

Carillon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON
A welcoming, caring family of faith

October 2007

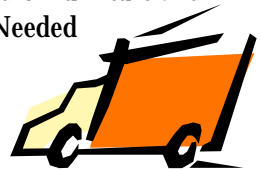
Lend-A-Hand Mission Trip October 2007 – New Orleans

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The Lend-a-Hand Mission Team will be going to New Orleans on October 13th, returning on October 20th to continue our assistance of the special mission work Dr. Cliff Nunn and the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans are providing to their friends and neighbors.

Our Katrina-Kare-a-Van Team will be taking another load of furniture and household goods down just prior to the team's arrival. Needed are beds, dressers, sofas and chairs, small tables, lamps, kitchen ware, dining tables and chairs. We have specific needs for bunk beds. To schedule a pick up, please contact Barrie Heath.



We have over 20 participants committed to put forth their time/talent/treasures for the October trip. While Robert and Cheryl have moved back into their homes, there is still a continued need to provide financial support to finish off the heating, air conditioning and plumbing installations in Yolanda, Ethel and Royden's home.



Financial support is greatly appreciated. Funds are needed for the construction and installation projects as well as transportation costs for the Kare-A-Van. You may send donations to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, memo Lend-A-Hand Mission or Katrina-Care-A-Van, 6 Brinker Road, Barrington Hills IL 60010.

**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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Tension is both bad news and good news.

The bad news about tension is obvious. Bad tension has a direct correlation to the inordinate amount of stress we inflict on ourselves because we live in a culture that causes us to chase after more stuff even though we already have enough. Tension is the result of making a living but not a life. Tension robs us of the rest we need while we manically pursue the mythical notion that we will "get ahead," which we won't.

Dr. William Sloane Coffin pointed us to the creation account in the Book of Genesis. He gently reminded us that God made many things including light, darkness, humans and animals. And after each creation God called the results of the creative work "good." Then God rested on the Seventh Day and called that day

Holy. If on the seventh day God needed to rest, then so do we. Our sputtering hearts, our reeling heads, our dragging feet, from time to time all need to receive anew a sense of well being. It's dangerous theology to think you can improve on God. As a matter of fact, there is something prideful about our reluctance to rest more often.

What's even worse is that American productivity is no greater than those countries (France and Germany) that take off double the time that we do. That's a fancy way of saying: our self-inflicted stress/tension is not getting us anywhere.

Then there is the good news about tension. I played the violin long enough to know that when you tighten the strings too tight, they break (as do humans experiencing too much tension in their lives.) But if you leave them loose, you can't make music. What we need to find is the right amount of tension to make music in this hyperactive entertainment-obsessed culture.

E. B. White, the poet, described the divine tension that we seek: "I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day." Jesus argued and demonstrated a balance between the two. I think it was Dietrich Bonhoeffer who said, "To accept the world as it is without surrendering to it—that's what it means to be free." We must work constantly to minimize the self-inflicted tension that breaks us and willingly choose that "right amount" of tension that makes music.

We are never done with this work. It is the balance that we seek each week in worship when we put aside the tension and weight of the world for a moment in order to listen to the voice of God. He is calling us to real life found in the least expected places.

Peace

Curt Baxter

Mission

Christopher House

"Adopt-A-Family" Mission Project

Mark Your Calendars. On Sunday November 11, the sign-up will begin for Christopher House "Adopt-A-Family" Mission Project. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your joy of Christmas with less fortunate families. Last year our church members adopted 75 families. Let's reach this goal again this year. Additional information will be available in the November Carillon. Thank you for planning ahead and we will be looking forward to seeing you at the sign-up table on November 11.

Sally Hilgendorf and Karen Stout.

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, Sunday, October 14

The 25th anniversary Barrington area CROP hunger walk begins and ends at Barrington Middle School Station Campus. Registration 12:30 p.m., Step-off 1 p.m.

