



The Carillon

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

A welcoming, caring, family of faith

BPW Women’s Spring Retreat – April 4 – 6, 2003

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Save the dates: April 4 – 6, 2003 for an experience that you will never forget. On Friday evening, April 4, 2003, the women of our congregation will gather on the campus of Aurora University at Williams Bay, WI for the annual Spring Retreat. Continuing on through Saturday, the Retreat will be led by Rev. Christine Chakoian, Pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church in Clarendon Hills. Sunday morning’s communion worship service prepares us to journey home with increased understanding of our gifts, priorities and resources.

Using the theme “*Martha Stewart, Mother Teresa and Me*”, Rev. Chakoian will help us put into perspective how these successful women have managed to be admired as models of perfection. She will help us appreciate our gifts, setting realistic priorities and using our time to focus on those things that truly are important. Each woman attending will be challenged to identify what God’s intentions are for her life.



Come, meet new friends, relax, laugh and be spiritually fed. Come, spend some quiet time; deepen your relationship with God. Come, be prepared to have a new and wonderful experience and a deeper appreciation as a Christian woman today.

The cost of the Retreat is \$165 and includes lodging, meals and program materials. Brochures with complete details will be available soon in Fellowship Hall. Scholarships and financial assistance is available; contact Dan Spike for details. For more information, call the church office, 847-381-0975.

**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 and the Monday Morning Bible Study group for helping to assemble the February Carillon.

Congratulations to:

Becky and Lance Marcinek on the birth of Landon Joseph on February 10, 2003 in Chicago.

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, 847-381-0975.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Sunday, March 16, 2003 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., the Men's Club will be hosting and preparing a spaghetti dinner in Fellowship Hall. All members of the congregation are invited to attend this evening of food, fellowship, and fun. No fee will be charged. After dinner, the congregation will also have an opportunity to hear a report from our Adult International Mission team who are leaving for Costa Rica on March 1st and returning home on March 9th.

To close the evening festivities, the Men's Club will sponsor the FIRST ANNUAL BUBBA BAKE-OFF. What is a Bubba? One of the Men's Club members comes from a Serbian background and has shared that in his childhood Serbian grandmothers were called Bubbas because they wore babushkas. These women were known for their excellent baking skills. In the Southern part of the United States of America, "Bubbas" are good old boys of questionable competence. For the purpose of our bake-off, a Bubba is a man or boy who is willing to use his own baking skills to create a scrumptious dessert to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The proceeds from this auction will be given to the general mission fund of our congregation so that we may continue to serve those in need. If you are interested in sharing your baking skills, please call the church office and let us know that you will bring your dessert to the auction.

Come and join the fun on March 16th. Enjoy the cooking skills of the men and boys of our congregation as they cook dinner and dessert. Learn about our first outreach to Costa Rica. Discover whose dessert will sell for the highest price during bake-off auction. I look forward to seeing each of you at this time of food, fellowship, and fun.

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Church Administration

Session

Notes from the January 20, 2003 meeting.

Clerk of Session. George M. Landes, Jr was appointed as Clerk of Session for the next three years and given voice and voting privileges at Session meeting

Finance Report: PCB attained 97% of pledge contributions in comparison to 98% last year. The investment income was off due to interest rates and the stock market which resulted in the 2003 Budget being adjusted accordingly. We ended the year at a positive of \$271.06. It was also noted that some members contributed above and beyond their pledge totaling \$17,000

Christian Ed had 4 objectives that came out of Vision, and they are working on one. They are looking at the curriculum for the Christian Ed program.

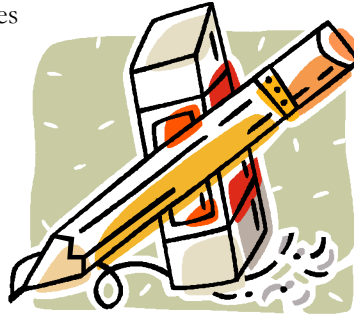
Communications – A church logo has been developed and applied to a variety of materials, will be introduced later.

Deacons met on 6 January and elected Chrisann Anderson as the Vice Moderator for 2003. Elders Bob Kosobud, Angie Smith, and Mark Garrette will attend the February 3 Deacon's meeting.

