

Carillon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON
A welcoming, caring family of faith

January 2008

Adult Christian Education, Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

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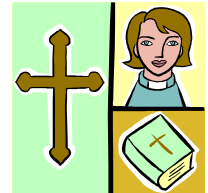
Adult Education Series on Spiritual Growth and Practice

“In the Bleak Midwinter, Longing to Give Him Your Heart?”

January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17

Sunday Mornings 10:15, in the Parlor

Led by Dorothy S. Symonds, M.Div.



“My heart and my soul cry out for the living God” (Ps. 84:2b). Spirituality is heeding this call which speaks from the very depth of our beings. It is about awakening and nurturing the purpose for which we were created. It is about finding the perspective, the peace, and the wholeness for which our hearts and souls cry out.

Prayer is the heart of our spiritual journey. In prayer we are drawn into the presence of the living God. In prayer we come to listen to the Spirit, the still small voice, speaking to us through the blackness of our pain, from beyond the deep tunnel of our emptiness, through our layers of self-deception. It is in prayer that we are drawn into the center of our being, which is in Christ; beginning the long slow process of getting to know who we are seated quietly before God. Here we begin to awaken to the presence of the living God in all that we are and all that we do.

While the inclination of our hearts towards God in prayer and practice is a gift and a grace, we can incorporate practices of prayer and spirituality into our daily lives so that we might intentionally create spaces where we might meet the living God and respond in faith. Join us for the opportunity to deepen your life in faith. See the Christian Ed page for more information on upcoming Adult Education opportunities.

**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: Neal and Jean Marshall and Sally Kilham 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,

In every part of the country, church leaders are recommending that local congregations consider adding one or more additional services of worship to their weekly schedules. A five-year comprehensive study conducted by Church Growth, Inc. has concluded that if half of the 315,000 churches in the United States added a new worship service to their weekly schedule of activities, eight of ten would experience a measurable increase in total attendance.

Over the course of the last three and one half years, our Worship Committee has considered adding a new service of worship to our weekly church activities. During the last nine months, the Session brought together members of our congregation from the Worship Committee, Christian Education Committees and the Board of Deacons to consider our Sunday morning schedule. This action was motivated by the lower attendance at our eleven o'clock worship hour and requests made during our Round Table discussions from the congregation for a more relaxed form of worship and requests from the congregation for an alternative time for worship. These factors point toward a desire for more vital worship at differing times.

As we considered our situation and the direction our worshipping life might take, there are several reasons for making a change to our Sunday morning worship schedule: (Reason 1) A New Schedule and Service Will Allow for Change While Retaining the Familiar; (Reason 2) A New Schedule and Service Will Minister to More Members; (Reason 3) A New Schedule and Service Will Activate Inactive Members; (Reason 4) A New Schedule and Service Will Reach New Kinds of People; and (Reason 5) A New Schedule and Service Will Help Us Break Out of Our Normal and Predictable Church Life Cycle. On December 17, 2007 at Session, our Worship/CE Task force presented the following staged additions and changes to our Sunday morning Worship schedule and weekly activities (**See Chart on next page**). We asked Session to approve the addition of the Vespers service beginning in March as the first stage toward change. However, as a committee we want to conduct informational meetings with the congregation prior to the Sunday morning changes and then plan to take a final proposal to Session after those meetings occur.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

Sunday Morning Worship and Education Schedule

9:00	10:00	11:00
Adult Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary	Worship Sanctuary	Coffee and Fellowship Fellowship Hall
		11:15 Adult Education Parlor/Temple Room/Sanctuary
	10:15 5/6 Gr. Class Temple room	Sr. High Class Youth Room
		7/8 Grade Class 7/8 Grade Room
	Gr. K- 4 Workshop Rotation	Gr. K – 6 Children’s Choir Choir Room
	4/5 Year Olds Rainbow Room	Gr. K-6 Computer Lab
	Nursery/Toddler Care Nursery/Toddler Room	Nursery – Age 4 Care Nursery/Toddler Room

**First Sunday
Vespers Service**

6:00pm

This evening worship service centers around the psalms. It begins with the entrance of a lighted candle representing Christ the Light of the World, who shines in the midst of this world’s night. This service will include prayers for healing, a brief meditation and will conclude with communion.

