

# Carillon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON  
A welcoming, caring family of faith

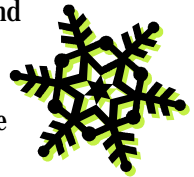
January 2009

2009 Celebration of Faith Gala, February 7

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**F** **faith and Hope.** These are two of the most beautiful and meaningful words in the language. Separately each provides a foundation for a fulfilled life. And together, when you possess both faith and hope, you are truly blessed indeed.



**The Celebration of Faith Gala** gives you a perfect opportunity to rejoice and share your faith with beloved friends, while also offering hope to those who desperately need some. Please join us for this elegant, fun evening of fellowship and charity, February 7, 2009, beginning at 6:30 PM at the Biltmore Country Club. Invitations were mailed to home addresses; please RSVP to the church office.



**The H.O.P.E. Fund** is a special beneficiary of the proceeds of the event. Monies raised allow our church to support members of our congregation in times of hardship. Your attendance at the gala supports a glimmer of hope when others need it most in their lives.



**Show your faith and celebrate your love** for the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. Proceeds from the event further support our ministries, a local charity, and maintain our building. Food, friends and faith, what a wonderful way to warm up a cold winter evening.

**Have fun!** The Celebration of Faith Gala is a lovely and lively evening, with silent and live auctions, a fabulous band, "The Mix," for dancing, and a delicious multi-course dinner. There is no better way to create special memories with friends and family.

Donations of live and silent auction items gratefully accepted. If you have event tickets, getaway lodging, gift certificates or other items, please consider donating them. Simply contact Emily Dowell, Karen Moratz, Kristen Neptun, Jane Zimmer or leave your items at the church marked, "Celebration of Faith Gala."

**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 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,

A lonely man sat on a stool that spins at the counter of a mom and pop restaurant known for its good pie. He looked at the menu and then confronted the eternal question: "What'll you have?" Looking at the twenty choices of pies, he said, "I want a slice of life topped with a moment of peace."

Who among us could not say the same for ourselves? As I write this article, the church staff and I are preparing for Christmas Eve. We are choosing our words carefully and are planning a great deal of beautiful music.

We learn from Leo Tolstoy:

1. There is only one important time, and that time is now.
2. The most important one is always the one you are with.

And from Gandhi:

The most important thing is to do good for the one who is standing at your side. "If you don't find God in the next person you meet, it's a waste of time looking for God further."

Finally, there are the words about peace from an unknown author: "Peace does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble, or hard work. It means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart." I know so little, but I do know this: the peace of which we sing and yearn will not be found in past nostalgia or in future fears. Peace is found in the present tense, when we live our life taking these positions:

1. Life is sacred.
2. Live on purpose.
3. Be intoxicated with the world.
4. Believe that imagination is more important than information.
5. Success doesn't require arrival.
6. Want what you already have.
7. Give no room to public opinion.
8. Embrace moments of grace.
9. Give the child in you a wide sky.
10. Understand that laughter is prayer.

Peace to you in the New Year,  
**Curt Baxter**

## Mission

### Christopher House Family-to Family Holiday Program:

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, 74 families were given a



very special holiday. The gifts were delivered to Uptown Christopher House on December 20th. 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

### Humboldt Park Homeless Shelter

Thank you to everyone who brought towels for the Humboldt Park homeless men's shelter. They have been delivered and are very much appreciated by the shelter during these winter months. Joyce Simpson

### New Mission Initiatives

The mission picture at our church is changing. The Nueva Esperanza program has ended, but we still provide scholarships to our students. They also receive tutoring and supervision through the "Gear Up" program with our long-time partner Christopher House. Although we are still supporting the students currently in the program, our involvement is more peripheral than in the past. The disaster response phase of Hurricane Katrina, which provided a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to make a difference, has ended. The Mission Committee is in a period of discernment that will determine our direction in the mission field.

