



# The Carillon

## January, 2003

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

### Welcome to the Church Officers, Class of 2005

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**O**n October 27, the slate of Officers for the Class of 2005 and the Nominating Committee members for 2003 were elected. On January 16, the new Elders and Deacons will be Ordained and/or Installed at the 9:00 a.m. service and the Trustees will be installed at the 11:00 a.m. service. Please welcome and support the following people who have agreed to serve in these important positions.



**Elders:** Flo Babos, John Bosarge, Peter M. Brown, Leonora Burkhart, Bob Florio, Angie Smith, James Wilson;

**Trustees:** Betsy Davis, James Dugan, Brant Lieske, Peter Martin.

**Deacons:** Tom Burke, Mark Layne, Ralph Menick, Margarete Rice. Two more Deacons will be elected.

**Clerk of Session:** The nominee, to be elected by Session, is George Landes Jr.

**Nominating Committee** for 2003: Jeff Anderson, Larry Bradley, Marla Florio, Laura Semmen.

On **January 26**, the Annual Meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. You will receive a copy of the Annual Report prior to the meeting. The achievements of the past year will be reviewed and plans for the coming year will be presented. This is an important part of the life of our congregation; please read the report and plan to attend the meeting.

**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.***

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we enter 2003, we face great challenges at The Presbyterian Church of Barrington. In fact, after the conflicts and anxieties of the 2002 Christmas season, we may well appear to be a handful of Christians shuffling through worship and praising God with heavy hearts and whispering to ourselves: "Is there hope?" I would ask each of you to reflect upon this parable.

There was once a famous monastery, a place where monks lived together, which had fallen on hard times. Formerly, its magnificent buildings were filled with young priests and monks, and its big sanctuary resounded with the sound of singing and the organ. Now it was nearly deserted. A handful of monks shuffled through the cloisters and praised God with heavy hearts.

On the edge of the monastery's property, an old Jewish rabbi built a small hut in the woods. He would come there from time to time to fast and pray. No one ever spoke with him, but whenever he appeared, the word would be passed from monk to monk, "The Rabbi walks in the woods."

One day, the head of the community, the Abbott, decided to seek out the rabbi, open his heart about the bad conditions at the monastery, and seek advice. The old rabbi welcomed him, invited him into his hut, and motioned him to sit down on one of the two chairs that flanked the table in the middle of the room. The two men sat quietly for some time, looking at the open scriptures on the table. Finally, the rabbi lifted his eyes and said, "You have come to ask a teaching of me? I will give you a teaching, but you can only repeat it once. After that, no one must ever say it aloud again." The wise old rabbi looked straight at the Abbott and said, "The Messiah, the Christ is among you." For a while, all was silent, and then the rabbi said, "Now you must go." The Abbott left without a word and without looking back.

The next day, after Morning Prayer, the Abbott told the gathered monks about his visit to the rabbi. "But," he warned, "The teaching is only to be spoken once, never again." Then, after scanning the faces of each of the monks, he said, "The rabbi told me that the Messiah, the Christ is among us." The brothers were startled by this. "What can this mean?" they asked themselves. "Is it Brother John, or Father Matthew, Brother Thomas? Am I the Messiah? What can this mean?"

Although puzzled by the rabbi's teaching, as time went by the monks began to treat one another with a very special reverence. There was a gentle, caring quality about them which was hard to describe, but easy to notice. The big sanctuary began to be filled the sound of enthusiastic singing and grand organ music. People came from far and near to be nourished by prayer life of the monks. Visitors were deeply moved by what they saw, and felt, and heard. Quite a change came over the monks when they believed that Christ was present among them.

Isn't it amazing what happens when people discover that Christ is present among them? Christ is alive, and well, and living among us! Look around you! See Christ here and there! Worship him! Offer your gifts to him! Live your lives according to his love!

Pax,  
**Curt Baxter**

## Church Administration

### Session

Notes from Session Meetings on November 25, and December 16, 2002.

