

# Carillon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON  
A welcoming, caring family of faith

December 2007

Celebrate Advent and Christmas with us!

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**A**dvent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. There are several opportunities to enrich your life during this holy time.

**December 2, 4:00 p.m.** Messiah Sing-Along, in the Sanctuary. Professional instrumentalists and vocalists will perform Part I of the work and audience members are encouraged to sing along on the choruses. Listeners are also welcome. Bring your own music score from home, or purchase one at the door. The nursery will be staffed during the performance and Advent activities are planned for the older children.

**December 2, 5:30 p.m.** Advent Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Join our Family of Faith for a celebratory meal and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass and a wrapped ornament. See the Deacon's Page (page 7) for more details.

**December 24, 5:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Family Service. We experience the coming of the Christ Child through tableaux, hymns and candle lighting.

**December 24, 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service. This is 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.



**December 24, 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*.



**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.

**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,

Many years ago, I discovered the works of Brennan Manning. I am particularly drawn to his books entitled, *The Ragamuffin Gospel* and *The Boy Who Cried Abba*. Brennan Manning is an inactive Roman Catholic priest. In the last ten years, he has become a popular speaker in many 'evangelical churches. Manning's views are charming, seductive and cunning. He teaches that you can overcome fear, guilt, and psychological hang-ups, even alcoholism, through meditation.

In an interview, someone asked Brennan why some people don't find God. He said, "Because people are not willing to look low enough."

Manning talks about Advent in these words:

"God entered into our world not with the crushing impact of unbearable glory, but in the way of weakness, vulnerability and need. On a wintry night in an obscure cave, the infant Jesus was a humble, naked, helpless God who allowed us to get close to him."

In the same interview he makes the following observations:

"We all know how difficult it is to receive anything from someone who has all the answers, who is completely cool, utterly unafraid, needing nothing and in control of every situation. We feel unnecessary, unrelated to this paragon. So God comes as a newborn baby, giving us a chance to love him, making us feel that we have something to give him."

Whether we come from the high roads of spiritual excitement or the low roads of pain, loss and numbness, my hope is that you will look low enough in this season that you might be lifted to the holy, not by effort, but by the ever present grace of God.

Peace to you in Advent,  
**Curt Baxter**

## Mission

### Christopher House Christmas Bazaar

Each year the clients of Christopher House look forward to the Christmas Bazaar when 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 2 and label them "Christopher House Bazaar". Bazaar set-up is Thursday, December 6 and the sale is Friday, December 7. If you would like to help with the set-up or sale or have any questions, please call **Sally Kilham** or **Sally Hilgendorf**.



### Nueva Esperanza Christmas

Would you like to help a young person at Nueva Esperanza have a merry Christmas? Their Christmas service includes a gift for each young person – often their only gift. One of the past years' favorite presents was a gift certificate from the Gap or Old Navy. They had a wonderful time shopping and getting something they needed as well. Most gift cards have averaged about \$35 but any amount is appreciated by them. Please drop your gift card in the Nueva Esperanza basket in the church office and help these young people have a wonderful Christmas this year. For more information call **Joyce Simpson**.



### Family-To-Family Holiday Program

(formerly Adopt-a-Family). Adopting a Christopher House Family is a wonderful opportunity to share your joy of Christmas with families less fortunate. The final day for adopting a family is Sunday, December 9th. Following are some reminders when preparing your packages:

1. Provide a new, wrapped gift for each family member.
2. Provide Christmas dinner by giving a Gift Food Card from Dominick's or Jewel (suggested cost is \$35 to \$45 per person for gift and food card combined)
3. Label every present and gift card with your Family ID Number.

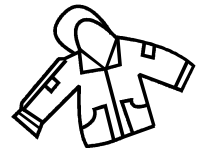
4. Package all items securely together in a plastic bag or corrugated box. Label the Food Card, put it in an envelope and tape it to one of the parent's gifts.

5. Please deliver your packages to the church garage on or before December 14<sup>th</sup>. You may bring the gifts on Sunday or during the week. The office is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. If the church garage is not open, obtain the key from the church office. By participating in Family-to-Family Holiday Program, you will bring smiles to children's faces and warmth to their parents' hearts. Thank you for supporting this Christopher House Mission. Call **Sally Hilgendorf** or **Karen Stout** with any questions.

