

# Carillon

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

**April 2010**

**Celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PCB**

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**T**he congregation is grateful to our original founders who are still with us today -- Bill Edwards, Lloyd and Mary McCarthy, Dorothy Pearson, Bill Rose, Jack and Virginia Train, Grace Schurecht and Norm Tucker and their vision for a “white church on the hill.”

To celebrate our 50 years, there are several events planned.

At the 10:00 a.m. service on Founders Day, April 18, 2010, we will honor our founders. At that service, we are honored to have special preacher, Dr. Kenneth Sawyer, popular professor of church history at McCormick Theological Seminary.

Rev. Dr. Curtis Baxter has written a hymn, set to original music by William White, which will be premiered at this service.

The service will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall and dedication of a time capsule prepared by the children of the church. A special commemorative coin and book of our church symbols will be presented.

At 4:00 p.m., the Gaudete Brass will present a free concert in our Sanctuary.

Past members of the church are invited to relive memories and renew friendships at the second event—Reunion Weekend, June 26-27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Saturday, June 26, we'll have a mission project in the morning, fellowship at 1:00, and Vesper service and bonfire in the evening at the church campsite. Sunday, June 27, a 10:00 a.m. Reunion Church Service, featuring music from our current and former musicians followed by a Celebration Luncheon at Concorde Banquets, with Champagne Toast, Showing of Founder's Video, Play by The Emmaus Players, and a Short Program.

The final event of this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be the Fall Heritage Faire, September 18, 2010. We will also reveal the items that were added to the cornerstone in 1963. For more information visit our website: [www.pcbarrington.org](http://www.pcbarrington.org). Co-Chairs: Susan Reedquist and Don Andler.

**Presbyterian Church of  
Barrington  
Vision Statement**

*Created by God as a welcoming, caring family of faith, we...*

*...worship God joyfully, guided and challenged by Scripture and the proclamation of Christ's gospel;*

*...serve those in need, inspiring and equipping one another to respond to God's call;*

*...support each individual's journey of faith through lifelong learning, Christian fellowship and prayer; and*

*...share this spiritual home with all, drawing others to faith in Jesus Christ and reflecting the everlasting love of God.*

**Thanks For Your Help:** Jack and Jinny Train, Rich and Kathy Larson for assembling the March Carillon and the Annual Report.

### **Becoming a Church Member**

We invite you to become a member of our congregation. People who have not made a decision about joining, but would like to know more about the church, are invited to come to services, participate in activities and discuss membership with **Dr. Curtis Baxter**. He can be reached at the Church Office at **847-381-0975**.

### **Dear Friends in Christ,**

During the last six months, I have spent a great deal of time learning more about prayer. Prayer begins by sitting quietly before God and by allowing God unfettered access to one's life so we have a greater sense of God's presence and guiding hands in one's life. In *An Altar in the World*, Barbara Brown Taylor has one chapter on prayer that is worth the entire book. If prayer has you perplexed, get this book. Taylor says, "I am a failure at prayer. When people ask me about my prayer life, I feel like a bulimic must feel when people ask about her favorite dish." When I read her open and

honest expression about prayer, I found myself acknowledging that I too often feel bulimic about my prayer life.

Taylor goes on to say: "I would rather show someone my checkbook stubs than talk about my prayer life. I would rather confess that I am a rotten godmother, that I struggle with my weight, that I fear I am overly fond of Bombay Sapphire gin martinis than confess that I am a prayer-weaking. To say I love God but I do not pray much is like saying I love life but I do not breathe much. The only way I have found to survive my shame is to come at the problem from both sides, exploring two distinct possibilities: (1) that prayer is more than my idea of prayer and (2) that some of what I actually do in my life may constitute genuine prayer."

Her experience in being honest and on a journey into prayer revealed these things to me about my prayer life:

1. The point of prayer is to sharpen my hearing, not God's.
2. Quietly let silence speak for God in new ways.
3. Observe your thoughts and let them move through you like water in a slowly running stream.
4. Accept where you are in prayer.
5. Adore God and realize the nothingness of all that is not God.
6. Be willing to thank God for one's life even before you know how it will turn out.
7. Prayer diminishes seeking approval and increases gratitude to God and others.

