



December 2, 2018

A Warm Welcome is extended to our guests worshiping with us today. We welcome you to be part of our church family regardless of your race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, marital status, social or economic state, physical or mental challenge, and whether you are confident or questioning your faith. We offer opportunities through the week for worship, study, service, and fellowship. If you would like to know more about the church, or make a prayer request, please fill out the information card located in the pew rack. Also, should you want to visit with Pastor Joe, he may be reached at 847-381-0975.

Fellowship Gathering: Please join us for refreshments in Fellowship Hall following the 10:00 am worship service.



Stephen Ministry: **BLUE CHRISTMAS-** **HELPING HURTING PEOPLE COPE WITH THE HOLIDAYS**

Not everyone welcomes the Christmas Season with joy. For people dealing with loss, sadness, grief, stress, or loneliness, the holidays can be a time of dread. The season rings hollow.

Stephen Ministers here at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington are available to reach out to those in our church family and in our community, who are struggling with pain and loss- during the Christmas season and throughout the year. A Stephen Minister will meet with the hurting person on a weekly basis to listen and to encourage so that he or she does not have to face the darkness alone.

How can you help your friends who are hurting? During the Christmas season, be especially aware of those who have suffered a loss during the past year. Let them know that you understand how difficult the holidays can be and remind them that our Stephen Ministers are available to provide the care and support they need. All you need to do is contact Pastor Joe at 847-381-0975 or call Jack Raaths at 847-867-3718.

Men's Friday Morning Study Group

Our Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group meets every Friday morning at 6:30am at Egg Harbor Cafe in Barrington. All men are welcome to join any week you are available. If you have questions about our current study, please contact Pastor Joe, pastorjoe@pcbarrington.org or Don Minner, don.minner@gmail.com.



Don't forget to sponsor the **Christmas** Decorations



Chancel Guild

As the holidays approach, the Chancel Guild invites you to help sponsor the church's beautiful Christmas decorations. If you would like to donate to our Christmas fund, please fill in the information below forms can also be found in the Narthex. Turn it in with your check to the church office by **December 17th**. Make the check payable to

Presbyterian Church of Barrington, memo "Christmas decorations". Your dedication will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

Name of donor(s) _____

Amount of donation \$ _____

Dedication for the Christmas Eve Bulletin:

TODAY'S EVENTS



Advent Dinner

Tonight, 5:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Did you forget to sign up? Not too late just give Carol Buchta a call

847-382-1951 or email

clbuchta660@comcast.net

SHHH – Santa is coming

Upcoming Events



FAMILY-TO-FAMILY: Christopher House **Family-to-Family**

All **35 Families** have been sponsored!! Thank you to the members of our congregation for giving these families a Joyful and Happy Holiday. **Just a**

Reminder: All gifts must be at the church garage by Thursday **December 6th.** (the church is closed on Friday). All gifts will be delivered to Christopher House on Saturday morning Dec. 8th.

Serving Opportunities



Carol Miller is in need of Type B blood, if you or you know someone that can donate please contact Life Source Arlington Heights 847-577-5797 directed/designated to Carol Miller. If you have any questions you can contact Carol at 847-359-2436.

Christmas is coming.....Have you been nice? If so, we could use some very nice people to help the Church out with ushering on Christmas Eve. Currently we need ushers for the 5 pm and 9 pm services. If you can help, please email Chris Raaths at MrWalleye73@aol.com.

Thanks, and **Merry** Christmas!



Barrington Giving Day

Friday, Dec. 7, Setup around 3-5 PM: need at least TWO PEOPLE to help Sandie and Dan Paxton setup the tables at Station Middle School – lots of carrying involved.

Saturday, Dec. 8, McDonalds/Starbucks Delivery: need ONE PERSON to work with Curt Moore picking up burritos from McDonalds and coffee from Starbucks.

Saturday, Dec. 8, Servers: need people to help with serving (cut up bagels and bananas, serve coffee, keep food stocked on table for guests)...Need THREE PEOPLE from 9-11 and THREE PEOPLE from 11-1

Please call Dan Paxton with questions and/or availability to help in any of the above ways. Call 815-790-9007



Sunny Hill School - A great many of the students cannot afford to bring snacks for snack time or for after school programs. Won't you please bring healthy snacks for the students and put them in the snack bin near the office? Thank you for helping these young students get the most from their education.



A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!!!

Chancel Guild gives a big "THANK YOU" to all the ELVES (Men) who helped assemble the sanctuary trees and outdoor wreaths for our church this year: Mark Layne, Jack Raaths, Scott Buchta, Bill Nelson, Tom Long, Ross Bogue, Rich Larson, Rich Barbour, Peter Shaeffer, Dave Nelson and to Chris Raaths for organizing the group. A special "Thank You" to Bill Springer and Gill Semmen for the use of their trucks to bring the trees from the garage to the sanctuary.

Also- "Thank You" to the ladies who beautifully decorated the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and the Parlor on Tuesday, a day later than usual due to the BLIZZARD: Kathy Larson, Mary Heath, Susan Zentz, Joan Wolfram, Floy Shaeffer, and Joyce Simpson. We appreciate your dedication to making our church a beautiful, welcoming place for our congregation, family, and friends.
Sue Kosobud and Susan Raaths



Long-time church member Steve Alton likes to walk and likes companionship. His blindness limits his activities when he is alone. Jeff Anderson has agreed to coordinate volunteers who would like to take Steve for walks or other activities. Please contact Jeff at jca1017@att.net if you have some time to spend with Steve.

For Those in Need: Winter is coming! Please donate warm coats, jackets, sweaters, hats, scarves and gloves for adults and children for the cold winter ahead. The Mission Committee is grateful for your support of this important ministry. Please leave your donations in the designated cart by the office.





Tom Long – Linda's recovery from new pneumonia.

Prayers for Lucky Somers family

If you have a Prayer Request that you would like listed here, please write it down on the Pew Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate.

Please be sure to check the box "Share with Congregation"

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY – December 2

8a Worship Service

9a Music Rehearsal

9:45a Nursery & Toddler Care

10a Worship Service

THURSDAY - December 6

1:30p Garlands Bible Study

6:15p Bell Choir

7:30p Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY - December 7

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People, Places, Events and Ministry Opportunities of
The Presbyterian Church of Barrington