



The Carillon

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

Disciple Program Sign Up to Begin in May, 2003

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The Adult Christian Education Committee is pleased to offer the adults of our congregation a new venue for spiritual growth. One of the outcomes from the 2002 Vision Quest was *for the people of our church to support life-long learning and to equip one another to respond to God's call*. We hope to begin to answer this need in a first step by offering you the *DISCIPL*E Bible-study series. Class registration will be held in Fellowship Hall throughout the month of May, with classes beginning in September. Each group of twelve will determine the best time and day to conduct their class. The class fee will include a study manual. You will journey through the Bible over 34 weeks in chronological order. You'll start your classes with sixteen sessions on the Old Testament scripture, one session on the intertestamental period, and fifteen sessions on the New Testament scriptures. In the final two sessions, each participant will make decisions about how they will practice their discipleship. Finally, everyone will celebrate Holy Communion together as Jesus did with his twelve disciples. At its conclusion, you will have read 70% of the Bible in this introductory class *"Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study."*

Participants should plan on committing to the two-hour weekly class, and also to approximately 30 – 40 minutes daily to reading the scriptures. Your trained facilitator will guide you through the lessons along with the aid of videos with biblical scholars for enhanced interpretation. You'll come to understand the

different views of the biblical authors and the cultural, political, and historical settings that influenced them to write. Then you will learn how to apply the scripture to your own life

Our vision for your future Christian education doesn't end with this one class. As the program unfolds we hope to be able to offer a Youth module and advanced series of *DISCIPL*E like: Into the Word, Into the World (Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts); Remember Who You Are (The Prophets and Paul's Letters); Under the Tree of Life (Old Testament Books not in the Torah, The Gospel of John, and Revelations). For more information on *DISCIPL*E you can log onto the internet at www.umph.org/disciple".

**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: Judy and Paul Carlson, Carol Nelson, Helen Pollock and Paige Unangst for assembling the April Carillon for mailing; Jinny Train and Betty Tegeuder for folding the Sunday bulletins each week.

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is your idea of worship? What does it mean to you? What is worship suppose to do or be? How does worship communicate our vision for The Presbyterian Church of Barrington? These questions and many others are being discussed by our Worship Committee. We are discovering many new insights in the process.

Many of us come to worship expecting to take something home. We believe that worship is only good if it can give us something or do something for us. We evaluate the sermon, comment on the music, relive the Children's Moment, and decide whether there were any tidbits that really helped us. We might invite a friend to

come to worship if we feel confident that our friend will be able to take something away and understand why we love our congregation.

The Christian Life, written by Michael L. Lindvall, the former pastor of The First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor, Michigan and the current pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City says that we often have a tendency to see worship as entertainment, therapy, and/or education, and nothing more. He says we may be entertained by the Children's Moment, educated by the sermon, healed by the prayers, but worship is much greater than all these things.

Worship is for God. "At its most profound, worship is nothing but a deliberate and repeated activity in which we are called to turn away from self and turn toward God." Instead of asking, "What did you get out of that service?" ask, "What did you lose in that service? What burden did you drop at the foot of the cross?" Shedding our selfishness, our grievances, and our neediness, and opening our hearts to God is truly worship centered on God and God alone.

Lindvall also says, "We tend to carry a critical demeanor into church, as if worship were a performance, with the ministers and choir as actors on a stage, and all of it a deliberate production." What would happen if we thought of the congregation as actors and the ministers as the prompters, and God as the audience? Would worship be changed if we pictured God observing us in worship, actively receiving our gifts of praise and prayer?

None of this means that we make no effort to make worship better. However, giving to God and listening to God is not always a pleasant experience. "If you and I enter worship facing anywhere but toward God, the experience may please us, it may inform us, it may comfort us, but it will hardly *transform* us. Worship that poses us no risk is something else. Worship that fails to stretch our minds and spirits to the edge of discomfort is something less than worship." If worship fails to stretch and challenge us as well as uplift and strengthen us, then we must ask whether we are centered on ourselves or on God.

May we all prayerfully consider our own worship and our expectations of worship. Sometimes reorienting ourselves can bring a whole new understanding.

