

# The Carillon

## July 2006

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON  
A welcoming, caring, family of faith

### Calling all children ages 6-12 to Join the Children's Choir

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“**M**ake a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.” Psalm 98.4

Is there a more joyous sound than children singing? Not that I have heard in my lifetime. Hearing the purity of a child's voice singing is as comforting as if Jesus were singing Himself. I am hopeful that we will soon be hearing more of that joyful noise during worship this coming year from The Presbyterian Church of Barrington Children's Choir. Starting this fall we will finally have a children's choir that can participate regularly in worship, inspiring us with their beautiful voices and unfettered souls.

So, all children ages 6-12, please join us on **Sunday mornings, 10:15-10:45 a.m.** for rehearsals **starting September 10**. We will have great fun learning about vocal technique, choir etiquette, note reading, and the importance of music/text in worship. And there will be plenty of solo opportunities as well! If you are older than 12, but would still like to sing, let me know and I will find a way to include you. As a complement to these Sunday rehearsals, WNL will still include music time and another opportunity to sing. If you can, try to participate in both WNL and The Children's Choir. The more singing the better!

During the first rehearsal on September 10, I would like all kids to attend with a parent so that we can go over the details of participation. If you cannot make that first rehearsal, please contact me so that I know you are interested.

I am excited to meet some more of the kids at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. I hope to see many of you on the 10<sup>th</sup>!

May God's peace be with you. **Kirsten Hedegaard, 847-381-0975 ext. 228.**

**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:** Neal and Jean Marshall, Alice Buchholz, Sandi Crewe, and Sally Kilham for assembling the June Carillon.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing this article just two days before the beginning of General Assembly in Birmingham, AL. There are many issues coming before the Assembly but there are three issues which will dominate debate:

1. Action on the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity, (the debate will focus on granting Sessions and Presbyteries more discretion on whether to ordain gay and lesbian persons as ministers, elders and deacons.)

2. 24 Presbyteries have petitioned the Assembly relating to the ordination of gay and lesbian persons.

3. 25 Overtures have been submitted on the subject of the 2004 Assembly's decision to "initiate the process of selective, phase divestment" from corporations that the PCUSA believes are impeding peace in the Middle East by profiting from Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory.

As I pray and reflect about our Assembly and the decisions it will make before you read this article, I remember that Jesus told parables, designed to tell us what God is like. In each of the parables, God has mellowness of heart and Jesus invites us to imitate that heart. Never have we needed to do this more than now. In the parable of the Prodigal Son (more accurately the parable of the loving father) Jesus describes God as relaxed, smiling, full of sympathy and empathy, who invites us to treat each other likewise. This is the God we will find at the end of our spiritual search. The mellowness of God is a place where all Christians have blown it. Liberals, conservatives and fundamentalists make the same error: they all write off the mellowness of heart seen in Jesus' parables.

How does this happen? I believe that each group decides that their cause is so urgent and they are so wounded that anger and bitterness are truly justified in their case. They all end up worshiping the wrong God. The wrong God is as wired, bitter, anxious, workaholic, neurotic and unhappy as they are. Through it all the true God of Jesus is relaxed, smiling and full of sympathy and empathy and desires that we be the same.

What is needed today are credible followers of God. How will you know them? In his book, Everything Belongs, Richard Rohr says you can recognize them by the following traits: "They do not hate those who disagree with them. They do not feel righteous and superior to those who have different politics. They don't inflict pain on those who differ or seek vengeance on the evil they see but hold the pain inside themselves. They surrender to the realization that we are all complicit in the evil of the world."

What is needed most at our Assembly is not a new set of unclear policies but a return to an empathetic God. We need a time to reflect on how far we all wander from the father's smiling face which is full of sympathy and empathy as he runs down the road to meet the son who was lost.

Pax,  
**Curt Baxter**

## Nominating Committee

### Nominating Committee Seeks Officers for 2007 -2009 term

The congregation's Nominating Committee invites your input as we search for people to serve us as church officers and as members of next years Nominating Committee. The Officer candidates will be presented to the congregation and elected in October 2006 to take office in January 2007 serving three year terms ending in December 2009. Nominating Committee members are voted on at the same time to serve a one year term. The committee will take into consideration all potential candidates, but remember, not everyone recommended is willing to serve or meets the qualifications we are looking for in any given year. Please submit your recommendation no later than AUGUST 13.