One avenue that the committee is investigating involves addressing the global crisis of the lack of clean water in less-developed nations. On Sunday, January 11, 2009, at 11:15 a.m., members of Fox Valley Presbyterian Church in Geneva will give a presentation

on their participation in Living Waters for the World. LWW is a mission program of the Presbyterian Synod of the Living Waters (Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky) that has participation by congregations all over the United States. In the last 4 years, congregations working through LWW have installed 170 simple filtration systems in 19 countries. The Mission Committee and the Adult Education Committee invite you to attend this important presentation and welcome your feedback. Please plan to attend on January 11 to learn about this program that provides clean water to those who now suffer illness and deprivation. Also, feel free to contribute your thoughts about other possible mission projects for our church. If you have questions, please contact **Karen Tobin**.

### Condolences

to:

**Jack and Janet Swenson** and family, upon the death of Janet's mother, Isabel (Betty) Albrecht on December 3.

**Amy Wynne** and family upon the death of her father, Richard Beardsley.



### Kitchen Cabinet

This fellowship group of retirement age men meets monthly for lunch, tall tales and fellowship. The next meeting is on January 13 at noon at The Garlands.

You may call **Bob Johnson** for more information or to be added to the invitation list.

### Men's Fellowship Group

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship Group will be held at the home of Don Minner on Thursday, January 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to **Don**. If you have any comments or questions about Men's Fellowship, please contact **Tom Long**.

## Music

January 4     *Arise Shine for Thy Light Is Come*, Kenneth Jennings

January 11     *Come to the Water*, John Foley

January 18     *Laudate Dominum*, W.A. Mozart

January 25     *Precious Lord Take My Hand*,  
arr. Jack Schrader



### Sundays At Four Concert, February 22

The Gaudete Brass will present another fabulous concert entitled: "Fyre and Lightning: Virtuositic Brass Music Across the Centuries."

## Stephen Ministry

### A Match Made in Heaven

Life-transforming Stephen Ministry relationships begin with a careful matching of each care receiver with just the right Stephen Minister. In addition to following the basic Stephen Ministry principle of matching male care receivers with male Stephen Ministers and female care receivers with female Stephen Ministers, the pastor or Stephen Leader prayerfully considers each care receiver's specific needs, as well as the gifts, skills, and life experiences of the available Stephen Ministers.

When Karen, a Stephen Minister in Texas, was matched with her first care receiver, she got an eyewitness look at how well this process works. "It was a 'God thing' from the moment we met," recalls Karen. "Ours truly was a match made in heaven."

Her care receiver Jenny was grieving the loss of her husband, who had recently died after a four-year battle with a brain tumor. A few years earlier, Karen had also grieved deeply--over the death of two children. Karen and Jenny's common grief experiences helped form a strong bond between the two of them from the beginning.

"While one person's grief is never exactly like another person's, I know what it's like to lose someone close. Your life is turned upside down. You are overwhelmed with very painful, often confusing feelings, like not knowing if you can make it from one day to the next or feeling guilty about every little thing or being angry at God. During the worst part of my grief, I was blessed by having people around who really knew how to care--people who listened and prayed for me, who didn't tell me how I should think or feel, who didn't try to explain why things happened," said Karen.

"I wanted to be that kind of caring person for someone else, which is probably the biggest reason I became a Stephen Minister. So when I was matched with Jenny, I was very much in tune with her needs, and I can only say that it was God who brought us together. It was my opportunity to give back some of what I had received."

Similar grief experiences helped the two women connect right away, but as the relationship developed, they discovered that they had much more in common. "We both went to the same gym. We both loved to cook. We both enjoyed gardening. Each of us even had a dog that had allergies! It was amazing. We clicked on so many different levels that we developed an immediate rapport. The whole thing was a blessing to both of us. God really worked through our shared experiences."

