

# the CARILLON

MONTHLY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Family Movie Night

PJ Movie Night! PCB Kids Presents...  
Winnie the Pooh: A Valentine for You,  
on Sunday February 2nd from 4:30  
PM to 6:00 PM.

## Youth Gathering

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## Music on the Hill

## Mardi Gras Party!

## Charles Thomas Jazz Trio

Come join us on Saturday, March 1st for this toe-tapping program.

## Adult Education

**Olivier Messiaen Lecture** March 2, 11:15 AM

**Messiaen in worship** – March 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:00 AM

## Vision Statement

We are a compassionate community of faith, following the teachings of Jesus Christ, affirming His grace, sharing God's love, and serving all those in need.



## Pastor David's Preaching Schedule

### A SERMON SERIES: DO UNTO OTHERS



Jesus taught that we should treat others as we want them to treat us – including those with whom we disagree. Known as *The Golden Rule*, a version of this teaching can be found in almost every religion in the world. This holds the power to bring people together again. And this is one of the most important things we can proclaim right now.

**February 2** – Blue & Red Make Purple: Kindness (Luke 6:31-36)  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

**February 9** – The Polarization Within: Compassion (Isaiah 11:6-9)

**February 16** – Listen More / Speak Less – Humility (Ephesians 4:1-6)

**February 23** – Living Together On Uncommon Ground: Respect (1 Corinthians 12:1-26)  
The Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**March 2** – With Malice Toward None: Love (Matthew 22:34-40)  
The Sacrament of Holy Communion

## Pastor's Desk

### Groundhog Day

Groundhog Day is a popular day in North American culture. (It is also a delightful romantic comedy.)

The focus of the day centers around a small rodent, a groundhog, which comes out of its burrow to predict the weather. Tradition asserts that if the groundhog emerges from its burrow on February 2nd and sees its shadow, the groundhog will retreat to its den and resume hibernation thereby ensuring that six more weeks of winter will follow. However, if it is cloudy, and the groundhog doesn't see its shadow, it will stay out, and spring will come early.

When you think about it, Groundhog Day is located at the center of the winter season – halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox.

But Groundhog Day also has some roots in the tradition of the Church.

In the life of the Church, February 2nd is known as Candlemas. After the early church in the 4th-century established Christmas as December 25th, they looked to scripture and discovered that a woman was supposed to bring a sacrifice to the temple on the fortieth day after giving birth to the first male child of the family (Leviticus 12:3-4). Luke's gospel informs us that Mary and Joseph did just that (Luke 2:22-25).

While there, they encountered Simeon to whom God had revealed that he would not die until he had met the long-expected Messiah who was to be “a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” It is at this point Jesus is celebrated as “the light of the world.” Therefore, to symbolize the light of Christ, the Church's celebration of the day was called “Candlemas” – a mass for the candles.

So, how did these two traditions of Christ and the Groundhog become enmeshed?

