

# Carillon

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

**November 2007**

**Sundays at Four Concert Series 2007-2008**

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**D**ecember 2, the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual *Messiah* Sing-Along performed by professional soloists and orchestra, with additional holiday music by our own PCB Children's Choir. Come to sing, listen, or to do a little bit of both. Please bring a score if you have one, or you may purchase one at the door. Following the concert you are invited to stay for our annual Advent Dinner (reservations recommended for the dinner; more information on the Deacons' page.)

**February 10**, the World Premiere of *Thy Kingdom Come* composed by our former Music Director, Will White. The Presbyterian Church of Barrington Sanctuary Choir will be joined by strings, brass, bells, woodwinds, and a guest choir to perform acclaimed composer Will White's commissioned oratorio, *Thy Kingdom Come*. The completed work is modeled after Handel's *Messiah* and is divided into two parts: Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the world premiere of this exciting new work.



**April 20**, the Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus. The Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus, now in its 43<sup>rd</sup> season, is one of the leading children and youth choral organizations in America. The organization's rich heritage of exemplary programs has served as an artistic and educational model across North America for many years. Directed by renowned conductor Emily Ellsworth,

the GECC will present a program of inspiring choral music for all ages. Come enjoy an afternoon of polished, beautiful singing by one of the nation's finest children's choirs.

Each concert is Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in our Sanctuary and is free to the public. Donations at the door will be accepted to benefit various non-profit organizations. Please join us in Fellowship Hall following each concert for refreshments and a chance to meet our musicians. Free childcare is available.

**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 their daughter Pamela Leutz for assembling the October Carillon.

**Becoming a Church Member**

We invite you to become a member of our congregation. People who have not made a decision about joining, but would like to know more about the church, are invited to come to services, participate in activities and discuss membership with

**Dr. Curtis Baxter.** He can be reached at the Church Office at **847-381-0975.**

Dear Friends in Christ,

During this current election cycle, there is frenzied interest about which candidate is the best leader. In academic and business schools across the country, leadership is being taught as if one can memorize a ten-point list and then go out and lead the world. It doesn't work that way. Peter Drucker made it clear that there are two things you can't teach: one of them is style, and the other is judgment. And both of them are the essential parts of leadership. Leadership is not about a ten-point list to memorize, but is about interior design.

After the movie, *The Last Samurai*, came out, there was increased interest in what these fellows were all about. In *Samurai, Leader*, Bill Diffenderffer, listed the essential interior design of those who would give us ethical and courageous leadership.

Here is Diffenderffer's code for leadership in the spirit of the Samurai:

- Act honorably. Honor isn't negotiable. It is an overarching requirement.
- Act with courage. When you know what needs to be done, do it.
- Act with rectitude. Do the right thing.
- Be loyal. Without loyalty, there is no trust.
- Be compassionate. To be a leader, one must care for others.
- Appreciate the arts. Art is a doorway to understanding and appreciating life.
- Be honest. Without honesty, there is no credibility.
- Be polite. It shows respect and makes getting along with everyone much easier.
- Act with self-control. To manage others one must manage oneself.

The bottom line: we lead by example, or not at all. Leadership is first and foremost an inside job. I guess that is why Jesus was not interested in what people ate or what they wore, he was interested in what "came from their hearts." It is from the heart that we lead, or not at all.

Pax,  
**Curt Baxter**

## Mission

### Homeless Shelter

One of our St. Gregory scholarship graduates, Delia Ramirez, works at a men's homeless shelter in Humboldt Park and reports that they are very short of used towels for their shower facilities. If you have towels to contribute, please put them in the large blue boxes in the front hall. They will be much appreciated.  
**Joyce Simpson.**

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Fall Food Drive is under way. Food bags will be distributed to FISH and to Christopher House on November 19. Food bags were mailed out in late October (also, you may pick up a bag at church on November 4 and 11.) Please fill the bag and return it to the church on or before November 18. Plan Ahead! As you do your shopping, watch for those "buy one get one free" items. In addition to all kinds of canned and packaged food items, toiletries and paper products are needed (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, and shampoo, bathroom paper, paper towels and diapers.) If you get to Costco, WalMart or Sam's Club, please stop by the toiletries section and buy one of these items in bulk. FISH and Christopher House volunteers will break them down into individual packets.