Their commonalities paved the way for a Christ-centered relationship, allowing the process of Jenny's healing to begin. Karen is grateful for the way in which her Stephen Minister training enabled her to help that

process along. She remembers, "There were many times when I wanted to be the counselor, but I knew that wasn't my role. My role was to listen and pray, and to hand over the box of tissues when she needed it. Many times I prayed, 'God be with me. Work in and through me. Help me say the right

words at the right time and to remain quiet when I need to be quiet--and help me resist the temptation to try to fix things.' And the Lord filled me with his Spirit and helped me just be there for her. Later on Jenny would often say, 'You know, sometimes you wouldn't say but two or three words in an entire hour and that was exactly what I needed. You don't know how much that meant to me.'"

Karen and Jenny's Stephen Ministry relationship lasted about a year. After bringing the formal caring relationship to a close, they remained good friends and continue to see each other often. "We tease each other because we'll be talking about something and one of us will say, 'Now are you being the care receiver or the caregiver?' 'Who's the Stephen Minister now?' It's our private little joke."

But there's no joke about the profound impact that Stephen Ministry continues to have on Jenny's life. Karen notes, "Certainly, in some sense she has worked through her grief over the loss of her husband. But she's gone through a lot of other changes in her life too. She became very active in our church and is now the chair of the missions program. But perhaps the



nearest area of growth is that she decided to become a Stephen Minister. Jenny recently finished her training and will soon be assigned her first care receiver. I received care and gave back by becoming a Stephen Minister. Jenny received care and now she is giving back too. So the cycle of God bringing hope and healing through Stephen Ministry continues over and over again."

The key to Jenny's recovery, Karen believes, was God working through their Christ-centered relationship, a healing relationship that developed quickly because of common bonds and a careful matching process. Karen advises Stephen Leaders to carefully consider the importance of prayer in identifying the right person to match with a care receiver. In Jenny's case, that match made in heaven definitely made working through the grieving process easier than it otherwise might have been.

"Stephen Ministry is so much more than a 'program.' It's a life-changing ministry," Karen adds. "Stephen Ministers invite God to use them as instruments to help other people get their lives back on track. This is a launching pad for going on to greater things."

We all need a concerned and caring friend at some point in our lives to help us through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers are available to you or to your loved one to help when the going gets rough. Whether it is the loss of a loved one, the loss of a job, an empty nest, or something else, if you would like to establish a confidential relationship with a Stephen Minister, speak to **Curt Baxter or Dan Spike** at church, **847-381-0975** or speak to the Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinator, **Julie Brown**.

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### Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Your Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is pleased to inform you that Jimmy Dowell has recently become the newest member of our team. Jimmy, a Junior at Barrington High School, replaces Mark Minner who is now enjoying college life at Butler University in Indianapolis. We are grateful for Jimmy's immediate willingness to accept this responsibility and know he will be a valuable addition to our committee.

Following is the complete list of those serving on the APNC:

Jane Zimmer, Chair	Tom Hilgendorf
Heidi Anderson	Mark Layne
Pam Anderson	Kirsten Neptun
Becky Bosarge	Katie Rubak
Jimmy Dowell	

It should be noted that considerable confidentiality is attached to the search process. Please keep this in mind during conversations you may have with members of the committee. We will do our best to keep you informed through these monthly updates in the Carillon. As much as we would like to give you an anticipated conclusion date, it is just not possible to project. We have now passed the one year mark in our search process and no decision is imminent. Following the review of dozens of resumes, we have now conducted telephone interviews with about 15 potential candidates. In several cases, we had follow-up interviews on the phone and viewed taped sermon videos. Two candidates have been brought in for a personal visit. Following our face-to-face interviews, much discussion and prayerful consideration, we decided in both cases not to extend an offer to either candidate.

We appreciate your on-going support, patience and prayers as we proceed through this process of challenge and discernment in the life of PCB.

## Barrington Presbyterian Women



### January Meeting

Our next meeting will be on January 8, in Fellowship Hall. Please note that we are meeting on the second Thursday of January due to the 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.

### 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.

On January 11th 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, 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 morning, February 5th, 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 and Donna Sculley

### G.T.I.F.

**Growing Together in Faith** is an evening Bible Study for all women of the congregation that meets on the third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the home of a member. We are beginning a new study, "*Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting*" at our **January 20<sup>th</sup>** meeting. Join us as we focus on seven different gifts: Patience, Loss of Control, Living in the Present, Compassion, Gratitude, Humility, Trust in God. For more information contact **Jill Minner**.