The **Amen(d) Ball** was held on Saturday, November 23, 2002. One hundred members attended; final profit was \$20,382 from ticket sales, donations, and events held that evening. The Trustees will use these donations to make visible repairs to the church facility

**All Committee Planning Meeting:** Saturday, January 11, 2003, at 9 a.m., for the purpose of coordinating schedules for ministers' time and room availability. A member from each committee must be in attendance.

**Elder Retreat:** January 4, 2003, from 8 a.m. – 12 noon at church.

**Financial** – Income was down \$29,583 on a year-to-date basis. Expenses are now at \$19,000 year-to-date.

**Deacons** - the Board of Deacons for 2003 to include a restructuring of the Board into "Parishes." These will be set up alphabetically with each Parish Leader being a Deacon in their third year of service. There will be training at each meeting for the Deacons.

**Board of Trustees** – Steve Fish gave a slide presentation regarding the Technical Assessment Report from Legat Architects. The five steps taken were: Create a road map for project management, Determine necessary funds, Anticipate future maintenance needs, Avoid out-of-sequence projects, Determine priorities. The Categories of Evaluation are: Life Safety, Prevention Maintenance, Maintenance/Repair, Facility/Program Improvement, Visual Improvements.

Building use requests must be run through the Trustees, who will report to Session.

**Staff report** - The Senior High Retreat was successful and a plan is underway for a junior high retreat in January. There will be a Synod-wide appeal for a high school junior/senior and college freshmen/sophomore retreat in the future

**Personnel Committee:** Session accepted with regret the resignations of Jeff Horvath and Brigid Cantagallo.

**Communications** – this committee is looking at near-term and long-term issues to be discussed.

### Trustees

Notes from Trustees Meeting on November 11, 2002.

**The December meeting** will be held at the home of Steve Fish on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**Financial** -Kurt Andersen and Greg Dowell reviewed the business/bank procedures for the last year. Bank statements and transactions were reviewed – making sure entries tracked appropriately. Bank reconciliation using the computer was reviewed. Internal controls for the weekly mail was also addressed (i.e. separation of duties).

**Stewardship:** Status of the ongoing pledge drive was reported. Thus far, 237 pledging units have pledged (332 pledged last year) a total of \$596,728 - the target is \$750,000 (an increase of 10%). Of those cards in, 140 have increased their pledge, 67 kept it the same, and 22 have decreased their pledge.

**Bids for snow removal.** Two bids were received. The contract was awarded to Sheets, there was no increase in price from Sheets from the previous year. It was recommended that the request for bids be put out earlier in the year next year.

**Computers:** The final step to the replacement of the computers and software in the office was the need to update the computer usage policy, for the future. The Church will contract with Steve Unangst for the next 6 months, not to exceed \$1,200/month (approx. 15 hours per month) to handle the maintenance of the system to ensure the system is handled properly. Wendy Bower will write up a service policy contract.

**New Business:** Jack Swenson is developing a web site for the Church. A logo design was being worked on, communications funds to be used.

### Financial Report, Operating Fund Period Ending November 30, 2002

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Contributions	637,731	659,280
Other income	<u>8,829</u>	<u>16,010</u>
Total	646,560	675,290
Expenses	<u>622,397</u>	<u>670,352</u>
Net Income	24,163	4,938

## Barrington Presbyterian Women



### Guidepost Sweater Project

The New Year finds sweaters finished and awaiting shipment from Barrington Presbyterian Church to the Guideposts Children's Project headquarters in New York. The New Year also finds children's sweaters here in various stages of construction. All will soon be finished and sent to New York. These wonderfully warm and colorful sweaters will be distributed world wide to children in need. Some will even warm children in Chicago as well as South Dakota and points beyond.

Our Needlework Group has had so much fun watching everyone's yarn magically become such cute sweaters. You too can experience this satisfaction, and fellowship. What better way to begin the New Year? If you need help learning or just a refresher lesson there are willing teachers. We recently had one of our faithful, curious pastors drop by for a quick lesson. And he completed a perfect stitch after only moments of instruction. We are all proud of him!

Both morning (9:30) and evening (7:30) groups are now meeting the second Tuesday of each month. January 14 is the next meeting date. No time for one more meeting a month? You can knit/crochet your sweaters at home. For information call **Judy Carlson or Ruth Shepard**.

