

The Carillon

March, 2005

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

Holy Week Schedule, March 20 - 27

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March 20, Passion/Palm Sunday service, 10:00 a.m. The service maintains a tension between the triumphal entry and the somberness of the passion (Jesus' arrest, trial and crucifixion). The children and the choir will process with palms to remind us of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Later in the service we will read Matthew's account of Jesus' passion. The passion reading will be arranged for several participants, including the congregation as the crowd that demands Jesus' crucifixion.



March 23, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., the BPW White Breakfast begins with music, meditation, and Holy Communion in the Sanctuary. A homily by Mr. Spike will reflect on "A New Family." Brunch will follow in Fellowship Hall.

March 24, Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service. In remembrance of the Last Supper, our first graders will participate in Communion for the first time. A homily by Dr. Baxter will discuss "Why Is this Night Different?"

March 25, Friday, 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service. We will commemorate Christ's death on the cross with a readers' theater presentation of *We Were There*, a drama reflecting the experiences of the people surrounding Jesus.

March 27, Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Risen Christ..

7:00 a.m. Informal Sunrise Service in the Sanctuary with Communion and Baptism

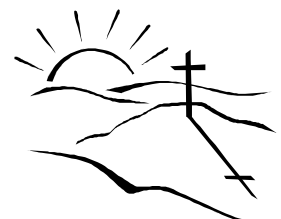
8:00 a.m. Breakfast served in Fellowship Hall.

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion.

10:00 a.m. Coffee Time.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion.

Noon Coffee Time



The Presbyterian Church of Barrington Vision Statement

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks For Your Help: Jack and Ginny Train, Sandi Crewe, Judy and Paul Carlson and Tom Hilgendorf for assembling the February Carillon and to Jack and Jinny Train and Sandi Crewe for folding the Sunday Bulletins so faithfully!

Dear Friends in Christ,

I can hardly believe it but Easter is just around the corner. Wendy Wright in her book, *The Rising*, says "Easter, that utterly gratuitous gift, is ours. It is with us in the ordinary fabric of our lives. Like a fog-shrouded morning where death and sorrow reign until the fullness of life unfurls itself and rises with the sun. Easter is ours if only we can allow ourselves to see."

During the days of Lent and Holy Week, may we all "allow ourselves to see" and finally rejoice together on Easter Day. The fabric of these days is both ordinary and extraordinary. Wrap yourselves in that fabric; in the many worship and education opportunities offered this holy season at The Presbyterian Church of Barrington. Engage your heart, mind and spirit so that God can engage you.

And for those "tucked in" at home or care facilities, remember that our ministry team, Deacons and Stephen Ministers are committed to wrapping you in the fabric of our church family as well. We continue our practice of Extended communion and regular visitation and intercessory prayer (yes, Presbyterians even organize their prayer lists and have a group that prays for anyone who asks, members and non-members of all ages and situations. To be placed on the intercessory prayer list, just call the church office or Dan or me.) For those who cannot be with us on Sundays, a reminder that our service at be heard on our website (www.pcbarrington.org).

During Lent, may you find yourself grounded in the path that our Master walked and may you find yourself touched by our Master's healing hands so that "the fullness of life (may) unfurl itself." Easter joy awaits us and is already with us. May we allow ourselves to see and live according to that joy. May the world know, though our service and love, that we are indeed an Easter people!

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Becoming a Church Member

We invite you to become a member of our congregation. The spring new member orientation will begin with a breakfast on Saturday, April 2. People who would like to join the congregation or who would like to know more about the church, are invited to contact **Rev. Dan Spike**. He can be reached at the Church Office at **847-381-0975**.