Taylor prays before candles in a special place in the house and says of the experience: "All I did was light the candles. Did God find me or did I find God? Hush. The time for words is past."

It is my hope that you too will discover that prayer has very little to do with words and a great deal to do silent attentiveness to God's ever present Spirit.

Pax,  
**Curt Baxter**

## A Note From Dan Spike

I would like to extend a warm thank you to the congregation for your many expressions of appreciation upon my retirement. Your spoken words and cards have warmed my heart and been greatly appreciated, as was the wonderful celebration in Fellowship Hall on February 28. A special thanks to those who planned and carried out the celebration.

It is gratifying to know that my ministry among you has touched lives in so many ways, often at times and in ways I was not aware of. You, as individuals and a congregation, have also touched my life and ministered to me in many ways over the past sixteen and a half years. Thank you for your love and care and for challenges which encouraged me to grow in faith and ministry.

I have been an admirer of John August Swanson's serigraph prints for many years. What a surprise to receive not one, but two Swanson prints from the congregation! Thank you for your generosity. I will enjoy the prints for years to come, and each time I look at them I will think of you.

In Christ's love, Dan Spike

## Mission

### Mission "PBC" Workdays set for 2010 April 24, June 19, August 28, October 30.

Each workday starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 12 noon with a light lunch in Fellowship Hall. Please email **Diane Reich** to let her know if you will be attending. You can come for 1 hour or all 3 - any amount of help would be much appreciated!



Please join us for this unique mission "Presbyterians Building Closets While Building Community." Our Mission is to bring our congregation together while working to repair and beautify our church in the hopes of attracting more parishioners and strengthening our bonds. By helping maintain and update our church we are also saving money by using the time and talents of our own congregation.

Some of the projects to be completed this year include:

- Clean up the woods surrounding the church grounds
- Prune trees and bushes
- Plant new bushes and flowers
- Maintain the Memorial Garden
- Redecorate the Youth Lounge
- Paint the Youth wing
- Paint the upstairs men's bathroom
- Update the drama room
- Fix leaking faucets and other plumbing, electrical and carpentry jobs.

### Christopher House

The annual baby shower for the young mothers in the Teen Parent & Infant Development Program (TPIDS) has been postponed until May. Look for more information in the May Carillon and bulletins.

We are again grateful to Jennifer Welsh, Barrie and Nancy Heath's daughter, whose children's consignment business "Growing Cents of Style" donated a \$1,000 "shopping credit" to Christopher House at their recent consignment sale. Thank you, Jennie!

The annual Christopher House Gala will be held Saturday, May 8 at The Billboard Factory, 4025 N. Ravenswood, Chicago. For further information on any of these events, please contact **Sally Hilgendorf, Karen Stout or Sally Kilham.**

## Stephen Ministry

### What Does It Take to Be A Stephen Minister (and What Do You Receive in Return?)

Okay, admit it. Stephen Ministry has crossed your mind a few times. You might even have picked up a brochure or talked with a current Stephen Minister about it. But now you want to take a closer look at the idea of becoming a Stephen Minister. You're wondering: Is this right for me? Following are some guidelines that might help you:



#### GIFTS

A Stephen Minister is a person with the gift of mercy, who shows compassion and gives encouragement to and prays for those she or he cares for. Many Stephen Ministers say that they receive much more from the caring relationship with their care receiver than they give.

#### COMMITMENT

A Stephen Minister devotes time, energy, and resources to this ministry. In return, a Stephen Minister has the chance to participate in meaningful ministry, make a major difference in another person's life, and grow as a joyous child of God.

#### TRAINING

A Stephen Minister completes 50 hours of training before ever meeting with a care receiver. She or he learns about listening, assertiveness, confidentiality, and many other aspects of caregiving. After completing the initial training, she or he engages in continuing education. Stephen Ministers find that their relationships become richer and deeper at home, church, and work and with friends.

