



The Carillon

April, 2004

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

April 4 – 11, Holy Week Schedule...

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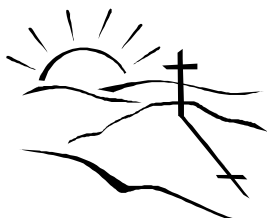
Palm Sunday, on April 4, is the start of the Holiest week in the Christian tradition. With the procession of palms, we celebrate Christ's arrival in Jerusalem and anticipate the events of the coming week which lead to Christ's death and culminate in his Easter resurrection. Worship services will be at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



The White Breakfast, to be held on Wednesday, April 7, will start with meditation at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. A service of music played by Joy Hague, verses for reflection, communion and a homily by Dr. Baxter will reflect the theme "The Cup of Salvation". Brunch will be served in Fellowship Hall after the service.

Our Maundy Thursday Last Supper service will begin at 7:00 p.m. on April 8. Children who have completed instruction in understanding communion, under the guidance of Ms. Melissa Armstrong-Hansche, will participate in Communion for the first time..

On Good Friday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m., the solemn observance, known as Tenebrae, will be held. This ancient service is used to impress upon the minds and hearts of believers the consequences of humankind's sin and the greatness of the Savior's sacrifice on Calvary.



Easter Sunday, April 11, is the celebration of the Risen Christ. A sunrise service will be held at 7:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Celebration services will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., with coffee times after each service.

**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 Train, Mary and Jack Kerkhof and Sandi Crewe for assembling the March Carillon and Jack and Jinnie Train and Sandi Crewe for folding the Sunday Bulletins so faithfully!

Thanks to all those who volunteer at our church – the Elders, Deacons, Trustees, committee members, ushers, teachers, choir members, Stephen Ministers, extended communion servers, those who assist with our worship services, and all those who help in so many other ways both large and small. It truly takes the entire congregation to organize and support all of our services and activities. A big thank you to everyone

Dear Friends in Christ,

By the time you receive the Carillon, Holy Week will be upon us. I can hardly believe Lent went by so quickly. Holy Week begins with our Master's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and concludes on Easter Day with our Master's resurrection from the grave which signals his victory over sin and death. In the course of this week, we will be celebrating Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. On Wednesday, the BPW will be hosting the White Breakfast. On Maundy Thursday, Mr. Spike will be preaching and we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. On Good Friday, Joy Hague and the Adult Choir will be leading our traditional *Tenebrae* service.

Tenebrae was the term was used to describe the matins and lauds prayed during the last three days of Holy Week. *Tenebrae* was celebrated on the Wednesday evening before Maundy Thursday to encourage the participation of the people in the morning and evening worship services of the Paschal Festival.

In this service of prayer, there were no hymns, no invitatory, no introductory responsive readings, and the *Gloria Patri*, normally sung at the end of each psalm, was suppressed. In the Roman Cathedral of Offices, matins consisted of nine psalms and nine readings. Lauds consisted of five psalms and five readings. Thus, the Office of *Tenebrae* consisted of a prolonged meditation on the events of salvation running from the Last Supper to the entombment. During this service of prayer, fourteen candles, made of a dark-colored wax, were extinguished one by one after each psalm until one only remained. When the *strepitus*, a signal for departure, was sounded, a hidden fifteenth candle, symbolizing the anticipated resurrection of Christ, was brought out of hiding to provide light so that the congregation was able to leave the sanctuary in silence.

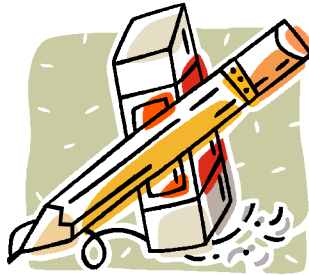
It is my prayer that I will see each of you during this most important season in the life of the Church. Come to the complete range of services that we will be offering so that you can have the full picture of our Master's Passion and understand the true reasons for our rejoicing over our Master's resurrection on Easter Day.

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Church Administration

Session

A Called Congregational Meeting was held on March 14, 2004. John Bosarge has resigned as Elder due to family, job and travel commitments. Julia Monie was elected to complete his term, class of 2005. Changes in Terms of Call for the Pastor and Associate Pastor were approved.



Sanctuary. This has addressed safety concerns about people tripping, as well as extending the life of the beautiful carpet in the Sanctuary. Concerns about the instability of some pews in the Sanctuary are being investigated and corrective action will be taken.