### Barrington Giving Day

Saturday, December 15, 2007, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Local disadvantaged families within the 220 School District are invited to the Giving Day at Barrington Middle School, Station Campus, John Snow/Eastern Avenue. Local churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations are very generous in their support of this event. We are asking you to donate winter coats, hats, mittens, blankets, new and gently used toys, and books for children and teens in Spanish and English. Thank you for your help with volunteers and donations for the 2006 Barrington Giving Day. We hope that we can count on your participation again this year to collect these much-needed items. Cash donations: Checks should be made payable to: Barrington Giving Day, c/o John Paul Hills, Barrington Bank & Trust, 201 S. Hough St., Barrington, IL 60010.



### New Orleans Mission Trip Overview

Plan to join members of our New Orleans Mission Team on December 3 and/or December 10 in Fellowship Hall at 10:00a.m. as they present an overview of their *Lead a Hand* trip to New Orleans. View the photos and hear the stories and future commitments for return visits to New Orleans. On December 14 – 16, one of the New Orleans homeowners will be our guest. Come meet her and listen to her amazing story. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend to this sharing experience.

## Mission (continued)

### Home of the Sparrow Needs

#### 2008 Calendars



If you don't know what to do with all the extra 2008 calendars you receive, bring them to the church. We'll donate them to Home of the Sparrow.

There will be a box for the calendars on top of the Deacon's Secretary outside the office.

Thanks from the Mission Committee.

### FISH Food Pantry

The Fall Food Drive is over and it was once again a huge success. Thank you to all who contributed. However, we can still contribute to our "**Loaves and Fishes**" baskets. The FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville, where all the weekly donations are taken, is in need of all kinds of canned and packaged food items as well as toiletries. In particular, they need diapers (all sizes), deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hand soap, paper towels and toilet paper. If you buy one of these items in bulk, FISH breaks them down to individual piece. (It should be noted that a family serviced by FISH currently only receives six diapers per week. We could really change that.) If you cannot bring your bulk items to Church, please call **Gerry Nadig** to arrange for a pick-up at your home. Cash donations are needed also to purchase fresh food items. If you would rather send a check, donations can be sent to FISH Carpentersville, P. O. Box 102, Carpentersville, IL 60110. Thank you all.

### Food Served With Love

This is a ministry of our church that provides home-cooked frozen meals to members in need due to surgery, a death in the family, a new baby, an illness... The demand for meals is usually unpredictable and we have therefore developed a list of members who are willing to make meals for Food Served With Love when called upon.

If you would like to be part of this ministry and have your name added to our rotational list of cooks or if you would like more information, please either call or email **Pam Anderson**. Thank you for considering participating in this very important outreach ministry.

### Compassion Cottages

This is a ministry that enables you to give hands-on help in reconstructing the Gulf Coast without leaving the comfort of your home. Compassion Cottages involves building modular housing locally, which is then trucked to Pass Christian, Mississippi. This ministry is sponsored by the Barrington Area Ministerial Association and several local churches, including our own. The first local construction project was a miniature "house" which will travel to several states where churches are being asked to take part in this endeavor. Eventually, this structure will serve as a construction office in Pass Christian.

The next Barrington project will be to construct modules for the Pass Christian community center, because not just houses but an entire community is being built. Compassion Cottages needs construction help (everything from carpentry to roofing to painting), as well as monetary contributions (which are tax-deductible). Working on a Compassion Cottages building is very much like working on a Habitat for Humanity house, except that you can work as often as you want and you work along side members of other local churches and organizations. For more information on Compassion Cottages, go to [www.compassioncottages.org](http://www.compassioncottages.org) or contact Dan Spike, 847-381-0975.

### Delegation to Colombia

Learn about the vision, mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Colombia (IPC) and its situation in the midst of a 40-year civil conflict when a delegation from Chicago Presbytery travels to Colombia March 28-April 7, 2008. The conflict in Colombia has created 4 million internally displaced persons in what the United Nations call "the greatest humanitarian catastrophe in the Western Hemisphere." The delegation will examine the role of the IPC's Reformed University in promoting a just peace; the impact of the civil conflict on Afro-Colombian communities; and the root of the conflict, the role of the church, and pathways to peace. The estimated cost of the trip is \$2100, including airfare. Reservations must be made soon in order to obtain the group-rate airfare. For more information about the delegation, contact **Dan Spike, 847-381-0975**.