### Women With Aging Parents

This support group for women who are dealing with the challenges of aging parents will meet on Friday, **January 9** in our Parlor. For more information, you may contact **Marge Slocum**.

### Book Club

Our next meeting will be held at the home of Joan Wolfgram, on **January 15** at 1 p.m. The book to be discussed is *The Namesake* by Lahiri. The Barrington Library will have copies of the book a few weeks before we meet. Please ask for the book at the Adult Services Reference Desk. The March book will be *Sea Glass* by Anita Shreve and the library will get that book for us, also. For more information, you may contact **Sally Moore**.

### Morning Bible Study

We'll meet in the Parlor on the second Wednesday, **January 14**, for coffee at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study starts at 10:00. Led by Dr. Baxter, we are studying the book of Luke using the Horizon Bible Study, *Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor*. **Emily Dowell**, Coordinator.

### Shawl Ministry

Shawl Ministry meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the parlor, this month on **January 21**. Please join us in this worthwhile outreach ministry to those in our congregation and also others who need to be surrounded in our love and prayers. For more information contact **Linda Neton**.

### January Program with Barbara Rinella

Treat yourself to a delicious luncheon and a fun program to be held at Francesca's in Barrington on Tuesday, **January 6** at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$35.00 with checks to be made payable to BPW. For reservations, you may contact **Liz Brown**. We welcome back the talented Barbara Rinella, a phenomenal book dramatist, who mesmerizes audiences with her storytelling skills. The program will feature the book, *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan. Invite a friend or two to a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship.

**BPW Women's Spiritual Retreat**



Calling all women! The best gift is one that keeps giving. Consider a gift for YOU that will provide you with the following: 1- time off from your mom or not-mom duties; 2- a weekend to experience the fellowship of fabulous church women; and 3- a time to connect with God.

This year our BPW retreat theme is “MISSION POSSIBLE: Balancing Your Life.” Discover how to live your life, rather than letting it live you. We will be led by Rev. Dr. Christine Vogel of McCormick Theological Seminary. The retreat will be held at St. Benedict’s Abbey in Benet, Wisconsin (just over the border from Antioch) from Friday evening March 13th through Sunday morning March 15th. Cost is \$175 per person. Use the registration slip below and return to Rachelle Watkins, or logon to [www.bpwretreat2009.lumatila.com](http://www.bpwretreat2009.lumatila.com) to register. Deadline is February 8th.

Sign up now for the 2009 BPW Women’s Retreat!