#### DEDICATED SERVICE

A Stephen Minister serves wholeheartedly. This isn't a casual ministry. It involves prayer, thought, consideration, study, and commitment. In return, the Stephen Minister receives grateful thanks from her or his care receiver, the congregation, and our Lord.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

A Stephen Minister is accountable to God, the congregation, the ministry team, and the care receiver. In return, she or he receives support, encouragement, and guidance in Small Group Peer Supervision.

#### CONTINUOUS LEARNING

A Stephen Minister is open to adjusting and adapting her or his caregiving to fit the needs of the care receiver. She or he learns more about caregiving at each meeting with a care receiver and at each supervision session. Stephen Ministry is an experience of continuous learning, growth, and joy.

A new training class for Stephen Ministers begins in September. Pray for God's guidance as you consider this opportunity.

For more information, contact **Anna Armstrong, Training Coordinator.**

You may talk to any of our pastors about having a Stephen Minister for yourself, a friend or loved one, or you may call **Julie Brown** or **Nancy Nadig.**

## Barrington Presbyterian Women

### April Meeting

Our next meeting will be on April 8 – as April 1 is Maundy Thursday; come for coffee at 9:15 a.m.; meeting at 9:30 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

### Morning Bible Study

Rev. Dawn Haeger is leading our Horizons Bible study this year, “Joshua: A Journey of Faith.”

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the church Parlor. Our next meeting will be **April 14** – come at 9:15 for food and fellowship with Bible study starting at 9:30 am. **Paige Unangst** is the coordinator.

### G.T.I.F.

Growing Together in Faith is a women’s evening Bible Study that meets monthly on the third Tuesday. We will meet in a member’s home on **April 20 at 7:00 p.m.** to discuss our new study, *Jesus’ Parables of Grace*, by James Moore. All are welcome! For more information, contact **Jill Minner**.

### Women With Aging Parents

This support group for women who are trying to meet the challenges and joys of assisting aging parents meets the third Wednesday each month in the Youth Lounge from 9:30 am – 11:30 am. The next meeting is **April 21**. For more information, please contact **Marge Slocum**.

### 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 May 20 at Linda Neton’s house. The book is *Lottery* by Patricia Woods. Barrington Library will notify you by E mail when the book is ready for pick up. Coordinator is **Sally Moore**.



### SHAWL MINISTRY

We meet the third Wednesday of the month to knit and crochet prayer shawls for members of our congregation and community. Our next meeting is **April 21** at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor. 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**.

### May Baskets

BPW is seeking donations for May Baskets to be given to the Elgin Community Crisis Center. This is a home for women and children who need temporary shelter due to domestic violence. While you are traveling, save some personal travel-sized grooming items. Other suggestions are new blank journals and pens, stamps, small colorful umbrellas, bath and shower gels, make-up and make-up bags. Please drop items in the marked bin by the coat rack at the church. We will assemble the baskets after the May BPW meeting. Your donations will be greatly appreciated. Call **Ginger Glantz** for more information.

### White Breakfast, March 31st

This special Lenten event at our church will begin at 9:30 am with twin sisters Danaca and Kyrie Fiedler each playing a harp during our meditation. At 10:00, the Rev. Dawn Haeger will lead us in a worship service with Communion and a Homily titled, “Holding on to Our Bread.” At 10:30 Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall. Guest pianist Mary Schmidt will be accompanying the service. All members of our church and their guests are welcome. The last day to sign up for the White Breakfast is Sunday, March 28th. The cost of the breakfast is \$10.00; you may sign up after worship services or you may send or drop off your check to the office. Hope to see you there!

**Dawn Haeger, Nancy Nadig, Ginny Shapiro**

## Deacons

### Congratulations to:

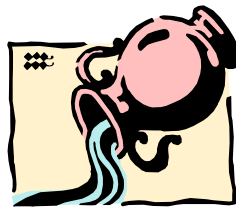
**Congratulations** to Melanie, Chris, Miller and Merritt Rauch, upon the birth of Lillian Cayman Rauch (a.k.a. "Lily") born on Feb. 18.

### Hospitality

The Hospitality committee is seeking hosts and hostesses to serve on Sundays, September through May or June through August. Duties include setting up before the service, greeting worshipers at the door, serving coffee and treats after the service and cleaning up. The fall-spring teams serve 4 or 5 times per year; the summer teams serve 3 or 4 times per year. If you love to entertain, join one of our teams! Sign up in Fellowship Hall April 11, 18 or 25.

