

# Carillon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON  
A welcoming, caring family of faith

March 2010

Spring is Coming – Holy Week is March 28 – April 4

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**P**alm Sunday: March 28, 10:00 a.m.; we will process with palms to remind us of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

**White Breakfast:** "Holding on to Our Bread." Wednesday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m.: peaceful meditation, followed by a service lead by the Rev. Dawn Haeger. At 10:30 breakfast will be served. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

**Maunder Thursday:** At the 7:00 pm service, we will share in the joyful feast of our Lord with parents and children who have taken a communion class.

**Good Friday:** Our Sanctuary will be open for private meditation. Midday Prayer Booklets will be available in the Narthex. Organist, Rich Leasure will be playing meditative organ music for 45 minutes starting at noon.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday, April 3, 10:30 a.m. on the lawn. Bring the children for this fun event.

**Great Vigil of Easter:** Saturday, April 3, 9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. The Blessing of the New Fire, Lighting of the Pascal Candle, and Communion. The Vigil will be followed by a light repast.

**Easter Day:** Sunday, April 4; services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Festival Service will celebrate Christ's Resurrection and our Redemption.

Founders' Day service, April 18, Anniversary kick off –  
For more details click the Reunion Logo on church web site.

**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 Rich and Kathy Larson for assembling the February 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,

Life gets messed up when we don't read far enough. Like when I purchased a Lawnmower. The red and gray machine sitting on the display floor was perfect. So, I bought it. They delivered it. What I did not read on the machine on the display floor was the small print: "some assembly required." I guess so! A big box full of metal parts on my porch and me to assemble it! In the words of John McEnroe: "You can't be serious!" I didn't read far enough when I bought it.

Reading far enough is a must when reading scripture. Romans chapter 7 has Paul kicking himself like you and I kick ourselves when left to our isolated thinking. Paul gripes: "What I intend to do, I don't do. What I do not intend to do, I end up doing." He declares himself a mess. If the truth were to be told, we would say to Paul, "Line up behind me." Paul, like us, is tortured with negative, destructive, and vengeful feelings about himself. If we don't pay attention to those feelings in ourselves, we project those negative feelings on others.

But, just at the moment we identify with Paul and his self-hatred, he moves on and drags us along with him to Romans 8. In spite of all of these mixed feelings we have about ourselves, "there is no condemnation" when it comes to God. In chapter 8, we realize that there is not a single human in this world who will be more difficult on us than we are on ourselves and there is no source more perpetually loving than the one holy God who made us.

"Some assembly required." With lawnmowers, you begin with a lot of parts; you say a few off-colored words; and in my case I call on Sherri to help me out of the mechanical mess I'm in. With our lives, we begin with a lot of fretting about our lack of perfection. Christ comes out of the desert of temptation and says, "Knock it off. Be clear about how God thinks about you, and then let that love inform and transform the way you see yourself and everyone else."

I hope that you will take these words to heart as we move through the season of Lent. Remember God loves you more than you can ever know.

Pax,  
**Curt Baxter**

## Mission

### Pancake Breakfast

March 7, after the 10:00 a.m. service  
Enjoy pancakes, sausages, beverages and fellowship, while you help the Youth Mission Team raise funds for the 2010 Youth Mission Trip. "Make Your Own Mickey/Minnie Pancakes" will once again be offered. Adults \$7, Children ages 3 – 10 \$5. Family price \$20. Children under 3 eat free! Come and support your youth mission team as they prepare to serve the church family – both here and in the world.



### Spring Food Drive

On March 7 and 14, you may pick up a food-drive bag at church. Bags will be mailed to all members early in March. Please fill-up the bags with canned or packaged non-perishable food items and/or toiletry items (toothpaste, soap, tooth brushes), or housekeeping supplies (bathroom tissue, paper towels, laundry detergent) or diapers, and return them to the church by **March 21**.



We will deliver the bags to the FISH Food Pantry on Monday, March 22.