Church Administration

Session Committees

	CE	Communi- cations	Congre- gational	Member- ship	Mission	Nomina- ting	Personnel	Steward- ship	Worship	Presbytery
ELDERS										
Armstrong, Anna									ChIT	
Babos, Flo			***							
Barbour, Rich		X								
Bauer, Belinda				ChIT						
Brown, Pete							X			
Burkhart, Leo									***	
Florio, Bob	***		X							
Hilgendorf, Tom						***				
Kosobud, Bob										
Lee, Paul							X	ChIT		
Long, Linda	X									
McGurer, Denny		X			X					
Monie, Julia	X									
Morin, Greg	X							X		
Nadig, Gerry					ChIT					
Shaeffer, Pete							***			
Skopek, Bob								***		
Smith, Angie				***						
Swenson, Jack		x								
Unangst, Paige						ChIT				X
Wilson, Jim					***					

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Brown, Julie					X					
Davis, Betsy	X									
Furst, Ron									X	
Gans, Denise							X			
Gluszik, Bob						X				
Lieske, Brant			X							
Martin, Peter				X						
Weidner, Bob								X		
Yacono, Dan		X								

*** indicates Chairperson
ChIT is Chairman in Training

Trustee Officers

At the January Trustee's meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Jim Dugan: Vice-President, Bob Gluszik: Secretary, Betsy Davis: Treasurer, Denise Gans: Assistant Treasurer, Jeff Anderson.

Barrington Presbyterian Women

March 3 Meeting



Come for coffee at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting begins at 9:35 a.m. All women of the church are invited to attend the meeting. We will be making final plans for the Meditation Service and White Breakfast. Babysitting is available. .

Morning Bible Study

BPW Bible Study meets the first Wednesday of the month through June. On Wednesday, March 2, come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee; Bible Study begins at 10:00 a.m. We use the Horizon Bible Study book, What She Said, available in the church office for \$8. Please make the check out to BPW. Coordinator: **Susan Raaths**. All women of the church are invited to participate.

GTIF

Growing Together In Faith is a monthly, evening Bible study for women. We meet on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. We will be using The Workbook of Spiritual Disciplines by Maxine Dunham.. Coordinators: **Becky Bosarge and Jill Minner**.

Book Club

Book Club meets every other month on the third Thursday. The March 17 meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Audrey Ellis. The book to be discussed is Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi. Coordinator is **Alice Buchholz**.

Valentine Care Packs

Thank you to the many generous, good HEARTed people who contributed baked goods, candy, gifts and money so that we could pack and mail 51 Care Packs to college and graduate students and to one soldier serving in Iraq. The packs were LOVELY, and full of Valentine surprises. This year three of our confirmands baked cookies to contribute to the Care Packs, and that was HEART-warming! The Care Packs were mailed on February third and many were received February fifth! Thanks to so many who were most considerate and generous! Donna Sculley and Nancy Nadig.



White Breakfast

All congregation members and their guests are invited to attend the Meditation Service and White Breakfast, to be held on March 23 at 9:30 a.m. The service will consist of meditation, music by Joy Hague, Communion, Holy Week readings and reflections on "A New Family" by Rev. Dan Spike. Following the service, breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall. This traditional worship service and breakfast is held the Wednesday before Easter. Many years ago, a member brought this tradition to our church from her previous Presbyterian church in Michigan. The title, White Breakfast, symbolizes the purity of Christ, and the service and breakfast allows time to pause and appreciate the enormity of the gift of grace we are given by God through his son, Jesus Christ. Sign up on March 6, 13, 20 after services. Tickets are \$10. Babysitting will be provided at a nominal cost. For questions, or to purchase tickets, call **Julie Brown**.



Stephen Ministry

Answering the Call to Stephen Ministry

We are told in the book of Acts that Stephen was a decent and well respected man in his community. When the apostles were busy building the early Christian church, they knew they had to spend the majority of their time studying the word of God and praying. But the people expected so much of them – more than it was possible for the apostles to do. The apostles were frustrated and the people felt neglected. To solve this problem the apostles called together the whole community and asked for seven men of good standing to come forward and care for the people, allowing the apostles to continue with their important studies.

Stephen was the first man to come forward to care for the widows and the orphans in those ancient days. He answered the call of the people in his community that were in need of help. Similarly in our faith community, seven members of our church came forward on February 20th to be commissioned as Stephen Ministers to bring caring and comfort to those among us facing life's sometimes overwhelming challenges.

