

The Carillon

July 2007

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

A welcoming, caring family of faith

Do you know someone who can serve?

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The congregation's Nominating Committee invites your input as they search for people to be nominated to serve as church officers. The officers will be elected in fall 2007 to take office in January 2008. These are three-year terms with officers serving through December 2010.

The Nominating Committee will review all suggestions as they select nominees to be presented to the congregation for election in late October or early November. You must submit your recommendation to Jack Raaths, Chairman of the committee, no later than August 15.



The following officers are being sought to serve for a three-year term:

Six Elder Nominees: Elders serve on the Session, which is the governing board of the congregation. The Session has oversight of all church programs, budgeting, and use of the church building. Elders chair the church committees. Elders are ordained to this office.

Six Deacon Nominees: The Board of Deacons, working under the direction of the Session, carries out ministries of pastoral care and hospitality. Deacons are ordained to this office.

Four Trustee Nominees: The Board of Trustees, under the direction of the Session, oversees the maintenance of the church buildings and property. Trustees manage the church finances. Trustees are installed to this office.

Five Members-at-Large from the congregation are elected to serve a one year term on the Nominating Committee from January 2008 through December 2008. The Nominating Committee meets annually to consider new officers. They also provide training for incoming officers each November. See page 3 for the nomination form.

**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: Carol Buchta for proofreading and Jack and Jinny Train and Sally Kilham for assembling the June Carillon.

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 **Dr. Curtis Baxter**. He can be reached at the Church Office at **847-381-0975**.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus told parables. His little make-believe stories were designed to tell us what God is like. In each of the parables God has mellowness of heart and Jesus invites us to imitate that heart. Never have we needed to do this more than now.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son (more accurately the parable of the loving father) Jesus describes God as relaxed, smiling, full of sympathy and empathy, who invites us to treat each other likewise. This is the God we will find at the end of our spiritual search.

The mellowness of God is a place where all Christian sects have blown it. Liberals, conservatives and fundamentalists make the same error: they all write off the mellowness of heart seen in Jesus' parable.

How does this happen? I believe that each group decides that their cause is so urgent and they are so wounded that anger and bitterness are truly justified in their case. They all end up worshiping the wrong God. The wrong God is as wired, bitter, anxious, workaholic, neurotic and unhappy as they are. Through it all the true God of Jesus is relaxed, smiling and full of sympathy and empathy and desires that we be the same.

What is needed today are credible followers of God. How will you know them? In his book, *Everything Belongs: The Gift of Contemplative Prayer*, Richard Rohr says you can recognize them by the following traits: "They do not hate those who disagree with them. They do not feel righteous and superior to those who have different politics. They don't inflict pain on those who differ or seek vengeance on the evil they see but hold the pain inside themselves. They surrender to the realization that we are all complicit in the evil of the world."

What is needed most within the many groups seeking to represent Jesus is not a new program in public relations but repentance or an about face. We need a time to reflect on how far we all wander from the father's smiling face which is full of sympathy and empathy as he runs down the road to meet the son who was lost.

Never are we more like God than when we do that.

Peace,

Curt Baxter

**Nominating
Committee –
Nominating
Form**

Please place this form
in the offering plate or
return to church office,
ATTN: Jack Raaths.
Please submit by
August 15, 2007.

Please recommend
someone or submit
your own name for
consideration to serve
our church family.
Please know that the
committee starts
evaluation of

candidates with the
following guidelines:
Nominees must be
regular in Worship
attendance, pledge to
the annual operating
budget, be able to
make sound decisions
for the welfare of the
entire congregation, be
able to attend monthly
meetings, work well in
a group setting, and be
the only member of
his/her family
presently serving as a
church officer.

Name: _____

Email

Telephone: _____

**Special
qualities/skills:** _____

**Office desired: (If
you have more than
one preference,
number from 1 – 4;
1 being the most
desired office)**

_____ **Elder**
_____ **Deacon**
_____ **Trustee**
_____ **Nominating
Committee
Member-At-Large**

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry Gifts

In her book, *Traveling Mercies*, Anne Lamott also describes grace as "...the help you receive when you have no bright ideas left, when you are empty and desperate and have discovered that your best thinking and most charming charm have failed you."

If you have not read any of Anne Lamott's writings, you have missed the charming, funny, spiritual stories of a woman who was young, addicted, and scared.

