



The Carillon

December, 2005

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

Advent and Christmas Schedule

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The season of Advent began on November 27. During this time, we prepare for the coming of Christ as we light candles symbolizing Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.



December 4: The Deacons invite you to attend the Advent Dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. See more details on page 9.

The Sunday morning Adult Education programs are designed to help you have a better appreciation and understanding of the music of Christmas.

December 11: Pathways to the Holy: Exploring Congregational Singing. Presented by Dr. Deborah Kapp of McCormick Theological Seminary.

December 18: Pathways to the Holy: Exploring Christmas Carols. Presented by Dr. Deborah Kapp of McCormick Theological Seminary. See page 8.

December 24: Christmas Eve Services:

5:00 p.m.: Family Service - A Participatory Worship Service for Children.

7:00 and 9:00 p.m.: An adaptation of the festival of nine lessons and carols, first used in the Truro Cathedral, England, and adapted in 1918 for the King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Our vocal and bell choirs will lead the carols.

11:00 p.m.: Traditional Candlelight service with sermon, carols and communion. We light the Christ candle as we proclaim Christ as the Light of the World. Each person then receives the Light of Christ as we sing Silent Night.

December 25: Sunday, Christmas Day, one service at 10:00 a.m.

January 1, 2006: Sunday, New Year's Day, one service at 10:00 a.m. with communion.



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 and Sandi Crewe for assembling the November Carillon and the Sunday bulletins.

Carillon Delivery

Due to some changes in personnel at the Barrington Post Office, the bulk mail is being handled by either the Palatine or Irving Park facilities. This has caused a big delay in getting the Carillon to you in a timely manner. We apologize for the delay and are working to get future issues out to you sooner. Thank you for your patience.

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are here. We are in Advent. Has Advent come too fast for you this year? You had a warning you know!

Chicagoland Malls did us the favor of playing Christmas music beginning November 12. They did that so that you and I could get a head start on the season. They call this advance sales promotion, "season treason." They don't want us to get behind on the stuff we need to get and all the places we need to go before we fall into utter exhaustion on December 26. What a kind thing for our shopping Malls to do; an Advent alert about the utter exhaustion to come!

But, I'm here to tell you that there is only one alert you need in this season and that is this: familiarity breeds contempt. William Barclay said, "There are situations where human beings are at first filled with awe, and then as they grow more and more familiar with them they experience first indifference, and then contempt." The question is how can we approach the manger with utter surprise, NOT with familiarity? How can we approach EACH OTHER with utter surprise and wonder, NOT with familiarity?

Some people can't afford familiarity. Like the guy who works on high buildings; like the guy who works with high voltage electricity; like the guy at the nuclear plant; or a couple in a small boat on Lake Michigan. You just can't get too familiar with these things or else disaster strikes. It's the same with Advent. We can't afford familiarity with God or baby Jesus or each other. Advent is both wonderful and wonder-filled when we approach the manger not as if we own its content, but as ones desiring to have our wills owned by the wonder-babe in Bethlehem.

Peace to you on your Bethlehem journey,

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Becoming a Church Member

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

Church Administration

Session

The 2006 Stewardship Campaign

Dear Friends in Christ:

During last year's campaign we asked you a fairly difficult question: "Why Are You Here?". This is a complex question requiring a great deal of reflection for most of you with potentially different answers for everyone. This year we are going to ask you to reflect upon another question:

"Does Your Stewardship Really Make A Difference?"

I believe this question will be much easier to answer. And my answer is ABSOLUTELY. In fact the "differences" our church can make are directly related to the amount of time, talent and treasure that we contribute. The more we sacrifice the more we can help others and perform God's work.

Wow, that seems like a rather obvious statement. Do we really need to have a stewardship campaign to spotlight something so obvious?

I think we do. Great things do not happen by accident. Serving God and performing his work does not happen without some sacrifice. But that sacrifice can have a tremendous impact on the world. I think it is very important to remind ourselves of that sometimes and to make it a priority.

The contributions of the members of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington are significant. And our accomplishments are significant. This year's stewardship campaign will remind us of some of our accomplishments. This year's campaign will remind us of how our sacrifice has perpetuated God's work. The campaign is not intended to make us feel like "good" people. Or to pat ourselves on the back. Rather it is intended to motivate us to continue on our path of faith as servants of God. To motivate us to not only continue our contribution of time, talent and treasure, but to continue increasing it as much as we can.

Because you really do make a difference, and we intend to remind you of that this year.