**Third Wednesday
Taize Service**

7:00pm

This worship service takes the form of meditative common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, we sing uncomplicated repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity.

Dr. Baxter's message continued:

The first step in this process would be the addition of a First Sunday Vespers Service beginning on March 2, 2008. Vespers is an ancient form of evening worship that allows for a wide variety of music and liturgy based upon the Psalms. The Worship Task Force envisions this once a month worship lasting forty-five minutes. The service would include a great deal of singing, a meditation and the sacrament of the Lord' Supper. We also envision the service to be very relaxed, with worship leaders dressing in normal street cloths, such as shirt and trousers, and congregants coming as they are.

The second stage of our transformation of worship would be the addition of a Third Wednesday Taize Service. Taize is an ecumenical form of worship created by Brother Roger on Easter Day 1949. The purpose of this ecumenical form of worship was to "make real reconciliation between Christians, 'where kindness of heart would be lived out and where love would be the heart of everything.'" We have been worshipping in this manner for four years during the season of Lent. We have discovered that our youth connect with this form of worship. If the Session approves, we envision Third Wednesday Taize Services beginning on April 16, 2008. We have chosen this date because it follows our Lenten season and because it will give us time to invite believers in the Barrington area to participate with us in this ecumenical form of worship.

The final stage of our modification of worship would be moving from our traditional nine and eleven o'clock worship service to one traditional service at ten o'clock. By making this change, the Worship Task Force and Session would be asking members from our 9 and 11 o'clock to compromise on the time that they have normally worshipped. We believe that this compromise will lead to a more vital worship service which will fill our sanctuary. This transformation would require moving our Christian Education program to 10:15 a.m., and adult, 7th and 8th grades, Senior High and Children's Choir programs to 11:15 a.m. If Session approves, we envision this step taking place in the fall of 2008.

The Worship Task Force and I believe that with this proposal, we will reach more of our members and more effectively reach out to the larger community. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact members of the Worship Task Force, Session, or our Program Staff.

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Worship Task Force: Anna Armstrong, Eric Enskat, Cathy Layne, Gus Leep, Jill Minner, Bill Nelson, Susan Reedquist

Staff: Melissa Armstrong-Hansche, Curt Baxter, Kirsten Hedegaard, Dan Spike

Session: George Landes, Clerk of Session

Matt Batt	Rich Barbour	Julie Archos
Eric Enskat	Bill Crewe	Karen Moratz
Owen Heath	Bob Johnson	Steven Neptun
Don Minner	Dan Paxton	Betsy Rubak
Bill Nelson	Susan Reedquist	Dorothy Symonds
Linda Neton	Dave Zimmer	Karen Tobin
Jack Raaths		

Mission

Loaves and Fishes



We can continue to contribute to our “**Loaves and Fishes**” baskets. The FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville, where all the weekly donations are taken, is in need of all kinds of canned and packaged food items as well as personal items. In particular, they need diapers (all sizes), deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, hand soap, paper towels and toilet paper.

If you buy one of these items in bulk, FISH breaks them down to individual piece. (It should be noted that a family serviced by FISH currently only receives six diapers per week. We could really change that.) If you cannot bring your bulk items to Church, please call **Gerry Nadig** to arrange for a pick-up at your home.

Cash donations are needed also to purchase fresh food items. If you would rather send a check, donations can be sent to FISH Carpentersville, P. O. Box 102, Carpentersville, IL 60110. Thank you all.



Our family of faith has been most generous to those who are less fortunate. Sincere thanks to all of you who donated your time, talents and treasure.

BPW: Thanks to all of you for your donations to and participation in the BPW Christmas Benefit. It was a huge success and proceeds will be distributed to a number of social service agencies supported by BPW. Thanks also to those who purchased Poinsettias.

Christopher House Bazaar: The bazaar provides clients of C.H. with the opportunity to purchase gifts for their families and friends at a low cost. Thanks to all who donated a wonderful variety of items for the bazaar.

Christopher House Family to Family Program: All 67 families (230 people) were given a very special holiday. The gifts were delivered to Uptown Christopher House on December 15th. Thank you for your generous support of this mission project. A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this project (sign up table and drivers). What a wonderful Christmas you have given to these families. Blessings, Sally Hilgendorf and Karen Stout.