If you'd prefer to give a cash donation, checks can be made out to **FISH** and mailed to FISH, P O Box 102, Carpentersville, IL 60110. You can also make out a check to the **Presbyterian Church of Barrington**, writing **FISH** on the memo line of your check. The money will be used to purchase perishable items such as meats, fresh fruits and vegetables. Your continued support of this mission ministry is most appreciated.

We'll continue our "Loaves and Fishes" collection of food, toiletry and housekeeping items. Baskets are in the Narthex for your donations, which will be taken to FISH Food Pantry weekly. Our thanks to Gerry Nadig for being the "delivery person."

**Souper Bowl:** Thank you to all who donated to our Souper Bowl of Caring February 7, 2010. We collected \$232.25 for the food pantry. The New Orleans Saints

received \$120.66, while the Indianapolis Colts collected \$111.59.

### Mission "PBC" Workdays set for 2010

Please join us for this unique mission "Presbyterians Building Closets While Building Community." Our Mission is to bring our congregation together while working to repair and beautify our church in the hopes of attracting more parishioners and strengthening our bonds.



By helping maintain and update our church we are also saving money by using the time and talents of our own congregation. We will meet every other month beginning April 24th on a Saturday morning 9-12 noon. Some of the projects to be completed this year include:

- Clean up the woods surrounding the church grounds
- Prune trees and bushes
- Plant new bushes and flowers
- Maintain the Memorial Garden
- Redecorate the Youth Lounge
- Paint the Youth wing
- Paint the upstairs men's bathroom
- Update the drama room
- Fix leaking faucets and other plumbing, electrical and carpentry jobs

### 2010 Workdays:

**April 24, June 19, August 28, October 30.**

Each workday starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 12 noon with a light lunch in Fellowship Hall. Please email **Diane Reich** to let her know if you will be attending. You can come for 1 hour or all 3 - any amount of help would be much appreciated!

### Dinner & Vespers

Beginning **March 13, 2010**, we will be having a single Vesper service on the second Saturday of the month. We will have the opportunity to share in a common meal each month. For March we are offering salads & sandwiches from Panera Bread. Menu choices can be found on our website. Meals for adults will cost \$10.00; children are \$5.00. Dinner will be at 5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Your order can be placed on-line with a credit card or dropped off in the office with a check. Order forms can be found in the Narthex & Office. **Order deadline is Monday, March 8.**

## Stephen Ministry

### Top Ten Reasons Why YOU Should Become a Stephen Minister



**Reason #10: You will learn to turn danger into opportunity.** The Chinese word for crisis is made from a combination of two other characters: danger and opportunity.

Every crisis, whether it is a divorce, the loss of a spouse, sudden unemployment or even a much-desired pregnancy provides both an opportunity for growth as well as a danger of choosing destructive solutions. The care of a dedicated, trained, Christ-centered Stephen Minister can help a person in crisis find equilibrium and wholeness.

**Reason #9: Stephen Ministers are skilled caregivers.** Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training before they are commissioned and assigned to care receivers. They learn skills such as listening, identifying and expressing feelings, setting boundaries, and being assertive. They also learn about specific challenges such as hospitalization divorce, grief, and depression. Stephen Ministers feel well prepared to walk alongside people in crisis, whether it is with an assigned care receiver, or in their own relationships with family, friends and coworkers.

**Reason #8: Stephen Ministers experience the joy of fellowship with one another.** Stephen Ministers meet about an hour a week with their care-receivers, but they also meet twice a month in small groups with other Stephen Ministers. Here, in a confidential manner, they share the joys and challenges of their caring relationships, pray for one another, offer encouragement and practical help, and relate to one another in a deep and spiritual way. The bonds of friendship and commitment are strong and positive.

**Reason #7: Stephen Ministers learn to listen.** Most people think of listening as a simple, natural, and passive activity, but it is actually a powerful care giving tool. Using Jesus as our model, Stephen Ministers learn the skill of active listening, which involves commitment, patience, and attention to body language. Stephen Ministers learn to listen for more than just words. They seek true understanding and empathy.

**Reason #6 Stephen Ministers are assertive caregivers.** Stephen Ministers are trained to "speak the truth in love." Christian assertiveness is a positive and constructive way of relating that respects others and ourselves. Stephen Ministers learn to recognize and avoid aggressive behaviors such as belittling and manipulation, and to avoid passive behaviors such as withdrawing and relinquishing rights. By learning to behave assertively, Stephen Ministers become more aware of God's will for their lives and more aware of the needs of others.

