

The Carillon

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

A welcoming, caring, family of faith

ChristCare Small Group Ministry, Caring Hearts-Faithful Servants

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We are excited to report that the inaugural groups of our ChristCare Small Group Ministry will begin forming this month. Each will be an open group, welcoming anyone who desires to join. The groups will meet on a regular basis and will offer fellowship, outward missional service, prayer and worship, and focused Bible study. Each, though, offers a slightly different focus.



Bob Florio's group will focus on regular service to the hungry and the homeless. People who are already involved in working with the hungry and homeless and those who would like to get involved for the first time are encouraged to join this group. The group expects to build a strong sense of community, supporting each group member with prayer and Bible study as they pursue this important ministry.

Lukass Franklin's group will focus on living a productive Christian life despite the daily suffering caused by chronic, debilitating diseases. This group is open to both sufferers and their care givers, and members will support each other through their individual needs with the aid of Bible study, prayer and worship, with the goal of providing meaningful Christian service to others as a group.

Gerry Nadig's group will focus on being a vital and productive member of the community during the transition of retirement. This group will be open to people who are several years from retirement through those who have been retired for several years. The group will also be involved in the missional work of preparing and providing meals to those members of our community who are in need. His group will enjoy the fellowship that is brought about by participating in this Christian service. (Continued on Page 5.)

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 December Carillon and Gerry Nadig for taking it to the Post Office.

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is your favorite hymn? The truth is that I have many favorites when it comes to hymns —one is “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” written by Rev. Isaac Watts in 1719. I know the words so I can sing it without looking at a hymnal. In fact, I notice many of

you in our congregation singing “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past,” “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” or other hymns by heart. Some of my favorites are in the blue hymnal, some are the red hymnal, and some are in the green hymnal. The green hymnal was published in 1933. The red hymnal was published in 1955. Since those times, dozens of other hymnals have been published including the blue Presbyterian hymnal, published in 1990. None of them contain every hymn that I like to sing, but between them, we have a rich tapestry of some of the best loved hymns of all time. For example, the green hymnal does not include “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” or “Amazing Grace” as the blue hymnal does. But the blue hymnal does not include “I Love to Tell the Story” and “Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult” as the red and green hymnals do.

Some of the hymns in the 1955 red hymnal and the 1933 green hymnal utilize language that many people find problematic. The last stanza of “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (#21 in the red hymnal and #5 in the green hymnal) is a case in point: “Father love is reigning o’er us, Brother love binds man to man.” Many of us on the Ministry Team and in the congregation prefer the words of the blue hymnal (#464) for that stanza: “Love divine is reigning o’er us, joining all in Heaven’s plan.” Hymn texts are a matter of individual preference and can spark heated debate! (Some women prefer the words of the green hymnal to “Joyful, Joyful” and some men prefer the words in the blue hymnal!) I like having the option of singing from all three hymnals to meet the needs of our increasingly diverse congregation. Thus, our Worship Committee and Ministry Team like the idea using hymns from all three Presbyterian hymnals as well as from other denominational hymnals when appropriate in order to give our worship services more depth and meaning. Our ultimate goal in all of this is to sing hymns with joy and enthusiasm in praise to God from whom all blessings flow!

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

Slate of Officers, Class of 2008

Elders:

Jack Raaths: Jack has been a church member for 18 years and has served as an Elder, on the Stewardship Committee and as Usher Coordinator.

Matt Batt: Matt has been a church member for 2 years and has served on the Communications, Fellowship and the Spiritual Engagement Committees.

Bill Nelson: Bill has been a church member for 15 years and has served as a Deacon, played on the church softball team and served on the Youth Committee.

Linda Neton: Linda has been a church member for 20 years and has served as a Deacon, has held numerous positions on the BPW board, is in the Bell choir, on the Music Search Committee and is a Stephen Minister.

Owen Heath: Owen has been a church member for 22 years and has served as an Elder and Trustee and on the Mission and Personnel Committees.

Don Minner: Don has been a church member for 23 years and has served as an Elder and Deacon and on the Stewardship Committee and on all of the Christian Education Committees.

Eric Enskat: Eric has been a church member for 15 years and has served as a Deacon, Usher, and on numerous committees; he has been a youth mission team leader for 3 years.