You will hear about the tremendous changes to our Christian Education program and our significant contributions to Home of the Sparrow and other programs we support. On a less spiritual note you will hear about some of the repairs and improvements we have made to our church, not the least of which is the new parking lot. All of these things, whether spiritual or structural, were only possible because of you and your contributions. You certainly did make a difference.

How much of a difference will we make in the future? Remember the obvious statement: the more we sacrifice the more we can help others and perform God's work. We want to continue doing all of the great things you will hear about in this year's campaign and move forward to an even higher level. We are challenging everyone to increase their contribution this year at least 10%. And by contribution I mean time, talent and treasure. With each passing year I realize how blessed I am. God has given me many gifts and I intend to contribute more to the church this year than last. I know many of you feel very blessed too. As the Bible reminds us, our personal wealth is not a direct result of our own power and might but it is God that gives us the power to obtain our wealth.

The positive momentum of The Presbyterian Church of Barrington has become clear. Our members participate more than ever before giving more of their time and talents. Our members are giving more of their treasure than ever before as the average pledge again increased last year. How much of a difference will you make this year?

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Robert Skopek, Chairman, Stewardship Committee

Trustees

Financial Update

by **Patty Griffin, Accountant**

The numbers below show that our collections are lagging by \$28,000 for the first ten months of this year. We ask that you consider helping us meet our budgeted levels, necessary to fund our programs and other costs, by giving generously before the year is over. We are hopeful that as you hear from our Stewardship Committee in the coming weeks, you will see how your giving can make a difference here at PCB.

For the ten months ended 10/31/05:

	<u>ACTUAL</u> <u>YTD OCTOBER</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>YTD OCTOBER</u>	<u>ANNUAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
Pledges collected	\$ 400,000	\$420,000	\$541,000
Prepaid Pledges* (10 mos share)	83,000*	83,000*	99,000*
Open plate and misc	28,000	35,000	46,000
Easter & Christmas collections	<u>4,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total contributions	<u>\$ 515,000</u>	<u>\$543,000</u>	<u>\$696,000</u>

Note Many members generously prepaid their entire 2005 pledge prior to December 31, 2004

for the good of the church and for tax deduction purposes: we allocate that income equally to each month of 2005.

Fellowship

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group is a small-group ministry that is aimed at promoting fellowship among the men of the church. The group meets the third Thursday of the month at a member's home. The format is usually a dinner with discussion following based on the topic of the host's choosing. The December 15 meeting will be at the home of Bob Kosobud. In addition to the regular meetings, the group has sponsored a trip for the Nueva Esperanza (San Marcos) scholarship students to attend a Schaumburg Flyers game in the summer. Contact **Chip Kyle** or **Bob Florio** if you would like to receive the monthly invitation/information.

Kitchen Kabinet

Kitchen Kabinet is a fellowship group that targets men of retirement age. The group meets for lunch and discussion on the second Tuesday of the month at The Garlands, on Rt. 14/Northwest Highway, in Barrington. This year, the group has added guest speakers to their gatherings. Several members have shared their hobbies or business interests with the group. The December "Ladies Day Luncheon" will be held on December 14 at the Biltmore Country Club. If you'd like to join this group for lively discussions and a great lunch, you may contact **Bob Johnson**.

Monthly Fellowship Pot Luck Suppers

(With apologies to the original hymn writer) -- Let Us Break Bread Together... Here at Church...Let Us Break Bread Together... Every Month...When we break bread together... with our face to the setting sun... Oh Lord, bless us greatly, indeed..

Mark your calendars and your stomach clocks to for the first Sunday of every month! The Fellowship Committee has started this season's monthly potlucks to share food, fellowship and fun here at Fellowship Hall. The first one was an early supper preceding the Voices Acappella concert; the second one followed the Fall Festival. December's event will be the Advent Dinner hosted by the Deacon's. January 8, February 5, and March 5 round out the remaining scheduled pot lucks.

Watch the web site, the Bulletin, and signs at church for details! Questions? Contact any member of the Fellowship Committee or Mari Franklin.

Barrington Presbyterian Women

Meeting Date



No Meeting in December

The next meeting will be January 5, 2006. Come for coffee at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m.

Babysitting will be available. All women of the congregation are

encouraged to attend and participate

Christmas Benefit

“The Warm Glow of Christmas” benefit will be held on Thursday, December 1 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Under the guidance of retiring director Nancy Tobison, the Barrington High School Chamber Choir will perform a delightful musical program in the sanctuary.