Reprinted from the Stephen Ministry website.

**Reason #5: Stephen Ministers are caregivers, not curegivers.** Stephen Ministers are not therapists or problem solvers; they are caregivers. Only God can bring about healing, forgiveness, and hope. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and pray, to be reliable and non-judgmental, and to help care receivers express their feelings. Focusing on caring and not on curing means Stephen Ministers never pressure a care receiver to "get better." Stephen Ministers are there for as long as the process takes, and trust that God works in His own time to provide wholeness.

**Reason #4: Stephen Ministers feel needed** (because they are!) Stephen Ministry was created by a minister named Kenneth Haugk who realized that there are not enough pastors available to provide patient, long-term care to people in crisis. By training lay ministers in his congregation, he was able to ensure that the newly widowed, those going through divorce, people with chronic or terminal illness, and many, many others were able to meet regularly with a compassionate listener. Stephen Ministry benefits our pastors, our congregation, and our community.

**Reason #3: Stephen Ministry skills apply in other relationships.** Stephen Ministers are trained to listen, to recognize, accept and express feelings, to behave assertively, and to depend on God for healing and change. They often find themselves using these skills in dealing with spouses, children, coworkers, clients, and in-laws. Imagine how a work place could be transformed by a single person who has learned to listen without judgment!

**Reason #2: Stephen Ministry is a life changing experience.** Have you ever avoided approaching a person who was hurting because you "didn't know what to say?" We all have. But Stephen Ministers know what to say and how to act. They are trained to respond compassionately and respectfully when others need them, and they feel confident in their care giving skills. Stephen Ministers are the first to respond when neighbors, family members, and coworkers need someone to talk to.

**Reason #1: Jesus commanded it.** "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." We are called to "bear one another's burdens," and to "accept one another." Jesus wanted us to be doers of the Word, not just hearers. Stephen Ministers are in the trenches every day, caring for those who are hurting, bringing warmth and kindness to those who feel alone, creating an atmosphere where trust and respect can lead to wholeness. Stephen Ministers answer the call of Jesus. Stephen Ministry classes start mid-September. Contact **Anna Armstrong** for more information. Please visit the Stephen Ministry "New Training Class" table in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services in March.

## Barrington Presbyterian Women

### March Meeting



Our next meeting will be on **March 4**, coffee at 9:15 am; meeting at 9:35 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

### 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 **March 10** – come 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 will begin a new study at our next meeting on Tuesday **March 16** at 7:00 p.m. G.T.I.F. meets in various members' homes throughout the year. All are welcome! Please contact **Jill Minner** for more information.

### Women With Aging Parents

This support group for women who are trying to meet the challenges and joys of assisting aging parents meets the third Wednesday each month in the Youth Lounge from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. The next meeting is **March 17**. For more information, please contact **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 **March 18, 2010**, at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Karen Stout. The book to be discussed is *Sister Of My Heart* by Divakaruni. For more information, you may 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 **March 17** at 9:00 a.m. 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**.

### White Breakfast! March 31, 2010

All members of the church and their guests are invited to attend the White Breakfast. This has been an annual event at PCB since 1976, when Dorothy Ruge brought this meaningful tradition from her previous church in Michigan.

Join your church family at 9:30 for meditation and a service led by Rev. Dawn Haeger, followed by a breakfast served in Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$10. Please make your reservation by calling the church office, or sign up on Sundays.

### Valentine Care Packs

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to the Valentine Care Pack project. Because of you we were able to send 41 packages of highly caloric goodies to our grateful college students near and far. Our thanks, too, to all the ladies who helped with the assembly and packing of the boxes on February 4. We couldn't have done it without you!