Deacons:

Dale Smith: Dale has been a church member for 1 ½ years and is in the Disciple class and is responsible for putting our Sunday services on the website.

Sigrid Ross: Sigrid has been a church member for 1 year; this is her first term as an officer.

Mark Layne: Mark has been a church member for 3 years and is currently a Deacon. He has served on the Fellowship and Nominating Committees, Men's

Fellowship Group, Habitat for Humanity and Extended Communion Server.

Joan Wolfgram: Joan has been a church member for 17 years and has served as a Deacon and on the BPW board.

Diane Svanson: Diane has been a church member for 8 years; this is her first term as an officer.

Laura Lieske: Laura has been a church member for 8 years and a member of GTIF. This is her first term as an officer.

Trustees:

Bill Buchta: Bill has been a church member for 35 years and has served as a Trustee and Elder (Clerk of Session.)

Dave Glantz: Dave has been a church member for 18 years and has served as a Deacon.

Don Arndtsen: Don has been a church member for 25 years and has served as an Elder and Usher, on the Mission, Stewardship and Directory Committees.

Evelyn Cole: Evelyn has been a church member for 3 years and has served as an Usher.

David Nelson, Class of 2007 to replace Bob Weidner: Dave has been a church member for 11 years, is an usher and has served on the stewardship and photo directory committees

2006 members at large for the Nominating Committee:

Tom Grafton, Helen Pollock, Art Marcussen, Kathy Larson, Sue Kosobud.

Elders and Deacons will be ordained and installed at the 9:00 a.m. service on January 22. Trustees will be installed at the 11:00 a.m. service on January 22. The thanks of the congregation is extended to all those who have agreed to serve in these vital positions.

Barrington Presbyterian Women



January Meeting

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

Morning Bible Study

BPW Bible Study meets the first Wednesday of each month. On January 4, we'll study Lesson 5. Books are still available in the office 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**.

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**.

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

Each year in 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. If you would like to help, we ask for monetary donations to defray the cost of mailing the 50 Care Packs. We 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.

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 by Monday, January 30, 2006. The Care Packs will be sent out Thursday, February 2, 2006. If you have any questions, please call **Nancy Nadig, Donna Sculley, or Angie Smith**.

BPW Retreat

The ladies on the BPW Women's Retreat Committee invite you to consider the gift of a Spiritual Retreat for yourself and your loved ones. This year's retreat is here at church, with the hopes that the closer location and lower cost opens up this path for spiritual growth and renewal for more of the women at the church. Women aged 18 and older are invited. The retreat starts on Friday evening, March 10 at 7:00 p.m., and resumes on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. We will complete our time of having fun, building relationships with one another, and growing and renewing our spiritual selves by 4:00 p.m. And the cost? Just \$35 including breakfast and lunch.

Please prayerfully consider if this is the year to join us on the BPW Spiritual Retreat. Sign up begins on January 29th after both services. OR Clip out this form and mail it with your \$35 payment to Angie Smith..

Yes! I'll be at the 2006 BPW Retreat!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Questions? Ask anyone who has been on a retreat, especially the retreat committee members: Becky Bosarge, Laura Burke, Rebecca Carlberg, Mari Franklin, Nancy Nadig, Sigrid Ross, Debbie Schaeffer, Marge Slocum, Angie Smith, Karen Tobin

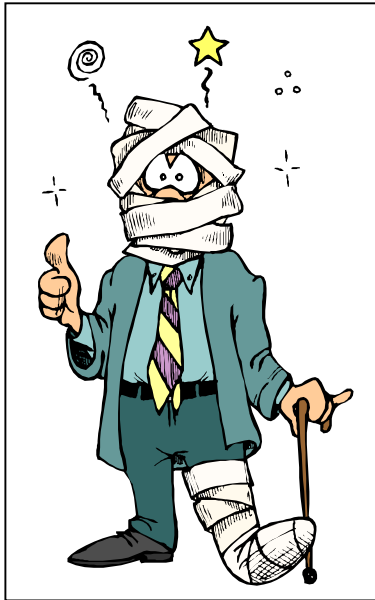
Scholarships are available. Please contact **Rev. Dan Spike, 847-381-0975** for details.

Stephen Ministry

Do You Notice My Pain?

If someone staggered toward you with bandages on his head and his leg, and blood dripping from the wound, you would probably recognize that the person might be in massive physical pain. Admittedly, a bandaged head is pretty obvious!

