

# Carillon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON  
A welcoming, caring family of faith

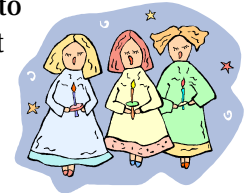
## November 2008

### Here We Come A-Caroling - BPW Christmas Benefit

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**T**he melodies of the season start with “Here We Come A-Caroling” for our annual BPW Christmas Benefit and Luncheon, to be held on Thursday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. Let the musical performance of the Barrington High School Madrigals, under the direction Nanci Tobison, begin your holiday season on a joyous note.



Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you would like to get involved, we have a spot for you. Please contact **Emily Dowell** or **Anne Garrette**.

If possible, please bake four dozen or more of your favorite treats and drop them off at the church on Monday, December 1 by 4:00 p.m. **Sally Hilgendorf**, and **Susan Raaths** are co-chairs of the bake sale.

Gift baskets and individual items of all types are needed and welcomed for the drawing and silent auction. If you have an item you wish to donate, please contact **Betsy Diamond** or **Laura Semmen**.

Join us in the kitchen to cook for this event on Nov. 18 and 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. both days. Also, help us make Buckeyes on Nov. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Cost is \$30.00 Checks are payable to BPW. Child Care \$5.00 per child. 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 Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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.*

**The deadline for the Carillon is the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please email your article to Bonnie and Kim**

**Thanks For Your Help:** Jack and Jinny Train and Sally Kilham 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,

Am I the only one who feels this way or has this been the shortest autumn on record? Each year the distance between Labor Day and Thanksgiving appears to get shorter. We hardly celebrate the Fourth of July before the card stores are filling their shelves with Halloween greetings. And the day after Halloween, the Thanksgiving cards are pushing up from the card rack like mushrooms in the forest.

Before we lose the marking of Thanksgiving altogether, I would like to pause in this season and underscore the fact that giving thanks is inherent to our faith. The Greek word for thanksgiving is "Eucharisto," the modern equivalent of the ancient word for the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist. For Christians the act of giving thanks is intertwined with the understated and yet inescapable acknowledgment that God is present in every act of kindness, every deed of mercy, every healing encounter, and every time that bread is broken and wine is poured.

Before this fall of economic panic, Americans took a lot of the gifts of our life for granted because we believed that we would always be relatively well-off, well-fed, and well-protected. In spite of the economic down turn which has captured our hearts and imaginations, most of us still have relative abundance in comparison to the poverty that so many in the world know. Even in this critical moment, we still tend to behave like the child who has everything and is thankful for almost nothing. But I would remind us all that the child who has nothing is thankful for everything.

It is only when we become aware that without God's generous giving we would have nothing that we can begin to give thanks for everything that really counts in our lives: health, friends, food, our five senses, our family, the gifts that we often mistake as our entitlement or the result of our earning.

It is only when we remember that all that we have that counts is a gift from the generous God who delights in giving us every good gift, that we see how full and blessed our lives are. In the midst of our fear, panic and rushing about this fall, we can discover God's presence and respond with a heartfelt Eucharisto.

Pax,

**Curt Baxter**

## Mission

### Christopher House Family-To-Family Holiday Project

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 9th to December 14th. Gifts will be due Friday, December 19th at the

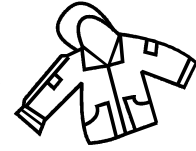
church garage. Your responsibility will be to purchase an individual gift for each family member plus a food gift card for their Christmas dinner. The estimated cost is \$35-\$45 for each family member adopted. If you do not wish to shop, you may write a check payable to Christopher House with "Family-to-Family" 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 heart. Thank you. Coordinators, **Sally Hilgendorf, & Karen Stout.**

### Barrington Giving Day

Each December Barrington Giving Day invites needy families, and individuals residing in Barrington 220 School District to a Giving Day. Families receive food, warm coats, books, blankets, and gifts. Members of Barrington churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations have always been generous in their support of this day. Giving Day 2007 helped 701 families. The number of children helped was over 2,000. These children live in our school district. They are our friends and neighbors. Each year the need is greater. Once again, we ask for your assistance in helping these families.