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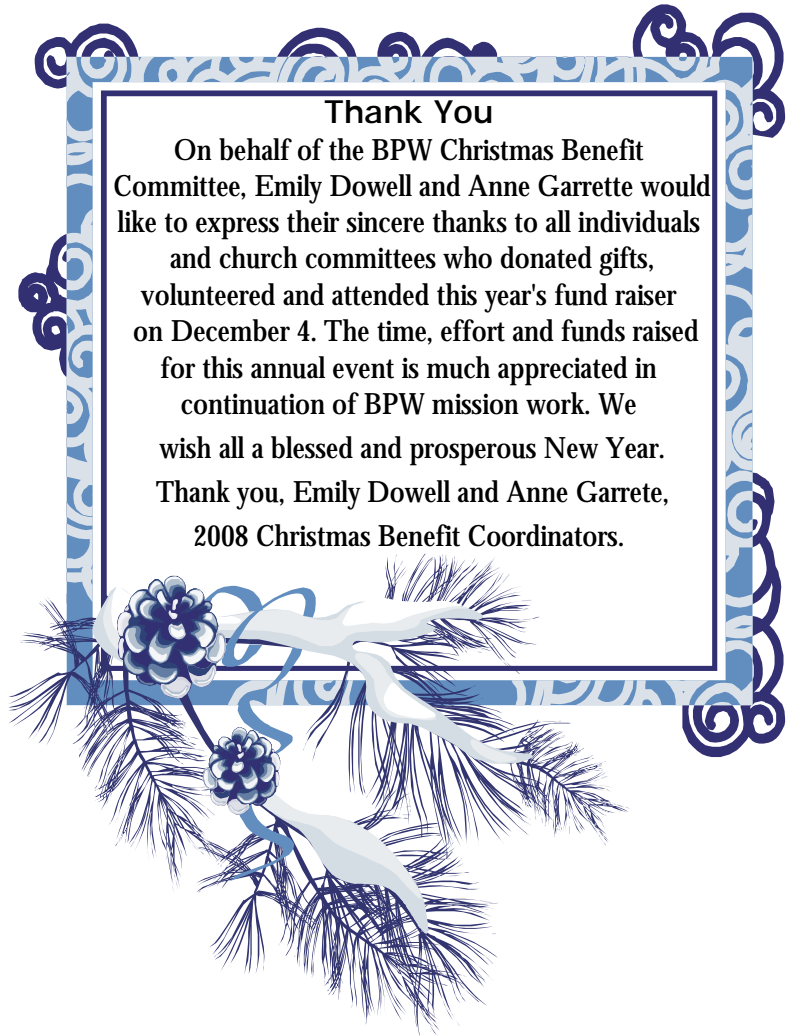
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**Rachelle Watkins,  
Mari Franklin  
Marge Slocum.**

**Thank You**

On behalf of the BPW Christmas Benefit Committee, Emily Dowell and Anne Garrette would like to express their sincere thanks to all individuals and church committees who donated gifts, volunteered and attended this year's fund raiser on December 4. The time, effort and funds raised for this annual event is much appreciated in continuation of BPW mission work. We wish all a blessed and prosperous New Year. Thank you, Emily Dowell and Anne Garrete, 2008 Christmas Benefit Coordinators.



**Chancel Guild**

The Chancel Guild wishes to thank all of the volunteers who helped decorate the sanctuary and also to those who have given donations for the decorations during the Advent Season. We would especially like to thank Jack Raaths, Chris Raaths, Skip Dolan, Chris Stout, Dave Zimmer and Bill Crewe for taking time to put up the sanctuary trees. And a special thanks to Joyce Simpson, Owen Heath and Rob Haas, our Sexton.  
Sue Kosobud, Susan Raaths and Joan Wolfgram

## Christian Education

### Corny Opportunity to Improve the World

Well, the fine folks at the Youth Mission Trip Labs have done it again! This time they have developed a way for you to participate in making the world a better place by simply enjoying a tasty treat while relaxing in your favorite comfy chair or couch. How totally awesome is that?



The Youth Group will be selling prepared popcorn treats for mass consumption on Super Bowl Sunday. The funds raised from the popcorn sales will help the Youth experience God's work first hand on the 2009 Youth Mission Trip. The Mission Trip provides the kids with the opportunity to assist others that are less fortunate than those of us here in Northeastern Illinois, by providing Vacation Bible School to children, serving at soup kitchens and performing restoration of churches and housing for underprivileged and elderly children of God.

During the month of January, watch for the Youth Group (they will be the happy people picking corn kernels out of their teeth) in Fellowship Hall following the Sunday morning service. They will be taking advanced orders for popcorn snacks which will then be available for pick up at Fellowship Hall on Super Bowl Sunday. You will have your choice of Nacho Cheese Popcorn, Popcorn con Pesto, or Buttered Popcorn in 1 quart, 1 gallon or the extra value Super Bowl Bag size. Tasty truffles made of peanuts and popcorn will also be available. These products will be made fresh with love by the Youth right here in the "kozy kitchen" of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. Pick-up of the popcorn treats will be on Sunday, February 3, 2009, just in time for your enjoyment during the Super Bowl!

