

Carillon

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON
A welcoming, caring family of faith

September 2009

Dinner and Vespers, September 26

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Jazz Vespers began in New York City in 1961 when the late Reverend John Garcia Gensel started an evening service at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. It was designed for those musicians of his growing night ministry who couldn't make it to Sunday morning service after playing those late Saturday night gigs. He invited them to perform "a worship service by and for jazz musicians...the public is invited." It became the church home for many of the musicians and their families. The legendary "Duke" Ellington was a frequent worshiper - he called Pastor Gensel "the shepherd who watches over the night flock." Duke wrote a tune titled "Shepherd of the Night Flock" which many groups have recorded.

Since then, Jazz Vespers Services have become popular across the country. On September 26, 2009, our interpretation of Jazz Vespers will begin for a second year after taking a hiatus this summer. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. but prelude Jazz will begin at 5:45 p.m. Pianist Josh Moshier will be joined by saxophonist Caroline Davis, both of whom are respected as several of Chicago's finest young jazz musicians. (Please see the musician's bios on page 3.)

Dr. Baxter will be preaching on the topic, *What Is the Eucharist?* and the Lord's Supper will be served by means of intinction. In preparation for the service, you might read Psalm 34:1-8; I Corinthians 11:23-29; and John 6:47-58. Come, experience a time of fellowship and celebrate the living presence of Christ as we worship together.

Prior to the Vespers service, all are invited to come for dinner at 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in Fellowship Hall after Sunday services. Kick off your fall with good food, fellowship and a beautiful worship service.

**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.

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**.

Deadline for the **October Carillon** is **September 10**.

Dear Friends in Christ,

On September 20, 2009 at 11:15 a.m. in the church parlor, I will begin a ten week course based on N.T. Wright's book, *Simply Christian*. After taking a break on October 18th for our annual youth sponsored Pancake Breakfast and on October 25th for The Rev. Ms. Dawn M. Haeger's installation service and reception, the

course will finish on December 13, 2009. The cost of the course will be \$36.00 which includes the price of the book and the student handbook. When we consider Part One of this Wright's book, we will see that he discusses four "echoes of a voice" that incline our hearts in God's direction. These echoes are: the longing for justice, the quest for spirituality, the hunger for relationships, and the delight in beauty.

In Part Two, Wright shows how these echoes are sounded in the Christian story of God's work in the world, a story that begins in Genesis with the creation of the cosmos and concludes in The Revelation of St. John with the new creation. Wright wraps up Part Two by speaking of Jesus and the Trinity.

Part Three picks up the idea of "reflecting the image of God into the world." This reflection leads into a discussion of worship (chap. 11), prayer (chap. 12), the Bible (chaps. 13 & 14), and Christian community/mission (chaps. 15 & 16). These chapters are filled with biblically-inspired wisdom that reflects the life experience of a faithful Christian.

When I finished reading *Simply Christian*, I found myself extraordinarily grateful for N.T. Wright and his effort to communicate with non-Christian people who have flooded bookstores with various books discussing an atheistic "gospel." When Christians offer arguments against this viewpoint, our words are often logically coherent, but many times they fail to move the hearts of modern people. We win the argument but lose the battle for people's souls. N.T. Wright has attempted to do in our generation what C.S. Lewis attempted to do in his: to speak of Christianity in a simple and truthful way that touches the minds and hearts of contemporary people. I hope you will join me as we study, *Simply Christian*, throughout the fall.

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Rev. Haeger's letter

Friends,

As our program year is getting ready to kick off with Rally Sunday on September 13th, I thought I would take a moment to reiterate the purpose of educational ministry here at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. Christian education and spiritual formation are about transformation, the intentional growth of our understanding and appreciation of the identity and character of God, ourselves, and the community in which we find ourselves. It is a *process* meant to be engaged by people of all ages. We never outgrow our need to delve into the mystery of God. Indeed, the *Westminster Catechism* declares that we glorify and enjoy God **forever**.

As social beings, we understand that it is not possible to enjoy a relationship with someone with whom we have not maintained an intimate association. To strengthen our connection with others we must spend time in their company, sharing our life's joys and its struggles. It is no different with God. Our God is not some far-off deity who lives in the cold, dark heavens. No, our God, made known to us in Jesus Christ, is one who wants to be involved in the nitty-gritty of our messy lives. Our God cares about the successes and trials in our homes, schools and work places.

