

The Carillon

January, 2005

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON
A welcoming, caring, family of faith

Presenting A Special Series on Healthy Relationships

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Dr. Clark Barshinger will present a special series on healthy relationships, with special emphasis on factors that shape healthy and unhealthy marriages, entitled “Ingredients of a Healthy Relationship”. Beginning on February 13 and continuing on the 2nd Sunday of each month (except Mothers’ Day) through May 15 (4 classes) from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Dr. Barshinger will lead a scientific and scriptural analysis of relationships. The cost of the seminar will be \$50 per person for the whole series and will include a light supper, dessert and coffee.



There are some important considerations regarding this class:

The class is for all adults—single people and unmarried couples as well as married couples will find the class helpful and interesting.

The class is meant for everyone, including those whose relationship is strong. While couples with troubled relationships would benefit from the class, so would people who are not having relationship problems.

The class is educational, not therapeutic. It is not meant to be a substitute for relationship counseling.

Please prayerfully consider signing up for this exceptional opportunity to explore your relationship with the sure guidance of Dr. Barshinger. Look for signup opportunities in early January, but mark your calendars now: February 13, March 13, April 10, and May 15. Inquiries may be directed to Karen Tobin or the Ministry Team.

**The Presbyterian Church of
Barrington
Vision Statement**

Created by God as a welcoming, caring family of faith, we...

...worship God joyfully, guided and challenged by Scripture and the proclamation of Christ's gospel;

...serve those in need, inspiring and equipping one another to respond to God's call;

...support each individual's journey of faith through lifelong learning, Christian fellowship and prayer; and

...share this spiritual home with all, drawing others to faith in Jesus Christ and reflecting the everlasting love of God.

Thanks For Your Help: Jack and Ginny Train, and Sandi Crewe for assembling the December Carillon and for folding the Sunday Bulletins so faithfully!

Thank You from Chancel Guild, to all who donated so generously to the Christmas Decorations fund.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Many years ago, at Grace Presbyterian Church in Jenkintown, the Director of Christian Education worked hard to see that children in grades 1 through 3 learned the Ten Commandments. One of the techniques that she used was to have the children rewrite the Ten Commandments in their own words. Here are the Ten Commandments in the language of children:

1. Trust God.
2. Put God first, not things.
3. Use God's name respectfully.
4. Keep one day for rest and God.
5. Respect your parents.
6. Protect human life.
7. Keep your promises.
8. Do not take things that aren't yours.
9. Be truthful when talking about others.
10. Be satisfied with what you have.

We have just come through a season that tells adults that they have to become like a child in order to see a big God in very small things. Children also show adults that God is not interested in our frequent arguments or convenient interpretations of the Ten Commandments, but in our following them.

Children are pretty smart. Even they can see human beings breaking their lives into pieces by not living within boundaries. "And a little child shall lead them." Perhaps, we need to listen to the direct and simple words of our children as we set our feet on the many paths that we will face in the New Year.

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Becoming a Church Member

We invite you to become a member of our congregation. People who have not made a decision about joining, but would like to know more about the church, are invited to come to services, participate in activities and discuss membership with **Rev. Dan Spike**. He can be reached at the Church Office at **847-381-0975**.

Church Administration

New Church Officers

With gratitude for and appreciation of their commitment to our congregation, we welcome the new Church Officers.

Elders, Class of 2007:

Anna Armstrong. This is Anna's second term as Elder. She has been a member of our congregation since 1980 and has served on the Children's Christian Education and Worship Committees.

Bob Kosobud. This is Bob's second term as Elder. He has been a member of our congregation for 31 years and has served on the Stewardship, Photo Directory, Visioning Task Force and Long Range Planning Committees.

Paul Lee. Paul has been a member here for one year. Prior to moving here, he served as a Deacon and Elder at the Carter Westminster Presbyterian Church in Skokie, IL.

Linda Long. Linda has been a member here for 20 years, and has served as a Deacon and on the Adult Education and Mission Committees. She has been active in Prayer Group and has served on the BPW Board.

Dennis McGurer. This is a second term for Denny, who has been a member here for 8 years. He has been on the Communications and Mission Committees and on the San Marcos board.

Gerry Nadig. Gerry has been a member here for 16 years, and has served as a Deacon and Elder and as a member of the New Members, Fellowship, Stewardship, Long Range Planning, Endowment, Personnel, and Directory committees.