We welcome Anna Armstrong, Julie Brown, Anne Garrette, Sandy Kane, Sandie Paxton, Gene Simpson and Joyce Simpson. These wonderful new Stephen Ministers join a strong team of people committed to serving. The active Stephen Ministers are: Kathy Martin, Linda Neton, Dan Paxton and Susan Raaths commissioned May 18, 2003 and Sherri Baxter, Ellen Gullikson, Bud Kilham, Sally Kilham, Sue Kosobud, Jean Marshall, Carol Nelson, Helen Pollock, Peter Shaeffer and Marge Slocum who were commissioned on September 29, 2002. How we have grown since the first Stephen Leaders, Nancy Dolan, Linda McGurer and Nancy Nadig, were commissioned on Sunday February 10, 2002 upon their return from a week of Stephen Ministry training in Texas!

Our most recently commissioned Stephen Ministers completed their training at a day long retreat held at church, Saturday, February 19th. The purpose of the 50 hours of skilled and specific training is to prepare

Stephen Ministers to provide high-quality Christian care in many different situations. However, there are also many side benefits to training – just ask any Stephen Minister. They will tell you how their training has deepened their faith, drawn them closer to God, and enhanced their communication skills and personal relationships.



All of the Stephen Ministers at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington are equipped to care for the members of our family of faith.

Stephen Ministers listen, accept, care and walk with a person through a difficult time. They provide support - prayer, Scripture, forgiveness, unconditional acceptance – in appropriate ways to meet the needs of the care receiver. The Stephen Minister's role is to care and to listen, standing by the person and ministering to his or her spiritual needs as God works through the relationship to bring hope and healing to the care receiver.

Because of the extreme confidential nature of Stephen Ministry, no one from Stephen Ministry can talk to you about his or her caring relationship, or even tell you if he or she has been assigned a care receiver, but it is important for you to know that our new Stephen Ministers are necessary to meet the needs of our congregation. We are truly blessed to have so many Stephen Ministers in devoted relationships bringing the grace and love of Jesus to those who suffer among us.

Please celebrate with us by congratulating the newly commissioned Stephen Ministers when you see them. They have worked hard in class and they have done lots of homework to get to this point, and they are ready and willing to go where ever God takes them.

If you or someone you know would like a Stephen Minister, please speak to **Curt Baxter or Dan Spike, 847-381-0975 or Linda McGurer or Marge Slocum.** Any of them would welcome the opportunity to discuss Stephen Ministry with you.

Deacons

Congratulations to...

Matt and Melissa Marquis upon the birth of Eleanora Reese Marquis, on January 18 and to David and Cindy Gilmore upon the birth of Julia Catherine Gilmore, on January 21 and to Beth and Jay Muhvic upon the birth of Jacob Anders Muhvic and Madalyn MacKenzie Muhvic, on January 30. To Chrisann Andersen and Roger Dale Smith upon their engagement to be married.

Condolences to...

Karen Tobin, upon the death of her mother, Agnes Thompson on January 28 and to Barb and Stanley Koenig, Jr. and family upon the death of Stanley Koenig, Sr. on January 31.

From the Deacon Moderator - Lukass Franklin

My name is Lukass Franklin. I am starting my third year as a Deacon and my first year as Moderator of this wonderful group. As moderator I get approached from time to time with ideas about new things the Deacons could do. While our many Deacon responsibilities prevent us from adding many new responsibilities, we are sometimes called to add something new. This year we have answered a call to add a new ministry: hospital visits by Deacons.

I would like to explain the need for this new ministry, prepare you for receiving it, and ask for your feedback. Traditionally at our church, the pastors have been called on to do all formal hospital visits. Although some of us have unofficially visited hospitalized church members, there has never been a formal, organized effort to assist the pastors in this critical ministry. As many of us can attest, from personal experience as hospital patients or as their family members, a visit from one of the pastors can produce a big spiritual and psychological lift at a time of great distress.