Fall Food Drive: We delivered 226 bags of food and housekeeping items to FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville and to Christopher House. Thank you for your support. Thanks also to those who helped pack the thanksgiving bags at C.H., Gerry & Nancy Nadig, Gene & Joyce Simpson, Skip Dolan, Neal & Jean Marshall, Tom & Sally Hilgendorf, Sally Kilham, Karen Stout, and Dan Spike.

Nueva Esperanza: The gift cards you donated were given to the young people who are involved in the Nueva Esperanza Youth Ministry program. Thanks to your generosity, the kids had a great time shopping and getting something they needed. Joyce Simpson.

Barrington Giving Day: Families within School District 220 were invited to Giving Day, where they received coats, hats, mittens and blankets, as well as toys and books. Your donations are much appreciated.

Men's Homeless Shelter: New or used clean towels are most welcome at the men's homeless shelter run by Delia Ramirez, one of our St. Gregory graduates. She sends her gratitude to all of you for your donations.

Home of the Sparrow: The holiday cards which you purchased help fund the programs at Home of the Sparrow. Thanks for the 2008 calendars which clients really need and appreciate.

Nueva Esperanza Scholarship Students Move to Christopher House

Two years ago, Nueva Esperanza, formerly known as San Marcos, became a separate organization. For many years in was a mission of the Presbytery of Chicago and two years ago, when it separated, it became a mission with the Presbytery. The main difference was that Nueva now had to raise funds from various foundations and public institutions, along with the support it was getting from various churches (including ours), individuals and the Presbytery itself in order to survive. Well, after two years of struggling, coupled with the difficulties in getting money from the state of Illinois due to their current budget problems, Nueva has run out of money and will not continue after December 31, 2007.

Joyce Simpson and Gerry Nadig, who are members of the Nueva Esperanza Board, have been very concerned with the scholarship students that our Church has supported financially and in many other ways, and what will happen to their education going forward. Financially, our Church has a scholarship fund established and we raise funds each year for this fund with our annual golf outing. There are also a number of individuals who generously support this fund. It has been our intention to have these students continue at St. Greg's until they graduate (currently there are 2 seniors, 5 juniors and 4 sophomores). However, just providing the financial support for these students is not enough. We also had to ensure that tutoring was provided to them and that someone could handle all of the administrative requirements.

We are delighted to report that Christopher House, who is currently part of the national and Illinois "Gear Up" program (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs), will be taking over the administration of our scholarship students. Although our students will not be a part of the Gear Up program, they will receive the necessary tutoring and be under the watchful eye of Christopher House. As of January, we will no longer be able to refer to the students as being from Nueva Esperanza, so we are thinking they will be "our scholarship students from Christopher House".

If you have any questions please call **Joyce Simpson, or Gerry Nadig**. We would be delighted to chat with you.

Hopeful Hearts – the New Orleans Mission Comes Home

"...Jesus answered... 'Go and tell... what you hear and see:... the dead are raised and the poor have good news brought to them'" (Mat. 11:4, 5b).

Over the weekend of December 14 – 16, 2007, the New Orleans Lend A Hand Mission Team was host to Yolanda Cerrato, one of the New Orleans home owners served by our volunteers. Yolanda enjoyed the hospitality of Mission Committee and Lend A Hand Team Member, Barb Schwartz, who also escorted her on a Saturday outing Chicago's Mag' Mile. Friday night, the Lend A Hand Team shared food and fellowship with Yolanda at Wauconda's Lakeside Inn.

The highlight of visit was Sunday when Yolanda was a Guest Liturgist at our 9:00 Service of Worship and then shared her amazing story of faith and home coming with members of the congregation after the service. It was 14 months ago that our first Lend A Hand Team met Yolanda. When team members first walked through the utter devastation which was her home, the response from one member was, "There's no way... that we can take that on and make a difference."

Two weeks ago Yolanda moved back into her home. Hopeful hearts can make a difference. When asked by a member of our congregation what has kept her going these 28 months since Katrina, Yolanda answered, "I believe in miracles."

The Lend A Hand Mission to New Orleans is a miracle. Hopeful hearts join together in defiance of all good and practical sense—the dead are raised and the good news is brought to the poor. Yolanda comes home. And we too come a little bit closer to Home ourselves.

