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# WEEKLY E-NEWS

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## Verse of the Week / Vericulo de la semana

MATTHEW 5:13-14 / MATEO 5:13-14

13 “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. 14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

13 »Ustedes son la sal de este mundo. Pero si la sal deja de estar salada, ¿cómo podrá recobrar su sabor? Ya no sirve para nada, así que se la tira a la calle y la gente la pisotea. 14 »Ustedes son la luz de este mundo. Una ciudad en lo alto de un cerro no puede esconderse.



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## Worship Service / Servicio de Adoracion

Date: February 5, 2023

Time: 10:00 am

Sermon Title: "You Are Salt, You Are Light"

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 29, 2023

Hora: 11:30 am

Titulo del sermon: "Tu Eres Sal, Tu Eres Luz"

Por favor acompáñenos 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



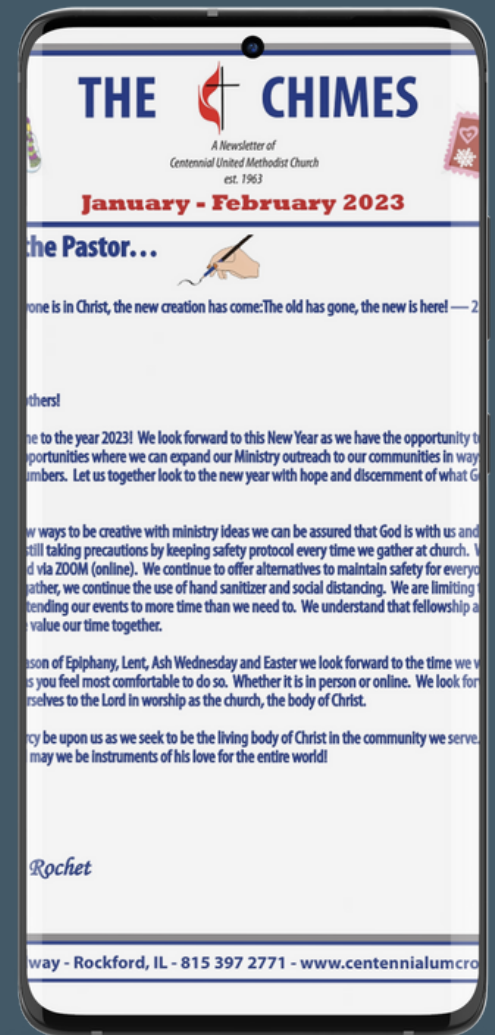
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## Holy week Schedule / Calendario de semana santa

Date: February 22, 2023 /Febrero 22, 2023

Time: 12:15 pm Bilingual / Bilingue

Ash Wednesday Service / Miercoles de cenizas

Date: April 2, 2023

Time: 10:00 am English / 11:30 Español

Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos

Date: April 6, 2023 / Abril 6, 2023

Time: 12:15 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

## Lent Soup Lunch / Almuerzo de sopa para cuaresma

Date: February 26, 2023 /Febrero 26, 2023

Time: 11:15 after our worship service in english  
despues de nuestro servicio de adoracion en ingles

Date: March 26, 2023 /Marzo 26, 2023

Time: 11:15 after our worship service in english  
despues de nuestro servicio de adoracion en ingles

"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



# BISHOP'S DAYS ON THE DISTRICT



PLEASE JOIN BISHOP DAN SCHERWIN 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**

- Chicago: Rockford: Christ UMC - 4509 Highcrest Rd, Rockford, IL
- Lafayette: 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 Broughton Rd, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Online Registration coming soon

Windsor 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@umcusa.net](mailto:rguzman@umcusa.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 is not about our view of the person 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, 2022, 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 2023.



Dr. Richard R. Guzman, facilitator, is professor emeritus at North Central College where he taught writing, literature, racial/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 BBC Planning Team is Dr. Richard Guzman (Bolingbrook: Friendship), Tom Butler (Evanston: First UMC), Lennox Iton (Windsor: UMC), Rev. Terrell Power (Chicago: Hazel Crest Community UMC), Donna Sagans (Chicago: Ravenswood Fellowship), and Buzz Wheeler (Sycamore UMC).

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