



# Defining Moments

BARRINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## SCRIPTURE

Ruth 1: 6-22

Debi Damico

Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" She said to them, "Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. I went away full, but the Lord has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the Lord has dealt harshly with me, and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?" So Naomi returned together with Ruth the Moabite, her daughter-in-law, who came back with her from the country of Moab. They came to Bethlehem at the beginning of the barley harvest.

## SERMON

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Pastor Rick Carlson, First UMC West Dundee

## HYMN

*Lord, I Need You*  
Vocal Ensemble

- (1) Lord. I come. I confess.  
Bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You, I fall apart.  
You're the One that guides my heart.n (Chorus)

(Chorus)  
Lord. I need You. Oh, I need You  
Every hour I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness.  
O God, how I need You.

- (2) Where sn runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are,  
And where You are, Lord, I am free.  
Holiness is Christ in me. (Chorus)

- (3) So teach my song to rise to You,  
When temptation comes my way.  
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You.  
Jesus, You're my and stay. (Chorus)

(Outro)  
You're my one defense, my righteousness.  
Oh God, how I need You  
My one defense, my righteousness.  
O God, how I need You.

## INVITATION TO MINISTRY AND BLESSING

Pastor Matthew Johnson, Pastor BUMC

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### **Lectio Divina is today from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room**

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. 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.

### **Thank You for Supporting our Just Geraniums Sale!**

If you placed an order, please pick it up in the narthex this morning. Proceeds from the sale support the important work of United Women in Faith on behalf of women, children, and youth. Didn't place an order? We have extra geraniums available—stop by and take home one (or more!) of these lovely plants. We accept cash and checks payable to BUMW. Thank you for your support!

### **Tree of Life Mission Trip Meeting, today in the Dining Room**

All are invited to a mission trip to Tree of Life Ministries on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, July 12–19. Informational meetings are today and June 15th, following 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Come even if you're exploring the idea! Contact Sharon Orr, [sorr@barringtonumc.com](mailto:sorr@barringtonumc.com), for more information.

### **Free Books Available!**

Looking for something new to read? Explore a wide selection of books now available in the far section of the Youth Room (near door #3). These books cover many topics—you're welcome to browse and take home as many books as you'd like. This special collection will be on display through May 25, so stop by and see what catches your eye!

**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 May theme is “Truth or Dare...Are you up for the Challenge?”

**Youth this morning** | 6th through 12th-grade students are invited to gather at 10:30 a.m. in the youth room. We are talking about Women in the Bible. We can't wait to see you!

### **Hearing God in the Defining Moments of Your Life**

*Wednesday, April 30 through May 28 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. Scan the QR code to join via Zoom.



### **Women's Retreat Bake and Craft Sale on May 18!**

The Women's Fall Retreat has been a cherished tradition at BUMC—a time to pause, reflect, connect with scripture, and build fellowship. It's a safe, welcoming space to reconnect with God and one another. This year, due to a price increase at the retreat venue, the Women's Retreat Committee is hosting its first-ever Bake Sale and Craft Fair to help cover costs without raising registration fees. Join us following both services on Sunday, May 18th, in the rotunda/lobby to browse handmade crafts—jewelry, crocheted items, paintings—and delicious baked goods like cookies, cakes, and homemade caramels. All are welcome!

### **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.



### **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](http://barringtonumc.com/give) - select "Love Gift - Pastor Matthew"

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



### **Support VBS & JAM – Visit the Helping Hands Tree**

Creating fun, meaningful spaces for our children to learn about God takes supplies, decorations, and equipment—and you can help! The Helping Hands Tree is now in the narthex between the nametags and the Scuba bulletin board. Pick a hand to help cover the costs of our VBS underwater adventure and JAM Sunday School. Thank you for supporting our kids' faith journey!

### **United Women in Faith Gathering | Wednesday, May 14, 10 a.m. – noon**

Our United Women in Faith will gather for a program about our Methodist Foremothers, followed by a light lunch in BUMC Room 111. 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 by scanning the QR code.



### **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). For more info, contact Linda Osikowicz at [Imosikowicz@comcast.net](mailto:Imosikowicz@comcast.net).

### **Grow Food and Hope with the BUMC Garden**

Over the past 10 years, the BUMC Garden has donated 230,000+ pounds of fresh produce to local pantries and our Community Meal. Help us keep it going! We're growing zucchini, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, and more—and we need volunteers for planting, weeding, and harvesting. Come when you can (especially mornings); no experience needed. It's a great way to serve, enjoy the outdoors, and connect with God.