## Stephen Ministry

### Mustard Seed Christmas,

Written by Charlene Elizabeth Fairchild, Stephen Ministry, St. Louis.

Last year our first Christmas decoration was a mustard seed. A lowly mustard seed. Taped on a sheet of white paper to the centre of our mantelpiece. It was a sign and a symbol of the fragile and tiny hope I had of celebrating Christmas. The hope was fragile and it was tiny because I did not “feel” like Christmas last year. How could I sing the Lord’s song in the strange land of Grief?

It was the first Sunday in Advent and my husband and I were having our usual leisurely coffee brunch after all the duties of the morning and the noon

“What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches.” Luke 13:18-19 NRSV.

hour. Two church services and the important weekly phone calls to my father and other family members were behind us for another week. My husband, rather gingerly, brought up the subject of Christmas knowing that I was immersed in the full bloom of grief. Mom had died on Labor Day and this was the first Christmas to be marked without her. I did not “feel” like Christmas.

Despite my fog of misery, I knew that I was being somewhat self-absorbed in my pain. Life was going on all about me but, for the life of me, I couldn’t figure out how I was going to get through this time. Everybody busy and happy and having parties and family gatherings. I shrank inside. The thought of smiling and pretending joy was beyond pain for me. What was I going to do?

I remembered the reading from Romans that morning, “The night is far gone, the day is near ....Let us put on the armour of light...put on the Lord Jesus Christ.” The season celebrating His birth and looking for His coming again was upon me and I was being called to participate. But it was beyond me to rejoice. As I said these things to my husband, he reminded me that God

IS able even if I was not. He mentioned the parable of the mustard seed to me. God could take that little mustard seed and make of it something worthy. God could take that tiny seed of faith and grow it into a kingdom of hope.

I felt as if I had been touched. I got up and went to the kitchen and rifled through my spices. Yes! There it was. My bottle of mustard seeds. I got one out and grabbed a piece of paper from the pad by our phone and taped that mustard seed to the centre. I returned to the dining room, waving the paper triumphantly. “I’ve

tot it! I’ve got it! I CAN celebrate this year.” My husband said, “Here, let’s put it up on the mantel. It’ll be our first Christmas decoration.” Up it went. Every time I looked at it, I was reminded of the hope it symbolized and the faith it embodied. I couldn’t do it on my own. But God could. And God did!

The mustard seed became a powerful witness in our house last year. Many people asked about it and it became a growing joy and to share what it meant. The mustard seed again graces our mantelpiece to symbolize Light in the darkness, hope in the face of grief and despair and faith in the promises of God. My prayer is that, in the midst of difficult times, you will find hope; that a mustard-seed Christmas may be yours.

The holidays can be a difficult time for many people. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from having a Stephen Minister this holiday season, or any season, contact **Julie Brown, Linda McGurer, Curt Baxter or Dan Spike at church, 847-381-0975.**

## Parish Life

## Welcome to our 2007 New Members

Hermione (Emmie) Helfrick.

Chad and Jenny Moore. Transfer from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Leesburg VA.

Lisa and Steven Olszewski. Lisa: Reaffirmation; Steven: transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Houston TX

Neil and Ellen Gunsteen. Profession of Faith.

Jeffrey and Jennifer Neton. Jeffrey: Restoration. Jennifer Profession of Faith.

Drs. Christopher and Karen Stout. Transfer from St. Peter United Church of Christ, Lake Zurich.

Travis and Megan Wiersma. Profession of Faith.

Jozua and Anna (Ansie) Martins. Reaffirmation.

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### Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Your APNC is hard at work. We began in September by meeting with the Personnel Committee and our advisor from the Committee on Ministry to get a sense of the position and the process. We are currently working on the Church Information Form (CIF). This document contains demographic information about our church, descriptions of our ministries and the gifts of our congregation, and the responsibilities of the Associate Pastor position. When we've finished with

the CIF, we will submit it for review and approval to our session and the Committee on Ministry. After posting, we begin the next phase of the process, receiving and reviewing applications. That is our part of the process – now for yours. We ask you to continually pray for our awareness of God at work and our responsiveness to his leading.