Needed are: Winter Coats, New Winter Coats, New and Gently used Toys, and Books for children and teens, in Spanish and English.

A box for donations will be in our office entry hall from Wednesday, November 26th through Wednesday, December 10th.



Financial gifts are urgently needed and are used to purchase food, grocery food certificates, children's coats, blankets, and hygiene products. 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.

Barrington Giving Day Organizational Committee  
**Pat Karon or Jeanette Muench.**

### Christopher House Christmas Bazaar

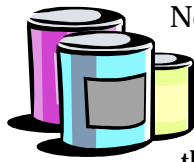
Each year the clients of Christopher House look forward to the Christmas Bazaar when they can purchase gifts for their loved ones at a low cost. This event is made possible by the donations of new or nearly new toys, household gift items, books, jewelry and toiletries by generous church members. If you would like to contribute to this year's Bazaar, please bring your donations to the church by December 2; label them "Christopher House Bazaar". **Bazaar Set up is on Thursday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>; the sale is on Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** 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.**



## Mission (continued)

### Fall Food Drive

The Fall Food Drive is under way. Food bags will be distributed to FISH and to Christopher House on November 24. Food bags were mailed out in late October (also, you may pick up a bag at church on November 9 and 16.) Please fill the bag and return it to the church on or before November 23. 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.



### Gear Up/Christopher House



Would you like to help one of our scholarship students or another young person in the Gear

Up/Christopher House program have a Merry Christmas? One of the past years’ favorite presents was a gift certificate from the Gap or Old Navy. They have always had a wonderful time shopping and getting something much needed as well. Most gift cards average about \$25.00, but any amount is appreciated by them. Please drop your gift cards in the Gear-Up basket in the church office and help these young people have a wonderful Christmas this year. For more information, call **Joyce Simpson** at.

### Save The Date

The Celebration of Faith Gala will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at Biltmore Country Club. Invitations will be mailed this month.

### St. Greg’s Golf Outing

The 20th Annual Golf Outing to provide scholarships to the students attending St. Greg’s High School was a great success. With 28 foursomes attacking the Makray Memorial Golf Club, it was our largest outing in several years. The winning foursome this year was Jim Ledinsky, Byron Johnson, Rich Peterson and Bruce Crowther. The individual prizes went to Jim Ledinsky (longest drive), Jack Ellis (straightest drive) and Stu Porter (closest to the pin). The students came out while we were playing golf and were treated to driving and putting lessons from “Tiger” Dan Paxton. Our thanks to all those who played golf, as well as the more than two dozen families who contributed to the fund this year. We have collected over \$42,000 for the scholarship fund so far this year.

### Thanksgiving Baskets

On Monday, November 24 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**.



### Home of the Sparrow Needs 2009 Calendars



If you don’t know what to do with all the extra 2009 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.

## From Nancy Dolan

### My Seminary Journey – Reflections on Year Two

For those of you attempting to keep track, you may be as surprised as I am to know that this is now my third year in seminary. As with so much of life, in retrospect the time seems to have flown, yet in the trenches of day to day it often feels like I will be writing papers for the rest of my life! All in all, this continues to be an amazing, transformative and challenging experience. Summarizing the journey gets more difficult each year but I have been so moved by all of your kind inquiries and sincere interest about my progress that I will do my best to provide the highlights. If this synopsis leaves you wanting more, let's "do" coffee!!

As I persevere in seminary, which is turning out to be one of the most significant tests of my faith so far, it becomes clearer and clearer what a slow study I am as a disciple of Christ. God repeatedly reminds me who is in charge and I continue to be surprised that it is not me! My second year was not at all the year I had expected but the hand of God led me to experiences far beyond anything I could have planned for myself. I continued my required course work, but at a slower pace, and the rest of my time was filled with unexpected and exciting opportunities to apply what I have been learning. The highlight of the year was my concentration on conflict in the church. After one semester of academic work in this field, I was offered an opportunity for independent study to deepen my expertise. Working with people through conflict is something that is near and dear to my heart. I tend to approach conflict as an opportunity for growth and transformation. This independent study allowed me to examine that bias from a theological perspective and apply that heightened understanding in church situations. What fun it was to combine my developing theological insight with my corporate experience to conduct training sessions on conflict, co-teach a practicum at McCormick Theological Seminary on

conflict transformation and facilitate new initiates within the Presbytery of Chicago. This practical work along with my required courses made for a year rich with challenge and reward.