Personnel – David Stech's contract was extended through 2003 as interim music director and organist. Denny McGurer and Jim Wilson will hold a workshop for the staff to assist with the goal setting process.

Building Use – Gave approval for the Cook County Board of Elections to use Fellowship Hall as an official polling place for the election on April 1, 2003 from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Worship - Ash Wednesday is to be led by confirmands. The Lenten season will have four services and educational opportunities which would include Taize services. Maundy Thursday would be a modified Seder service followed by communion. Good Friday would be a Tenebrae service. Easter would include a 7:00 am sunrise service followed by breakfast, and 9:00 and 11:00 am services.



Membership and Outreach plan for 2003: Continue to build awareness; Strengthen Invitation; Continue to improve Welcoming, Orientation, and Assimilation; Build a Member Retention Plan; Revitalize Congregational Spirit. Each committee of the PCB should consider how it can contribute to the membership and outreach effort at PCB by

evaluating the challenges in the Membership and Outreach plan and by developing plans of their own. These are to be reported back to Session by March, 2003.

Trustees

Notes from the February 10 meeting:

Financial Report: There should be a \$7,000 adjustment made to total contributions. The budget for 2003 has not yet been allocated on a monthly basis. This will be done as it has been historically. There was a large increase in the cost to heat the building from \$1,200 in December to \$2,700 in January.

The position of Vice-President is still unfilled. The VP sets the agenda and runs the trustee meeting, attends the session meeting, and serves on the personnel committee. To be discussed at the next meeting once the board members have a chance to consider possible candidates.

Repairs: Several Trustees are getting estimates for repairs as noted by the Legat report.

Building Use – Boy Scout Troop 29 will hold a Court of Honor on March 9 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Church Women United will hold their May Friendship Day on May 5 at 7:00 p.m.

March Hospitality – Trustees will be greeters and host the coffee time on March 30.

Collections – March – Anderson and Dugan; April – Lieske and Martin.

Barrington Presbyterian Women



March Meeting

All women of the church are invited to attend the March 6 meeting of BPW. Come at 9:15 a.m. for coffee. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. Plans for the Spring Retreat and the Spring Program will be discussed – the operative word is “Spring

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2003, at 1:00 p.m., at the home of **Elizabeth Farmer**. Please call Elizabeth if you plan to attend. The book is “Weight of Water” by Anita Shreve.

Items Needed for Spring Retreat

Craft supplies are needed for our Retreat’s interactive workshops. Items such as stickers, yarn, silk flowers, beads, charms, buttons, trinkets, and pompoms, whatever you might have left over from your own projects are needed. Bring them to church in a bag marked with Judy Carlson’s name and place under the mailboxes by the office.

GTIF

The new session of “Growing Together in Faith” Bible Study begins March 18. GTIF is a Bible study held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 in the evening. Our new study, “Finding Joy”, will help us “get beyond the drudging and trudging to celebrating the abundance God promises to those who know Him.” Lessons for this session are entitled, “Joybusters”, “Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff”, “Don’t Sweat the Big Stuff Either”, “Get a Grip on Gripping”, “Remember When”, and “Joyboosters”. Join us as we get to know ourselves and each other better and discover the joy God intends us to experience. Study books are available in the church office for \$6.00. Call **the church office** with any questions.

White Breakfast

April 16, 2003 at 9:30 AM

Adult members of our church and their guests are invited to attend the BPW annual White Breakfast. This traditional worship service and breakfast is always held the Wednesday before Easter. This tradition was brought to our church by a member years ago, from her previous Presbyterian church in Michigan. The title, White Breakfast, symbolizes the purity of Christ,

and the morning allows time to pause and appreciate the enormity of the gift of grace we are given by God through his son, Jesus Christ. The theme for this year’s White Breakfast is “The Bread of Life”. The morning will begin in the sanctuary with a twenty minute meditation period at 9:30 AM, followed by a Communion service. At 10:30 we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a prayer before brunch is served. Babysitting is available for the morning, and you can register for it at sign-up. The cost is \$10.00; a sign up table will be available at 10 o’clock on Sunday mornings, beginning March 9 or you may send your reservation and check to the church office. If you have any questions, please contact **the church office**.

