

The Carillon

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Men's Retreat "Making Space For Spirit" April 21 – 23, 2006

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For the first time, a retreat sponsored by and for the men of our church will be offered next month. View it as an opportunity to step back from our complex, multi-tasking, goal-oriented, material-focused, and information-overloaded world. View it as an opportunity to find some quality time to reflect, to learn and to share. View it as an opportunity to participate in a retreat led and facilitated by Dr. Ron Miller.

Ron is the chair of the Religion Department at Lake Forest College, the co-founder of Common Ground and the author of numerous books and articles. He has spoken many times at our church during Adult Education sessions. Ron, along with our own congregational panels, will explore from a individual and group perspective our theme "Making Space For Spirit" through four key areas: Sounds of Silence, Separate Paths – Same Spirit, Support and Sharing, Stepping Into Tomorrow.

To focus on spirituality in a quiet, reflective and educational manner, we are gathering at George Williams Campus of Aurora University, Williams Bay, Wisconsin – a perfect environment for this enriching experience. For two nights accommodations, meals, beautiful sunrises and sunsets, a takeaway to use following the retreat, and Ron Miller's participation, the cost is \$160.00 per attendee. Deadline for registration is Sunday, April 2, 2006. Make your check payable to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington and mail with the reservation form to: The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, 6 Brinker Road, Barrington Hills, IL 60010.

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I'm looking forward to the experience at the 2006 Men's Retreat

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

**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 Jinny Train, Sally Kilham, Alice Buchholz, Bob and Dorothy Johnson, Gerry Nadig and Sandi Crewe for assembling the February Carillon and the Annual Report. Thanks also to Jack and Jinnie and Sandi for helping with the Sunday bulletins.

Do You Have Frequent Flyer Miles?

If so, you could help send a new Stephen Leader to training. Anna Armstrong and Julie Brown will be attending Stephen Leader Training in Orlando, FL on June 11 - 17. It would be a great assist to the Stephen Ministry budget if you could donate some spare Frequent Flier miles to get them there. If you would like to help, please contact **Marge Slocum**.

Lenten Classes

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please plan to attend one of the Wednesday evening Lenten Class series.

Class dates are: March 8, March 15, March 22 and April 5, starting at 7:30 p.m.

“Confronting the Controversies: Biblical Perspectives on Tough Issues”

Dr. Curt Baxter will lead a study on Adam Hamilton's book, Confronting the Controversies. The purpose of the study is to help us to deal with controversial issues in light of the Bible and Christian beliefs.

Controversial issues are complex and multifaceted and, therefore, will result in multifaceted perspectives. Caring, compassionate and thoughtful people of faith can hold opposite positions on these issues. These sessions are not intended to be a debate but an opportunity to grow in faith together, learn more about the Bible and develop our own informed perspectives. Some of these issues will be impossible to resolve completely this side of eternity.

“The Gospel According to Part Deux”



Join an intergenerational group as we continue our exploration of “The Simpsons”. Facilitated by Rev. Dan Spike and Melissa Armstrong-Hansche, classes will be led by youth of our church. Basing the lesson on one of their favorite episodes, the youth will explore the scriptural references demonstrated by Homer and his family and the other residents of Springfield. View this Pop Culture icon through the eyes of faith. No reading required – just come, kick back and enjoy Bible study in a whole new way. All ages are welcome!

Becoming a Church Member

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, **847-381-0975**.

Worship

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday. There will be a service at 7:00 p.m. led by the 7th and 8th Grade students. Come join us as we observe the beginning of Lent.

Taizé Services

Taizé Services will be held on Wednesdays, March 8, March 22 and April 5 at 7:00 p.m. This worship service takes the form of meditative common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity.

The Lenten Classes will begin immediately after the Taizé service.

Worship Committee, Calvin Worship Symposium 2006

Last year members from the Worship Study Team had the honor of attending the Calvin Symposium on Worship in Grand Rapids, Michigan. A group of five members representing music, worship and ministry, and visual arts attended to gain insight and information to further our study. It was such a spiritual and rewarding experience that the Study Team made the recommendation to send representatives from our congregation each year.

One of the main goals of this conference is to be encouraged by what God is doing in congregations across North America and beyond, and to learn to ask helpful questions about our own worship practice that focus our attention on the deep meaning and purpose of worship. This year we had three members attend the symposium: Marla Florio, Eric Enskat and Roslynn Riley. On February 11 they shared their experiences and thoughts with the Worship Committee. As a group they brought back ideas, resources and recommendations that the Worship Committee, WNL, and other church groups will be able to use to grow and succeed. We hope to continue to send representatives from our church in hopes that they will be inspired, affirmed and challenged in ways that will serve our community of faith and help participants grow in their own faith journey.