The Valentine Care Pack Committee

### May Baskets

BPW is seeking donations for May Baskets to be given to the Elgin Community Crisis Center. This is a home for women and children who need temporary shelter due to domestic violence. While you are traveling, save some personal travel-sized grooming items. Other suggestions are new blank journals and pens, stamps, small colorful umbrellas, bath and shower gels, make-up and make-up bags. Please drop items in the marked bin by the coat rack at the church. We will assemble the baskets after the May BPW meeting. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Call **Ginger Glantz** for more information.

## Deacons

### Deacon's Corner, Amy Carder

I somewhat nervously begin this article much as I have begun my term as a Deacon. I have many questions in my head: Am I worthy to be a Deacon? Yikes – I have to write an article for the Carillon? Will I be able to devote sufficient time to serve (up to my own high standard?) Will I be able to overcome my introverted nature and reach out to the members of this congregation? What the heck am I going to write about?

Even though it is almost March as I write this, I think there is still time to make New Year's resolutions. And so as I take on this new role as a Deacon, I challenge all of you to take on something new for the church as well. There are so many ways to do this: serve coffee, introduce yourself to someone you don't know, teach a Sunday school class, cook something for "Food Served With Love," volunteer to usher or read scripture, attend an Adult Education class, come to a work day, invite a friend to a church event like a Sundays-at-Four concert, or join the choir! (as a choir member, I had to get those plugs in.) The list could go on and on. By the way, inviting a friend to



a church event can be so easy these days. Email is the perfect tool for anyone who might be a bit introverted like me. I took a chance and invited five friends to the Women's Retreat using this method. The result: two of them said "Yes, I'd love to come." Amazing what can happen if you take just one tiny step outside your comfort zone. You might even say "Yes" when someone calls and asks you to be a Deacon!

"Outside your comfort zone is where God will begin using the greater you in ways you could never have imagined." Pastor John Atkinson

A few last words about me personally: My name is Amy McClain Carder. I have been a member of The Presbyterian Church of Barrington for about 10 years. I am very happily married to Gary and we are blessed to have a daughter, Lauren, who is 9 years old. I work part-time as a Systems Analyst for PepsiCo at the R&D Technical Center across from Barrington High School. I sing in the choir and help out at Wednesday Night Live in the kitchen. And I thank you for this opportunity to step outside of my comfort zone.

## Christian Education

### WNL

Spring Session:  
**February 24, March 3, 10, 17**



K – 4th Gr. Travel with us to Paris, France. Once there, we will explore PEER PRESSURE.

Everyone experiences it, but how do we respond while living the way God wants us to live? Come and finish filling your passport. Or start a passport. We're waiting for you.

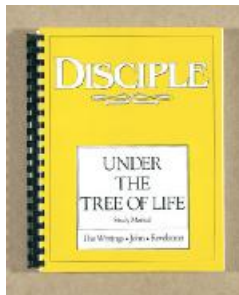
5-6 Gr. We will continue our study of the parables of Jesus. We will also plan another mission project that will let us assist those in need in our own community. Come and share your ideas about how we can respond to God's call. Friends are definitely welcome!

### UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE

#### A 32 WEEK STUDY DONE IN THREE SECTIONS

Led by Dorothy Symonds, MDiv., C.T.

This class will be offered on Saturday mornings at 8:00am. Open to those who have completed Disciple 1. Cost: \$40.00



This is a 32 week study for graduates of DISCIPLE 1 – Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study. The word “under” speaks to us of invitation, welcome, shelter, security, and

rest – home at last! We will study The Writings in the OT – Ruth, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and Daniel. In the NT we will study the Gospel of John; 1, 2, and 3 John; James; Jude; and Revelation. There will be an emphasis on worship and living toward completion, the culmination of the promise.

Classes begin Saturday, **March 13**. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

#### First Grade Communion Dinner and Class

**March 14** 4:00 – 6:30p.m.  
 Instruction concerning communion will be held March 14 from 4:00 – 6:30pm. Children grades one and above who have not previously received instruction are invited. One parent is expected to remain with their

child. Dinner will be served. Children will be invited to celebrate communion on Maundy Thursday, April 1, at the 7:00pm service. You should receive a letter with more information in the mail. Contact Melissa Hansche, 847-381-0975, with questions.