As you might expect, all of these great experiences were woven among more routine frustrations, anxiety and doubt. The commute continues to be a major challenge. Juggling family and graduate work is, well, all of you working parents know what that looks like. The intense studying is a mixed blessing. School is so much more fulfilling the second time around but, wow, how many times do I have to study these Hebrew grammar rules before they stick in my brain?!?! And doubt, still the doubt. I continue to ask myself if I am doing the right thing, am I listening to God's voice above the noise of the day, and can I really do this? However, through all questions, God continues to guide me and pave the way. God has been fully present to restore me, build me up and push me forward...if only I could be more faithful in paying attention! But such is the life of faith. Facing challenge and relying on our Creator, assured that God will never forsake us, and resisting our inner, doubting voice.

Now as I sit buried in Hebrew flashcards, chomping at the bit to get into the Word and read it in the language of its authors, I continue to be overwhelmed with your encouragement, love and support. You sustain me in this journey. Thank you. I pray that this finds you growing in your own faith as well, through the challenges and joys of your life. May we all be attentive to God's voice above the noise, and then share our amazement at the wonderful things that come our way. Shalom.

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### A Note from your APNC

There has been a lot of exciting candidate activity. We have conducted numerous phone interviews, reference checks as well as extensive face to face interviews for our new Associate Pastor role. It has been a pleasure getting to know some very wonderful, talented, blessed people. Working closely with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, we continue to review PIFs (Personal Information Forms), interview candidates and prayerfully discern selecting a candidate who best reflects the PCB's Associate Pastor role. Our denomination describes the job of a pastor nominating committee as "listening for God." We keep that description in the forefront of our minds by reflecting on scripture and praying together and we ask that you continue to pray for us.

## Stephen Ministry



The Stephen Leader Team wants to be sure that you understand the opportunity that we are offering you - to become a Stephen Minister

in our new Training Class that will begin in January of 2009!! It is important for us to add Stephen Ministers on an annual basis for several reasons. The need for one-on-one confidential Christian care does not go away. Life is a precious gift, but everyone has times when the challenges seem overwhelming and we could use a compassionate friend to talk with privately. Stephen Ministers commit to serve for 2 years, and we have to be prepared to replace those Stephen Ministers that request to take a leave or retire. We have found that we need to keep our active Stephen Ministry team at about 18 people to meet the needs of our congregation and the friends of our congregation. The Stephen Leaders are committed to doing outreach with our Stephen Ministry program by aligning with a community organization that would benefit from having our trained Stephen Ministers working with them. This has been done by other Stephen Ministry congregations and it has not only benefited the organization, but it has grown the church membership as well.

"I feel blessed that God called me to this ministry. The training is tremendous and the listening skills we develop through the program are remarkable.

Stephen Ministry is a remarkable program with benefits to the Care Receiver and each and every Stephen Minister. We hope that some of you reading this message are considering becoming a trained Stephen Minister and using your skills to help those struggling with real life issues. In a recent survey, our Stephen Ministers were asked to share thoughts on what Stephen Ministry means to them. Here are a few of their answers:

"I feel blessed that God called me to this ministry. The training is tremendous and the listening skills we develop through the program are remarkable. My care receivers have enriched my life, and I have felt God's hand at work in all of my Stephen Ministry relationships. I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve God and my church through this ministry. The longer I'm a Stephen Minister, the more I appreciate the Supervision Group system. In a way that preserves confidentiality, the group affirms, gives suggestions and supports the Stephen Minister as well as prays for the Stephen Minister and the Care Receiver. It is a

beautiful thing! Stephen Ministry has opened my eyes to have a better understanding of the amazing resilience people are able to attain with Christ's help. Even when people are very different, we can meet at a truly spiritual level and a place of compassion.

With God, all things are possible and we get to see His miracles every day. I feel so much closer to God in doing this very rewarding work. If you choose to become a Stephen Minister, your life will be forever transformed. Since being a Stephen Minister I've become more aware of the need that exists. You know that life is a struggle for everyone of us, but when you focus on wanting to help others, suddenly you see just how many souls suffer alone, and how vital this ministry can be. And it changes you. We are not alone. It has been truly a joy to have the privilege of serving God in this ministry.