Marla Florio: At the Symposium I attended 5 sessions on visual arts in the church. One of the running themes was congregational participation. "I am because we are." Creating more banners for the sanctuary together is a wonderful way to enrich our community of faith. Spending time looking at scripture for the direction, reflection and fellowship of art has made my own faith journey clearer. Within our faith community creating more opportunities for the youth of our church to participate in the arts could be exciting. A congregational artist in residence program could be one option. Looking to the arts to praise and glorify God's word is clear. "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched - this we proclaim concerning the Word of life." 1 John 1:1.

Roslynn Riley: In addition to providing many practical ideas for keeping children involved and excited about their role in the church, I also learned a great deal about global worship and the role of visual arts. The services we attended were also a source of inspiration and renewal of faith. I would like to thank the church for allowing me the opportunity to spend the weekend in the company of so many devoted to worshipping God. It was truly a remarkable experience.

Eric Enskat: Having never been to a symposium like this in the past, I found the atmosphere of excitement in sharing and experiencing faith through Worship to be most inspiring. That congregation members would invite one another to participate, how invited musicians became part of the worshipping community, and the extent to which the church became a family for the long term were three areas where I saw that we, as a family of faith, can enrich our relationships with God and one another.

Barrington Presbyterian Women

March 2nd meeting

Come for coffee at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. We'll be making final plans for the Women's Retreat. All women of the congregation are encouraged to attend and participate.



Book Club

Book Club meets every other month on the third Thursday, starting in September, at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2006 at the home of **Alice Buchholz**. The book will be Atonement by Ian Ewan. For more information, you may contact coordinator, **Alice Buchholz**.

G.T.I.F.

Growing Together In Faith (GTIF) has begun a new study on the book of Romans. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of a member. For the location of the March 21st meeting, and/or if you would like to order a book and join us, please call **Becky Bosarge**.

Morning Bible Study

BPW Bible Study meets the first Wednesday of each month. Come on March 1 for coffee at 9:30 a.m.; the study will begin at 10:00 a.m. The book we will be using this season is For Everything, a Season, written by Kathleen Long Bostrom. For further information, please call **Susan Raaths**.

Women With Aging Parents

Women With Aging Parents will meet the second Friday of each month at the home of **Marge Slocum**. The next meeting is on Friday, March 10, at 9:30 a.m. For further details or to tell Marge you are coming, please call her.

White Breakfast:

Inviting all congregation members and their guests to attend the Meditation Service and White Breakfast, to be held on Wednesday, April 12 at 9:30a.m. Sign up will take place March 26, April 2 and April 9. The cost is \$10 per person. Contact **Emily Dowell, 304-9114** if you have any questions.

BPW Spiritual Retreat

March 10-11, 2006

"Knowing and Growing Your Soul, An Exploration of Personal Spiritual Pathways". Our speaker will be Linda Richardson, a trained spiritual director and adjunct faculty member at Wheaton College.

The retreat will be held in Fellowship Hall at The Presbyterian Church of Barrington.

Friday, March 10, 7 -10 p.m.

Get acquainted, Have dessert, Learn about yourself, Worship.

Saturday, March 11, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

8:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Session 1--Knowing yourself

Session 2--Growing your Soul

12:45 p.m. Lunch

Session 3--The Truth Will Set You Free

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Remember to Bring: Bible, notebook, pen

I will bring:

___ (A-F) 6 pack of water

___ (G-L) 2 liter soda

___ (M-S) dessert

___ (T-Z) snack

___ I will provide a ride.

___ I will lead a prayer.

All for \$35. Make your check payable to BPW

Registration Deadline: March 1, 2006.

Mail to: Angie Smith, 25715 N. Broken Bow Pass, Barrington, IL 60010

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is Set to Commission the Fourth Class



Sunday, March 19th is a red letter day for Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministry will celebrate the fourth class of Stephen Ministers commissioned into service at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. We are told in the book of Acts that Stephen was a decent and well respected man in his community. When the apostles were busy building the early Christian church, they knew they had to spend the majority of their time studying the word of God and praying. But the people expected so much of them – more than it was possible for the apostles to do. The apostles were frustrated and the people felt neglected. To solve this problem the apostles called together the whole community and asked for seven men of good standing to come forward and care for the people, allowing the apostles to continue with their important studies.