Church Women United

Our local unit of Church Women United welcomes you to World Day Of Prayer. World Day of Prayer is an international event uniting Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox Christians in 179 countries in prayer. WDP strives to bring "informed prayer and prayerful action" to our communities. This year's service, written by Christian women from Lebanon, will be held on Friday, March 7, 1:00 p.m. at the Wauconda Federated Church, 200 S. Barrington Rd. at Rt. 176. Child care is provided. Please see **Margie Blomquist**, or **Becky Bosarge**, (our church's CWU representatives) with any questions.

Women With Aging Parents

The March 14 meeting of Women With Aging parents will be held at the home of Marge Slocum at 9:30 a.m. Please call **Marge Slocum**, to RSVP.

Spring Program

Put the date on your calendar – April 24, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This year’s program is “A Garden Party” featuring floral designer, Pat Ballot, who will demonstrate several floral arrangements. The program will be followed by the BPW’s famous dessert buffet. Tickets will go on sale in early April

Christopher House

On Tuesday, April 22, plan to attend the Christopher House Luncheon and Baby Shower at Christopher House, Chicago.

The House With A Heart Gala will be held on Saturday, April 26.

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one confidential Christ centered ministry. While a Stephen Minister would never share the story of his/her care receiver, occasionally care receivers are moved to share their positive Stephen Ministry experiences. The following testimony was published in a church newsletter by a care receiver in his 50s who wanted his church family to know what Stephen Ministry meant to him.



"Steadfast in the Lord"

My Stephen Minister was first assigned to me after I had been coming to church for more than a year. Since I had already been living in a nursing home for five years, my first thought was, "I wonder how long he will last? Will he be like everybody else and fade away after a few weeks?"

He began visiting with me in August. When November rolled around, he was still coming! December marked the start of a new church year, and he began telling me about the church seasons. After a while, I started asking him questions. While he did not know all the answers, he continued to impress me because, what he did not know, he would find out and bring me the answer the following week.

One of the best ways to learn is by example, and I have learned a great deal since I began watching my Stephen

Minister three years ago. And I am still learning today as he faithfully visits me week after week. Through my Stephen Minister I have learned to be patient. I have learned to love and to trust. I have learned to pray, and I have learned how to worship our God. Most of all, my Stephen Minister has given me the confidence to be close to our Lord. (It makes it a little easier to be a Christian when a caring Christian comes to see you every week.)

Through Stephen Ministry, I have learned the meaning of Christian love. After years of thinking that nobody cared about me, I know what it means to have somebody who really does care--and keeps on caring, without growing weary of it. And my Stephen Minister was always there for me when I needed him! He was there for me when my mother became ill, and he was still there after she died. He was there when I moved to a new home. In fact, I cannot really recall what life was like when he wasn't there. And I can count on the fact that he'll be there at our visit next Tuesday!

I now am truly beginning to understand what Paul meant when he told the people of the Church at Corinth, "Be ye steadfast in the Lord." That's what Stephen Ministers are--steadfast in the Lord. And with the help of my Stephen Minister, I can be steadfast too.

Our pastors, Curt Baxter and Dan Spike, can answer your questions about Stephen Ministry, and you can also contact a Stephen Leader if you would like more information about this compassionate ministry.

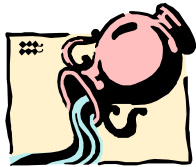
Nancy Dolan,
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Deacons

Condolences to...

Glenn Ofsthun and family upon the death Glenn's wife, Audrey Ofsthun, on February 6. Audrey served two terms on our congregation's Session and was very involved in the Instamation Program.

Chris Schiller and Mike Matera, upon the death of Chris's mother, Marion K. Schiller, on February 6.



Deacon's Corner

This year brings promises of an increasing Deacon Ministry for our congregation. Our goals are to do God's work in our church by:

- ❖ Partnering with the Ministry Team to provide a **service** ministry
- ❖ Grow in role and skills as empowered Deacons
- ❖ Partner with Session in growth and development of our congregation through active committee membership
- ❖ Take a spiritual journey together
- ❖ Actively participate in the worship experience
- ❖ Support and grow the Stephen Ministry Program