But, around you every day are people who have been hurt with wounds of loss and heartache - can you see their pain? Just because a person is not bleeding - is not crying out in pain - does not mean that his wound is any less severe.



To the man with the bandaged head it is unlikely that you would say, "Don't feel bad, at least your arms are okay" and just keep walking past him. More likely, you would say, "My gosh, you must be in terrible pain. Let me help you!"

This is what we are called to do: notice another's pain and offer help.

Offer words of sympathy and concern.

Too often we hear 'advice' to the injured one or admonitions to 'keep a stiff upper lip'.

Too often we hear suggestions made to the suffering person that she should be thankful that things aren't worse than they are.

So... here's how you can help! Look for people who have been wounded, even if it is not readily visible. Then offer comfort. Offer care and kindness by suggesting Stephen Ministry.

If you recognize a person who needs the one-on-one confidential care and support of a trained Stephen Minister, call **Linda McGurer, Marge Slocum, Curt Baxter or Dan Spike, 847-381-0975.**

ChristCare



(Continued from Page 1.) These groups clearly 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. We encourage you to consider the possibilities for this ministry in your life. If you are interested in one of these groups, please call the group leader: **Bob Florio, Lukass Franklin or Gerry Nadig.**

If you are seeking general information about ChristCare, have an idea for another type of group, or are interested in becoming a trained group leader, please call one of the ChristCare Equippers: **Chip Kyle, Dan Spike, 847-381-0975; or Karen Tobin.**

Christian Education

DISCIPL

Now is the time to begin thinking about nurturing your spiritual growth and equipping yourselves for ministry through *DISCIPL*.

Next month, we will announce the class offerings for 2006-2007. But to whet your appetite, let me remind you of what *DISCIPL* is all about.

DISCIPL assumes that people are hungry for the word of God, for fellowship in prayer and study, and for a sense of appropriate ministry.

DISCIPL will be the foundation for any ministry of which you are a part and will nourish your commitment to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

DISCIPL is a commitment among a small group of people to meet once a week, to read and reflect on Scripture, to support each other in learning and prayer.

DISCIPL is about transformation, not just information. In any *DISCIPL* study, there is an emphasis on taking what we learn, personalizing it, and changing and growing as disciples. The study of Scripture both comforts and challenges us.

DISCIPL is about coming to know God more deeply, to know ourselves in relationship to Him, and to serve in ways that reflect our commitment to His purposes.

Sixty people in our congregation have completed or are currently in *DISCIPL* 1 and 17 people are currently in *DISCIPL* 2. If you asked them, I think they would tell you that disciplined Bible study through a small group has been one of the most significant activities in their spiritual lives. Please pray about whether or not this is the time to participate in this unique, wonderful opportunity.

Becky Bosarge, *DISCIPL* Coordinator

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

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

Below are the dates for the continuation of our video course series with Linda Long as our facilitator:

January 22: The Acts of the Apostles

January 29: Paul - the Man, the Mission, and the Modus Operandi

February 5: Paul and the Crises of His Church - First Corinthians

A New Series

February 12 and 19 and March 12 and 19, 2006:

"Salt of the Earth: Palestinian Christians in the Northern West Bank". Karen Tobin will facilitate the classes. Segments of the documentary created by PCUSA missionaries, Marthame and Elizabeth Sanders will be shown. We will discuss the challenges facing our brothers and sisters in this troubled land. Suggestions for further study and prayer will be available.

Youth Mission Trip M&M Fundraiser Eat chocolate for a good cause...

Help the Youth of our church raise money for their 2006 Mission Trip

It's easy and fun! Here's all you have to do:

1. Take home a FREE tube* of M&M candies on January 11th. (*One M&M candy tube per family.)
2. Eat the M&M candies!!!
3. Fill the empty M&M tube with quarters.
4. Drop the quarter-filled tube in our Mission Trip M&M bin outside Fellowship Hall by February 12th!

SAVE THE DATE: January 29, 2006
3:00pm Youth Room
8th – 12th Grade
Youth and Parent Mission
Trip 2006 Information
Meeting



Watch your mail for more details!

Wednesday Night Live

Another exciting Wednesday Night Live session begins on January 18. WNL provides an opportunity for children and youth in Kindergarten through 8th grade to enjoy fellowship, dinner, Bible lessons, and creative activities.

