

Adult Education Forum

You're invited to join our weekly Adult Education Forum, where we explore meaningful questions about our faith, values, and beliefs. This forum is a welcoming space for open dialogue, reflection, and a deeper understanding of how our faith shapes our lives. We meet in the library from 8:45 to 9:45 on Sunday mornings prior to worship.

Fellowship Sundays – Share Your Favorite Treats!

Pick a Sunday to bring some of your favorite snacks or treats to share! Fellowship time is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to gather, catch up, and welcome new friends. Sign up to host and help make our time together even more special!

Special Music

Do you or someone you know have a musical talent to share? We're coordinating music for our worship services and would love for you to be a part of it! Please reach out to Marcia or call/text 331-276-7979.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

Theme: A Day at Rocky Point Lighthouse

Join us for a special 2-evening Vacation Bible School where kids will *shine God's light*!

Dates: Thursday, June 26 & Friday, June 27

Time: 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Where: First United Methodist Church

It'll be an unforgettable adventure at Rocky Point Lighthouse filled with faith, fun, and fellowship!

More details coming soon!

How can you help? We're always looking for volunteers and support—there's a place for everyone to get involved!

Questions? Please reach out to Amanda Tracy or Laura Suskin.

Let's get ready to shine bright together!



 First United
Methodist Church
WEST DUNDEE
318 West Main St., West Dundee, IL 60118

Teen Girl Mission Group

The United Women in Faith at FUMC is organizing a group of teen girls to work on local service/mission projects in our community. Teens will earn community service volunteer hours. Teens do not need to be members of FUMC or attend regularly. Any teen girl would be welcome to join this service group.

First meeting/project:

Sunday, May 18th, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room in the lower level

Project: We will be assembling oral hygiene kits (toothbrush, toothpaste, flossers, lip balm) for donation to a Shoebox Christmas gift ministry assembled for children and Teens who live in the Spirit Lake Native American Reservation in South Dakota. We will discuss ideas for future projects.

Donations are welcome:

Toothpaste– We need this item the most
lip balm
Toothbrushes (single or multipack)
flossers

Please contact us if you are interested in attending this meeting or future meetings:
Jennifer Schaffer schaffek@sbcglobal.net, 847-287-7185
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Bike and Musical Instrument Donations Needed!

We're once again collecting bikes and musical instruments—now through July 18. Sometimes, what's sitting in storage can bring joy and purpose to someone else! Please take a moment to dig out any bikes or instruments you no longer use and bring them to First United Methodist Church of West Dundee. Donations of any condition—even parts—are welcome. Everything will be refurbished and donated to those in need.

Main Drop-Off Day:

Friday, July 18, from 1–7 p.m. at the church garage
We'll also have a booth at Graffelman Park. To schedule a drop-off or request a pickup, call or text Marcia at 331-276-7979.

Looking Ahead:

Save the date! Our 2025–26 Back-to-School Backpack Day is coming up on July 26. We'll start collecting school supplies in June.

Visit youtube.com/@fumcdundee or our website, fumcwo.org, to view our worship services.

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Defining Moments

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Please join us for a time of sharing in the Fireside Room.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, O my soul! Blessed are they whose help is the Lord!

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, the sea,

and everything in them.

The Lord remains faithful forever: he upholds the oppressed, gives food to the hungry,

and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow. He reigns

forever, our God for all generations!

from Psalm 146

*HYMN

When God Restored Our Common Life

TFWS #2199

*OPENING PRAYER

You are our God and we are your people! Gather us in as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wing. Teach us, heal us, strengthen us by your Spirit that we may love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in our community and in the world through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

Gentle Shepherd

WES #3096

THE LESSON

Ruth 1:1-22

SPECIAL MUSIC

What A Lovely Name

Choir

MESSAGE

Defining Moments: Loving Mother

Pastor Rick Carlson

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Welcome!

Rise in body or in spirit where designated by * Please join in speaking the words in bold.