



# Carillon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON  
A welcoming, caring family of faith

## January 2010

### BPW Women's Retreat

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**T**he 2010 BPW Women's Winter Retreat will be held here at The Presbyterian Church of Barrington. The Rev. Holly Whitcomb will present *Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting*

On Friday evening, January 29, we'll have some snacks and dessert at 6:30 p.m. The session will run from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. On Saturday morning, January 30, we'll have some breakfast food at 8:30 a.m. The session will run from 9:00 a.m. – noon. All women of the congregation are encouraged to attend; friends are most welcome. The cost is \$00.

Based on Holly Whitcomb's latest book, this retreat examines the spiritual opportunities that waiting offers. Waiting presents an enormous challenge and the upcoming season of Lent is a liturgical season of waiting. We are impatient, "I-can-fix-it" kinds of people. Yet if we can welcome waiting as a spiritual discipline, waiting will present its spiritual gifts. Because we experience little waits and big waits all the time, we can be on the alert to receive the seven gifts that waiting gives:

- Patience
- Loss of Control
- Living in the Present
- Compassion
- Gratitude
- Humility
- Trust in God



For reservations, please contact Jill Minner.

**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 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,

Last winter, many of us were delighted to watch the movie, "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button", based on a short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The long and short of the story is about Benjamin who is born old and wrinkled and then grows young. The film takes us to a place of new perspective in a life lived backward.

Philip Roth wrote the screenplay and has Benjamin say:

"It's never too late or, in my case, too early to be whoever you want to be. There's no time limit. Start whenever you want. You can change or stay the same.

There are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it. I hope you see things that startle you. I hope you feel things you never felt before. I hope you meet people who have a different point of view. I hope you live a life you're proud of, and if you're not, I hope you have the courage to start all over again."

The church is not a showcase for saints, but a place of renewal and recovery for anyone who is seeking to do the best they can with what they've got. It is a place of new perspective. That new perspective begins with the words of Jesus: "I came that you might have life, and have it in abundance."

Last summer, I watched as my uncle died of brain cancer after being exposed to Agent Orange during his military career. His death was painful and tragic. But, his death drove home to me in a very personal way that not all of us die full of years and ready to embrace this last experience of life. And yet, all of us will die and all of us think about death. Remarkably, we seldom talk about death in a calm and rational way.

In an attempt to break this silence, I will be offering a new adult class entitled, "Living Fully, Dying Well." I will offer the class on Sunday morning after worship and on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock in the church parlor beginning Sunday, January 10th and Wednesday, January 13 ending on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. The class is being offered on Sunday and Wednesday so that you may choose the time most convenient to your schedule and to make it possible to make up classes on Wednesday evening, if you happen to miss a Sunday.

Please call the church office to sign up for the class. The cost for the course is \$11.00. I look forward to seeing you in class as we talk openly and honestly about the mystery of the last great experience of life in this world. "It's never too late to have life and to live it abundantly."

**Pax,  
Curt Baxter**

## New Church Officers – Class of 2012

At Worship on January 17, we'll ordain and/or install our newly elected Church Officers. They will serve three year terms, January 2010 – December 2012. We'll also introduce the 2010 members of the Nominating Committee. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their service to our church.

### Elders

Heidi Anderson  
 Don Andler  
 Carol Buchta  
 Bill Crewe  
 Emily Dowell  
 Mark Layne  
 Gerry Nadig - to fill Karen Tobin's remaining term  
 (ends December, 2010)

### Deacons

Amy Carder  
 Jessica Neton  
 Marlene Peterson  
 Michelle Peterson  
 Glenn Powers  
 Gil Semmen

### Nominating Committee (members at large) 2010

### Trustees

Rich Barbour  
 Rick DiMaio  
 Jeff Johnson  
 Ian Monie (2 years, 1/1/2010 – 12/31/2011)

Kurt Anderson  
 Don Arndtsen  
 Skip Dolan  
 Janet Jones  
 Linda Neton



## Mission



A big THANK YOU is extended to all of the generous donors to our Christmas Mission projects and our Chancel Decorations fund from the BPW, Chancel Guild, Christopher

House Auxiliary and the Mission Committee. The Christopher House Gear-Up Program, Christopher House Holiday Bazaar, Christopher House Family-To-Family program, Barrington Giving Day, the BPW benefit and our Chancel Guild all were wonderfully supported by our congregation.