You are invited to join your heart of hope in coming Home. The next mission trip will be May 3 – 10, 2008. New and returning participants are encouraged to contact **Karen Tobin**.

See the photos on the next two pages.

Yolanda Cerrato



Barb Schwartz, Yolanda, Vince Neton



Denny McGurer and Yolanda



Stephen Ministry

Each year, our Stephen Ministers are asked to reflect on the work they have done as Christian Caregivers in an annual survey. Most of the survey asks the Stephen Minister to rank answers on a scale of 1 to 10, but the last section of the survey allows Stephen Ministers to express their comments freely.

Our Stephen Ministers all had positive things to say, either about the value of the program, or about how this ministry had provided spiritual growth for them and/or their Care Receivers. The Stephen Ministers at PCB are a wonderful group – as you will be able to tell by their comments!

“Becoming a Stephen Minister has been one of the greatest honors of my life. To be able to share with another human being on such a personal and intimate level has truly been a blessing in my life. I feel particularly close to God when I am in my caring relationship.”

“I am so moved by the superior, loving Christian care that is offered by the Stephen Ministers not only to their Care Receivers, but to other Stephen Ministers, congregation members and community. This is a ministry that sends ripples in an ever widening circle. How amazing to be part of this.”

“As a Referrals Coordinator I have had the opportunity to visit with people in crisis. So often after meeting with a potential Care Receiver who has agreed to receive care, I stop and thank God that we have SM to offer.”

“The longer I am in the Stephen Ministry system the more I appreciate the genius of it, Supervision provides so many things:

Accountability

Affirmation



Many heads are better than one. Check-In Statements and In Depth Reports provide structure and discipline. These help the Stephen Minister to plan ahead for each meeting with their Care Receiver and this is all done in strict confidentiality with the focus on the relationship between the Care Receiver and the Stephen Minister.”

“My Stephen Ministry has helped me with my personal life by becoming closer to God and knowing about how powerful prayer is and seeing prayers answered.”

“In my Supervision Group we have discussed the power of prayer. I have been blessed to be paired with a Care Receiver who has been my inspiration for heartfelt prayer. My CR does not prepare a prayer, it comes from the heart, always full of the Spirit. My CR has taught me to offer a prayer from my heart.”

“There is no place I go or anything I do where I consistently feel the Holy Spirit at work like I do when I am at a Stephen Ministry function of any kind.”

“My own spiritual journey really was jumped started with Stephen Ministry, and it continued with Disciples classes. Continuing Education sessions continue the journey and the learning and the fellowship from other Stephen Ministers keeps my journey alive!”

Thanks to all the Stephen Ministers for the work they have done and to all of the Care Receivers for their trust in this caring and confidential ministry.

If you would like to learn more about having a Stephen Minister, please call **Julie Brown** or call our pastors, **Curt Baxter** or **Dan Spike** at church **847-381-0975**.

Barrington Presbyterian Women

January 10 Meeting



Our next meeting will be on January 10. Please note we are meeting the 2nd Thursday of January due to the school holiday. Come for coffee at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Morning Bible Study

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

G.T.I.F.

GTIF (Growing Together in Faith) Women's Evening Bible Study Group meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month in the home of a member. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. Our study book is *Oxygen: Deep Breathing for the Soul*. Contact **Jill Minner**, or more information.

Women With Aging Parents

This support group for women and men with aging parents meets the second Friday of each month at the home of Marge Slocum. Our next meeting is January 11, at 9:30 a.m. **Marge Slocum**. Men also have aging parents -- so we encourage men to attend our meetings as their schedules allow.

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. The BPW Book group will read *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larson. The Barrington library will get the book for us prior to the January 17, 2008 meeting at Marge Slocum's house. All women of the church are invited to participate. **Sally Moore**, Coordinator.

BPW Women's Spiritual 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 the Church, with the hopes that a closer location opens up this path for spiritual growth and renewal for more of the women at the Church. Women aged 18 and older are invited to attend.