Paige Unangst. In her 5 years of membership here, Paige has served as a Trustee, on the Personnel, Business Affairs, and Accounting Transition Team Committees and taught Confirmation Class. She was a Deacon at former churches.

Deacons, Class of 2006:

Eva Caner. Eva is a new member, she will complete Lou McCloud's term.

Daria Sislow. Daria has been a member since 1985 and has served as an Usher and on the Nominating Committee. She will complete Cora Esche's term.

Deacons, Class of 2007:

Bette Bilton. Bette has been a member for 20 years, and has served as BPW Treasurer and on the BPW Christmas Program Committee and on the Adult Education Committee.

Nancy Bohren. Nancy has been a member since 1995 and has served as an Elder, Deacon and on the Mission, Membership and Chancel Guild Committees.

Alan Free. In his 8 years as a member, Alan has served on the Fellowship, Membership and Outreach, and Nominating Committees and is a Sunday School Teacher.

Gus Leep. Gus has been a member since 1999, and has served as a Deacon, on the Worship Committee, the Visioning Task Force and is a choir member.

Judy Leonardis. Judy has been a member since 1987; she has served on the Mission Committee.

Pat Mitchell. Pat has been a member since 1987, has been active in BPW, is a choir member and a Stephen Minister.

Trustees, Class of 2007:

Jeff Anderson. In his 12 years as a member, Jeff has served on the Fellowship, Nominating and Pastoral Search Committees.

Ron Furst. Ron has been a member for 19 years and has served on the Worship Committee, the Youth Mission Team 2003 and is an usher.

Denise Gans. This is Denise's second term as Trustee. She has been a member for 3 years and has served on the Fellowship Committee.

Bob Weidner. Bob has been a member for 14 years, and has served two terms as Elder, has been on the Personnel, Fellowship, New Member, Mission, Business Affairs, Strategic Planning and Transition Committees, and the Visioning Task Force.

Barrington Presbyterian Women



January Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 6, starting at 10:30. Come at 10:15 for coffee. Babysitting is available; all women of the church are invited to attend.

Valentine Care Packs

Each February, BPW packs and sends special "care packages" to our kids who are away from home at college or in the military. We ask volunteers to bake cookies or other goodies or to donate small snacks or Valentine gifts (50 of each item). If you have children who are in college or in the military and would like the BPW to send them one of their special Valentine Care Packs, please call or email their names and addresses to **Bonnie Kalaway, 847-381-0975** or drop the information off at the church office by Thursday, January 27. We'll assemble the Care Packs at our February 3 BPW meeting.

BPW Cookbook

Whew-- Now that the holiday hustle and bustle is behind us, it's time to curl up with a good book! The BPW cookbook, Gracing Your Table, is a treasure trove of wonderful recipes perfect for a cozy winter supper, as well as dishes that are sure to bring some sunshine to your home. The cookbook also makes a lovely gift for your favorite cook, bride-to-be, or anyone on your gift list. In addition to the fabulous recipes you'll receive, your purchase makes you a contributor to the renovation of the Brides' Room (main ladies room).

Limited quantities are available at \$20 each. Please make your check payable to "BPW" and mail to Rebecca Gans Carlberg, 64 Amherst Court, Fox River Grove, IL 60021. For questions, contact **Rebecca Carlberg**.

Morning Bible Study

Wednesday, January 5, at 9:30 a.m. Coffee at 9:15 a.m. We use the Horizon Bible Study book, What She Said, available in the church office for \$8. Please make the check out to BPW. Coordinator, **Susan Raaths**.

G.T.I.F.

Growing Together In Faith is a monthly, evening Bible study for women. We meet on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. We will be using The Workbook of Spiritual Disciplines by Maxine Dunnam.. Coordinators, **Becky Bosarge and Jill Minner**.

W.W.A.P.

Women With Aging Parents is a group which provides information and support to those who have aging parents. The meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the home of **Marge Slocum**.

Book Cub

The next meeting of Book Club will be on Thursday January 20, at 1:00 p.m. at home of **Nancy Nadig**. The Book is The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.

Women's Retreat

BPW WOMEN'S RETREAT, February 11-13, 2005
Join the women of our Church as we gather again at Aurora University (George Williams Campus) in Williams Bay, WI for the 2005 Women's Spiritual Retreat. The Rev. Dr. Dianne Shields, Associate Pastor, 1st Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights will present "Finding God in the Clutter of Life."

Women of all ages are welcome. If you have never attended a retreat before, don't be shy. Your only regret will be that you didn't do it sooner.