Even in these tough economic times, our congregation has given to those who are less fortunate than we. Your contributions to the Chancel Guild fund helped make our Sanctuary beautiful all year. To all of you who have given your time and talents on behalf of the Chancel Guild, we thank you. Thanks also to all who brought in towels for the Humboldt Park Social Services homeless men's shelter. They are especially needed at this time of year and are much appreciated.

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



Thanks to the generosity of our congregation 58 families were given a very special holiday. The gifts were delivered to Uptown Christopher House on December 19<sup>th</sup> – thanks to our volunteers and drivers. What

a wonderful Christmas you have given to these families. Blessings--Sally Hilgendorf/Karen Stout.



**Feed My Starving Children** is a national organization dedicated to feeding the children of the world in body and spirit. Volunteers gather at warehouses and pack meals for starving children that are delivered through Christian and humanitarian organizations around the world. In 2008, 73.6 million meals were packaged and sent to starving children.

We will be traveling to the Aurora warehouse on **Monday, January 18, 2010** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) to pack food. Departing PCB at 1:30 p.m., we will return at 6:00 p.m.

This is an **inter-generational** event open to all those in third grade and up. Please note, however, this is not a drop-off event for children. If you are younger than 7th grade, a parent or guardian must attend. We have 20 slots available and they will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Any questions? Please contact **Dawn Haeger, 847-381-0975 x 227**.

### Loaves and Fishes

We are still accepting donations of food and toiletry items for the FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville. There are baskets in the Narthex. Your donations are most appreciated. Thank you!



## Stephen Ministry

“We all have special God-given gifts to use and share. It’s amazing to see and experience God working through us to help someone else. It’s a life-changing, spiritually-enriching experience.” This testimonial is from one of our current Stephen Ministers. Please think about it as we begin the process of forming a new training class that will start in the fall.



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? 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 caregiving 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 the Stephen Ministers at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington 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.

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 one of the 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,

Curt Baxter

Dan Spike

Dawn Haeger

Anna Armstrong

Julie Brown

Sandi Crewe

Nancy Nadig

Dan Paxton

Susan Raaths

## Barrington Presbyterian Women



### January Meeting

Our next meeting will be on January 7, coffee at 9:15 a.m.; meeting at 9:30 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

### Christmas Benefit

Congratulations and thank you for a wonderful Christmas Benefit. Whether you worked behind the scenes or supported our many missions by attending the program and luncheon, your participation is very much appreciated! A special thank you goes to co-chairs Susan and Ginny, as well as the many hard-working women who shared their gifts and talents to make this benefit a huge success. Not only did you put forth tremendous time and effort, but you really seemed to enjoy working together for a great cause. I feel honored to be part of such an amazing group of women. Jill Minner

### Morning Bible Study

Rev. Dawn Haeger is leading our Horizons Bible study this year, "Joshua: A Journey of Faith." We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the church Parlor. Our next meeting will be **January 13** – we'll now start at 9:15 for food and fellowship with Bible study starting at 9:30 am. **Paige Unangst** is the coordinator.

### G.T.I.F.

G.T.I.F. (Growing Together in Faith) is a women's evening Bible Study that meets monthly on the third Tuesday. We have begun a new study, "Psalms, Prayers of the Heart." Come join us at our meeting on Tuesday **January 19** at 7:00 p.m. We meet in various members' homes throughout the year. All are welcome! Contact **Jill Minner** for more information.

### Women With Aging Parents

If you are struggling with the challenges of dealing with aging parents – or you have solutions to suggest – please join this support group which meets the second Friday of the month. Our next meeting is **January 8** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. For further information call **Marge Slocum**.

### 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 21, 2010**, at the home of Sally Moore. The book to be discussed is *My Life in France*, by Julia Child and Alex Prud'homme. For more information, please contact **Sally Moore**.