### Parents of Tweens and Teens

Has parenting your teen got you wondering why God didn't provide an instruction manual? Or, are you facing rapidly approaching teenage years with anxiety and fear? Do you crave a voice of reason in the midst

of parenting during this tumultuous time? Parents of adolescents need support and a safe place to share. We need to feel better equipped for this role, a role which only provides trial and error, on-the-job training. We need assurances of God's presence as our confidence shakes.

To address these very needs, we would like to try out a class at church for parents of adolescents, or tweens and teens. Because this is a new concept, we are starting with a blank slate – the day/time/location/duration will be determined by those interested in participating. We'll start with a six-week curriculum and decide after that if we'd like to continue. Our vision is that parents of adolescents would find in our church home Christian care and support for these challenging years and tools to raise our adolescent children in emotionally, spiritually and physically healthy ways.

If you, Moms and Dads, would be interested in participating in such a group, please contact **Nancy Dolan** no later than January 11. I can't wait to hear from you!

### Adult Ed

#### January Disciple Bible Study

Standing apart from the synoptic gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, the Gospel of John offers its own maverick view of the life of Jesus. "Come and see" and examine God's word through John's Gospel together with us.

Mari and Lukass Franklin invite you to join them in this winter's short-term Disciples Bible Study: *An Invitation to John*. Our first of 12 meetings will be on Sunday, **January 11**. Sign up by contacting **Lukass and Mari**, or by calling the **church office, 847-381-0975**.

Curt Baxter and Paige Unangst invite you to join them on Tuesday afternoons for a winter short-term Disciples Bible Study: *An Invitation to John*. Our first of 12 meetings will be on Tuesday **January 13<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm. Sign up by contacting **Paige** or by calling the **church office, 847-381-0975**.

## Church Officers, 2009 -2011

### Elders:

Jack Raaths: member since 1988, Elder 1994 – 96 and 2006 – 2008, Worship Committee, Usher Coordinator.

Don Minner: member since 1982, Elder, Deacon, PNC, APNC, Christian Ed, Communications, Personnel Committees

Bethany Muhvic: member since 2004, Nursery/Toddler, Sunday CE and WNL teacher, Choir, BPW

Kathy Weidner: member since 1989, Trustee 1996 – 98, Choir, Bell Choir, BPW

Curtis Moore: member since 1982, Deacon, Usher, Liturgist, Kitchen Cabinet

Nancy Bohren: member since 1995, Elder 1999-2001, Deacon 2002-07, BPW, Membership and Mission Committees

### Deacons:

Dale Smith: member since 2004, Deacon 2006-08, Choir member

Laura Burke: member since 2001, BPW Board, Fellowship Committee, WNL Committee

Emmie Helfrick: member since 2007, BPW Board

Lindsey Moratz: member since 2000, former Dove Club and youth group member, Youth Mission trips OK and WA

Sigrid Ross: member since 2004, Deacon 2006 – 08, Liturgist

Ellen Kantroski: member since 1993, Elder 1999-2001, Stephen Minister, BPW, Vision Task Force, Choir

### Trustees:

Ian Monie: member since 2001, completing 1 year unexpired term (01/01/2009 – 12/31/2009), Trustee 2007-08

Mark Garrette: member since 1994, Trustee 1996-98, Elder 2002-04, Usher, Business Affairs & Stewardship Committee

Ralph Menick: member since 1990, Deacon 2003-05, Men's Fellowship, Men's Retreat

Leo Burkhart: member since 1987, Session 1996-96 and 2003-05, Nominating, Stewardship, Worship Committees

Jack Jones: member since 1986, Liturgist, Elder

## Church Administration

### Trustees' Corner – January 2009

Have you noticed some of your fellow parishioners walking around the church building peering at the ceiling, gazing at the walls, squinting into dark corners? These are your Trustees examining our building for structural and cosmetic defects that need attention. A major responsibility of the Trustees is to see that our house of worship is kept in proper repair.