### January 9 Meeting

Come at 10:15 a.m. for coffee; the meeting starts at 10:30 a.m. Bring any BPW photos to share. We will have luncheon following the meeting. Current Board members are asked to bring a salad or dessert; the main dish will be provided. We invite former Board members to attend as our guests and to share memories of BPW. Call **Susan Raaths** no later than January 6<sup>th</sup> to reserve a space and indicate what you will bring.

### Book Club

The next meeting will be held on January 16 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of **Alice Buchholz**; please RSVP to Alice if you plan to attend. The book is Blessings by Anna Quindlen. Please note that the library will not have reserved copies this month.

### Women's Retreat 2003

Don't forget to mark your 2003 Calendars and reserve April 4-6 for the BPW Women's Retreat in Williams Bay, WI. This year's retreat promises to be another wonderful opportunity for personal and spiritual growth. Rev. Christine Chakoian, Retreat Leader, is presenting the program "Mother Teresa, Martha Stewart and Me". This week-end is an unforgettable experience. Brochures will soon be available.

For more information, call **Judy Carlson**.

### Angels In Our Midst

We want to sincerely thank all of the angelic volunteers who donated their time and treasures to make this year's BPW Christmas Benefit so successful. It could not have been done without you! To sense the Christian love, warmth, togetherness, sense of purpose, and joy of all involved was truly wonderful. We thank you from the "tips of our wings". Sue Kosobud and Susan Raaths

### Valentine Care Packs

Each February the BPW packs and sends special "care packages" to our kids who are away from home at college or in the military. We ask volunteers to bake cookies or other goodies, or donate small snacks (candies, trail mix) or Valentine gifts (50 of each item). Please package items individually for the 50 boxes we send. Please contact **Nancy Nadig** or **Pam Schiewe** if you wish to make a donation.

**Parents:** If you would like a care package sent to your child, please bring, mail, fax (847-381-6465) or email to Bonnie your child's current address before the end of January.

The Valentine Care Packs will be packed following the BPW meeting on February the 6<sup>th</sup>, at about 10:45A.M. (You are also most welcome at the BPW meeting, which begins at 9:15.) All are welcome to help pack and post the care packs. This is a fun group project

## Deacons

### Hospitality Changes in January

In collaboration with the Worship, Fellowship, Membership and Outreach and all Christian Education Committees, the Deacons are modifying the between and after service fellowship hours.

Beginning in January, the first and last Sundays will be Fellowship Sundays, with coffee and conversation in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 – 10:50 am. Hosts will be representatives of the various governance and ministry groups within our congregation. This time will offer opportunities for each of us to learn more about the ministries supported by our congregation as well as how we can participate in that support. Members who traditionally attend the 11:00 service are invited to join this new fellowship time. Reminder: On January 5, there is one service at 10:00 a.m.

The second and third Sundays will be devoted to Adult Christian Education programs in Fellowship Hall. Coffee and refreshments will be served in the Parlor. Activities and refreshments for children are planned in the lower level in order to allow parents to attend the Christian Education programs.

Months with 5 Sundays will feature special programming or coffee and conversation. Watch the weekly bulletin and the calendar in the Carillon for up-to-date information.

## Fellowship

### Card Party

The Fellowship Committee is proud to sponsor the annual Winter Fellowship Card Party at Hackney's in Lake Zurich. Mark your calendar for an evening of fun and fellowship on Saturday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm. There are wonderful prizes for the winning teams. Individuals, couples or tables may sign-up. Friends and family that are non-members of the church are also welcome. You don't need to be card shark to play – it is easier than the game of Hearts! Sign-ups begin after services in Fellowship Hall on January 12th. The cost is \$24 per person. Questions? Contact **Katie or Kevin Kosobud**.

### Amen(d) Ball

Thanks to all those who both attended and/or contributed funds towards the Amen(d) Ball. The evening was a glorious success and raised over \$20,000 to start much needed repairs at the church. Look for recovered sofas and new commodes to come.