### Deacon's Corner, Lindsey Moratz

The Church is celebrating 50 wonderful years this spring, recognized annually by Founder's Day (April 18<sup>th</sup>). I have, along with my Deacon duties, had the pleasure of collaborating on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee, and took up the role of "Historian", a little ironic due to the fact I am the youngest Deacon and hadn't been around to know the beginnings of our Church. Nevertheless, I am embracing the challenge and loving exploring our history.



My faith journey really began at this church. I was three when my parents joined; it was 1989. My life has been shaped and my faith strengthened by this spiritual family, and I am forever grateful for it. I believe that is why I felt the calling to become a Deacon and give some of myself back to the community that has given me so much, and throwing a big party to celebrate 50 years seemed like icing on the cake!

As part of my Historian title, I have taken on a unique project, interviewing our Founders. They include Mr. and Mrs. Train, Mrs. Pearson, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Rose,

Mr. Tucker, and Dr. and Mrs. McCarthy. With the collaboration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and some willing high school volunteers we have interviewed and videotaped our Founders' thoughts on the beginnings of the Church, and their hopes for the future. Some highlights for all you curious history buffs: before the church was built they were meeting at homes, then area schools, most often Countryside School. There was some debate on where to locate the church (it was almost built on the other side of Lake Cook Rd.) and, my personal favorite, rather than the traditional church we know today, a modern design had been proposed! Just imagine a "1960s Modern Church" no columns, no white steeple, no colonial colors!

In addition to rooting up all our history, the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has planned some wonderful events for this year, including a very exciting Founders Day (April 18), a fun-filled Reunion Weekend (June 26-27) and a Fall Heritage Festival (September 18). More information about these events can be found on the Church website; click the "It's Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" icon.

I'd also like to take part of my little 'corner' for some personal requests. I NEED PHOTOS! Anything you've got, whether its personal events at the church (think Wedding, Baptism, etc.) or spiritual/social gatherings (Bible Study, Kitchen Cabinet, Retreats, Mission Trips) or other things happening at church or with your church family and send them on over! I'm in desperate need of 1960s and 70s photos. Email: or pop them in my mailbox.

So as the Church recognizes 50 years of history, and I remember my own 20 year history within the Church, take a moment to reflect on how this spiritual family has helped you grow, and, in looking forward, what you hope to bring today, to make the next 50 years of the Church the best possible years to come!

## Christian Education

### Mexican Fiesta, Meditation Service, Bubba Bake-Off

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 5:00pm

We're celebrating Cinco de Mayo in April!! Come enjoy our taco bar complete with a variety of traditional fixings and, of course, plenty of chips and salsa. Experience the fantastic culinary ability of our youth as they take us south of the border. You will enjoy the meal as well as the fellowship and the atmosphere! As they say, ¡Olé!



Can't resist? Call the church office to secure your reservation.

COST: \$9.00/person, \$5 – age 7 and under, \$30/family

The April dinner is provided by the youth of the Church as a fundraiser for the 2010 Youth Mission Trip. This will include missionary work in Louisville, Kentucky, plus attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Indiana. While in Kentucky, the Youth will have the opportunity to engage in person-to-person ministries, as well as offer hands-on construction work. They will be staying at the Harvey Browne Presbyterian Church. They will then depart from Louisville and head to Lafayette, Indiana for the Presbyterian Youth Triennium held at Purdue University.

We are grateful to the Congregation for your support of all the Youth's fundraisers to help offset the costs of the trip. We appreciate your participation in the Youth's pancake breakfast, M&M fundraiser, flavored popcorn sales and our chili and stew dinners before vespers. We hope that we can count on your continued support, and that you will join us in our Mexican Fiesta!

After the meal, we'll have a brief devotional service. Then we invite everyone to stay for the **Bubba Bake-Off** sponsored by the Men's Fellowship Group. For those who are unfamiliar with the Bubba Bake-Off, men of the congregation are challenged to prepare their favorite dessert recipe for the "not so silent" auction. Proceeds will be used to rebuild the concrete steps in front of our church.