After the program, view silent auction and raffle items located in the parlor and “shop” for baked goods at the “Cookie Cottage”. New this year, you may choose your selection of baked goods and pay for them, then pick them up after the lunch.

The lunch will be served at approximately 11:30 a.m. and we hope that you will invite friends and neighbors to experience this wonderful day of fellowship and Christmas spirit.

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 date and location of the next meeting, and/or if you would like to order a book and join us for the study of Romans, please call **Becky Bosarge**.

Morning Bible Study

BPW Bible Study meets the first Wednesday of each month. On December 7, we'll study Lessons 3 and 4. Books will be available in the office for a limited time at \$7. Come 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's Retreat

Join us right here at church for the 2006 BPW Women's Retreat! On Friday evening, March 10, we gather at church for an after-dinner evening of sharing: famous BPW retreat treats, fellowship fun, and activities to prepare us for an exciting day of spiritual growth on Saturday. On Saturday morning March 11, we are back at church for a full day of spiritual discovery, growth ... rumor has it that God frequently attends our retreats, available for a personal encounter at his time and choosing! We complete our retreat in time for you to back home for dinner.

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 January 19, 2006 at Linda Neton's home. We will be reading The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night by Mark Haddon. For more information, you may contact coordinator, **Alice Buchholz**.

Valentine's Day Care Packs

Before you know it, Valentine's Day will be here! Each year in early February, BPW sponsors a project to send Care Packages to our college students and service men and women who are away from home. The care packages consist of baked goods, snacks and Valentine fun. We usually send 50 Care Packs. In January we will be asking for monetary donations to defray the cost of mailing the Care Packs. We'll also ask for donations of food and/or small gifts. These Care Packs bring a warm feeling from our congregation to our loved ones far away. We hope that you will help to make the Care Packs a great success again this year.

Parents!!! If you have a child who would like a pack this year, please get his/her current address to Bonnie Kalaway in the church office. Addresses must be in the office by Monday, January 30, 2006. The Care Packs will be sent out Thursday, February 2, 2006. Please get your information to Bonnie ASAP!!

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Nadig, Donna Sculley, or Angie Smith.

Stephen Ministry

A Letter from a Care Receiver



With permission from the author, we offer this look at a Stephen Ministry caring relationship through the eyes of the Care Receiver at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. In this season of gifts big and small, time from a trained and caring friend

can be the best gift of all! If you would like to talk to someone about having a Stephen Minister help you through a difficult time, call **Linda McGurer** or **Marge Slocum**.

So often in life, situations occur which leave one feeling dissatisfied and unfulfilled. And other times in life, circumstances are such that one feels something miraculous has taken place. I am about to comment on such a circumstance now.

Some time ago, I began having problems which I thought I could work through. After all, nobody's life is perfect, and all things considered, mine was really pretty good. Then I received some shocking news which let me know that these problems (which I did not create, but which affected all aspects of my life) were going to be of a long term nature. My life just fell apart at the seams, despite every effort on my part to keep it stable. It is not my nature to crumble under stress, but I was feeling a lot of hopelessness and despair. One day, a leader of the Stephen Ministers abruptly said to me, "Would you like to have a Stephen Minister?" The question shocked me, and I believe it shocked her, too. I am sure the question was given to

her on the spot from a heavenly source, and because she is in the business of allowing herself to be used by God, she acted on it. In my surprise, I responded, "Why yes!" Thus began a delightful and long term relationship with a beautiful, Christian Stephen Minister Caregiver, which was inspiring, intimate, confidential, warm, but most of all, very loving.

I am a dedicated Christian believer myself, but God is constantly showing me new aspects of His character. One of the ways He reveals himself is through other people, and by knowing my caregiver, who was always patient in her attitude and generous with her time, I came to appreciate some sides of God that I had not often seen in others, even though they professed deep Christianity.

Through that ministry, I have seen first-hand the quality care that the Stephen Ministry team is giving here at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. Sometimes, when we are in trouble, be it spiritual, economical, emotional, or any other kind, pride keeps us from reaching out. Let me be the first to encourage you – the age of miracles is not past. Don't hide away. God is always near you. If you seek Him and ask for help, He will send someone to support you in your distress. Stephen Ministry is here, sent from God to you. Call them.

Congratulations to...

Lloyd and Mary McCarthy, who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on December 28; they were married in 1952.

Harold and Lillian Miller, who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on December 23; they were married in 1949.

Condolences to...