Thanks, in particular, to those who worked so hard to make the evening successful: Pam Anderson, Barb Brinkman, Julie Brown, Liz Brown, Rebecca Carlberg, Anne Garrette, Laura Lieske, Kathy Martin, Karen Moratz, Anita Novara, Susan Raaths, Kathy Weidner, and Jane Zimmer.

To quote, "We cannot do everything at once, but we can do something at once." This is a great start!  
Melissa Dawson, Chair

## Thank You

We extend a heartfelt thank you to all who donated food for the Thanksgiving food drive and to the 18 volunteers who helped pack the Thanksgiving food bags at Christopher House. Approximately 165 food bags were distributed to Christopher House, San Marcos and the Carpentersville FISH Pantry. Many thanks also to those who donated items for the Christopher House bazaar and who set up and worked at the bazaar. The Adopt-A-Family program was enormously successful; 75 families were "adopted" by generous members of our church family. The families received their gifts on December 14. In addition, \$2,000 was donated for gifts to be purchased by Christopher House. Your generosity to the 51 young people at San Marcos Youth Ministry was wonderful, as they all received lovely gifts and had a good time shopping. Thank you to all who donated to, organized, worked at or participated in these projects. You have shown that we are a welcoming, caring family of faith.

## Christian Education

### Adult Education Schedule Winter 2003

Adult Education will present the following speakers at 10:15. Mark your calendars and plan to stay after the 9:00 service or come early if you are an 11:00 attendee.

**January 12** – Alexander E. Sharp, Executive Director of Protestants for the Common Good, will speak about the intersection of faith and public issues, the place of faith in public policy debate and how Christians can respond to the call to love God and neighbor.

**January 19** - Robert Reynolds, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Chicago will discuss what's new in the Presbytery and provide insight into what happens at the Presbytery level of Church government.

**February 9** - Professor Ogbu Kalu of McCormick Seminary will present an overview of the development of the Christian Church in Africa.

**February 16**- Lorrie Baldwin, an ordained minister and recently returned missionary, will discuss her experiences in the Congo.

**March 9** – Professor Ken Sawyer of McCormick Seminary will discuss the history and current status of Reformed worship.

**March 16** - “Disciple” informational program. Learn about the specifics of this exciting new ministry beginning at our Church in the Autumn of 2003. “Disciple” is a 34 week intensive study program that will cover all the books of the Bible.

**April 13** – If you missed the program on March 16, this will be another opportunity to investigate the Disciple program. Signup will begin in May.

### Children's Education While The Parents Are At Adult Education

During Adult Education upstairs, your children will be offered either computer aided education or videos on Biblical heroes downstairs. We are looking for a stalwart group of 6 who will rotate supervision of the video room and serving of snacks. If you like to cheer as Goliath eats dirt, please contact **Pam Anderson**.

### WNL

Watch the bulletin and your mail box for information on the new round of great programs, songs, games and dinners starting January 15. Mission is the word!

### Youth Mission Trip 2003

**8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade June 14 – 22, 2003**  
**Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church,**  
**Lexington, KY**

The Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church was initially conceived in 1888 as an opportunity to extend its ministry in the growing city of Lexington. Maxwell Street has long been an inner-city church which provides space for mission activities, work camps and shelter ministries. They house an early care center for children of low-income families, a workshop in which members make toys for underprivileged youth and transitional housing for families in need of temporary housing.

This mission opportunity may include work projects like preparing meals in the homeless shelter, working at the food bank, working with needy children and occasional light carpentry.

Cost is \$350.00 which includes most meals, transportation by bus, as well as housing in an air-conditioned 1850's antebellum mansion (bunk beds).

Interested? Want to know how to join the group for a chance to seek Christian responsibility by exploring the problems of poverty and homelessness in an inner city while participating in relief-providing programs? Contact **John Bosarge** or **Melissa Hansche, 847-381-0975**. Watch your mail and the bulletin for more details

### Presbytery/Synod Retreats

**7th and 8th Grade Winter Retreat**  
**January 31 – February 2, 2002**  
**East Bay Camp**  
**Bloomington, IL**

Here's what you can expect:

- ☀ An awesome weekend with your friends and a chance to meet a lot of other junior high'ers
- ☀ An incredible camp with lots of great games and fun activities (pack a swimsuit)
- ☀ More fun than you thought could fit into one weekend

Our speaker and musician is Jeff Pearson, a singer/songwriter from Nashville, TN. He is an enthusiastic retreat leader and an all around great guy!