### 5th/6th Grade Parent/Child Class— What Presbyterians Believe

April 25 5:00-7:00p.m.

Join us as we meet for the second in a series of three classes designed for parent and child to attend together. We will share a meal together before beginning to explore the topic of what we believe as Presbyterians about worship, scripture and church life. We will talk about John Calvin and will complete an art activity.



Please RSVP to the Church office no later than Wednesday afternoon. That will ensure that there will be enough food and study material for everyone. Bring your Bibles!

### 4th Grade Parent/Child Class— Sacraments

Sunday, April 11

5:00 – 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

We will have dinner together before beginning to explore the sacraments of baptism and communion. We will read through scripture and learn the importance of water, bread and wine in our spiritual lives. All should bring their Bibles, including parents. The interactive class will include games, a tour of the Sanctuary and much more. Please RSVP to the church no later than Wednesday afternoon.



### Easter Egg Hunt, April 3

On Saturday, April 3, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., join the Youth of our congregation outside on the lawn as they lead children of all ages on an Easter Egg Hunt. Refreshments, games, crafts, a visit from E. Bunny and story time will be held in Fellowship Hall. The cost is minimal -- \$5 per child, or \$10 per family. Please contact the church office, **847-381-0975** to sign up. Bring your basket and fill it with fun!



## Save the Date – Vacation Bible School

June 21 – June 28

Grounded in Jesus' Parable of the Sower, "ReNew: The Green VBS" brings together the Bible and environmental stewardship.

### Bethany's Corner

**Reduce - Reuse - Recycle** - This idea not only applies to our earth but also our church. We here at PCB are doing God's work and we have **reduced** our budget and we have **recycled** our Christian Ed volunteers to many different positions and now we are looking to the whole congregation for toys for us to **reused**. As we enter the season of garage sales and clean out our own homes, we would ask you to prayerfully consider picking up at a garage sale, or donating from your own stash, the listed items below. These items will go for projects and programs that we want to provide to God's children. We will have a TREE set-up in fellowship hall with these items on a leaf for the picking starting April 11th . We will look for these items to be donated by May 9th.

Also, to be considered are **YOUR** talents that may be given freely to help shape our hopes and dreams for a Christ like life in our youth. If you have any thoughts, talents, or desire to participate in showing God's love to our children, please contact Melissa Armstrong-Hansche, Dawn Haeger, or me and we will get you plugged in. We have 2 meetings in April scheduled, we are looking to have a summer VBS program staffed, and a summer Sunday school program that includes gardens and Godly growth.

Here is what you will find on the leaves of the Giving Tree:

Rainbow Room - Dress ups - hats, purses, high heels, gloves, men's jackets, hats, ties, boots, umbrellas, and raincoats.

Magazines that feature adults and/or children in action  
Flower and nature pictures (catalogs)

Classic children's books (subjects: friends, family, policemen, firemen, etc. pets, creation, day/night, and animals).

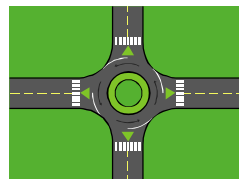
Fisher Price-like toys: Dr. kit, handyman toolbox, play phones, nice baby doll with clothes

Puzzles with subjects like the books, large floor puzzles preferred or wooden ones- same subject matter as with the books.

Yours in Christ, Bethany Muhvic  
Elder of Christian Education

### Intersect: Where our lives and the Gospel meet!

Come check out the totally new, laid back discussion group that replaces traditional Sunday School for **Senior High Youth!** Less time...less class...more real! Together, we will explore just what the sermon, prayers & songs mean to us. Got 30 minutes? Give us a try! We meet second hour in the Youth Lounge.



## Calling all Senior Highs

On Sunday, April 25, senior high youth will depart from PCB at 10 am to serve at the Woodstock Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. We plan to return at 2:30 pm. Please let Pastor Dawn know if you are planning to attend so she may have enough rides arranged.