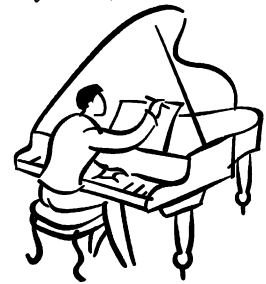
This fall you will have the opportunity to explore and expand both your understanding and appreciation of your faith through church-wide fellowship opportunities, worship, Bible studies, mission, classes and yes, even committee meetings. It is my hope you find something that challenges and encourages you.

Blessings,

Dawn

Vespers Musicians, September 26

Josh Moshier is a jazz pianist and composer. His music has been performed by the Joel Spencer Quartet, Dick Oatts with the Northwestern Jazz Ensemble and by Chuck Owen & the Jazz Surge at the 2008 International Jazz Composers Symposium. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music from Northwestern University, where he studied jazz piano with Joan Hickey, jazz arranging with Tom Garling and classical orchestration with Aaron Travers. Josh has written arrangements for Hal Leonard (All About Trumpet) and he composes music for Harpo Sounds (The Oprah Winfrey Show). Josh is a member of the Chicago Jazz Composers Collective, and he co-leads his own group with saxophonist Mike Lebrun. Josh was recently awarded a Chamber Music America New Jazz Works Grant, commissioning an extended work that will premiere in 2010. *Joy Not Jaded*, his new recording with Mike Lebrun, will be released by OA2 Records in October 2009.



Caroline Davis (alto saxophone/effects) moved to Chicago in 2004 to pursue a Ph.D. in Music Cognition. She has since experienced a range of accolades including a Downbeat outstanding soloist award (2006), an outstanding Graduate Student presentation (2005 Performance Matters Conference in Portugal), and performances with Sisters in Jazz (2005). Caroline frequently performs with Pedway, Tomorrow Music Orchestra and Ear to the Ground.



Reflections On Seminary: Year Three, Nancy Dolan

My seminary experience continues to be full of surprises, as are so many leaps of faith. Who knew that I would not only survive two semesters of Hebrew, but LOVE it! Admittedly, I approached this third year with considerable angst over my ability to learn biblical Hebrew, which bears no resemblance to my native tongue. Many of you shuddered with me at the prospect, many with such empathy I would have thought you were taking the class yourselves! But I successfully completed my two-semester requirement, reminded of Myra Scovel's poem "The Wind in the Spirit" in which she describes finding yourself in a place of which you never dreamed, and perhaps even dreaded, only to feel like you had arrived home. For me, reading Scripture in that ancient language brought a depth of meaning difficult to achieve in our English translations. I was completely engaged and moved by each verse. Despite the agony of re-learning grammar rules (any of you recall the difference between a purpose clause and a concessive clause?!) and the repetition of my ever-present flashcards, I feel richly blessed by the experience. To what rich experience might God be calling you? Maybe to something which you have never imagined, or which seems impossible?

In addition to Hebrew, other classes offered similar stimulation and surprise. Expecting my required Church Polity class to be a bit of a sleeper, I instead found it to be one of the most practical I've taken so far. I personally bonded with the Book of Order (The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.) and completed the course believing that the Book of Order is a much misused, underused, and undervalued resource.

Another highlight of the year – 1450 years of church history in one week! Wow. They call these "Intensives" for a reason. Although the course was thoroughly depleting, both mentally and physically, I found the material compelling from beginning to end. History is a powerful teacher and we can learn much from studying how the Church dealt with challenges in the past, challenges often similar to those we face today.

Now I look ahead to a very different year of study. In September I begin my field education experience (internship) at the Presbyterian Church of Palatine. I very much look forward to learning under the guidance of the Reverend Judy Watt, the solo pastor of that church. Reverend Watt and the Palatine church have a reputation for providing a rich environment for the growth and development of seminary students. I will be performing a wide range of pastoral duties which will provide wonderful opportunity for me to further develop and discern my gifts and call to ministry.

As I continue along this journey through seminary, I cannot adequately express my gratitude for your encouragement, care, prayers, and financial support through this process. Thank you. I will greatly miss being with you while I'm in Palatine this year. (Skip, Abby and Jenna will continue to worship with you most of the time, so please keep an eye on them!) You have much to look forward to this year as our church family embraces our new Associate Pastor, Dawn Haeger. I pray that we will both be open to God's leading toward new ways of discipleship. May God bless our new endeavors!



Mission

27th ANNUAL BARRINGTON AREA CROP HUNGER WALK



Sunday, October 18,

Begins & Ends at

St. Paul United Church of Christ,
401 E. Main Street, Barrington

Registration 12:30 p.m.

Step-off 1:00 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 \$65,000. Of that, over \$16,500 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?