The recent electrical “brown-out” caused a burnout of the battery which supports the computer server in the office. This has been replaced with an upgraded battery so there will be no recurrence of this problem. Also, the Trustees plan to install a dedicated electrical line for the computer network. We are very appreciative of the professional expertise of Steve Unangst, who not only has overseen the modernization of our computer system, software programs and website in recent months, but he made a personal contribution of his time and talent during January in recognition of our tight budget. This was valued at \$2,300. Thanks, Steve!

At the March meeting the Trustees also authorized the installation of windows in the classroom doors on the lower floor. This will ensure that activity in these rooms can always be observed from the hallways, and responds to requests from parents and teachers and to the recommendation of our insurance firm.

Introduction of Patty Griffin

It is the pleasure of this Session to introduce Patty Griffin as the new Accountant for The Presbyterian Church of Barrington. Patty is a Certified Public Accountant, with a wealth of experience in auditing, financial analysis, and human resources from her former positions with “Big Eight” firms Arthur Young, and Coopers and Lybrand, as well as Chicago’s cosmetics giant, Helene Curtiss.

Patty is the mother of three children and will be performing her duties on a part-time basis, primarily on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Church Office. Please join us in welcoming Patty to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington family.

Trustees

Financial Report: Expenses are significantly over budget in February, but this is due to the annual payment of \$18,000 to the Presbytery. The Trustees still expect to operate with a balanced budget

Building: Thanks to generous support from the members, the Board of Trustees is continuing planned repairs and upgrades to the church building. Necessary tuck-pointing and repairs to the chimney and gutters have been completed, which has corrected structural and water leakage problems. New carpeting has been installed on the stairs up and down from the Narthex and repairs have been made to the carpeting in the

Grounds: For the first time in many years, the Board of Trustees sent out requests for competitive proposals for the annual landscape maintenance at the church. Five proposals were solicited and two were received. These are under consideration. The requests for proposals reflect the newly established policy of the Trustees to seek comparative bids or prices on all major contracts and purchases.

Memorial Garden: Phase Two of the Memorial Garden, the planting of perennial flowers, will be completed this spring. The Boy Scouts, as part of an Eagle Scout project, will provide the volunteer labor.

Barrington Presbyterian Women



April Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on April 1, starting with coffee at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Final plans for the White Breakfast will be discussed. All women of the church are invited to attend the BPW

meetings. Babysitting is available at the church in the nursery/toddler room.

White Breakfast

Please plan to attend the White Breakfast, to be held on April 7 at 9:30 a.m. The theme is "The Cup of Salvation" and will consist of a service of meditation, music by Joy Hague, communion, and Holy Week readings and reflections by Dr. Curt Baxter. Following the service, breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$10. Babysitting will be provided at a nominal cost. For questions, or to purchase tickets, call **Carol Nelson**.

Morning Bible Study

The next meeting will be on April 14th. Come for coffee at 9:30 a.m., Bible study starts at 10:00. Led by Dr. Baxter and Mary Kerkhof, the book to be used this session is Interpretation Bible Study – Philippians and Galatians by Stanley P. Saunders. We will be finishing Unit 3 and beginning Chapter 4 in our books. Coordinator, **Susan Raaths**.

Book Club

The next meeting will be on May 20 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of **Elizabeth Farmer**. The name of the book for May is "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger. Coordinator, **Alice Buchholz**.

GTIF

This evening Bible Study group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of a member. Contact **Becky Bosarge** or **Jill Minner** for more information.

Women With Aging Parents

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of **Marge Slocum**.

Christopher House Events

Parents In Progress Baby Shower.

The annual baby shower for the young mothers in the "Parents in Progress" program will be held at Christopher House on Tuesday, April 27. Gifts for infants and toddlers, such as diapers, clothing, nursery items and new or like-new toys are needed. Please bring donations to the church by Sunday, April 25. Anyone wishing to attend this fun event (luncheon included), please contact **Sally Kilham**. This is a wonderful opportunity to see first hand the workings of one of the most successful program at Christopher House

House with A Heart Gala

Saturday, May 15 is the annual House with a Heart Gala, benefiting Christopher House. It will be held at the Hyatt Regency-Chicago. This is a fun and worthwhile event. For details, contact **Sally Kilham**.