## Hygiene Kits for Haiti

During a lock-in, the 5th/6th grade fellowship group organized a bake sale to raise money to help the Haiti relief effort. We set a goal to raise enough money for 5 hygiene kits, which would go to Haiti or Chile through the Church World Service. Later we went shopping for the kit supplies.

Each kit has: 6 band aids, one wash cloth, one hand towel, a nail clipper, a toothbrush, a bar of soap and a hair comb. But thanks to everyone who bought baked goods from us, we raised enough for 12 kits, and still had some left over money to donate to the Red Cross. We want to thank the congregation for supporting our bake sale, Mr. Buchta, and Ms. Liz for chaperoning the lock-in and helping us bake brownies and cookies, and Miss Melissa for organizing the lock-in, the bake sale and the shopping trip.



All Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to the Rubaks' on Friday, April 23 from 7-9 pm for a game night. We will play some hard "core" Apples to Apples and enjoy all kinds of junk food. Contact Pastor Dawn if you'd like to bring a treat. Otherwise, just bring yourself and a smile!

## Hot Stock Tip

You have the opportunity to get-in on the ground floor of a stock offering that is guaranteed to produce positive results within the next three months. The youth of our congregation who are participating in the Youth Mission Trip to Kentucky in July, will be selling stock in themselves to help fund the trip. Shares of stock in individuals are available, or you may purchase Mutual Fund shares that will offset the costs of the entire group. Look for the "Youth Stock Sale" table in Fellowship Hall following the service on April 11 & 18. This investment is sure to pay dividends for a lifetime.



## Fellowship

### Men's Fellowship Group

The April meeting of the Men's Fellowship will be held on Thursday, **April 15** at 6:30 PM. The location will be announced in the church bulletin. Please RSVP to Tom Long by April. There will be no May meeting of the Men's Fellowship because of the Men's Retreat May 14-16.

Men's Retreat: Friday evening **May 14** through noon on Sunday, **May 16**, 2010 at the newly-remodeled Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan, WI. The weekend teaching sessions will focus on what both ancient wisdom and modern psychology advocate for helping men to live maturely, happily and spiritually. Registration was held

in March. For more information, please contact **Tom Long** or **Tom Hilgendorf** by March 17

### Kitchen Cabinet

John Faassen will be our presenter on **Tuesday, April 13**. He has a power point presentation of the original photos taken by Arthur Mole of army troops during WWI that will be of particular interest to history buffs. Please note the change to the **second Tuesday** of the month through October, when we will go to Wednesday again. Biltmore closes on Monday and Tuesday from November through March. Reservations appreciated very much; please call **Bob Johnson**

## Music

Sundays-At-Four  
Final Concert of This Season

**Sunday, April 18, 4:00 p.m.**  
**The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, Sanctuary**  
**Gaudete Brass Quintet**  
**Brassy Bach**



Gaudete Brass returns for another fantastic program of brass music, including music by J. S. Bach, Jan Bach, Axel Jorgensen, David Sampson, and a collection of early music. Known for their creative programming and sensitive, virtuosic musicianship, this is brass music at its best.

Founded in 2004, the Gaudete Brass Quintet is devoted to presenting serious brass chamber music at the highest level of excellence and to encouraging worldwide appreciation of the art of brass chamber music through live performances, recordings, education, and the creation of new works.

The quintet is committed to expanding the brass quintet repertoire by commissioning new works from modern composers in addition to historically informed performances of Renaissance music as well as performing classic brass quintet works. They have been featured on concert series, radio broadcasts and at universities throughout the country.

The concert will be preceded by a lecture in the Parlor at 3:30 p.m. A reception in Fellowship Hall will follow the concert. The concert is free; however, we will accept donations to benefit one of our mission projects.

## Sunday Music

April 4	<i>Anthem: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!</i> William Mathias
April 11	<i>Peace I Leave with You</i> Walter Pelz
April 18	<i>Worthy Is the Lamb</i> G.F. Handel
April 25	<i>The Lord Is My Shepherd</i> David Cherwien

## Rev. Haeger's Letter

I don't claim to always understand the "humor" of many television and radio talk show hosts. Often, it seems to me, that they are talking to hear themselves talk or denigrating the work of people they don't especially like. The ideal of thoughtful discourse does not seem to be on their agendas. Most of the time, I simply turn the channel.