**Gerry Nadig** will be taking bags to FISH.

On Monday, November 19 at Christopher House, we will be packing Thanksgiving bags for the clients. This is an annual event enjoyed by all who have participated. Many hands make a big job much easier, so if you would like to join us this year, please contact **Sally Kilham or Sally Hilgendorf.**

### Christopher House Christmas Bazaar

Each year the clients of Christopher House look forward to the Christmas Bazaar when they can purchase gifts for their loved ones at a low cost. This event is made possible by the donations of new or nearly new toys, household gift items, books, jewelry and toiletries by generous church members. If you would like to contribute to this year's Bazaar, please bring your donations to the church by December 2; label them "Christopher House Bazaar". The sale date is December 7 with set-up on December 6 at the Uptown location. If you



would like to help with the set-up or sale or have any questions, please call **Sally Kilham or Sally Hilgendorf.**

### Nueva Esperanza Christmas

Would you like to help a young person at Nueva Esperanza have a merry Christmas? Their Christmas service includes a gift for each young person – often their only gift. One of the past years' favorite presents was a gift certificate from The Gap or Old Navy. They had a wonderful time shopping and getting something they needed as well. Most gift cards have averaged about \$35 but any amount is appreciated by them. Please drop your gift card in the Nueva Esperanza basket in the church office and help these young people have a wonderful Christmas this year. For more information call **Joyce Simpson.**

### Christopher House Family-To-Family Holiday Program (Formerly " Adopt-A-Family")

Family-to-Family Holiday Program is a wonderful opportunity to share your joy of Christmas with families less fortunate. Sign-ups will be held each Sunday, November 11th to December 9th. Gifts will be due Friday, December 14th at the church garage. Your responsibility will be to purchase an individual gift for each family member plus a food gift card for their Christmas dinner. The estimated cost is \$35-\$45 for each family member adopted. If you do not wish to shop, you may write a check payable to Christopher House with "Family-to- Family Holiday Program in the memo section. Christopher House will then do the "shopping." Last year our church members adopted 75 families. We are asking for your help this year to reach this same goal. In the words of one mother, "I am so grateful for the generosity that is given in a way that I can keep my dignity." Let's bring smiles to children's faces and warmth to their parents' hearts.



Choose a Family and give them a Happy Holiday Thank you. Coordinators, **Sally Hilgendorf and Karen Stout.**

### Barrington Giving Day

Saturday, December 15, 2007, 9:00 a.m.  
Barrington Middle School, Station Campus,  
John Snow/Eastern Avenue

Each December the Barrington Area 220 School District invites disadvantaged families residing in the School District to the Barrington Giving Day. Families can receive food, warm coats and gifts. Members of Barrington churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations have always been generous in their support of this day. Last year 616 families were helped. Financial gifts are used to purchase food, and grocery food certificates, children's coats, blankets, and essentials.

This year due to lack of space to sort food items we are asking you to collect winter coats, new and gently used toys, and books for children and teens, in Spanish and English. A box for donations will be dropped off to the Church, and to various locations through out Barrington on Thursday November 29h. Donations will be picked up every other day. The last pick up day from the church will be Wednesday December 13th. This is to allow time for the items to be sorted for the Saturday Giving Day.

Cash donations are gratefully accepted. Checks may be made payable to: Barrington Giving Day  
c/o John Paul Hills, Barrington Bank & Trust  
201 S. Hough St., Barrington, IL 60010

Volunteers for the Giving Day are always needed, and their time and effort is greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who donated to the 2006 Giving Day.

Barrington Giving Day, Organizational Committee

**Pat Karon,**  
**Jeanette Muench**

### **Nueva Esperanza Golf Outing**

This year's Golf Invitational at Makray Memorial Golf Club was a success on all fronts. The weather was almost beautiful, the fellowship was outstanding and the golf was excellent. After golf we were joined by the Nueva students and had an opportunity to learn more about their lives and how they are doing at St. Gregory's. It is a very impressive group of boys and girls. We also had the opportunity to hear from the Executive Director, Diana Almanza, and meet the new Program Director, Luis Ramirez.

This year we had the good fortune to have Dan Paxton take the Nueva kids out to the driving range and putting green for instruction and fun. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to practice their skills and Dan was a great teacher. After the kids had a bite to eat, Bob Johnson amazed everyone with some card tricks and some slight-of-hand. Everyone is still wondering where that \$20 dollar bill went!