Deacons are committed to a service ministry. We visit the ill and home-bound members. We deliver flowers each Sunday along with meals, bulletins, Care Notes and copies of sermons. We partner with the BPW in supplying and delivering Food Served with Love. We make certain that special needs of our members are channeled to appropriate areas for responses. We serve on Session Committees in order to align our goals and activities with those of our governing body. We are responsible for hospitality each Sunday, promoting fellowship and welcoming visitors. We participate in worship services as ushers, greeters, liturgists and communion servers. We honor new parents and babies in our midst by placing a rosebud on the communion table. We send cards and notes to congregational members reminding them we care for each of them and share their joys and sorrows. We support the Stephen Ministry Program; some Deacons have completed or are enrolled in the training programs. We plan and implement the Advent Dinner, a favorite activity signaling the beginning of the Christmas season. We have committed to a study program that will enhance our skills and knowledge in our roles. We participate in evaluating new opportunities for service, ever mindful of the breadth and depth of our service ministry. This year has already brought some changes in our midst. Chrisann Andersen is the elected Vice

Moderator, a new position on our Board that prepares her to lead as Moderator next year. Additionally, join the Board of Deacons in celebrating new additions in our ranks:

- Cindy Gilmore – 3 year term
- Lukass Franklin – 3 year term
- Gus Leap – 2 year term
- Lou McCloud – 1 year term

It is exciting to have them join in the opportunities that lie ahead this year. Each brings wonderful talents and ideas that will enrich this Ministry. They join a group of dedicated and giving Deacons who are faithful in their service. Please remember each of the Deacons in prayer as they commit to do God's work in our congregation. Judy Carlson, Moderator

PADS Opportunity

We need volunteers to prepare a menu item in their home for 8-10 people and deliver it to the PADS site on Thursday, April 17, 2003. PADS, Public Action to Deliver Shelter, is a ministry to the homeless. Barrington's site is open from October through April at Lutheran Church of the Atonement on Main Street. Please contact **Betsy Rubak**, to volunteer or for more information. What a simple, fun and meaningful way of giving back to others!

Help Wanted

Looking for a female companion for an elderly woman 4 hrs a day, 4 days a week, April to August. If interested contact **Kathy Larson**.

Thank You For Your Contributions

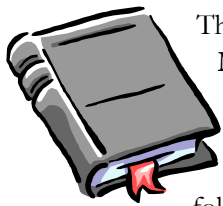
Thank you to all who contributed to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Your simple donation on Sunday, January 26th, multiplied like loaves and fishes. Roughly 12,000 churches raised \$3.4 million. Our congregation collected \$375, which will be sent to the Barrington Food Pantry.

Food Drive

Why not get into the Easter spirit? Fill a Food Drive Bag for a needy family. Food bags will be distributed following the worship services on March 30 and April 6. They will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 13 and distributed to San Marcos, Christopher House and the Carpentersville FISH food Pantry.

Adult Christian Education

Lenten Series



The dates for the Lenten Series are **March 12th, March 19th, April 2nd and April 9th**, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. The evening will start with a Taize style worship service followed by a choice of study classes.

One class will be lead by Dr. Baxter, the other will be led by Mr. Spike and Ms. Hansche. Both will cover the themes of Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Grace and Salvation. The books to be used, Taize: A Meaning to Life by Oliver Clement and Listening for God, Volume 2 edited by Carlson and Hawkins, will be available for purchase in Fellowship Hall after services on March 2. You may also sign up for the series on March 2. For more information, contact **Karen Tobin**.

Presbyterian 101

(This is the first of a three part series on the Presbyterian faith. This month we examine what makes us distinctive. The source for our material is the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. website at www.pcusa.com)

Presbyterians trace their history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Our heritage, and much of what we believe, began with the French lawyer John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that came before him. Calvin did much of his writing from Geneva, Switzerland. From there, the Reformed movement spread to other parts of Europe and the British Isles. Many of the early Presbyterians in America came from England, Scotland and Ireland. The first American Presbytery was organized at Philadelphia in 1706. The first General Assembly was held in the same city in 1789. The first Assembly was convened by the Rev. John Witherspoon, the only minister to sign the Declaration of Independence.

Presbyterians are distinctive in two major ways: they adhere to a pattern of religious thought known as Reformed theology and a form of government that stresses the active, representational leadership of both ministers and church members.

Reformed Theology: Theology is a way of thinking about God and God's relation to the world. Reformed theology evolved during the 16th century religious movement known as the Protestant Reformation. It

emphasizes God's supremacy over everything and humanity's chief purpose as being to glorify and enjoy God forever.