## Barrington Presbyterian Women

### January Meeting

We will not have a meeting in December. Thanks to all who worked so hard on our Christmas benefit. Enjoy the holiday season. Our next meeting will be on January 10, please note we are meeting the 2nd Thursday of January due to the school holiday. Come for coffee at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.



### Morning Bible Study

BPW Bible Study meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Parlor. We are using the Horizons Bible Study book, *Hearing God's Call*. Our next meeting will be December 5 at 10:00am in the parlor, come for coffee at 9:30. All are welcome! Study books are available in the church office. Emily Dowell, Coordinator.

### G.T.I.F.

GTIF (Growing Together in Faith) Women's Evening Bible Study Group normally meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month in the home of a member. Our next meeting is Tuesday December 18 at 7:00 p.m. Our study book is *Oxygen: Deep Breathing for the Soul*. Contact **Jill Minner** for more information.

### Women With Aging Parents

Women With Aging Parents will meet Friday, December 7 (a week earlier than usual), at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Marge Slocum. To celebrate the holiday season we will be having a cookie exchange! Contact **Marge** for further information. In January we will return to our usual second Friday meeting, January 11.

### Book Club

Book Club meets every other month (starting in September), on the third Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the home Marge Slocum. The BPW Book group will read *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson. The Barrington library will get the book for us prior to the January 17<sup>th</sup> 2008 meeting at Marge Slocum's house. Sally Moore, Coordinator.

### 2008 BPW Women's Spiritual Retreat

To be held at The Presbyterian Church of Barrington

Rev. Kathy Bostrom will lead.  
"Feast For The Spirit"

Friday evening, February 22, 2008 we gather at the 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  
and

Saturday, February 23, 2008, we are back at Church for a full day of "Feast for the Spirit." The Retreat will be led by Reverend Kathy Bostrom, Pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church.

Mark your calendar now and watch for more information in the bulletins and *Carillon*.

Susan Raaths, Ginny Shapiro, Karen Tobin  
Co-Chairs

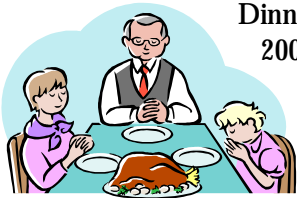
## Deacons

### Condolences to:

Eric Enskat upon the death of his Aunt Rosemarie; and Alan and Holly Free and family upon the death of Alan's mother.

### Messiah Sing-Along and Advent Dinner, December 2

The Deacons are planning another wonderful Advent Dinner on Sunday, December 2, 2007 for all the members (and



friends) of our church. It is a time for all of us to come together as one family of faith to prepare for the

birth of our Lord. There is something special added to the celebration!

The evening will begin in the Sanctuary promptly at 4:00 p.m. with a short performance from our own Children's Choir, followed by the Sing-Along *Messiah* program (activities for children of all ages will be available downstairs). After the concert, around 5:30 p.m., we will join together in Fellowship Hall for our traditional Advent Dinner featuring plenty of ham and many delectable "pot luck" side dishes. There will be food, fun, and fellowship, and an ornament exchange.

You may sign up to attend the Advent Dinner in Fellowship Hall after services in November. The cost for the dinner will be \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children 3-12. Children under 3 are free. The maximum any family will pay is \$20. Each family attending the dinner is asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament and 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. If you have any questions about this event, you can call **Diane Svanson or Alan Free**. If you are a family of one or a family of many, we hope you will join us for this wonderful annual event at our church.

### Deacons Corner, Gil Semmen

To all reading this, I hope this finds you in good health and spirit. My activity so far in the Deacons has been a rewarding and spiritual experience. Being a new Deacon I felt a little intimidated of the more experienced Deacons and I was a little uncomfortable at first. These feelings quickly disappeared as the senior Deacons were very helpful and make all the new Deacons feel welcome. I feel very fortunate and privileged to be a part of this group. I have always found it very rewarding helping other people through volunteer organizations outside the church and now I have the opportunity to do the same within the church. I feel that the rewards of being of service to others far outweigh what I put into it. I am grateful to have made many new friends at the Church and I am looking forward to getting to know as many members as possible, so if you don't know me please feel free to introduce yourself to me at any time. I am also looking forward to my first Advent dinner as a Deacon in December and I am hoping for a large turnout. I always enjoyed the Advent dinners and now I feel privileged to be a part of the team that sets the stage for this fabulous event in our Church.