### Shawl Ministry

We meet the third Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet prayer shawls for members of our congregation and community. Our next meeting is **January 20** in the Parlor. No knitting or crocheting experience is necessary; we will gladly help you get started. 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 about this ministry and our next meeting date, please contact **Linda Neton**.

### Valentine Care Packages

Each year, BPW sends about 50 Valentine Care Packages to college students and people in the military. The packages contain homemade cookies, candy and fun little Valentine treats.



We get wonderful notes back from the kids who are so happy that their home church is thinking of them! If you have a college student or someone serving in the armed forces, please email their address to Bonnie or Kim in the church office.

On January 10 we will begin taking sign-ups for those who would like to register a loved one for a pack, as well as for 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 on Thursday, February 4 in Fellowship Hall immediately following the BPW meeting around 10:45. All are welcome to help us get the packs in the mail later that morning!

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

The Valentine Care Pack committee

## BPW Winter Program



Come join us as Barbara Rinella performs *The Commoner*, a historical novel about the common woman who marries the Crown Prince of Japan, (with

many parallels to the real life story of Japan's Empress Michiko) on Tuesday, **February 2nd** at 11am at Makray Golf Course. Tickets are \$35 and will include lunch. Questions, contact **Claudia Gerrard or Betsy Rubak**. Sign up in Fellowship Hall following the Sunday Church Service.

## Deacons

**Condolences to:**  
The family of Glenn Ofsthun; Glenn died on December 9, 2009.

The family of Owen and Mary Heath; Owen's mother,

Virginia Slaton Heath, age 96, died on December 14, 2009.

## Christian Education

### For Such A Time As This

It's the beginning of a new year and I can't think of a better way to celebrate a new chapter of ministry opportunities than to share with you the Youth Mission trip plans for 2010. This summer we will travel to Louisville, Kentucky to work with local agencies in providing person-to-person ministry such as serving in soup kitchens and community centers as well as hands-on construction work. Our hosts for the mission trip will be the Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church. We will depart for Louisville on Friday, July 16, head to Lafayette, Indiana on July 20, and return to the Presbyterian Church of Barrington on Sunday, July 25.

In addition to the mission work in Kentucky, we will participate in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT) at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. This gathering brings together approximately 4,000 Presbyterian teens and their adult sponsors from across the nation for worship, recreation, community building and Bible study. The theme for the 2010 event is, "For Such a Time As This." A design team of 25 adults and youth have spent 2 years planning this gathering that seeks to address how young people can use their extraordinary gifts and talents to serve the world as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. How is it that they are being called to be agents of healing and transformation both in the world and in their church? The following are some thoughts of the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium design team:

#### *A Time for Everything*

There are times in our lives when...

- ...we have a choice.
- ...we speak up about our faith in Jesus Christ.
- ...we listen instead of speak.
- ...we need to make the most of everyday.
- ...we need to let go of labels.
- ...we speak in the face of corruption.
- ...we need to reach out to others and be reached out to.
- ...we build relationships and let go of them.
- ...we stand firmly and when we are called to compromise.
- ...we need to live our purpose.

God is always present. It is TIME to figure that out.

All youth who will graduate from 8th grade this spring, as well as high school students, including graduating seniors, are invited to participate in both the mission trip and PYT. A deposit of \$100.00 is due to Dawn Haeger by January 15.

We have many fundraisers planned to finance our trip and partial scholarships are available. Watch for M&Ms, vesper dinners in February and April, a pancake breakfast in March and a bake sale in May. All youth who would like to attend this trip are expected to help out with the various activities/fundraisers planned.

I am truly excited about our upcoming trip and the chance we will have to serve others in need as well as the opportunities for our teens to grow in their relationships with one another and with God. Please join me in encouraging all teens who are eligible to travel with us to Louisville and Lafayette this summer.

*Blessings to You All,  
Dawn*

### First Sundays

We will gather on Sunday, **January 3 at 5:00 p.m.** for **Junior Highs** (7-8th grade) and **6:30 p.m. for Senior Highs**. Our common meal will be from **6-6:30 p.m.**



Our time together will focus on modern music. What bands do you listen to? What are your favorite songs? What messages (positive and not so positive) are the lyrics suggesting? Our dinner theme is a church picnic. We will provide hotdogs with the trimmings. We need you to bring beverages, chips and desserts.