The winning team, by virtue of an overabundance of mulligans and their tenacious attitude, was Vince Neton, Jeff Neton, Rich Barbour and Mark Layne. Curt Baxter (Hole 4) and Gerry Nadig (Hole 13) won "closest to the pins" and Jean Ernsting (Hole 6) and Jeff Neton (Hole 11) won "longest drives".

Thanks to the golfers and all of those generous folks who could not play that Monday but still contributed; we netted over \$45,000 for the Nueva Scholarship Fund. As generous as the giving was, our annual cost for these students to go to St. Greg's is about \$58,000. So if anyone would like to make a year-end contribution please send a check made out to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington with Nueva Esperanza on the memo line.

Thank you all again and we look forward to next year!

### **Lobster Thank You**

The Mission Committee would like to extend a very special "thank you" to each of you who participated in our annual Lobster Sale. This year over 500 lobsters were sold. We had a net profit of over \$3,800 which will be put to great use for our Mission projects. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### **Home of the Sparrow Needs 2008 Calendars**

If you don't know what to do with all the extra 2008 calendars you receive, bring them to the church. We'll donate them to Home of the Sparrow. There will be a box for the calendars on top of the Deacon's Secretary outside the office. Thanks from the Mission Committee.

## CROP Walk

Hungry people here and around the world thank you for your support in this year's CROP Walk. There were 9 people from our church who walked out of 424 souls from the Barrington area who braved a steady rain all morning - up until the time of the walk, when it cleared. After the walk, all enjoyed the band, chili, cookies and cupcakes. In addition, all enjoyed the opportunity to participate with members of other churches in the community toward a common goal of

raising money for those who are hungry. It makes for a satisfying Sunday afternoon.

If you haven't contributed to this year's effort, please see Barbara Schwartz at mid-hour in Fellowship Hall. There will be a box on the secretary near the entry to the Church Office as well. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds go to local hunger efforts. The remainder goes toward solving hunger problems in other areas of this country and around the world.

## The Church Spotlight



Introducing:  
"The Church Spotlight"  
Section – We Need Your  
Feedback!

The Congregational Life Committee has recently developed a grid of experiences (below) that provides each of you with a quick look at all of the wonderful experiences we can currently share together.

Starting in the December Carillon you will see The Church Spotlight section which will be a "behind the scenes" look at the various experiences available to you here at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. For example, did you know that the Adult & Family Fellowship group is basically a monthly party or social? Who said that church groups were no fun?!

Most importantly, we want to shine the spotlight on these various experiences to help each of you learn how each of us can be a part of God's community where we can experience more of Him and each one of us can grow in our own spiritual journey.

We're asking each member for 3 short minutes of your time to complete the following 3 steps. Please take a minute and review the following grid of experiences here at PCB. Take another minute to circle three experiences that pique your interest. Finally, take a minute to call or email **Dan Paxton** with the 3 experiences that you're most interested in learning more about.

The Congregational Life Committee will be forwarding your interest along to the appropriate committee heads to ensure that your interest is followed-up on in a timely manner. Please don't hesitate to let any of the Congregational Life Committee members know about your interests. God Bless & have a wonderful November!

Your Congregational Life Committee:

Becky Bosarge, Melissa Armstrong-Hansche,  
Alan Free, Matt Batt, Dan Spike, Dave Zimmer,  
Dan Paxton, Chair.

**Our Congregational Life  
(Relative to the PCB Vision Statement)**

<b>Worship</b>	<b>Serve</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Share</b>
Ushering	Mission	Sunday Morning Youth CE	Coffee Host
9 and 11 AM Services	BPW Christmas Benefit	Sunday Morning Adult CE	Greeters
Lenten Service	Christopher House	Wednesday Night Live	Concert Series
Taize Service	Nueva Esperanza	Adult & Family Fellowship	Adult Education Speaker Series
Holy Week Services.	Crop Walk	Sr. High Fellowship	Administrative Support
White Breakfast	Loaves and Fishes	7th/8th Grade Fellowship	Boy Scouts
Sanctuary Choir	Food Served with Love	Men's Fellowship	
Children's Choir	Meals on Wheels	GTIF	
Bell Choir	Habitat for Humanity	Disciple Bible Study	
Liturgists	Adult Mission Trips	Wed. AM - BPW Bible Study	
Chancel Guild	Youth Mission Trips	Mid-Week classes	
Arts Committee	Compassion Cottages	Prayer Group	
Time with Young Disciples	Lobster Sale	Kitchen Kabinet	
Communion & Extended Communion	Christ Care	Women's Sports	
	Stephen Ministry	Men's Sports	
	Church Committees & Boards	Church Picnic	
	Transportation	BPW Fall Fellowship	
	Visitation	Women's Spiritual Retreat	
		Men's Spiritual Retreat	