### Pancake Breakfast

**March 7**, after the 10:00 a.m. service.

Enjoy pancakes, sausages, beverages and fellowship, while you help the Youth Mission Team raise funds for the 2010 Mission/Triennium Trip: Kentucky & Perdue. “Make Your Own Mickey/Minnie Pancakes” will once again be offered. Adults \$7, Children ages 3 – 10 \$5. Family price \$20. Children under 3 eat free! Come and support your youth mission team as they prepare to serve the church family – both here and in the world.



### One Great Hour of Sharing

On Easter Sunday, we will collect the special donation for *One Great Hour of Sharing*. During Lent, it has become a tradition of our church to support this vital program which is sponsored by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the national level of our church government.

Through your donations, many organizations such as the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Programs and Self-Development of People are given funds to meet their program needs. Without assistance from One Great Hour of Sharing, these programs would be unable to attain their goals to help others.

Envelopes will be located in the pews and the children will receive banks during Sunday School for them to fill. This is a very tangible way for the family to help out our sisters and brothers in Haiti. The Children's Christian Education and Mission Committees asks that you consider this worthy cause.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4th Grade Parent/Child Class—Sacraments  
**April 11** 3:00 – 5:00pm.  
 Join us as we share a snack together before beginning to explore the sacraments of baptism and communion. We will read through scripture and learn the importance of water, bread and wine in our spiritual lives, using games, music and art.

## Sr. High Youth

All Senior High Youth are invited to an evening of great food, laughter and Whirlyball on Sunday, **March 14** at 5 p.m. at Whirlyball Vernon Hills. What's Whirlyball? Whirlyball is a combination of lacrosse, hockey, basketball and demolition derby.

We'll meet in the restaurant at the Whirlyball center at 5 p.m. for dinner followed by some serious court time. We'll each be responsible for our own dinner from the menu of great salads, sandwiches and pizza. The cost for Whirlyball is \$20 per person and reservations must be made in advance by March 8 with Pastor Dawn.

## Rev. Haeger's Letter



This has been an interesting and difficult week for me. Personally, I have spent the last five days sitting at my Uncle Chuck's bedside as he lay in hospice. Supporting my aunt, visiting with extended family

members and friends, planning Chuck's funeral all took its emotional toll on me and my family.

Professionally, the staff completed our planning for Holy Week including all the scripture selections, liturgy preparation, sermon title/concept creation and bulletin design. Additionally, I was prepping for Sunday worship as I was the one preaching. Interestingly, the text in Luke called me to consider how we were to take up our crosses and follow Jesus down the mountain where he had experienced his transfiguration. Having been assigned the Sunday before Easter, Passion Sunday, I sat with Jesus as he suffered in the garden.

In light of the confluence of events, I have been especially grateful for the grace and kindness I have received from the staff here at PCB as well as the

members who have reached out to share Christ's love. I am also aware of how much my aunt relied upon her faith in God to get through these past days. As Chuck lay dying, we gathered around him, laying our hands upon him, singing and praying.

When her priest arrived Sunday afternoon to offer a final anointing of the sick, he asked all of us to trace the sign of the cross upon Chuck's head as a final communal blessing. Sunday evening my aunt and I read through scripture and sang hymns so she could choose which were the most appropriate for Chuck and their life together. I cannot tell you how grace-filled that moment was. Having worshipped God for her entire life, my aunt could say that a passage from Jeremiah was more appropriate than the one I had chosen from Isaiah.

The death of a loved one is a very difficult time for any family. The ritual of a church funeral provides a framework for people to process their grief. In this time where it is just as common for folks to not be church attendees as it is for them to go to church, I was especially aware of how personal this funeral would be because my aunt is at home with the language of her church and the music of its liturgies.

When we gather on Saturday to say our good-byes to Chuck, my family will do so with tears in our eyes and hope in our hearts because we know that death is not the end; it is but a beginning. Our Lord Jesus, in his death and resurrection, provides our assurance. It is as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor 15:55).

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Dawn

## Fellowship

### Kitchen Kabinet

March is "KK treasury replacement month." All checks \$20.00 or more will reserve a seat for chili and corn (brownies by Dorothy.) on **March 10**. Social time starts at 11:30 in Bob Johnson's log cabin. Seating limited so first come first served. Call **Bob**.