PADS Opportunity

We need volunteers to prepare a menu item in their home for 8-10 people and deliver it to the PADS site on Thursday, April 22, 2004. PADS, Public Action to Deliver Shelter, is a ministry to the homeless. Barrington's site is open from October through April at Lutheran Church of the Atonement on Main Street. Please contact BPW representative **Betsy Rubak** to volunteer or for more information. What a simple, fun and meaningful way of giving back to others!

Mother's Day Baskets

BPW is seeking donations for the Mother's Day baskets for the Elgin Community Crises Center, a home for women and children who need temporary shelter due to domestic violence. Personal travel-size items, pens, paper and stamps would be greatly appreciated. Please drop items off at the church or bring to the May 6 meeting, The baskets will be assembled after the business meeting. Call **Linda McGurer** for information.

Stephen Ministry



A New Stephen Ministry Training Class to Begin in September

“I Can’t Be a Stephen Minister!”

Maybe you haven’t said this aloud in a crowd, but for one reason or another you have talked yourself out of becoming a Stephen Minister. Anytime some new challenge shows up, the “I can’t” phrase is bound to be nearby.

You may have heard about Stephen Ministry, realized that you do have the gifts, the commitment, and the desire necessary to be a Stephen Minister, and you even may have felt God’s tap on your shoulder. However, you still aren’t sure.

What are some reasons you’ve given yourself for not becoming a Stephen Minister? Perhaps the following:

“I am not as qualified as those other Stephen Ministers. I can’t even quote scripture.” A Stephen Minister is a caring person who is willing to learn, grow, and serve. He or she must be willing to keep and maintain confidentiality, and to commit to training, ministry, and supervision. If you fit the qualifications, your Stephen Leaders will equip you with the rest of what you need.

“I don’t know what to say or do in a ministry situation.” Stephen Ministry training is thorough and practical. It includes listening skills, assertiveness, confidentiality, dealing with feelings, maintaining boundaries, and how to care for people during life’s different crises. Stephen Leaders prepare you for success.

“I have problems in my own life. How can I help others?” Some problems are so big that you need to address your own needs and wait until later to be a Stephen Minister. After you have worked through your problems, however, your experience of finding God’s help and care in your struggles is some of the best preparation you’ll ever receive for caring for others during tough times. Stephen Ministers aren’t *problem solvers*; they are *problem bearers*. A Stephen Minister’s job is to walk beside another person as that person works through his or her struggles. The Stephen Minister brings stability, prayer, and Christ’s love to the care receiver’s situation.

“I don’t have enough time to be a Stephen Minister.” So true for so many. Time is so precious that it only makes sense to use it on activities that make a real difference – in other’s lives as well as our own.

We are told in 1Peter4:10, Each one should use whatever gift he or she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If Stephen Ministry is a good fit for your gifts, you should consider joining class of Stephen Ministers that will begin training in September. Application packages are available right now at church near the Care Notes outside the Parlor. You will find the application envelopes in the Lucite stand. Applications are due back in the church office by Sunday, April 18th.

We look forward to welcoming you to Stephen Ministry, and we would be happy to answer any of your questions.

Nancy Dolan,
Linda McGurer,
Nancy Nadig.

Deacons

Congratulations to...

Kevin, Renee and Dillon Hourican upon the birth of Jennie Alexis on March 4.

Condolences to...

Polly Grafton, Julie Bradley and families upon the death of their father and grandfather, Ralph Shipley, on March 2 in Florida.

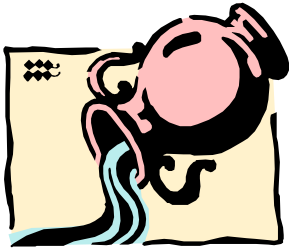
Dan Spike upon the death of his aunt, Nona Sutton, on March 4.

Leo Burkhart upon the death of her aunt, Mary Wolf, on March 7.

Deacon's Corner

The Other Side of the Fence

Gus Leep



The “other side of the fence” is commonly associated with where “the grass is greener.” However, in my case, it refers to the Deacon, me, being “deaconed” by other

Deacons. The role of a deacon is to give spiritual, physical and emotional nurture to members of the congregation who need such support. The recent events in my life have put me in just such a position.