In its confessions, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) expresses the faith of the Reformed tradition. Central to this tradition is the affirmation of the majesty, holiness, and providence of God who creates, sustains, rules, and redeems the world in the freedom of sovereign righteousness and love. Related to this central affirmation of God's sovereignty are other great themes of the Reformed tradition:

- * The election of the people of God for service as well as for salvation;
- * Covenant life marked by a disciplined concern for order in the church according to the Word of God;
- * A faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation and seeks proper use of the gifts of God's creation;
- * The recognition of the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny, which calls the people of God to work for the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God. (Book of Order G-2.0500)

Church Government: A major contributor to Reformed theology was John Calvin, who converted from Roman Catholicism after training for the priesthood and in the law. In exile in Geneva, Switzerland, Calvin developed the presbyterian pattern of church government, which vests governing authority primarily in elected laypersons known as elders. The word presbyterian comes from the Greek word for elder.

Elders are chosen by the people. Together with ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a particular church as well as the church at large, including ecumenical relationships. They shall serve faithfully as members of the session. (G-10.0102) When elected commissioners to higher governing bodies, elders participate and vote with the same authority as ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and they are eligible for any office. (Book of Order G-6.0302)

The body of elders elected to govern a particular congregation is called a session. They are elected by the congregation and in one sense are representatives of the other members of the congregation. On the other hand, their primary charge is to seek to discover and

represent the will of Christ as they govern. Presbyterian elders are both elected and *ordained*. Through ordination they are officially set apart for service. They retain their ordination beyond their term in office. Ministers who serve the congregation are also part of the session. The session is the smallest, most local governing body. The other governing bodies are presbyteries, which are composed of several churches; synods, which are composed of several presbyteries; and the General Assembly, which represents the entire denomination. Elders and ministers who serve on these governing bodies are also called *presbyters*.

Sacraments: Denominations often differ over what they recognize as sacraments. Some recognize as many as seven sacraments, others have no sacraments in the life of the church. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has two sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

"The Reformed tradition understands Baptism and the Lord's Supper to be Sacraments, instituted by God and commended by Christ. Sacraments are signs of the real presence and power of Christ in the Church, symbols of God's action. Through the Sacraments, God seals believers in redemption, renews their identity as the people of God, and marks them for service." (Book of Order W-1.3033.2)

"The early Church, following Jesus, took three primary material elements of life--water, bread, and wine--to become basic symbols of offering life to God as Jesus had offered his life. Being washed with the water of Baptism, Christians received new life in Christ and presented their bodies to be living sacrifices to God. Eating bread and drinking wine they received the sustaining presence of Christ, remembered God's covenant promise, and pledged their obedience anew."

Disciple Bible Study

"Frequently Asked Questions"

In this month's Disciple article, the Adult Christian Education Committee would like to answer some of the questions we have been asked with regards to the Disciple Bible Study program. We hope that you will continue to bring your questions to us so that we can answer them for you and for others.

What is the purpose of the Disciple study program? Disciple's purpose can be summarized in

Ephesians 4:12: "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."

What is the content of the study? Disciple assumes that the Bible is the key to renewal in the church, therefore the primary text for study is the Bible. In 34 weeks, study groups will move from Creation to the New Jerusalem, giving equal time to the Old and New Testaments. Participants will read more than 70% of the Bible.

How much time will the study take each week? 2-4 hours of independent study each week (about 30 minutes daily) and attendance at weekly group meetings (about 2 ½ hours).

When will the weekly group meetings be held?

Once we determine who is interested in participating in the study, we will work together to choose a convenient time to meet.

Will this program teach me about the Presbyterian denomination? The Disciple study comes out of the Methodist denomination but the study is ecumenical. We will not study a specific denomination's beliefs but rather more universal Christian principles.

Who can participate in Disciple? Anyone who wants to bring new focus to their lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. This study is for "persons with spiritual commitment, open minds, and a hunger for studying the Scripture." (Disciple Handbook)

Is Disciple designed to train people to be officers/committee members in the church? No. A disciple is a "learner, believer, follower, proclaimer." The dictionary defines a disciple as someone who accepts and believes the teachings of another and works to spread those teachings. Disciple's goal is to provide instruction, training, and inspiration that develops Biblically-nourished, effective disciples.

