

The Carillon

January 2007

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

A welcoming, caring, family of faith

Welcome to our new Church Officers

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Elders: To be ordained and/or installed at the 9:00 a.m. service on January 21, 2007 and serve three year terms, January 1, 2007 – December 31, 2009.

Rich Barbour is returning for a second term. He has been a member 18 years, has served as a trustee, a member of the communications committee and most recently chaired the stewardship committee.

Bill Crewe has been a member for 8 years. Bill has served the church as an usher, a liturgist and worked with the Boy Scouts. Bill is looking forward to becoming more active with this new role.

Bob Johnson has been a member 35 years. Bob was previously a trustee at Mt. Prospect church and currently heads up the Kitchen Cabinet group here at our church.

Dan Paxton has been a member 13 years. Dan has served as the President of the Board of Trustees and served on the fellowship committee, participated in the Mission trip to New Orleans. He is a Stephen Minister and has participated in both Disciple 1 and 2.

Susan Reedquist has been a member 13 years. She has served on the arts committee and the membership and outreach committee and has participated in BPW activities. Susan has also been a Sunday school teacher.

Dave Zimmer has been a member 11 years. He has served us as a Deacon, an usher, participated in the men's fellowship group and has been a member of the stewardship committee.

Nominating Committee: To serve January 1 – January 31, 2007: Mickey Marcussen, Jack Train, Stephanie Skopek, Janet Jones, Skip Dolan. See page 5 for the information on the Trustees and Deacons.

**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: Alice Buchholz, Sandi Crewe, Bob and Dorothy Johnson, for assembling the December 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,

There is simplicity on the flip side of complexity. Jesus got into trouble when he destroyed complexity with the simplicity of his teachings. Let's take a look at the Sermon on the Mount. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn and you will not be condemned" (Luke 6:37)

One of the things we might work on this year is not judging others because we don't know how to do it. We judge most harshly in others those things which we don't like about ourselves. Those things are generally our own weaknesses. Psychologists call that projection. Jesus calls it deadly.

Jesus was easy on "sinners", the very folks whom we find it so easy to judge because, says Barbara Brown Taylor, "their hearts are already broken, so it is not hard for him to get inside. But the righteous are like vaults. They are so full of their precious values and so defensive against those who do not share them that even the dynamite of the gospel has little effect on them."

He cannot seem to make his point often enough. Self-righteousness kills not only those who are bludgeoned by it but those who wield it as well. Sometimes it kills softly with gossip and cruel humor. Sometimes it works systemically, consigning some people to live in grim buildings with broken plumbing while others stroll neighborhoods of thick green lawns. And sometimes it works violently, with people lighting torches and breaking windows in the middle of the night.

Think of what daily pain and problems would be resolved if we would all follow Jesus' simple instruction to "judge not." I can't speak for you, but that's enough for me to work on in the New Year.

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Mission



Christopher House

Thank you to all who donated to and helped pack the Thanksgiving baskets. Also thank you to those who donated to and helped with the Christopher House Christmas Bazaar. The clients truly appreciate your generosity and love being able to purchase gifts for their family and friends. **Sally Kilham and Sally Hilgendorf.**

Nueva Esperanza Christmas

Thank you to all who helped to make Christmas a bit brighter for the young people at Nueva Esperanza by your donations of gifts and gift cards. They always look forward to a shopping trip with their gift cards.

Adopt-A-Family

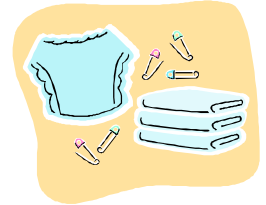
Thank you for your generous support of Christopher House Adopt-A-Family mission project. Our church adopted 75 families this year. The families received their gifts on December 16th. Thank you to the following volunteers who helped with this project: Bill Nelson, Carol Menick, Jerry Neal, Skip Dolan, Bill Buchta, Tom Hilgendorf, Angie Smith and Barb Schwartz. (Drivers who delivered gifts). Sign-up table volunteers were Susan Raaths, Sally Kilham, Linda Neton, Sue Kosobud, and Claudia Gerrard. What a wonderful Christmas you have given to Christopher House families. Blessings, Sally Hilgendorf.