The loss of a spouse creates an enormous hole in one's life. However this community of faith has gathered around and filled that hole with words of encouragement: “I'm praying for you;” offers of help: “If there is anything, anything at all you need help with, call me. I'm here for you;” expressions of concern for my health: “Be sure you get enough sleep,” “Stay active,” or “Be sure to get some food from the ‘Food Served With Love’ freezer.” Many of these gestures of love come from Deacons. Many have come from members of the congregation at large, playing the role of deacon in my support.

Norman MacEwan has said, “Happiness is not so much in having as sharing. We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

To the many who have given words of love and gifts of kindness to me while I have been on the “other side of the fence” – my grateful thanks.

Deacon's News letter

Make sure you stop by the Deacons' bulletin board to read the news of the congregation.

The Deacons apologize that some parish news items are missing from our bulletin board. The news came to us in many different forms and we have been told that some items have been inadvertently left out. Please resubmit your missing news item to **Chrisann Andersen** and we will feature it on our bulletin board soon. Thank you.

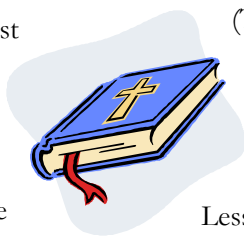
Becoming a Church Member

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 attend the New Member Orientation. The New Member Breakfast will be held on April 3 at 8:15 a.m. The New Member Classes will be held on April 4, April 18 and April 25 at 10:00 a.m. On May 2, New Members will be commissioned and a reception will be held. A New Member Social will be held on May 16. To discuss membership, please contact Associate Pastor, **Rev. Dan Spike** at **847-381-0975**

Christian Education

Mom's Bible Study

The Mom's Bible Study group will meet the first and third Mondays of the month in April and May from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the home of a member. This group is designed for mom's who have small children at home, so bring the children! The next meeting will be April 5. Please contact **Melissa Armstrong-Hansche, 847-381-0975**, for information and to register.



class is "*Jesus in the Gospels*" which runs for 30 weeks.

(The prerequisite is DISCIPLER: "*Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*"). This new course looks at the way each Gospel writer presents events and teachings and the picture of Jesus that emerges.

Lessons 1 –22 concentrate on the Synoptic Gospels with some related passages in John.

Lessons 23 –30 concentrate on the Gospel of John with supporting passages from both the Old and New Testaments.

Adult Education

Sunday, April 18: 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Dr. Chris Mitchell will discuss the concept of "Waiting", in the Biblical and current cultural context.

Sunday, May 16: 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Dan Sullivan will present "Music and Worship," a harpsichord concert with commentary on the role and rewards of music in a worship service.

Sunday, June 13: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Ron Miller will present a discussion of Elaine Pagel's book Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas. Lunch will be either a box lunch or brown bag lunch. Reservations required. Watch for more details in the months ahead.

Disciple Classes Are Forming For Autumn 2004

Do you find you have more questions than answers about the life of Christ? Do contemporary movies like *The Passion of Christ* or the television presentation *Judas* stir something inside of you? If you are nodding your head "yes", then take a step in getting those questions answered in our autumn line-up of DISCIPLER study groups.

We will offer the entry-level class of DISCIPLER: "*Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*". This 34-week study gives students a complete overview of the Old and New Testaments. We learn what is in the Bible through disciplined reading of the Scripture and group discussion. We are changed by what we find there as we listen to God and each other. We grow as disciples of Jesus Christ, learning how to put our faith in action.

For those who have completed the entry-level course, we will offer an advanced course from the 2nd generation series of DISCIPLER Study. The advanced

Please plan to attend an informational meeting for these classes on Sunday April 25, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. You can visit an informational table in Fellowship Hall on March 28th or April 4th. Class registration will be held in May. If you know you are already interested in these classes, take a moment to fill in the form below and drop it into the offering plate or into the pocket located on the DISCIPLER display in Fellowship Hall.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 29: 19-20

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I am interested in being in a DISCIPLER study group. _____

I would like more information about DISCIPLER _____

I would be interested in a study group to meet (Day/time) _____/_____

Palm Sunday Procession!

Sunday, April 4, 2004

Children in kindergarten through Grade 6, join us in Fellowship Hall at **8:45 am** and be a part of the Palm Sunday Procession! You will be given a palm and will march with the group through the Sanctuary while the congregation sings a Palm Sunday hymn. You will march out into the Narthex, put down your palm (you will get one to keep after the service is over) and then go and sit with your family. Be a part of the beginning of Holy Week in an exciting way!