### As a Family:

**Renewal of Baptism January 10**  
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.

### Friday Night at the Movies

All youth are invited to Friday Night at the Movies where the popcorn is free and so is the laughter! Let's gather in the youth lounge on **Friday, January 15 from 7-10 p.m.**



## Wednesday Night Live: Session 3 begins January 13!

**January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10, 2010**  
**5:15 – 7:00pm**

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) is a mid-week fellowship program for children Kindergarten through 6th grade. We meet for five week sessions throughout the school year. The program includes dinner, as well as games, music and lessons. Watch your mail for a detailed brochure! Sign up and join the fun.

**K-4th Gr.** We are going to Hawaii! Once there, we will meet Ima Bummer, a self-appointed tour member who has a seriously bad attitude. We will discover the Bible character, Jonah, as we explore questions about attitude and learn “We will choose good attitudes, even when things are going wrong.”

**5th/6th Gr.** Join us in the Youth Lounge for fun and fellowship. We start with some hang time where we listen to music and put the pinball machine to good use. Our topic for discussions these next five weeks: Very Cool Stories and Why Jesus Told Them! Jesus told the people stories so that they could understand God better. But those stories are old! Do they still have meaning for us today? Join us as we start with Cool Cat, a story about a hep and happening cat!

### Youth Mission Trip M&M Fundraiser



Eat chocolate for a good cause...

Help the Youth of our church raise money for their 2010 Mission/Triennium 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 17th.**
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 located in the Narthex.

\*(one tube to a family, please)

## Presbytery Winter Retreat

**7th and 8th Graders Jan. 29 – 31**



While others will be freezing, you can enjoy indoor recreation—including a pool! East Bay Camp Retreat Center has it all! Check out the brochure that was mailed to you. But more importantly, read about what this retreat has to offer you:

- \* a chance to connect with many other youth your age from the Chicagoland area
- \* a chance to listen to an awesome presenter—Rev. Sean Miller from our neighbor church in Arlington Heights
- \* a chance to explore your understanding of Jesus
- \* a chance to think more about what Jesus is calling you to be

All this with games, music and incredible food! Check your calendar—plan to attend. Let Miss Melissa know if you are interested. Cost: \$100 (non refundable).

**Deadline: Sunday, January 10**

**PARENTS:** We are looking for two parents to drive and chaperone, as Melissa will be out of town on study leave. What a great time you will have as you, too, will explore your faith and meet other groups. And you can learn the answer to the nagging question: What is Carpetball? Contact Melissa if you can attend.

### SAVE THE DATE:

**7th/8th Grade WhirlyBall Lock-in**  
**February 19-20**

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 your mail for details and forms.



**Winter Disciple Class –**

**Invitation to the Old Testament**

This 8 Week course is designed to give you a framework to better understand the Old Testament. The class begins Thursday, **February 4**, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. The facilitators, Bob Kosobud and Ellen Kantroski, invite you to join them for this wonderful journey into the beginnings of our faith.

By the end of this brief course, you and your Disciple group will have studied the Old Testament, its linkage to the New Testament, and its relevance to us today. Note that this is a survey course with moderate reading. We don't read the entire Old Testament.

Each 1½-hour segment will begin with about twenty minutes of fascinating video that presents each topic with archeological, historical, and political context that brings the stories to life. This will be followed by about an hour of group discussion based on pre-readings and each week's video.

The segments include:

**Building the faith** - How the Hebrew faith evolved, and how the Old Testament grew to be a Canon with 39 books.

**Faith for the times** - Seeing the Old Testament as a 4000-year family story, lived through history, beginning with Abraham.

**God acting in the world** - The Exodus story and the development of the concept of a powerful and caring God who decides fates of nations and their people.

**Creating a faith community** - The evolution of understanding of God as a creator of community.

**Covenant** - The development of understanding the Covenant between God and his people.

**Staying on course** - God's use of prophets as messengers to help the people focus on God's message.

**Remembering the message** - The conquest and fragmentation of Israel, and the need for laws of written scripture with people so scattered.