Barrington Giving Day

Thanks to all who donated items or cash or helped with pick up or distribution on Barrington Giving Day, December 16. Local disadvantaged families within the School District 220 area were invited to the Giving Day event to receive clothing, blankets, games, toys and books. Numerous local churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations support this event.

F.I.S.H.

Thank you to all who have donated to the weekly **“Loaves and Fishes”** baskets. The F.I.S.H. Food Pantry in Carpentersville, where all the weekly donations are taken, is truly grateful. However, there is an ongoing need for food and toiletries. In particular, they need **diapers (all sizes), deodorant, toothpaste, hand soap, paper towels and toilet paper.** The next time you are at COSTCO or Sam’s Club, please stop by the toiletry area and buy one of these items in bulk (FISH breaks them down to individual pieces).



Be the first one in your neighborhood to start a rumor by buying diapers by the box full! (It should be noted that a family serviced by F.I.S.H. 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 always appreciated. Checks should be made payable to F.I.S.H. of Carpentersville and mailed to F.I.S.H., P.O. Box 102, Carpentersville, IL 60110 or you may bring the check to the church office and we’ll send it on to F.I.S.H. Thank you all.

New Orleans Mission Initiatives 2007

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Cliff Nunn, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans, will be our guest preacher on January 28. He will stay in the Barrington area on January 29th for planning meetings and potential press interviews. Plan to come meet him and hear his amazing story.

Also, plans have been confirmed for members of our congregation to return to New Orleans April 14th to 21st and in October (date to be determined first quarter). Information on the April trip will be available soon, or you may contact **Denny McGurer.**

Stephen Ministry

Consider Becoming A Stephen Minister

Are you finding yourself busier than ever yet searching for meaning or fulfillment in all that “busyness”? Do you wish you could be more helpful to others in pain but don’t know how, or don’t feel you have the opportunity? Are you looking for a way to improve your relationship with Christ and to grow more spiritually? Are you a compassionate person eager to extend that compassion to others?



If you answered yes to any of these questions, this may be just the right time for you to consider becoming a Stephen Minister. Reallocating your time commitments to join and grow with this ministry may be an answer to a prayer...yours and someone else’s.

Through Stephen Ministry, you would receive 50 hours of training which will prepare you to provide one-on-one, confidential care to those who are experiencing the pain, grief and stresses of life. Our Stephen Ministers would also tell you that the training goes a long way toward improving your relationships with family, friends, neighbors and coworkers. Training topics include: listening, Christian assertiveness, maintaining boundaries in care-giving and grief. The training is distinctively Christian, bringing participants closer to God as we learn to provide care in partnership with our merciful Father who provides the cure.

Stephen Ministers commit to at least two years of service. Many Stephen Ministers enjoy this ministry so much that they choose to serve beyond that – and our Stephen Ministers are no exception! While being a Stephen Minister requires commitment of time and talent, it also brings joy and fulfillment. To help another Christian during a difficult time; to grow together in seeking God’s guidance, love and healing; to listen with unconditional acceptance is a rare privilege and one that can’t help but bring you closer to God.

Sometimes love comes knocking at the door; not to judge, but to just be there through the thin times; not to heal, but to allow God to heal; not to be the answer,

but to be a conduit; not to have the words, but to let God fill the silences. Sometimes love comes through and from a Stephen Minister. Are you being called? Please think and pray about this opportunity. Training begins in the fall but we would like to identify the class participants by the end of May so you can plan your other commitments accordingly. If you have any interest at all, please call Anna Armstrong or one of the other Stephen Leaders listed below so we can talk about it and answer your questions. May God bless you as you continue to share your gifts to the glory of His name. Faithfully yours,

**Anna Armstrong, Linda McGurer, Nancy Nadig,
Susan Raaths, Marge Slocum and Julie Brown.**

DEACONS CORNER

As I begin my sixth – and final - year of service as a deacon, I am grateful.

I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to work along side dedicated and conscientious fellow deacons who willingly and faithfully deliver goods and services to other members: extended communion, food, flowers, baby roses, welcome bags and Christian kindness.

I am grateful for members I have met over the past 5 years whom I would not have known had I not been a deacon: senior members who cannot come to church, parents of new babies, shut-ins or those recuperating from illness or surgery, members I have met on the telephone while making calls for hosts for hospitality, visitors to our church who frequently become new member of our church, and the members who come to coffee hour in Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings.

