

## Announcements

### 1. ALTAR FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers that adorn our altar this week were provided by the Bernadini family in celebration of son Josh's 24<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### 2. UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH- AN INVITATION FROM GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Every summer, the United Women in Faith at Grace United Methodist Church holds a "Summer Coffee" where we gather and have a continental breakfast. This year we decided to invite our United Methodist neighbors. We hope you will come to enjoy fellowship with us, make new friends and consider becoming part of this powerful, fearless force driven by God's love and united sisterhood. With a focus on women, children, and youth, we act for justice and work to transform communities! Call or text Kathy Carey at 630-699-4070 or email [percula4344@sbcglobal.net](mailto:percula4344@sbcglobal.net).

#### Grace UMC

300 E. Gartner Rd.-Naperville

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 9:30AM to 11:30AM

In the Gathering Area- enter upper-level sanctuary door

We look forward to seeing you!

Blessings,

Kathy Carey- President UWF Grace UMC

### 3.VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that Bethany will be blasting off this summer to Stellar VBS – a cosmic quest that promises light years of faith-building fun! Dates are Monday, July 24th through Friday, July 28th, 9 am-11:30 am daily. VBS at Bethany is open to all children entering Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The registration fee is \$24 per child. Space is limited and early registration is encouraged. Scholarships are available for families for whom the registration fee presents a hardship.

VBS also offers fun and meaningful opportunities for youth (grade 6 and up) and adults to share their love of God with our youngest charges. We are looking for crew leaders to shepherd small groups of children through the morning's activities and station leaders and assistants to coordinate games, snacks, and more. Please find the registration and/or volunteer sign up links in the weekly e-blast or visit <https://vbspro.events/p/events/276256> . Letting us know sooner, rather than later, will be much appreciated in our planning. Please don't hesitate to reach out to VBS Director Bonni Pear with any questions.

## 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

**Handbell Choir** Sherry Allen / sherryamail@gmail.com

**Children & Youth Choirs** Bonni Pear / bpear@agencyinmotion.com

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## This Week at Bethany

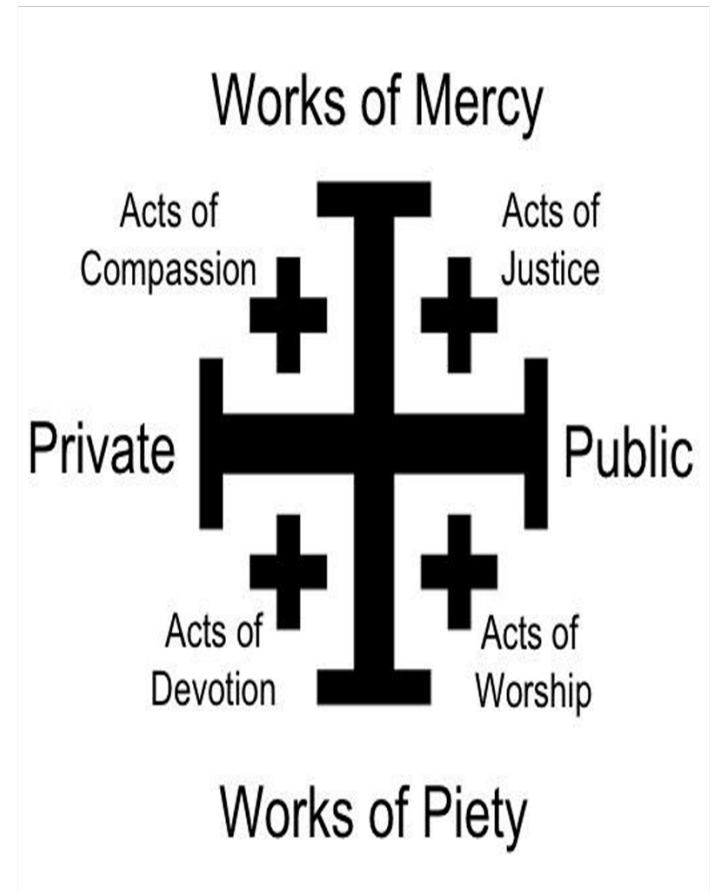
SUN June 4	Worship	Sanctuary & Online	9:00 am
	Loyal Leaders	F.H.	10:15 am

## 4. DORCAS CIRCLE LUNCHEON

Our next meeting will be held on **June 21st** at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be hosting a salad luncheon. All are welcome to attend. Bring a salad to share and join us for fellowship as we kick off the summer.