When you watch the news of people struck with disaster and wish you could help, CROP Walkers and their sponsors can feel the satisfaction of being there. They have helped. Last year we raised over \$68,000. Of that, over \$17,000 was given to seven local food agencies: Northern Illinois Food Bank, St. Anne's Project Hope, Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry, Barrington Meals With Wheels, PIN project of the Barrington Ministerial Association, Barrington Giving Day and FISH Food Pantry-Carpentersville. Church World Service-CROP has been there in your name and with your monies during times of disaster in the U.S. and around the world. CROP also works quietly helping people help themselves to eliminate hunger through education and improved skills in food production. So, how can you help?

- Walk: Pick up an envelope in Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning, get sponsors and walk either the 10 kilometers or the Golden Mile.

- Sponsor a Walker: In addition to all of the other walkers, our pastors will appreciate having you sponsor them. There are pledge sheets for them on the CROP WALK bulletin board.
- Cook: Make chili for ten or two dozen cookies for after-Walk feasting and fellowship. Sign up on the CROP bulletin board.

Questions? Call **Barbara Schwartz** visit <http://barringtoncropwalk.freehostia.com/>

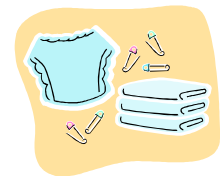
Squash, Beans, Potatoes, Oh My!



It's harvest time and there's a great opportunity to share your autumn bounty. Our Loaves and Fishes ministry will take your excess produce to our local food pantry in Carpentersville. What a treat it would be for clients to find your fresh, homegrown, vegetables among all the canned goods and cereal! Thanks for your continued generosity.

Attention Shoppers!

The Fall Food Drive is coming up in November. When you find great sales, or can "buy one and get one free", plan ahead and stock up. In the meantime, we can still fill the weekly "Loaves and Fishes" baskets. The FISH Food Pantry in Carpentersville, where all the weekly donations are taken, is in short supply of canned and packaged food items as well as toiletries. In particular, **they need diapers (all sizes), deodorant, toothpaste, hand soap and toilet paper.** The next time you are at COSTCO or Sam's Club, please stop by the toiletry area and buy one of these items in bulk (FISH breaks them down to individual pieces). Be the first one in your neighborhood to start a rumor by buying diapers by the box full! (It should be noted that a family serviced by FISH currently only receives six diapers per week. We could really change that.) If you cannot bring your bulk items to Church, please call **Gerry Nadig** to arrange for a pick-up at your home. Thank you all.



Condolences to:

Cora Esche whose brother, Jim Van Henkelum, died
Wednesday evening, September 12, after an extended illness.

ChristCare

Caring Hearts – Faithful Servants

What ChristCare Means to Me by Debbie Brinson

I've been in a ChristCare group since February '06 and have loved every minute. I didn't know what to expect and was a little apprehensive in the beginning but after meeting the other members, I found I had more in common with them than I thought I would.

At every meeting we talk about what is new in each other's lives and enjoy refreshments that have been brought by one of us, along with figuring out what type of help Christ would want us to do for others. At each meeting we have a set agenda, provided by the leader, but if he feels the group is going in another direction, he tends to "shelve it" for the next time and we have an unscheduled talk about whatever is paramount to one or all.

All the meetings are centered on Christ and his teachings, hence we have prayers and worship at the beginning and end of each meeting along with a Bible quote that we "investigate" and see what it means in our lives.

At the moment we're concentrating on New Orleans by amassing, repairing and sending down furniture to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. During the year



many of us have volunteered at PADS (a homeless shelter) in Palatine, and helped pack food at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in St. Charles. We often review other worthy endeavors each year for the group to help.

I look forward to the nights when my ChristCare group meets and enjoy the time I spend with other people who want to help those less fortunate than ourselves. I always come away with a good feeling, toward the world and myself in general, after one of these meetings and look forward to the next.

This group has enriched my life by showing me that even though I'm just one person, my talents along with others, can have an impact on someone else's life.

We meet twice monthly, so come join us for some fellowship and maybe you'll get hooked on ChristCare as I am!