Our new hospital visit ministry will not replace the wonderful work being done by our pastors. Instead, it is meant to supplement their work so that we can see more of our hospitalized members more quickly and more often. It will also allow the pastors to mobilize a pool of people to call on when circumstances prevent our pastors from visiting a patient. Our goal is to provide more Christian care to hospitalized members in a manner that supports our pastors.

In order to prepare for this new ministry, the group of Deacons who have volunteered to serve in this new capacity will receive special training from the pastors. We hope to incorporate some of the wonderful Stephen Ministry training materials into this effort and may in the future more actively involve the Stephen Ministry team in this ministry.

As a hospital patient, what can you expect from your Deacon visitor? We will come prepared to do whatever seems best for the situation: pray with you, share a short scripture reading, listen to you, hold your hand, or maybe change the TV channel or bring you a cup of cold water. We will share whatever Christian care is appropriate for your situation and that will provide you with some comfort.

As we complete the training process over the next few months and start to visit those of you who have the misfortune of being hospitalized, I hope that you will share your feelings about how effective this new ministry was for you. With the gift of your candor, the Deacons will prayerfully improve this ministry so that even when you are faced with the stress of a hospitalization, we might help you feel God's strong presence.

Deacon's Corner, Margarete Rice

Having just completed my second year as a Deacon, I'd like to share a few highlights with you. Early in the year, we implemented the parish system so we could get to know our church members on a more personal level. This was also our first full year of serving extended Communion. Later last year, we discussed providing rides to church for those who needed them, and visits by Deacons to hospitalized members of the church. Although, sadly, we lost four Deacons through death or illness, we pulled together, filling in as needed to get a lot accomplished in the pastoral care of our congregational family.

On a personal lever, there are two ministries that I have found to be especially rewarding. During the past year, I was liaison to the Stephen Ministry team. Meeting with the Stephen Leaders monthly, I truly enjoyed being the communication link between them and the Board of Deacons. It is wonderful to see how they have reached out and served and have grown the past two years. I look forward to a continuing relationship with them this year.

The other extremely rewarding and spiritually uplifting ministry for me was serving Extended Communion through out last year. It is a joyful and amazing experience to be always so welcomed and sharing joys, sorrows, concerns and wonderful conversations as well as the Lord's Super. I am full of gratitude for the journey I've had, and for the opportunity to work with the Board of Deacons again this coming year.

Christian Education

Healthy Relationships Series

March 13, April 10, and May 15, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., “Ingredients of a Healthy Relationship”.

Dr. Clark Barshinger, who holds doctorates in psychotherapy and theology, will present a special series on healthy relationships. The cost of the seminar will be \$50 per person for the whole series (which began in February) and will include a light supper, dessert and coffee. Dr. Clark Barshinger returns to us once again and will lead participants through a scientific and spiritual analysis of relationships. The class is well suited for singles, married or unmarried couples. The goal is educational, not therapeutic. Come and find out what keeps you interested in a relationship, how to enrich existing ones, how to begin new ones, how to handle bumps in the road and much more! Look for opportunities to register at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on upcoming Sundays. Inquiries may be directed to **Karen Tobin** or the **ministry team at church, 847-381-0975**.

DISCIPLE Classes For Fall, 2005

DISCIPLE I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study is a 34 week study giving equal time to both the Old and New Testaments. The emphasis will be on developing the habit of disciplined reading of Scripture, learning the Biblical story, and allowing that story to challenge and change us as disciples. Disciple is about transformation, not just information. Participants will be required to complete assigned reading during the week and to meet once a week with the group for 2 ½ hours. The group meeting includes a video segment with a scholarly presentation of that weeks passage. This class is open to friends and neighbors in the community.