If I can't make my regular group's weekly meeting, may I attend another group's meeting? Disciple is a small-group study. The relationship of the group's members, the sharing of experiences, questions, and insights is an important part of the learning process. Therefore, Disciple does not recommend occasionally attending another group's meeting.

Our next informational meeting will be held **Sunday, March 16**, at 10:15 in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in learning more about Disciple is invited to attend. We will present the program, review a sample lesson, and answer any questions.

Aging - A Spiritual Journey

On Saturday April 5, the Adult Education Committee will present a seminar that will be of interest to seniors, soon-to-be seniors and those who have a close relationship with a senior. Dr. James Ellor will discuss the spiritual aspects of the aging process. He will address issues of dealing with the mental and physical limitations associated with age and how we, as people of faith, can look forward and back in our lives in a positive, spiritually healthy manner. Dr. Ellor is an ordained minister and college professor and has

published numerous books and articles on this subject. He has special expertise in the area of Alzheimer's Disease. The seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and will last until noon. There will be a break for refreshments mid-morning. The seminar will be advertised in the community and open to the public so be sure to make your reservations early. The cost is \$5.00 per person and tickets are available in the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Tobin.**

Youth Christian Education

Wednesday Night Live Learns About Mission

“The Earth is the Lord’s and All Those Who Live In It”.

The Christian Education Committee urges all parents of K-4, 5-6, and 7-12th graders to help continue your children’s spiritual growth by having them attend Wednesday Night Live. Enjoy fun, faith, food, and friendship in Fellowship Hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for grades K-6 and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for grades 7-12.. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m.

During this session of WNL, K-6th grades have learned about Mission through “Words of the Week” such as Mission, Community, Unity, Sanctuary, Faithfulness, and Hope. We have learned about mission activities of the Presbyterian church both in the United States and all over the world. We created flags, made bird feeders, sent a letter to a presbytery in Niger, made valentines for our church’s valentine care packs, and we learned songs about mission. On February 9th, the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades presented a skit about Love during the children’s moment and our K-3rd grades will be sharing their mission songs with the congregation on March 2nd. This session ends on Feb. 26th. Our last session of WNL for this season will run on March 12, March 19, April 2, and April 9th.

The Mid-Week Education Committee would like to thank all of the adults who share in this ministry for our church’s children and the friends they bring. Each week we depend on many people to prepare the food, set up for dinner, supervise recreation time, teach the lessons, and lead the singing. Parents are encouraged to continue their own faith calling (and have a good time)

by volunteering to assist. Call **Melissa Hansche, 847-381-0975** for more information

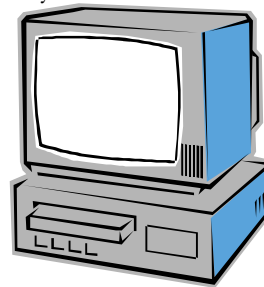
Children’s Education

while the parents are at
Adult education

During Adult Education >upstairs<, your children will be offered either computer aided education or videos on Biblical heroes >downstairs<. We desperately need volunteers to supervise the video room and serve snacks. The children may proceed straight from Sunday school to the other forms of education, collecting snacks as they pass go! Please call Melissa Hansche at the church office if you can help.

TV/VCR’s Needed

Do you remember before big screens and DVDs, when having a TV and a VCR was a really big deal? Here at church, it still is! We would like to match up our many wonderful programs with TV/VCRs that are retired from active duty in their former work place. We would like the TVs to have at least a 19 inch screen. If you can help by donating equipment, please contact Melissa Hansche at the church office.



Fellowship

Men's Club

All men of the church are invited to attend meetings of the Men's Club. They meet monthly, usually on the third Thursday, at the home of a member. Dinner and lively discussion are the order of the day. Hosts for the coming months are: March – Bob Kosobud and Eric Enskat at Bob's house, April – Owen Heath, May – Bob Shepard, June – Curt Baxter, July – Peter Chamy, August – Tom Long, September – Mike Goodman, October – Chip Kyle. If you would like to receive the notice of the meetings, please contact **Bonnie Kalaway, 847-381-0975** or **Chip Kyle**.