Pat Mitchell and family upon the death of Pat's sister, Linda Hayes, in Canada in October.

Brian and Julie Bradley and family upon the death of Brian's grandmother, Dorothy Bradley, in Arkansas.

ChristCare

Caring Hearts-Faithful Servants

The first group of ChristCare Group Leaders is completing their training and will be commissioned on December 11th.



Each of these intrepid individuals – Bob Florio, Lukass Franklin and Gerry Nadig – made a significant commitment to our church and to the success of this ministry. Each spent 2 ½ hours every Tuesday evening between mid-September and the first week of December in training. Additionally, they spent 6 hours on each of two Saturdays for a total of 40 hours. Over and above class time, each participant devoted time to pre-class reading and assignments. We are blessed to have a dedicated core of very promising group leaders!

The small groups that Bob, Lukass and Gerry will lead will consist of 4 to 12 people who share a common interest, or a common life situation, or just have a simple desire to meet as a group. Each of these groups will covenant together to meet on a regular basis and participate in mutual support and care, outward missional service, prayer and worship and biblical equipping. Each will be an open group, welcoming anyone who desires to join. Bob will be leading a group that is centered around outward missional service with a focus on the homeless and the hungry. Lukass will be leading a group that is centered around care and support of individuals with chronic health conditions. Gerry will be leading a group that is centered around community building, support and care with a focus on soon-to-be or newly retired individuals and their families.

Clearly, these groups help us realize our vision for this church – provide a sense of Christian community, help people connect at a deeper level, help individuals progress on their spiritual journeys, equip people to live their faith in daily life, and help individuals discover and use their God-given talents to serve others. Following the commissioning service on December 11th, the group leaders and the Equipper team (Karen, Dan and Chip) will be available to answer any questions. Please plan to stop at the information table in Fellowship Hall to learn more about ChristCare Small Group Ministry and these small groups.

We expect to start up the first groups in January. Between now and then, Bob, Lukass and Gerry will be recruiting members for their respective groups. They're ready to go! Are you ready to sign-up?

Deacons

Deacon's Corner, Tom Burke

My current rotation as deacon ends soon so like other things that wrap up in December. I'll use this Deacon's Corner piece as a reflection upon my experience and encouragement to prospective deacons in our congregation.

When I first was approached to become a deacon over three years ago I was concerned as to how I could ever fit one more responsibility into my already overcrowded schedule. After much thought and encouragement from my wife Laura I accepted the offer anyway. As it turns out being a deacon is a rewarding and, yes, fun job with flexible hours. As a group the deacons led by Dan Spike all support each other through times when some of us cannot make the meetings or perform our duties due to illness, work, family obligations, or even death.

For me the most rewarding part of the deacon role was the opportunity to meet with and get to know some of the older members of our church in need of a visit and some light conversation. We are given the leeway to sign up for the monthly tasks that have to be done according to our own interests.

Good luck and God Bless to the new deacon class of 2008!

Christian Education

Adult Christian Education, Sundays in the Parlor, 10:15 a.m.

December 4: An Understanding of the New Testament. The Historical Jesus: Sources and Problems. This is a continuation of our video course series with Linda Long as our facilitator.

December 11: Pathways to the Holy: Exploring Congregational Singing. Presented by Dr. Deborah Kapp of McCormick Theological Seminary.

December 18: Pathways to the Holy: Exploring Christmas Carols. Presented by Dr. Deborah Kapp of McCormick Theological Seminary.

Dr. Kapp has been on the faculty at McCormick Theological Seminary since 1995. In 1990, she was Moderator for the Chicago Presbytery. She obtained her Master of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary and her PhD from Loyola University. Her area of interest focus on the sociology of religion as well as research in the practice of worship with special study of congregational song.

January 8, 2006 and January 15, 2006:: The History of Israel Since 1914. : Archibald Bryant will speak on "Israel and the Middle East from 1914 to Present." Mr. Bryant has an M.A. from Vanderbilt University. He has taught for 32 years at the Evanston Township High School. He has studied extensively in the Middle East on Fulbright Programs. The discussion will be historical, not political in nature



Bible Story Time, Waiting for Baby Jesus Party, Saturday, December 10, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Ages 2, 3 and 4

Come to Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. and join in the fun at the "Waiting for Baby Jesus" party. We will play games, sing songs, do an art project and have some cake as we learn why we wait for Baby Jesus! Call the church office to sign up! Deadline is December 6. Friends are welcome. Younger siblings are, too. Cost: \$0 Parents should plan to attend to help out.