For information on becoming a member or leader of a ChristCare group, contact: **Dan Spike, by email or phone 847-381-0975 or Karen Tobin.**

Liturgists Needed

Would you like to be more involved in the worship service? Please consider serving as a Liturgist. The Worship Committee will hold Liturgist Training on Sunday, October 14 at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please contact **Sally Moore** if you would be interested in serving and/or if you are able to attend the training

Veteran's Day Service November 11

Volunteers needed to participate in our Veteran's Day and Memorial Day services. Representatives from all the branches of service are welcome-- and whose uniform "still fits!" Please contact **Don Norton** or **John Betzold** or additional information.

Barrington Presbyterian Women



October Meeting

Our next meeting will be on October 4. Come for coffee at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting is at 9:35 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. After the meeting, we'll assemble the "Kitchen Kits" for the women of Home of the Sparrow. Please bring new dish towels, pots and pans, mixing bowls, measuring cups and spoons, cooking utensils, or gently used small appliances. **Linda McGurer.**

We invite you to join us at our meetings, mission projects, Bible studies, and fellowship events as often as you are able. You will find yourself surrounded by women with varied backgrounds, ages, interests, and talents, but who are bound by the common goal of working together in Christ's love.

Morning Bible Study

BPW Bible Study meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Parlor. Come on October 3 at 9:30 a.m. for coffee; Bible Study begins at 10:00 a.m. We are using the Horizons Bible Study "Above and Beyond: Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth."

Emily Dowell is the Coordinator.

All women of the congregation are encouraged to participate.

G.T.I.F.

The next GTIF (Growing Together in Faith) Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday, October 16. We are continuing with the study, *Oxygen, Deep Breathing for the Soul*. The group normally meets on the third Tuesday of each month all year. All are welcome, please join us! Contact **Jill Minner** for more information.

Women With Aging Parents

This support group meets the second Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at the home of **Marge Slocum**. We'll meet on October 12. It is a time for women to share their joys and concerns about their parents and to receive information about services and agencies which can help. All are welcome to attend.

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. Our next meeting will be held on November 15, at 1:00 p.m. The book to be discussed is *Pope Joan*, by Donna Cross. Ten copies will be available for pick up at the Barrington Area Library in late October. For more information, you may contact **Sally Moore**.

BPW Christmas Benefit Luncheon

Fill your heart with tidings of "Comfort and Joy" at this year's BPW Christmas Benefit and Luncheon, to be held on Thursday, November 29 at 10:00.

Let the sounds of the Barrington High School Madrigals under the direction of Nancie Tobison start your holiday season on a joyous note. Their performance is guaranteed to have sugarplums dancing in your head!

And speaking of sugarplums, our Cookie Cottage Bake Sale needs your cookies! Just bake 4 dozen or more of your favorite treats and drop them off at the church on Monday, November 26th by 4 p.m.. We can never have too many cookies, so please set aside some time this season to get creative in the kitchen.

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**.

Reservations will be accepted by mail and in Fellowship Hall during coffee hour beginning in November. Watch for more information and reservation forms in your November Carillon and Sunday bulletins.

Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you'd like to get involved, we have a spot just for you! Please contact **Betsy Rubak** or **Liz Brown**.

Stephen Ministry



Marge Slocum was a member of the first group of trained Stephen Ministers within the Barrington Presbyterian Church. Two years later, in 2004, she became a Stephen Leader in charge of referrals. Marge has been one of the first persons a

Care Receiver would meet and confidentially discuss their own personal crisis and their need for a Stephen Minister. Marge has shared her reflections on this role as she transitions back to being a Stephen Minister and devoting herself to a one-on-one relationship with a person in need.

I'm in awe of the Stephen Ministry program, and that

awe continues to grow the longer I'm involved in it.

I was in the first class to "graduate" in 2002 as Stephen Ministers, loved my "tour of duty"

as a Stephen Minister, and have now been a Stephen Leader and Referrals Coordinator for three years. I can't count how many times as a Referrals Coordinator I have come away from meeting with a potential care receiver saying, "Thank you, God, for the blessing of Stephen Ministry."