Pick up an envelope, in the narthex 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, Dan Spike will appreciate having you sponsor him. There are pledge sheets in Fellowship Hall at the CROP Table for all who are walking.

Make chili for ten or two dozen cookies for after Walk feasting and fellowship. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

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

Living Waters for the World

To most people, getting a glass of clean water is as simple as putting a glass under a spigot and turning the water on.

You see, spigots carrying clean water are readily available to

most people in the developed world. Unfortunately there are many who don't have clean water to drink. Remember your teacher, or mother, grilling you on the fact that you need to drink 8 glasses of water every day? So, how does that work for those who don't have it? You got it! They get sick more easily.



Living Waters for the World is a ministry of the Synod of the Living Waters. This group trains volunteers to teach others to build and operate relatively inexpensive filtration systems that produce clean water for people who need it. Since its inception in 1996, this group has trained over 800 volunteers from 13 faith groups. They have installed 279 water systems in 20 countries.

Because of our initial interest in this program, the Presbyterian Church of Barrington has received a grant, seed money, to get this program going from our church. Now we look forward to hearing from those from the congregation who are interested in moving this idea into a reality. This project requires many different levels of ability as well as time to contribute. Please contact **Pete Shaeffer**.

Each prayer, each minute of our time and energy will contribute another drop in the bucket. Before long, the bucket will be full - and someone will be able to use it. Please join us.

21st Annual Golf Fundraiser for the Scholarship Program

For the past twenty years, the Presbyterian Church of Barrington has supported and been richly rewarded by participating in the Urban Youth Ministry of Nueva Esperanza, formerly known as San Marcos. This Ministry is directed at the disadvantaged Hispanic youth in Chicago's west side neighborhoods. Although there were several programs for all ages at Nueva Esperanza, the signature program was the scholarships given to Hispanic youths to attend St. Gregory's High School.

In December 2007, the Nueva Board, on which both Joyce Simpson and I were members, made the decision to dissolve Nueva due to lack of funds. Although Nueva received financial support from The Chicago Presbytery, our Church and many other churches and individuals, it was insufficient to continue. However, we committed to continuing the education of the students currently enrolled at St. Greg's until they graduated. As a partner in this endeavor, Christopher House agreed to provide the necessary administration and tutoring for these students as part of their "Gear Up" program.

For the 2009 – 2010 school year, we will have the last four seniors attending St. Greg's. We will be providing scholarships, fees for books, materials and some administrative expenses. Although we are awaiting the preliminary invoice from St. Greg's, we are estimating the cost to be in excess of \$6,600 per student. This is a modest increase over last year.

For the past 20 years we have held a golf tournament to partially offset some of these costs, in addition to providing a great opportunity to interact with the scholarship students. With this as a background, you are invited to participate in this worthwhile event and enjoy a day of golf and fellowship at Makray Memorial Golf Club. The date is Monday, **October 5**, and the program will include lunch, golf, hors d'oeuvres and drinks. All members and friends, both men and women, young and old, are invited to join us. Due to the varying skill level of our players, the format will be a scramble with all players hitting a ball and then everyone in the foursome playing from the spot of the best shot. Because the women will be hitting from the red tees, having at least one woman in your foursome will be quite an advantage.

The Scholarship Fund also depends heavily on individual and company contributions from non-participants as well. Please consider this a good opportunity for you and/or your company to support this important program, even if golf is not your game!

Registration forms will be mailed to everyone in early September. There will also be sign-up forms in the weekly bulletins and in Fellowship Hall, starting in mid-September. Thank you for your participation and knowing that in addition to an enjoyable day, you will be supporting a great cause, giving a deserving young Christian a chance for a more promising future!

Gerry Nadig – Chairman of the Golf Event

Lobster Fest, October 3

The Presbyterian Church of Barrington is flying in live lobsters from Maine on October 3. Proceeds from the sale will Benefit Mission Programs in the Chicagoland Area. Mark Your Calendars to Order FRESH Live or Cooked Lobsters.

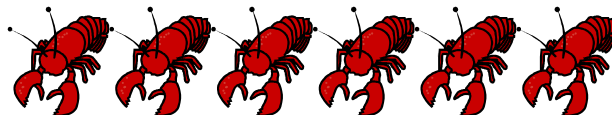
Order by September 24th

Pick Up Your Fresh Maine Lobster on Saturday, **October 3rd** between 11 am – 3 pm.

Live Lobster – \$17.00

Cooked Lobster – \$19.00

Watch your mailbox for the order form or go to our website: www.pcbarrington.org to order online
Or, you may call the church office, **847-381-0975**.



