

The Carillon

July, 2003

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

A welcoming, caring, family of faith

Don't Let The Parade Pass You By – July 4th

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Don't let the 4th of July parade pass you by; be a part of it! Come join the members of our church family and march (walk, ride your bike or pull a wagon) in the Barrington 4th of July Parade. Everyone loves a parade and this is a great family activity. Kids (and Moms and Dads) can decorate their bikes or wagons. Decorate the baby stroller, too! Don't forget to wear your Presbyterian Church of Barrington T-Shirt. We'll hand out little flags and red/white/blue crosses to people who can recite the Lords Prayer or the Pledge of Allegiance. Our Vision Quest encourages our participation, and we want to live that Vision. We want to show the community that we are a welcoming, caring, family of faith as we reach out to others. This is an excellent opportunity to witness our love for God and each other in a really fun way.



We'll meet at the Barrington High School parking lot at 9:00 AM on the 4th for coffee and doughnuts. Look for Michael Goodman's big red truck. The parade starts at 10:00 AM and goes through downtown Barrington, ending at the train station parking lot. Last year we had 132 "marchers" who had a great fellowship experience and had lots of fun walking, talking and interacting with the viewers. We even won an award!

For more information, to sign up or to purchase a T-shirt, contact Mari or Lukass Franklin or Bob and Marla Florio.

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington Vision Statement

Created by God as a welcoming, caring family of faith, we...

...worship God joyfully, guided and challenged by Scripture and the proclamation of Christ's gospel;

...serve those in need, inspiring and equipping one another to respond to God's call;

...support each individual's journey of faith through lifelong learning, Christian fellowship and prayer; and

...share this spiritual home with all, drawing others to faith in Jesus Christ and reflecting the everlasting love of God.

Thanks For Your Help: Jack and Ginny Train, Mary and Jack Kerkhof and Paige Unangst for assembling the June Carillon. Mark and Kathy Layne for using their Volunteer Day, June 20, to do many tasks.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Civility is a value that the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. has tried to push against the grain of our cultural lives. Few values reside inherently in any organization, but civility is a value which is rooted in the church by Christ's call to his followers to extend hospitality to all. Since the church is a place where values are openly taught, we need to make certain that we demonstrate this value in our life together.

The church has always been a fractious and contentious culture; that is the price of all the freedoms we

revere, the price of divided powers and maximum individual liberty. Nothing is ever quite settled. When ever Christians are at risk of standing still, of having the fine dust of urbanity settle on them, they are sure to produce some fresh challenge to the status quo, some complaint of ill treatment, some protest of rights unfulfilled – in short to make noise. The dog of representative democracy in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. never stops barking, and while that may be annoying at times, it is probably healthy. Silence would mean the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. had lost its energy and gone to sleep.

Most of us know only a piece of life in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. What we know is largely how it is represented in national publications. In those media, our differences have been depicted as having risen to a distressing pitch and that the oases of quiet, civil discourse are hard to find in our community of faith.

Civility seems to go against our grain, and yet we have been called and fashioned to be the perfect forum for conversation between people. And so, why do we hate quiet reasonable speech? Why don't we deliberately rehabilitate civil speech within the priesthood of all believers? We seem to think that for ministry to be vital, talk cannot be common or ordinary. We seem to believe that speech has to be jazzed up; it has to be noisy; it has to titillate our ears.

Recently, I read Shimon Peres' memoir in which he said, "Studying the Talmud taught me at a young age that nothing in the world is one-sided. If you see only one side of an issue ... you have not studied it properly." Civil discourse in our community of faith means a certain respect for different opinions, whether you share them or not, or at least being willing to listen to them. That may be nothing but basic politeness, but basic politeness lubricates the church and civilization.

As members of a Christian community of faith, we live interdependently listening for Christ's call to ministry. As we share this common ministry we cannot escape Christ's requirement for constant civil discourse among ourselves and with the rest of humanity. I believe we need to practice civil discourse in our community of faith because, after all, it springs from Christ's unconditional love and acceptance for all.