**Meaning for today** - The wisdom literature in the Old Testament, what it can say to us today in our own history. Sign up Sundays in Fellowship Hall, or call the church office. Cost is \$20.

**Making a Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children**

This course is offered to parents who are searching for ways to cultivate and encourage their children in the life of Christian faith. We will be utilizing the book by the same title written by Rev. Dr.



Elizabeth Caldwell, a past Presbyterian Christian Educator of the Year award winner and professor at McCormick Theological Seminary.

Dawn Haeger will be offering this course on Sundays during the second hour (11:10 - 12 noon) and on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Temple Room. You are encouraged to attend the time that best suits your schedule. If you choose Sundays, but something causes you to miss a class, you may pick it up on a Wednesday. The same is true for Wednesday night attendees needing a make up class on Sunday.

Below is the class schedule:

<u>Session</u>	<u>Sundays</u>	<u>Wednesdays</u>
1	January 10	January 13
2	January 17	January 20
3	January 24	February 3
4	January 31	February 10
5	February 7	February 24
6	February 14	March 3
7	February 21	March 10

## Worship



### Interfaith Prayer Breakfast

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,  
Monday, **January 18**, 7:30 a.m.– 9:00 a.m. at  
Lakeside Center, 401 Country Club Rd., Crystal Lake.

The featured speaker will be Ernie Broadnax, a fourth generation descendent of the first African Americans to settle in Elgin. The cost is \$18. Tickets may be obtained from **Dan Spike**, 847-381-0975.

### Vespers in January

Our twice monthly Vespers services, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday nights at 6:00 p.m., are less formal than Sunday worship and feature contemporary and jazz music performed by various professional musicians. The services differ; the second Saturday service is one of healing; while Communion is served at the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday service.

On **January 9**, Rev Dawn Haeger will be preaching, *Healing the World's Hunger*; the readings are: Isa. 49:5-15; Matthew 5:1-12, 17-19.

On **January 23**, Dr. Baxter will be preaching, *Confronting the Resurgence of Atheism*; the readings are: Psalm 53; Acts 1:1-11; Matthew 28:16-20.

The musician for the service will be pianist Josh Moshier. Below is an excerpt from an article published in the Daily Herald on December 8, 2009:

“While a student at St. Charles North High School, jazz pianist Josh Moshier began to think seriously of playing music professionally. Today, five years after graduating, he's living his dream. Moshier's debut record, "Joy Not Jaded," came out at the end of October, and it recently completed a three-week stint on the Top 200 Jazz Week national radio airplay charts. The album is collaboration between Moshier and saxophonist Mike Lebrun, a friend whom Moshier met while the two were at Northwestern University. Moshier said he and Lebrun tried to compose music that displays the same songcraft you'd find on a good pop or rock record. He believes it will appeal even to those who don't normally dig jazz music.”

## Fellowship

### Kitchen Kabinet

Biltmore Country Club is closed in January. Therefore, the on Wednesday, **January 13** we will meet at Gino's East in Lake Zurich, located on Rt.22 just east of Rand Rd. (rt.12). Cash bar at 11:30, lunch at noon - salad, all styles of pizza, soft drinks and coffee. Cost is \$15 payable at restaurant. Mr. John Dawson will be presenter. The topic is "The Trials and Tribulations of a Neophyte Politician", a topic we never hear about. We do need reservations. Call **Bob Johnson**. Guests and ladies are always welcome.

### Men's Fellowship Group

The next meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be held at the home of Mark Layne at 6:30 PM on Thursday, **January 21**, 2010. Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 19 to Mark. Please direct inquires about the Men's Fellowship to **Tom Long**. Save the dates May 14-16 for the Men's Retreat.

### Card Party

Annual Card Party, **February 20**: Want to enjoy some warm Christian Fellowship on a cold winter's evening? Then make plans to join us at the PCB Annual Card Party - Saturday, **February 20th** from 5:00 p.m. until...whenever! Location: Emmett's Tavern & Brewing Company, 128 West Main Street, West Dundee, IL 60118. Dinner will be served, and there will be a cash bar. No card-playing experience is necessary - the game is easier than "Hearts", and more fun! There will be some great prizes to win, too. Cost is \$28.00/person. Space is limited, so to reserve a spot, sign up in Fellowship Hall after the service starting in mid-January, or e-mail **Dave Zimmer**. Hope to see you there!