I am grateful for working along side Pastor Dan Spike, a steady and reliable spiritual advisor and willing worker for the Board of Deacons.

All of these people are part of the community of faith that is the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. Contrary to some opinions, I think being a deacon is the best job in our church. I am grateful.

Nancy Bohren

ChristCare

Caring Hearts – Faithful Servants

Community

The earliest Christians met in home churches where members shared their lives, cared for one another, and continually reached out to others. ChristCare small groups are powerful opportunities to experience New Testament-style Christian life!

ChristCare Groups build a strong sense of community among their members. As one of our small group leaders put it, "We have a lot of fun. We pray together,



we support each other, we're learning and we're reaching out to the community. We also find joy and genuine friendliness within the group."

Are you seeking an experience that is energizing, enjoyable and rewarding? We ask you to give one of our existing ChristCare groups a try. Please contact the church office and ask to speak to one of our group leaders, Gerry Nadig and Bob Florio, or one of our ChristCare equippers, Karen Tobin, Dan Spike and Chip Kyle. The risk is low and the reward is high.

Church Officers, Continued

To be ordained and/or installed on January 21, Trustees at 11:00 a.m., Deacons at 9:00 a.m., and serve a three year term except as noted.

Trustees: **Kurt Anderson** has been a member 8 years. He has previously served us as a Trustee. He served on the Business Affairs committee and has served as a liturgist. Kurt is currently serving on the Endowment committee.

Jeff Johnson has been a member 10 years and previously served us as an Elder. Jeff is looking forward to serving us now as a Trustee.

Doug Rees has been a member for almost two years. Doug has served meals at a homeless shelter and was a board member for Berringer House, a home for women in transition, at his previous church the 1st Presbyterian church of Metuchen.

Jamie Trebac has been a member now for 2 years and has participated in the men's fellowship group and is happy to serve us as a Trustee.

Ian Monie has been a member for 5 years. He has served as an Elder and the mission committee chair at St. Andrew Presbyterian church. He will be filling the vacated two year term.

Deacons: **Anneke Chamy** will be returning for another three years as a Deacon. She has been a member for 5 years. She serves on an usher team and a hospitality team as well as the worship committee.

Jackie Clarke has been a member for 28 years. She is a member of the chancel guild. She has taught Sunday school, been involved in the BPW Christmas benefit, Food served with love program and chaired the Reception committee.

Audrey Helminiak has been a member one year. She sings in our adult choir and has been active in church music ministry at her previous churches.

Sally Kilham has been a member 20 years. She has served as an elder and on the board of BPW. She is a Stephen Minister and active with the mission work for Christopher House.

Maggie Reed has been a member for just a year. She serves on our Mission committee and as an usher. She is part of the OWLS Christ Care Group. She has served as a Deacon and a Stephen Minister in previous churches.

Gil Semmen has been a member 16 years. He has served us as a coffee host. He has helped out the Deacons in the past when his wife was on the board and looks forward to serving himself.

Barrington Presbyterian Women



January Meeting

Our next meeting will be on January 4, coffee at 9:15 a.m.; meeting at 9:35 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. 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, *In the Beginning, Perspectives on Genesis*, which is available in the church office. **Susan Raaths** is the Coordinator. Come on January 3 at 9:30 a.m. for coffee; Bible Study begins at 10:00 a.m.

G.T.I.F.

The next GTIF (Growing Together in Faith) Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday January 16 at 7:00 p.m. The group normally meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month in the home of a member. We are using a new study book, *At Table With Jesus*. All are welcome, please join us! Contact **Jill Minner** for more information.

Book Club

Book Club meets every other month (starting in September), on the third Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the home of a member. Our next meeting will be held on January 18, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. The book to be discussed is *Philistines at the Hedge Row* by Steven Gaines. For more information, you may contact **Alice Buchholz**.

Women With Aging Parents

We meet the second Friday of the month (January 12) at 9:30 a.m. at the home of **Marge Slocum**.

