

The Carillon

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

A welcoming, caring, family of faith

Nominating Committee Seeks Officers for 2006-2008...

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The congregation's Nominating Committee invites your input as they search for people to be nominated to serve as church officers. The officers will be elected in Fall 2005 to take office in January 2006. These are three-year terms with officers serving through December 2008.

The Nominating Committee will review all suggestions as they select nominees to be presented to the congregation for election in late October or early November. You must submit your recommendation to Tom Hilgendorf, Chairman of the committee, no later than August 15, 2005.

The following officers are being sought to serve for a three-year term:

Seven 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.

Six 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.

Four 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.

Five Members-at-Large from the congregation are elected to serve a one year term on the Nominating Committee from January 2006 through December 2006. The Nominating Committee meets annually to consider new officers. They also provide training for incoming officers each November. The Nominating Committee maintains the security and data integrity for the church's computer Skills Database. See page 5 for the nomination form.

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 Jinny Train, Sandi Crewe and Gerry Nadig for assembling the June Carillon, to Carol Buchta for proofreading the July Carillon, and to Jack and Jinnie Train and Sandi Crewe for folding the Sunday Bulletins so faithfully!

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2005, we are hoping to celebrate a "Kirkin' O' the Tartans" at a unified 10:00 a.m. worship service. What is meant by a "Kirkin' O' the Tartans?" **Kirk** is the Scottish word for church, and the Tartan, with its distinctive cross-lined pattern, represents Scottish clans, families, regions and

regiments. "The Kirkin' O' the Tartans" was introduced in the United States by the Reverend Dr. Peter Marshall on April 27, 1941 at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington D.C. The ceremony was intended as a service of rededication to Scottish heritage and to historical devotion to God and country.

Tartans: perhaps no symbol is more associated with Scotland and Scottish history than the colorful traditions of Highland dress. The tradition of the tartan is ancient, and there are many references to it in early Scottish literature. Ancient tartans were described as "chequered" or "stripped" or "sundrie colored." The basic pattern of the tartan is the *sett*, and a sett is repeated until the desired length of material is achieved. For centuries tartans were part of the everyday attire of the Highland people, and it was there that its use continued and developed to become recognized as a symbol of clan kinship. Tartans are still being developed and registered with the Scottish Tartan Society. A specific tartan exists for those in the ministry and a red, white, and blue tartan was created for the bicentennial of the United States in 1976.

We are inviting friends and members of our congregation to present their tartans for rededication during our morning worship service. In order for the service to be orderly, we are asking that you contact the church office to let us know if you will be presenting your Tartan (example: Anderson – Modern) so that we may list your family name and style of Tartan. You may present any form of your Tartan, ancient, ancient hunting, hunting, modern hunting, old or modern. We will only be able to celebrate this tradition if we all get involved in this service of worship.

If we see that we will be able to celebrate this rededication, I will be writing another *Carillon* article to describe other portions of the celebration. I hope that we will joyfully raise our Tartans before Almighty God in appreciation of our Scottish heritage. Our Ministry Team and Support Staff look forward to hearing from you in the very near future.

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Church Administration

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington Financial Report

Strong collections during May have helped us reduce the \$26K shortfall that we reported last month to \$12K. Thanks to all who stepped up and helped make this possible! Though \$12K is less than 2% of our annual budget, we are now in the midst of summer months when Sunday attendance and giving traditionally decline. As we want to remain in a healthy position through the fall (when many of our church programs and missions typically begin) we need your continued support. If you are unable to attend and place your contributions in the weekly collection, please consider sending your support via other means: by mail or by calling in or emailing a credit card contribution.