## Coming Up: Our 50th Anniversary in 2010

The congregation is grateful to our original founders who are still with us today -- Bill Edwards, Dorothy Pearson, Bill Rose, Jack and Virginia Train and Norm Tucker and their vision for a “white church on the hill.” It has become a landmark in the community sending its steeple light and chimes across the Barrington countryside to many generations of families. It represents a warm, caring faith community to share God’s blessings and goodness.



We invite everyone to join our Celebration this historic year through a series of events. So, mark your calendars; you won’t want to miss --

Founder’s Day Celebration – **Sunday April 18, 2010**

Reunion Weekend – **June 26-27, 2010**

Fall Heritage Faire – **Saturday September 18, 2010**

### Founder’s Day Celebration Activities

Sunday April 18, 2010 at 10:00am

Founders will lead our church service -

Wilbur Edwards  
Lloyd & Mary McCarthy  
Dorothy Pearson  
Bill Rose  
Jack & Virginia Train  
Norm Tucker

Special Guest Pulpit Speaker - Dr. Ken Sawyer, Professor at McCormick Theological Seminary. He is a gifted presenter of church history who specializes in John Calvin and the early Church Fathers and Mothers.

Anniversary Hymn – Poem written by Pastor Curt Baxter set to original music by William White.

Dedication of Time Capsule – Short ceremony with the children after church service.

Celebration During Fellowship -

Presentation and copies of Symbols of Faith Photo Book

Meet founders and initial members of our church



## Music

### January Music

Jan. 3	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i> John Behnke
Jan. 10	<i>The Waters of Life</i> James Biery
Jan. 17	<i>Set Me as a Seal</i> Rene Clausen
Jan. 24	<i>These Are They Which Follow the Lamb</i> John Goss
Jan. 31	<i>See What Love</i> Felix Mendelssohn



### Music for Youth Beginning Winter 2010

During the 11:00 hour, Kirsten Hedegaard will continue to rehearse with children in grades 2-6. The winter program is designed with the intent of providing an educational experience that teaches the children proper vocal technique, music theory, and note-reading through hand chime practice and choral sight-singing. All are welcome, but regular attendance is encouraged. First rehearsal is **January 10**.

### Sundays-at-Four presents



**Sunday, February 21, 2010**  
**Great Composers Series**  
**Wolfgang Amadeus**  
**Mozart**

The Sanctuary Choir will be joined by a professional orchestra and soloists for a performance of Mozart's beautiful and intimate work, *Mass in B-flat*.

The Bell Choir and Children's Chorus will also be performing works by Mozart. As always, the concert is free to the public.

## Parish Life

### Chancel Guild

The 2010 flower chart has been placed in the Narthex.



If you would like to donate and dedicate for a particular Sunday, please sign up on the chart and then submit your dedication and donation to the office as soon as possible. The check (minimum of \$35) should be made payable to PCB. Or, you may fill out the form

below and send/bring it to the church office with a check for \$35. Your dedication will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday of your choice.

Name of donor(s)

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication for the Bulletin

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### Silver Trays Needed

BPW is in need of more silver trays to be used for receptions and memorial services. If you are looking for a good home for that beautiful tray that is in your china closet and hasn't been used in years, please consider a donation to the church. We will treat it lovingly and use it with pride at our events.

### Christmas Tree Ministry

Did you ever wonder how those two large Christmas trees in the front of the sanctuary are put up (and are taken down?)

Each year, after Thanksgiving and just before the BPW Benefit, they suddenly are there, standing tall.

Perhaps Santa's elves do it? Alas, no elves, just a few good men and good young men get the job done, with a few Chancel Guild ladies behind the scenes.