Thank You

On behalf of BPW we would like to say "thank you" to the many women who worked so hard to make our Christmas Benefit such a spectacular success. It was a joy to work with such a talented and dedicated crew. We also extend our gratitude to those who supported the event by your attendance and your donations. Whether your contribution was large or small, of time or treasure, please take a moment to stop and congratulate yourself and know that the fruits of your efforts will serve to help someone in need through the many community organizations supported by BPW

throughout the year. We wish you all a peaceful and blessed New Year. Pam Anderson and Laura Lieske

Valentine Care Packages

Each year, BPW sends about 50 Care Packages to college students, and young people in the military. The packages contain home made cookies, candy and little valentine gifts. We get wonderful notes back from the kids who are so happy their church is thinking of them. If you have a student or someone serving in the armed forces and would like them to receive a package, you can sign up during January after services or email the address to Bonnie Kalaway in the church office. We also need people who would like to shop or bake or, if you would like to donate cash to help with the cost of shipping, we would be grateful for that too. The Care Packs will be assembled in Fellowship Hall Thursday, February 1, following the BPW meeting at about 10:45. All are welcome to help us get the packs in the mail! Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity! Sandi Crewe, Nancy Nadig, Donna Sculley

BPW Women's Spiritual Retreat

March 9 - 11, 2007, George Williams Campus of Aurora University on Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Give yourself a gift, (or husbands, give your wife a gift.) The fee is \$165. The theme of our 2007 retreat is: "God's Story, Our Story: Connecting Through Life." The Leader will be Reverend Dr. Virginia Smith, a Presbyterian minister and Associate Executive Presbyter for Ministry at the Chicago Presbytery. Mark your calendar now and watch for more information in the bulletins and Carillon.

Barbara Rinella Program

Wednesday, January 24th at The Garlands of Barrington. The social time will start at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to be served at 11:30. Barbara's program topic this year is Dolley Madison, which she described as "great fun". We'll have more details in the bulletins and a sign-up table in fellowship hall. For further information you may contact **Laura Burke**. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th!

Condolences to:

Anna and John Armstrong and family upon the death of Anna's mother, Vivian Glass, on November 18;

Mary Felden and family upon the death of Dick Felden on November 19;

Ralph and Carol Menick upon the death of Ralph's father, Robert, on November 19;

Vern Soukup and family upon the death of Joanne on December 10.

Fellowship

Kitchen Kabinet

We meet at noon at the Garlands on the second Tuesday of the month. Next meeting and lunch is January 9. We will discuss plans for a stem cell program next May. We need suggestions for this program: material, as well as timing and site. What would you like to see cleared up regarding research. If there's time we will eat lunch also. Bob Johnson.

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group meets the third Thursday of every month at a member's home. The host chooses a discussion topic and prepares a simple dinner, sometimes with the assistance of a spouse or the caterer. All men of the congregation - and their guests - are invited to attend. The next meeting will be held on January 18. Contact **Chip Kyle** for more information.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee will be re-formed for 2007



and is looking for those willing to share in this terrific social setting. Allison and Matt Batt are very excited to chair this group in 2007. The

goals of the group are rather simple:

1. Create a social environment where couples, families and any PCB member can go to enjoy themselves on a monthly basis;
2. Focus on planning, communicating and executing three to four church-wide social events (i.e. the Annual Card Party).

Most of all we're looking to create a group that has an everlasting impact on those who are involved and also provide PCB members with a group to which they can easily invite prospective members.

The first Fellowship Group event will be held on Saturday, January 13 starting at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Matt and Allison Batt, 294 Foxford Drive, Cary (please let us know if you need directions). Please RSVP to **Matt or Allie** by January 7.

We felt the format for previous monthly events worked pretty well so we'd like to ask that anyone attending bring a dish to pass (in traditional potluck fashion). We'll even supply the beverages! We're very excited to get this group back together and we hope that you'll join us in this social setting as we're looking forward to building on our friendships and fellowship.

PS: If you have children...these events are definitely going to be kid-friendly.

Celebration of Faith Gala

Saturday February 3, 2007, 6:30 p.m. to midnight
Makray Memorial Golf Club, Barrington
Join your church family for an evening of adult fellowship, dinner, dancing to a live band and FUNdraising. Proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Church of Barrington and a local charity. We need donations for our silent auction; please contact **Hollie Free or Kirsten Neptun** if you are able to donate an item.

Invitations have been mailed, please send in your reply card.