K-6th grade children attend from 5:15PM to 7:00PM and 7th-8th graders from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. The entire group gathers for a wonderful dinner at 6:30PM, prepared by adult volunteers. K-4 will study the Fruits of the Spirit this Session. They will make a banner for the church and enjoy a few edible art project. The 5th and 6th graders will study about the effect their faith has on their friends and family.

The 7th and 8th graders look forward to beginning a new study session focusing on friends and social pressure. They will also continue to work on their Heifer Project animal: WATER BUFFALO.

WNL is an important program to help your children and youth grow in their everyday Christian lives. Friends are always welcome! If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer to work with our dedicated WNL team, please contact Melissa Armstrong-Hansche (847-381-0975). **WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR A SIGN-UP BROCHURE!**

Finances

Year End giving for 2005 there's still time!

Though this is officially the January 2006 Carillon, it is being mailed early enough for you to consider some issues before the 2005 year is over. As you may have noted in last month's article, our contributions for 2005

are lagging by a significant amount. Through the end of November, our pledges alone are behind by over \$30,000. We are hopeful that our members will remember the church in this season of giving, so that we can begin the New Year in a healthy financial position. We extend a big THANK-YOU to those of you who have met or exceeded your pledge commitment this year!

As an additional incentive for giving, recent legislation intended to assist victims of KATRINA, has made 2005 donations made from August 28 to December 31 to any charitable organization more attractive. Giving during this specific time period is now deductible up to 100% of a donor's adjusted gross income (AGI). Usually, the ceiling for deduction of cash donations is 50% of a person's AGI. There is also a part of the new law that helps taxpayers with high income (AGI over \$145,950) deduct more of their donations. Consult your tax advisor for more information, or contact Patty Griffin at the church office for further assistance.

If you'd like to increase your tax deduction for 2005, remember that any donation received by year-end can be allocated to your 2005 pledge, a prepayment of your 2006 pledge, or a specific earmarked donation for any of our church funds or missions.

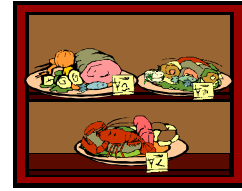
To help you ensure that your giving is tax deductible for the current year, we'd like to remind you that donations must be postmarked by Saturday, December 31 (per the IRS) or hand delivered contributions by Friday, 12/30 at 4:30 pm (the office is closed on Saturday). Last minute credit card donations, can also be dropped off or emailed to our accountant. These credit card contributions will be processed to Visa or MasterCard on the 30th at 4:30 pm.

If you would like to make a stock contribution before year-end, contact your broker ASAP as most brokerage firms need at least a day or two of lead time to process your request. Stock transfer instructions are available in the church office.

Fellowship

Fellowship Committee Pot Luck – January 8th at 6pm

Come one, come all, to our January pot luck. We are hatching plans to catch “the game” during the meal. We have had such a wonderful time at our previous pot lucks that the Fellowship Committee is letting go and putting in God’s hands the responsibility of “balancing the meal.” Bring your favorite entrée, salad, side dish or desert to share on the buffet table, and come ready to enjoy the company of our church family at this Football pot luck!



If you have any Bears related items to auction to raise money for a church-related cause, please contact Scott Buchta.

January 14 Meeting

The next meeting of the Fellowship Committee will be held on Saturday, January 14, at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Scott and Phyllis Buchta. We welcome anybody who would like to join us for food, fellowship and event planning. If you are able to attend, please R.S.V.P. to **Scott or Phyllis Buchta**. We hope to see you there!

Report: Fellowship Wine Tasting Event

Several of us attended the wine tasting event at the Marriott, and together we raised \$625 for the church music program. The choir tried out our new chairs on Saturday, and found it much easier to concentrate on learning the Christmas music when seated in these very comfortable and sturdy chairs! We thank the DiCarlos and Jennifer Raaths for donating the tickets to the wine tasting. Let’s do this again in the Spring! Contact Suzanne Miller with questions or comments.

The 2006 Annual Card Party – Saturday, February 18!

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the PCB Annual Card Party - Saturday, February 18 from 5:00 p.m. until around 11:00 (or when we’re done having fun!).