The retreat begins on Friday evening, February 22 at 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m., and resumes on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will complete our growth of having fun and building relationships with one another. The Retreat will be led by the Reverend Kathy Bostrom, Pastor of the Wildwood Presbyterian Church. And the Cost -- Just \$45.00, which includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Please prayerfully consider if this is the year to join us on the BPW Spiritual Retreat. Sign up begins on February 3 between services. Or complete the form and mail it with your \$45.00 check (made payable to BPW) to:

Susan Raaths, 22621 Covington Drive,
Deer Park, Illinois 60010.

Yes! I'll be at the 2008 BPW Retreat!

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Questions? Ask anyone who has been on a retreat, especially the retreat committee members:

Susan Raaths
Karen Tobin
Ginny Shapiro

January Program

BPW is sponsoring a ladies' luncheon to be held at Francesca's Restaurant in downtown Barrington on January 31, 2008 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$35.00 with checks to be made payable to BPW. We are delighted to host Barbara Rinella, a phenomenal book dramatist, who mesmerizes her audiences with her storytelling skills. She performs all over the Chicago area to sold out crowds. Please drop everything and join us for wonderful fellowship and fun. Tickets go on sale between services in January. Get your tickets early as there is limited seating available. Please call **Hollie Free** with any questions.

Valentine Care Packages

Each year, BPW sends about 50 Care Packages to college students, and people in the military. The packages contain home made cookies, candy and little treats like pencils, etc.

We get wonderful notes back from the kids who are so happy their home church is thinking of them! If you

have a student or someone serving in the armed forces, please email the address to Bonnie and Kim in the church office.

January 13th we will begin taking sign ups in Fellowship Hall for those who would like to register a



loved one to receive a pack, as well as people who would like to shop or bake. 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 7th, 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 and Nancy Nadig.

ChristCare

Caring Hearts – Faithful Servants

ChristCare Investment Group

Are you tired of your money getting eaten away by inflation? Unsure about how to get higher returns on your investments? Don't think you have enough money to invest? Looking for some help but not sure how to get it? Are you nervous about the future?

These are all legitimate questions we ask ourselves and it is difficult to find the answers at times. There is now an opportunity for you to explore these and many other financial issues facing you now and in the future. The OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Shepherds), a ChristCare group that was formed two years ago, is now changing its focus and welcomes anyone who wants to do something about their financial future.

Within the framework of a ChristCare group, we will band together and search for ways to invest our money to increase our wealth and to help others. This group will concentrate on educating each other about various

investments that can be made, no matter what is happening in the economy. We will talk about stocks, bonds and other financial instruments. We will discuss what to do in a bull market and a bear market. We will look at inflationary, deflationary and stagflation investment alternatives. We will do all this in plain, simple language that everyone can understand and participate.

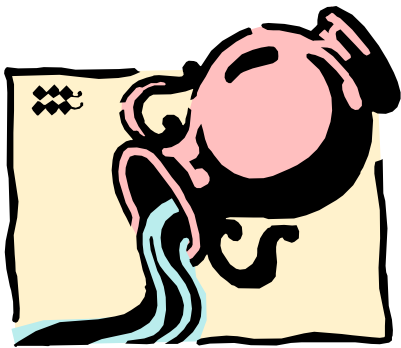
The OWLS will be holding their first meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. It will be in the Church parlor and start at 7:00 PM, lasting about an hour and a half. Come and see if it is "your cup of tea". We plan to meet twice a month and we will decide the time and place once we have a few meetings. If you have any questions or would just like to chat, please call **Gerry Nadig**. I will be delighted to hear from you.

Deacons

Condolences to:

The family of Frances Russell. Frances died on November 19. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 25.

The family of Paul Hoffman, who died on December 14 in Selah, WA. A memorial service will be held at our church on December 28 at 1:00 p.m.



Deacon's Corner, Alan Free

Humility and Gratitude. As I reach the end of my three-year term as an active Deacon, I am deeply grateful and humbled by the opportunity to serve with your Deacons and over the past year become Moderator of a team that really “walks the walk” in Christian faith.

Since joining the Church almost 10 years ago, I have always been active on at least one committee and this involvement has let me become friends with many great members. I remember when the call came inquiring about my interest in becoming a Deacon. I knew only a little about Deacon responsibilities and was concerned about doing a lousy job – this was definitely a duty that needed the right stuff and I wasn't sure it was in me. Today I know that I am lucky both that I was considered and that I accepted.