To be able to watch as He works in people's lives during crisis situations is a special blessing. This is a ministry that through training and wonderful on-going support, allows me to grow both spiritually and

emotionally sound in my own life journey. The Stephen Ministry Training has strengthened me spiritually. I feel closer to God and His work in my

caring relationship. It is a wonderful feeling to know that God is using me to help others.

I use my Stephen Ministry skills now in helping my family and others I encounter who are in need of help - and it also helps me to help myself when I am struggling with issues. I have learned to pray openly and with others aloud! God has answered so many prayers that I wish I would have started talking to Him earlier! When I think about my being a Stephen Minister, having completed the training and being part of a Supervision Group for 8 months now, my thoughts are of the warm, caring, fun people I've grown to know as we minister together; the incredible learning experience this has been in growing my faith as I am learning how to better serve as a caregiver; the opportunities we continually have for growth through study sessions that support and even better prepare us for this ministry; and for all I've learned about being able to share my caring with another who is in need of the Lord's help while asking for His guidance for us both.

Finally, last fall, the time was right for me to join the Stephen Ministry class - it has already been a gift to me like no other and I haven't even had a Care Receiver yet!"

Call **Anna Armstrong** for information on joining the January 2009 class.

## Barrington Presbyterian Women

### November 6 Meeting

Come for coffee at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. We'll finalize plans for our fabulous Christmas Bazaar.



### Morning Bible Study

We will meet on the **Second Wednesday** this year. Come on **November 12**, for coffee at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study starts at 10:00. Led by Dr. Baxter, we will be studying the book of Luke this year, using the Horizon Bible Study *Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor*. **Emily Dowell**, Coordinator.

### G.T.I.F.

Growing Together In Faith is an evening Bible Study for all women of the congregation. We meet on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the home of a member. All women of the congregation are invited to come on **November 18**. Contact **Jill Minner** for more information.

### Women With Aging Parents

This support group for women whose parents are aging meets on the second Friday of the month. We will meet on Friday, November 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Coordinator, **Marge Slocum**.

### Book Club

Our next meeting will be held on **November 20**, at the home of Linda Neton. The book to be discussed is *The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant. The Barrington Library will have copies of the book a few weeks before we meet. Please ask for the book at the Adult Services Reference Desk. **Sally Moore**.

### BPW Poinsettia Sale

Decorate your home, give them as gifts, and help us to help others by ordering your poinsettias through BPW. Proceeds from the sale go to various BPW Mission projects. Orders will be taken on Sundays beginning November 9, or watch your November bulletins for more details. Pickup will be Saturday, December 6. For more information call **Phyllis Buchta**.



### 2009 BPW Women's Retreat!



Having trouble finding the perfect gift for the most important woman in your life? What about some time with God? Think about it. Mom does everything for us.

She is scheduler, taxi driver, cook, buyer, first responder in our emergencies... you name it. Whether she's doing it now, has done it in the past, or will do it in the future, she's one in a million. What in the world can we get her for Christmas?

Consider giving mom three gifts in one: 1- time off from her 'mom' duties; 2- a weekend to experience the fellowship of fabulous church women; and 3- a time to connect with God.

This year our retreat theme is **MISSION POSSIBLE: Balancing Your Life** - Discover how to live your life, rather than letting it live you. We will be led by Rev. Dr. Christine Vogel of McCormick Theological Seminary at St. Benedict's Abbey in Benet, Wisconsin (just over the border from Antioch) from Friday evening March 13th through Sunday morning March 15th. Co-chairs: **Rachelle Watkins, Mari Franklin Marge Slocum**.

## Deacons

### Congratulations to:

Lisa and Steven **Olszewski** and Justen, Tyler and Kaitlin, upon the birth of daughter, Reagan Letson Olszewski, on August 28.

Mary and Chuck **Dale**, and Lily and Charles, upon the birth of son, Cooper James Dale, on September 7, 2008.

Erin and Neil **Gunsteen**, upon the birth of Maggie Mabel Gunsteen, on September 29, 2008.