She believed in God, but felt that her prayers were not being answered. She would attend church and sing, but sit off by herself and leave before the sermon. In desperation one day she pleaded to a busy pastor that

"Grace meets us where we are, but does not leave us where it found us."

Anne Lamott

she did not think that God loved her. The pastor kindly said, "God *has* to love you, that's God's job."

No matter the pain we have caused, the despair that we feel, God does love us. Sometimes it is hard to keep God with us, we don't feel his presence or we aren't

receiving the comfort that is so desperately needed. No, he can't reach down and physically touch us, hold us, but he has given us his Holy Spirit, found in one another.

If you are feeling "empty and desperate and that your best thinking and most charming charm have failed you," talk with a Stephen Minister. Contact **Linda McGurer, Marge Slocum, Curt Baxter or Dan Spike, 847-381-0975.**

Barrington Presbyterian Women

Summer Schedule

BPW will not meet during the summer. Our next meeting will be September 6. Please watch your mailbox in August for more information regarding this great group of women. Thanks to all who attended the recent BPW picnic. We had a wonderful time at the beautiful home of Linda Neton. A brief service was held to recognize the BPW board members who retired at the end of a June and to install the new Board members, who begin their service this month. Women With Aging Parents will not meet in July or August.

Book Club

Book Club meets every other month (starting in September), on the third Thursday at the home of a member. Our next meeting will be held on July 19, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of **Joyce Simpson**. The book is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. Coordinator is **Sally Moore**.

Morning Bible Study

Morning Bible Study will resume in the fall. Emily Dowell will be the coordinator.

G.T.I.F.

Do you need a little spiritual deep breathing? Have you ever thought that something was missing? You go to church, volunteer for all kinds of things, take care of your family, but you feel that there might be something more to that abundant life that Jesus talked about? Growing Together In Faith (GTIF), a monthly Bible study for women of the church and friends, would like to invite you to explore this abundant life with us. Our new study, *Oxygen, Deep Breathing for the Soul* by Keri Wyatt Kent, begins in July. Through this study we will learn some practices that will teach us how to listen to and experience the presence of God, even in the middle of a busy life. It can be done – lets learn how together! GTIF meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Contact **Jill Minner**, for more information.



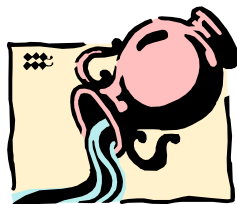
Deacons

Condolences to:

Norm and Carol Tucker and family and to Vic Brown and family upon the death of Lynn Tucker Brown, Norm's daughter, Vic's daughter-in-law. The memorial service was held on June 8 in Burnsville, Minnesota; And The Barboro family upon the death of Betty's mother, Theresa (Kugler) Kosecki, on June 12.

Deacon's Corner, Sally Kilham

Webster's Dictionary has a variety of definitions for Deacon—"subordinate officer in a Christian church, one of the laymen elected by a church with congregational polity to serve in worship, in pastoral care and on administrative committees" and for a Deaconess, "one in a Protestant order devoted to service." None of these truly express the spiritual role of a Deacon and I much prefer the statement in the Presbyterian Book of Order (1995-96): "the office of Deacon as set forth in Scripture is one of sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ."



I was humbled and honored last fall to be asked to serve as a Deacon and truly feel this is God's calling for this period in my life. We are blessed to have a loving and caring community of faith within our church and during Bud's lengthy fight with cancer, his death and the year following, I could not have endured without a

loving God, a devoted family and the care and help of my church friends.

As I entered this void in my life, I constantly prayed that God would show me how I could "give back" and tell me what he wanted me to do. When I was asked to serve as a Deacon, there was no doubt in my mind that this was God's answer.

My greatest joys since becoming a Deacon have been in sharing extended communion with shut-ins, delivering flowers and visiting with members who are physically unable to be with us on Sunday, assuring them they are still remembered and are very much an important part of our church. We must never let them feel forgotten.

These may be simple joys and simple tasks, but in the words of the great Helen Keller: "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish small tasks as if they were great and noble."

I am grateful to the Nominating Committee for giving me this opportunity to serve and pray for God's continual guidance on this journey.