## Hospitality

<b>9:00 am</b>		<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
Nov. 4	Ushers: Greg, Emily, Eliza, Jimmy Dowell Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Christian Education Committees	Ushers: Don Norton, Angie Smith, Chris Schiller Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Christian Education Committees
Nov. 11	Ushers and Greeters: Military Personnel Coffee Hosts: Team G, Cathy and mark Layne, Ruben Villalobos, Alan Free, Vern Soukup, P. Denise Israel	Ushers and Greeters: Military Personnel Coffee Hosts: Team G, Cathy and mark Layne, Ruben Villalobos, Alan Free, Vern Soukup, P. Denise Israel
Nov. 18	Ushers: Marge Slocum, Bob and Sue Kosobud, Suzanne Miller Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team H, Bette and Stu Bilton, Ellen and Larry Kantroski, Chris and Michael Matera, Jackie Clarke	Ushers: John and Anna Armstrong, David Nelson Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team H, Bette and Stu Bilton, Ellen and Larry Kantroski, Chris and Michael Matera, Jackie Clarke
Nov. 25 9 am only	Ushers: Don and Carol Andler, Kari and Ron Blanchette, Jr. Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Team I, Laura and Gil Semmen, Susan and Jack Raaths, Sue and bob Kosobud	

## Stephen Ministry

### STEPHEN MINISTRY SIX YEAR STATISTICS



Our Stephen Ministry program began in February of 2001, when Reverend Dan Spike, Nancy Dolan, Linda McGurer and Nancy Nadig attended a week-long training conference to become Stephen Leaders. In the past six years, we have seen

this program grow and become a vital caring part of our congregation. Stephen Ministry is one-on-one, Christ centered, confidential care given to someone experiencing life's difficulties. Our Stephen Ministers receive fifty hours of training.

We would like to share with you how our program has grown. We have trained 30 members of our congregation as Stephen Ministers and have a class of 5 more that began their training in September. We have sent four of those Stephen Ministers to Stephen Leaders training and look forward to sending two more in 2008. We recently compiled statistics that we thought would be of interest.

Active Stephen Ministers	13
Stephen Ministers on Leave	6
Retired Stephen Ministers	7
Transferred Stephen Ministers	3
Current Number of Care Receivers	9

Times Stephen Ministry has been offered Over 100  
 Number of Care Receivers to Date 64  
 Average length of time for a Caring Relationship, 9 months

#### Stephen Leader Responsibilities:

- Anna Armstrong, Training
- Julie Brown, Referrals Coordinator/Communication
- Linda McGurer, Referrals Coordinator
- Nancy Nadig, Supervision
- Susan Raaths, Continuing Education and Stephen Leader Coordinator

We are so very grateful to all of our Stephen Ministers who have given so much of themselves and to our Care Receivers who have allowed us to walk along side them. Our goal is that no one should suffer alone.

If you would like to know more about the Stephen Ministry program, please contact **Julie Brown, Linda McGurer, or one of the Pastors, Curt Baxter and Dan Spike, 847-381-0975.**

## ChristCare

### Caring Hearts – Faithful Servants: YOU CAN DO IT! WE CAN HELP!



What one theme overarches life at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington? Mission. Think about every activity that occurs under this roof and you will find members at mission work: BPW, Men's

Fellowship, Fellowship Committee, Music Ministry, The youth ministry really does mission work and of course the Mission Committee does mission, full-time. Who else specializes in mission? ChristCare small groups. You probably know by now that mission is one of the four necessary components to a ChristCare group. What you may not know is that ChristCare groups are involved in mission activities that are open

to anyone, without being a member of a ChristCare group. These opportunities are for you and the ChristCare Ministry will facilitate your participation. Please consider joining us as we work at one of the local PADS sites. PADS (Public Action Delivering Shelter) is an organization that operates through churches to provide homeless people a safe, comfortable bed for the night and hot, nutritious food. We volunteer for 4-hour shifts that run from 7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.; 11:00 p.m.-3:00 a.m.; and 3:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. Depending on the shift and your interests, you can greet and check the guests in, prepare and serve dinner or breakfast, or simply pass out sack lunches

when the guests leave in the morning. All volunteers receive training and supervision from experienced PADS leaders.