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 will be needed to serve a one year term on the Nominating Committee from January 2007 through December 2007. The Nominating Committee meets annually to consider new officers. They also provide training for new incoming officers each November.

If you have questions about the process, please call **Paige Unangst** or **Jack Raaths**.

**Nominating Committee – Nominating Form.** Please place this form in the offering plate or return to church office, ATTN: Paige Unangst. Please submit by August 13, 2006

Please recommend someone or submit you own name for consideration to serve our church family. Please know that the committee starts evaluation of candidates with the following guidelines: Nominees must be regular in Worship attendance, pledge to the annual operating budget, be able to make sound decisions for the welfare of the entire congregation, be able to attend monthly meetings, work well in a group setting, and be the only member of his/her family presently serving as a church officer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **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**

## Barrington Presbyterian Women

### Next Meeting Date

Our next meeting will be in September. Watch for your membership package, which will be mailed out in August. Enjoy the summer. The Board of BPW is busy planning some great activities for the coming season. Stay tuned for further details!



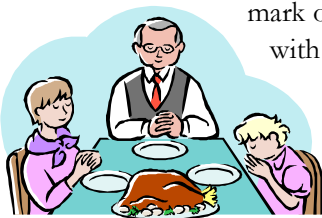
### Morning Bible Study

We completed our study of For Everything, a Season, in May. There is No Bible Study during the summer months. Starting in the fall, we'll be using the Horizons Bible Study book, In the Beginning, Perspectives on Genesis. Susan Raaths is the Coordinator.

### G.T.I.F.

Growing Together in Faith is a women's Bible study that meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month in the home of a member. All are welcome! In May, we began a new study, At Table With Jesus. Study books are available in the church office at a cost of \$7. Our next meeting is July 18. If you would like to join us, contact **Becky Bosarge** or **Jill Minner**.

This study invites us to see the heart of God revealed in the meals Jesus shared with others. We will investigate such topics as: "Practicing Hospitality" - a mark of true discipleship; "Eating with Sinners" - being open, inclusive, and inviting; "The Bread of Life" - a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and how he is present in the



Eucharist; "Banquet Parables" - table fellowship and the Kingdom of God; and many more. We will probably even experience some table fellowship of our own!

### Women With Aging Parents

Women With Aging Parents meets the second Friday of each month at the home of **Marge Slocum**. The next meeting is on Friday, July 14, at 9:30 a.m. For further details or to tell Marge you are coming, please call her.

### 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 20 at the home of Sally Hilgendorf. The book is Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich. Copies of the book are available in the church office to check out. For more information, you may contact coordinator, **Alice Buchholz**.

### Good Works Make Good Cooks!

The BPW Cookbook Gracing Your Table contains the tried and true recipes from the wonderful cooks in our congregation. The book was featured in the Daily Herald with witty commentary and a glamorous photo of our own Nancy Nadig. Copies are available for \$20 each, (make checks payable to BPW) with proceeds benefiting the brides' room renovation project. So far, cookbook sales have generated a substantial amount for this project. There are still some copies remaining. Make a donation to the renovation project and receive one cookbook for every \$20 contribution! Since we have surpassed the "break-even point," every dollar collected will be used for this cause. Copies will be available in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sundays, or your cookbook can be delivered or mailed anywhere in the world! Please contact **Rebecca Gans Carlberg**. Buy a cookbook, or two or three. Good works make good cooks!



## Stephen Ministry

### Caring For Our Whole Flock



Linda McGurer and Marge Slocum are often humbled by the matches that are made between the Stephen Ministers and the Care Receivers. It is impossible to ignore the fact that God is at work! As the Stephen Leaders in charge of “Referrals” they work on a regular basis with Curt Baxter and Dan Spike to be sure that Stephen Ministry is offered to members and friends of our congregation who may need it. This goal supports our mission to offer care so that no one among us is left to suffer alone. Where did our mission statement come from?

Jesus said, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another” (John 13:34). Jesus loved by reaching out to those who needed care and meeting their needs. Stephen Ministry provides a way for congregations and individual members to do the same.