Visit [barringtonumc.com/get-involved](http://barringtonumc.com/get-involved) and click Congregational Garden to sign up. Questions? Contact Bill West ([wlwest@att.net](mailto:wlwest@att.net)) or Ron Schneider ([Schneidly@aol.com](mailto:Schneidly@aol.com)) or scan the QR code to fill out our form.

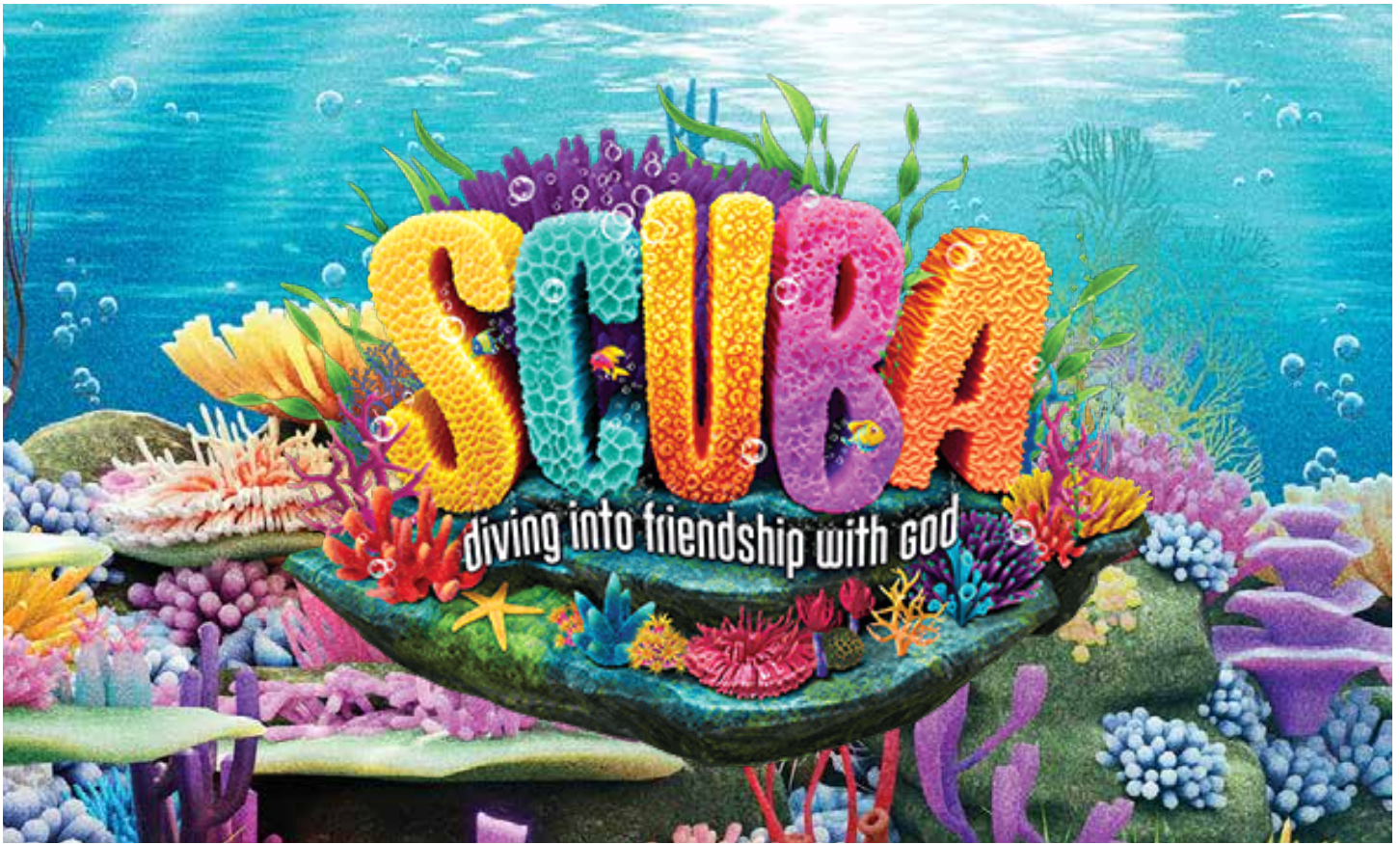


### **Help Fight Hunger**

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](mailto:sparkerwhitley@gmail.com)) or Linda ([Imosikowicz@comcast.net](mailto:Imosikowicz@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!**



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