This year we’re having it at a new location, the Wool Street Grill & Sports Bar at 128 Wool Street, Barrington, which is actually right next to the Barrington Metra station parking lot. The price will be around \$30/person and will cover the cost of dinner and prizes! In addition, there will be a cash bar available throughout the entire evening.

For those of you that haven’t attended a PCB Card Party, you don’t know what you’re missing as it is a great social atmosphere for PCB members, friends and neighbors alike. The best part is that you don’t have to know anything about cards, just be willing to play along and have some good old fashion fun!

Here is a tentative schedule of events for the evening:

5:00 – Social Hour

6:00 – Dinner

7:15 – 10:15 – Intro. To Card Game & Playing!

10:15 – Coffee & Cake – Submit Scores...

10:30 – Awards Ceremony



Sign-up for this event between church services in the Fellowship Hall starting in January. If you have any questions and/or would like to sign-up early, please contact **Matt or Allison Batt**. We’re looking forward to seeing you there on February 18th!

Spiritual Engagement Committee

Our church, like most traditional mainline denominational churches, is losing potential new members to the growing number of non-denominational evangelical churches, many with better facilities and resources. In the past, Presbyterians tended to remain Presbyterians when then relocated. In today's new consumer focused world denominational loyalty is on the decline, and people shop for their church, often visiting as many as six churches. Presently, our total numbers are slowly shrinking.

Because of these facts, the Session formed a temporary committee named the Spiritual Engagement Committee to identify ways to increase the number of people who join our church each year. Three elders, Bob Kosobud, Rich Barbour, and Jack Swenson led the committee. Other committee members were Steve Neptun, Chris Schiller, Jennifer (Raaths) Yacono, Steve Unangst, Matt Batt, and our Ministry Team. The committee has presented its report to the Session and was asked to summarize its process, findings, and recommendations for the Congregation in this article because we need each of you to be part of the solution.

We conducted in-person and telephone interviews with many of our new members to understand their church-shopping experience. We also met with dozens of more tenured members and officers to seek their opinions. We also reviewed the major books on church growth and two major national surveys involving thousands of churches. What we learned was surprising, but made common sense.

We learned that many of our core strengths as a church family are not important in the church shopping decision, and only become important with time. Thus visitors are less likely to be seeking out a church with an enormous mission commitment and mission trips, a church with a service commitment as powerful as Stephen Ministry, a state of the art youth educational model as the Rotation System, or advanced adult education and commitment programs such as Disciple. Most haven't yet experienced the extreme warmth and friendship within our church family, the extraordinary diversity of BPW programs and events, or the power of Home Communion and Hospital Visitation.

Rather, visitors assess a congregation's friendliness, look for exciting, stimulating, and varied worship, and seek out churches with a breadth of youth programs beyond traditional Sunday school. Most join when they make a quick connection with individual members or the staff, and are warmly greeted and made to feel welcome. Visitor traffic is also closely related to a high level of awareness in the community and being asked by a friend to attend, and the first impression from the church's web site. Women make almost 90% of church shopping decisions and are often influenced by their children who want to be where their friends are.

For these reason, our committee made the following recommendations to the Session.

- * Find ways for our members to be more welcoming to visitors through initiating contact before and after the worship service and to ask their friends to attend with them.
- * Find ways to free up the Ministry Team and Deacons so that they can spend more time with visitors and recent new members.
- * Remain a traditional church, but enhance the worship experience through a breadth of musical offerings and instrumentation, more member participation, and art.
- * Work harder to follow-up with visitors to assure that we care about them.
- * Re-establish the communications committee to build external awareness, better promote our unique events, and help build an external image that matches the quality of our programming.
- * Fund the addition of a part-time staff member to broaden and enhance outreach programs.

While Session committees are responsible for implementing many of these ideas, each of you can play a critical role in the most important recommendation, becoming a more welcoming and inviting personal church to visitors and new members. Each Sunday, look to meet and talk with people whom you don't know. Invite your friends to church events and to worship with you. And when out in the community, talk about the wonderful things going on at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington.

Yours in Christ, Bob Kosobud, Spiritual Engagement Committee

Mission

Pakistan Earthquake Survivors Need Our Help.