Hospitality

9:00 am

July 1	Ushers: Don and Nancy Arndtsen, Vern Soukup, Richard Ross Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team B: Rich and Kathy Larson, Audrey and Jack Ellis, Tom and Polly Grafton
July 8	Ushers: Marge Slocum, Bob and Sue Kosobud, Suzanne Miller Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team C: Jim Wilson, Kathy Peterson, Emily Dowell, Pat Mitchell, Gus Leep, Kathy Weidner
July 15	Ushers: Don and Carol Andler, Kari and Ron (Jr.) Blanchette Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team A: Dale and Chrisann Smith, Ralph and Carol Menick, Jill Minner, Becky Bosarge
July 22	Ushers: Steven Neptun, Chris Raaths, Barbara Schwartz Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team B: Rich and Kathy Larson, Audrey and Jack Ellis, Tom and Polly Grafton
July 29	Ushers: David and Jane Zimmer, Bob and Stephanie Skopek Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team C: Jim Wilson, Kathy Peterson, Emily Dowell, Pat Mitchell, Gus Leep, Kathy Weidner

Christian Education

Summer Vacation Bible Camp Experiences: "Under Construction: A Habitat for Humanity"

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington will offer "Under Construction" for children Kindergarten through 6th grade in a unique manner. WE WILL CAMP OUT IN OUR OWN WOODS! All campouts start with dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and end on Saturday at noon with a picnic lunch.

"Under Construction" is a mission action program designed to share the love of God and encourage the growth of Christian service habits among the children. Through dramas, art projects, games and other activities, this camp uses a construction theme and involves the children in activities that teach the value of "building" Christian community and participating in outreach service missions.



Another unique feature of "Under Construction" is how it involves children directly in service and ministry through Habitat for Humanity International. While children do not participate in the construction of homes, they do discover the joy of serving by completing art projects that are given to Habitat partner families and volunteers. This church has been involved with Habitat for Humanity in the past. This is a great way for our children to learn about this important community outreach mission in a fun way. Sign up using the grade just completed

KINDERGARTEN – 1ST GRADE

July 13 5:30 p.m. – July 14 Noon

Pack up your flashlights, sleeping bag and bug spray. We're taking to the woods. We will have hotdogs over the campfire for dinner (along with some other goodies), decorate a T-Shirt, make and eat Crispy Brick Treats, play runaway Dump Truck and Wet Cement and end up making s'mores. Then we'll get up and have more fun. We will be building and painting. Don't forget your swimsuits – Wild Water Works Olympics will help us end our camp before we eat lunch. At least one parent must remain with the camper. Friends are welcome. Sign up today.

2ND – 4TH GRADE

July 20 5:30 p.m. – July 21 Noon

List of some things to bring: flashlight, strong muscles, bag of balloons big enough to fill with water....

But, what will we do with all of these things? Well, the flashlight is for Hide and Seek, the strong muscles are to make ice cream and the balloons, well, just wait and see. We recommend a swimsuit and towel. Maybe two towels. We will also be making and eating Rooftop

Surprises, airbrush a T-Shirt, play Wet Cement and run a Construction Site Obstacle Course. PLUS there are always the doughboys – just about the best breakfast a camper can ever have! Bring a friend. Fill out the form below right now.

5TH – 6TH GRADE

July 27 5:30 p.m. – July 28 Noon

So much to do, so little time . . . that is exactly how you will feel at the end of this camp. Between tie-dying T-shirts, completing a wood project, playing relay races involving LOTS of water, eating dinner, snack and doughboys, playing Hide and Seek outside and Capture the Flag, making thank you presents for people who volunteer their time for Habitat for Humanity and more. Bring your swimsuits and plan to get wet. Tell a friend what fun we have and invite them to come along.

Registration Form

Yes, please sign
(name) _____

up for the campout on
(date) _____

I understand that I will be sent a more detailed registration form and a list of what my camper is to bring. I have attached a payment of \$15.00 per camper to ensure that the spot is reserved.

Parent/Guardian signature Telephone number

Good Works Creating Good Will

Scenes from the Youth Mission Team in Welch, West Virginia



Progress Report - Youth Christian Education and Fellowship Discussion Groups

For several months the Session has felt that the time lapse between the congregation's approval of the new Associate Pastor position and the time when the new Associate Pastor would actually be working at our church would be too long of a time period to let pass without updates to our youth and family oriented education, worship, and fellowship programs. Accordingly, the Session formed a subcommittee comprised of members of the Christian Education and Congregational Life Committees to gather input, much from families with children, to listen to their needs and solicit their suggestions regarding what could and should be done, especially during this interim period. This committee led round table discussions in which eight tables of adult members discussed needs and suggested possible solutions. A second set of discussions included our youth K-6th grade and 7-12th grades.