Jesus not only cared for those around him, he deliberately went out to find those who needed his care. When Jesus sent his disciples out to carry on his ministry, he said to them, “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out the demons. Freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8). Jesus’ example and command show that we are to look actively for those in need of care and not wait for them to come to us.

Paul calls Christians to carry on Jesus’ ministry to the sick and hurting. In Galatians he wrote, “Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ” (6:2). Examples of people who should be offered care are those dealing with: loneliness, hospitalization, a terminal illness, the death of a loved one, unemployment, divorce, a severe financial setback, retirement, the stress of moving, being a victim of a crime.

If you would like more information about how to refer someone to Stephen Ministry, you may contact

**Linda McGurer;**

**Marge Slocum;**

**Curt Baxter, Dan Spike at church, 847-381-0975.**

The Lord is our shepherd, and He does not want any of us to suffer alone.

## Deacons

### New Hospitality Teams

*Acts 2:46:* “Day after day they met in the temple. They broke bread together in different homes and shared their food happily and freely, while praising God.”

Perhaps this passage from the Acts of the Apostles best describes why we have fellowship with others after worship service. It is a very old tradition of the Christian church. As we serve others, we share and spread the word of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. We do these things happily while praising God.

The Hospitality Teams were created by the Deacons to assist in the regular service of weekly greeters and coffee service at the church on Sunday mornings. It is led by a Deacon Hospitality Coordinator who communicates the team functions to the Moderator of Deacons. Each Hospitality Team currently has six members. One of those members is the designated Team Lead Host. Many of these team members also serve the church in other areas as ushers, choir members, and Bible School Teachers. These dual functions have been taken into consideration in forming the teams as well as planning the rotation schedule.

If you would be interested in serving on one of the hospitality teams, or acting as a substitute host, please contact **Bette Bilton**  
or **Joan Wolfgram**

Below is the list of teams scheduled for July.

<b>TEAM A July 9 &amp; 30</b>
Dale Smith - LEAD
Chrisann Smith
Ralph Menick
Carol Menick
Jill Minner
Becky Bosarge
<b>TEAM B July 16</b>
Audrey Ellis – LEAD
Jack Ellis
Rich Larson
Kathy Larson
Tom Grafton
Polly Grafton
<b>TEAM C July 23</b>
Jim Wilson - LEAD
Kathy Peterson
Emily Dowell
Patricia Mitchell
Gus Leep
Kathy Weidner

### Condolences to:...

**Susan Reedquist** and family upon the death of her mother on May 18.

**Esther Schultz** and family upon the death of Derald “Dow” Schultz on June 18.

## Christian Education

### “Be Not Afraid” Summer Book Read Program

June 4<sup>th</sup> was the beginning of our Second Annual “Be Not Afraid” Summer Book Read Program. Are you intimidated by “religious” books? Afraid they are boring or too “textbookish?” Perhaps you would consider reading a book which has been enjoyed and recommended by another member of our congregation. Members have brought to the church books which they have enjoyed reading. These books can be checked out; just list your name and phone number on an index card found inside the book. Since this is a book LOAN, all books are due back by Labor Day. Children are invited to bring books with a Christian theme for the children’s “Reading Is Fun” table. Each time you check out a book, your name will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate, to be awarded at the end of the program.



### Sunday Morning Children’s Programs

**Kindergarten – 4th grade:** Workshop Rotation: “Three Women of Faith”.

This summer we will study and become familiar with the stories of Priscilla, Lydia and Dorcas. These wise and courageous women of faith showed their love of God and Jesus through their faith and service. These women can be role models reflecting the image of God for all of us. We will learn about these extraordinary women through a variety of activities. Below is a plan of activities for the summer.

Dates	Workshops	Some of the Activities
June 25 & July 9	Cooking	Potholders
	Storytelling	“The Spider Weaver”; “Clara and the Freedom Quilt”; Kente Cloth
July 16 & 23	Art	Sophie’s Masterpiece; fingerprint stories; Picasso – cubism
	Music	Cat Steven’s “Morning Has Broken”; hymn story sticks
July 30 & Aug. 13	Computer	“iLumina”; “Say Your Prayers Li'l Angelina”; “Galilee Flyer”
	A-V	Clips from: “Charlotte’s Web”; “Beauty and the Beast”; “Shrek”; “The Emperor’s New Groove”

**Rainbow Room:** Our 3 & 4 year olds will study God’s Creation through art, science, games, and songs. They will spend time outside, so dress for “play.”