That being said, I have been spending quite a bit of time this past week working on the upcoming senior high mission trip and was confounded to hear of a statement by media personality, Glenn Beck. Mr. Beck declared that Christians should leave churches that use the term "social justice" as it is code for Communism and Nazism. I am not quite sure how Mr. Beck defines social justice, but I am quite confident that our scriptures and faith tradition speak to this concept quite compellingly.

Luke 4:18-19 declares, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" and Amos 5:24, "But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." The Beatitudes and Hebraic Jubilee were both concerned with justice and righteousness.

In 16th century Geneva, Switzerland John Calvin developed programs for public health and the care of refugees. In the 19th century, Presbyterian abolitionists fought to end slavery while 20th century Presbyterians were involved in the civil rights movement and the struggle against apartheid. Our salvation in Jesus Christ is not simply for personal delivery from hell but the reconciliation of all of creation.

Mark Achtemeier, professor of theology at Dubuque Theological Seminary, writes, "So Presbyterians work for justice in the world as a sign and anticipation of God's restoration of the whole creation, begun in Jesus. Our justice work is a sign, because it is evidence of God's re-creation of our own hearts after the pattern of Christ's own love. Just as Christ gave himself for the sake of the world, so Christ's church gives itself for the world in the struggle for a more just and peaceful social order."

The re-shaping of our hearts into the pattern of God's love is our calling as faithful Christians. I am proud to travel with our teens as they serve God's people in Louisville this summer sharing God's care and justice. Far from fleeing a church that concerns itself with social justice, I embrace that label and yearn for the day when this work will no longer be necessary.

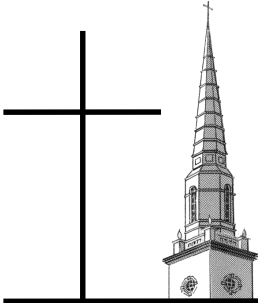
Blessings, *Dawn*

## Parish Life

### Welcome to our New Members

We welcome members who have joined our family of faith this fall and winter:

Bill and Linda Adair  
 Ivona and Mark Adkins  
 Mary and Dick Ash  
 Amanda Cook  
 Jim Haeger  
 Barbara and Joe Rush  
 Nicole and Tim Schomer, and baby Grace  
 Cindy and Steve Taylor and son Alex  
 Lucy Wyatt



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 A welcoming, caring, family of faith

**Church Officers 2010 - 2012**

**Session**

Curt Baxter, Pastor, Moderator  
 Dawn Haeger, Assoc. Pastor  
 Paige Unangst, Clerk of Session

Julie Archos  
 Karen Moratz  
 Steven Neptun  
 Betsy Rubak  
 Gerry Nadig  
 Jane Zimmer

Jack Raaths  
 Don Minner  
 Bethany Muhvic  
 Kathy Weidner  
 Curtis Moore  
 Nancy Bohren

Don Andler  
 Bill Crewe  
 Emily Dowell  
 Mark Layne  
 Carol Buchta  
 Heidi Anderson

**Deacons**

Alexandra Bernardi  
 Nancy Heath  
 Gus Leep  
 Sue Powers  
 Vern Soukup  
 Karen Stout

Dale Smith  
 Laura Burke  
 Emmie Helfrick  
 Lindsey Moratz  
 Sigrid Ross  
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**Trustee Officers, 2010**

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2010 Session Committees

	Christian Education	Communications	Congregational Life	Membership & Outreach	Mission	Nominating & Leadership Development	Personnel	Stewardship	Worship	2010 50th Anniversary Task Force
<b>Class of 2012</b>										
Heidi Anderson	X									
Don Andler						W				X
Carol Buchta							X			
Bill Crewe	X adult			X						
Emily Dowell								X		
Mark Layne					X					
<b>Class of 2010</b>										
Julie Archos									W	
Karen Moratz									X	
Gerry Nadig					W					
Steve Neptun			W							
Betsy Rubak						W				
Jane Zimmer								W		
<b>Class of 2011</b>										
Nancy Bohren				W						
Don Minner		W						X		
Curt Moore		X								
Bethany Muhvic	W									
Jack Raaths							W			
Kathy Weidner			W							
Chair or co-chair member	W X									

## Church Administration

### Trustees Corner

It would be hard to be a member of our congregation and not feel a sense of urgency about our collective economic, spiritual and physical future. We have had the details of the condition revealed to us recently in letters, conversations and meetings.