June 4, 2023



Bethany of Fox Valley  
United Methodist Church

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST**

\* Indicates that worshippers are to stand if able.

Congregational responses are in bold print.

Online Greeter: **Jacquee Lawrence**  
Worship Leader: **Melanie Bomersback**

Text to **630.454.1434**.

Member's word: **FOUND** Guest's word: **MEMBER**

**ENTRANCE & PRAISE**

Prelude	<b>"I Love You Lord"</b> (Laurie Klein)	John Kwon
Welcome		Rev. Park
Announcements		Melanie Bomersback
	<b>"To God Be the Glory" (vs.1&amp;3)</b>	UMH #98
*Opening Hymn	<b>"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"</b> (vs.1&3)	UMH #133

**1.** To God be the glory, great things he hath done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.

**Refrain:**

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son, and give him the glory,  
great things he hath done!*

**3.** Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

**1.** What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

**Refrain:**

*Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms; leaning, leaning,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**3.** What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

\*Call to Worship All

L: The name is the Lord is majestic!

**P: The mountains tower and the seas roar in praise of God!**

L: When we look at the heavens, we rejoice in God!

**P: The moons, stars, planets, solar systems are a delight to us!**

L: Come, let us shout our praise to God!

**P: Lord, thank you for this awesome creation! AMEN.**

Passing Peace of Christ

**"O How He Loves You and Me"** 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!*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Park

Lord's Prayer All

**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 **"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"** UMH #420

*Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love  
what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

**PROCLAMATION**

\*Scripture Reading **Luke 15:20-32 (CEB)** Melanie Bomersback

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then his son said, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! <sup>23</sup> Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting <sup>24</sup> because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field. Coming in from the field, he approached the house and heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the servants and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> The servant replied, 'Your brother has arrived, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he received his son back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> Then the older son was furious and didn't want to enter in, but his father came out and begged him. <sup>29</sup> He answered his father, 'Look, I've served you all these years, and I never disobeyed your instruction. Yet you've never given me as much as a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours returned, after gobbling up your estate on prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.' <sup>31</sup> Then his father said, 'Son, you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad because this brother of yours was dead and is alive. He was lost and is found.' "

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

**Thanks be to God**

Offering Anthem **"Stand up, Stand Up for Jesus"** Chris Baffour  
(George Duffield) Organ Solo

You may give your offering at [www.bfvumc.org/online-giving](http://www.bfvumc.org/online-giving)  
Or mail it to

**Bethany of Fox Valley UMC,  
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Message **Work of Mercy III** Rev. Park  
**Mercy of Recovery**

**HOLY COMMUNION & SENDING FORTH**

Holy Communion Screen or Subtitle Rev. Park

Closing Hymn **"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"** UMH #623  
(vs.1-3)

**1.** Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; here would I touch and handle things unseen; here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean

**2.** This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me; here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the hallowed hour of fellowship with thee.

**3.** Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven; here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

\*Benediction Rev. Park

Postlude **Traditional British 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.*

**SAINTS IN ACTION**

Worship Leader:	<b>Melanie Bomersback</b>			
Ushers:	<b>Charles Bibbs &amp; Manny Perea</b>			
Power Point Preparer:	<b>Jacquee Lawrence</b>			
Greeters:	<b>Laura Garvey &amp; Bonni Pear</b>			
In-Person Slide Operator:	<b>Jacquee &amp; Ken Lawrence</b>			
Online Worship Service:	<b>Dorothea Rynearson &amp; Chris Baffour</b>			

	5/7	5/14	5/21	5/28
IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE	35	50	48	46
ON-LINE ATTENDANCE	2	2	6	11
WEEKLY OFFERING	\$5,506	\$2,020	\$4,808	\$1,875
DEW OFFERING	\$20			
EASTER OFFERING	\$50			