Stephen Ministry

“Here I am, Lord”



Becky Bosarge graciously allowed us to adapt the Spiritual Life Devotion she presented at a BPW meeting in 2006. It is a guide to

preparation for prayer based on the phrase “Here I am, Lord” taken from Isaiah Chapter 6 and the title of a well-loved hymn. This step-by-step approach might help us strip away distractions and allow us to settle in the presence of God. The specific words are meant as a model; find your own words that are meaningful to you. Stephen Ministry would like to share with you this fresh approach for spending time with God that may be refreshing for your prayer life.

Godspeed, Becky. We will miss you.

Here, I am, Lord.

Here...in the present. Not the past or future. In this room with these sounds and these sights. We have nowhere else to go or to be-not to work, the grocery store or the bank, or the laundry room, or the treadmill. Just here with God. He has come to meet us here, right in the middle of our day, whatever condition that day is in. We don't have to pretty it up for God. We just have to be here, to let go of other times and places and settle into “here.”

Here **I** am, Lord.

I...the real me. Not the face I show the world. My social face, my always-compassionate face, my boundless energy face, my I've-got-it-all-under-control face. That other one. The real me. The me who is sometimes compassionate and energetic and in charge but also sometimes the me who struggles to be compassionate and forgiving when it would be so much easier just to sit in my favorite chair and watch a movie. The me who is sometimes confused, irritated,

or just plain tired. I acknowledge that me without criticism or condemnation. God knows and loves the real me. I don't have to hide. During this time of prayer, I can let that go and be who and how I really am.

Here I **am**, Lord.

I just am. I am meeting God just to be with Him. Not to achieve or do or accomplish some spiritual or emotional goal. I sit in stillness with God for no other reason than to be in communion with Him. I am always pulled by small and big tasks, things I haven't done yet, people to see and talk with. If I take the time to just “be” I can begin to see things as they really are. What is really important? What is at the center of my life? What small things take on more importance than they should and what important things am I ignoring?

Here I am, **Lord**.

Lord...You are the center of our lives. You are Lord in our successes and our “not-so-successes.” In the face we show the world and our private, honest moments. We can give to you those things that press us, even for just this time of prayer. As we settle ourselves in Your presence, recognizing and bringing our complete selves to you, we become ready to hear from You, our Lord. Amen.

If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry or how a Stephen Minister could care for you, a family member or friend in the community, prayerfully consider calling

Julie Brown;

Nancy Nadig,

Curt Baxter or Dan Spike, 847-381-0975.

Barrington Presbyterian Women



September Meeting

Our first meeting of the new season will be held on **September 10** in Fellowship Hall. Come for refreshments at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting starts at 9:30 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend and become involved. **Moderator, Jill Minner.**

Morning Bible Study

Rev. Dawn Haeger will lead our new Horizons Bible study this year, "Joshua: A Journey of Faith." We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the church Parlor. Our first meeting will be **September 9** – come for coffee at 9:30 a.m.; Bible study begins at 10:00 a.m. The study guide is available in the church office for \$7. Please make checks payable to BPW. **Paige Unangst** is the coordinator.

G.T.I.F.

G.T.I.F. (Growing Together in Faith) is a women's evening Bible Study that meets monthly on the third Tuesday. We will begin a new study, "Psalms, Prayers of the Heart", at our next meeting on Tuesday **September 15** at 7:00 p.m. We meet in various members' homes throughout the year. All are welcome! 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. in the church Parlor. It is a time for women to share the joys and concerns about their aging parents and to receive support from the group. Our next meeting will be on **September 11**. The coordinator is **Marge Slocum**.

Shawl Ministry

Shawl Ministry meets the third Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet prayer shawls for members of our congregation and community. Our next meeting is **September 16**. No knitting or crocheting experience is necessary; we will gladly help you get started. Please join us in this worthwhile outreach

ministry to those in our congregation and also others who need to be surrounded in our love and prayers. For more information about this ministry and our next meeting date, please contact **Linda Neton**.

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 next meeting will be held on **September 17** at the home of Karen Stout. The book is *The Senator's Wife* by Sue Miller. The Barrington Library will have copies of the book for us. For more information, you may contact **Sally Moore**.

BPW Fall Fellowship

An Evening with Chef Dave Esau, Wednesday,

September 16, at Historic Vehe Barn, Deer Park, at 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$38 per person for dinner, including a glass of wine, and demonstration by Chef Esau. Make your check payable to BPW, and send your reservation to Laura Lieske, 20210 Lea Road, Deer Park, IL 60010. For more information, please contact **Laura Lieske**.