Once a care receiver is matched with a Stephen Minister, I know no more about what is happening in the relationship because of our strict rules of confidentiality, but I do know that somewhere along the way tears give way to smiles, anxiety is replaced with hope, doubt in God shifts to an awareness of His constant love, and another person is renewed and strengthened, all through Stephen Ministry. What a glorious feeling it is to know that -- and to be a small part of it. That is one of the joys of being a Referrals Coordinator.

Through that experience I know Stephen Ministry has helped people suffering from grief, strained

relationships, lifestyle changes, spiritual loneliness or plain loneliness, frustrations with God, and issues arising in young families or accompanying old age. All of these are the everyday happenings in a community of faith.

As a Stephen Leader, I have helped in providing for the affirmation and continual growth of our Stephen Ministers, and fostering awareness of Stephen Ministry in our congregation. I have seen how the system works to maintain communication within, to gather data and evaluate what we do, and to constantly strive to be better today than we were yesterday. I feel enriched from having had an overview of the function of our particular program in our Barrington church and having been trained as a Stephen Leader with like-

minded people from all over the country. I have also been enriched from working with our amazing Stephen Leader team. Each member is so

forthright and flexible and full of ideas that the whole is indeed greater than the sum of its parts.

The hard part about being a Referrals Coordinator is not knowing how the Care Receivers are doing and not having a relationship of my own with someone in need. So I have decided to "switch hats" and go back to being a Stephen Minister so I can be Christ's messenger to someone who is hurting. I ask for your prayers and God's ever-willing support for myself and for Julie Brown who will be taking my place and bringing her own set of skills and compassion to the referrals process.

Yours in Christ, Marge Slocum.

If you would like to request a Stephen Minister or if you would like more information, please call **Linda McGurer, Julie Brown, Curt Baxter or Dan Spike at the church, 847-381-0975.**

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Hospitality

9:00 am		11:00 a.m.
Oct. 7	Ushers: Peter/David Shaeffer, Tom Long, Lukass Franklin, Bill Pepler Greeters and Coffee Hosts: BPW	Ushers: Don Norton, Angie Smith, Chris Schiller Matera Greeters and Coffee Hosts: BPW
Oct. 14	Ushers: Kurt and Heidi Anderson Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Franklin, Jones, Muhvic, Riley	Ushers: Mac and Iris King, Pam Fitton Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Franklin, Jones, Muhvic, Riley
Oct. 21	Ushers: John Betzold, Don and Mark Minner, Jim Dugan Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Sally and Tom Hilgendorf, Barb Schwartz, Mary and Owen Heath, Kari Blanchette	Ushers: John and Anna Armstrong, David Nelson Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Sally and Tom Hilgendorf, Barb Schwartz, Mary and Owen Heath, Kari Blanchette
Oct. 28	Ushers: George Landes, Peter and Anneke Chamy, Ron Furst Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Sally and Tom Hilgendorf, Barb Schwartz, Mary and Owen Heath, Kari Blanchette	Ushers: Bill Crewe, Lori Rowe, Tom Burke, John Bosarge Greeters and Coffee Hosts: Sally and Tom Hilgendorf, Barb Schwartz, Mary and Owen Heath, Kari Blanchette

Fellowship

Kitchen Kabinet

Kitchen Kabinet will meet on the second Tuesday, October 9, at noon, at The Garlands, Barrington, for lunch, conversation and fellowship.

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will meet on the third Thursday, October 18 at the home of Lukass Franklin, at 6:30 p.m. Please call coordinator, **Tom Long**, for further information.

Thanks For Your Help: Carol Buchta for proofreading and Jack and Jinny Train for assembling the September Carillon. Without your assistance we couldn't get the good word out.

Christian Education

DISCIPLÉ Bible Study Groups Are Underway!

We have begun a brand new year of DISCIPLÉ Bible study with two groups, DISCIPLÉ 1, "Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study", and DISCIPLÉ 3, "Remember Who You Are." DISCIPLÉ 1 will be studying the entire Bible and DISCIPLÉ 3 will focus on the Prophets and the letters of Paul.

You may wonder what we study in DISCIPLÉ? Is it very academic? Do we sit and take notes as a facilitator presents a two-hour lecture? Is it kind of touchy-feely and will I be expected to share my innermost feelings and maybe even cry? The answer to all of these questions is "no!"