The Deacons are almost by definition a group that will never stand out in a crowd. They are a silent, selfless and thoughtful team of “hidden hands” that only seek reward in the comfort of others.

My father, a very selfless and thoughtful man, spent the last ten years of life severely disabled in a nursing home and death was a blessing. The experiences, visits, decisions, and emotions over those years shaped who I am today and gave me the idea that I had something, although raw and unpolished, to offer our church family as a Deacon. When my Mother was admitted to hospice and passed away this fall, I found myself managing through hard times with a peace that I attribute to my experiences as one of your Deacons.

My faith journey will always be a work-in-progress, but I feel I traveled far in the past three years, and hope I brought as much or more to those who needed me along the way.

The Deacons are almost by definition a group that will never stand out in a crowd. They are a silent, selfless and thoughtful team of “hidden hands” that only seek reward in the comfort of others. I have been lucky to be one of your Deacons and owe many thanks to Pastor Dan Spike and the rest of the group for allowing me to grow and contribute during the past three years. Thanks be to God for guiding me down this road and showing me many real lessons in what being a Christian means.

As I move on to the next stage of my faith journey (and probably another committee), I can proclaim that I leave my time as an active Deacon a better Christian

and a better person in general (note to self: better check with Hollie on that last part). This has certainly been one assignment that returned far more to me than I was able to invest. Thank you.

Hospitality

9:00 am		11:00 a.m.
Jan. 6	Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Worship Committee	Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Worship Committee
Jan. 13	Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team D: Franklin, Muhvic, and Jones Families	Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team D: Franklin, Muhvic, and Jones Families
Jan. 20	Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team E: Sally and Tom Hilgendorf, Barb Schwartz, Mary and Owen Heath, Kari Blanchette	Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team E: Sally and Tom Hilgendorf, Barb Schwartz, Mary and Owen Heath, Kari Blanchette
Jan. 27	Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team F: Scott and Phyllis Buchta and family, Steve and Jane Fish and family, Peter and Anneke Chamy	Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team F: Scott and Phyllis Buchta and family, Steve and Jane Fish and family, Peter and Anneke Chamy

Church Officers 2008

Session		
	Curt Baxter, Pastor, Moderator Dan Spike, Assoc. Pastor George Landes, Clerk of Session	
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2008	2009	2010
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Christian Education

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

“Will you be Christ’s Faithful Disciple?”
Sunday, January 13, 2008

“Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?”

“I will, with God’s help.”

Becoming Christ’s faithful disciple is a lifelong process. At our baptisms we enter into death and life with the risen Christ. As a confirmand, we choose freely that life of faith and covenant for ourselves. When we come as adult believers to reaffirm our baptismal vows, as we will in worship on Sunday, January 13, we come before God and those with whom we have chosen to share Christ’s life in this community and make public commitment to continue our lives of faith and covenant with Christ and one another.

In this affirmation we establish that our lives in faith are not invariable things done once and now only dimly recalled. Rather we choose to make real in the world our faith and hope that Christ speaks his Word for our lives and lives and moves and has his being among us in his love. Accepting our lives as Christ’s faithful disciples: What Word will Christ speak to your life? What words you from your lips will become the Word in the heart of another? Where will Christ show you his love in the living of your days? And, how will your living show his love to those whose lives you share?

In the coming year, there will be endless opportunities for we who accept discipleship with Christ here at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington to open our lives to Christ’s Word and his love: What Adult Education classes might you lead or attend? What Missions of the church might you support and participate in? How might you support and engage in the pastoral ministry of the congregation? What might you do to educate and encourage our children and youth as followers of Christ? How might you support and contribute to the ongoing presences and ministry of this community of Christ’s followers in Barrington and beyond?

Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple?

Focus on Adult Education

Three Adult Education Series on Spiritual Growth and Practice are planned for January through April, 2008.

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“Speaker Series: Living Practices of Spirituality”

February 24, March 2, 9

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Zen Buddhist: The Practice of Zen Buddhism;
 Benedictine: Living with a Monastic Heart; Jesuit
 Spirituality: Finding God in All Things

Looking Ahead

Sunday Adult Education: In spring, “Caring for Children as Spiritual Practice”, from the book and study guide, *In the Midst of Chaos*, by Bonnie Miller McLemore, Ph.D. Led by Nancy Dolan

In the fall of 2008; Mari and Lukass Franklin will continue their series on the impact of Zen Buddhism on Christianity.