Believe it or not, our property is now almost 50 years old! And like any middle-aged entity, it needs increasing attention. The critical improvements we made in 2008 and noted in the December Carillon cost us \$110,000 and despite contributions from a special 2008 building fund pledge campaign consumed all our current building maintenance reserve. We will end 2008 with only a modest \$10,000 reserve balance if all the outstanding 2008 building fund pledges are fulfilled. Last month's Carillon listed mandatory repair projects for 2009 that will require over \$32,000 to accomplish. The Trustees recognize that 2009 is a unique budgeting challenge, but our 2009 church budget for such repairs (Maintenance Reserve) allows for only \$15,000. Reserve monies are no longer available to provide adequate funding – we have “eaten the seed corn.” Please understand that our needs are for essential repairs and cannot be ignored.

To help bridge the gap between need and hope, the Trustees, under the strong leadership of Trustee Diane Reich, organized three very successful “PBC – Presbyterians Building Community” – work days this past fall. Another work day is scheduled for January 10. Perhaps you've noticed some of these improvements – fresh paint, new storage space, pruned shrubs, neater memorial garden, etc. The BPW has also pitched in, funding the renovation of the brides' room. Many dedicated church members have participated and have made real contributions to our facility, saving us thousands of dollars and having a lot of fellowship in the doing. We have a long list of items to do, so we won't run out of tasks for a long while. We hope to see you on January 10 from 9 until noon for the next PBC work day. You won't regret it!

### Plans for 2009 Staffing Needs

The Associate Pastor Nominating Committee has been hard at work during 2008 searching for the best

possible candidate to fill our new Associate Pastor position. Along with the APNC search, the Personnel Committee has worked with the ministry team to evaluate individual assignments based upon the anticipated call for the new pastoral position and the Covenant with Reverend Dan Spike, approved by Session and dated March 12, 2007. The Covenant called for Dan to convert to half time status on January 1, 2009. Dan is pleased to report that in anticipation of this change, he has secured a part time position with Centegra Health System as a Registry Chaplain with an opportunity for this to become a more substantial position during the coming year.

In October, the Personnel Committee began to re-evaluate staffing needs in light of the continuing search. This resulted in a plan providing for Dan to increase his time commitment to us from half to three-quarter status during the first quarter of 2009, with a planned review of continuing staffing needs to take place during that quarter. The plan was presented to Session on November 24, 2008 as an amendment to the Covenant, and was unanimously approved. We are pleased to announce that Dan has agreed to the additional time commitment in the Covenant amendment. It should be noted that both the half time and three quarter plans are heavily weighted toward Pastoral Care and Stephen Ministry support. This plan for our 2009 staffing will allow our ministry team to meet the needs of our congregants, and will provide the time for the APNC to secure the best possible candidate.

Financial Report for the Presbyterian Church of Barrington			
For the 10 months ended November 30, 2008			
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Annual</b>
	<b>YTD</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Pledges	\$391,289	\$410,500	\$475,262
Prepaid pledges	103,720	103,720	113,150
Open Plate	31,753	27,050	30,000
Misc Receipts	14,066	5,700	6,200
Holiday giving	2,047	3,000	6,000
Extra campaign	44,250	48,000	50,000
Add'l need			38,069
	<b>\$587,125</b>	<b>\$597,970</b>	<b>\$718,681</b>

## Worship Schedule

- Jan. 4** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Seeing The Signs*  
Readings: Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14; Eph. 3:1-12;  
Matt. 2:1-12.
- Jan. 10** Vespers .....6:00 p.m.  
*For God So Loved The World*  
Readings: Psalm 142:12-20; Jer. 31:7-14; Eph. 1:3-14;  
John 1:1-9, 10-18.
- Jan. 11** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 10:00 a.m.  
*The River of Life*  
Readings: Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7;  
Mark 1:4-11
- Jan. 18** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Come and See*  
Readings: 1 Sam. 3:1-10; Ps. 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Cor.  
6:12-20; John 1:43-51.
- Jan. 24** Vespers .....6:00 p.m.  
Communion
- Jan. 25** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Deciding Between No and Yes*  
Readings: Jon. 1:1-10; Ps. 62:5-12; 1 Cor. 7:29-31;  
Mark 1:14-20.



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