DISCIPLÉ is a small-group process. The Bible is our text and we learn with the help of video presentations and our study manuals, but the main vehicle for learning is our group discussion guided by a structure that keeps us focused and purposeful. We approach the text in this way:

- What did it say? (When was it written, what is the historical context, who was the audience, what was the writer trying to say for God?)
- What did it come to say? (As the oral traditions and early writings were collected and edited for a new time, what did the collectors and editors want to say for God? Who was their audience?).
- What does it say? (Given the first two questions, what does the passage say now to the church and to me personally?).

Throughout this year we will be sharing with you the things we are learning so that you can get a glimpse of what it is like to be in a DISCIPLÉ group and maybe you will consider joining the almost 70 people in our congregation who have experienced the rich rewards of growing as disciples through Bible study. Watch this space for announcements about short-term DISCIPLÉ studies, coming next fall!

Adult Education Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

On October 7th, 14th, and 21st, Dr. Anna Case-Winters, Co-Chairman of the Jesus Seminary, will be our guest to explore "The Problem of Evil." Pick up some coffee and donut holes in Fellowship Hall and come to the Parlor with your thoughts and questions for a series of interesting discussions

7th & 8th Grade Fellowship October 7



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 from 4-6:00pm and then walk back to the church for pizza and soda. Call the church office to sign up!

7th—12th Grade Mission Project October 13 Home of the Sparrow, Crystal Lake

Come and join us as we help prepare the shelter house for winter. We will be working outside from 1:00pm-3:00pm., doing yard work and cleaning gutters and washing windows. This is a real hands-on way to act out our faith—helping the least of these.

4th Grade Bible Parent/Child Dinner and Class October 14



We will meet for class in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00—7:00p.m and then proceed to travel through the Bible. Passports will be issued and learning centers set up. Once you have

completed a center, your passport gets stamped and you move on to the next one. Fun and educational for both youth and parents alike. Bibles will then be presented to the 4th graders completing this class on Sunday, October 15 during the 9:00am service. Watch your mail for your invitation.

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



This annual event brings together approximately 150 youth from the surrounding Chicagoland 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.

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.

WNL Begins October 3 – Watch Your Mail For Registration Information

Children and Youth Christian Education and Fellowship Program Overview 2007- 2008

Sunday Morning Christian Education Program	
8:45am – Noon	Nursery and Toddler Care NEWBORN THROUGH AGE 3YRS
9:00 – 10:20am	4 AND 5 YEAR OLD Class in the Rainbow Room
9:20 – 10:20am	K – 4TH GRADE Workshop Rotation in the Workshop Rooms GRADES 5-6 Class in the Temple Room Grades 7-12 remain in worship *NOTE: Children second grade and up remain in worship on the first Sunday of every month to celebrate communion. Those children in Kindergarten and 1st grade will meet in Fellowship Hall for a monthly class that teaches about worship.
10:15 – 11:00am	Grades 7-8 in the Temple Room Grades 9 – 12 in the Youth Room *NOTE: Adult Education classes are held every Sunday in the Parlor.
10:20 – 11:00am	Kindergarten – 6 th grade in the Computer Lab OR Children’s choir practice in the Choir Room
11:00 – 12:00am	Children ages 4 and up will remain in worship *NOTE: Worship bags are available at all times. These bags, located by the choir loft stairs, contain books to enhance the children’s worship experience
Wednesday Night Live Christian Fellowship and Education for Kindergarten – 8th Grade	
5:15 – 6:30pm	Children Kindergarten – 6th Grade arrive and check in Music, games, art activities. Bible lessons take place during this time period
6:30 – 7:00pm	Youth in 7th -8th grade arrive and check in Kindergarten – 8 th grade eat a family-style dinner in Fellowship Hall
7:00pm 7:00 – 8:00pm	Children Kindergarten – 6th grade depart Grades 7-8 will continue with lesson and games
8:00pm	Youth in 7th -8th grade depart
Sunday Afternoon Sr. High Program	
3:00 – 6:00pm	Youth in 9-12 grade will gather for fellowship, mission work, games and Bible study in a variety of formats

Music

Sundays-at Four presents...