Christian Education

The Historical Jesus: Then and Now

This is the second in a five part series of articles Linda Long, Chairperson of the Adult Education Committee, asked me to write as a prelude to the lecture series the committee is sponsoring on April 20 & 21, 2007. The series, *The Historical Jesus Then and Now: The Challenge of the Kingdom of God*, brings John Dominic Crossan, one of the world's leading biblical scholars into our midst for two days of lecture and discussion.

As I write this, the First Sunday of Advent fades in memory: A bright, frigid morning, the warmth of our community of faith gathered in hope and expectation, Luke's Gospel proclaiming a disquieting apoplectic vision announcing the reign of the Kingdom of God, born in the baby whose birth we await; the cozy, familial, liturgical lighting of the Advent Wreath; and the comfortable rhythms of First Sunday Communion. Later, in frozen darkness, our community gathered singing along ancient and familiar words of faith, "Comfort ye, my people..." sharing delicacies and table, family and friends.

Yet, it is not just in memory that we gather as a community of faith. In heart and mind, our words in faith bid us gather to proclaim not only what we remember about this man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Advent of God's Kingdom in the world, but also what we know of him in our own lives. For as we remember this Jesus, we make real for the world, for our children, for one another, and, perhaps most importantly for our selves, our faith that God came into the world, flesh and blood, and went about the hard, hard business of living and loving, suffering and dying among people just as real as the likes of you and me. We gather in words and songs of faith proclaiming Jesus born, not in memory of some events on an ancient Palestinian evening, but offering real comfort still to we who gather as his people.

We who would gather and speak and sing of this Jesus cannot help but be compelled by faith to come to know him, as best we can, flesh and blood in the midst of our lives. For it was in knowing the Jesus of flesh and blood, that those whose memories infuse our faith were moved to bless him or curse him, love him or hate him, follow him or flee from him. Our own faith

can demand from us no less than to seek to know him, and, in knowing him, proclaim the Kingdom of God real and living among us. Knowing him in faith we can decide not in memory, but in flesh and blood, to bless him or curse him, love him or hate him, follow him or flee from him. Therein can our own lives, our own words and songs, truly proclaim what comfort Jesus has to offer to us for own lives, our children, and families and friends, for the whole world of people caught up in the hard, hard business of living and loving, suffering and dying. Then we can stand in the frozen darkness joining together, the true heart of the chorus, "Comfort ye, my people", a people of warmth and light, the Kingdom of God, flesh and blood real in the world.

If any of us aspire to remember and proclaim this man, Jesus, as the comfort of our world, our children, of one another, or of ourselves there is nothing more important that we can do than to set aside the time to come seek to know, in faith, the historical Jesus, his world and his message to the hearts of the people whose experience of and faith in him we continue to seek to know. Come, April 20 & 21 to be nourished and healed, inspired and led in faith and spirit, in life and hope. Dorothy S. Symonds, M. Div.

Member, Adult Education Committee

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

January 7, No Adult Education class.

January 14, DVD series *The Historical Jesus* will continue.

January 21, Dr. Clark Barshinger will present *Healthy Aging: Body and Mind* as he continues his series *God's Purpose for Us in Act II of Life*.

January 28, DVD series *The Historical Jesus* will continue.

5/6 Grade Lock-in, January 12—13

Join us for some inside "winter" fun. We will have a scavenger hunt that takes us all around the building, play a trading game that involves lunchmeat, cheese, pickles etc. and learn what the Bible tells us about living and working together as a community in Christ.

Youth Mission Trip M&M Fundraiser

Eat chocolate for a good cause. Help the youth of our church raise money for their 2007 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 14th. . (*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

Youth Mission Trip 2007: Montgomery , WV June 9-17

We will return to a different site in West Virginia, but will work once again with West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps, which is part of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

Volunteers have been helping in West Virginia since severe flooding affected the area in 2001. Over the years, volunteer work-teams have participated in repairs to flood damaged homes, creek bank restoration to save a drive way, demolition, reconstruction and renovation to include walls and flooring, construction of porches, electrical and plumbing work, roofing, wheel chair ramps, and gallons and gallons of fresh paint, and vacation Bible schools, among other things.