The communicators of this message are not professional fund raising agents, but are, in fact, your friends, neighbors and fellow congregants. The pleas from the members who spoke out during the February 28th annual meeting were heartfelt.

Jack Raaths, chair of the Personnel Committee, asked us to use our senses to see, hear and even taste (yes, we have many excellent food "events") the living organism that is our church. He reviewed the staffing that is required to fulfill the mission that we all agreed to, and appealed to us to support it with our finances, so that it may continue to be a reality, soothing our senses.

Rich Larson, Treasurer of the Trustees, praising the efforts of staff and member volunteer work days, reviewed our now chronic budget deficit. He referred to the need for the secondary campaign and the letter that was written in February detailing the problem and the consequences of failing to respond to it.

Jack Ellis, President of the Trustees, reminded us that even if we rise to the occasion and achieve a balanced budget for 2010, we still face a significant shortfall for appropriate building maintenance funding. Our budget has contained an average of less than \$15,000 annually for building maintenance and upkeep while our facility demands over \$50,000 per year for these items.

Gus Leep eloquently reminded us of the biblical admonition to not be too puffed up with our barns full of grain and to remember to give to the Lord in thankfulness for what he gave us. Gus questioned why

the concept of tithing ("one-tenth") has all but disappeared. (This is in light of the statistics that show that our collective level of giving about 1.4% of gross income) is well below any benchmark for the area or the denomination.)

The uncomfortable feelings and our economic crisis can be eliminated by each of us examining our personal relationships with God and reconciling that we can do more to look after the gifts that God has given each of us. We need to eradicate the thought that someone else will step up to cover us – we are all “the someone else” in that scenario. The time is now, the issue is clear and it is personal - between each of us and God.

### Financial Report

#### For the Two Months Ended February 28, 2010

	Actual	Budget	Annual
	YTD	YTD	Budget
Pledges	\$72,310	\$80,810	\$484,856
Prepaid Pledges	10,985	10,984	65,909
Open Plate	11,465	5,000	30,000
Misc Receipts	2,280	1,234	9,500
Add'l Need	<b>0</b>	<b>21,029</b>	<b>126,229</b>
	<b><u>\$97,040</u></b>	<b><u>\$119,057</u></b>	<b><u>\$716,494</u></b>

Please note that the Annual Budget Information has not been finalized as of 03/04/10.

Budget should be approved at the 03/15/10 Session Meeting

## Worship Schedule

- Apr. 1** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....7:00 p.m.  
Maundy Thursday,  
*A Long Night*  
Readings: Exod. 12:1-4, 11-14; Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19;  
1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35.
- Apr. 3** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....9:00 p.m.  
Great Vigil of Easter  
*The Gift of Peace*  
Readings: Gen.1:1-2:2; Ex.14:10-15:1; Isa. 55:1-11;  
Ez. 37:1-14; Rom.6:3-11; John 20:1-25.
- Apr. 4** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
*An Easter Way of Life*  
Readings: Isa. 65:17-25; Luke 24:1-49; Isa. 25:6-9;  
Ps. 114; 1 Cor. 5:6b-8..
- Apr. 10** Meditation, Dinner, Bake Off 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 11** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*Now What?*  
Readings: Acts 5:27-32; Ps. 118:14-29; Rev. 1:4-8;  
John 20:19-31
- Apr. 18** Dr. Kenneth Sawyer .....10:00 a.m.  
*Founded In Faith*  
Readings: Acts 9:1-6; Ps. 30; Rev. 5:11-14;  
John 21:1-19.
- Apr. 25** Dr. Baxter Preaching .....10:00 a.m.  
*God Gives Life*  
Readings: Acts 9:36-43; Ps. 23; Rev. 7:9-17;  
John 10:22-30.



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