Pax, **Curt Baxter**

Church Administration

Session

March 17, 2003 meeting notes:

Building Use: The Barrington Area Arts Council will use our building for their scholarship competition on Saturday, June 21, from 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Presbytery: Chip Kyle will be Commissioner to Presbytery for 2003.

Christian Education: the suggestions from consultant, Loretta Gratiyas-Bremer, on how to improve our curricula, were presented. Procedures for the review of potential Confirmads at the special Session meeting on April 12 were presented.

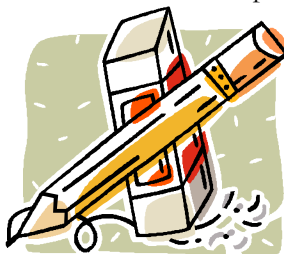
Communications Committee: the Visual Identity Program was presented. The committee will prepare a presentation for the congregation.

Deacons: there will be a joint meeting/potluck supper with Deacons, Trustees and Session on June 2.

Outreach: the new member breakfast will be held on April 26, 8:30 a.m.; the new member reception will be held on May 18, 5:00 p.m.; the Reconciliation Event will be held on April 13.

Personnel: the draft Personnel Manual was presented for review. Session entered into an agreement with David Stech to serve as Interim Music Director through December 31, 2003; the committee was authorized to retain an interim organist.

Trustees: One of the furnaces went out; bids are being sought for replacement.



repairs. Linda Read will look into the cost of tuck pointing. The lease on the Minolta copier expires in September; if we purchase the copier, we need a service agreement.

Hospitality: Trustees will be greeters and coffee hosts for March 30.

Building Use: the Building Use Policy needs to be reviewed to address protocol for resolving scheduling conflicts. Countryside School will use our parking lot for the Miss Fritz sale on May 30-31; Wellness Place will use our parking lot on the evening of May 31.

Collections: March, Anderson and Dugan; April, Lieske and Martin; May, Mann and Harden.

Financial Report

Period Ending March 31, 2003

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	146,393	149,148
Other Receipts	<u>10,585</u>	<u>4,450</u>
Total	156,978	153,598
Expenses	<u>162,003</u>	<u>185,502</u>
Net	(5,025)	(31,904)

Trustees

March 10, 2003 meeting notes.

Financial: “other receipts” includes prior year payments. Snow removal costs are close to budget. Pledges are down. Member contribution statements will be sent in April, August and at year end. Free will offerings will be taken at the Lenten services. A schedule for building repair costs, spread over three or four years, will be presented to the Stewardship Committee.

Building: some doors need repairs, Peter Martin will organize this. Rick Rogers will arrange for gutter

Becoming a Church Member

We invite you to become a member of our congregation. New members will be welcomed into the congregation at the 9:00 a.m. worship service on **May 18**, followed by a reception at 10:00 a.m. and a social in the evening. People who have not made a decision about joining, but would like to know more about the church, are invited to come to services, participate in activities and discuss membership with **Rev. Dan Spike**. He can be reached at the Church Office at **847-381-0975**.

New Beginnings Sunday, April 13, 2003

The Rev. Greg R. Bostrom; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

About twenty years ago I was the best man at a wedding that was a distressing experience. The bride and the groom were fine about the marriage; it was the families who were having a difficult time. Particularly the groom's family. Their son and his then-girlfriend had gotten off to a bad start as far as his parents were concerned, and it escalated from bad to worse pretty quickly. Things were said in anger that would not be forgotten. Words that cut deeply flew back and forth. No one seemed able to step back from the brink, and so the bride and groom on one side and the groom's parents on the other became more and more entrenched in their hostile positions.

While an informal truce had been called before the wedding, you didn't need to be particularly observant to sense the tension that lay just beneath the surface. So while the wedding went smoothly, for some it was not so much enjoyed as endured. The wedding was survived more than celebrated. I went home more relieved than rejoicing...which was particularly sad, since I so very much wanted my brother to be happy on his wedding day, and for my parents to be able to find some gladness in what is supposed to be a happy occasion. After the wedding the truce continued, but then, that wasn't hard when the new couple decided to live 2000 miles away. After the open hostilities during courtship, they settled into the cold war. There was an outer politeness, but an inner frost. There were perfunctory interchanges but no genuine affection. It wasn't terrible anymore, but it wasn't good, and it certainly didn't feel like family.