Mitten Tree

Help decorate our Mitten Tree with warm hats, scarves, mittens and gloves. Place your donation on the tree, which will be located in the literature corner near the parlor. We will be accepting donations up through Epiphany, January 6, 2005. The Youth will be delivering the items to the Home of the Sparrow in Palatine after Epiphany.

Casting Call For the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

This year at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas eve service we will be offering the children of the church an opportunity to participate in the leadership of worship. We will be forming tableaux of the story of the birth of Christ with the younger children, while older children will provide the narration. Minimal costuming is involved. Children must be Kindergarten or older to participate. Those in fifth through eighth grade may volunteer to be readers. A MANDATORY PRACTICE WILL OCCUR ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 17 FROM 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. Please contact Melissa if your children are interested in participating.



Winter Vacation Bible School,

December 19, 20 and 21, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Save the dates! Mark your calendars! Fit this into your holiday planning! Let us help you juggle your schedule. With the kids home for vacation, gifts to be wrapped, and cookies to be baked, you need some helping hands!

The youth will be hosting a winter VBS experience for children Kindergarten through 6th grade. You may sign up for a whole day (9 a.m. – 3 p.m. \$17/child) or for part of the day (9 a.m. – Noon or Noon – 3 p.m. \$10/child/session). Choose the sessions you want.

Preschool class for 3 and 4 year olds AND babysitting for toddlers and infants is available from 9 a.m. - Noon. Spots for Nursery/Toddler care are limited, so sign up early. Sign up for any amount of hours or days. Cost is \$4/child per hour.

Watch your mail for a detailed brochure! Friends and neighbors are welcome.

Youth Gather for October Work Project at Home of the Sparrow Shelter

For the second year in a row the youth of our church gathered for a Fall Work Project at the Home of the Sparrow in Palatine. Thirteen youth met on Saturday October 15 to help tidy up and beautify the shelter grounds by gardening, weeding, raking and bagging leaves, organizing school supplies and cleaning up the basement. Workers in 7th through 12th grades involved in the Fall Project were: Jayme Alton, Alex Anderson, Hannah Archos, Drew and Adam Bosarge, Julia Burke, Eliza Dowell, Allison Martin, Shannon McGuire, Mark and Courtney Minner, Katie Rubak and Scott Schneider. Three more Saturday Home of the Sparrow Work Projects are planned for March 18, April 22 and May 13, 2006. To sign up or find out more contact **Jill Minner**.



Advent Dinner



The Deacons invite you to attend the Advent Dinner, to be held on Sunday, December 4, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We'll begin with punch and Christmas carols, followed by a "pot luck" dinner and ornament exchange. There will be food, fun, and fellowship. The Barrington Children's Choir will provide the after-dinner program.

The cost for the evening will be \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children 3-12. Children under 3 are free. The maximum any family will pay is \$20. The main dish and beverages will be provided. Each family attending the dinner is asked to bring a dish to pass in a disposable container to serve 8.

If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a salad.

If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a side dish, hot and ready to serve.

Please bring one ornament per family for an ornament exchange.

If you have any questions about this event, you may contact **Nancy Bohren**.

Mission

Adopt-A-Family

Adopting a Christopher House Family is a wonderful opportunity to share your joy of Christmas with less fortunate families. The final day for adopting a family is Sunday, December 11th.

When preparing your packages:

Provide a new, wrapped gift for each family member.



Provide Christmas dinner by giving a Gift Food Card from Dominicks or Jewel. (suggested cost is \$35 to \$45 per person for gift and food card combined)

Label every present and gift card with your Family ID Number.

Package all items securely together in a trash bag or corrugated box. Label the Food Card, put it in an envelope and tape it to one of the parent's gifts.

Deliver your packages to the church garage on or before December 16 between the hours of 8:30am to 4:00pm. (if the church garage is not open obtain the key from the church office.)

By participating in ADOPT-A-FAMILY you will bring smiles to children's faces and warmth to their parents' hearts. Thank you for supporting the Christopher House Mission. If you have questions, please call **Sally Hilgendorf**.

Christopher House Bazaar

Each year the clients of Christopher House look forward to the Christmas Bazaar where they can purchase gifts for their loved ones at a low cost. This event is made possible by the donations of new or nearly new toys, household gift items, books, jewelry and toiletries by generous church members. If you would like to contribute to this year's Bazaar, please bring your donations to the Church by Sunday, December 4 and label them "Christopher House Bazaar". Bazaar set-up is Thursday, December 8 and the sale is Friday, December 9. If you would like to help with the set-up or sale or have any questions, please call **Sally Kilham or Sally Hilgendorf**.