## Fellowship

### Kitchen Kabinet

Kitchen Kabinet has organized a night to watch the Schaumburg Flyers play the Gary SouthShore RailCats. The date is Wednesday, July 12 and the game starts at 7:05 p.m. The Schaumburg Flyers play in a family oriented ballpark and it is a fun time for all. July 12 happens to be “Bat Night” and the first 1500 kids to enter the park get free bats. You may contact **Bob Johnson** to see if there are still some seats available. The tickets are \$9 each.

Kitchen Kabinet is an organization of retirement age men who meet on the second Tuesday of each month at noon at The Garlands for lunch, lively discussions and programs. The next meeting will be August 8. This will be a joint meeting with the Barrington Rotary club. Hans Dotzler will be the speaker. Hans spent 5 years as a slave laborer in Siberia after being captured by the Russian army during WWII. If you would like to be put on the mailing list for notification of the meetings, please contact the **church office**, **847-381-0975**.

### Men’s Fellowship Group

All men of the congregation are invited to attend the Men’s Fellowship Group dinner/meetings. The purpose of the club is to promote fellowship among men of the congregation and it is one of the small group organizations of the church. The group meets monthly, on the third Thursday, in the homes of the members on a rotating basis. The host for the month chooses the topic of discussion and provides a modest meal. Interesting conversation, friendship, humor and surprisingly good food are the hallmarks of a typical evening. The group also organizes events complementary to the church's mission activities such as a trip with the youth of Nueva Esperanza to see a baseball game. The July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the home of Don Norton. For more information, or to be put on the mailing list, please contact **Chip Kyle**.

## ChristCare

### Caring Hearts-Faithful Servants

#### The OWLS (Older, Wiser, Loving Shepherds)



The OWLS are a ChristCare Group consisting of Caryl Bondelli, Cackie Kyle, Denny McGurer, Vince Neton, Maggie Reed, Terry Reed, Bob Thompson, Mary Lou Thompson and their leader, Gerry Nadig. They have been meeting in Gerry’s home since January on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. As a ChristCare Group, their meetings have included Prayer and Worship, Community Building and Biblical Equipping, not to mention a wide variety of delicious snacks. The OWLS are now moving into their Missional Service activity and would like to share it with the Church Community.

The OWLS would like to assist members of our Church Community who find themselves in a difficult situation and would like some help through this transition. These situations might occur due to an upcoming medical procedure, a newborn coming into their lives, elderly who are finding it difficult to cope with their current situation or a family going through some dramatic lifestyle change. The OWLS services would include providing meals, transportation and child care if required. The services could also include house cleaning and yard maintenance through this transition period. Other services could also be provided depending on the specific need or situation.

If you know of a person or family that requires assistance through a transition, please feel free to contact **Gerry Nadig** or **Dan Spike**, **847-381-0975**. All information and conversations will be treated confidentially. Also, if you think you would like to join the OWLS ChristCare Group and provide this type of Missional Service, please contact Gerry or Dan or stop by one of the meetings, which begin at 7:00 p.m. The OWLS look forward to serving our Church Community.

## Worship

### Hymn Sing July 16

Rev. Dan Spike and our new organist, Greg Gyllsdorff, are planning the annual Hymn Sing for the service on July 16. Remember, summer services are at 9:00 a.m. This traditionally has been the time for members of the congregation to suggest some of their favorite hymns to be sung at the service. If you would like to suggest a hymn, please call **Dan Spike, 847-381-0975** before July 7. Sheet music, a copy of the hymn from a hymnal, a CD or tape of the music would be helpful if the hymn is not a familiar one. Come and raise your voice in song at worship on July 16.

### Annual Outdoor Service and Church Picnic, August 27

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington invites all members and friends to attend the annual outdoor service and church picnic on August 27. 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.



## Mission

### Loaves and Fishes

Remember to bring canned and packaged food to the Church each Sunday to fill our baskets. The baskets are located in the Narthex just before you enter the sanctuary. The FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville serves over 400 families each month and is in need of many items. In particular, toiletries such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, diapers, and laundry detergent are always in great demand and short supply. For all of you who have planted gardens or have access to fresh vegetables, FISH is also accepting fresh produce. Thank you for helping those in need.