Then something happened that I can only describe as miraculous. You can probably guess what prompted the miracle: my brother and his wife had a baby. My sister-in-law's mother was no longer living, and so this child could only have one grandmother. My sister-in-law made the bold move of inviting my mother out to help right after the baby was born. My mother jumped at the chance. That's when the miracle began.

Boston Globe columnist Linda Weltner tells the story of sitting in a park, watching children at play. Two children got in an argument, and one said to the other, "I hate you! I'm never going to play with you again!" For a few minutes they played separately, and then they were back sharing their toys with each other. The columnist said to another mother, "How do children do that? How do they manage to be so angry with each other one minute and the best of friends the next?" The other mother answered, "It's easy. They choose happiness over righteousness." (Harold Kushner, How Good Do We Have to Be? p. 108).

It wasn't automatic that a baby would heal the rift between my parents and my brother and his wife. But my parents and my brother and his wife made the clear choice that they wanted to be happy more than they wanted to be right. My parents desperately wanted to be grandparents in more than name to their beautiful granddaughter. And my brother and his wife, while creating the next generation, suddenly felt an equally desperate need to connect with the previous one. They all chose to be happy rather than right. How did they make that choice? First, they saw each other differently. My parents realized that the woman who had married their son would now be the mother of their grandchild; my sister-in-law recognized that her mother-in-law would now be her baby's only grandmother. Because they saw each other differently, the world was suddenly a different place for all of them. And second, once they saw each other differently, they acted on their new perception, and treated one another with kindness, respect, and sensitivity.

It would be nice to tell you that the four of them sat down, assessed the damage from the previous years, worked through everything, hugged each other, and closed the door on the past. That's not what happened. What happened was this beautiful baby, this gift from God, this miracle, put everything in perspective. And everyone wanted this baby so much that they were able to risk something new. When everyone made the baby their priority, some other amazing

things happened. Parents and grandparents relaxed their judgments about each other. When they did, they were able to see the good in the other person that was waiting to be found. You see, my sister in law is quite a wonderful mother. And my parents are terrific grandparents. Then they started to think that maybe some of those other judgments hadn't been completely right either. Sure enough, some of those judgments had not been fair or right. Some of the things that had driven them apart, however, were all too true, yet both my parents and my brother and his wife now seemed more able to accept those shortcomings in each other, in the interest of the greater good. And the greater good was no longer just the baby. The greater good for my brother and his wife, and for my parents, was the experience of being a family.

My friends in Barrington.... you already have a baby. You are sitting in the nursery right now. Your baby is this church. And I would like to suggest that you choose happiness over righteousness. By that I mean that you choose the desire to reconcile over the desire to be right. This is an important choice. If your goal is to reconcile, then you will act very differently than if your goal is to be right. If your goal is to reconcile, then God will help you. The Bible tells us that God is in the reconciliation business: God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, and now entrusting the ministry of reconciliation to - us!

So we are now ambassadors for Christ, Paul says. God makes his appeal through us! If you are an ambassador for Christ, then you decide how you will act. As any good marriage counselor will tell you, you cannot change your spouse. You can only change yourself. And when you change yourself, then your spouse will have to change to relate to the new you. So as ambassadors for Christ, then, we choose how we will act, no matter how anyone else acts. And how does an ambassador for Christ act?

Read the scripture: "We regard no one from a human point of view." You see the world differently, with the eyes of Christ. You see the people of this church - all the people of this church - as children of God. This does not mean that we look the other way, or pretend nothing has happened, or act as though we haven't heard or seen things that shouldn't have been spoken or done. We recognize that some of us have said or done things that have been difficult, thoughtless, unkind, maybe even malicious. Those are harsh words...but there is another level of adjectives that underlies these: anxious, fearful, wounded, displaced, hurt, insecure.

It's a lot easier to love someone described by that second level of words, isn't it? One who seeks to reconcile will use this kind of words, because a reconciler seeks to see every person as a child of God. And one who seeks to reconcile acts on that perception. An ambassador for Christ treats every person with the respect, kindness, and sensitivity that every child of God deserves, whether they reciprocate or not.

Sometimes this works: sometimes treating someone with respect, kindness, and sensitivity is enough to make them respond in kind. Sometimes it doesn't work at all. In which case we give the other person the freedom to do what they need to do. Interesting, isn't it, the way Christ reconciles us to God? There is absolutely no coercion; the power of God is the weakness of the cross, in which we are invited, not forced, but invited to be followers and ambassadors of Christ.