This broad cross-section of members approached the work with a high degree of enthusiasm and passion, reflecting their deep commitment to add breadth and depth to our youth programs, and to be personally active in their development and ongoing management.

During the May Session meeting, the special committee reported eight pages of issues and ideas. These were summarized into themes that were grouped by appropriate Session Committee, or assigned to the Trustees for consideration. This wealth of information will also be included in the Church Information Form document that is required to be included in the Associate Pastor search process and posted on the Internet for candidates to read.

The Session recognizes that many member families would like to see changes happen that will benefit their children as soon as possible. The Session is in agreement.

During the following months, the Worship, Christian Education, Congregational Life, and Mission committees and the Trustees will be exploring these ideas, looking at costs, and developing recommendations covering many time frames.

We thank the round table discussion organizers and participants for their hard work. The work that will follow will include finding the best ideas, as well as determining how much change we can practically implement based on time, staff, and cost considerations. While ideas have been presented that can be quickly put into place, others will require the Session to evaluate their impact on the entire congregation, and when appropriate, secure congregational approval. We plan to report to you periodically as we have concrete things to communicate.

The Session

Fellowship

Schaumburg Flyers Baseball Game Summer Fellowship Outing

The PCB Fellowship Group has teamed up the Men's Group and Kitchen Cabinet to coordinate an all-church outing to the Schaumburg Flyers baseball game on **Sunday, August 12 at 1:20 p.m.**



Come join us for this terrific family event as we'll grab some great ballpark food and enjoy some traditional American baseball fun. In fact, if you sign-up to attend with someone who isn't a PCB member, they'll get to go to the game for FREE!

To help fund this event the Fellowship Group kicked off a fundraising effort having a Tastefully Simple Tasting Party at The Batt's on Friday, June 22. Allie Batt is a Tastefully Simple representative and will be selling the gourmet foods throughout July to members of the church (look for a table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday's). All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards funding the August 12th outing.

To purchase some Tastefully Simple foods for this Fellowship outing fundraiser please contact **Allie Batt**.

To sign-up for the August 12th Schaumburg Flyers baseball game please contact Matt Batt.

We only have a limited number of seats to the baseball game, so please sign-up early!

Kitchen Cabinet will meet on July 12 (the second Tuesday of the month) at noon for lunch, conversation, and tall tales at The Garlands. Contact **Bob Johnson** to let him know you will attend.

Family Fellowship: Matt and Allison Batt are the coordinators; please contact them for information.

Men's Fellowship: The group meets the third Thursday of the month for a meal and discussion The July 19 meeting will be hosted by **Tom Hilgendorf**, 515 Bristol Court, Palatine, starting at 6:30 p.m.. Please reply to him by July 17, 2007 at 5 PM.

Music

Hymn Sing July 15

Rev. Dan Spike and Director of Music Kirsten Hedegaard are planning the annual Hymn Sing for the July 15 worship service. This traditionally has been a time for members of the congregation to suggest some of their favorite hymns to be sung at the service. If you would like to



suggest a hymn, please call **Dan Spike, 847-381-0975** before July 6. Sheet music, a copy of the hymn from a hymnal, a CD or tape of the music would be helpful if the hymn is not a familiar one. Come and raise your voice in song at worship on July 15. Remember, summer services are at 9:00 a.m

July Music

July 1 Jill Minner, alto

July 8 Jessica Neton, flute

July 15 Hymn Sing/ Summer Choir

Please join the Sanctuary Choir at 8:00 for a short rehearsal. We will be singing an arrangement of "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" for the anthem. All are welcome!