The registration Fee is \$175. Early bird registration is available again this year. Sign up by December 31, 2004 and receive \$10 off (that's \$165).

You can register online at our website:

www.pcbarrington.org,

or contact

Rebecca Carlberg,

Mari Franklin,

Karen Tobin.

Stephen Ministry

Consider This...

Why Don't We Ask for Help?

While our Stephen Ministers have been keeping busy over the last 2+ years providing care for our congregation, we do know that we still have people in our midst who are coping alone. Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. Why? For several reasons. We often feel that others' problems are more "important" or that we should be helping those with "bigger" problems rather than dwelling on our own. When a person is giving care, he or she seems in a position of strength and stability. When a person is receiving care, he or she often feels weak, insecure, and vulnerable. These are uncomfortable feelings that most people try to avoid. Society teaches us that to ask for help is to admit weakness, and to show weakness is to admit inferiority. Whether it is because of guilt, shame, inadequacy, or fear of rejection, many of us would much prefer to suffer alone than ask for help.

And Why Should We Ask for Help?

There are countless people today who, though they really could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them, instead tough it out on their own. They remain the strong silent type, or wear a smile across a face that is holding back a flood of tears.

But God did not create us to be independent! We were created to be interdependent. God's Word is clear on this all the way back to Genesis: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18). The New Testament underscores this theme with more than 50 verses that contain the words "one another." These verses include admonitions such as "love one another," "encourage one another," "build up one another," and "pray for one another." What these verses don't say is that we are only to love, encourage, build up and pray for other people. The "one another" wording gives them a reciprocal meaning. It tells us that we are also to allow other people to love, encourage, build up and pray for us!



How Do I Find Help?

Suffering alone is not God's intent for us. Asking for help is not a sign of weakness. It is an acceptance of God's healing love which comforts and strengthens us. If you find yourself now or in the future facing difficulties in life, don't succumb to society's norm of remaining "strong" and coping alone. Take the courageous step of seeking help. Open your heart to receiving God's love and grace through a caring and non-judgmental Stephen Minister. Please call our referrals coordinators, **Linda McGurer, Marge Slocum**, or either **Curt Baxter or Dan Spike, 847-381-0975**, at church for more information.

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Deacons

Congratulations to...

Denny and Linda McGurer, upon the birth of their granddaughter, Hope, born to daughter, Ellen, on November 22.

Condolences to...

Nell Lewis and family upon the death of Warren Lewis, on November 30. Evelyn Cole is their daughter. The funeral was held in Oklahoma.

Anne McManus upon the death of her mother, Katherine Fear, on November 15.

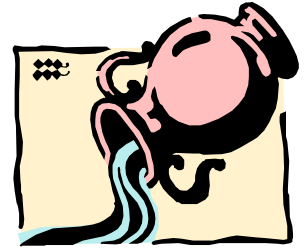
Sheffield Hyde and family upon the death of his mother, Caroline Hyde, on December 9.

Thank You

Thanks to all of the Deacons who organized the Advent Dinner. The approximately 150 people who attended enjoyed good fellowship, a delicious meal and great music. Thanks to Joy Hague and her gifted young singers and to "Bernice's Bells" Hand Bell Choir for their musical presentations.

Deacon's Corner, Maria Peterson

Being a mom can be exhausting. It was the original meaning of 24/7. I am a chauffeur, chef, personal shopper, referee, manager, counselor, maid, laundress, dog keeper, school and music teacher. Despite the hours and countless, thankless, tedious tasks, I feel fortunate to be able to stay at home and take care of my kids. Both of my parents pursued professional careers and had various hobbies and interests that often left me, an only child, feeling as if my happiness was a low priority for them. Given that experience, I feel a deep yearning to always be there for my kids.



It was in this context that I received yet another request for my time, becoming a Deacon. I was convinced that there was no room in my schedule: that adding another obligation would detract from "my" time. My husband encouraged me to give it a try. He said that caring for others would get me out of my box and provide perspective about the importance of things often taken for granted. After one year as a Deacon I am glad that I listened to him.

Being a deacon has forced me to look beyond my 'self' and my family. I really enjoy the other Deacons. They are a fun and caring group of people. I also enjoy completing the various tasks that come with being a Deacon. My favorite activity is delivering flowers to members who cannot attend the church service. It is such a joy to see a smiling face as I walk in with the beautiful flowers from the sanctuary. I feel like I am carrying little rays of sunshine in the vase. It is amazing how doing the smallest things for others can give you the largest of returns.