### Men's Fellowship Group

This year's Men's Retreat will be held from Friday evening **May 14** through noon on Sunday, **May 16, 2010** at the newly-remodeled Lake Lawn Lodge in

Delavan, WI. Dr. Clark Barshinger will integrate the wisdom literature of the books of Proverbs, Psalms and Ecclesiastes with contemporary Christian men's movement books on healthy psychology and living. The weekend teaching sessions will focus on what both ancient wisdom and modern psychology advocate for helping men to live maturely, happily and spiritually. Registration will begin the first Sunday in March and continue through the end of the month. Please look for the table in Fellowship Hall after church services.

## Music

- March 7 Anthem: "God So Loved the World" Libby Larson
- March 14 Anthem: "Amazing Grace" arr. Parker/Shaw
- March 21 Anthem: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Gilbert Martin
- March 28 Anthem: "Ride on King Jesus" Larry Fleming

## Parish Life

### Chancel Guild

**Easter is April 4.** If you would like to donate to the Easter Flower Decoration Fund, you may complete the form below with your dedication, and send it with your check for what ever amount you'd like to the church office. Your dedication will be included in the Easter bulletins.

Name of donor(s)

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

email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication for the Easter Bulletin

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### Chancel Guild Volunteers Needed



The Chancel Guild is open to all members of the congregation. If you are interested in being a member of the Chancel Guild, and helping decorate the sanctuary for Advent

and Lent, please contact **Sue Kosobud** or **Susan Raaths**.

### Celebrate the Gifts of Women

Loretta Gratiias-Bremer will be our guest preacher on Sunday, **March 7, 2010**. Loretta is an ordained elder in the Chicago Presbytery and has served as our interim Associate Executive Presbyter. Currently, she serves as a consultant in the area of church growth. Loretta has ministered in the church for many years as a Certified Christian Educator and won the national Association of Presbyterian Church Educators award in 2008.

## An Update from the Session

By now you've probably read the letter we sent to every member in February regarding the significant financial challenges that threaten our short- and long-term ability to sustain the programs and staffing we currently have in place.

We want to thank all of you who were able to make a greater financial commitment to the Church this year. Soon we will be able to communicate how the congregation has responded to our call and what, if any, actions we need to take to balance our budget.

For those of you who don't remember the letter or who haven't been part of one of our many small group information sharing sessions, let us briefly recap the dilemma we face today.

You will remember that our vision developed in 2006-07 called for a new staffing model to meet the needs of our congregation. The new model included full-time positions of Pastor, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Youth, Director of Children's Ministries, part-time positions for our Office Administrators, two part-time Accounting staff (Accountant and Accounting clerk), Choir Director, Organist, a Parish Associate for Pastoral Care, and a three quarter time Sexton. The plan also called for a part-time Youth Ministry staff person whom we have not yet hired.

After a long but successful search for an Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Youth, the Reverend Ms. Dawn M. Haeger was called and is fulfilling and surpassing our hopes for this new role. The Reverend Mr. Daniel R. Spike retired on December 31, 2009 and has started his new role as Parish Associate for Pastoral Care.

While these steps were being taken, your Session, Trustees and Staff have taken steps to keep budgetary costs at a minimum and programming at high and effective levels. We would hold up the amazing job that our music staff has done during this time, the New Orleans Mission trips, adult education seminars during the last three years, our Stephen Ministry, and the outstanding Youth Mission trips. At the same time, our personnel budgets and our annuals budgets have remained virtually flat. In fact, in 2009, the Session, Staff and Trustees significantly reduced expenses. Our 2010 budget also follows this trend while ministries, mission and programming maintain our high standards.

As we have worked to make improvements to our building, programs, and staff, the Session and the Board of Trustees have used money from our cash reserve to fund budgetary shortfalls during the last five years. Clearly, we cannot continue this funding method. We are projecting a budgetary shortfall of \$80,000 to \$90,000 in 2010. And that estimate could climb significantly higher as we await outstanding pledges still not received.