For the five months ended May 31, 2005:	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ANNUAL
	<u>YTD MAY</u>	<u>YTD MAY</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
Pledges collected	\$ 213,000	\$220,000	\$541,000
Prepaid Pledges (5 mo share)	41,000	41,000	99,000
Open plate and misc.	15,000	19,000	46,000
Easter & Christmas collections	<u>4,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total contributions	<u>\$ 273,000</u>	<u>\$285,000</u>	<u>\$696,000</u>

If you have any questions, call **Patty Griffin, Accountant, 847-381-0975, ext. 225.**

Special Gifts

PCB supports many special missions and programs that welcome direct contributions from church members. If you feel strongly about a specific church need or charitable work that you would like to participate in, donations can be made out to PCB with a notation of what the funds should be used for. Please note that we would be unable to manage these special funds without maintaining our general **operating needs first**, so keep routine pledges in mind as well. Here is a list of some of the special funds and missions that you might consider:

Minister's Discretionary Fund: Our pastors direct funds to church members in need during crisis situations. Given the number of layoffs in our area and general economic downturn, this fund has been nearly drained and is in **immediate need** of support.

Youth or Adult Mission Trips: Our Youth Mission Team travels each year to learn the value of helping those in need, and our Adult Mission Team travels when there is a specific need and funding becomes available.

Nueva Esperanza (formerly San Marcos): In addition to the general support we send via the Presbytery for this program for inner-city youth, we directly fund annual tuition for St Gregory's High School (approx \$5K per needy student) so that these teens will have the benefit of private, Christian-oriented education. We can also earmark funds for music classes and other programs at the Nueva Esperanza center.

Church Building and Maintenance Fund: Our operating budget is structured to handle the day to day needs of our church, but the Building fund pays for those large items that are needed on a long term basis. Though this fund does receive a small allocation each year from our operating budget for "reserves," our needs are substantial as our building ages. For example, our **parking lot**, currently in need of repair, will be repaved this summer at a cost of over \$60,000, creating a significant reduction in our maintenance reserves.

Other Charitable Works: The Mission Committee and the Barrington Presbyterian Women (BPW) raise funds for numerous organizations throughout the year. They would welcome donations to their causes anytime. As the BPW handles their own finances, contributions for their fundraisers should be made out to BPW and forwarded to their Treasurer, Emily Dowell.

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 at **847-381-0975**.

Barrington Presbyterian Women

BPW Is On Vacation



Our next meeting will be September 1. Watch your mailbox the end of August for the membership mailing which will have the list of board members, the dates and information about the monthly BPW meetings and meetings of all the BPW groups, and information on the organizations which BPW supports. All women of the congregation are members of BPW, so mark your calendars and attend the monthly meetings and get involved in the other groups and activities which BPW provides.

Open BPW Board Positions

The Board is in the midst of planning our next year for BPW and there are several committees which need willing representatives. In an effort to include more of our members, we invite women of the church interested in the following areas to consider serving:

Church Women United – act as representative to this organization of local church women who meet periodically through the year.

Home of the Sparrow – keep BPW informed of Home of the Sparrow events, organize assembly and delivery of Kitchen Kits to the home.

Publicity and Promotions – promote BPW activities through external media.

White Breakfast – plan and organize annual White Breakfast during Easter Week (April 12th, 2006).

We hope you will consider sharing your talents and gifts in one of these leadership opportunities. Please contact **Pam Anderson**.

BPW Book Club

Book Club meets every other month on the third Thursday, starting in September, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of a member. The next meeting will be held on July 21 at the home of **Joyce Simpson**. The book is Gilead, by Marilynne Robinson. For more information, you may contact coordinator, **Alice Buchholz**.

BPW - G.T.I.F.

In June, Growing Together In Faith (GTIF) began a new study on the book of Romans. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the home of a member. For the location of the July meeting, and/or if you would like to order a book and join us for the study of Romans, please call **Becky Bosarge**.

Fellowship

Fall Event

Mark your calendars for an upcoming Fall Event on October 29. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a Fall Wine and Food Extravaganza at the Marriott Lincolnshire, on Saturday, October 29 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. More details will follow in the August Carillon

BPW Mission Giving

BPW works diligently through the year to raise money for mission giving. Our income sources are varied, but the majority of our funds comes from our annual Christmas Benefit Luncheon, pledges, donations and poinsettia sales. Our fiscal year just ended May 31st and we are proud to report that we distributed \$14,890 to the following mission projects and charities:

Nueva Esperanza	4500.
Christopher House	4500.
Scholarship (Dehlia Ramirez)	1840.
Nueva Esperanza, John Buchholz Music Program	1000.
F.I.S.H. of Carpentersville	600.
Elgin Crisis Center	500.
PCB Youth Mission Trip	500.
Christopher House – Adopt-a-Family	400.
Home of the Sparrow	250.
Barrington Youth Services	250.
Winchester House	200.
Meals on Wheels	150.
PADS	100.
Wellness Place	100.