The other opportunity is to help out at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in St. Charles. It's only a 45 minute drive from Barrington and we work on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00-9:00 p.m. We pack food

donations from corporate donors into boxes for distribution to local food pantries.

Even if you can volunteer only once or twice, at either of these locations, you will find this a rewarding experience and an opportunity to personally serve those in need, as our Master calls us to do.

For information about either activity call **Bob Florio**.

## Barrington Presbyterian Women

### About BPW

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington is very proud to have an organization devoted to the women of the church. Not all churches have such a group. The Barrington Presbyterian Women's group (better known as "BPW") encourages all women of the church to participate in our meetings and the planning of the many wonderful events that we sponsor each year.



We are currently planning our annual Christmas Benefit to be held on Thursday, November 29th. Many non-members attend this quickly sold-out event from our community and surrounding areas. We have a wonderful, spiritually uplifting program held in the Sanctuary followed by a luncheon prepared by our members held in Fellowship Hall. There is also a silent auction and a bake sale. Everyone leaves with that wonderful "Christmas feeling" and most with a plate of delicious cookies. BPW looks forward to seeing you there.

### November 1 Meeting

Our next BPW meeting is our annual "bring a friend" meeting to be held on November 1st beginning at 9:15am with refreshments followed by the meeting at 9:30am. This would be a great time to attend to meet our fantastic members and find out what we are all about.

### Morning Bible Study

BPW Bible Study meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Parlor. We are using the Horizons Bible Study book, *Hearing God's Call*. Our next meeting will be November 7 at 10:00am in the parlor, come for coffee at 9:30. All are welcome! Study books are

available in the church office. Emily Dowell, Coordinator.

### G.T.I.F.

GTIF (Growing Together in Faith) Women's Evening Bible Study Group normally meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month in the home of a member. Our next meeting is Tuesday November 20 at 7:00 p.m. Our study book is *Oxygen: Deep Breathing for the Soul*. Contact **Jill Minner** for more information.

### Women (And Men) With Aging Parents

The Women With Aging Parents support group has scheduled a meeting for November 4 after the 11:00 service in the Parlor. We want to give men (and women who aren't available during the day) an opportunity to meet with our group to share concerns about aging parents. Please join us! Call **Marge Slocum** for more information

### Book Club

Book Club meets every other month (starting in September), on the third Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the home of a member. The BPW Book group will read *Pope Joan* by Donna Cross. The Barrington library will get the book for us 4-5 weeks prior to the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting at Polly Grafton's house. Sally Moore, Coordinator.

### Church Women United

World Community Day is November 2 at 10:45 a.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Barrington. There will be a worship service followed by a luncheon and all are welcome to attend. Pam Anderson, Coordinator.

**BPW Christmas Benefit:  
"Comfort & Joy"**

**Thursday, November 29th at 10:00 AM**

Begin this holiday season on a joyful note; join the Barrington Presbyterian Women as we host our annual Christmas Benefit and Luncheon on Thursday, November 29th at 10:00 a.m. We are delighted to welcome back the Madrigal Singers of Barrington High School, under the direction of Nancie Tobison, performing a selection of sacred and secular holiday music.

For more than 20 years the Barrington Presbyterian women have hosted this annual event, which supports our mission work and promotes fellowship within the church and community. BPW encourages all women to take part in this fun event! With so many ways to get involved, you're sure to find a spot just for you!

Cookies, Cookies, Cookies! We need your cookies! Our Cookie Cottage has become a favorite destination for our guests and volunteers alike. Homemade holiday cookie donations are needed to meet the demand for cookie platters. Please bring 4 dozen (or more) of your favorite Christmas cookies to the church on disposable plates by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27th. For more information contact **Sally Hilgendorf or Susan Raaths**.

Not a baker? Consider donating a gift basket or item for our drawing and silent auction. Items and baskets of all types are welcomed. For ideas, suggestions or more information contact **Betsy Diamond or Laura Semmen**.