Calvin Symposium: The Bells are Ringing! Don’t you love when the bell choir is part of our worship service? Have you ever wondered how we do it? Or whether you might be able to do it if you tried? Then please consider joining members of our bell choir at the Calvin Symposium on Worship January 24-28, where we will be attending workshops on hand bell ringing. Beginners and skilled musicians alike are welcome! For more information, contact **Mari Franklin** or **Kirsten Hedegaard**.

Men’s Retreat

The men of the church should keep the dates April 25-27, 2008 open for the Third Annual Men’s Retreat. Volunteers are needed to help with the planning of this event. Please contact **Tom Long**.

Youth Christian Education Dressing the Turkey

Thanks to everyone who made a donation and placed a feather on our turkey this past Advent. Through Golden Years, our contributions were able to supply 47 * meals to people in their homes this past Christmas. Thank you for bringing a bit of holiday cheer to some elderly people in need!



Youth Group Mini-Mission Trip To Chicago



If you believe that charity starts at home,.....or if you've always wanted to go on a Mission trip but just couldn't afford a whole week in

June,..... or if you've never been on a Mission Trip and don't have a thing to wear,....or if you are an experienced Mission tripper looking for a little mid-season warm up.....have we got a deal for you! The Youth group will be participating in a weekend Mission project in the City of Chicago February 22 -24, 2008.

The project is part of the DOOR ("Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection") program. DOOR is a nationwide ministry partnership of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the Mennonite Mission Network. The trip will provide an urban ministry experience that will inform, educate, challenge and motivate. It will encourage each of us to reflect on our experience and gain new insights. Seeing the face of God in the City will enable individuals to consider ministry and service as an essential daily part of living out their Christian faith.

We will arrive in the city Friday evening for supper and orientation followed by a cultural event associated with the neighborhood where we will be staying and working. After a restful night's sleep in a local church, we will spend the day Saturday on a service project.

Saturday evening will include dinner and a panel discussion / presentation. Following yet another restful night of sleep we will worship Sunday morning with an urban congregation before our departure for home.

Space will be limited, so please call a friend first, then and only then, contact Melissa before January 15 if you are interested in this unique experience. Parents (or other qualified adults) interested in chaperoning on this wonderful experience, please obtain the permission of a kid (it doesn't have to be your own, any kid will do) before you call.

5/6 Grade Lock-in January 11-12

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 and such and learn what the Bible tells us about living and working together as a community in Christ.

7th/8th Grade Parent/Child Dinner and Class:

Geography of the Holy Land
January 13 5:00 – 7:00pm

This is a new class, designed to familiarize both parent and child with the Holy Land – both at the time of Jesus and today. Through the use of a computer program and through the sharing of slides from members of our own congregation who have been to the Holy Land, you will leave the class feeling as if you have visited that section of the world.

Sr. High Fellowship
January 27 3:00—6:00pm
Countryside Gym

Join us as we enjoy the gymnasium at Countryside School—just down the hill. We will play basketball, use their soccer equipment and have a ton of fun. There is no cost and friends are welcome. We will meet at the school and then walk back to the church for pizza and soda. Call the church office to sign up!

**As a Family:
Renewal of Baptism January 13**

Plan to worship as a family for this service. Talk as a family about baptisms you have celebrated, in your immediate, extended and church family. Locate pictures, share stories. Then join your church family for this celebratory service.



Youth Mission Trip M&M Fundraiser

Eat chocolate for a good cause...

Help the Youth of our church raise money for their 2008 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

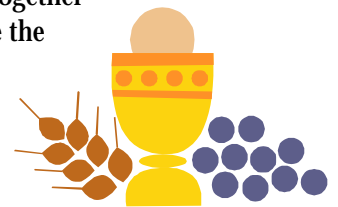
**7th/8th Grade WhirlyBall Lock-in
February 1– 2**

What is Whirlyball? It is an amazing sport that involves jai alai, basketball backboards and bumper cars. Don't miss it! Friends are welcome. Watch you mail for details and forms.

**4th Grade Parent/Child Class—
Sacraments**

February 3 5:00-7:00p.m

Join us as we share a meal together before beginning to explore the sacraments of baptism and communion. We will read through scripture and learn the importance of water, bread and wine in our spiritual lives, using games, music and art.