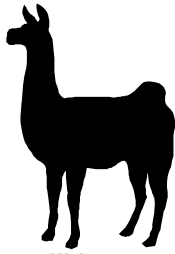
DISCIPLE II: Into The Work, Into The World, is a 32 week study for graduates of Disciple I. This study takes us back to Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts so that we may learn Bible study skills that take the participants deeper into Scripture, connect our inner and outer life, and develop the practice of spiritual disciplines. The emphasis shifts from a broad view to a deeper view of Scripture and continues to relate Bible study to witness and service. Time commitments are similar to DISCIPLE I.

Both classes will be offered on Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. (or earlier). Cost for each: \$60.00 (plus a coffee and pastry fund!) DISCIPLE registration officially begins in May, but you don't have to wait until then! Look for a DISCIPLE display in Fellowship Hall and later this spring, watch for informational tables, bulletin inserts, and announcements before worship. Contact **Becky Bosarge** with any questions.

To quote from the Disciple Handbook, “Underlying the development of DISCIPLE is the assumption that people are hungry for the word of God, for fellowship in prayer and study, and for a sense of appropriate ministry a baptized, believing, committed Christians. Disciple making and Christian nurturing are its goals.” Please prayerfully consider whether or not now is your time to satisfy your hunger for God's word and to commit to this experience that will dramatically impact your spiritual growth.

The 7th/8th Grade Fellowship LLAMA PROJECT

This spring during Wednesday Night Live, our 7th/8th grade fellowship has begun THE LLAMA PROJECT. Our goal is to create 15 papier-mache llamas with varying themes (Cubs Llama? White Sox Llama? Bahama Llama? Elvis Llama?) to raise money for Heifer Project. Later this spring, you will have an opportunity to purchase one of these lovely llamas, at home in any decor, so that Heifer Project can purchase at least one llama but hopefully two llamas for a South American family in need. Watch for more information and visit out LLAMA PROJECT HEADQUARTERS in the hallway downstairs across from the art room.



Sunday Morning Adult Education, 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall March 13, April 10 and 17, May 15, 2005, "Believing in Christ in the 21st Century: Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Dr. Anna Case-Winters, of McCormick Theological Seminary, continues her mini-course on Christology. Dr. Case-Winters was the Chair of the Committee on Confessions and Christology of the 214th General Assembly, which drafted the statement on "The Lordship of Christ" for the denomination. Join us for this stimulating exploration of faith.

Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Easter Sunday marks one of the most important religious experiences in our Christian Year. It has traditionally been honored by the congregation as the time for sharing of our treasure with others less fortunate. Last year the members of this church honored the occasion by donating more than \$5,000 to this very worthy and necessary cause. The Mission Committee asks for your prayerful consideration as to your contribution to this year's One Great Hour of Sharing. Whatever you decide to give, give with a thankful heart for all of the blessings which you receive each and every day. Envelopes will be located in the pews for your use. Your donations support many organizations which are sponsored by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), such as the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Programs and Self-Development of People. Without assistance from One Great Hour of Sharing, these programs would be unable to attain their goals to help others..

Pancake Breakfast

Come on Sunday, March 6, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. to Fellowship Hall and enjoy pancakes, sausages, juice and coffee while you help the Youth Mission Team raise funds for the 2005 trip. The always popular "Make your own Mickey or Minnie Pancakes" feature will again be offered. Adults are \$5; children ages 3-10 are \$3.



March Food Drive

Following Sunday service on March 6 and 13, Food Bags will be distributed to the congregation for our annual Spring Food Drive. Filled bags should be returned and placed in the south entrance of the church. We will be distributing the donations to Christopher House, Esperanza Nueva and our local food banks on Palm Sunday, March 20. To make your food dollar contributions go even further, look for the many 2-for-1 sales that will be offered by your local food and drug stores.

Home of the Sparrow Honors PCB

On Thursday, February 3, members of the Mission Committee, along with representatives of BPW and our Youth Ministry, were honored at a reception by the officers and Board of Home of the Sparrow. Accepting a plaque in recognition of our congregations' longtime support of the work of the agency with homeless women and children, were BPW representative Linda McGurer, Youth Ministry members, Michael and David Zimmerman, Jr. and their mother,

LeAnn, and Denny McGurer and Jim Wilson representing the Mission Committee. Several PCB members who are involved in the activities of mission work, but who were unable to attend, included Jill Minner, Nancy Bohren, Melissa Armstrong-Hansche and Marla and Emma Florio.