Cooking is more fun when it's done with friends. Join us in the kitchen on the following dates as we prepare food items for the big event:

Wednesday, November 7 and Thursday, November 15 at 8:30 a.m. Additional cooks may be needed the week of the event. Contact **Pam Anderson**

Monday, November 12 at 9:30 a.m. – We'll be making Buckeyes - Contact **Sally Hilgendorf**

Volunteering is a great way to meet new people and make new friends, and more hands are always welcome. For more information contact event chairs **Betsy Rubak or Liz Brown**.

Reservations

Cost is \$30.00 Checks are payable to BPW

Child Care \$5.00 per child

Reservations will be taken in Fellowship Hall between services beginning on November 4 or you can mail in your reservation and check to: **Julie Brown**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the ladies with whom you wish to be seated:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If Babysitting is required, please list the names and ages of the children.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

## Deacons

### Congratulations to:

Brad Stanek and Debra Johnson, and Grandparents Byron and Gloria Johnson, on the birth of Joel Byron Stanek, born on October 4, 2007 and

Nancy Bohren upon the birth of granddaughter Lucy Lynn Moon, born October 11 to Nancy's daughter Lissa and husband Matt Moon and brother Willem.

### Condolences to:

The Bosarge family upon the death of John's father on October 13.

### Deacon's Corner, LaVerne Sams

Reference to the first appointed deacons appears in Acts 6:1-7. In the King James version of the Bible

"Seven Deacons are chosen"... is the sub heading under Acts, Chapter 6. When there were not enough apostles to take care of the distribution of food, seven deacons were appointed to do this work so that the apostles could have time to teach and preach. The Greek word for "servant or one who serves" and "deacon" have the same root Diakonos. Therefore, deacon can be synonymous with servant or one who serves.

Although our Presbyterian Church of Barrington deacons do not take care of the distribution of food (however, they often take food to the sick and shut-ins they call upon) they are servants who work together in a cooperative/collaborative manner with the minister and other church organizations to minister to the needs of members of our congregation. In addition, PCB deacons serve in many outreach efforts that help to improve and enhance the quality of life for others while building them up in faith.

After my first meeting with Session and Deacons, I came away with a renewed appreciation and respect for the roles and responsibilities of our deacons. I was in awe as I listened to them report on their activities. These deacons serve unselfishly, utilizing their time,

talents and resources to serve others while enabling the church to meet its goals.

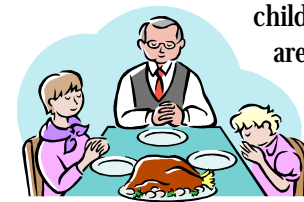
As I accept this position as deacon, I look forward to strengthening my personal spiritual growth and development as I tackle my responsibilities. I would like to thank God, the nominating committee and the church congregation for giving me the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

### Advent Dinner, December 2

The Deacons are planning another wonderful Advent Dinner on Sunday, December 2, 2007 for all the members (and friends) of our church. It is a time for all of us to come together as one family of faith to prepare for the birth of our Lord. There is something special added to the celebration!

The evening will begin in the Sanctuary promptly at 4:00 p.m. with a short performance from our own Children's Choir, followed by the Sing-Along *Messiah* program (activities for children of all ages will be available downstairs). After the concert, around 5:30 p.m., we will join together in Fellowship Hall for our traditional Advent Dinner featuring plenty of ham and many delectable "pot luck" side dishes. There will be food, fun, and fellowship, and an ornament exchange.

You may sign up to attend the Advent Dinner in Fellowship Hall after services in November. The cost for the dinner will be \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children 3-12. Children under 3 are free. The maximum any



family will pay is \$20. Each family attending the dinner is asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament and a

dish to pass in a disposable container to serve 8. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a salad. If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a side dish, hot and ready to serve. If you have any questions about this event, you can call **Diane Svanson or Alan Free**. If you are a family of one or a family of many, we hope you will join us for this wonderful annual event at our church.

## Christian Education

**Class: Hallelujah:  
The Bible and Handel's *Messiah*  
Wednesdays at 7:30**

**October 24, November 7, 14 and 28**

Please join Dr. Baxter and Director of Music, Kirsten Hedegaard in this series of four classes designed to deepen our appreciation of both the text and music of Handel's masterpiece, the *Messiah*, Part I. Here are the only requirements for the class:

- a genuine interest in learning more about the bible
- a desire to appreciate Handel's *Messiah* more deeply
- a commitment to read and study the materials
- a commitment to attend the weekly groups

The series will continue in January with the remaining six classes, which will focus on the latter sections of the *Messiah*.