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## Fellowship

### Kitchen Cabinet

The Christmas Guest Day Luncheon will be Thursday, December 13, starting at 11:30 a.m. at Biltmore Country Club. The menu will be the Biltmore Salad, choice of sliced sirloin, roasted tilapia, or stuffed chicken breast, served with roasted new potatoes and julienne vegetables, and a Christmas Dessert. The cost will be \$26.00 per person. Reservations are due by December 9 to Dan Spike at the church office.

### Men's Fellowship Group

The December meeting of the Men's Fellowship Group is scheduled for December 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Curt Baxter. RSVP to **Dr. Baxter, 847-381-0975**.

## The Church Spotlight

The Church Spotlight section is will be prepared by the Congregational Life Committee which will be asking various committees and groups to take a “behind the scenes” look at the various experiences available to you here at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington.

Most importantly, we want to shine the spotlight on these various experiences to help each of you learn how each of us can be a part of God’s community where we can experience more of Him and each one of us can grow in our own spiritual journey. Please enjoy our very first section of The Church Spotlight which provides you an inside look at the new format for our DISCIPLÉ Bible Study Group...

### DISCIPLÉ Bible Study – New 8-Week Format! New Studies!

Did you know that almost 70 people in our congregation have participated in a DISCIPLÉ Bible study group?

Many of those have said that it was one of the most significant things they have done for their spiritual growth.

Maybe you have wanted to participate but couldn’t manage the 34-week commitment – we have good news!

In the fall, we will be rolling out the new short-term DISCIPLÉ Bible studies. These studies offer the same quality, the same commitment to discipleship, but in an 8-week format. We will offer groups in the fall and spring at various times and we have a team of facilitators ready to guide us through these exciting new studies. Start planning now to be a part of a DISCIPLÉ Bible study group in the fall!

If interested in learning more about the DISCIPLÉ Bible Study or anything featured in The Church Spotlight, please contact **Dan Paxton**.

### Class of 2010 Church Officers

Congratulations to these church officers, elected in October 2008, who will serve three year terms beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2010.

**Trustees:** **Rich Larson**, member 23 years, Elder, Mission Committee, taught Sunday School, choir. **Jack Ellis**, member 20 years, Elder, choir. **Travis Wiersma**, member 1 year, Mission trip, Nueva Esperanza. **Diane Reich**, member 11 years, Stewardship, first time Trustee.

**Elders:** **Karen Tobin**, member 14 years, Mission trips, Elder, Adult Ed., choir, ChristCare, Disciple. **Dorothy Symonds**, member 2 years, Mission trips, Adult Ed, M.Div. **Karen Moratz**, member 19 years, Mission and Personnel committees, youth mentor. **Julie Archos**, member 10 years, taught WNL and Sunday School, Deacon at Palatine Pres. **Steven Neptun**, member 4 years, usher, Spiritual Engagement committee. **Betsy Rubak**, member 34 years, BPW board and moderator, Christian Ed committee, Trustee.

**Deacons:** **Gus Leep**, member 8 years, Deacon and Hospitality Team, Elder at 1st Pres. Elgin, Deacon at 1st Pres. Arlington Heights, Worship committee, choir, concert series publicity. **Vern Soukup**, member 18 years, Elder, usher, Kitchen Cabinet. **Alexandra Bernardi**, member 1 ½ years, Sunday School teacher, liturgist. **Dr. Karen Stout**, new member, BPW Benefit, Disciple class. **Nancy Heath**, member 32 years, Trustee, Mission trip. **Sue Powers**, member 2 ½ years, Disciple class.

