

Announcements

1. ALTAR FLOWERS

Several spots are still open to provide altar flowers in the first half of 2024. Sign up in the narthex for your special day of remembrance or celebration.

2. MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET

“Putting on the Glitz”

Saturday, May 4th- 5pm

Tickets on sale April 12th!

Adults \$15.00 / Children ages 5-12: \$8.00. Children under 5 are free.

This event is open to all women. We will step back in time to the roaring 20's with a presentation by Flora the Flapper, who will share stories of Chicago from those frivolous times.

The evening begins at 5 p.m. with a basket auction, Charleston dance lessons, silent movies, and refreshments. Then head to the Speak Easy to give a secret password to be admitted to a fabulous banquet served by attentive and handsome waiters.

This year's menu will include a swanky salad, exotic beef bourguignon and dessert tables filled with sweets of your choice. We will try our best to meet dietary restrictions if you let us know in advance. After dinner, everyone will gather for final bids and then enjoy a program that is truly the bee's knees.

3. A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM HOPE UCC

Responding...

Reacting versus Responding. Heard that before? The past few days have been a brain twirling, head scratching, out-loud yelling, pillow hugging time for many of us. How dare someone vandalize our sign. But someone did.

We might be tempted to nash our teeth. We might. We can also take heart. We must be doing something right. We must respond with love in our action, and our action is one of healing and rebuilding.

If you are able and wish to join, here will be our initial community response:

*This coming **Sunday, April, 14th at 10:00am**, we will gather at the scene of the sign crime. After a short prayer of unity, we will work. We will Resurrect.*

We will place some 450 ribbons around our repaired sign. All the colors of the Rainbow, all the colors of the Progressive Pride flag, hundreds of ribbons. When we are done, the fence will be awash in color. Each ribbon will be a testament to our love and resolve. We will be God's Presence and Enable God's Justice. We will stand together.

Join us if you can. All the materials will be provided. Bring an open heart and helping hands.

Thanks to our Bethany friends for your support and presence. See you on Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Small Group: Loyal Leaders class (10:15am)
Children's Church (9:20 am)

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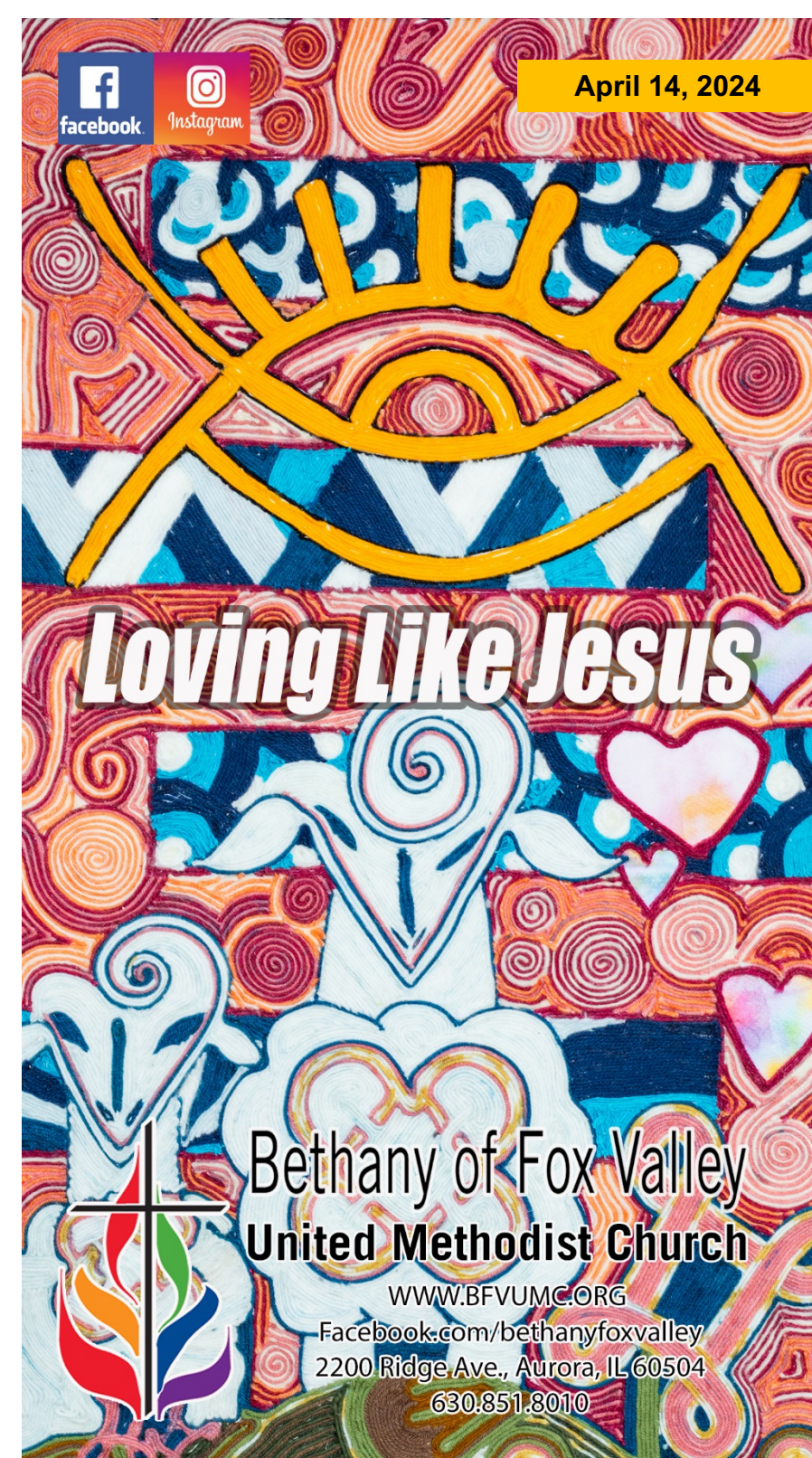
This Week at Bethany