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Church Administration

Session

Notes from the May 19 meeting:

Finance: Expenses have been kept down, we are in the “black” now, but pledges are down \$12,000.

Communications: Plans are under way to present the new logo to the congregation.

Mission: A special Pentecost offering will be taken with 40% of the proceeds to be designated to the “Children at Risk” program.

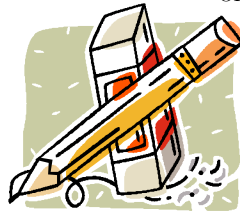
Music/Worship: The music subcommittee is looking at a budget shortfall. Worship Committee will explore fund raising activities.

Stewardship: A time line for the fall campaign was adopted.

Trustees: A financial review of the church’s books was conducted and they were found to be in order.

Clerk: George Landes will be meeting with all of the Session Committees to insure that they are focused on their objectives and goals and that these dovetail with the Visioning process.

Congregational Life: Participation in the Barrington 4th of July parade was discussed.



Communication Committee: There was a discussion on where in the budget can we find the amount required by the Communications committee to go forward with their plans to implement the Web site more fully. Several areas were identified and will be presented at the Session meeting for approval.

Joint Meeting, June 2

The Session met with the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees in a joint meeting, following guidelines in the Book of Order, on Monday night June 2nd. All members of the staff were invited to attend this joint meeting.

The meeting started with a Potluck dinner. Following fellowship and good food we participated in a team building exercise teaching us we all have individual talents and gifts given to us by God, but that we must use them together for the good of the family of faith. We moved into a discussion session of questions that were of concern to the boards and to the congregation. We closed our joint meeting with a Taize communion service in the Sanctuary.

The next Session meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Note the change of day.

Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting was held on June 1, 2003 at 10:10 a.m. to elect Laura Semmen as a Deacon, class of 2005.

Trustees

Notes from June 2 meeting.

Wedding Policy: A new fee amount for the organist for weddings and other minor modifications to the Wedding Policy manual were discussed. Changes will be presented at the next Session meeting for approval.

Financial Report Period Ending May 31, 2003

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	266,579	266,729
Other Receipts	<u>13,115</u>	<u>5,617</u>
Total	279,694	272,346
Expenses	<u>271,570</u>	<u>274,839</u>
Net	8,124	(22,493)

Clerk's Corner

A Message from the Clerk of Session, George Landes, Jr.

One concern that I frequently hear from people is the lack of communication within our church. In an effort to better communicate between the Session and the Congregation, I felt that it would be a good idea to write a monthly column in the Carillon, which, for lack of a better name, I am calling the Clerk's Corner.



As some of you may know, we recently had a joint Session meeting in which the Deacons and Trustees attended. During that meeting we asked everyone to put a question into a hat that we would discuss. While we did not get a chance to answer all the questions, I thought a good place to start would be in addressing some of these questions, especially since I believe others probably have the same questions.

What is going on with the Visioning Process? Each committee has its own goals and objectives that it is working on, and most have incorporated some of the issues raised in the Visioning Process into their 2003 objectives. However, because of the amount of time and effort that unforeseen issues took up last year (and continue to take up), we have not progressed as far along as we would have liked. We believe, however, that the items raised in the Visioning Process remain viable issues that need to be addressed, and we continue to focus on them.

What is being done to improve communication within our church? Four things are being done to address this issue:

1. Having a joint meeting with the Deacons and Trustees was a start and The Book of Order requires us to do this annually.
2. It may make sense to have this joint meeting more often, and that is something we will discuss at an upcoming Session meeting.
3. Deacons and Trustees will be receiving minutes from Session meetings, starting with the May minutes. In that way these important groups will be more aware of the topics the Session discusses and decisions it reaches and will be better prepared to answer your questions.
4. Writing this type of column to the Carillon was also prompted by people raising the lack of communication issue within our church.