Committee Members Wanted

The Fellowship Committee, a fun loving ministry, is looking for new members. If you enjoy event planning, good fellowship, and are looking for an opportunity to serve, join us and enjoy excellent benefits: personal and spiritual growth and many new friends. The Fellowship Committee meets on the second Friday of each month at the home of a member. We plan parties and friendship events. Remember the wine tasting, the fall family festival, and the card party? For more information please contact **the church office, 847-381-0975**.

A Big Thank You

The Fellowship Committee gives our heartfelt thanks on the retirement from committee service to Jane and David Zimmer, Stephanie and Bob Skopek, and Helen and Michael Goodman, and to our outgoing co-chairs, Hollie and Alan Free and Heidi and Kurt Anderson. Your dedication and enthusiasm have been inspirational and key forces behind the work of our committee. Please continue your spiritual path of service with our prayers.

Parish Life

Choir



There's still a place for you in the choir! People of ages 14 and up are invited to come rehearse with us every Thursday from 7-9 in the choir room downstairs. No experience necessary.

Also, you may try singing with us for a limited time with no obligation: for a week, for a month, or until the summer – without necessarily committing yourself for anything further. But be forewarned: it can be very addictive! What we can guarantee is a fun time praising God through singing interesting music. This year the repertoire has included a 13th century English motet, Traditional American Shape-Note, intonation of the psalms, opera (*Zion's Walls* from *The Tenderland* by Aaron Copland), an African Alleluia called 'Aluwasio' (from Benin), Renaissance music (Tallis), and Ubi Caritas by Maurice Duruflé (20th century French). If you join us, you'll also get to sing parts of Howell's exquisite Requiem and other grand and wonderful choral works including music from the Taizé tradition.

On four Wednesdays in Lent, we will have Taizé services of meditation, prayer and participatory song. Instrumentalists of any and all types are encouraged to

contact **David Štech, 847-381-0975** if interested in participating. The music is simple and meditative, designed to be learned immediately. Come let us offer our talents to the Lord through music!

Thank You, With All Our Hearts!



The out pouring of love was incredible to this year's Valentine Care Packs with over 70 people helping or contributing in some or many ways. That number is even higher with the addition of the handmade Valentines which were created by the children of our church. The packages were mailed Thursday, February 6th and some were received as far away as Colorado the next day! Valentine Care Packs is such a wonderful BPW project. First there is the willingness of so many to contribute to this project whether or not they have kids in college or away from home in the military, the Valentines from our children are delightful, and the joy of the recipients just makes the experience even sweeter. Our hearts are warmed!! Thank you. Nancy Nadig and Pam Schiewe.

Chancel Guild

Easter Decorations



The Chancel Guild wishes to encourage the sponsorship of the Easter flower arrangements by the members of our church family. The Guild invites you to honor friends and loved ones with a gift to the Easter Decoration Fund. Your name and message will be included in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. Fresh Spring flowers will greet you upon your arrival on Easter morning. The Narthex will be filled with the sweet perfume of hyacinths. The beauty of the floral decorations in the Sanctuary will be visual proof that, yes, it is indeed Easter.

After our Easter Sunday worship services, the flower arrangements will be broken down into smaller bouquets and will be delivered by our Deacons to cheer the congregation's homebound or hospitalized members

Please complete the form below and bring or mail it to the church office with your check made payable to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington. The amount of the donation is at your discretion. Thank You.

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Name of Donor _____ Phone _____

I wish to donate \$_____ for the Easter Decorations.

The tribute should read:

In honor of _____

To celebrate the marriage of _____

To celebrate the birth of _____

To celebrate the birthday of _____

To celebrate the anniversary of _____

In loving memory of _____

Other _____

Worship Schedule

- Mr. 2** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Choosing From the Options
Readings: Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8;
John 19:38-42.
- Mr. 9** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Investigating Mark's Gospel: The Message and The Miracle
Readings: Isaiah 43:18-25; Psalm 41; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22;
Mark 2:1-12.
- Mr. 16** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Investigating Mark's Gospel: You Owe It To Yourself
Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22;
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56.
- Mr. 23** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Investigating Mark's Gospel: A Totally Personal Manner
Readings: Isaiah 35:4—7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, 14-17;
Mark 7:24-37..
- Mr. 30** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Investigating Mark's Gospel: Dying to Live
Readings: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans
4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38..



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