The question was asked earlier, "How do we reach out to those who are not here? How do we reconcile with one another?"

When a church goes through a painful experience such as you have here, everyone needs to do what they must do. And so you give them the freedom to do exactly that. Let each person do what they must do. If they choose to stay in gladness, celebrate that. If they choose to stay but are hurting, stand with them. And if they choose to leave the church, let them. Tell them how you feel, to be sure, and let them know how much you are saddened by their leaving, as many of you have expressed today, but give them the freedom to do whatever it is they must do. And then love and

accept them while they do it. You might get hurt doing this. But then some of you have been hurt already. Some of that pain has your name on it; it's pain you, at least in some sense, deserve because of something you've said or done. But some of you have known pain that didn't belong to you, perhaps because of the suffering of another. You're in good company there - Jesus knows all about that kind of pain, doesn't he? When you're experiencing that kind of pain, then do as the old hymn says - take it to the Lord in prayer.

Some would say, this reconciliation business is hard! You bet it is! Whenever someone says that something is hard, I always think of one of my favorite movies, "A League of Their Own." In that film Tom Hanks plays the manager of one of the women's baseball teams that played in the mid-west during World War II. One of the women has a husband fighting in Europe, and she's telling Tom Hanks how difficult it is to be separated from her husband, barnstorming around the mid-west and playing the game of baseball. "It's so hard," she says. "Hard?" Tom Hanks replies. "Of course it's hard. If it were easy, everyone would do it. The hard is what makes it great."

Friends, if you choose happiness over righteousness, if you choose the desire to reconcile over the desire to be right, then the way will be hard, but remember, *the hard is what will make it great.*

Pray with me. Lord, we lift up all the feelings we have to you this afternoon - the frustration, the sadness, the anger, the pain, all that and more. We ask that you would fashion it into something you can use for the healing of this church, for the healing of each other, and for the healing of our own souls. We pray in Christ's name, for Christ's sake, the world's sake, and our own sakes.

Amen.

For those dealing with issues of forgiveness, I recommend the book "The Art of Forgiving" by Lewis Smedes, which addresses what forgiveness is and is not, what needs to be forgiven and what does not, and why very often it is not necessary or beneficial to tell another person you have forgiven them. It is a wise and helpful book.

Barrington Presbyterian Women



May Meeting

The BPW meeting on May 1 will be held in the Youth Lounge, starting with coffee at 9:15 a.m. After the meeting (approximately 10:45 a.m.) we will assemble the Mother's Day May Baskets for

the women clients of the Elgin Community Crises Center. Come help us assemble the baskets even if you cannot attend the meeting. If you would like to donate travel size personal grooming items or small gifts, please bring them to the meeting or take them to the church prior to May 1. All women of the church are invited to attend the meetings; child care is available

Spring Picnic

The BPW Year-End Picnic will be held on Thursday, May 29, at 11:30 a.m., at the home of Susan Raaths, 22621 Covington Drive, Deer Park. All women of the church are welcome to attend. New officers will be installed at this time. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a salad; M-Z, please bring a dessert. Call **Susan Raaths** or **Emily Dowell**, to let them know if you are coming and what you plan to bring.

Book Club

Book Club will meet on Thursday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of **Audrey Ellis**. Please call her if you are planning to attend. The book is "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergus. Book Club will meet again on the 17th of July.

GTIF

Growing Together In Faith (GTIF) will be meeting on May 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of **Alice Buchholz**. Please RSVP to Alice if you plan to attend. Our current topic is "Finding Joy" and we will be working on lesson 2. Newcomers are welcome! Books are available in the church office for \$6.00. Please contact **Becky Bosarge** or **Jill Minner** with questions

Attention Knitters & Crocheters

Thanks to all of you who participated in the needlework group; we had a great time and made some lovely things. It is now time to gather the completed sweaters for the Guide Posts Children's Sweater Project. Once gathered, there will be a special blessing of the sweaters before sending them on their way. Please contact either **Judy Carlson** or **Ruth Shepard**, no later than Wednesday, May 7th.