During the summer could we have one or two hymns per Sunday that are requests from the Congregants? AND Could we add a morning greeting between parishioners at the start of Sunday service? These questions are focused on our worship service, and need to be addressed to the appropriate committee for review and discussion, which, in this case, is the Worship Committee. The Worship Committee will then come to the Session with a recommendation and the Session will, in conjunction with the Worship Committee's recommendation, decide on a course of action.

In an upcoming issue, I will share with you some statistics regarding worship attendance, pledge receipts, new members vs member losses, and attendance figures. I hope this column helps further your understanding as to how our church works, as well as to give you more information regarding the myriad issues facing your Session, Deacons, Trustees, and the numerous subcommittees, all striving to further our Lord's work.

Nominating Committee Seeks a Few Good People

The Nominating committee is looking for quite a few good people to serve as Officers of the church and as members of the Nominating Committee. The officers will be elected in October, 2003 to take office in January, 2004 for three-year terms ending December 31, 2006. The Nominating Committee will be elected in October, 2003 and will serve for one calendar year, January through December, 2004.

7 Elder Nominees: Elders serve on the Session, which is the governing board of the congregation. The Session has oversight of all church programs, budgeting, and use of the church building. Elders chair the church committees. Elders are ordained to this office.

6 Deacon Nominees: The Board of Deacons, working under the direction of the Session carries out ministries of pastoral care and hospitality. Deacons are ordained to this office.

4 Trustee Nominees: The Board of Trustees, under the direction of the Session, oversees the maintenance of the church buildings and property. Trustees manage the church finances. Trustees are installed to this office.

5 Nominating Committee Members-at-Large from the congregation to serve a one year term. The Nominating committee meets annually to consider new officers. They also provide initial training for new incoming officers each November. The Nominating Committee also maintains the security and data integrity for the Skills Database in the church computer.

You may submit your own name for consideration or suggest someone else. . Please keep the following guidelines in mind as you suggest potential nominees. Each nominee must: Be regular in Worship attendance, Faithfully pledge to the annual operating budget, Be able to make sound decisions for the welfare of the entire congregation, Be the only person in his/her family presently serving as a church officer.

Officer/Nominating Committee Nomination Form

Name: _____ Telephone: _____
 Special
 qualities/skills: _____

Office desired: (If you have more than one preference, number from 1 – 4; 1 being the most desired office)