As of December 1st, the first snow had already fallen in Kashmir. Without funds for food, shelter and medical aid, winter and disease will produce further suffering and death. There is simply not enough food and shelter to go around. Church World Service responded almost immediately to the earthquake as they had many relief and development programs in place in Pakistan (for over 50 years!). They have provided shelter for over 46,000 people. They provided supplies for 27,000 people. They are providing healthcare through two field clinics and another ongoing clinic. The recovery plan is to assist 20,000 families (some 140,000 people) through July, 2006. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated (www.churchworldservice.org)

2006 Stewardship Campaign

Does Your Stewardship Really Make a Difference?

Wow! another stewardship season has come and gone. For those of you that did not have a clear answer to our question I hope this year's stewardship campaign has helped you find one. You heard five of your fellow congregants describe some of the great things that are happening in the life of our church. Things that are only possible because of your contributions of time, talent and treasure. The most exciting part is that this is only the tip of the iceberg as there are so many things we did not have time to tell you about. There are so many things about our church that should truly be experienced first hand, and I encourage you to volunteer and get involved. By doing this you will experience for yourself the accomplishments that you have made possible.

The most important thing we hoped to remind you of this year is that stewardship is about tangible and intangible acts. As we proceed along our journey of faith, we can perpetuate God's work in many ways. We can create a "difference" in many ways. All we have attempted to do is inspire you to make more of a "difference" this year than last year...to make more of a difference for many years to come.

We appreciate your attention and positive comments during the stewardship campaign this year. We also appreciate your timely return of the pledge cards as this simplifies our church's budgeting process.

On behalf of the stewardship committee we believe the best is yet to come for the Presbyterian Church of Barrington.

Parish Life

Chancel Guild

A big, wonderful thank you to all who contributed money toward flowers to beautify our sanctuary for the Christmas Season. You made our House of Worship a true inspiration. Chancel Guild Chairs: Sue Kosobud, Susan Raaths, and Joan Wolfgram

New Members



Bob and Mary Lou Thompson



Dorothy Symonds



Terry and Maggie Reed

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to our **Thanksgiving Food Drive**; items were taken to the **FISH Food Pantry** in Carpentersville and to **Christopher House**.

Thanks to all who donated so generously to the **Christopher House Bazaar**. The clients of Christopher House were able to purchase gifts for their loved ones due to your generous donations.

Christopher House Adopt-A-Family: Thank you to all those who adopted a family. Our church adopted 75 families this year. The families received their gifts on December 17th. In addition, \$750.00 was donated for gifts to be purchased by Christopher House for the Adopt-A-Family Program. Thank you to the following volunteers who helped drive the gifts down to Christopher House: Bill & Aubrey Nelson, Jessica & Linda Neton, Vern Soukup, Greg Morin, Angie Smith, Jerry Neal, Skip Dolan and Sally and Tom Hilgendorf. The sign up table helpers were: Susan Raaths, Linda Neton, Nancy Nadig, Alice Buchholz and Marge Slocum.

Thanks to all who donated gift certificates for the young people at **Nueva Esperanza**. Staff and volunteers at Nueva Esperanza took the young people shopping with their Old Navy gift cards.

A grateful thank you for warm clothing for **Barrington Giving Day**, and for mittens, scarves and hats for our **Mitten Tree**. Our congregation is most generous and those in need are thankful to you. What a wonderful Christmas you have given to many needy families.

BPW Christmas Benefit

Thank you to everyone who made such generous donations to the drawing and silent auction. Your kindness in donating has made it possible for BPW to give even more to our mission projects.

Thank you to the Session, the Trustees, the Deacons, the Prayer Group, Christian Ed., BPW Bible Study, the Mission Committee, Jinnie Train, Denise Gans, Debbie Schaefer, Gloria and Debra Johnson, Bette Bilton, Hollie Free, Cackie Kyle, Nancy and Gerry Nadig, Laura Lieske, Roslynn and Bill Riley, Sue Powers, Polly Grafton and Julie Bradley, Laura Semmen, Jack Raaths and Carol Nelson.

Worship Schedule

- Jan. 1** Dr. Baxter Preaching 10:00 a.m.
Should Old Acquaintance
Readings: .Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-16;
Matthew 21:33-46.
- Jan. 8** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
The Evening And The Morning
Readings: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.
- Jan. 15** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
The Worry of Sin
Readings:.1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1
Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.
- Jan. 22** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Hoping For A Hero
Readings:. Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians
7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.
- Jan. 29** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
By Whose Authority?
Readings:. Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.



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