## Hospitality

<b>9:00 am</b>		<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
Dec. 2	<b>Ushers:</b> Don and Nancy Arndtsen, Vern Soukup, Richard Ross <b>Greeters and Coffee Hosts:</b> Trustees, Endowment, Stewardship	<b>Ushers:</b> Mac and Iris King, Pam Fitton <b>Greeters and Coffee Hosts:</b> Trustees, Endowment, Stewardship
Dec. 9	<b>Ushers:</b> Don and Carol Andler, Kari and Ron Blanchette <b>Greeters and Coffee Hosts:</b> Team J - Jinnie and Jack Train, Tom and Laura Burke, Carol Nelson, Nancy Bohren	<b>Ushers:</b> Bill Crewe, Lori Rowe, Tom Burke, John Bosarge <b>Greeters and Coffee Hosts:</b> Team J - Jinnie and Jack Train, Tom and Laura Burke, Carol Nelson, Nancy Bohren
Dec. 16	<b>Ushers:</b> Steve Neptun, Barbara Schwartz, Kurt and Heidi Anderson <b>Greeters and Coffee Hosts:</b> Team K - Tim and Diane Svanson, Charles and Pat Root, Iris and Mac King	<b>Ushers:</b> John and Anna Armstrong, David Nelson <b>Greeters and Coffee Hosts:</b> Team K - Tim and Diane Svanson, Charles and Pat Root, Iris and Mac King
Dec. 23 9 am only	<b>Ushers:</b> David and Jane Zimmer, Bob and Stephanie Skopek <b>Greeters and Coffee Hosts:</b> - Bette Bilton, Chris Schiller	
Dec. 30 9 am only	<b>Ushers:</b> Peter/David Shaeffer, Tom Long, Lukass Franklin, Bill Pepler <b>Greeters and Coffee Hosts:</b> Chris Schiller, Sally Kilham	

## Christian Education

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



At the 5:00 p.m. service on Sunday, Christmas Eve, 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. Children must be Kindergarten or older to participate. Please contact Melissa if your children are interested in participating.

### Waiting for Baby Jesus Party

Children ages 1-4, December 8, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

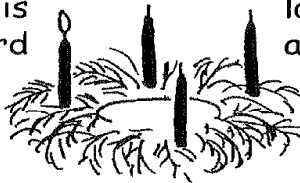
Come to Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. and join in the fun at the "Waiting for Baby Jesus" party. We will play games, do an art project and have some cake as we learn why we wait for Baby Jesus! Call the church office to sign up! Deadline is December 6. Friends are welcome. Cost: \$0. Parents should plan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

### Adult Education, Sundays In the Parlor at 10:15 a.m.

Dorothy Symonds, M. Div., will present a series on Spirituality on January 13, 20, and 27 and February 3, 10, and 17.

### Advent: Season of Hopeful Waiting

Welcome to the first season of the church calendar. This is a time of waiting, of hoping, of expectation. It is a time of listening for God's loving response. There is much to look forward to - gifts, special food, visitors, and parties. Yet we also wait for something far more significant: the gift of Jesus, God's Son. This is holy time. We remember centuries of hopeful expecta-



tion for the Messiah. We too look forward to the promise and wonder of Jesus.

In Advent, we adorn our celebrations with the colours blue or purple and count down

the season with the symbols of wreaths and calendars. Create space

for some quiet family time each week. In this way we focus our hearts and minds on the coming of Jesus.

### Christmas: Season of God's Presence



Emmanuel, God with us, Jesus, has come to earth. We are joyful and grateful yet again for the generosity of a loving God. In songs, prayers, and family celebrations we rejoice in the promise of God made manifest.

In Christmas, we celebrate with white to indicate light. Jesus, the light of the world, has come to us. We use the symbol of the crèche to remind us of the wonderful story and we light the white Christ candle to honour the One who blesses us.

### Calling all Kids:

We will be supporting a different program this Advent season called Golden Years. Founded by seniors in 1990, this non-profit corporation provides and delivers wholesome meals on various holidays to 7 Illinois counties with low income residents over the age of 65. This year, Golden Years projects to deliver an estimated 4,400 Christmas meals to qualifying seniors in their homes in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, Winnebago, Boon and Kendall counties. Golden Years also supplies important social interaction to these seniors during what can be lonely and difficult times.

This season, the money we raise will purchase Christmas meals, but how will we know how many meals we have provided? That's where the turkey on our poster comes in. For every dollar donated, you can place a feather on the turkey. Five feathers of the same color means a senior will have a meal delivered to their home. Bring your donation to church, and meet us in

the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary. You can place your money in the basket and put a feather or feathers on our turkey! Let's make our turkey bright and full so that we can bring a bit of holiday cheer to an elderly person in need!