_____ Elder _____ Deacon _____ Trustee _____ Nominating Committee Member-At-Large

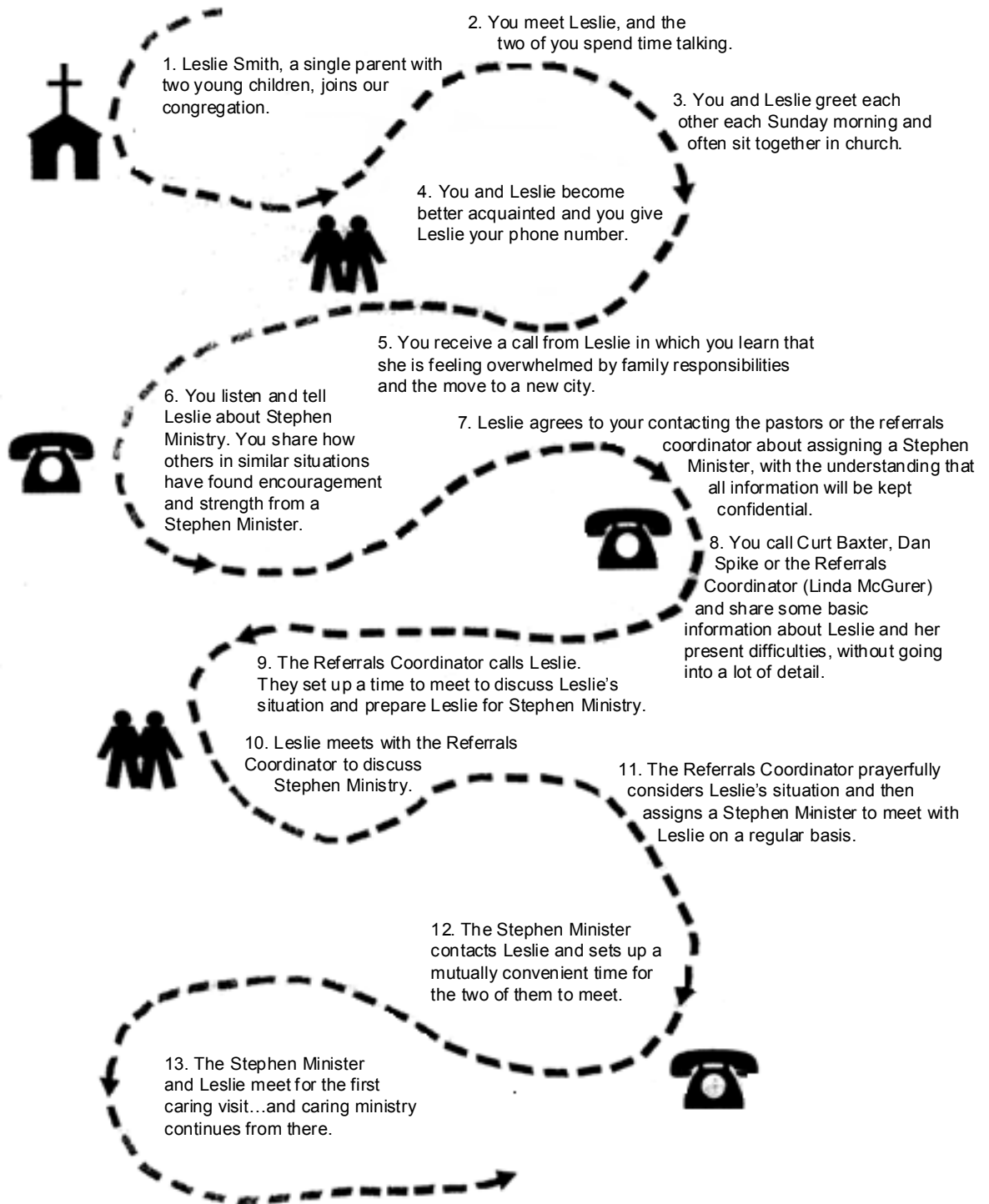
Please place this form in the offering plate or return to church office,

Attn: Nominating Committee Elder

DEADLINE IS AUGUST 31, 2003

The Stephen Ministry Connection

Christ Caring for People through People



If you or someone you know might benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, please call Curt Baxter or Dan Spike at church 847-381-0975 or our Referrals Coordinator, Linda McGurer.

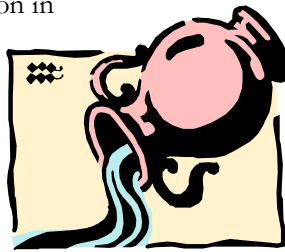
Deacons

Deacon's Corner

My name is Lukass Franklin and I became a Deacon in April of this year. As the rambunctious oldest child of a Lutheran pastor, I had many opportunities to accompany my father on his pastoral rounds visiting shut-ins, hospitalized members, and disaster victims. My mother would frequently send me with my father in order to get me out of the house. What I now realize, having performed my own deacon visits with my children, is that most of the people in need of pastoral care really enjoy being visited by small children.

I can vividly remember in 1972 as a 7-year old boy joining my father and my 2 younger sisters on a trip to the Susquehanna valley in the aftermath of Hurricane Agnes. This hurricane still ranks as the most devastating storm to ever hit the US, even though it was technically one of the weakest hurricanes to ever hit US soil. During the slow drive from our hilltop home through the many downed trees and power lines to the river valley, we witnessed the awesome destructive power wielded by 7.5 million gallons per second of raging flood water. One of the church members of our church in tiny Kratzerville, Pennsylvania lived on a small island in the middle of the Susquehanna River. In the peak of the flood that followed the hurricane, water swept over the island, picked up the entire 2-story house, and tumbled it 6 miles downstream. Luckily, no one was in the house during the flood, but the church member was devastated by the complete loss of her home and possessions. Even through her grief and suffering, she managed to smile for us kids and I think our visit made a positive impact on how she felt. Another family that we met along the way was cleaning flood-driven mud and debris that reached into the attic of their 3-story home several miles from the river bank. They too enjoyed the brief respite from their labors that our arrival provided.