The simple truth is this--in spite of the fact that the congregation voted to approve the Session's vision; we have not received nearly enough funding to support this vision. For example, the average family pledge in a Presbyterian Church is around 3%. The average at our Church is substantially less--1.4%. We are not supporting the basic needs of our church.

This is the bottom line. If we do not raise at least the additional \$80,000 to \$90,000 expected shortfall, your Session will have no choice but to make reductions to our staff, cuts in salary to remaining staff, and further program cuts. Clearly, your Session does not want to take these steps because we believe that we will be cutting more than fat from our budget. We believe that we will be cutting into the bone of our mission and ministry in Barrington. Regardless of our belief, we will be forced to take the necessary steps to achieve a balanced budget.

We urge you to prayerfully reconsider your pledge for 2010 and to increase it so that we will not be faced with taking these devastating steps. If you haven't pledged in the past consider doing so for the future. Think about how you have been blessed by God and with gratitude what you will return to do the work of Christ in Barrington. Please complete and return the new commitment card mailed to you in February. Our next steps are in your hands.

## Church Administration

### TRUSTEES CORNER

BRRRR! It's been a cold winter, but your Trustees have been active in planning their work on your behalf for the upcoming "outside season."

When we view our beautiful church from the highway, and as we enter it, looking at the picturesque setting - the classic architecture, beautiful steeple and rolling landscape - it is difficult not to feel God's presence and feel one of God's gifts to us all. We are fortunate to be the recipients of such a wonderful facility. She has been host to our many life celebrations, seen us through challenges and aided in our worship services, mission, education and fellowship.

We've shared with you in the past the ongoing need to maintain this great property. You have probably noticed some of the repairs that have been completed and maybe notice some that are still awaiting our attention. We have identified a large list of projects that should be done in 2010. We recognize the inability to complete all those items, so from that large list some are identified as "must do" in order to prevent even greater future repair costs. They are:

- Repair / replacement of front exterior stairs and railings
- Gutter system repairs (a root cause of water leaks)
- Replace rotting exterior fascia /soffit and paint in selected areas
- Interior ceiling and wall repairs due to roof leaks
- Clear coat and maintain steeple
- Replace concrete exterior basement stairs
- Front entry repair/replace
- Iron railing outside Fellowship Hall

The estimated cost of these priority items is \$41,000. Our approved budget provides only \$15,000 for this type of maintenance. We will be prioritizing based on criticality and will consider resurrecting the Wishing Wall to close the gap. We will also be organizing opportunities for those of us with talents and a willingness to work to participate in projects to make some of the more minor repairs. It will take all of us participating to be able to care for one of the gifts God has given us - the grand "lady on the hill."

### Financial Report

Financial Report for the One Month Ending  
January 31, 2010

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Annual</b>	<b>Over/Under</b>
	<b><u>YTD</u></b>	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>YTD +(-)</u></b>
Pledges	\$32,812	\$0	\$32,812
Prepaid Pledges	5,492	0	5,492
Open Plate	6,408	0	6,408
Misc Receipts	(544)	0	(544)
Add'l Need	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b><u>\$44,168</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$44,168</u></b>

### Daylight Savings Time

**Reminder: Daylight Savings Time starts on March 14 - so remember to "spring forward" your clocks when you go to bed on March 13.**

## Worship Schedule

- Mar. 7** Loretta Gratiyas-Bremer Preaching 10:00 a.m.  
*Women Keeping the Message Alive*  
Readings: 2 Samuel 20:1, 14-22 & Matthew 5:21-28.
- Mar. 13** Vespers .....6:00 p.m.  
Dr. Baxter Preaching  
*Thirsting For God*  
Readings: : Isa. 55:1-9; Ps.63:1-8; 1 Cor.10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.
- Mar. 14** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*What Is Grace?*  
Readings: Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32.
- Mar. 21** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Holy Extravagance*  
Readings: Isa. 43:16-21; Os. 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.
- Mar. 28** Rev. Haeger Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Betrayal and Denial*  
Readings: Luke 19:28-40; Ps.118:1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56.
- Mar. 31** White Breakfast .....9:30 a.m.  
"Holding On To Our Bread"



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