Fellowship

Kitchen Kabinet

After a wonderful Christmas Guest Day, we return to our regular luncheon meeting on January 8, at noon at The Garlands. **Bob Johnson.**

Men's Fellowship Group

Men's group meets the third Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be on January 17. **Tom Long,** Coordinator.

Music for January

January 6

Anthem: Star in the East David Ashley White

Offertory: Arise Shine for Thy Light Is Come Healey Willan

January 13

Anthem: Come to the Water James Foley

Offertory: This Is My Beloved Son Knut Nysted

January 20

Anthem: These Are They Which Follow the Lamb John Goss

Offertory: Agnus Dei Paul Basler

January 27

Anthem: Greater Love Hath No Man John Ireland

Offertory: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light John Ireland

Sundays-at-Four presents...

Concert world premiere of Will White's "Thy King Cometh"

"Thy King Cometh" is a major oratorio modeled after Handel's "Messiah". Exclusively using texts from the King James Bible, it tells the story of the Advent and Passion of Jesus Christ. The Passion sections were composed for Holy Week services at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington in 2006; the Advent sections were commissioned by members of the church and completed in May of 2007. The work uses large forces: vocal soloists, chorus, strings, piano, flutes, bells, brass, timpani and organ.

Though this work draws from a wide variety of influences (from Vivaldi to Bernard Hermann), it is unified by its highly dramatic story-telling and lush, evocative scoring. Many favorite texts (the "Magnificat", "Hosanna in the Highest", "Crucify Him!") are given novel treatments.

The performance at The Presbyterian Church of Barrington on February 10 will be the concert premiere of the completed work and will include movements never before heard in public!

Chancel Guild

Thank You.

Chancel Guild sends a big “thank you” to all volunteers and donors who have given their time, talents and donations for making our sanctuary so beautiful during the Advent and Christmas Season. We would especially like to thank Bill Crewe, Skip Dolan, Tom Hilgendorf, Ward Huege, Bob Kosobud, Dan Paxton, Chris Raaths, and Jack Raaths for taking time to put up the sanctuary trees.

Sue Kosobud, Susan Raaths, and Joan Wolfgram.

Sunday Dedications

If you would like to dedicate flowers for a Sunday, please complete and send in this form, with your check for \$30, to the church office.

Name of donor(s)

Phone: _____

email: _____

Date: _____

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Year End Contributions



If you'd like to increase your tax deduction for 2007, remember that any donation received by the close of the calendar year can be allocated to your 2007 pledge, a prepayment of your 2008 pledge, or ear-marked for the building fund or any of our church missions. Below are some critical deadlines to keep in mind as **our business office is closed on December 26, and also closes at noon on December 31.**

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

If you would like to make a stock contribution before year-end, contact your broker well before **Christmas** as most brokerage firms need at least a few days of lead time to process your request, and with the holidays, there will be delays. Remember to inform your broker that the Church has an account with E*TRADE Financial. Up-to-date instructions are available by contacting our church office.

Financial Report

As you note our \$55K estimated shortfall for the 2007 fiscal year below, please consider increasing your year-end contribution. Your generosity will assist the church in fulfilling its vision and mission. Thank you to those of you who have already given so generously.

	Actual	Projection	Original 07
	Thru Nov	thru Dec	Budget
Pledges	\$415,856	\$512,132	\$509,632
Prepaid pledges	98,312	107,250	107,250
OpenPlate	25,325	29,000	40,000
Misc receipts	5,243	7,500	10,000
Holiday giving	3,061	8,000	10,000
Est Shortfall		55,118	38,092
Est Expenses		<u>\$719,000</u>	<u>\$714,974</u>

Worship Schedule

- Jan. 6** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Revelation on the Twelfth Day
Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.
- Jan. 13** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
An Awesome Power
Readings: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.
- Jan. 20** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
What Are You Looking For?
Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42.
- Jan. 27** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
What Does It Mean to Be Christian?
Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

Deadline for the February *Carillon* is Noon January 15.
Be sure to get your submissions in on time to ensure publication.
Please e-mail or leave written submissions in the church office. If you have questions, please contact **Bonnie Kalaway** or **Kim Keper** at the church office.



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