Cost: \$70. Sign-up deadline: January 10.

## Adult Christian Education Welcomes DISCIPLE

*If you make my word your home you will indeed be my disciples.* -  
John 8:31

Over the next few months we hope to explain this exciting new scripture study program to you. DISCIPLE is an enhancement to our existing honorarium lecture program. We will launch our first three classes in the autumn of 2003.

DISCIPLE program is a 34-week bible study modeled after Jesus and the twelve. The classes are small with 12 students each lead by a trained facilitator. DISCIPLE assumes that people are hungry for the word of God, for fellowship in prayer and study, and for a sense of appropriate ministry as baptized, believing, committed Christians. Disciple making and Christian nurturing are its goals. Participants will become better Sunday school teachers, better parents, better choir members, better church officers, and will be inspired as well as informed by scripture.

DISCIPLE gives Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God. The program aims at transformation, not just information. Participants submit themselves to examination by Scripture, to put themselves under the power of God's word. DISCIPLE invites persons to bring their experiences and struggles to Scripture. It draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible with video presentations to supplement the student study manuals. Participants need to commit to daily reading assignments along with Scripture readings. Commentary and questions are provided in the manuals for reflection.

In the very near future we will distribute red DISCIPLE information booklets to each member family for review. The history of the DISCIPLE program goes back to 1986 at its inception in Flower Mound, Texas. There have been the additions of advanced modules and translations of DISCIPLE from English into Korean, German, Chinese, Spanish and Swiss. Classes have been conducted from Canada to Australia. We look forward to the day when we can offer you at Barrington Presbyterian some of these other DISCIPLE courses: *Into the Word (Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts)*,

*Remember Who You Are (The Prophets and Paul's letters), and Under the Tree of Life (Old Testament books not in the Torah or the Prophets, The Gospel of John, and Revelation).*

Dr. Curt Baxter and Becky Bosarge will attend the three-day mandatory facilitator training classes this summer. Facilitators will guide students through sixteen sessions on the Old Testament, one session on the intertestamental period, and fifteen sessions on the New Testament. The final two sessions are reserved for identifying future leaders and for the celebration of Holy Communion. We are still looking for a third layperson facilitator. If you would like to make inquiries about teaching, please contact **Becky Bosarge**. We are planning registration for the first three classes to take place in May 2003. Keep your eyes and ears open for more details about times, places, and course fees. For those of you with internet access, you can find out more about DISCIPLE by logging onto [www.cokesbury.com/services/news/1998\\_sum/past\\_present\\_future.asp](http://www.cokesbury.com/services/news/1998_sum/past_present_future.asp)

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### Congratulations to:

**Mike and Vicky Engfer** on the birth of Christian Lee on November 29, 2002.

### Condolences to:...

The family of **Charles Boand**. Charles, who died on December 6, 2002, was a charter member of the church and former Clerk of Session.

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### Chancel Guild

The Chancel Guild wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the festive decorations, which adorned our church this Advent season. Special thanks to our sexton, Peter Schmidt, for his help placing the Christmas trees and wreaths and doing many other jobs. We hope you are pleased with the lovely magnolia leaf and fruit wreaths and garlands, swags and decorated trees. We are grateful for the opportunity to use our talents to enhance your worship experience.

## Worship Schedule

- Jan. 5** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 10:00 a.m.  
*Home By Another Way*  
Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.
- Jan. 12** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
*Every Creature is Full of God*  
Readings: Genesis 1; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.
- Jan. 19** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
*Life is Difficult*  
Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 137; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.
- Jan. 26** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.  
*On Being Sure of a Few Things*  
Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

**Thank You** to those who have helped to assemble the Carillon so faithfully: Betty and Wayne Tegeder, Jack and Jinny Train, Mary and Jack Kerkhof.



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