Nicole and Russell **Baker**, upon the birth of Josephine Leigh Baker, on October 1, 2008.

### Condolences to:

Lucky **Somers** and family upon the death of Peggy Somers on September 17th. Services were held here on Saturday, October 11th.

The **Carder** family upon the death of Gary Carder's father, Oscar, on September 14th.

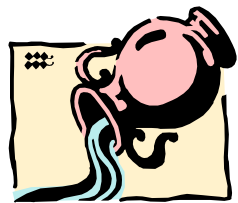
Polly and Tom **Grafton** and family; Polly's mother died on September 14th in Canton, Ohio. Services were held there.

Debbie **Brinson** and family upon the death of Roy Brinson on October 7.

Roy **Verner** and family upon the death of Diane Verner on October 12th.

### Deacon's Corner, Jackie Clarke

I have been a member of this church for several years and have found this congregation to be kind and welcoming to all. Since joining the church, I've been an active member of BPW which has allowed me to make many lasting friendships. When I was asked to be a Deacon I was truly honored. I knew little about the position and its duties. I accepted this role and the responsibilities to the church with pride. I immediately thought of this as a chance to explore my faith and my relationship with God.



My time as a Deacon has been spent getting to know new people. As a Deacon, I extend the church's thoughts and prayers to members in times of grief and

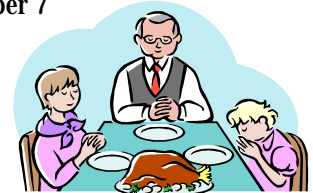
celebration. After Sunday services, we deliver flowers to members of the congregation who are unable to attend services. We also provide flowers to families with new babies. It has been a pleasure working for the church and providing joy to fellow church members.

This experience has been most rewarding. It has given me an opportunity to help others. I am thankful to have been chosen as a Deacon. I've enjoyed my two years of service and look forward to another fulfilling year.

### Advent Dinner

The Deacons are planning another wonderful Advent Dinner on Sunday, December 7

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. We are pleased to announce an expanded celebration this year.

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 evening 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 **Anneke Chamy**. 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

### Adult Education, Sundays at 11:15 AM

Adult education is taking another look at Buddhism in November. Join us as Mari and Lukass Franklin lead four sessions that explore Buddhist practices and teachings as part of our journey of faith together at the PCB. Adult education classes meet in the parlor.

On **November 2nd**, we celebrate All Saint's Day by taking a look at our practice of All Saint's Day alongside the Zen Buddhist summer celebration of Obon. Both celebrations provide a way for us to remember and give thanks for loved ones who have passed on. What do the practices tell us about universal human experiences? How do these practices enrich our faith?

On **November 9th**, we examine the history of Buddhist influences on Christianity. When have Buddhism and Christianity come in contact with each other? What kind of conflicts have arisen? How has the contact given Buddhists the opportunity to become better Buddhists, and Christians the opportunity to be better Christians?

On **November 16th**, we explore the role of silence in strengthening community. Zen Buddhism has an especially rich tradition of silence forming the core of community linkages. Christian practices of silence have ancient roots, only recently becoming more "mainstream." How can we practice silence to strengthen our community of faith?

On **November 23rd**, we consider love. Does (Christian love) = (Buddhist love)?

## Fellowship

### Kitchen Cabinet

Please note the change of day and place for the Kitchen Cabinet meeting this month. We will meet on **Wednesday, November 12** at **Biltmore Country Club** for lunch and a presentation by Admiral Jack Mumaw. November 11th is Veterans' Day, Biltmore is closed that day and the parking at the Garlands is still a problem. This also allows our Rotarians to attend. For headcount please call **Bob Johnson**.

### Men's Fellowship Group

The November meeting of the Men's Club will occur at 6:30 PM on November 20, 2008. A volunteer is needed to host the meeting. If you can host or if you wish to attend, please contact **Tom Long**. Dinner, discussion of a topic to be chosen by the host and good conversation are the order of the evening.

### Gingerbread House Construction Party



November 29th at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship hall. Cost per person is \$35.00 Contact **Suzanne Miller** for reservations

### Bringing in the Christmas Trees

A few strong men are needed to help put up the Sanctuary Christmas trees. If you are able to volunteer on November 30 after the 10 AM service, please contact **Susan Raaths**.