## SAVE THE DATES

**Monday, October 2: Nueva Esperanza Golf Outing at Chalet Hills**

**Saturday, October 7: Annual Lobster Sale**

## Parish Life

### Publicity For Our Church

We are pleased that our publicity efforts are now beginning to get results. The following article was printed in the June 15, 2006 issue of the Barrington Courier Review. We thank Matt Batt for his efforts in contacting the various local newspaper editors and getting us started with our publicity campaign. The Internet link to the article is: <http://www.pioneerlocal.com/cgi-bin/ppo-story/localnews/current/ba/06-15-06-948996.html>

The Church Relations Committee of the Session

### FAITH IN OUR TOWNS

#### The Presbyterian Church of Barrington

- Religious affiliation: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- Neighborhood: 6 South Brinker Road, Barrington Hills. Members are from the Barrington area and as far as Crystal Lake, Batavia.
- Size of congregation: About 900 members.
- Spiritual leaders: Pastor, Curtis T. Baxter; Associate Pastor, Daniel R. Spike; Director of Christian Education, Melissa Armstrong-Hansche.
- Schedule of worship services: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. (September-May); 9 a.m. (June – August).
- Largest turnout: Three Christmas Eve services
- Biggest wish list items: People everywhere progressing on their faith journeys.
- Biggest issue facing the congregation: Finding better ways to meet and welcome visitors to make them feel at home.
- Most memorable service: Christmas Eve with in-residence brass quintet.
- Proudest moment: The church founded the Workshop Rotation Model for Sunday School which is being used in more than 8,000 churches nationwide.
- A volunteer to highlight: Nancy Dolan, who resigned from a senior human resources position at a major corporation to become a founding leader of our Stephen Ministry Program, and who later applied and was accepted to enter the seminary.
- Programs offered: Stephen Ministry (confidential one-on-one trained lay support for those facing life's difficulties), Disciple Bible Study, ChristCare Small Group Ministries, adult choir, handbell choir
- Most prized treasure: Our caring, talented and loving members who are committed to giving to and serving others.

## Welcome To Greg Gyllsdorff



Gregory Gyllsdorff has joined our staff as our permanent organist and member of our music team.

Greg received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music Education from Carnegie Mellon University and later received his Masters of Fine Arts in Music Education from the same University. He has also completed course work as a Doctoral candidate from Indiana University.

Greg has won many awards and appointments throughout his career. He won the Waldron Scholarship to study organ and advanced theory at the Écoles d' Art Américaines, Fontainebleau, France. He was the winner of the Pittsburg Concert Society's Organ Competition, the American Guild of Organists, Pittsburg Chapter, Organ Competition and many other awards in the field of music.

Currently, Greg is the Creative and Performing Arts Coordinator, Orchestra, AP Music Theory and Piano Director, at Auburn High School, Rockford, IL and is also a Mentor teacher for orchestra and strings techniques. In addition to his teaching, he has been both Organist and Director of Music in several churches. During the past four years he has been Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church, Freeport, IL.

Church music has been an integral part of Greg's life and he has a strong desire to glorify God through his music. We are so pleased to welcome him to our church family and hope that he will enjoy a very long tenure as our organist.

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## 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 check out our website [www.pcbarington.org](http://www.pcbarington.org). If you wish to discuss membership, please contact **Dr. Curtis Baxter** at the Church Office, **847-381-0975**.

## Worship Schedule

- July 2** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m.  
*Religion and Public Life*  
Readings: Isaiah 42:1-4; Mark 12:13-17.
- July 9** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m.  
*Don't Worry*  
Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2 Corinthians  
12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.
- July 16** Mr. Spike Preaching, Hymn Sing            9:00 a.m.  
*It's the Music*  
Readings: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 98; Ephesians 1:3-  
14; Mark 6:14-29.
- July 23** Dr. Baxter Preaching..... 9:00 a.m.  
*A Sacred Canopy*  
Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-  
34, 53-56; Psalm 104.
- July 30** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m.  
*Dealing With Disorientation*  
Readings: 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-  
21; Psalm 137.



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