Kitchen Kits for Home of the Sparrow

This fall BPW is again supporting the Home of the Sparrow's goal to transition homeless women back into productive society. Soon, eight women and their children will be setting up households and are in need of "Kitchen Kits." These kits include the following items: dish towels, pots/pans, mixing bowls, measuring cups/spoons, baking pans/sheets, cooking/serving utensils, hot pads, cutting boards, silverware, can openers, storage containers etc.

On Sunday, September 7 in Fellowship Hall there will be a sign-up table. At that time you can sign up for the items you'd like to donate. Then, bring those items to church and place them in the BPW bin outside the church office. On October 1, following the BPW meeting, the eight kits will be assembled and delivered. Thank you for your support of this mission. Ellen Kantroski, Ansie Martins, Sally Hilgendorf



Christopher House Auxiliary School Supply Project

Many, many THANKS to all who so generously supported our School Supply Project. We are very happy to report that over \$3,000 was collected by the following Presbyterian Churches: Barrington, Arlington First, Southminster and Park Ridge. We reached our goal supplying 140 children with an assortment of school supplies and a backpack.

Your donation supports programs that help low income children thrive academically, socially and emotionally. Together we will provide these families access to new opportunities and better futures.

Thank you and blessings:

Karen Stout, Sally Kilham and Sally Hilgendorf

Home of the Sparrow Golf

All Ladies are invited to the Friends of the Home of the Sparrow Golf Fore Women event Monday **September 21** at Makray Memorial Golf Club. Come for the Auction and Lunch at 11:30 a.m., \$50.00. Come for 9 holes of golf, auction and lunch with registration starting at 8:00 a.m., putting contest 8:30 a.m. and Tee Off at 9:00 a.m., \$150. Proceeds go to help Home of the Sparrow, a transitional shelter for homeless women and children. Call **Janet Jones**.

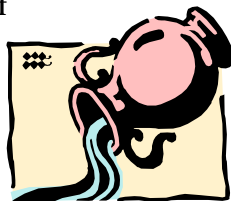
Deacons

Food Served With Love

The Deacons are now in charge of Food Served With Love. The only change at this time is we are going to provide containers that would be suitable for one or two people as well as family size. We have heard that there are some who would like to contribute to the program by a monetary donation which should help fund the containers. Your continued support of this program is appreciated and is truly a blessing to our PCB Community. Alexandra Bernardi, Dale Smith and Laura Burke are the contacts.

Deacon's Corner, Vern Soukup

At the August meeting of the Board of Deacons, the first attended by our newly elected and warmly received Associate Pastor, Dawn Haeger, Dan Spike, by way of acquainting her with each of us, opened by passing copies of a questionnaire around the tables. We were asked to select from and give our answers to multiple general or more personal questions. Dan's purpose was to allow us to define our own backgrounds and to reveal how significant variations in our life experiences had contributed to shaping our



lives, and had brought us to the state in which we now find ourselves.

Included in Dan's unconventional list were {my paraphrasing}: "What was your first crummy job?", "What is the best thing about your service as a deacon?", and "Be honest; describe a personally embarrassing incident and how you dealt with it."

With that gambit, the CE-ROM in my brain that has been collecting countless megabits of data for over 80 years, suddenly seized up on this issue of embarrassment and switched into the denial default mode. So I recounted how my father had caught me, at the age of six or seven, in the presence of a friend, shoplifting an item from the family store. The consequences were swift and sure: grounding and "The Lecture" – nothing belongs to me except by gift or by purchase. First grade petty theft? Absolutely! It was only much later from deep in my psyche that my conscience dredged up at least three life-altering events embarrassing enough that I felt them to be humiliating at the time.

Humiliation in social intercourse is not something we easily endure. At worst it can be associated with guilt, weakness or gross failure to meet one's own or others' expectations. At its most benign, it's often pride before the fall; making a fool of one's self by overreaching in the quest for self gratification; or a payback for arrogance.

The Christian view of humility seen in its proper context offers a lifting of such burdens, even a justification in our relationship with God. In the Gospel of John, we have the inner life of our Lord laid open before us. Jesus spoke frequently of his kinship to the Father, of the motives by which He was guided, of his consciousness of the power in the spirit in which

He acted. Though the word "humble" as an adjective is probably rare in Scripture, the humility of Jesus Christ is clearly revealed. In Him, we see how both as the heavenly Son of God and the Son of Man on earth, He took the position of entire subordination and gave his Father God the honor and glory due Him. What He taught so often was true of Himself: "He who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:14). In this sense, to us as creatures of God, Christian humility is at once a leavening of human arrogance and the simple acquiescence and consent to let God be all.