July 22 Jayme Alton, violin

July 29 Andy Snow, cello

July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 15th Sunday, Ordinary Time Children & Youth CE Programs Dr. Baxter Study Leave 9am» Worship, Communion 10am» Fellowship Time	02 Dr. Baxter Study Leave 12pm» Bulletin Deadline 7pm» Youth Ed Committee	03 Dr. Baxter Study Leave 4pm» Stephen Leaders	04 Independence Day, Office Closed to be rescheduled Committee on Ministry	05 9am» Prayer Group 7:30pm» Adult Ed Committee	06	07
08 14th Sunday, Ordinary Time Children & Youth CE Programs 9am» Worship 10am» Fellowship Time	09 Dr. Baxter vacation 12pm» Bulletin Deadline 7pm» Deacons	10 Dr. Baxter vacation 12pm» Kitchen Cabinet	11 No meeting Worship Committee Dr. Baxter vacation 11am» Staff/Ministry	12 Dr. Baxter vacation 7pm» Stephen Ministers	13 Women With Aging Parents Dr. Baxter vacation	14 Dr. Baxter vacation Summer
15 15th Sunday, Ordinary Time Children & Youth CE Programs Dr. Baxter vacation 9am» Worship 10am» Fellowship Time 12pm» Carillon Deadline	<p>As you may have noticed in our last Carillon, there was no calendar and we asked you to go to our website for calendar information. Please accept the Staff's apology for not having asked you about your needs and desires.</p> <p>Please let us know if you need a printed calendar. If you do, we can mail it directly to your home and, if we see enough demand for a printed calendar, we will be more than happy to put the calendar back into the Carillon as a regular publication.</p> <p>Please be aware that the most up-to-date calendar information can always be found on our website at www.pcbarrington.org.</p>					21 Dr. Baxter vacation Summer
22 16th Sunday, Ordinary Time Children & Youth CE Programs Dr. Baxter Study Leave 9am» Worship 10am» Fellowship Time	23 Dr. Baxter Study Leave 12pm» Bulletin Deadline 7:30pm» Session	24 Dr. Baxter Study Leave 4pm» Stephen Leaders 7pm» Florio ChristCare Group	25 Dr. Baxter Study Leave 11am» Staff/Ministry Team Meeting 7pm» OWLS ChristCare	26 Dr. Baxter Study Leave 7pm» Stephen Ministers	27 Dr. Baxter Study Leave 5:30pm» Summer VBS	28 Dr. Baxter Study Leave
29 17th Sunday, Ordinary Time Children & Youth CE Programs Dr. Baxter Study Leave 9am» Worship 10am» Fellowship Time	30 Dr. Baxter Study Leave 12pm» Bulletin Deadline	31 4pm» Stephen Leaders				

Parish Life

Chancel Flowers

If you would like to dedicate the flowers for a particular Sunday in honor of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion, please fill out this form and send it with your check for \$30 to the church office. Make the check payable to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, memo "Sunday Flower Dedication."



Name of donor(s) _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Date requested: _____ Amount of donation: \$ _____

Dedication: _____



A Note About the Kitchen

Now that summer has arrived and the majority of activities are over until fall, it is time to check the kitchen for those foods and other goodies that you have been saving to use another time. I have cleaned a lot of things out of both the refrigerator and the freezer but need your help to keep those spaces organized. PLEASE remember to label and mark all foods along

with the date. Do not leave things in the frig or freezer unless there will be a specific use for them within a short period of time, preferably two weeks. Any food left in a cupboard or under a counter should be in a sealed container, also labeled. The kitchen is used by everyone and needs to constantly be monitored for orderliness and cleanliness.

Thank you, Linda Neton

Church Administration

Financial Report			
For the 4 months ended April 30, 2007			
	Actual	Budget	Annual
	YTD	YTD	Budget
Pledges	\$157,153	\$158,000	\$509,632
Prepaid pledges	35,750	35,750	107,250
OpenPlate/misc	13,794	17,250	50,000
Holiday giving	3,016	5,000	10,000
Funds needed			<u>38,092</u>
	<u>\$209,713</u>	<u>\$216,000</u>	<u>\$714,974</u>

Worship Schedule

- July 1** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 9:00 a.m.
The Good News of Bread
Readings: 2 Kings 6:24-7:20; Psalm 33:10-22;
Romans 10:5-15; Mark 8:1-17
- July 8** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
Just Enough
Readings: 1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43; Psalm 92;
Galatians 3:23-29.
- July 15** Mr. Spike & Ms. Hedegaard 9:00 a.m.
Hymn Sing
Readings: Psalm 100; Psalm 108:1-4; Psalm 137;
Colossians 3:12-17
- July 22** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 9:00 a.m.
From Death to Life
Readings: 1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 130; James 5:13-20;
Mark 5:21-43
- July 29** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 9:00 a.m.
Between a Rock and a Hard Place
Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21;
John 7:53-8:11

Deadline for the August *Carillon* is noon on July 15.
Be sure to get your submissions in on time to ensure publication.
Please e-mail or leave written submissions in the church office. If
you have questions, please contact **Bonnie Kalaway** or **Kim Keper**
at the church office.



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