We also gave \$400 to the Chancel Guild to purchase artificial Christmas trees for the parlor.

We would like to thank the congregation and, most especially, the women of our church for your generous support of our mission endeavors. Our fund-raising activities are made possible by the devoted work and involvement of many women, but it takes the whole church community for these efforts to be so successful!

Nominating Committee – Nomination Form

You may recommend someone or submit your own name for consideration for an office. 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

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

email: _____

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: Tom Hilgendorf

DEADLINE IS August 15, 2005

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is "Christ caring for people through people, but..."

What Do Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers:

Listen, Explore feelings, Pray,

Share Christ's love, Maintain confidentiality,

Attend to the care-giving process and leave the results to God



Men and women are encouraged to prayerfully consider joining the next Stephen Ministry training class which will begin the fall of 2005. They will be commissioned to offer care in the spring of 2006 after completing the 50 hours of training. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, contact **Nancy Dolan** or call the church office if you would like to have a Stephen Ministry brochure sent to you

Stephen Ministers care for people who are:

Lonely, In job transition,

Going through a crisis of childbirth,

Grieving, In need of long term care,

Dying, Experiencing Health issues,

Divorcing, Experiencing losses as they age,

Are members of the family or are friends of people in crisis, Suffering in other ways.

If you would like the help of a Stephen Minister during a difficult time in your life, call **Dr. Curt Baxter** or **Rev. Dan Spike at church, 847-381-0975** or you can call **Linda McGurer** or **Marge Slocum**.

ChristCare Small Group Ministry

Caring Hearts-Faithful Servants



"Called by God" — We hear this in sermons, prayers and ordinations, but do we think each time about what it means? The Bible is full of stories about people who were "called by God." The interesting thing to note is the response of the called person. Not everyone gave the same forthright "Here I am. Send me" answer we hear from Isaiah. Moses, whose powerful acts have amazed people for thousands of years, was reluctant to answer God's call. Even when confronted with the drama of the burning bush

he protested that he was not good at public speaking! Jeremiah feared he lacked wisdom. How we admire Mary's acceptance of God's call with humility and praise! Don't we pity the rich young man who turned from Jesus' call to follow Him when he learned the price of it?

There are many opportunities in life to answer God's call. Our new ChristCare Small Group Ministry may be God's call to you. The Presbyterian Church of Barrington has undertaken this ministry to fulfill our Church's vision of Christian community, spiritual growth, and service to others. In September the Equippers Team will begin a training program for small group leaders. By the end of the training program, group leaders will have the necessary skills to lead a group in community-building and care, prayer and worship, Biblical Equipping, and missional service. Group leaders will continue to have the ongoing support of the Equippers Team and other group leaders as they continue in this ministry.

God's call rarely comes with a bolt of lightning and a conversation with Yahweh. Is your interest in this ministry piqued? Take some time to think it over. Ask questions about it; discuss it with your friends. Take this opportunity to bless and influence the lives of others as your own relationship with Christ grows deeper and more fulfilling.

The Equippers Team urges you to ask them about this ministry, even if you are only tentatively considering it. Freely inquire without obligation. Contacts: Chip Kyle, Dan Spike, or Karen Tobin.

Deacons

Congratulations to...

Becky and Lance Marcinek, upon the birth of Ella Lynne Marcinek on June 1; her grandparents are Nancy and Barry Heath.

Dorothy and Lowell Ackmann on their Wedding Anniversary; they were married on July 26, 1948.

Condolences to...

Vince and Linda Neton and family upon the death of Linda's mother, on May 30 in Ohio.

Deacon's Corner, Mark Layne

Friends in Christ,

Do you remember getting advice when you were younger?

Like: "You can't dance, if you never try." or "You grow more while working towards your goal than when you achieve it."

This past week I remembered advice about three simple steps to follow when asked to serve in the church.