Christian Education

Fall Disciple Class

Invitation to the Old Testament

**8 Weeks, Thursdays, beginning September 24th,
from 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

The facilitators, Bob Kosobud and Ellen Kantroski, invite you to join them for this wonderful journey into the beginnings of our faith.

By the end of this brief course, you and your Disciple group will have studied and discussed a framework by which to better understand the 39 books and 1400 plus pages of the Old Testament, its linkage to the New Testament, and its relevance to us today.

You will learn about the evolution of the Hebrew faith based upon the then current needs of the community, the growing understanding of and trust in God that evolved over 4000 years, how the Canon was eventually compiled and written, and how new findings from the Dead Sea Scrolls continue to add clarity and meaning.

Each 1½-hour segment will begin with about twenty minutes of fascinating video that presents the segment's message with archeological, historical, and political context that brings the stories to life. This will be followed by about an hour of group discussion based on pre-readings and each week's video.

The segments include:

Building the faith - How the Hebrew faith evolved, and how the Old Testament grew to be a Canon with 39 books.

Faith for the times - Seeing the Old Testament as a 4000-year family story, lived through history, beginning with Abraham.

God acting in the world - The Exodus story and the development of the concept of a powerful and caring God who decides fates of nations and their people.

Creating a faith community - The evolution of understanding of God as a creator of community.

Covenant - The development of understanding the Covenant between God and his people.

Staying on course - God's use of prophets as messengers to help the people focus on His message.

Remembering the message - The conquest and fragmentation of Israel, and the need for laws of written scripture with people so scattered.

Meaning for today - The wisdom literature in the Old Testament, what it can say to us today in our own history.

Please sign up Sundays in Fellowship Hall, or call the church office. Cost is \$20.

Simply Christian

Why Christianity Makes Sense

"This will become a classic." – Anne Rice on the book *Simply Christian*.

N. T. Wright offers a fresh and inspiring presentation of the timeless truths of Christianity, making the case that faith is reasonable and rewarding for us today. In this new course, Wright expands on the themes of his acclaimed and best-selling book, *Simply Christian*, in ten inspiring and informative video lessons. The ten topics: Introduction, Jesus, Justice & Spirituality, The Holy Spirit, Relationships & Beauty, Worship & Prayer, God, Scripture, Israel, Church & New Creation.

Dr. N. T. (Tom) Wright is one of today's best known and most respected New Testament scholars and Christian speakers. Wright has had a distinguished academic and pastoral career, including teaching at Oxford University. He currently serves as the Anglican Bishop of Durham, England. He has written over thirty books, including the award-winning *The Resurrection of the Son of God* and, more recently, *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*.

Please join us for what promises to be a stimulating and important study!

Dates: Sundays, September 20 – December 13, 2009

Time: 11:15 am – 12:15 pm

Location: Church Parlor

Cost: \$36.00 for the book and participant's book.

For more information or to sign up, please contact the **Church Office – 847-381-0975**.

Carriers of the Light

1st Annual Children's Musical

This fall all children are invited to participate in a production of the Christmas musical, Carriers of the Light. Rehearsals will be held from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. each Sunday, beginning on **September 20**. In addition to learning the various speaking and singing roles, the kids will also help to create the costumes, sets and props. The performance will be held on December 20 at 10:00 a.m., during morning worship. Please contact Kirsten Hedegaard or Melissa Armstrong-Hansche if interested in being considered for a role.

Bethany's Bulletin

Welcome to another exciting update to Christian Education! Melissa and I have been working throughout the summer to make fiscally smart and educationally driven modifications to our children's church experience. We had a drop-in story time for the younger kids and amazing overnight campouts for the older kids. The campouts included service projects which involved cleaning and organizing our very own church. We are gearing up for another exciting year of Sunday School and need your help to guarantee its success. Is teaching your calling this year?

And God said, "Let all the children come to me." (Mark 10:14) We look to you to be a doer of good and help our church be a place where children love to come and learn about God's abundant love for them. There are many ways for everyone to be involved in this important ministry of our congregation from teaching to cooking to painting doors and murals. Keep listening for that project that offers you a chance to share your talents!

Rainbow Room Project Update

What is happening in the Rainbow Room? Come on down and find out! We have moved things around, updated things, found goodies around the church to make the room the education center that kids will LOVE! Bring on the tree fort, the rice table, the kitchen, the worship center, and the kid friendly art area. We are always in need of parents who are interested in helping teach, so please let Melissa or me know if this is your calling. It is a wonderful and simple curriculum that anyone can have fun with and

you will know first hand what your child is learning. We need your help to continue the progress we are making so please lend your time and talents to building and painting new and exciting themes for all God's children.

