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WEEKLY E-NEWS

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Verse of the Week / Vericulo de la semana

JEREMIA 29:11 / JEREMÍAS 29:11

11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

11 Yo sé los planes que tengo para ustedes, planes para su bienestar y no para su mal, a fin de darles un futuro lleno de esperanza. Yo, el Señor, lo afirmo.

*For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD.
"They are plans for good and not for disaster,
to give you a future and a hope."*

(Jeremiah 29:11)

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Worship Service / Servicio de Adoracion

Date: January 22, 2023

Time: 10:00 am

Sermon Title: The Ask: The Priority of
Conversation with God"

Please join us this coming Sunday in person
or in our live stream experience on
Facebook Live. You will receive another
email with the information you need later
this week.

Dia: Enero 22, 2023

Hora: 11:30 am

Titulo del sermon: "El Pedir: La prioridad de
la conversación con Dios"

Por favor acompañenos este proximo
domingo en persona o a travez de nuestra
transmisión en vivo por Facebook Live.
Recibirá mas información esta semana.

"Faith is not
hoping God
Can, it's
knowing He
will"

"La fe no es
esperar que
Dios pueda,
es saber que
Él lo hará."

Important Links / Enlaces Importantes

Rockford Urban Ministry



United Women in Faith



United Methodist Men



Prayer Network



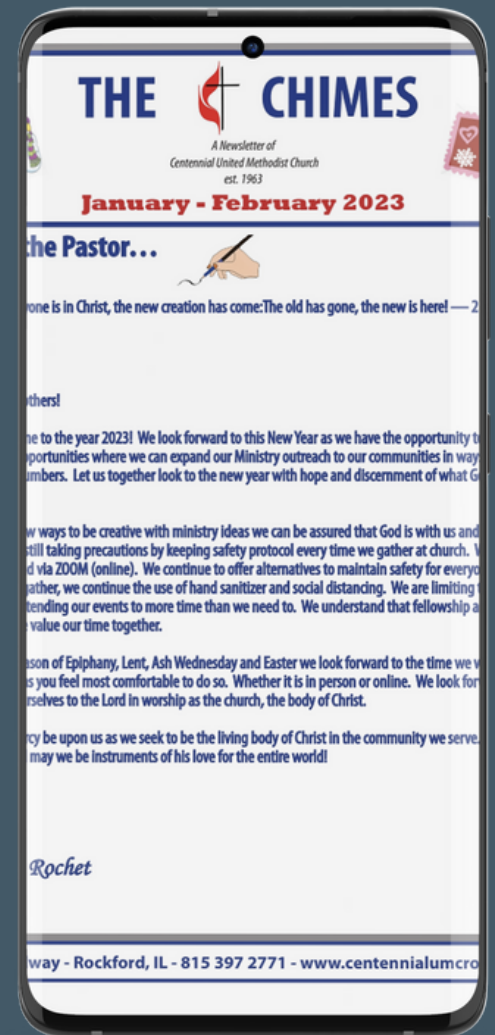
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Upper Room/Aposento Alto





Holy week Schedule / Calendario de semana santa

Date: February 22, 2023 /Febrero 22, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm Bilingual / Bilingue

Ash Wednesday Service / Miercoles de cenizas

Date: April 2, 2023

Time: 10:00 am Bilingual / Bilingue

Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos

Date: April 6, 2023 / Abril 6, 2023

Time: 12:00 pm Bilingual / Bilingue

Maundy Thursday / Jueves Santo

Date: April 7, 2023 / Abril 7, 2023

Time: 12:00pm Bilingual / Bilingue

Good Friday / Viernes Santo

Date: April 9, 2023 / Abril 9, 2023

Time 10:00 Bilingual / Bilingue

Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua

"The week
that changed
the world
continues to
change our
lives."

"La semana
que cambió el
mundo sigue
cambiando
nuestras
vidas."

Northern Illinois Conference announcements

Anuncios en la conferencia general del norte de Illinois



PLEASE JOIN BISHOP DAN SCHWERIN FOR A DAY OF INTRODUCTION, REFLECTION AND CONVERSATION ON YOUR DISTRICT IN FEBRUARY.

CLERGY WILL GATHER WITH THEIR DISTRICT FOR FELLOWSHIP AT 9:30AM WITH THE PROGRAM BEGINNING AT 10AM. CONCLUDING WITH LUNCH.

CLERGY GATHERING REGISTRATION

LAYTY WILL GATHER WITH THEIR DISTRICT FOR AN EVENING CONVERSATION FROM 7:00 TO 8:30 PM (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED).