I am truly blessed to have the opportunity to be part of a church that cares so well for others.

Christian Education

DISCIPLE

Our Tuesday and Sunday afternoon DISCIPLE classes are making great progress and at the time of this reading, we will have completed our study of the Prophets. All of the participants would tell you that they have been challenged, surprised, and transformed by their study. They agreed to share some thoughts about their DISCIPLE experience and what they have learned:

"I have learned more than I ever expected."

"God is faithful to His covenant with us and deals with our sin by "limiting" himself through allowing us choices. What He wants from us is to do the same for others as He does for us - through godly, obedient service and leadership."

"For over forty years I have heard (and sometimes taught) familiar Bible stories. Through the Disciples study, I am learning to view these Old Testament heroes as people. It is clear to me from ancient days to the present, the most important thing is the personal relationship each of us has with God."

"Our Disciple class has not only helped me learn the context of the Bible verses that are read in church, but I have developed a wonderful feeling of fellowship and friendship with my other Disciple classmates."

"Abraham the father of Christianity, Judaism, and the Muslims lived 2000 years before Christ and here we are living 2000 years after Christ. In our humanness the issues, complexities, and sins seem to remain the same, but because of God's unconditional love, forgiveness, and the ten commandments there is hope!"

"I have been fascinated to learn the Old Testament worship practices and rituals. The relationship OT people had with God is strikingly less intimate than our relationship with the God we know through Jesus Christ. The comparison serves as a worthwhile reminder of the awe and mystery of our Heavenly Father."

"The highlight of my Sundays has always been coming to church, with concerts, visiting with friends, and other entertainments scheduled for later in the day. Sunday afternoons are now consistently dedicated to

God's word as well. The peace of this consistency and the consistency of scheduling time to read God's Word daily is creating in me a new understanding of my relationship to God as well as a new understanding of Sunday."

"Disciple class has prompted me to search within myself and look more closely at my own motives and faith."

"I thought that I understood the Bible, but I have learned how much that I did not previously understand. We have only been in the course for eight weeks, but the depth of insight gained thus far has exceeded my expectations for the entire course."

"God does not hide; we hide from God. When God draws near, we see more of ourselves."

"If you have not read the Bible, join us. If you want to move from a simple understanding to a more in-depth understanding, join us and attempt with us to receive the Lord's message. This class is worth the effort."

There you have it - everyone who has gone through DISCIPLE or is currently participating will tell you that this study is life-changing and eye-opening. Watch for details in upcoming Carillons and start planning now to make the commitment to grow as a disciple.

Sunday Morning Adult Education 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Are you disturbed by the controversy surrounding our denomination over the General Assembly's "Divestment" policy? Do you know what the policy is or why the General Assembly approved it by a wide margin? Are your friends asking you if we are anti-Semitic? The Adult Education Program for January will be devoted to this issue. Try to attend all three sessions and invite friends who are interested.

January 9 – Dr. Bob Reynolds, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Chicago – "Justice and Peace in the Middle East: The Presbyterian Position"

January 16 and 23 – Rabbi Herbert Bronstein – "The Presbyterian Church, Israel and American Jews."

February 13 and 20, March 13, April 10 and 17, May 15, 2005, "Believing in Christ in the 21st Century: Who Do You Say That I Am?" .

During the remainder of the Spring semester Dr. Anna Case-Winters of McCormick Theological Seminary, will present a mini-course on Christology. Dr. Case-

Winters was the Chair of the Committee on Confessions and Christology of the 214th General Assembly, which drafted the statement on "The Lordship of Christ" for the denomination. Join us for this stimulating exploration of faith.

Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) Classes

Wednesdays, **January 19th-March 2nd, 2005**, 5:30-7:00pm in the Church Parlor. The cost is :\$40 for one parent or \$50 for both parents, plus \$15.95 for STEP Workbook. Checks(made to Barrington Youth Services) are preferred and can be submitted at the first class. Facilitated by Liz Larson, Clinical Supervisor of Barrington Youth Services, parents of elementary aged children will discuss:

Understanding your child's behavior and misbehavior; Developing positive relationships with your child; Helpful Communication skills; Building your child's confidence and feelings of worth; Natural and logical consequences as an alternative to rewards and punishments.

For more information or to register*: Call **Angie Smith or Susan Reedquist**. *Registration is required as class size is limited to 10 people.