I hope to be able to continue this tradition in my visits to our church members by bringing along my daughters whenever possible and bringing some brighter moments into the lives of those we visit.



Deacon's Corner 2

What Being A Deacon Means To Me,
Sally Hilgendorf.

Food Served With Love and Shepherd Ministry are two services I have coordinated as a second and third year Deacon. These ministries have helped me develop my skills in care giving,

supporting and encouraging members of the congregation.

Food Served With Love is offered to members of our congregation who have had a baby, an illness, a death or just have a special need. The partnership between BPW and the Deacons provides a casserole, dessert and bread to each family or person. The ministers and congregation help make us aware of the need for this service.

The Shepherd Ministry is another partnership between Membership and Outreach and the Deacon Liaison. It provides fellowship, care-giving and mentoring to prospective and new members in order to help them become responsible, dedicated church members. It is my responsibility to assign and guide the Shepherds. Each new member, family, or prospective member is assigned a Shepherd who will encourage that person or family to attend church activities of interest. The Shepherd can introduce them to others in the church who might help them to pursue their interests.

It has been very rewarding being of service to the homebound and those with special needs and concerns through Food Served With Love. I've enjoyed working with the Shepherds and helping them get their new/prospective member(s) integrated into our church family.

When you accept the responsibility of being a Deacon you commit to a ministry of Service. Over the 2 1/2 years I have experienced many Services along with my fellow Deacons. Food Served With Love and Shepherding are just two of my most recent ministries that illustrate what being a deacon means to me----- caregiver, supporter encourager and mentor to our Church Family.

Parish Life

Ushers for July

July 6

John Bosarge, Iris and Mac King, Kris Howard

July 13

Don and Nancy Arndtsen, Joanne and Vern Soukup

July 20

Angie, Byron, Amanda, Brad Smith

July 27

Gene and Joyce Simpson, Claudeen and Larry Bradley

If you are not able to usher on the dates assigned, please arrange for a substitute and notify **Jack Raaths**.

Memorial Garden Update

The Memorial Garden is in the final stages of phase I. Klaus-Schmechtig has removed and replaced trees and planting material that did not survive the first winter. Additional engraved bricks have been installed in the pathway. The two arbors are on order and should be installed by mid July. The benches have been oiled by Mark and Cathy Layne and we thank them for using their time and talents.

The Memorial Garden Donor plaque has been ordered and will be installed in the front hallway next to the large donor plaque already there. A plaque to honor those interred in the Garden will be set in a boulder along the rambling cross pathway. The plaque will hold a quote from Giuseppe Verdi's Requiem, supplied to the committee by Vern Soukup. "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, And let Perpetual Light shine upon them."

Phase II consists of installing any additional engraved bricks; moving several of the benches to the upper tier of the garden; adding additional plant material and hopefully a tree or two. A brochure about the garden and a final Interment agreement document are already in the works. Continued maintenance of the garden will be handled by Damgaard, our lawn service provider.

Dedication memorial bricks may still be purchased. Order forms are available in the church office.

Donations of any size are still welcome as they help to fund the perpetual care of the garden.

Summer Service Opportunities

There are many small to medium size projects that we need help with to complete over the summer. Would you be willing to help? Christ calls us to serve. Will you answer that call by signing up to help with one or more projects?



Projects include: painting the choir room; thoroughly cleaning and painting the Youth Lounge; scraping, sanding and painting the outdoor stair railings; cleaning and wiping down all pews; washing all interior windows; wiping down all blinds; wiping down and touchup painting all baseboards on the main floor; priming and painting the courtyard doors.