Registration is not needed for the layty gathering.

PRAIRIE NORTH - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Cong: Rockford Central UMC - 4500 Highway Rd, Rockford, IL
- Layty: Freeport, Harmony UMC (6:00 pm) - 2600 W Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL

BEGIN, RE-ENERGIZE, RE-FOCUS YOUR CHURCH'S JOURNEY TOWARD RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY BECOMING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: HOW TO TALK ABOUT RACE IN AMERICA
BECOMING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY IS A 4-HOUR WORKSHOP THAT CONVEYS NOT ONLY FACTS AND ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT RACE AND RACISM BUT ALSO SEEKS TO HELP US EXPERIENCE SOME OF THE HARM AND HURT RACIAL PREJUDICE HAS CAUSED.

FUTURE WORKSHOPS AND REGISTRATION DETAILS FOR 2023

FRIENDSHIP UMC IN BOLINGBROOK
MARCH 19, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
305 E Boughton Rd, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Online Registration coming soon

Kindred UMC event to be rescheduled for 2023

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HOSTING A WORKSHOP AT YOUR CHURCH, IN YOUR CLUSTER, OR IN YOUR DISTRICT?

If so, we have additional spots opening up for 2023. Please contact Dr. Richard Guzman at rguzman@niconc.net for 2023 open spots.

The Anti-racism Task Force's Becoming the Beloved Community workshop was created by a team of Champion Team members led by Dr. Richard Guzman. This 4-hour workshop conveys facts and essential knowledge about race and racism and seeks to help participants experience some of the harm and hurt racial prejudice has caused.

- The workshop emphasizes engagement, not confrontation
To make progress on race, we have to stay engaged, even with people we disagree with.
- Small groups meet after each presentation session
Trained facilitators lead in story sharing, helping people connect personally with the presentations.
- It re-balances our view of the personal vs. the systemic
Though we talk about the harm personal racism causes, we also have to become "systemically aware."
- Relationships are paramount
The workshop seeks to lay the groundwork for friendships and alliances that will fight racism together.
- The workshop is media-rich and remains respectful while confronting hard issues.

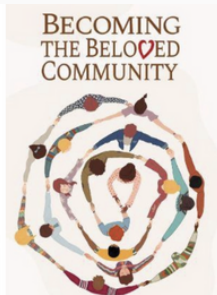
The pilot workshop was held on Sat., Sept. 11, 2021, at Friendship United Methodist Church in Bolingbrook. Since then, three other churches held a workshop at Glencoe: North Shore UMC, Elmhurst, First UMC, and Elgin. First UMC in the Spring of 2022.



Dr. Richard R. Guzman, facilitator, is professor emeritus at North Central College where he taught writing, literature, race/ethnicity, and social change and is active in his family's foundation, Emmanuel House. He serves as a consultant on anti-racism initiatives for the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church and headed the committee that produced the Becoming the Beloved Community workshop.

The BCC Planning Team is Dr. Richard Guzman (Bolingbrook, Friendship), Tom Butler (Evanston, First UMC), Lennox Iton (Hinsdale UMC), Rev. Terrence Power (Chicago, Hazel Crest Community UMC), Donna Sagami (Chicago, Ravenswood Fellowship), and Buzz Wheeler (Sycamore UMC).

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PRAIRIE NORTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

January 28, 2023 8:30 am - Noon
Snacks Provided
Freeport Faith UMC Cost \$10
1440 S Walnut Ave Freeport, IL

Schedule: 8:30 Registration
9:00 Opening Prayer and Holy Communion
9:45 Break
10:00 Workshop 1
10:45 Break
11:00 Workshop 2
11:45 Wrap-Up and Closing Prayer

Classes: Pick 2 Classes (All classes are offered in both sessions)
• Developing Vital Congregations in Your Context
– Rev. Martin Lee
• Call to Ministry – Rev. Jim Bell
• Lay Leadership & Staff Parish Relations
– Rev. Fabiola Grandon-Mayer
• Best Financial Practices in Your Local Church – Sue Wenger
• Senior Ministry in Rural Communities – Rev. Libby Rutherford
• The Church Involved in the Community – Rev. Violet Johnicker
• Engaging in Missions – Kris Aves and Pastor Leslie Stanford
• Antiracism Youth Curriculum – Pastor Roger Bronkema

Registration: www.umncc.org/calendar/prairie-north-leadership-training
Registrations deadline: Thurs. Jan. 26
Questions? Contact Matthew Mariani RevMariani@gmail.com