Stephen was the first man to come forward to care for the widows and the orphans in those ancient days. He answered the call of the people in his community that were in need of help. Similarly in our faith community, six members of our church came forward to be instructed as Stephen Ministers to bring caring and comfort to those among us facing life's sometimes overwhelming challenges.

The members of this new class are Paul Carlberg, Sandi Crewe, Marla Florio, Iris King, Jack Raaths and Laura Semmen. They have completed 50 hours of training, mostly taught by Nancy Dolan, and the members of this class are ready to offer one-on-one, confidential, Christ centered care to members and friends of our church. Here are some comments from class four about their training experience:

“Stephen Ministry training has led me to intensify my own spiritual search. That Searching has opened my own heart up to acceptance. Acceptance is one of the true gifts of Stephen Ministry.”

“I think that the Stephen Ministry training I am receiving is so beneficial...It will not only help me with care receivers, but at home and with relationships at work. Thanks so much for this opportunity.”

“I think the best way to summarize what SM has meant to me is that I have had the great experience in meeting and knowing (Nancy Dolan) and five other wonderful souls. They are all so caring and have shared so much of themselves. That alone I will treasure as a big take away from my SM experience.”

“My experience in Stephen Ministry training has been so rewarding. It has been more enlightening than I ever imagined. I can attest that I have felt God's grace through our wonderful leader as well as the other Stephen Ministry trainees and their kind compassion. My faith is growing by leaps and bounds.”

“I have learned so much in the Stephen Ministry training course that I don't know if I'll ever be able to give back even a portion of what we've learned through the dedication of our very committed Stephen Leaders.”

“Stephen Ministry is a faith-building ministry.”

“It has been inspiring and rewarding to get to know the other five Stephen Ministry trainee members whose faces I had usually just seen on Sundays during worship.”

“Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. I would not hesitate to recommend Stephen Ministry to a church member, my family or close friends. And, I definitely would not hesitate to request one for myself if I needed a well-trained, caring, Christian to listen, reflect and walk with me as I went through a troubling period in my life.”

When you see Paul, Sandi, Marla, Iris, Jack and Laura, please congratulate them on a job well done!

When life hurts, a Stephen Minister will pray with, walk alongside, be a friend to someone in need.

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, please contact **Curt Baxter or Dan Spike at church, 847-381-0975 or Nancy Dolan.**

Christian Education

DISCIPLE, Foundational for Church Ministry

From the Bible, we know that we are to be about worship, learning, service, stewardship, fellowship, caring for one another, developing Christian leaders, and all of the other aspects of discipleship. When we study the Bible, we gain a new vision for these ministries.

The DISCIPLE study program can: deepen faith, vitalize worship, activate leadership, encourage stewardship, create fellowship, and transform lives.

The purpose of DISCIPLE can be summed up in the words of Ephesians 4:12 “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.”

Each DISCIPLE course teaches Bible study skills, teaches the historical context of Scripture, utilizes the Bible as primary text and video presentations by scholars and theologians, and each course engages the participants not just on the individual level but as part of a faith community.

Next fall we will offer three courses:

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study – the introductory course that takes you through the entire Bible. (Tuesday evenings)

Into the Word, Into the World – a study of Genesis, Exodus and Luke-Acts that focuses on covenant and includes the thoughtful study of spiritual disciplines. (Tuesday afternoons)

Remember Who You Are – a study of the major and minor prophets and Paul’s letters that calls us to think about priorities and to renew our vision as members of the covenant community. (Tuesday evenings)

We invite you to begin now to consider joining the nearly 60 people in our congregation who have participated in a DISCIPLE course and have had their discipleship informed and transformed through their study of the Bible.

Registration forms and information is available in fellowship hall – registration continues through May.

Sunday Morning Adult Education, 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor "Salt of the Earth"

On the second and third Sundays in March, Adult Education will continue the series, "Salt of the Earth: Palestinian Christians in the Northern West Bank". The class will watch segments of the documentary created by PCUSA missionaries, Marthame and Elizabeth Sanders, and discuss the challenges facing our brothers and sisters in this troubled land. Suggestions for further study and prayer will be available. Karen Tobin will facilitate.

“An Understanding of the New Testament”

On the fourth Sunday, we will continue our DVD series “An Understanding of the New Testament” led by Linda Long. This video series was designed by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, Chair of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The course focuses on the books of the New Testament. Linda Long will facilitate to guide you through the program. Dr. Ehrman received his Ph.D., which focused on early Christianity in its Greco-Roman environment, magna cum laude from Princeton Theological Seminary. We won’t hold Christian Ed on March 5 due to the Pancake Breakfast.