Church Women United

Our local unit of Church Women United will be celebrating May Friendship Day on Monday, May 5, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The Presbyterian Church of Barrington will host the event. Women and men are invited for dessert and a worship service celebrating the many gifts of the Holy Spirit. We will also be honoring young women from each church in our local unit who live up to the CWU motto: "Agreed to differ, resolved to love, united to serve." We will collect Fellowship of the Least Coin offerings and we ask you to bring donations of full-size toiletries for "Christmas in July" at Dwight Correctional Center for Women. Some of the greatest needs are for deodorant, lotion, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and afro-style combs. If you have any questions, please contact **Becky Bosarge** or **Margie Blomquist**, our church's CWU representatives

Morning Bible Study

The morning Bible study group will hold two more meetings before the summer sets in. There will be no Bible study during the summer months. The next meeting is on Wednesday, May 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor; the last meeting of this season will be held on June 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor.

Thank You

A sincere Thank You to all who donated to the food bags, the Christopher House baby shower and the Mother's Day May baskets for the Elgin Community Crisis Center. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Deacons

Congratulations to...

Jennifer and Steve and Lexy Dalzell on the birth of Christopher Steven on April 5, 2003.

Condolences to...

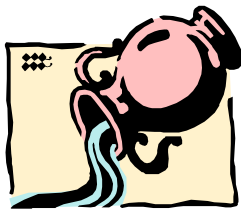
Alan and Hollie Free and family upon the death of Alan's father, Wade Hampton Free, on March 17;

Art and Mickey Marcussen and Chris and Debbie Marcussen and family upon the death of Art's sister, Chris's aunt, Esther Fleishman, on March 26;

Le'Ann and David Zimmerman and family upon the death of Le'Ann's father, Norman Lee Harner, on April 13;

the **Santiago family**, upon the death of former member, Abigail Santiago, at her home in Arizona on March 30 – cards may be sent to Cayetano Santiago, 11009 E. Medina Ave., Mesa AZ 85212.

Deacon's Corner



For the past few months, the Deacons have been reading and discussing Christian Care-giving, a Way of Life by Kenneth C. Haugk. The author is the founder of the Stephen Series

system of lay caring ministry. He offers practical and inspiring ways to approach the service of care-giving. Through our study, we are learning skills to provide support and encouragement for others.

As Deacons, we visit homebound members of our congregation and those with special needs or concerns. I have found this aspect of being a Deacon very rewarding and I feel that our service ministry will be enhanced through our current study of a distinctive Christian Care-giving.

Ginger Glantz

Partners In Prayer Reception

To all Partners in Prayer, please put Sunday, June 8 on your calendars. On that day partner sponsors and their prayer recipients will meet in the Parlor for a short but meaningful reception following the 9:00 a.m. church service. Thanks to all who participated. Please call **Leo Burkhart** with any questions.

Hospitality Task Force Update

Thank you to those of you who have offered feedback regarding the changes in our Fellowship Hours. The Hospitality Task Force recently met to discuss these opportunities for fellowship, special recognition events and Adult Christian Education classes. Through June, the calendar as published in the Carillon will be followed. Fellowship Sundays will continue to be the first and last Sundays of each month, with coffee served in Fellowship Hall. On the second and third Sundays, unless noted on the calendar, coffee will be hosted in the Parlor and Adult Christian Education will be held in Fellowship Hall. These next few months do have some exceptions; be sure to consult the calendar.

On Sundays with scheduled Adult Christian Education programs, an increase in attendance has been noted. Child-focused activities scheduled during the 10:00 am hour provide an opportunity for parents to attend the Adult Education programs. Let's continue to support these efforts.

Good news for the 11:00 worshippers!!!

During each Sunday in May the Deacons will provide clean-up for the coffee following **each** 11:00 service. Thank you for letting us know how much you value this fellowship time. Beginning in the Fall, when two services resume, we will be seeking volunteers to take over clean-up duties after every 11:00 service. Watch for the sign up board and help us continue this opportunity.

Christian Education

Adult Education Program

Plan to attend the Adult Education program on May 18, at 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Clark Barsinger will review and discuss significant literature of the contemplative prayer and worship genre.

