

Announcements

1. SCOUT SUNDAY- The second Sunday of February is *Scout Sunday*, when past and present Scouts, leaders, young people, and adults in Scouting are recognized. We invite anyone who was or is involved in the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts/Guides to stand in acknowledgement of your contributions to community service, leadership, and global citizenship.

2. GREAT AGERS - Roses are red, Violets are blue, Great Agers is back and we want to see you. Great Agers will meet again on **February 13th** to celebrate Valentine's Day with a sensible lunch followed by make-your-own sundaes. Bring your favorite salad, appetizer or other sensible dish to share. We will supply the ice cream, toppings, and all the extras. Following lunch, we will have some fun and games as well as a few rounds of Heart Bingo. Bring a small gift hidden in a bag to use for the auction at the end of bingo. Plan to arrive between 11:30 and noon. We will eat at noon. Feel free to bring a friend or two. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend. Hope to see everyone!

3. DOLLAR DINNERS -The season of Lent is around the corner, and we will once again host weekly Lenten potluck dollar dinners for five Wednesdays at 6 pm, starting **February 25th**. Join us for a time of fellowship as we journey towards Easter. Each week, a main dish and beverages will be provided. We ask everyone to bring a side dish or a dessert to share, an offering of one dollar per person, and your own table service. **All are welcome- the more the merrier!!!** The sign-up sheet on the bulletin board lists the theme for each week. Please RSVP so we know how much food to prepare.

4. LENTEN BOOK STUDY- Join us as we read about Adam Hamilton's travels to England, where he explores the defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian in his book **Revival**. We will meet on Wednesday evenings starting **February 25th**, right after Dollar Dinners. Books are available online and in digital format. If you previously signed up and requested a book, they are now available in the office.

5. ASH WEDNESDAY- On Wednesday, **February 18th**, we will have two opportunities to mark the beginning of lent. There will be a silent prayer service at **noon** for those who wish to sit in the sanctuary for a time of prayer and reflection and to receive ashes. At 7:00 pm, we will have our traditional Ash Wednesday service, with scripture reading, prayer, the imposition of ashes, and a blessing. All are welcome.

6. SHROVE PANCAKE DINNER- Hope UCC will be hosting their annual Shrove pancake dinner and Ash Wednesday Service on Tuesday, **February 17th** starting at 6 pm. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

7. DORCAS CIRCLE- The next Dorcas Circle meeting will be on **February 18th** at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for light refreshments, grace, and fellowship!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Small Group: Loyal Leaders class (10:15am)

Children's Church (9:20 am)

MUSIC MINISTRY

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This Week at Bethany

SUN	Feb 8	Worship Service Loyal Leaders	Sanctuary & Online	9:00 am 10:15 am
TUE	Feb 10	Trustees Meeting Ad Council Meeting	BFVUMC	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
WED	Feb 11	Events Committee Meeting	BFVUMC	9:00 am
FRI	Feb 13	Worship Committee Meeting Great Agers Luncheon	BFVUMC F.H.	9:00 am 12:00pm

8. GEORGETOWN ELEMENTARY- The Missions Team is currently collecting hats, mittens, and gloves for the children at Georgetown Elementary. Please help support this drive by placing your donations in the collection bin in the breezeway by Sunday, **February 22nd**.

9. BLACK HISTORY MONTH- Last week, we started our celebration of Black History Month with a look at the life of Marie Wilkinson, who spent her life as a social and civil rights activist and fought against poverty, hunger, homelessness, joblessness, and injustice. This week, we are highlighting the life of musician and composer Thomas A. Dorsey, the acknowledged father of Black Gospel music and perhaps the most influential figure ever to impact the genre.

We are continuing our efforts to support the **Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry** with donations of non-perishable food, especially items like canned potatoes and corn. Thank you for your ongoing support!

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DARKNESS INTO LIGHT



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5th Sunday after Epiphany

* Indicates that worshippers are to stand if able.
Congregational responses are in bold print.

Worship Leader: Sherry Allen

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude	"The God of Abraham Praise"	John Kwon
Greetings		Rev. Sang Hun Han
Announcements		Sherry Allen
Black History Month Moment		Sherry Allen
*Opening Hymn UMH #371		

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

1. I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

****Refrain:**

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

2. For me it was in the garden he prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine. **

3. In pity angels beheld him, and came from the world of light to comfort him in the sorrows he bore for my soul that night. **

***Call to Worship**

Come, all who seek the light of God.

We come, longing for hope and new beginnings.

Though shadows linger and the way is unclear,

God's light rises among us and leads us forward.

Lift your eyes and open your hearts.

We are ready to receive God's grace and truth.

All: Let us worship the Lord,

who turns our darkness into light.

*Passing Peace of Christ TFWS #2108

"O How He Loves You and Me"

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 Message

Bonni Pear

Children's Church

Joni Javier

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(Screen)

Contemplation Hymn TFWS #2173

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

****Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory, blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire; flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy, send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

1. Lord the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me. **

2. Lord, I come to your awesome presence from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me. **

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

*Scripture Reading **Isaiah 60:1- 6 (NIV)** Sherry Allen

The Glory of Zion

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. ³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

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

Thanks be to God.

Offering Our Gifts to God's Service

Offertory Anthem **"Come, Thou Almighty King"** Bell Choir

(Arr. by Barbara Kinyon)
*Doxology UMH #95

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, help us remember that all belongs to you. Take these offerings and use them for your glory. Take our lives, and use us, always and everywhere, for your glory. In Christ's name. Amen.

You may give your offering at www.bfvumc.org/online-giving, scan the QR code to the right, or mail it to:

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



Message: **"Darkness into Light"** Rev. Sang Hun Han
SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn **"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"** UMH #206

1. I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

****Refrain In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both Alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

2. I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. **

3. I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to follow Jesus. When we have run with patience the race. We shall know the joy of Jesus. **

*Benediction

Rev. Sang Hun Han

*Postlude **"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"** John Kwon
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.

SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader:	Sherry Allen
Ushers:	Charles Bibbs & Fatmata Jalloh
PowerPoint Preparer:	Jacquee Lawrence & Christine Pommier
Greeters:	Lynn Coughlin & Laura Garvey
Children's Message:	Bonni Pear
Children's Church:	Joni Javier
In-Person Slide Operator:	Ken & Jacquee Lawrence
Online Worship Service:	Dorothea Rynearson

1/11 1/18 1/25 2/1

IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	44	43	41	48
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	3	4	5	4
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$2,318	\$6,665	\$1,863	\$3,854
2025 APPORTIONMENT ALLOCATION: \$27,396				
PAID THROUGH DEC: \$12,095				