Contact **Paige Unangst** if you have questions. Contact **Bonnie Kalaway** in the Church office to schedule a time or sign up on the volunteer chart in Fellowship hall.

Condolences to...

Laura Nadelhoffer and family upon the death of Laura's father, Carleton F. Nadelhoffer Sr., on May 23. A service was held in Naperville on Saturday, June 14.

Becoming a Church Member

We invite you to become a member of our congregation. People who have not made a decision about joining, but would like to know more about the church, are invited to come to services, participate in activities and discuss membership with **Rev. Dan Spike**. He can be reached at the Church Office, 847-381-0975.

Christian Education

Summer Bible Camps @ Camp Barrington

Calling all children in Kindergarten through 4th Grade!

We will camp out again this year in our very own woods. We will meet at 5:00 pm on Friday night and cook dinner over the open fire. Then, we will make our camp work shirts and learn how God calls us to do God's work through the Parable of the Good Samaritan. We will play Hide-and-Seek and Spud in the big field. Back to the fire for s'mores and then lights out!



We will wake early and cook our breakfast over the fire. If you have never had a "doughboy" you are really missing out!

Then, we will begin our projects for Habitat for Humanity. We will be making a few things that will be given to Habitat for Humanity houses. It is a wonderful way to welcome the new families into their homes. It is a way that we can share God's love with our "neighbors".

We finish up with a huge water balloon toss! Plan to come and be prepared to have a great time.

Save the following dates on your calendar:
Grades 2-4 **July 11 – 12**
*Grades K-1 **July 18 – 19**

*Parents should plan to camp out with their child in this age group.
Camp begins at 5:00 pm on the first day and ends at Noon on the next. Cost: \$15

Volunteers are needed to help stock supplies and assist in leading projects and games. Even if you don't have a child involved, come out and play!

For more information or to sign up, contact **Melissa Armstrong-Hansche, 847-381-0975**.

LIBRARY UPDATE

The Adult Education Committee is nearing completion of the cataloging and computerization of the Church Library. Many books in the collection are missing. Please check your books at home. If you have any books from the Church Library that you have had for more than 4 weeks, please return them to the Church Library so they may be properly labeled. Thank you

BOOK SALE

Put these dates on your calendar and then plan on doing your Christmas shopping. The Adult Education Committee will present its annual Book Sale on **November 23, November 30 and December 7, 2003**. Enjoy browsing the interesting selection of books and tapes; give gifts of true value; and support our speaker program while benefiting from a tax deduction on 20% of your purchase amount

Adult Education Fall Line Up

The Adult Ed Committee has lined up some great speakers for the Fall. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend on these Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

September 14 and 21 – Jim Kenney, Director of Common Ground. "Why They Hate Us" (Muslim Extremists).

October 12 and 19 – Dr. F. Burton Nelson, Professor, Author. "Dietrich Bonhoeffer".

November 9 – Dr. Ogbu Kalu, Professor, McCormick Seminary. "Christianity in Africe".

November 16 – Dr. Jim Ellor, Pastor, Professor. "Aging – A Spiritual Journey".

December 14 – Dr. Eric Carlson, Adler Planetarium. "The Story of the Magi".

Barrington Presbyterian Women GTIF

The Growing Together In Faith Bible study group will meet at the home of **Becky Bosarge** on July 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship

Men's Softball

The church sponsors a team in a local area Men's Church softball league. Our team is number 3. The league is for players ages 16 and over. The games are on Friday night at Langendorf Park and run through the end of July. The next two regular games are on **July 11** at 6:45 p.m. and **July 18** at 9:15 p.m. Playoffs will take place on **July 25, 26 and August 1, 2**. For more information please contact Scott Buchta.

Fellowship Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Fellowship Committee will be held on **July 11** at 7:30 p.m. at the home of **Suzanne and Peter Miller**. Current committee members and interested potential members are invited (kids too). Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Men's Fellowship Group

The next dinner meeting of the Men's Fellowship Group will be on **July 17** at the home of Peter Chamy. For more information, or to receive the monthly notices, contact Chip Kyle.