Pancake Breakfast, March 5

Come on Sunday, March 5, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. to Fellowship Hall and enjoy pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee while you help the Youth Mission Team raise funds for the 2006 trip. The always popular "Make your own Mickey or Minnie Pancakes" feature will again be offered. Adults are \$5; children ages 3-10 are \$3.



First Grade Communion Classes, March 12 & 19 5:00 – 7:00pm

Instruction classes concerning communion will be held March 12 and 19 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Children grades one and above who have not previously received instruction are invited. One parent is expected to remain with their child during both classes. Dinner is served on both Sundays. Children will receive communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday, April 13, at the 7:30 p.m. service. You should receive a letter with more information in the mail. Contact **Melissa Hansche, 847-381-0975**, with questions.

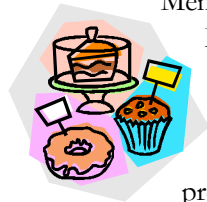
Sr. high Grade Whirlyball Lock-in, March 3-4 8:00pm – 8:00am

It's all about getting to know you better! Through games, movies and build your own ice cream sundae, you will find out what makes people tick and realize that you all might have more things in common than you think. We will also play Whirlyball! What is Whirlyball? Think Jai Alai, basketball and bumper cars. More fun than you can imagine. Watch the mail for a flyer and permission slip.

Fellowship

Fellowship Pot Luck Supper and Bubba Bake-Off, March 5

Men's Fellowship Group is planning another Bubba Bake-Off again this year to coincide with the monthly Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner on the first Sunday in March.. We had a great turn out for the previous Bake-Offs with some surprising culinary skills exhibited by the men of this congregation. It was also great fun and the proceeds went to a good cause.



This year's Bubba Bake-Off is planed for Sunday evening, March 5th, 5:00 p.m. We're looking for a preliminary count of participants. Please respond and let us know if you plan to come and enjoy salad, spaghetti and a wonderful assortment of desserts. By the way, since Chip's Champion Cherry Pie took either 2nd or 3rd place the last two times, I'll open the way for new winners and offer something different. Perhaps Bubba's Bodacious Blueberry Buckle? Or, Creatively Creamy Carrot Cake? Or, some other alliteration??? Let us know if you plan to come and enjoy a fun evening. Please respond to **Chip Kyle**.

Plan to come to the pot luck dinner and be prepared to bid on a dessert prepared by the "Bubbas" of the congregation !

Fellowship Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Fellowship Committee will be held on Saturday, March 11, at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Scott and Phyllis Buchta. We welcome anybody who would like to join us for food, fellowship and event planning. If you are able to attend, please R.S.V.P. to **Scott or Phyllis Buchta**. We hope to see you there!

Deacons

Deacons Corner, Siggie Ross

“In a recent poll, one in four people said they’d donate a kidney to a complete stranger. Yeah, sure. Ninety percent won't even let a stranger merge in traffic.” Jay Leno

Too often I'm one of the 90%. And often I meet the 90%. Their excuse is probably me driving a "soccer mom car". A woman in a minivan must be slow. And my excuses are not much different: He looks like a slow driver. She talks on the phone and isn't paying attention anyway. Sorry, I'm in a hurry - maybe another time. If I do let a driver merge, almost every time I receive a friendly wave or nod. I smile back, knowing I did something nice for somebody else. And I did something that made me feel good.

Of course it isn't that simple every time. Some time ago, I was waiting at the only open checkout lane at the grocery store, my cart filled with at least fifty items. The man behind me had only a bottle of soda, so I let him go first. The woman behind him had only about five items in her basket, so I offered her too to go ahead. And while I was "at it", I also let the woman behind her pass, holding only a few things in her hands. All three were delighted and thanked me several times. They seemed clearly relieved, that they were allowed to pass the soccer-mom-cart. The cashier seemed happy too. Having delighted customers makes her job easier. But there was one angry person, the woman, now standing behind me. She had at least 20 items in her cart and got visibly more and more irritated. The look I received was demanding that I make the offer to go ahead once more. Running out of time, I decided to ignore her and instead focused on being nice to the very friendly cashier. While packing up my stuff, the mood of the cashier changed. She was now serving the woman behind me, who almost fumed. She passed me on the way out, signaling her dismay with a wag from her shopping bags at my leg. Please don't judge me, but I did enjoy that one of her bags broke. And I really enjoyed helping her to gather her things off the floor, getting a new bag from the grinning cashier, and sending her with kind words on her way.