2005 Youth Mission trip: West Virginia, June 18-26

This year, the youth and their advisors will travel to the flood plains of West Virginia to reach out to those in need. The area, southeast of Charleston, is still recovering from a 2004 flood and the after effects of Hurricane Ivan.

Since 2001, The West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps, Inc. has brought 40-45 volunteer groups each year to work in West Virginia. Their work has consisted of home reconstruction, deconstruction, playground restoration, parks cleanup, stream bank stabilization, and vacation Bible schools, among other things. WVMAW is supported by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and The Presbytery of West Virginia, as well as private donors.

WVMAW has two group housing locations, at Montgomery and Richwood, WV. They are both associated with local churches, and each has shower facilities and fully-equipped kitchens. There is a lot of interaction with the local congregations, including worship, Bible Schools, conversations, and cookouts. Our group will be working at a new, third site during the week. Watch the Carillon and other mailers for more information.

WVMAW Vision Statement

"...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

The West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps has a twofold vision. It serves people in sustaining ways that enhance respect for self and the land. The ministry also encourages spiritual and faith development among those who serve as well as those who are served. Those serving and being served in equal partnership will be blessed.

The West Virginia Presbytery will support a work camp ministry that will be a model of excellence. It will be recognized throughout the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a missions-minded Presbytery. The West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Work Camps will be an example to others who will learn from us and with us. It will also enable mission leadership and strengthen the churches and the people of the Presbytery and the greater Church - bringing new life and vitality to West Virginia and beyond.

"...whatever you did for one of the least of these...you did for me." Matthew 25:40.

Music - A Note for Easter Joy, from Joy



Now that the highest and best season of the year is upon us, I said to myself, "What can I do with music to make this an especially memorable season?" Among many thoughts which then presented themselves, I had this one: "Why not sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* at the end of the Easter 9 and 11 services?" "Well," I answered myself, "it might be risky business, but there must be a lot of people in the congregation who would be happy to have a chance to sing this particular well-known work once again." I always follow up on conversations that I have with myself, because somehow that makes me seem saner in my estimation of myself. So, I am inviting congregants who have choral singing experience and who would like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus to contact me and sign up for this special event. We will provide music for you. You would only be required to attend choir rehearsal twice, Thursday night, 8:00 p.m., following the Maundy Thursday service, and Sunday morning before the 9:00 a.m. service. So come, it's going to be fun!

Fellowship

Card Party, March 5



The Fellowship Committee invites you and your neighbors to the annual Card Party on March 5, 2005 at Fritzl's Restaurant in Lake Zurich, starting at 5:00 p.m. No experience required!

It's always lots of fun and a great way to meet other people from the church in a relaxed, casual setting. People who have been once always try to fit this in when it comes around again! \$30 per person includes dinner, fun, fellowship. Any questions, call **Suzanne Miller** or Mari Franklin.

We are always looking for volunteers to help! If you can help set up the night before, on Friday March 4, RSVP to Mari or Suzanne and plan to be at Suzanne and Pete Miller's on Friday night. Set up for the party on Saturday starts at 4:00 p.m. at Fritzl's, and clean up helpers afterwards are always welcome.

Fellowship Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Fellowship Committee will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mark and Cathy Layne. We welcome anybody who would like to join us for food, fun and a little social planning. If you are able to attend, please R.S.V.P. to **Mark or Cathy**. We hope to see you there!

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group is a small-group ministry that is aimed at promoting fellowship among the men of the church. The group meets the third Thursday of the month at a member's home. The format is usually a dinner with discussion following based on the topic of the host's choosing. Typically, there are about 10-20 men participating at each event. In addition to the regular meetings, the group has sponsored the "Bubba Bake-off" and a trip for the Nueva Esperanza (San Marcos) scholarship students to attend a Schaumburg Flyers game in the summer. The next meeting is March 17 at the home of Paul Carlberg. Contact **Chip Kyle** or **Bob Florio** if you would like to receive the monthly invitation and information.