What is even more exciting are the new opportunities that will be offered with Dawn leading our journey, so stay tuned and keep wondering and asking yourself – what is the future of this church??

**Wednesday Night Live:
Session 1 begins September 16!
September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14
at 5:15 – 7:00 pm**

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) is a mid week fellowship program for children Kindergarten through 6th grade. We meet for five week sessions throughout the school year. The program includes dinner, as well as games, music and lessons. Watch your mail for a detailed brochure! Sign up and join the fun.

K-4th Gr. We are going to Australia! Once there, we will meet Frank Lee Scared, the world's next famous adventurer and wildlife expert and learn about courage through the story of Joshua.



5th/6th grades: Join us in the Youth Lounge for fun and fellowship. We start with some hang time where we listen to music and put the pinball machine to good use. Our topic for discussions this first five weeks will focus on parents and the following questions: What do parents expect from us? What do we expect from our parents? What should we do when the answers to the first two questions don't match? We will be using movie clips and music to explore this topic. Come and let us know what you think!

Fellowship

Kitchen Kabinet

Our **September 9** meeting will be a general fun, fellowship time with no formal program. Come to Biltmore Country Club for social time at 11:30 a.m.; we'll order our lunch from the menu around 12:15 p.m. Please call **Bob Johnson** to sign up. Guests are welcome as usual.

In October, Col. Don Norton will be our guest presenter. Stay tuned for more information.

Men's Fellowship Group

The September meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be held at the home of Curt Baxter on **September 17** at 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP via the **church office, 847-381-0975**, by September 15. Anyone who has questions or comments about the Men's Fellowship should contact **Tom Long**.



Heritage Fall Festival

Saturday, October 10, 2009, 11am – 3pm

Looking for an alternative to another day staring at a glowing computer screen (large or small), fast food, or maybe a quick fix done by others? The day is fast approaching when you, your family & friends will have a unique opportunity—right here on our lovely church grounds at PCB— to enjoy a welcome taste of the simple life!!

Mark your calendar for the 10th, **your** day in October to invite and/or bring all those special to you who might need some time to slow down and savor a time gone by. The 1800s -- these were the times when families worked and played together for the critical success of their family unit. When everyone felt needed and important (and were!) in accomplishing their individual day's tasks – weaving, making soap, picking /canning fruits and vegetables, chores with the animals, creating decorative items for home or toys for play, just to name a few.

Come and relax and be entertained with music from the time; play with the classic homemade toys and learn some old-time games that have stood the test of time. Enjoy some of the tasty, simple treats popular way back when... homemade pie, donuts, and other goodies will nourish your bodies while the slower pace will feed your soul.

The Festival Committee has been enthusiastically preparing for months and we would love to see more volunteers to add to this lively gathering of our congregation and larger community! Your ideas on celebrating and learning about our shared heritage are welcome, indeed! Additionally, tents or canopies (of the easy-to-assemble type) are still needed. To volunteer your ideas, your time or your tents, please contact **Betsy Rubak**.

Music

Calling All Choirs! Calling All Choirs!

Rehearsals for Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir will begin in September as follows:

Sanctuary Choir

First rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 3. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. to enjoy food and fellowship, followed by rehearsal from 7:00 -10:00 p.m. (with a break for dessert, of course!). Subsequent rehearsals will be from 7:30-9:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Bell Choir

First rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 10. We will rehearse at 6:00 p.m., and will end rehearsal 6:45 p.m. to enjoy some goodies and fellowship. Subsequent rehearsals will be from 6:00 -7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Children's Choir

Please see Christian Education page.

Sundays-at-Four Concert Series

We have another set of fantastic concerts planned for our community this year. All concerts are at 4:00 and free to all. Each concert will feature a church-sponsored mission, which will be supported by collected donations. We hope that you can join us.

October 4 Ondas Ensemble

Music of Latin American composers performed by acclaimed chamber ensemble, www.ondasensemble.com

December 6 For Unto Us a Child Is Born

Advent program of hymns, carols, and selections from Handel's Messiah.

The concert will be followed by the annual Advent dinner.

February 21 Great Composers Series

Mozart's beautiful and intimate work, Mass in B-flat.

The Sanctuary, Bell, and Children's Choirs will be joined by a professional orchestra.