One person's story: 2006 - mission team focus:

Diana and her teen-aged son lived in a house located at the top of a steep hill. She had applied for home repairs to other work camp ministries, but her house was considered too extensive and too dangerous for work groups to attempt to repair. Tim Stewart, the on-site work-team coordinator, and several mission teams took on this challenge, and were able to repair damage to outside walls, replace insulation and build inside walls, replace ceiling, stabilize flooring, replace two porches, and replace rotted siding. Diana has not been shown much grace in her life, and has been touched by the grace that has been shown to her by the teams of workers who made her house safe, warm and dry.

Continue to watch for more information about the upcoming trip. Youth who are 8th – 12th grade are eligible to participate. Contact Melissa for more details.

WNL Winter Session

Watch the bulletin and your mail box for information on the new round of great programs, songs, games and dinners starting January 17.

Dove Club (K-4gr.): We're going veggie—VeggieTale that is! Come and spend time with us as we watch Larry and Bob learn lessons. We'll sing your favorite Silly Song from Larry's collection (do YOU know where your hairbrush is?) and have great fun! Friends are always welcome.

DIVE (5/6 gr.): Hang time just got better—with a foosball tournament! Sign up as a single—or talk a buddy into going doubles!! See Miss Melissa for sign-ups. We will also continue our study of faith in everyday life as well as listening to some great music.

7th/8thgr.: We are working on our Heifer animals and continuing our discussions about peer pressure and how to live our faith “out loud”. Plus, there is new music and great games.

Chancel Guild

On behalf of the Chancel Guild, we would like to thank all who donated the beautiful flowers for the Christmas Season. You have definitely made our sanctuary a place of beauty in God's name! We would also like to send a special thank-you to Eric Enskat, Ward Huege, Bob Kosobud, Gus Leep, Chris Raaths, Jack Raaths, and Terry Reid for giving their time to put up the new trees. Also, we would like to give special thanks to Gene and Joyce Simpson for their time and efforts on behalf of our Christmas decorations, to Jack Raaths for his special contributions on behalf of the outside Christmas trees, and to Tom and Polly Grafton for their donation of the beautiful tree skirts for our new sanctuary trees.

2007 Flowers: We have the flower chart for 2007 in the Narthex. If you would like to donate/dedicate flowers for 2007, please sign up, fill out the form and return it to the church office with your check for \$30 made payable to PCB, Flowers 2007. To all of you who have given your time and talents on behalf of the Chancel Guild, we thank you. Sue Kosobud, Susan Raaths, and Joan Wolfgram.

Parish Life

A Special Honor for Becky Bosarge

The Chicago Presbytery sponsored a Celebration of Ordained Leadership of Women, a mission of the Empower Ministry Mission Priority Leadership Team. The Celebration Breakfast was held on Saturday, December 2 at First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton. Becky Bosarge had been nominated by Jill Minner. Attending were Becky Bosarge, Jill Minner, Julie Brown, Alice Buchholz and Nancy Arndtsen. Here is Jill's "Honoree Story":



"Becky Bosarge has been an invaluable member of our congregation for many years. She has enriched my spiritual life and empowered me to lead others in the church in a variety of ways. Several years ago, Becky urged me to take part in and eventually help lead the children and youth of our church in their music, Christian education and fellowship programs. She also encouraged me to pursue the idea of starting a monthly women's evening Bible study group, which we named GTIF (Growing Together In Faith). Becky was instrumental in launching, and currently teaches, the weekly Disciple Bible study series at our church. I am now in my third year of the Disciple program and can honestly say that this study has made a great impact in my spiritual life, giving me the confidence to discuss my faith with others and inspiring me to learn more. Becky empowers many women in our church not only by her example, but by her loving words of encouragement and support. She has also served on session, is active in our Barrington Presbyterian Women's group, sings in the choir and has been a member of numerous committees in the life of our church."

Our thanks to Jill for her nomination and our congratulations to Becky for this well deserved honor.

PCB Website Offering \$20 Prize And So Much More!

We all turn to the Carillon for our monthly news and updates but what many of us tend to forget is the wealth of information and news on our church website – www.pcbarrington.org. In fact, we believe your experience on the church website will be an experience that will keep you coming back for more. To sweeten the pot, the Session's Communications Committee will give \$20 to the first person to find the words "Buried Treasure" on www.pcbarrington.org!