**Adult Education, Sundays,  
10:15 a.m., in the Parlor**

Presenters: Mari and Lukass Franklin

Title: Japanese Zen Buddhism, A Meditative Gift from the Orient to the Occident

Session 1 on November 4: An Overview of Buddhism in the World.

Session 2 on November 11: Japanese Buddhism and Art.

Session 3 on November 18: Zen Buddhism in America.

In session 1 we will examine where Buddhism came from and its path through geography and history up to World War II. We will briefly discuss the basic tenets of Buddhism in comparison with Christianity, and explain the importance of Shinto and Confucianism to the Japanese Buddhist. A bibliography and background materials will be distributed during this first session. In session 2 we will delve deeper into the details of Japanese Zen Buddhism and explore its influences on Japanese life, especially in the area of art, music, and architecture. Mari and Lukass will share pictures and

artifacts from their travels to Japan's sacred places. In session 3 we will explore the most recent history of Zen Buddhism: the expansion to America. We will discuss the influences of Zen Buddhism on contemporary American culture and share stories, pictures, and lessons learned from our bi-annual experience of celebrating the Obon festival at a Zen Buddhist monastery deep in New York's Catskill Mountains. We will conclude with a brief synopsis of the Zen Buddhist practices that can inform our Christian practice and show where the Zen Buddhist and Christian goals for these practices diverge.

**Presbytery Sr. High Retreat  
Covenant Harbor Retreat Center  
Lake Geneva, WI  
November 9-11**

This annual event brings together approximately 150 youth from the surrounding Chigaoland area. Through large group presentations, small group discussions and Saturday workshops, the youth explore issues of faith that relate to their everyday lives. The multicultural make-up gives the youth a wide range of perspectives on what it means to live as a Christian in today's world. There is time built in for relaxation and time to enjoy the wonderful surroundings. There is an annual talent show followed by a dance. Watch your mail for a detailed brochure. Questions? Contact **Melissa, 847-381-0975** via phone, email or in person.



**2nd and 3rd Grade Parent/Child  
Class—The Lord's Prayer**

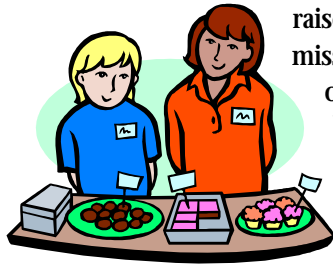
**Sunday, November 18, 5-7pm**

Join us as we begin to explore the Lord's Prayer and the place it has in our everyday lives. We will gather around the dinner table as we learn phrase by phrase the meaning of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. We will study the prayer using games, music, a mission project and an art project. We will work in large groups at times and at times it will be just a parent to child interaction. Call the church office to sign up as soon as possible.

Questions? Contact Melissa at the church office

## Holiday Bake Sale Fundraiser

The Youth will be having a November bake sale to raise funds for their 2008 mission trip. They will be offering breads, bars and brownies. Orders will be taken after both services on November 4 and 11, with **pick up scheduled for after**



**services on November 18th** just in time for the Thanksgiving weekend. Let us take some of the baking burden from you, freeing you to spend time with friends and family. Consider the youth bake sale for your hostess needs from hosting guests to a hostess gift.

## 7th & 8th Grade Fellowship November 18 Noon – 2pm Countryside Gym

Join us as we enjoy the gymnasium at Countryside School—just down the hill. We will play basketball, use their soccer equipment and have a ton of fun. There is no cost and friends are welcome. We will meet at the school and then walk back to the church for pizza and soda. Call the church office to sign up!

## Casting Call For the 5:00p.m.

### Christmas Eve Service



At the 5:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve, we will be offering the children of the church an opportunity to participate in the leadership of worship. We will be forming tableaux of the story of the

birth of Christ with the younger children, while older children will provide the narration. Children must be Kindergarten or older to participate. Please contact Melissa if your children are interested in participating.

## Psalms of Thanksgiving

The 9 - 12th grade class recently completed a lesson on God's mercy and faithfulness by exploring Luke 17: 11 - 19. We'd like to share with you our Psalms of Thanksgiving.



I want to give thanks to my parents through my actions.

I want to give thanks for my family and friends.

I want to give thanks for my birthday in three days.

I want to give thanks for eating dinner tonight.

I want to give thanks for my privileged lifestyle.

These are some of the awesome things in the world and in my own life: friends, church, family, sports, food.