Wapato in whatever way we are needed. Some of the things we will be doing are run a Vacation Bible School program for area kids, work the farm itself, and do other work in the area such as painting. We will learn



more about our tasks as our trip gets closer.

Thank you for supporting our trip so far, and keep watching for other ways to help us make this a great trip.

Youth Mission Trip to the Campbell Farm, Wapato, WA



We, the Youth Mission Team, 2004 are working hard to go on the Mission Trip to

Wapato, Washington.



So far, we have had the M&M Fundraiser and have hosted fall and spring Pancake Breakfasts. We will also be having a Stock Sale, allowing supporters to buy shares of the Mission Team Members.



At the recent spring Pancake Breakfast, we took in \$860 toward our Mission Trip.



Thank you to all who supported us in that Breakfast. Some pictures of kids setting up Fellowship Hall and cooking and serving pancakes have been included here as well.

With the money we raise, we will help the people of the Yakama reservation as well as grow in our own spiritual lives. We plan to work on the Campbell Farm in

Congregational Life



Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is back! Join the Fellowship Committee on Saturday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Refreshments, games, crafts, and story time will be held in Fellowship Hall. The Egg Hunt will be on the church grounds, weather permitting. Children of all ages are welcome. Teens and others who would like to help make this a special day for the children are also invited to participate. There is no charge for this event, but a free will offering would be appreciated. If you have questions, contact **Mari or Lukass Franklin**.

Easter Morning Breakfast

There will be a breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 11, at 8:00 a.m., after the 7:00 a.m. service, sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. All are welcome

to attend. Flo Babos, Scott Buchta and Bob Florio are the organizers and could use some help setting up on Saturday, and cooking and cleaning up afterwards on Sunday. If you can help, please contact **Flo Babos**.



Fellowship Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Fellowship Committee will be held on Saturday, April 17, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Ralf and Allison Mehlhorn. If you are able to attend, please R.S.V.P. to **Ralf or Allison**. We hope to see you there!

Women's Softball

It's that time of year when we all start thinking spring. Some things that come to my mind are new gardening projects, the winding down of another school year and WOMEN'S SOFTBALL. We will play approximately 8 games from June through July on Tuesday evenings through the Barrington Park District. We play against 4-5 other Barrington area churches. The primary goal is lots of fun and fellowship (it is always fun to win a few games too). There will be two practices scheduled for May and an opening season Kickoff party for all participating church teams. If you are new to the church this is a great way to meet new people. No experience is required. Please contact **Hollie Free** so I can mail information to you.

Bubba Bake-Off and Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, April 25th

from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The Men's Club and the Adult Fellowship Committee are jointly organizing this event again for both fun and fund raising. The men of the church will prepare and serve a spaghetti dinner in Fellowship Hall for church members, families and friends. While admission to the event will be free, we hope to get as many men as possible to bake one of their favorite desserts that will be auctioned at the event. Last year 102 people of all ages attended and we raised about \$1,500 for a good cause, with one cake selling for \$200! This year our net proceeds from the auction will be pledged to the Church's team in the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life to be held in June.

Look for our table after Sunday services in April for men who want to sign up to bake an item to be auctioned and for anyone who wants to sign up to attend the dinner and auction. Please watch the bulletins in April for more details. In the meantime, please feel free to contact **Bob Florio**.

Mission

Golf – Thirty-Six Hole Shootout Monday, May 17, 2004



Chalet Hills Golf Club

943 Rawson Bridge Road, Cary IL
847-639-0666

Each golfer pays \$150 to play 36 holes.
The fee includes cart and tee gift,
continental breakfast, lunch, cocktails,

hors d'oeuvres, and prizes for low gross and low net.
Open to men and women. You may register a 5th
golfer (a "Mulligan", who will play the last 18 holes).
Each golfer is required to meet \$500 minimum in
sponsorship donations.

The Schedule.

- 6:00 a.m. Arrive, Continental Breakfast
- 6:45 a.m. Instructions, travel to starting tees
(shotgun start)
- 7:00 a.m. Play the first 18 holes
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch delivered to your starting tee
- 12:30 p.m. Play second 18 holes
- 5:00 p.m. Collect scores, shower
- 6:00 p.m. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, "tall tales"
- 7:00 p.m. Program, awards, THANKS.