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' I remember this being one of the first lessons from the Bible my parents taught me. I was hooked, but still showed lack of judgment when it came to execution. When I was four years old, I tried to bring joy to my mother by cutting out the flowers of her very expensive linens. At age five, wearing my Sunday suit, I “decorated” the attic and the staircase with oil paint, using my hands and unavoidably my hair too. Mom said I made it very difficult for her to punish me, because most of the terrible things I did started with good intentions. I will skip the details about the many experimentally uneatable dishes I prepared.

To all who have elected me as a Deacon let me say: I have improved over the years. I'm delighted by the opportunity to be part of a community that is devoted to bringing joy into other peoples lives. I hope to live up to the trust you have put in me.

Congratulations to...

P. Denise and Mark Israel upon the birth of twin grandbabies Brennan Avery and Peyton Leigh Israel, on February 9, 2006; their parents are Jeffrey and Jill Israel.

Condolences to...

Dorothy Pearson and family upon the death of Paul Pearson, member #8, who died on October 31, 2005. Paul was one of the founding members of our congregation.

Dan and Joan Wolfgram and family upon the death of Dan's mother, Mary Wolfgram, on February 2. She had lived in Pewaukee, WI.

Rebecca and Paul Carlberg and family upon the death of Rebecca's paternal grandmother, Evelyn King, on February 6 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Church Relations Committee

How To Increase Participation In Your Events / Programs

We would like to introduce you to the Church Relations Committee which has been formed by the Session to help every officer group, program group, and committee do a better job of communicating so as to improve participation in your event.

In the past, we have all struggled with communications and have often been disappointed by results. For example, one of our recent featured musical programs of the year only had about twenty-five attendees, because few people (internally and externally) knew about it.

The basics of good communications need to be followed to improve participation. Here are some of them:

- The campaign should begin at least three months before the event.
- It takes up to seven messages to be heard above all of the noise in the world in which we live.
- Multiple media are a better way to get noticed. Simple signage and a solo article in the Carillon often go unnoticed.
- There must be a compelling message that answers the questions “Why should I attend? How will I benefit?” Your message has to be irresistible.
- Keeping the website up to date is a powerful tool.
- For big events with external appeal, we have the ability to get press coverage.

The Church Relations Committee is co-chaired by Elders Bob Kosobud and Matt Batt. Other members include Chris Schiller, Rich Barbour, Steve Unangst (website) Steve Neptun, Jack Swenson, and our church staff.

During late February, the people designated below will be in contact with the following groups in a consultative role to offer to help them plan their communications for the year. When we meet with you and your committee, will give you a communications planning guide designed by Matt Batt, a communications professional.

Committee Member	Assigned To
Chris Schiller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BPW ○ Congregational Life ○ Christ Care ○ Deacons ○ Hospitality
Bob Kosobud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trustees ○ Personnel ○ Membership ○ Men’s club and men’s events ○ Web site with Steve Unangst
Matt Batt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Worship ○ CE ○ Mission
Rich Barbour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ External organizations (other churches and bodies in the community) ○ Stewardship
Steve Neptun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Special projects ○ Church financial communications
Jack Swenson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Special projects

In this consulting role, we will provide ideas, suggest communications plans and tools, and probe to be sure that the message will be appealing and heard. As consultants to you, we will not act in the role of saying no, or drafting actual communications, or printing things. You will, however, find us eager to help your programs and events be more successful, and therefore, make our church more successful. We look forward to working with you.

Mission

Mission Activities Around the World, Activities of Church World Service

Since October's Earthquake in Pakistan: With recent support, CWS has been able to assist some 20,000 families with emergency shelter and food. So far, they have provided 9,400 families with shelter kits and 6,300 families with food for a month.

Updates from Aceh, Indonesia: CWS has been focusing on the people first and community needs second. Reconstruction will take many years.

Vietnamese Women Receive Training: This past year, the Hanoi Women's Union College organized four training courses for ethnic minority women leaders. The training activities, supported by CWS, included modules on women's rights, family roles, community conflict resolution, and women's and children's health. Over 180 women participated.

CWS assists in Sudan: The situation remains critical in the Darfur region of western Sudan, where some two million people have been uprooted by what the U.S. Congress has termed genocidal violence. These rural families are now at risk for hepatitis, malnutrition, and respiratory disorders. They are placing a strain on host communities already struggling with poverty and limited resources.