## Music

### November 2

Anthem: Humble Service Larry Fleming  
 Offertory: How Great Thou Art arr. Michael Helman  
 Bell Choir  
 Communion: Let Us Break Bread Together  
 William Hall

### November 9

Anthem: Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning  
 Patsy Ford Simms  
 Offertory: Battle Hymn of the Republic  
 Peter Wilhousky

### November 16

Anthem: At the Name of Jesus  
 Vaughn Williams  
 Offertory: O Lord Increase My Faith  
 Orlando Gibbons

### November 23

Anthem: I Will Give Thanks Giacomo Rossini  
 Offertory: Thanksgiving Offering Bob Wayne



### Just around the corner...

3rd Annual Messiah "Sing-Along"  
 December 7 at 4:00 P.M.



Join us for the 3rd annual Messiah Sing-Along performed by professional soloists and orchestra, with additional holiday music by our own PCB choirs. Come to sing, listen, or to do a little of both. Please bring a score if you have

one, or you may purchase one at the door. Donations will benefit Home of the Sparrow

Following the concert you are invited to stay for the annual Advent dinner. (See the Deacon's page for more information on the Advent Dinner.)

### Vespers Musician: November 8 and 22

Josh Moshier is a pianist and composer living in Evanston, IL. In June 2008 he graduated from the Northwestern University School of Music, where he has studied composition, jazz performance, and digital media. He has performed in the Chicago area with many great jazz musicians including Doug Stone, James Davis, John Wojciechowski, Jeff Campbell and Clay Jenkins. His music has been performed by the Joel Spencer Quartet, Dick Oatts with the Northwestern Jazz Ensemble, and by members of Chuck Owen & the Jazz Surge at the International Jazz Composers Symposium. Josh leads a band in Chicago called The Moshier-Lebrun Collective with saxophonist Mike Lebrun, and he has recently assembled an 11-piece band called One Louder. Josh is also active writing music for visual media, scoring several projects by filmmakers in the Chicago area.



**Church Administration**

**Financial Report**

Financial Report for the Presbyterian Church of Barrington, For the 9 months ended September 30, 2008

	Actual	Budget	Annual
	YTD	YTD	Budget
Pledges	\$315,555	\$332,500	\$475,262
Prepaid pledges	84,861	84,861	113,150
Open Plate	23,079	22,250	30,000
Misc Receipts	3,947	5,700	6,200
Holiday giving	2,047	3,000	6,000
Extra campaign	43,250	46,000	50,000
Add'l need			38,069
	<u>\$472,739</u>	<u>\$494,311</u>	<u>\$718,681</u>

The church's financial results through the 3rd quarter indicate that we are nearly \$17,000 behind in our pledges. Though that is only 5% of what we had budgeted for, it is over and above the \$38,069 we had already projected as a shortfall this year. We are doing all we can to cut back on spending, and we continue to try other fundraising activities to help us meet the costs of our vision for the church.

As year end approaches and you consider your gifts for the 2008 and 2009, please prayerfully reflect on our current Stewardship theme of "Share What You Have". For more information, please refer to the Stewardship packet that was mailed to your home (and also available on our website), and the updated statement you should have received in late October, that summarizes your giving for 2008 so far.

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16*

## Worship Schedule

- Nov. 2** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....10:00 a.m.  
*God's Light, Shining Through?*  
Readings: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22;  
1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12;
- Nov. 8** Vespers .....6:00 p.m.  
Mr. Spike Preaching  
*Surprised by Hope*  
Psalm 116; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.
- Nov. 9** Mr. Spike Preaching.....10:00 a.m.  
*Get Ready for God*  
Readings: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 27;  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.
- Nov. 16** Rev. Dr. Virginia Smith Preaching 10:00 a.m.
- Nov. 22** Vespers .....6:00 p.m.  
Dr. Baxter Preaching  
*A Risky Investment*  
Readings: Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians  
5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30.
- Nov. 23** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....10:00 a.m.  
*Thanksgiving is a way of life*  
Readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 100;  
2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19.
- Nov. 30** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....10:00 a.m.  
*Keeping Watch Together*  
Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.



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