WHAT: Sr. High Christmas Party  
WHEN: December 16 3:30 – 5:30

WHERE: LaserQuest in Arlington Heights

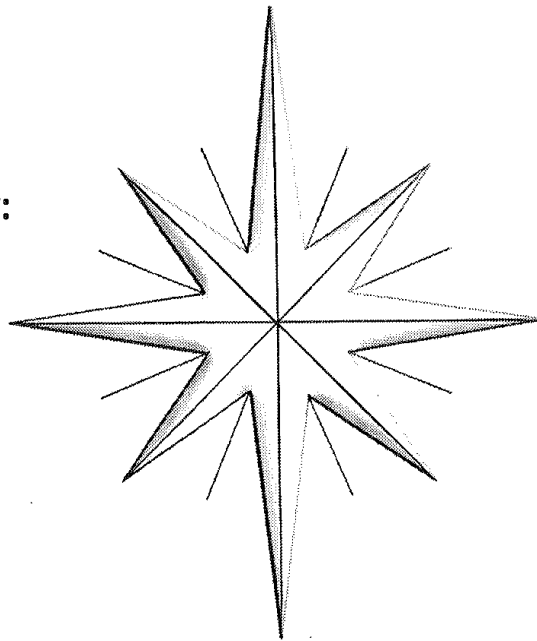
We will play 3 games, have pizza and pop and play a variety of Christmas games (with prizes!), so brush up on your Christmas knowledge. Watch mail for details

### Season after the Epiphany: Season of Light

This is the season of showing forth. God is here, is revealed in the presence of Jesus as he grows and teaches us to live in God's way. Our stories include those of his baptism, the calling of his disciples, and the showing forth of God's infinite mercy and love.

We too are called to action, to show forth the power of God in our lives. The light of God shows us the way.

On the Day of Epiphany, we celebrate with white to remind us of the light of Christ. During the weeks that follow, the Season after the



Epiphany, we turn to green to remind us of our continued growth in the Spirit. The symbol of the star pulls us into Epiphany, the sign for the magi that something momentous had happened. The star calls us also to follow, to become children of light.

## Music

### DECEMBER 9, 4:00 P.M. Belle Voce Concert

Bella Voce, Chicago's premier a cappella vocal ensemble, will present a series of holiday and spring concerts, as well as a gala fundraiser. **Andrew Lewis**, Bella Voce's artistic director, will conduct. Andrew is the husband of our Music Director, Kirsten Hedegaard.

The ensemble will present a concert at The Presbyterian Church of Barrington on Sunday, December 9 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the concert.

The mission of Bella Voce is to entertain, inspire, and educate through the performance of choral chamber music. We are committed to giving historically informed, professionally polished performances in original languages, and to keeping the art of polyphonic, a cappella singing alive and flourishing. Bella Voce places a special emphasis on bringing little-known pieces and neglected composers to our audiences. Our wide-ranging repertoire includes a cappella literature of the mid- and late-twentieth

century, works commissioned from American composers, and sacred music of the Renaissance and Baroque eras.

Bella Voce performs traditional and contemporary, sacred, and secular choral music that inspires and exhilarates its audiences. The stellar choral group honors the traditions that won it so many admirers and supporters over the years. It also expands and explores new repertoire, and strives to attract new audiences and new sources of financial support.

The December concert will feature Luminous a cappella gems from the Baltic and beyond.

Discover holiday choral music that amazes, delights, moves, and inspires.

Program centerpieces include Einojuhani Rautavaara's *Magnificat*, a virtuosic display of vocal athleticism and startlingly gorgeous harmonies; and Arvo Pärt's *O Antiphons*, which evoke the realm of the infinite. Also featured: charming homages to Mary and revelatory reworkings of traditional favorites.

### 2nd annual Messiah Sing-Along!

On December 2nd at 4:00, our church will present a sing-along production of Handel's masterpiece The Messiah, as a part of our "Sundays-at-Four" concert series. The concert is free, but donations will be accepted to benefit the Humboldt Park Social Services and everyone is encouraged to bring a food pantry item.

The concert will include professional instrumentalists and vocalists performing "Part I" of The Messiah as well as an opening presentation by our own Children's Choir singing Advent and Christmas music. Members of the audience are encouraged to sing along for all of the Messiah choruses, but there will be plenty of seating for those who would rather sit and listen. Children are also welcome to sit quietly in the choir loft and listen to part of the concert.