Barrington Giving Day

Barrington Giving Day, will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2005 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at Barrington Middle School, Station Campus, John

Snow/Easter Ave. Barrington. Disadvantaged families within the School District 220 are invited to the Giving Day. They can receive winter coats, mittens, gloves, hats, blankets and toys. If you are able to donate any items, please bring them to the church beginning December 3 through December 15; there will be a special box for the items. If you would like to make a cash donation, checks can be made out to Barrington Giving Day, c/o John Paul Hills, Barrington Bank & Trust, 201 S. Hough St., Barrington IL 60010.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Katrina Devastation: We are all stunned by the devastation of Katrina. For the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance this has been the largest disaster they have responded to on U.S. soil. As the floodwaters recede, and the story of the devastation in Mississippi begins to be told, we recognize that recovery will take years. There will be many opportunities for Presbyterians to bear witness to the love of Christ.

The Mission Committee is starting to plan for work groups to assist in this effort. Works groups will be formed and sent to disaster areas during this winter, next spring and summer. If you are interested in assisting or would like more information, contact **Gerry Nadig**. We look forward to your support and participation.

Church World Service

CWS has been involved in helping people all over the world recover from disasters. So far, CWS has been the largest donor of tents and food packages in the Battagram area of Pakistan. CWS continues to help families rebuild their lives after the Tsunami. In Iraq, CWS is helping to strengthen the capacities of local organizations, providing assistance to displaced people whose lives have been severely disrupted by shortages of food, water, health care, electricity and the lack of infrastructure. The people across West Africa are experiencing drought and locust-caused food shortages. Families in Kenya are taking part in a CWS project that is developing clean water resources and creating secure and nurturing school environments for their children. This is a holiday to remember others. There are many ways to give to CWS. See their web site to investigate how you can fit CWS into your holiday giving. .

Parish Life

Worship Video

Videos of our *Reformation Sunday* worship service on October 30, 2005 are now available in the church library

Share Your Time and Talent

Join the Fellowship Committee: Are you being called to find a way to share your time and talent for the good of our church family and community? Not sure how to get started?

We meet monthly on the second Saturday of the month at 4:30 pm. The whole family is welcome. The format is a potluck supper and fellowship starting at 4:30 p.m.; we get down to our business of planning fun at 6:00 p.m., and we wrap up by 8:00 p.m. Watch the bulletin for the location, or contact a member of the committee:

Mari and Lukass Franklin, Suzanne and Peter Miller, Mark and Cathy Layne, Paul and Rebecca Carlberg, Scott and Phyllis Buchta, Matt and Allison Batt, Beth and Jay Muhvic. And please pray for us, that we are inspired to create opportunities to deepen our ties with God and with one another through our Fellowship events!

Be An Usher: Are you looking for a way to get involved in the Church Community? We are currently looking for more people from the Congregation to join the Church’s Ushering Team. There will be current Ushers at a table set-up in Fellowship Hall for the next five Sundays (11/20, 11/27, 12/4, 12/11 & 12/18) who can answer all of your questions regarding this important part of our Church Worship. Come to Fellowship Hall between services to speak with one of our ushers about this important ministry. Being an Usher is a great way to serve the Church and meet new people.. You can also contact Chris Raaths with any questions.

Chancel Guild Holiday Decorations



As the holidays approach, the Chancel Guild invites you to help sponsor the church’s beautiful Christmas decorations. Please donate to our Christmas fund. Just fill out this form and send it with your check to the church office.

Name of donor _____

Phone _____ email: _____

Dedication for the Christmas Eve bulletin

Amount of donation \$ _____

Make the check payable to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, memo “Christmas flowers”.

Worship Schedule

- Dec. 4** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00
Finding the Prince of Peace
Readings: Isaiah 65: 17-25; Psalm 98; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 12:20-26.
- Dec. 11** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Hints of Glory
Readings: Isaiah 60: 1-5; Psalm 19: 1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6; John 11: 6-8, 14-18.
- Dec. 18** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
The Obstetrics of Faith
Readings: Isaiah 66: 1-16; Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke 1:26-38.
- Dec. 25** Mr. Spike Preaching 10:00 a.m.
God's Daring Plan
Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-12; Luke 2:8-20



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