Creek Bowl! We'll meet on Sunday, April 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Poplar Creek Bowl, 2354 W. Higgins Rd. in Hoffman Estates. The cost is \$10 per bowler, which includes bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and a drink. Parents, you can drop off, pick up, or stick around and cheer on the strikes (and gutter balls). Don't miss this rolling good time! Sign up today! For more information, contact Susan Acosta at [sacosta@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sacosta@barringtonumc.com).



**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!**



**FAITH IN Bloom**  
**WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT**

*Saturday, April 12*

*8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in BUMC Fellowship Hall*

*\$40/person*

*(includes a continental breakfast and lunch)*

Registration is available at the table in the Narthex.



**Palm Sunday**

April 13, at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate the joy of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem as we wave palm branches and sing praises.

**Holy Thursday**

April 17, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us as we remember the final supper Jesus shared with His disciples. This year's Holy Thursday service will be held in Fellowship Hall and will include Holy Conversation, a shared meal, and reflection on Jesus' love and sacrifice. All are welcome!

**A Family Journey Through Easter**

Friday, April 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Explore the sights, sounds, smells, and more together as we celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Don't miss this fun and meaningful experience for all ages!

**Good Friday**

April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

All are invited to this solemn and powerful reflection on Good Friday. The Chancel Choir and instrumentalists will lead us in this service.

If you need a ride to any of these services or can assist by providing transportation for others, please contact Elizabeth Schule at [eschule@barringtonumc.com](mailto:eschule@barringtonumc.com).

**Stations of the Cross** | Sunday, April 13 through Good Friday, April 18

Be sure to visit our Stations of the Cross displayed in the Chapel throughout Holy Week.

We encourage everyone to come early or stay after worship to meditate on these artistic portrayals of Christ's passion.

If you would like to contribute to our Stations of the Cross, we are looking for artists to create original artwork. Works can be expressed in the media of your choice - drawing, painting, fiber arts, sculpture, collage, computer graphics, mixed media, vignette, photography, etc. All ages are welcome to participate and create something new and original for this event. For more information, contact Terrie McComb at [tmmc@msn.com](mailto:tmmc@msn.com).

# Easter

Easter Sunday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Celebrate new hope and new life this Easter morning  
with songs of resurrection led by the  
Chancel Choir and Stonegate Brass.