1. Pray for God's guidance
2. Listen until you get His answer
3. Engage accordingly

Years ago, it took me a while to try this the first time. I assumed God would always tell me "yes" - engage. And I didn't think I was ready. But each time the answer came back, I knew it was the right one. I was amazed the first time he told me "no" - don't engage. But this answer was also right at the time. I am still amazed that when I accept God's "yes", "no" or other answer, I usually feel so much better.

About a month ago the topic of my serving another term as a Deacon came up. I didn't start by praying for guidance. My thoughts went to using that time for myself, family and work; or engaging on other church committees: Stephen Ministry, Nueva Esperanza, ChristCare Small Group Ministry; or finally having time to attend adult education programs; or maybe even a few rounds of golf.

Then I was officially asked about another term as a Deacon. That's when I remembered step one, to pray for God's guidance. But, I made very short prayers and, honestly, didn't wait for answers. I thought of the amount of time Cathy and I had devoted over the years. I remembered an older church member telling me a long time ago that he had "paid his dues." With all that God gives us, how do I quantify "paid in full?" Other things came to mind, like the number of times we said "no" to other church committees due to conflicting church commitments. This and more was weighed against so many wonderful times that came about as a direct result of being a Deacon and all the other activities we have shared with a lot of you.

After getting the follow up call about deciding on another Deacon term, I finally decided to take a walk outside for step two, to listen until I got an answer. As I stepped out the garage door the answer came before my second foot hit the pavement. The mental fog from debating this decision for a month was gone so quickly, it startled me. Then I engaged accordingly.

Over the next couple months I challenge each of you to try all three steps. Then let me know how it worked for you. These are exciting times in our church's journey of faith. I hope, like me, you enjoy the dance toward the goal!

Yours in Christ, Mark

Christian Education

Sunday Adult Christian Education

Sunday Adult Christian Education
Autumn 2005



SUMMARY

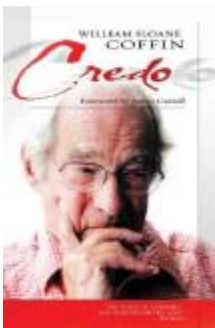
We have an exciting dual program this year! There will be two program themes and a course offering EVERY Sunday instead of just the customary lectures twice a month. Our popular Holiday Book Sale will return for your early gift shopping! In November, we will also have a special three-hour program: “Crossing the Bar; End-of-Life-Issues.”

First, our exceptional honorarium lectures continue this semester with the theme: “Pathways to the Holy; Encountering the Reality of God.” Learn how many aspects of worship evolved to enrich our senses. These lectures will look at the influence of Christianity on various art forms from stained glass, to relics, to sculpture, to architecture, to music. Lectures will be conducted in Fellowship Hall on the second and third Sunday of each month. All of our honorariums have exceptional academic and professional resumes.

Second, we are offering a study theme “An Understanding of the New Testament.” This bible study program will meet in the church Parlor each Sunday when we do not have an honorarium scheduled. In this video course there will be a facilitator guiding you through the program with group discussions. The program was designed by Professor Bart D. Ehrman, Chair of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received his Ph.D., magna cum laude, from Princeton Theological Seminary. His degree focused on early Christianity in its Greco-Roman environment.

All classes run from 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM. Visit our website for specific dates and topics. Brochures are also located in pews or on the Adult Christian Education bulletin board with curriculum details. MARK YOUR CALENDARS and invite a friend to join us!

Summer Wednesday Evening Adult Discussion



On Wednesdays, through July 13th, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Dr. Baxter is leading an interactive and lively discussion on how faith translates into action in our life, based on the book, *Credo*, by William Sloane Coffin. The author has served as chaplain at Yale University and Williams College, was senior minister of Riverside Church, and is President Emeritus of SANE/FREEZE: Campaign for Global Security. He was the inspiration for the religious character Rev. Sloan in the “Doonesbury” comic strip. He has been a social activist since the early 1960’s. Coffin has recently appeared on NOW with Bill Moyers who described him as “the voice of a prophet and wisdom for the ages.” Call the church office to sign up and/or to purchase a copy of the book.