Library Corner

What is a Cumberland Presbyterian Church? Who was Billy Sunday? What was the Presbyterian position in the civil War? You will find the answers to these and hundreds of other questions about Presbyterian people and topics in the new library acquisition, Dictionary of the Presbyterian and Reformed Tradition in America. It is an encyclopedia style book that concisely and simply identifies Reformed leaders theologians, writers, beliefs, practices, confessions, denominations, associations and historical events. Read it cover to cover or refer to it when you come across a person or term you don't know.

Anyone who has been enlightened by Ron Miller's explanations of the cultural context of scripture passages will be interested in our new book, Palestine in the time of Jesus, Social Structures and Social Conflicts. This book explains the primary social institutions and structures of ancient Palestine, with a view of how they are reflected in and shaped the early Jesus movement. The book comes with software that will be installed on the Church library computer in the near future.

"With her intuitive and heartening poems, (Ann) Weens takes the reader on a pensive journey through Lent and Easter". Be inspired by Kneeling in Jerusalem any time of the year.

See these new books in the Church Library. Check out is for a period of 4 weeks.

\$\$ RECYCLE \$\$ RECYCLE \$\$

Recycle those used cell phones and empty inkjet, laser, FAX and copier cartridges from your business or home! Ask your friends to save their discards for us, too! The Children and Family Education subcommittee will collect and recycle the cartridges and phones and earn money for our programs and activities. Simply place the used cartridge into the

packaging from the new cartridge and place it all in the big blue collection basket near the office. Let's all work together to care for God's world and His children!

Nursery/Toddlers

Nursery/Toddler Rooms. We are once again looking for adult volunteers for the nursery/toddler rooms for the months of May and June. We also need to provide volunteers for Mother's Day. If you are interested (and I know that you are!), please call **Betsy Davis** or feel free to sign up on the sheets in the nursery/toddler rooms.

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.

Walk for Winchester House

The 18th Annual Walk for Winchester House Chaplaincy will be held May 4. Funds from this walk are essential for providing ministry to more than 350 residents at Winchester House, the Lake County nursing home located in Libertyville. Interfaith Chaplaincy Services, a nonprofit, ecumenical organization, provides chaplaincy services to the residents, their families, and nursing home employees. The chaplain also coordinates worship services and Bible studies.

Dan Spike will again be walking on behalf of our congregation. You can support his participation by sending a check to the church office or by signing the pledge poster in Fellowship Hall. In 2001 our congregation won the traveling plaque for the greatest amount given by any congregation. Last year the First United Methodist Church in Libertyville took the plaque away from us. Let's win the plaque back while also helping meet the spiritual needs of our elderly friends at Winchester House!

Youth Christian Education

Youth Mission Trip

Special Notice of Initial Congregational Offering – “ICO”

Brinker Road Securities, Underwriters

This year's Youth Mission Trip will take place Saturday, June 14th through Sunday, June 22nd, 2003. We will be traveling to Lexington, Kentucky to an urban church where we will be working with the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church and their myriad of outreach and mission projects. The church reaches out to its community through housing a food bank, serving meals to the homeless, providing recreation and educational opportunities to the children and youth and repairing houses.

You will have an opportunity to meet the youth and adults who have signed up for this special mission trip during coffee time beginning April 27th and throughout the entire month of May. At that time you will be able to learn more about the trip and the preparation that is necessary to ensure it is a success. The youth themselves are leading these planning activities as part of the points they need to earn for the trip.

This year's trip offers you an exciting opportunity to participate in the trip and support those youth who are faithfully following God's call for mission. Once again Brinker Road Securities (not to be confused with any Wall Street Brokerages), is underwriting an Initial Congregational Offering, “ICO”, of unique investment offerings in each of the youth participating in this trip. You will have the limited opportunity to purchase a share of stock in any of the youth signed up for the mission trip. There will be a special prospectus available to aid you with your investment decision. You will truly have “insider” knowledge prior to your purchase. After your purchase, you will be able to track the performance of your investment (your youth's preparation for the trip and their points earned) through a special tracking board. While there are no guarantees for this or any investment, we feel we can confidently state that the return on your investment will be priceless. We know you will be excited with the opportunity to learn what it takes to have a successful mission trip, get to know more of the teens in our church, and to support their spiritual development. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

Whirlyball event!

