

Announcements

1. FORTY YEARS AND STILL THRIVING- Forty years ago in September, Bethany of Fox Valley United Methodist Church opened its doors for worship. We have welcomed many into our sanctuary and pray we continue to be a center for community worship. As we get ready to celebrate this 40th or Ruby anniversary, we would like to plant a tree or trees to honor the occasion. Trees which are always growing towards heaven are wonderful reminders of where our church focus should always be. If you would like to contribute to the cost of purchasing a tree, please make out a check to BFVUMC with “tree” in the memo line. We would like to plant the tree for the September celebration so please make your contribution by September 1.

2. MISSIONS IN ACTION-

Georgetown Back to School- We will be collecting school supplies for Georgetown Elementary School again this year. Along with a few scholastic-type supplies, we are focusing on health and cleaning items. Please consider donating an item or two and help fill the bins in the breezeway with the following suggested items. Your help is greatly appreciated.

- 9” x 12” Heavy-Duty Pocket Folders: Yellow, Green, Blue, Red, Purple
- Glue Stix
- Highlighters
- Clorox Disinfectant Spray (bleach free), or Lysol
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Director John Kwon / yoahn4piano@gmail.com
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	6/28	7/5	7/12	7/19
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	42	31	41	35
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	5	1	4	6
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$1,915	\$5,751	\$3,005	\$6,715

2026 APPORTIONMENT ALLOCATION:\$26,305 PAID THROUGH JUNE: \$3,400

SAINTS IN ACTION

Pulpit: Aaron Lewis
Worship Leader: Gwen Daniels
Ushers: Fatmata Jalloh & volunteer
PowerPoint preparer: Christine Pommier
Greeter: Louise Hari
In-Service Slide operator: Ken & Jacquee Lawrence
Online Worship: Dorothea Ryneerson
Pianist: Joni Javier

JULY 26, 2026

Walking in the Light of Fellowship



BETHANY OF FOX VALLEY
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Gwen Daniels

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

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude	Joni Javier
Greetings	Aaron Lewis
Announcements	Gwen Daniels
*Opening Hymn	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH #557

1. *Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*
2. *Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.*
3. *We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear; and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.*
4. *When we asunder part, gives us inward pain; but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.*

*Call to Worship Gwen Daniels

The voice of God is calling us to come with all that we are and all that we carry to worship.

Come! Let us worship!

God calls us to gather, to receive grace in our gathering, and to reorient us again to the ways of God.

Come! Let us worship!

So, come, members of the family of God! Bring all that you are to be molded by grace, refocused toward Love, and woven together as community in Christ.

Come! Let us worship!

Passing Peace of Christ	TFWS #2108
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“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!*

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer (Screen)

Contemplation Hymn **“We Walk By Faith”** TFWS #2196

1. *We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.*
2. *We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"*
3. *Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound; to call on you when you are near. and seek where you are found.*

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

*Scripture Reading **1 John 1: 1-10 (NIV)** Gwen Daniels

The Incarnation of the Word of Life

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. **2**The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. **3**We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. **4**We write this to make our joy complete.

Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. **6**If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. **8** If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

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 Joni Javier

*Doxology **“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”** UMH #95
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: **“Walking in the Light of Fellowship”** Aaron Lewis

SENDING FORTH

* Closing Hymn:

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” UMH #213

1. *Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!*

4. *Thy Holy Spirit lead us on until our glorious goal is won; eternal praise, eternal fame be offered, Savior, to thy name!*

*Benediction Aaron Lewis

*Postlude Joni Javier

*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.*