Gaudete Brass

Our in-residence brass quintet, Gaudete Brass, will present another fabulous concert of music spanning five centuries. On the program you will hear works by the renaissance composer John Wilbye and the baroque master Johann Sebastian Bach, as well as contemporary pieces by Eric Ewazen, Paquito D’Rivera, and Victor Ewald. There will also be old favorites by American icon, Stephen Foster, including *Oh! Susana*, *Beautiful Dreamer*, *Camptown Races*, and more of your favorite Foster tunes. If you have not yet heard them in concert, now’s your chance.



New 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.

We hope to see you for Part I in October!

Music In October

October 7

Anthem: *Hope for Resolution* arr. Paul Caldwell

Offertory: Kirsten Hedegaard and Greg Lewis, duet

Communion: *This We Know* Ron Jeffers

October 14

Anthem: *Sing a New Song to the Lord* Hal Hopson

Children’s Choir

Offertory: *Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me* K. Lee Scott

October 21

Anthem: *Day by Day* Bradley Ellingboe

Offertory: *Thy Word* arr. Susan Geschke

Bell Choir

October 28

Anthem: *Thy Strong Word* Carl Schalk

Offertory: Gaudete Brass

Chancel Guild

Chancel Flowers



The Chancel Guild wishes to thank everyone who has contributed to the Sunday flower fund. It is a pleasure to see the beautiful floral arrangements that are a part of each Sunday's worship experience. We need additional contributions to assure that we have a high quality flower arrangement on every Sunday. Please notice that there is a sign-up poster in the Narthex on which there are spaces for you to sign up as donors of the flowers for a particular Sunday. There are forms attached to that poster for you to fill out and return to the church office with your check and your dedication.

Each Sunday we spend about \$30 for flowers regardless of how much is donated for that Sunday. If your donation exceeds the cost of the specific Sunday's flowers, or if multiple families donate for a given Sunday, the extra funds will be used for Sundays that are not taken. In this case, your contribution and dedication will still be listed in the Bulletin for the Sunday you originally requested. A minimum donation of \$30 is suggested.

The Chancel Guild requests multiple contributions for Christmas and Easter. Announcements concerning these contributions are made prior to both of these seasons.

If you would like to make a dedication and donation for a specific Sunday, you may use the form below. Please send it along with your check to:

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, Flower Dedication, 6 Brinker Road, Barrington Hills IL 60010



Sunday Flower Dedication/Donation

Name of donor(s) _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Date requested: _____ Amount of donation: \$ _____

Dedication: _____

Stewardship

The time for our annual stewardship campaign is at hand! Hopefully you have recently received an updated giving statement for your gifts during 2007, and can expect a letter discussing 2008 and beyond in your mailboxes soon! Great things have happened this past year that we can't wait to share and 2008 promises to be even better with your help! So, look forward to our theme of "Have You Heard the Good News?"

A new opportunity to make giving easier is the arrival of "E-Giving" to our church. It's a way to send gifts to the church online whenever you choose, wherever you may be during the year. It greatly enhances the church's current ability to accept credit cards, by expanding the types accepted (yes, we now take American Express & Discover.) It also allows us to now accept automatic deduction from any of your bank accounts at a significant cost savings to the church over credit cards. The E-Giving program is already set up on our church website www.pcbarrington.org: check it out, talk to Paige Unangst, or call the office for more information.

A tax tip for those of you over age 70 ½did you know that through 12-31-07 only, the IRS allows you to make direct distributions of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to any charitable organization? No taxable income is generated for you, required minimum distributions are met, and your charitable deduction is intact. This legislation was set for tax years 2006 and 2007, via the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Consult your tax advisor for more information.....time is running out to take advantage of this tax break!