These are some of the awesome things in the world and in my own life: friends, food, water, shelter.

I want to make a joyful noise for five days off school.

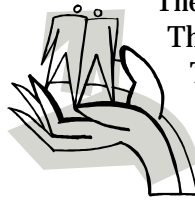
I want to make a joyful noise about the love of my friends and family.

I want to make a joyful noise about the many blessings I have.

## Fellowship

### Kitchen Kabinet

The November luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13 at noon, at The Garlands. Please call Bob Johnson if you will attend. And Plan Ahead – the Christmas Guest Day will be Thursday, December 13, starting at 11:30 a.m. at Biltmore Country Club. Watch your mail for the reservation form and menu.



### Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group meets the third Thursday of the month for dinner and discussion. The topic is chosen by the host. Tom Long is the coordinator.

## Music

### Music for November

November 4	Anthem: Cantic: For All the Saints Douglass Wagner Offertory: Pie Jesu Andrew Lloyd Weber Communion: Create in Me a Clean Heart arr. Healey Willan
November 11	Anthem: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place John Leavitt Offertory: TBD
November 18	Anthem: O Be Joyful in the Lord William Mathias Offertory: Sing to the Lord of Harvest Jane Marshall Children's Choir
November 25	Jennifer Nadig, soloist
November 29	Messiah Sing-Along "Rehearsal"

In preparation for the Messiah Sing-Along on December 2, Kirsten Hedegaard, Director of Music, will lead a practice sing-through of the Messiah choruses at 7:00 on Thursday, November 29 in the Sanctuary. Please bring a score if you have one, or, if not, you may borrow or purchase one at the rehearsal. All are welcome!

### Calling All Christmas Eve Singers!

If you would like to join the choir for Advent and/or Christmas Eve, please contact Kirsten Hedegaard. Singing is a great way to celebrate the season and the choir would really appreciate your participation. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:30.

## Parish Life

### Chancel Guild Holiday Decorations



As the holidays approach, the Chancel Guild invites you to help sponsor the church's beautiful Christmas decorations.

If you would like to donate to our Christmas fund, please fill out this form and send it with your check to the church office by December 13. Make the check payable to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, memo "Christmas decorations".

Name of donor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Amount of donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dedication for the Christmas Eve Bulletin

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## Membership

On November 18 we will receive new members into our congregation. We will have a new member social that evening at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Linda Neton. There will be fellowship and a chance to informally meet other church members. If you desire membership please contact the church office or **Linda Neton**.

## Church Administration

### STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our 2008 Stewardship campaign "Have You Heard the Good News?" is off to a great start! Check out the campaign's progress each Sunday in Fellowship Hall as we have our "pledge thermometer" displayed! We also have similarly updated information on the Stewardship page of our website at [www.pcbarrington.org](http://www.pcbarrington.org). The site also allows you to pledge online in a secure manner. If you've misplaced your pledge card and prefer to mail one in, more cards are available in Fellowship Hall or the Church Office.

Thank you to all who have pledged already, and to those of you planning to do this soon! We are enthusiastic that our members and friends will step up to the plate to help our church have the financial support necessary to continue time-tested programs

and new initiatives that fulfill the vision of our congregation.

### Financial Report

For the months ended September 30, 2007

	Actual	Budget	Annual
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$ 356766	\$350,500	\$509,632
Prepaid pledges	80,400	80,400	107,250
Open Plate	21,216	29,300	40,000
Misc. Receipts	4,702	8,700	10,000
Holiday giving	3,016	5,000	10,000
Est Shortfall			<u>38,092</u>
	<u>\$466,100</u>	<u>\$473,900</u>	<u>\$714,974</u>

## Worship Schedule

- Nov. 4** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*Who Is A Saint?*  
Readings: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18; Psalm 149; Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31.
- Nov. 11** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*A Divine Shareholder*  
Readings: Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5; 13-17; Luke 20:27-38.
- Nov. 18** Dr. Baxter Preaching ..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
*Developing A Spirit of Thanksgiving*  
Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:10-20; John 6:25-35.
- Nov. 25** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 9:00 a.m.  
*Christ the King*  
Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43.

**Deadline for the December Carillon is Noon November 15.**  
Be sure to get your submissions in on time to ensure publication.  
Please e-mail or leave written submissions in the church office. If you have questions, please contact **Bonnie Kalaway** or **Kim Keper** at the church office.



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