5/6 Grade Lock-in January 14-15

Join us for some inside "winter" fun. We will have a scavenger hunt that takes us all around the building, play a trading game that involves lunchmeat, cheese pickles and such and learn what the Bible tells us about living and working together as a community in Christ.

Bible Story Time Winter Session Begins January 27

Note: We are changing to Thursday mornings 10:00-11:00am. In Fellowship Hall. See you then!

Wednesday Night Live Winter Session

Watch the bulletin and your mail box for information on the new round of great programs, songs, games and dinners starting January 19.

As a Family: Communion Sunday January 2

Plan to worship as a family on this Sunday. Sunday School is provided for those Kindergarten and younger. Children who are in second grade or above and have received instruction are invited to participate in this celebration. Children learn by watching. As parents, you are a very important teacher in your child's life. Talk to them about how you feel when you take communion. What things do you focus on? What prayers do you offer God?

As a Family: Renewal of Baptism January 9

Plan to worship as a family for this service. Talk as a family about baptisms you have celebrated in your immediate, extended and church family. Locate pictures, share stories. Then join your church family for this celebratory service.

Youth Mission Trip M&M Fundraiser

Eat chocolate for a good cause! Help the Youth of our church raise money for their 2005 Mission Trip. It's easy and fun! Here's all you have to do: 1. Take home a FREE tube* of M&M candies on January 9th. . (*One M&M candy tube per family.) 2. Eat the M&M candies!!! 3. Fill the empty M&M tube with quarters. 4. Drop the quarter-filled tube in our Mission Trip M&M bin outside Fellowship Hall.

Worship

Join Our 2005 Usher or Liturgist Ministry Teams

1 Peter 4:10 – Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

USHERS: Some of the usher duties are to: Greet Worshippers and distribute Sunday bulletins, Maintain silence in Narthex during worship, Assist worshippers to their seats, Take the attendance count, Role of an Acolyte at beginning and end of each service, Collect weekly offering, Replenish prayer cards, sign-in booklets and pens in the pew pockets, Tidy-up the sanctuary after worship, Set up/take down folding chairs for special services, Assist worshippers in medical emergencies or building evacuations, Rope off pews in advance for special groups, Greet visitors at end of service.



Call or email **Jack Raaths**, if you would like to join the usher ministry and serve your congregation!
Or fill in the form below and return to the church office

ATTN: Jack Raaths I'd like to usher at the ___ 9:00 AM service ___ 11:00 AM service

Name: _____

Telephone No. : _____

Email address: _____

LITURGISTS: If you would like to take a more active part in the worship service, please consider being a Liturgist. Reading the Prayer of Illumination, the Scriptures and other prayers is a wonderful way to worship. If you would like more information or would like to join the Liturgy Ministry, please call or email **Sally Moore**. If there is a specific date you'd like to be Liturgist, please let Sally know or indicate it on the form.



Or complete the form below and bring it to the church office

ATTN: Sally Moore I'd like to be a Liturgist at the ___ 9:00 AM service ___ 11:00 AM service

Name: _____

Telephone No. : _____

Email address: _____

Date: _____

Library

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Barrington Library

We strive to provide our members current theological offerings in numerous formats including books, cassettes, videos, DVDs, and periodicals. Our collection is new and growing with over 500 current listings to appeal to children, youth, adults, and church officers alike. We are located in the west corner of the church parlor. Come in, explore, learn, and let your faith grow.

For children: Bunny, My Honey, by Anita Jeram.

One sunny day, while Bunny is playing with his friends, Little Duckling and Miss Mouse, he runs just a little too far. Suddenly, Bunny Honey is lost. The more he looks for his mommy and his friends, the more lost he becomes. What is Bunny Honey to do? Our author and illustrator of this preschool story, creates a story with a satisfying conclusion. It offers comfort and reassurance to all little "Honeys" everywhere.

For Youth: The Gospel According to Harry Potter, by Connie Neal

Connie Neal embarks on an exploration into J.K. Rowlings created world of mystery. She presents a rebuttal for those that are seeking something sinister in this children's classic. With an arsenal of more than fifty "Potteran" themes, these books need not be rejected as a threat to the Christian faith. Critics hail this book as a much-needed stroke of interpretive genius on the intersection of religion and popular culture. A must-read for everyone intrigued by the Harry Potter phenomenon.

For Adults: Whose Land? Whose Promise?, What Christians are not being told about Israel and the Palestinians,
By Gary M. Burge.