May 4, Noon – 4:30 p.m. 7th and 8th Grade.
We will be traveling to Lombard to spend two fast paced hours playing Whirlyball. What is Whirlyball? It is a cross between Hockey, Lacrosse, Basketball and Polo played while riding in a bumper car. You will receive information and permission slips in the mail. Friends are welcome. Ask Melissa for more permission slips. We will be ordering pizza and soda to eat while we are there. Your check and permission slip are your reservation. WE NEED PARENTS TO DRIVE.
Cost: \$15



Sr. High Event

May 18, 5-7 p.m. Sr. High
“Are you ready for summer?” Event.

Come dressed in your best Hawaiian or Floridian outfits and plan to spend a relaxing time with us. We will barbecue and lounge on the patio. We will chuck a little Frisbee in the field

and play some “beach” volleyball. We will even throw in tiny umbrellas for your smoothie. Friends are welcome. Call the church office to sign up. Cost: \$0 (The best things in life are free!)

Pancake Breakfast

June 1, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.
Join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 a.m. (and only) service for some excellent food and fellowship. Once again we will offer pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and our always popular “Make your own Mickey or Minnie Mouse Pancake” table! Proceeds go to benefit Mission Trip 2003: Kentucky. Cost: \$5 adults \$3 children age 3-10



Parish Life

Flowers For Sunday Worship

The Chancel Guild wishes to thank everyone who contributed to the Easter Decoration Fund. It was a pleasure for us to see our plans turn into reality and hope that you were pleased with our efforts.

There are still opportunities to sign up to sponsor a weekly floral arrangement for the altar. Dates are available in June through November. There are spaces for you to sign up as donors on the calendar in the narthex. In the lower right-hand corner of the poster are forms to fill out and return to the church office with your check. Your gift will be acknowledged in the bulletin with the tribute you desire.

After our Sunday worship service, the flower arrangements will be broken down into smaller bouquets and will be delivered by our Deacons to cheer the congregations' homebound or hospitalized members. If you would like to keep all or part of your floral donation, please notify the church office by Wednesday so that other arrangements can be made by the Chancel Guild and the Deacons.



The members of the Chancel Guild are grateful for the opportunity to use our talents to enhance your worship experience.

Official Choir Field Trip

On MAY 24TH, 2003 AD, MEMORIAL

SATURDAY, myriad choir members, clergy, and other friends will accrete (meet) in the Church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. From thence, we shall proceed South and East to the Annual Midwest Sacred Harp Convention at Ida Noyes Hall on the University of Chicago campus. All are Welcome and Encouraged, regardless of experience, age, lack-of-age, GPA, or choir membership. We will arrive just in time for... an immense Pot Luck dinner of unforeseen scale and grandeur, called "Dinner on the Grounds," followed by a great surge of energy and boisterous singing of traditional 19th century Southern hymnody. Designed for people who **don't read music** and thrilling for those who can, this singing is loud and sincere! Come join the over 200 extraordinary people just like you, to lift our voices in praising God! If you plan to go or would provide a ride to Hyde, please contact **Becky Bosarge**.

Fellowship

Derby Day

Plan on attending Derby Day on May 3 at the Mill Rose Restaurant in the Stockyards Room. From 3:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., enjoy cocktails (cash bar), great food (hot and cold appetizers and a carving station), silent auction, live auction, horse racing – including the Kentucky Derby and other fun events. Proceeds will benefit the San Marcos Urban Youth Ministry. San Marcos is a community center reaching over 300 Hispanic youth and families in the troubled neighborhoods of Chicago's West Side. If you have any questions, please contact **Mari Franklin** or **John Bosarge**.

Men's Fellowship Group

All men of the church are invited to attend the meetings of the Men's Fellowship Group. 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: May 15 – Bob Shepard, June 19 – Denny McGurer, July – Peter Chamy, August – Tom Long, September – Mike Goodman, October – Chip Kyle. If you would like to receive notice of the meetings, please contact **Chip Kyle**.

Worship Schedule

- May 4** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
The Tension Dimension
Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 4:1-10; Romans 12:9-21;
Luke 24:36b-48.
- May 11** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Sabbath Prayer
Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10;
John 14:1-14.
- May 18** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Restoring Another
Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Galatians 6:1-10;
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20.
- May 25** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Who Are God's Chosen People?
Readings: Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35; 1 John 5:1-6;
John 15:9-17.



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