Yes, this is an audacious and outlandish way to introduce a treasure house of information to you. But the means justifies the end. There is so much Buried Treasure on our church's web site that we are convinced that once you have explored it, you will be hooked. Once you are hooked we are convinced that you will mark it in your favorites file and refer to it often, both for basic information and to learn more about the new and exciting things happening at our church. For example, while you are searching for "Buried Treasure" you may run across many of the following informative and useful sections:

- Information about our professional grade music program which features a wide range of classical and contemporary music played every Sunday.
 - Each Sunday's music titles
 - Our three ensemble choirs and Gaudete Brass ensemble in residence
 - Dates and highlights of our five concerts this 2006-2007 season
- Our new member page, which provides answers to most of the questions posed by prospective members (can you answer all of them?)
- Content of our three Disciple Bible Study Programs
- Youth education schedule
- BPW committees and calendar
- Next Sunday's sermon topic
- Announcements for the week
- Listen to any of the past services or sermons for the past six months
- Find a treasure of information listing just about everything you would ask

So, be first to claim your "\$20 Buried Treasure." Simply send an email or call Bob Kosobud identifying where the words "Buried Treasure" are on the church website. The first person sending an identifying email will receive \$20. **(Note from webmaster: This page does not count!)**

Church Administration

Financial Report

For the 11 months ended November 30, 2006

	Actual	Budget	Annual
	YTD	YTD	Budget
Pledges	\$398,879	\$402,630	\$467,264
Prepaid pledges	101,079	101,079	110,266
Open Plate/misc.	56,070	39,025	42,500
Holiday giving	5,150	5,000	10,000
One-time Gifts	42,150	42,650	42,900
Funds needed			52,892
	\$603,328	\$590,384	\$725,822

Year End Contributions

Below are some critical dates to keep in mind to ensure that gifts you plan to make to the church are deductible for this fiscal year. Remember that any donation received by year-end can be allocated to your 2006 pledge, a prepayment of your 2007 pledge, or a specific earmarked donation for any of our church funds or missions.

Our business office is closed December 23 – 26 and December 30 – January 1. Some of our staff members will be unavailable after Christmas until January 2nd.

Donations by cash or check must be postmarked by Saturday, December 30th (per the IRS) or in the collection plate at services on Sunday, December 31st (our Trustees will verify receipt on this last day of 2006).

Donations by credit card must be in the office by Friday, DECEMBER 22nd, or in the collection plate during Christmas services or they will not be processed, nor deductible, until 2007. This earlier deadline is due to processing time and planned time off by our staff.

Donations by stock must post to our church's brokerage account by the last business day of the

calendar year, Friday, December 29th. Many brokerage firms need at least a few days to process stock transfers, and may experience delays during the holiday season. If you plan on giving stock, remember to inform your broker that the Church has a new account with E*TRADE Financial. If you have old instructions, make sure you get updated ones from our church office with the right broker info.

TAX updates that might affect you

Recent changes in the IRS regulations have provided a new giving opportunity for 2006 and 2007 only. Donors over age 70 ½ are now able to make charitable contributions up to \$100,000 directly from IRA custodial accounts with no penalties. If you are interested in learning more, contact your financial advisor or IRA custodian.

Other recent legislation notes that the deduction amount for unsubstantiated cash donations to charities will decrease from \$250 for 2006, to \$0 in 2007. (Note that for even the \$250 deduction in 2006, you would need to be able to supply the IRS with a detailed written record or log of the donations.) If you typically give cash to the church, please ask for and utilize our envelope giving system: it's the only way we can track cash gifts to provide you with a giving acknowledgement and ensure that these amounts remain deductible for you. As an even better safeguard, consider using checks for future donations.

Gifts to our H.O.P.E. fund (Helping Our People in Need) are not deductible if they are earmarked for a specific individual. They, therefore, are posted as general gifts to the church's H.O.P.E. fund, with the knowledge that our ministers and H.O.P.E. fund advisors will disburse those gifts as they deem appropriate, to any member with financial need, in complete confidentiality. Should you have any questions or concerns about gifts you have made, please contact Patty Griffin, our church accountant.

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Worship Schedule

- Jan. 7** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Baptism Isn't Magical
Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.
- Jan. 14** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Called By A Name
Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11.
- Jan. 21** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
One- For-All, And All-For-One
Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.
- Jan. 28** Dr. Cliff Nunn Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
New Orleans Mission Initiative
Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.



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