Mission

COME JOIN THE BARRINGTON JULY 4 PARADE! - CROP WALK



The 2005 Barrington Area CROP WALK Committee invites you and your friends to join us in marching in the Barrington 4th of July parade. The parade steps off at 10:00 a.m. from the Barrington High School parking lot. We plan to have a grocery cart brigade and can use lots of cart pushers and kazoo blowers. Please arrive at 8:30 a.m. so we can practice. It will be fun and remind our communities that the 2005 CROP WALK will be held this year on Sunday, October 16.

Please contact **Barbara Schwartz**.

Youth Mission Team 2005

“Country Roads, Take Me Home. . .” – if you recognize the words to the John Denver song, you’ll realize that our youth went to West Virginia for this year’s Youth Mission Team Trip. Participants were Adam Bosarge, Drew Bosarge, John Bosarge, Alice Buchholz, Eliza Dowell, Eric Enskat, Ron Furst, Bill Hansche, Liz Hansche, Melissa Hansche, Sandy Kane, Adam Lee, Scott Schneider, David Zimmerman, Michael Zimmerman. On August 7 the team will give their report to the congregation.

Adult Mission Trip, Costa Rica

Costa Rica is the destination for the 2005 Adult Mission Trip. The group will leave on Friday, July 29 and return on Friday, August 5. There will be some time for touring the rain forest and Volcano Arenal, but the main purpose of the trip is to work on enclosing the sanctuary in the town of Guapiles. For more information about the trip, you may contact **Gerry Nadig**.

Annual Outdoor Service and Church Picnic

The Mission Committee invites all members and friends to attend the annual outdoor service and church picnic on August 28. The service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on the lawn. The picnic will follow immediately after the service. There will be good food, fellowship, games for the young (and young at heart), and the famous bake sale.

Tickets will be on sale in Fellowship Hall on all Sundays in August following the service. Prices are \$20 for a family; or individually: \$6.50 for seniors, \$7.50 for adults and children age 11 or older, \$4.50 for children ages 4 thru 10, and free for children age 3 and under. Invite your friends and neighbors to come enjoy the day with our family of faith.



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1
LOBSTER FEST



Live Lobsters Land in Barrington

Worship

Enhancing Sunday Worship – Banners Are Coming This Fall

Early this year members of the Worship Committee attended a multi-day worship enhancement seminar and visited several churches that have used art, music, and greater member participation to enhance their worship services. As a result of this study and research, a twelve person Worship Study Task Force was created. Containing members from the Worship Committee, our church Staff, and other members from the congregation and Session, this group meets monthly to identify ways to enhance worship within our traditional worship structure.

The initial project that has been unanimously approved and endorsed by the Session will be the creation of an exciting series of six banners that will add a spiritual artistic dimension to our church and symbolize our congregation's reaching up to the Lord in Praise and Worship. The first set of banners has already been designed by Marla Florio (who has professional training in this field). They will be made from various hand sewn fabrics. Marla will donate three months of her time to produce these banners during the summer, with initial installation at a special worship service, the second Sunday in September. You will be able to follow their development at a display in Fellowship Hall and on a special bulletin board during the upcoming months. We also hope that each member will personally thank Marla for her generous contribution of time and talent.

During the months following the installation of the first set of banners, Marla and the Worship Study Task Force will solicit ideas and help from members of the congregation to design and produce additional banners that will ultimately inspire our church during all of seasons of the church year. Because these banners will utilize various artistic symbols, pamphlets describing their unique messages will be placed in the pew racks. Hopefully a large percentage of our members will be able to contribute to the future sewing process, truly making this a church-wide event and commitment.

During the upcoming months, you will also notice the gradual introduction of other enhancements that have been recommended by the Worship Study Task Force. These will include a wider variety of musical instrumentation and greater congregational participation in the church's liturgy, all intended to enhance each member's ability to Worship God and better appreciate His Blessings.

If you would like to know more, or volunteer to help with the banner project, please contact any of the members of the Worship Study Task Force who are: Anna Armstrong, Leo Burkhart, Linda Neton, Julie Archos, Jane Zimmer, Dorothy Johnson, Bob Kosobud, Gus Leep, Joy Hague, Melissa Hansche, Dan Spike, and Curt Baxter

Hymn Sing Sunday

August 14 is the date for the annual Hymn Sing service. If you have a favorite hymn from your childhood, or one your family has always loved to sing, give **Rev. Dan Spike** or **Ms. Joy Hague**, **847-381-0975**, the name of the hymn (and the music if you have it). Sheet music, a copy of the hymn from a hymnal, a CD or tape of the music would be helpful, especially if the hymn is not a familiar one. A selection of hymns will be included in the service.