On November 29th, just after the Service, men from the Men's Fellowship Group and others from the congregation gathered in the Sanctuary to begin their work. Step 1 was to figure out how to move nine heavy bags containing the fourteen tree sections from the garage to the sanctuary. When I got to the garage, I encountered some of our Boy Scouts, who asked how they could help. The Scouts cheerfully carried all the bags to the sanctuary. Step 2 was to plan assembly ... stand first, then section G, then section F, then section E, etc. But having done this before, no direction was needed, and the experienced volunteers dug into their work. Like every cooperative task, people seem to gravitate to where their talents lead them. Some organize the pieces to be assembled, others are "top of the ladder" types, others hold the ladder, others are good at fixing broken branches, and those that remain are able to put up the trees outside the church and in the Parlor. All seemed amazed at getting the job done in less than 90 minutes.

Many thanks to those who put up the trees (and soon have to take them down) ... Skip Dolan, Bill Crewe, Jack and Chris Raaths, Scott and Nick Buchta, Tom Long, Tom Hilgendorf, Tom Grafton, Mark Layne, Rich Larson, our Scout Troop #35, and our custodian, Rob. And many thanks to our Chancel Guild leaders, Sue Kosobud, and Susan Raaths who are the brains behind the brawn!

Bob Kosobud

## Church Administration

### Trustees Corner

#### Reflections

It has been a good year for our building's health in 2009. We have been able to make repairs, large and small, to our building to protect its integrity. You have heard about those changes in previous messages in this column. Particularly encouraging have been the volunteer work days where we have achieved many, many projects, big and small, with the help of your "free labor." We have many items left undone (the parking lot stairway project for example) and we are beginning to look at a longer-range solution to the problem of funding these projects.

If you have completed your 2009 pledge payments, we thank you. If you have not, please give that your early attention. Our relatively flat 2010 proposed budget means that we must continue to seek creative means of maintaining our property, since the building repair budget is not sufficient to cover all identified expenses.

Sometimes we fall into the trap of thinking that our church building "runs itself." It is sobering to hear of the many, many "issues" that crop up needing immediate attention. It is helpful to think of our church building in the same way as we think of our home. Doesn't it seem as though "there's always something going wrong?"

#### Communications System Contract

By the time this issue reaches you the Chicago Presbytery should have acted (favorably, we trust) on the proposal to install communications hardware in our steeple. We voted favorably as a congregation on this proposal in October. If approved, a down payment will provide funds for at least one or two significant building improvement projects in 2010 and will continue to provide cash in years to come. The installation should commence in early 2010.

### Financial Report

For the Eleven Months Ending November 30, 2009

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
Pledges	\$425,805	\$444,840	\$557,910
Prepaid Pledges	62,691	62,689	68,390
Pledges New Members	4,325	4,500	6,500
Open Plate	28,535	27,038	30,000
Misc Receipts	4,156	8,000	10,700
Add'l need	<u>26,765</u>	<u>44,440</u>	<u>56,133</u>
	<u>\$552,277</u>	<u>\$591,507</u>	<u>\$729,633</u>

## Worship Schedule

- Jan. 3** Rev. Spike Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*God of New Beginning*  
Readings: Jer. 31:7-14; Ps. 147:12-20; Eph. 1:3-14;  
John 1:1-18.
- Jan. 9** Vespers .....6:00 p.m.  
Rev. Haeger Preaching  
*Healing the World's Hunger*  
Readings: Isa. 49:5-15; Matthew 5:1-12, 17-19
- Jan. 10** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*What Does Belovedness Mean?*  
Readings: Isa. 43:1-7; Ps. 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke  
3:15-17, 21-22.
- Jan. 17** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Discovering Real Joy*  
Readings: Isa. 62:1-5; Ps. 36:5-10; 1 Cor. 12:1-11;  
John 2:1-11.
- Jan. 23** Vespers .....6:00 p.m.  
Dr. Baxter Preaching  
*Confronting the Resurgence of Atheism*  
Readings: Psalm 53; Acts 1:1-11; Matthew 28:16-20
- Jan. 24** Rev. Haeger Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Our Purpose, Our Mission*  
Readings: Ps. 19; 1 Cor.12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21.
- Jan. 31** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Are We Ready for a More Excellent Way*  
Readings: Jer. 1:4-10; Ps. 71:1-6; 1 Cor. 13:1-13; Luke  
4:21-30.



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