April 18 Gaudete Brass

Works by J.S. Bach, Jan Bach, Axel Jorgensen, and a collection of early music, www.gaudetebrass.com

September Worship Service Music

September 6 Jauchet Gott J.S. Bach. Kirsten Hedegaard, soprano and Bob Rieder, trumpet

September 13 Lift High the Cross arr. Carl Schalk

September 20 Children of the Heavenly Father arr. Paul Sjolund

September 27 Amazing Grace arr. John Carter

Church Administration

Trustees' Corner, Jack Ellis

We have in past issues discussed in this corner of the Carillon the challenge of maintaining our beautiful but aging building. We are certain that all of us have pride in the appearance of our "church on the hill." Our challenge is that it is about 40 years old and shows the normal depreciation of materials that occurs with any structure. The cost to correct these depreciations is increasing with time and we have told you it approximates \$100,000 per year currently. We now have a list of items we project to need attention over the next three years at a cost of \$500,000, perhaps substantially more if current roof and other problems persist. Our normal operating budget has historically had a very small (\$10,000-\$15,000) annual commitment to these items. We have overcome this deficiency by means such as special/secondary campaigns, special activities devoted to funding specific projects, etc. We do not feel this is a realistic way to continue in the future.



The Session and the Trustees are concerned about how to deal with this challenge effectively and have formed a joint Building Improvement Task Force to study alternatives. This task force has determined that there are three practical alternatives. One method is to increase our annual budget by about \$90,000 each year. A second way is to do what many churches do – have a special fund raising campaign every few years to support specific projects. Thirdly, we could create an annuity that would produce revenue in perpetuity to provide the needed future funding for the life and health of our church building. This last alternative is the most ambitious but we feel that it is the most practical long-term resolution. It would require enough capital invested – perhaps \$2.5 million – to produce the approximate \$100,000 revenue annually as defined above. We are researching the steps needed to proceed to the point where we can explain the concept in detail to you, the congregation. We remain open to other ideas.

It's timely that we raise this issue on the eve of our Founders Day which we will celebrate April 18, 2010. A previous generation gave us a beautiful building at great personal sacrifice. It is up to our current generation to sacrifice to maintain it to the glory of God.

The Building Improvement Task Force is also concerned about whether our current facility satisfies the needs of today's members. We will be looking at ways to determine the vision that we and prospective members may have regarding our current building. This longer range project is still in the concept stage.

Our Wishing Wall has lost its energy!

We need 12 more volunteers to pledge \$1,000 per step so that we can repair the outdoor steps and embankment in front of the church. (This problem is more acute than it appears. The faulty flow of surface water is eroding the embankment and is also "bubbling up" through the lower parking lot, destroying the asphalt paving.) If \$1,000 is too great a figure for you presently, how about finding three friends that would go in with you for \$250 each? Thanks for taking the time to consider ways to solve this need.

Financial Report for the Presbyterian Church of Barrington			
For the Seven Months Ending July 31, 2009			
	Actual	Budget	Annual
	YTD	YTD	Budget
Pledges	\$241,709	\$283,080	\$557,910
Prepaid pledges	39,894	39,893	68,390
Pledges - New members	1,795	500	6,500
Open Plate	14,915	17,206	30,000
Misc Receipts	2,579	6,400	10,700
Add'l need	17,422	22,220	56,133
	\$318,314	\$369,299	\$729,633

NEW

Follow the Church on Facebook and Twitter

We now have a fan page on Facebook and our own Twitter page. Do you participate in social media? Interested in checking it out? Go to the Church website and follow the links to find us on Facebook and Twitter. Here are just two more ways to follow the church's activities and participate in online discussions with other church members. If you have any questions, contact Session Communication Committee members **Don Minner or Curt Moore**.

Worship Schedule

- Sept. 6** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....10:00 a.m.
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Readings: Prov. 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Ps.125;
James 2:1-10, 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.
- Sept. 13** Rev. Haeger Preaching.....10:00 a.m.
Who Is Jesus?
Readings: Prov. 1:20-33; Ps. 19; James 3:1-12;
Mark 8:27-38.
- Sept. 20** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....10:00 a.m.
What Is True Greatness?
Readings: Prov. 31:10-31; Ps. 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a;
Mark 9:30-37.
- Sept. 26** Vespers, Dr. Baxter Preaching 6:00 p.m.
What Is The Eucharist?
Readings: Ps. 34:1-8; John 6:47-58; 1 Cor.11:23-29.
- Sept. 27** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....10:00 a.m.
Becoming World-Class Poets
Readings: Esth.7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22; Ps. 124;
James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.



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