Local Mission Activities

Thanks to all who have contributed to the new Loaves and Fishes program. The people at the FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville thank you all. We are hoping that you will find a way to put the hungry in our area in your thoughts every week when you come to church. Please consider bringing a can/package with you when you come to church on Sunday. Everybody wins. The Northern IL Food Bank, located in St. Charles, serves 13 "collar counties" in Northern Illinois. In 2005, this group was able to invest 95.8% of its resources in providing food and service to low-income, needy people in the area. In 2005, they distributed 20 million pounds of food, up from 15 million in 2004. The network agency partners total 521 programs or feeding sites. These sites are serving an average of 227,000 people per month. Hats off to the Northern Illinois Food Bank and its successful program. Hats off to this congregation as we do our part to relieve the stress from hunger on our neighbors.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Easter Sunday marks one of the most important religious experiences in our Christian Year. It has traditionally been honored by the congregation as the time for sharing of our treasure with others less fortunate. The Mission Committee asks for your prayerful consideration as to your contribution to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing. Whatever you decide to give, give with a thankful heart for all of the blessings which you receive each and every day. Envelopes will be located in the pews for your use. Your donations support many organizations which are sponsored by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), such as the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Programs and Self-Development of People. Without assistance from One Great Hour of Sharing, these programs would be unable to attain their goals to help others.

Spring Food Drive

Bags for your Food Drive donations will be handed out on Sundays, March 26 and April 2. The Mission Committee will collect the filled bags on April 9, Palm Sunday. In addition to canned and packaged food items, paper products and toiletries are greatly appreciated. A list of suggested items will be attached to the bag. The list includes: Toothpaste,



Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Soap, Paper Towels, Napkins, Toilet Paper, Diapers, Potato/Pasta Mixes, Canned Fruits or Veggies, Rice, Dried Beans, Pasta, Coffee, Tea, Cocoa, Canned Juices, Juice Boxes/Mixes, Canned Meats and Fish, Canned Soups, Sugar, Flour, Cereal, Gelatin and Pudding mixes, and the favorite of every kid, Cheese and Macaroni. Watch for the 2-for-1 sales - makes your contribution

dollars go much further. Please mark your calendar for Monday, April 10; we will be taking the filled food bags to FISH in Carpentersville and to Christopher House in Chicago. If you would like to help, please contact **Gerry Nadig**. The Mission Committee thanks you for your participation.

Parish Life

Chancel Guild Easter Decorations



The Chancel Guild wishes to encourage the sponsorship of the Easter flower arrangements by the members of our church family. The Guild invites you to honor friends and loved ones with a gift to the Easter Decoration Fund. Your name and message will be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Please complete the form below and bring or mail it to the church office with your check made payable to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington (the amount of the donation is at your discretion) on or before April 10.

Name of Donor _____

Phone _____ I wish to donate \$ _____ for the Easter Decorations.

The tribute should read:

In honor of

To celebrate

In loving memory of

Other _____

ChristCare

ChristCare Small Group Ministry. Caring Hearts-Faithful Servants The Blessings of Community



The earliest Christians met in home churches where members shared their lives, cared for one another, and continually reached out to bring in others. A pastor of a church where ChristCare Small Group ministry had been set up observed, "As a small group leader, I see these small groups as powerful opportunities to experience New Testament-style Christian life!"

ChristCare Groups build a strong sense of community among their members. As one member of a church's small group put it, "We worship together, we support each other, we're learning who we serve, and we're reaching out to the community. We're having a lot of fun. We also find deep joy and satisfaction in helping transform our congregation into a more caring community."

A pastor of a different church sees ChristCare Groups as building blocks that make the entire congregation a more caring place. "ChristCare brings more and more people into caring groups with Christ at the center," he said. "Those group members carry that care throughout the congregation."

Our vision statement identifies us as a caring family of faith. If you wish to help realize this vision by joining one of our ChristCare small groups, please contact one of our group leaders: Lukass Franklin, Bob Florio, or Gerry Nadig.

Worship Schedule

March 5 Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Do You Believe in Satan?
Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10a; 1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:9-15.

March 12 Dr. Baxter Preaching..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
What Is Your Cross?
Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans
4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38.

March 19 Dr. Baxter Preaching..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Can You Give Us A Sign?
Readings: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25;
John 2:13-22.

March 26 Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Is The Dawn Coming?
Readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.



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