

Announcements

1. BELL CHOIR- Bell Choir rehearsals begin Tuesday, September 8. For returning members, please let me know if you are available. We will be playing the 2nd Sunday of the month. This year, we have chosen to perform during October, November, December, February, March and April. We are always looking for new members, so if you have ever wanted to try your hand at ringing, please contact Sherry Allen at 989.859.5966.

2. WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING- Join us on Friday, September 11th at 9am for our next Worship Committee Meeting as we plan for upcoming special services. All are welcome.

3. GREAT AGERS- Summer is over and fall is near, so it is time for Great Agers to once again appear! We will meet on Friday, September 11th for our usual potluck lunch. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. We will supply beverages and a main dish. Following lunch, professional chef Veronica Potter, also known as Aunt V, will be presenting a cooking demonstration, complete with samples. Aunt V is a wealth of cooking information so bring your questions. This program is made possible through a grant from the Midwest Methodist Foundation. Bring a friend and enjoy fellowship, food and fun. Plan to arrive between 11:30 and noon. We will eat at noon. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend.

4. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION- Over the last 40 years, we have welcomed many into our sanctuary and pray we continue to be a center for our community. Please join us to celebrate this milestone with us at 9am on Sunday, September 13th with a special worship service with guest preacher Tom Babler, followed by a reception and tree planting dedication.

5. CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL- We are excited to welcome our youngest members back to Sunday School on September 13th. Please reach out to Joni Javier or Melanie Bomersback with any questions.

6. DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS–

- It's time for our annual diaper drive! We are collecting baby wipes, women's hygiene products, baby clothing, and of course, diapers. All items will go to the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry after our meeting on September 16.
- The Dorcas Circle welcomes all women of the church to join us on the third Wednesday of the month (Sept. through June) at 1pm for light refreshments and social time. We would love to see you then!

7. COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE & BOUNTIFUL CHURCH PICNIC-
Save the date! September 27th at 10am we will come together with our sister churches for our annual celebration of worship, song, and of course, a fall picnic. More details coming soon!

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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	8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	36	39	33	32
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	3	3	5	5
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$7,986	\$1,535	\$2,174	\$4,185
TREE DONATION FUND	\$550	\$20	\$95	\$310

2026 APPORTIONMENT ALLOCATION:\$26,305
PAID THROUGH JULY: \$4,400

SAINTS IN ACTION

Worship Leader: Sherry Allen
Ushers: Charles Bibbs & Don Stern
Greeter: Bonni Pear
In-Service Slide operator: Ken & Jacquee Lawrence
Online Worship: Dorothea Rynearson
PowerPoint preparer: Christine Pommier

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Division by Decision



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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Leader: Sherry Allen * Indicates that worshippers are to stand if able. Congregational responses are in bold print.		
ENTRANCE & PRAISE		
Prelude	“Grow a Little Tree”	John Kwon
Greetings		Rev. Sang Hun Han
Announcements		Sherry Allen
*Opening Hymn	"O How I Love Jesus"	UMH #170
1. There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth. **Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me! 2. It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free; it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. ** 3. It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe; who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. **		
*Call to Worship		
Come, let us worship the God who calls us to live with courage and faith.		
We come with open hearts, ready to hear God’s Word.		
Jesus calls us to make a decision and to follow him faithfully, even when the path is difficult.		
We choose to follow Christ and place our lives in his hands.		
Jesus came to bring the fire of God’s truth into the world.		
May the fire of the Holy Spirit awaken our hearts and renew our faith.		
Jesus calls us to recognize the signs of God’s presence and to respond with faithfulness.		
Open our eyes, Lord, that we may see your work among us.		
Even when following Christ brings challenges, conflict, or division, God remains with us.		
Give us courage to stand for truth and grace to love one another.		
Come, let us worship Jesus Christ, who calls us to a life of faithful decision and wholehearted devotion.		
We worship the Lord with open hearts and willing spirits!		

Passing Peace of Christ	TFWS #2108	
“O How He Loves You and Me”		
<i>O how he loves you and me! O how he loves you and me!</i>		
<i>He gave his life. What more could he give? O how he loves you;</i>		
<i>O how he loves me; O how he loves you and me!</i>		
Joys and Concerns		
Silent Prayer & Pastoral Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer	(Screen)	
Contemplation Hymn	“We Walk by Faith”	TFWS #2196
<i>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.</i>		
<i>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!"</i>		
<i>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.</i>		
PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE		
*Scripture Reading	Luke 12:49-56 (NIV)	Sherry Allen
Not Peace but Division		
⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”		
Interpreting the Times		
⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?		
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	“The Lord’s Prayer “	John Kwon
*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:	“Division by Decision”	Rev. Sang Hun Han
SENDING FORTH		
*Closing Hymn:	“O Jesus, I Have Promised”	UMH #396
1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.		
2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.		
3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still, above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.		
*Benediction		Rev. Sang Hun Han
*Postlude	Anglican Hymn	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.		