This is a benefit to provide funds for our Mission
Activities. Such as:

Camp I AM Me, a summer camp which provides
experience for children and teenagers who have
experienced injuries from burns, offered by the Illinois
Fire Safety Alliance.

Camp Lions, a camping experience for children who
are visually or hearing impaired, sponsored by the
Lions of Illinois Foundation.

San Marcos Mission Scholarships, Home of the
Sparrow, Christopher House, FISH of Carpentersville,
BYS, Meals On Wheels.

To sign up, or for more information, contact **Jim
Wilson**.

One Great Hour of Sharing

On Easter Sunday, we will collect the special donation
for One Great Hour of Sharing.

Inserts placed in the Sunday worship bulletins on
March 21 and 28 and April 4 and 11 highlight individual
needs that were met by One Great Hour of Sharing.
During Lent, it has become a tradition of our church to
support this vital program which is sponsored by the
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
the national level of our church government.

Through your donations, many organizations such as
the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian
Hunger Programs and Self-Development of People are
given funds to meet their program needs. Without
assistance from One Great Hour of Sharing, these
programs would be unable to attain their goals to help
others. Dr. Baxter has written a letter which you should
receive shortly, with an envelope enclosed for your
special donation. Additional envelopes will also be
located in the pews. The Mission Committee asks that
you consider this worthy cause



Multiple Sclerosis Walk – May 2, 2004

On Sunday, May 2, members of the
church are invited and encouraged
to join (or help support) our very
own **Debbie Schaefer** as she continues her fight
against Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Debbie and her team of
walkers, "The Tenacious Tigers!" will be participating
in the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society, Greater
Illinois Chapter in the fight against MS at Busse Woods
Forest Preserve. Over the past two years, Debbie's
supporters have raised over \$14,000. This year Debbie
would like to raise \$1 for every individual with MS in
Illinois - \$18,000! This fundraiser is to raise money that
will support programs, services and vital research into
the cause and cure of MS. It will also help the countless
others who may be diagnosed with MS in the future.
If you are interested in supporting Debbie and/or
participating in this year's MS Walk, please contact
Debbie. Who knows, this may be the year where the
cause of MS is found.

Parish Life

Notes from Joy Let's Ring Our Song!



One goal I mentioned when I became the Director of Music here at PCB was that of re-establishing a handbell choir. Due to the generosity of Mari and Lukass Franklin, Gus Leep, the Deacon Board, and the Choir, that

goal will soon be a reality. Even as I write this article, we have in our possession a spanking brand-new, three-octave set of Schulmerich handbells.

The bells are being purchased in the memory of Bernice Leep, a long-term, faithful and dearly beloved member of the choir who passed away in December of 2003, and will be named "Bernice's Bells" in her honor. The plan is to officially begin the new choir in September, at the start of the new church year. There is no age limit; spots are open to younger and older ringers alike.

It is exciting to join a long tradition of bell ringing which some historians believe began over 5,000 years ago in China. Through the ages, bell ringers have been found in various societies and religions, many of them non Christian, and they tolled their bells for a myriad of reasons. Most of us have probably experienced handbells as a part of church services. The specific tradition of bellringing which is most familiar to us is traceable to the early Christian Church, and more particularly to the Churches in England from the 16th Century to the present.

In my vision for music at PCB, this is the start of a musical organization which will give parishioners an additional opportunity to become pleasantly and more fully involved in the activities of the church. It is my dream to gradually add octaves to the foundational three until we have a full choir of seven octaves.

Although bells are often seen as an added entertainment to the church service, ultimately, the purpose of the Church is to introduce people to Christ, and the members of the Church must be provided with as many ways as possible to do this. Every activity has the potential for helping someone to see and hear a part of the Christian story and song in a way not experienced before. Here is a perfect invitation: if you are at all interested, contact me at the church and

become a part of the bellringing team. Help us ring our song!

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 5.

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 _____

Worship Schedule

- April 4** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Being Heroes and Heroines
Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
2Corinthians 5:16-20; John 12:12-19.
- April 11** Mr. Spike Preaching 7:00 a.m.
The Unnatural Truth
Readings: John 20:1-18; Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12
- April 11** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
How Idle the Tale?
Readings: Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12.
- April 18** Mr. Spike Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Believing in the Word
Readings: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4-8; John
20:19-31.
- April 25** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
A Strange Journey
Readings: Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30; Revelations 5:11-14; John
21:1-19.



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