During the concert there will be Advent crafts and activities for the children, and the nursery will be open for babies and toddlers. Following the concert will be the annual Advent Dinner in the fellowship hall.

Please bring a score if you have one, or if not, you may purchase one at the door. This concert is a great opportunity to invite people in the community to visit The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, so invite your friends and neighbors. Hope to see (and hear!) many of you on the 2nd!

## Music for December

### December 2

Anthem: Zion hört die Wächter singen Johann Sebastian Bach

Offertory: Thou Shalt Know Him Mark Sirett

Communion: O Bone Jesu Giovanni Palestrina

### December 9

Anthem: Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming Robert Scholz

Offertory: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus arr. Susan Geschke

Bell Choir

### December 16

Anthem: Hope for Resolution Paul Caldwell

Offertory: Magnificat Taize

### December 23

Anthem: Recit: Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive

Air/Chorus: O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion

from Messiah George Friedrich Handel

Offertory: O Come O Come Emmanuel arr. David Willcocks

### December 24

Lessons and Carols with choir, bells and brass, 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Traditional Candlelight Service with soloists and brass, 11:00 p.m.

### December 31

Anthem: Coventry Carol Traditional

Offertory: Psalm 148 Ned Rorem

## Chancel Guild

### Chancel Guild Holiday Decorations



As the holidays approach, the Chancel Guild invites you to help sponsor the church's beautiful Christmas decorations.

If you would like to donate to our Christmas fund, please fill out this form and send it with your check to the church office by December 13. Make the check payable to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, memo "Christmas decorations".

Name of donor(s)

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication for the Christmas Eve Bulletin

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## Church Administration

### Year End Contributions



If you'd like to increase your tax deduction for 2007, remember that any donation received by the close of the calendar year can be allocated to your 2007 pledge, a prepayment of your 2008 pledge,

or ear-marked for the building fund or any of our church missions. Below are some critical deadlines to keep in mind as **our business office is closed on December 26, and also closes at noon on December 31.**

If you would like to make a stock contribution before year-end, contact your broker well before **Christmas** as most brokerage firms need at least a few days of lead time to process your request, and with the holidays, there will be delays. Remember to inform your broker that the Church has a account with E\*TRADE Financial. If you tend to do this at the end of each year, make sure the instructions you use list E\*TRADE as our broker and not HarrisDirect. Up-to-date instructions are available by contacting our church office.

To help you ensure that your giving is tax deductible for 2007, donations must be postmarked by Monday, December 31 (per the IRS), in the collection basket at the 9am service on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> (note there's only one service that day!), or hand delivered to the church office by noon on New Year's eve, 12/31. If your donation will be via credit card or direct debit to your bank account, make sure to log on to "E-giving" via the church website at [www.pcbarrington.org](http://www.pcbarrington.org) and complete your transaction by midnight on 12/31. If you will need assistance with your credit card or donation, you must contact Patty Griffin in the church office by noon on 12/31.

### Financial Report

For the 10 months ended October 31, 2007

	Actual	Budget	Annual
	YTD	YTD	Budget
Pledges	\$387,989	\$392,000	\$509,632
Prepaid pledges	89,375	89,375	107,250
OpenPlate	22,345	32,400	40,000
Misc receipts	5,215	9,165	10,000
Holiday giving	3,016	5,000	10,000
Est Shortfall			38,092
	<u>\$507,940</u>	<u>\$527,940</u>	<u>\$714,974</u>

## Worship Schedule

- Dec. 2** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*Sleepers, Awake!*  
Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14;  
Matthew 24:36-44.
- Dec. 9** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*An Invitation to Dream*  
Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans  
15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.
- Dec. 16** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*An Invitation to Hope*  
Readings: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10;  
Matthew 11:2-11.
- Dec. 23** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 9:00 a.m.  
*Believing the Impossible*  
Readings: Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-  
7; Matthew 1:18-25.
- Dec. 30** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 9:00 a.m.  
*Back To Normal*  
Readings: Isaiah 63:7-8; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18;  
Matthew 2:13-23.

**Deadline for the January *Carillon* is Noon on December 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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