Professor Burge answers tough questions of someone struggling with the realities of Israel today and the discipline of a New Testament academic committed to responding in the light of Scripture.

How do I embrace my commitment to Judaism when I sense....there is a profound injustice afoot in Israel?

How do I celebrate the birth of Israel when I also mourn the suffering of Arab Christians?

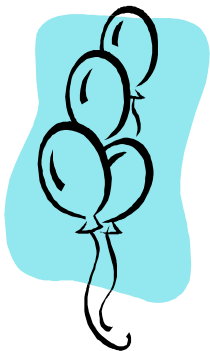
An excellent introduction to the factors that have wounded and weakened both Israelis and Palestinians.

Library Procedures: Books and all other media may be checked out for 30 days. See the detailed checkout procedures posted in the library. Please return materials promptly. Please, do not re-stack items; the Librarian will do this for you.

Donations: If you have any items you would like to donate to us, please put a post-it on it, and write "Donation". Place in the return bin and take a "tax receipt" card for your records.

Stewardship

Presbyterian Church of Barrington's "Celebration of Faith" Ball Saturday January 22, 2005 7:00 pm to midnight Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg



Join your church family for an evening of adult fellowship, cocktails, dinner, dancing, and FUNdraising. Proceeds will benefit the Presbyterian Church of Barrington.

Invitations have been mailed. Responses are due by January 9, so get a group of friends and/or neighbors together and come join the fun..

Coordinator: **Jane Zimmer.**

Parish Life

Notes from Joy

The Holiday Season is almost gone, and now we're facing the clean-up and the slipping back into old and familiar routines. That is, as long as we haven't made any new resolutions that we're actually going to keep, in which case you may be contemplating an entirely new routine. New year, new ideas. What would you think of:



A Mom's Women's Chorus, for those mothers who love to sing but have little ones at home and cannot get out at night? The rehearsals would be in the morning, at a time agreed upon by the participants as being the best for them. Of course, others besides Moms are invited.

A Mom's Handbell Choir, for Moms who cannot get out on a weeknight to the current handbell rehearsal? Again, this is not exclusive to moms.



As I have been musing on how we could offer more services to various people in the congregation, I thought of many mothers who have said to me "I'd love to sing in the choir," or, "I really would like to learn to play handbells, but . . ." I thought I would throw this idea out and see who might be interested. If either idea is of interest to you, contact me at the church, by telephone, **Joy Hague, 847-381-0975**. If the response is positive and the numbers are right, we will launch this as an added service in the Music Department. Tell a friend!

Called Congregational Meeting

On January 9, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., there will be a Called Congregational Meeting to elect a Deacon, class of 2006

Annual Congregational Meeting

On January 30, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation will be held.

Mission

Thank you

A big Thank You to all who contributed their time and talents and who donated so generously to all of our projects. Your generosity to those who need assistance is truly remarkable and much appreciated. Our Congregation supported:

CROP Walk (food for the world's hungry, thanks to walkers, sponsors and food preparers), the **Thanksgiving Food Drive** (which benefited several agencies; thank you to those who donated food and who distributed the food bags), **Christopher House Adopt A Family** (we adopted 77 families this year, additional money donations amounted to \$1,265.00; thanks also to those who drove the gifts to Chicago), **Nueva Esperanza** (coats and gifts for the youth, thanks to those who donated, collected and drove the coats and gifts to Vida Nueva), **Christopher House Christmas Bazaar** (clients can purchase gifts at low cost, thanks too those who donated and who delivered the items), the **Mitten Tree** (for Home of the Sparrow client families, organized by the Christian Education Committee), **Barrington Giving Day** (toys, clothing, food for the needy of Barrington and the surrounding areas). A special Thank You to all who contributed to making the **BPW Christmas Benefit** a huge success. The musical program, performed by the Barrington Chamber Choir was truly awe inspiring. Thanks to the many chairwomen, decorators, bakers, cooks, servers, clean up crew, those who donated so generously to the drawing and silent auction, and those who supported the benefit by attending and purchasing items. Profits from the benefit will be distributed to the numerous agencies supported by BPW.

Worship Schedule

- Jan. 2** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 10:00 a.m.
The Search
Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 1:3-14; Matthew 2:1-12.
- Jan. 9** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
How Will You Be Remembered?
Readings: Isaiah 2:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.
- Jan. 16** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
What Brought You to Jesus?
Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42..
- Jan. 23** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Steps to Christian Maturity
Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.
- Jan. 30** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Turn On the Lights!
Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-16.



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