SUN April 14 th	Worship Service Loyal Leaders	Sanctuary & Online	9:00 am 10:15 am
MON April 15 th	Trustees Meeting	BFVUMC	6:30 pm
WED April 17 th	Dorcas Circle	BFVUMC	1:00 pm

SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader: **Hanuri Park**
Ushers: **Charles Bibbs & Channuri Park**
Power Point Preparer: **Gwen Daniels**
Children's Church: **Joni Javier & Isidra Perea**
Greeters: **Lynn Coughlin & Lisa Vydra**
Accompanist: **Audrey Stern**
In-Person Slide Operator: **Jacquee & Ken Lawrence**
Online Worship Service: **Dorothea Rynearson**

	3/17	3/24	3/31	4/7
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	51	53	57	36
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	6	8	6	5
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$5,598	\$2,134	\$2,114	\$3,616
EASTER OFFERING		\$90	\$1,657	\$325



Third Sunday of Easter

* Indicates that worshippers are to stand if able.

Congregational responses are in bold print.

Online Greeter: **Jacquee Lawrence**
Worship Leader: **Hanuri Park**

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude **"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"** Audrey Stern
Greetings Rev. Park
Announcements Hanuri Park

*Opening Hymn **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** UMH #384

**1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*Call to Worship All

L: Fear hung over the disciples as a dark cloud.

**C: Huddled in the upper room, they spoke in soft whispers,
afraid of the sound of their own voices.**

L: Lightning flashed in their souls.

**C: Christ, the Risen Lord, was standing with them, eating
with them, talking with them.**

L: Where doubt had reigned, hope now grew.

**C: Where fear and panic had laid claim, faith was again
planted.**

L: Come, let us worship the God of great miracles.

C: Let us lift our voices in praise to God! AMEN.

Passing Peace of Christ **"O How He Loves..."** TFWS #2108

*O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you;
O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!*

Children's Church

Mission Moment **"Close to My Heart"**

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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 sins, as we
forgive those who sin 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.**

Contemplation Hymn **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** UMH #140

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning
new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is
thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

*Scripture Readings **John 21:15-19** Hanuri Park
1 Peter 2:15-17

John 21:15-19

¹⁵ When they finished eating, Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ Jesus asked a second time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Simon replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep." ¹⁷ He asked a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was sad that Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?" He replied, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." ¹⁸ I assure you that when you were younger you tied your own belt and walked around wherever you wanted. When you grow old, you will stretch out your hands and another will tie your belt and lead you where you don't want to go." ¹⁹ He said this to show the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. After saying this, Jesus said to Peter, "Follow me."

1 Peter 2:15-17

¹⁵ Submit to them because it's God's will that by doing good you will silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Do this as God's slaves, and yet also as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the family of believers. Have respectful fear of God. Honor the emperor.

This is the Word of Life for all the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Joni Javier &
Isidra Perea

Gwen Daniels

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Rev. Park

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Offertory Anthem **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** Audrey Stern
(Conrad Kocher, Arr. Carol Tomquist)

You may give your offering at www.bfvumc.org/online-giving
or mail it to:

Bethany of Fox Valley UMC
2200 Ridge Ave. Aurora, IL. 60504

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"Feed My Sheep" Rev. Park

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn **"How Can We Name Above"** UMH #111

**1. How can we name a Love that awakens heart and mind, indwelling
all we know or think or do or seek or find? Within our daily world in
every human face, Love's echoes sound and God is found, hid in the
commonplace.**

**2. If we awoke to life built on a rock of care that asked no great
reward but firm, assured, was simply there, we can, with parents'
names, describe, and thus adore, Love unconfined, a father kind,
a mother strong and sure.**

**3. When people share a task, and strength and skills unite
in projects old or new, to make or do with shared delight, our
Friend and Partner's will is better understood, that all should share,
create, and care, and know that life is good.**

**4. So in a hundred names, each day we all can meet a presence,
sensed and shown at work, at home, or in the street.
Yet every name we see, shine in a brighter sun:
In Christ alone is Love full grown and life and hope begun.**

*Benediction Rev. Park

Postlude **Wonderful Words of Life** Audrey Stern

*We are glad that you joined us this morning in worship.
We hope that you find strength, renewal, and a sense of peace
going through the coming week.*