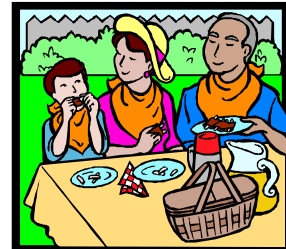
Mission

Hymn Sing

The **August 17** worship service will be a hymn sing. If you have a favorite hymn you would like to have included, make your request to Dan Spike (call, email or put a note in the offering basket) by August 3. If the hymn you request is not in our hymnal, we will try to find it and reproduce it in the bulletin. You may also request hymns or camp songs to sing at the church picnic on August 24.

Church Picnic

Sunday, **August 24** is the date for our annual outdoor worship service and church picnic. Wear your comfortable clothes and bring a lawn chair to enjoy a relaxing worship service on the lawn. We'll have lots of music, including your favorite hymns, followed by a variety of games and a picnic lunch. Tickets will go on sale mid-summer. Don't miss this fun event sponsored by the Mission Committee!



Ladies Day for San Marcos

Sponsored by the Mission Committee, all ladies are invited to attend the luncheon at the Biltmore Country Club on Tuesday, **October 7, 2003**. You are encouraged join in the fun and play golf, tennis or bridge in the morning preceding the luncheon. For further information, contact **Michele Gillett**.

15th Annual San Marcos Golf Invitational

This is the Mission Committee's principal fundraiser for the San Marcos Scholarship Fund, which sponsors deserving high school students from the west side of Chicago. Plan to attend this event on Tuesday, **October 7, 2003**, at Barrington Hills Country Club. Contact **John Gillett** or **Denny McGurer** for further information

Lobsters

Live Lobsters to land in Barrington on **October 18**. Put the date on your calendar and watch for a letter and order form to arrive at your home in September. Proceeds will help fund our Mission programs.



Your Opinion Is Important

As part of our search for a permanent Music Director and Organist, the Music Search Committee is seeking congregational input to provide potential Music Director candidates with a comprehensive overview of the congregation's vision for the Music Ministry of our church. The following survey is the first of a two-part process to gain a perspective of how you view the future of our Music Ministry. The second part involves scheduled group discussions detailed below.

Please answer the following questions:

1. What do you value most about our current Music Ministry?

2. Is there any part of our church's Music Ministry that detracts from your worship experience? If so, please explain.

3. What type of programs would be on your wish list for our Music Ministry once a permanent director of music has been selected?

Thank you for participating in this survey. Please place the completed Survey in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. You may also take this home, complete it and return by FAX to 1-847-381-6475. Your input will be shared with Session and the Ministry team and will be summarized in a Carillon article later this summer. Please bear in mind that we are a diverse Congregation with varied needs and opinions. Your feedback will help us to meet the second of our three previously stated goals, which is "To evaluate the potential and realistic growth of the Music Ministry Program."

To fulfill the second part of this process, small discussion groups are planned for two Sundays: **July 13** and **July 27** in the parlor from 10:15 - 11:00 a.m. These will be facilitated by members of the Music Search Committee to gather additional input from the congregation on the future of our Music Ministry. You may sign up to take part in one of these discussions at a table in Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office. If you are unable to make one of these dates, and would like to provide additional input, please feel free to contact one or more members of the Music Search Committee below.

Anna Armstrong
Linda Neton
Judy Carlson

Charlie Andersen
Pam Anderson

Jill Minner
Mari Franklin

Worship Schedule

- July 6** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
Opening the Door
Readings: Psalm 23; John 10:1-10
- July 13** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
Hearing the Voice
Readings: Jonah 1:1-16; Psalm 37:1-11; John 10:1-10.
- July 20** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
Knowing True Friendship
Readings: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33; Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20;
John 10:1-20
- July 27** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
Understanding Real Grace
Readings: Psalm 23; 1John 3:18-24; John 10:17-18.



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