NOTES FROM JOY

May 22 marked the end of the regular church year, followed by the start of the new summer season on May 29. By the time this new issue of the “Carillon” reaches you, July will have arrived. Time is passing incredibly quickly, and already we are deep into planning the next church year.

Musically, the 2005 - 2006 year promises some exciting events. On October 9 a traveling group from Zambia will grace both of our services with music, as well as provide an afternoon concert. The group, The Voices of Acapella, are collecting freewill offerings as they travel, for the support of children in Zambia who are orphans due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. October just happens to be set aside on the Presbyterian calendar as HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Our plan is to invite as many other churches to share this concert with as possible. I hope you will plan to be there. A potluck lunch is planned, and the concert will take place at 3:00 p.m. For a sample of their music, you can visit their website: www.voicemusic03.org.

Another concert will be presented on October 30 by the Cathedral Brass Quintet. If you will remember, this group played for us on Palm Sunday, following a trial appearance a couple of weeks before. They were approved by the Worship Committee to be Artists in Residence for an unspecified time, and will appear at least once a month throughout the fall. Again, the concert will be at 3:00 p.m. Please mark you calendars, and invite you're your friends, because they are an excellent performing ensemble, and are enjoying the association with PCB.

Other plans for the remainder of the calendar year include the usual Lessons and Carols Service, this year on December 11. This will feature the Chancel and Handbell Choirs, and include lots of congregational participation. On Christmas Eve we will have our usual four services. Brass, Choir and Handbells will be present at the 7 and 9 p.m. services, and Brass at the 11 p.m. service. You will want to be included in the fun.

As the New Year begins, other interesting events will unfold. One will be the presentation of the sacred cantata, “The Seven Last Words of Christ” by Theodore DuBois. This beautiful, classic piece is known to be part of the repertoire of serious church choirs everywhere, and we are proud to add it to ours. It will be the featured event on Good Friday.

Now, I know that you didn't expect me to give you all of this information merely because I wanted to write an article for the “Carillon”. And, of course, you are right. I want to encourage and invite you, if you know that you have the experience, the time, and the talent, to join us, either in the Choir or the Handbell Choir. It is very difficult to consistently perform works of quality, large or small, without an adequate number of voices or players for both rehearsals and performances. As I play for the congregational singing from week to week, I am amazed at the number of good voices I hear below me. I know there are many more people in this congregation who are talented than are showing themselves.

At present, we have a choir of committed and dedicated singers who give very freely of their services. Thank you, choir, for your sacrifices. However, our numbers of consistent singers don't total more than fifteen, although we sometimes sound like thirty. And some of those we will lose for various reasons as the new church year begins. The Handell Choir, while having the promise of some new players in September, needs an excess of a least two to three players who can cover all positions at a moment's notice, in case of illness or emergency of another player. We would like to use the handbells much more regularly in our services, now that we are up and running. We can't carry out our music programs really effectively without more of you, and we are so anxious to be able to provide extremely good quality and diverse music for the enhancement of our services and the glory of God. If you are willing to give us a chance, we are committed to doing all we can to making you feel welcomed, comfortable, and needed. And you will have an incredible amount of fellowship and fun! So, you have a couple of months yet to think, dream and plan. Try it...you'll like it!

Worship Schedule

- July 3** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
"So Help Me God"
Readings: Psalm 25; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Matthew 15:21-28.
- July 10** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
Sharing Our Burdens
Readings: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.
- July 17** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
A Living Religion
Readings: Isaiah 42:5-10; 1 John 2:3-8; Matthew 13:45-52.
- July 24** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
An Emerging Phenomenon
Readings: Genesis 29:1-14; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans
8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.
- July 31** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m.
When The Ceiling Falls!
Readings: Job 13:13-19; Psalm 46; Matthew 7:21-29.



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