Kitchen Cabinet

Kitchen Cabinet is a fellowship group that targets men of retirement age. The group meets for lunch and discussion on the second Tuesday of the month at the Garlands in Barrington. This year, the group has added guest speakers to their gatherings. They also hold two traditional "Ladies' Day Luncheons," one in June and the other in December. Usually 12-15 men attend lunch each week. The next meeting is March 8. For more information or to receive the monthly notices, please contact **Bob Johnson**.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is Back! Join the Fellowship Committee on Saturday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Refreshments, games, crafts, a photo with the Bunny and story time will be held in Fellowship Hall. The Egg Hunt will be on the church grounds, weather permitting. Children of all ages are welcome. Teens and others who would like to help make this a special day for the children are also invited to participate. The cost is minimal -- \$2 per child, or \$5 per family.. If you have questions, contact **Mari Franklin, Suzanne Miller, or Rebecca Carlberg**.



Website

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington Website www.pcbarrington.org

Check out our website – it has the church calendar, the Carillon, even Sunday's service – including the music, sermon and bulletin. You can find information about the Christian Education programs, Fellowship groups, BPW and Stephen Ministry program. You can request a baptism on line or print out the Wedding policies booklet. If you'd like to see the church officers' photos, click on the appropriate group.

Parish Life

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. 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) on or before April 5.

Name of Donor _____

Phone _____

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

The tribute should read:

In honor of _____

To celebrate _____

In loving memory of _____

Other _____

Ministry-Based Growth Task Force Suggestions Wanted

In December, the Session approved the establishment of a special task force to look for ways to increase the membership of our church. Although it is impractical to seek input from each member on a one-on-one basis, the task force would like input from interested members of the congregation. If you would like to contribute your ideas to the task force, you can speak individually with any of the task force members, or email the moderator, Bob Kosobud. Thank you in advance for your input.

Task force members: Bob Kosobud, Curt Baxter, Alan Free, Greg Morin, Steve Neptun, and Jennifer Raaths Yacono.

Free Program on Domestic Violence

Alexian Brothers Interfaith Parish Support Services is offering a free program on March 5, 2005 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at St. Alexius, St. Michael’s Retreat Center, rooms B, C, D, entitled “Domestic Violence Is A Spiritual Issue”. Sponsored by Interfaith Parish Support Services, Women In Need Growing Strong, Rak & Assoc., and Elgin Community Crisis Center. To register, call **Barbara Galli, 847-981-3518**.

ChristCare

Our congregation has received its official enrollment certificate for the ChristCare small group ministry program. In a letter accompanying the certificate, Dr. Kenneth Haugk, Executive Director of Stephen Ministries, welcomed our congregation to ChristCare, saying, “It is a genuine pleasure for us to begin with you this partnership in caring, making disciples, building Christian community, nurturing spiritual growth, and reaching out to others in missional service in the manner and spirit of Jesus Christ himself.”

We are still seeking a woman to become one of two Equippers who will direct the ChristCare ministry in our church. If you are interested in more information, contact **Dan Spike, 847-381-0975** or **Flo Babos**.

Worship Schedule

- Mr. 6** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Can You See?
Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14;
John 9:1-41
- Mr. 13** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
More Than Your Wildest Dreams
Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John
11:1-45
- Mr. 20** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 10:00 a.m.
A Procession of Fools
Readings: Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66
- Mr. 24** Dr. Baxter Preaching 7:00 p.m.
Why Is This Night Different?
Readings: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
1Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35.
- Mr. 27** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 7:00 a.m.
Easter Brunch on the Beach
Readings: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians
3:1-4; John 20:1-18; 21:1-14.
- Mr. 27** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Why Are You Here Today?
Readings: Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; Colossians
3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10



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