Keep in mind that even if gifts are made in 2007 in time for an IRS deadline, they can be allocated by the church to a 2008 pledge or any other special fund at PCB. Our special giving opportunities include our building fund, our H.O.P.E. fund, any of our missions and a myriad of other needs. If your gift will be significant, you may want to consider donating to our Endowment Fund, geared toward ensuring the long term health of our congregation and its mission. Pick up an Endowment Fund brochure in the literature rack (or in the office) for more information.

Church Administration

Financial Report for the Presbyterian Church of Barrington

For the 8 months ended August 31, 2007

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD	Annual Budget
Pledges	\$296,121	\$299,500	\$509,632
Prepaid pledges	71,500	71,500	107,250
Open Plate/misc.	21,244	33,308	50,000
Holiday giving	3,016	5,000	10,000
Est. Shortfall			38,092
	\$391,881	\$409,308	\$714,974

Church Officers 2007

Session		
Curt Baxter, Pastor, Moderator		
Dan Spike, Assoc. Pastor		
George Landes, Clerk of Session		
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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**.

Parish Life

First Annual Bring a Friend to Church

Sunday, October 28, 2007 at 9 a.m.

Did you know that The Presbyterian Church (USA) has suffered declining membership for nearly 30 years? Did you know that for at least the last 11 years our own congregation has experienced this problem? The first step in confronting this issue is to acknowledge that it is really a concern and an opportunity for improvement in the life of the congregation. On October 28, 2007, we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday at a single worship service, which will be at 9:00 a.m. That Sunday will also be "Bring a Friend to Church Sunday." We encourage adults, children and youth to bring a friend to church on October 28, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.!



The practice of hospitality, an ancient custom in the Middle East, plays a critical role in the scripture story. Abraham and Sarah received the news of God's gift of a child from the three visitors to their campsite at the oaks of Mamre (Gen. 18). Rahab's hiding and protection of Joshua's men enabled the Hebrews to prepare for the taking of Jericho (Joshua 2). Elisha the prophet was blessed with the hospitality of the Shunammite woman (2 Kings 4). Even the story of Jesus' birth implies that someone in Bethlehem offered Mary and Joseph the only space they had—a stable for shelter that important night.

Mindful of the story of Abraham's visitors, the writer of the book of Hebrews exhorts us to "show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Heb. 13:2). The word hospitality in Greek, *filoxenia*, literally means "friendship of strangers." The gospel declares that in Christ all barriers between people are removed and we are to regard every person as our neighbor, as a child of God. Christians are called to recognize in the face of the stranger, the face of Christ (Matthew 25:38). So you see, when hospitality is practiced to its fullest, we not only welcome strangers but also recognize their holiness as a creation of God. Moreover, we open not just our doors to visitors but our hearts as well, because they bring to us their own stories, gifts, and perspectives.

On October 28, 2007, the Membership and Outreach Committee hopes we will "roll out the red carpet" and extend a warm welcome to all those we meet at church. But even more, we pray that God's Spirit will expand our hearts so that our life of faith—individually and communally—will reflect a "friendship of strangers" in Christ.

PIZZA, POP AND PRESBYTERIANS

Please join us, one and all, on Sunday, Oct 21 from 5-7 pm in Fellowship Hall for Pizza, Pop and Presbyterian. In addition to eating and socializing we will be sharing information about being Presbyterian and the wonderful programs and activities we have for everyone in our church. This is for those who desire membership as well as for anyone who just wants to learn about who we are. Dr Baxter and other leaders of our church will be there to inform and answer questions.



We will be receiving new members into the life of our congregation on November 18 at the 9 am service. There will be a new member social that same evening.

If you are planning to come on Oct. 21, desire membership, or just want more information, call **Linda Neton** or the church office.

Worship Schedule

- Oct 7** Mr. Spike Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Encountering the 'Other' in a World of Difference and Danger
Readings: Genesis 11:1-9; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 17:20-26
- Oct 14** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
What Is Your Attitude About Life?
Readings: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.
- Oct 21** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Persistence, Patience and Passion
Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8.
- Oct 28** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Looking For A New Vision
Readings: Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:1-9; Psalm 119, 137-144;
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:4-10.

Deadline for the November Carillon is Noon on October 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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