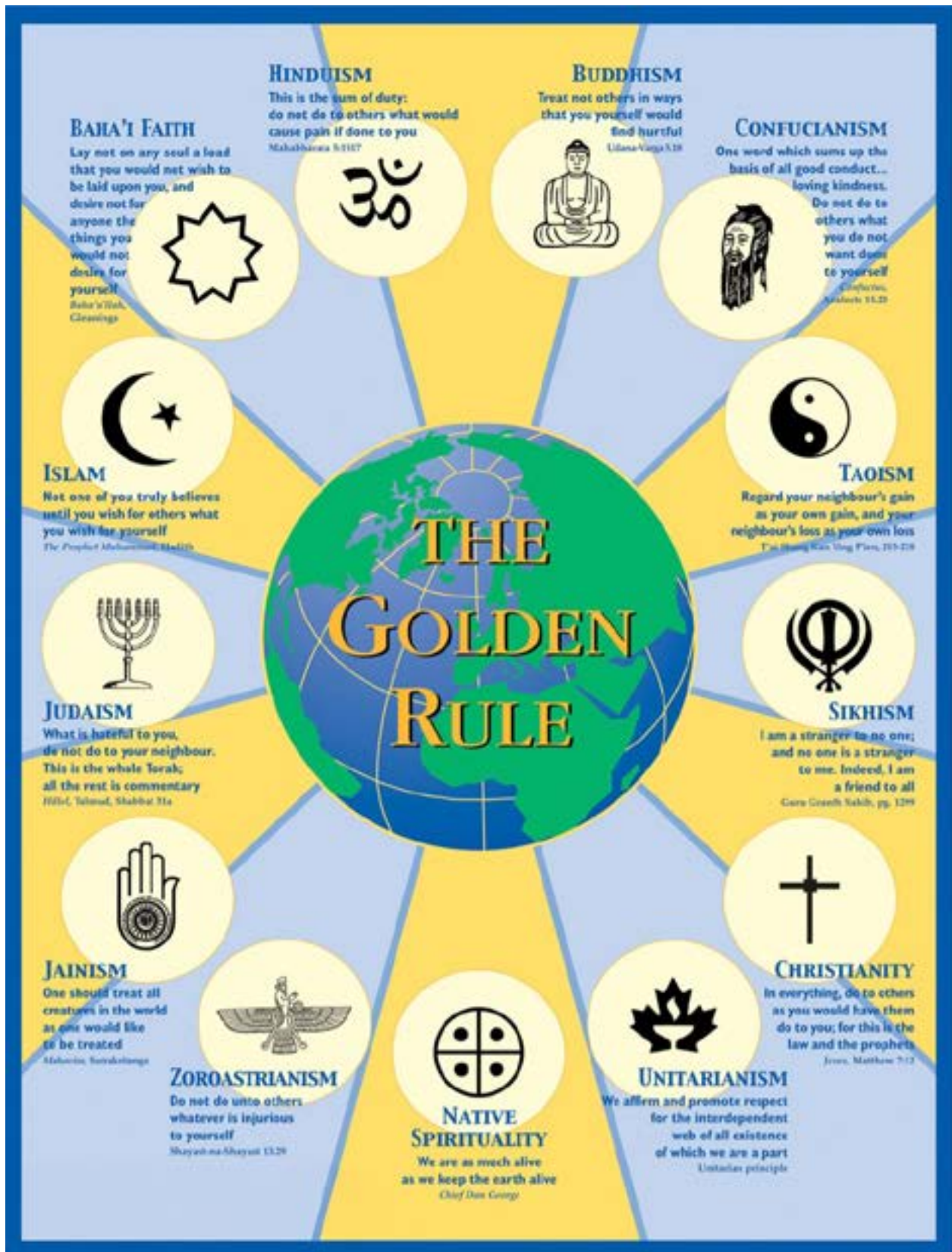
Agrarian societies have always watched the actions of wildlife for signs of coming weather – how squirrels store nuts for the winter, the amount of hair on caterpillars, etc. Where German immigrants brought to Pennsylvania the notion of the badger as a weather barometer whose forecasting abilities were transferred to the groundhog, Scottish immigrants brought a poem:

If Candlemas be fair and bright,  
Winter has another flight.  
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,  
Winter will not come again.

So, no matter whether the day be cloudy or bright, whether the groundhog sees his shadow or not, you can mention the Christian significance of this day and where the tradition came from. By doing so, you will re-tell and help re-live Simeon's prophecy and reveal Jesus as being the light of the world.

Happy Ground Hog Day!

*Pastor David*



## Music

### Music on the Hill

Music on the Hill is an annual series of free community concerts offered through the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. The programming covers a wide range of music styles, including classical, jazz, folk, and world music, featuring many of Chicagoland's top musicians. All concerts are on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm and are free.

### Celebrate 2025! The Langen-Conneely Quartet

We celebrated the New Year on January 11th with our first Music on the Hill Concert of 2025. Everyone enjoyed a spirited session of traditional Irish music and an All-family Soupfest. The Langen-Conneely Quartet, featuring Kathleen Conneely, whistle, Pauline Conneely, banjo, Jesse Langen, guitar, and Tim Langen, fiddle, brought together two talented families for an evening of lively Irish music and storytelling.

View Photos & Video online at [pcbarrington.org/celebrate-2025/](http://pcbarrington.org/celebrate-2025/)



## Mardi Gras Party!



**Saturday, March 1**

**Mardi Gras Party: Charles Thomas Jazz Trio**

**5:30 Gathering**

**6:00 Mardi Gras Dinner Buffet**

**7:00 Mardi Gras Parade to Sanctuary**

**7:30 Performance: Charles Thomas Jazz Trio**



Come join us for this vibrant program to celebrate Mardi Gras! With a repertoire that ranges from Bernstein to Stevie Wonder, and from Gershwin to gospel, vocalist Charles Thomas spices up servings of jazz standards with eclectic pop, classic folk, and contemporary world music flavors. His performances in venues from Chicago's Jazz Showcase and New York's Laurie Beechman Theatre to Paris's Franc Pinot have featured collaborations with artists as diverse as jazz pianists Geri Allen and Amin Claudine Myers, internationally renowned dance company Urban Bush Women, and vocal ensembles Opera Ebony and New York Harlem Theater.

The concert will be preceded by a Mardi Gras buffet dinner with jambalaya, gumbo, red beans and rice, cornbread, non-alcoholic hurricanes, and a king cake. Following dinner, we will assemble for our very own Mardi Gras parade from the Fellowship Hall to the Sanctuary. We invite people to bring a percussion-type instrument of their choice for the parade (drums or a pot & wooden spoon, chimes, bells, tambourines, wood blocks, noisemakers, etc.), although helping hands will also be needed for carrying balloons and streamers.

As always, we encourage you to invite neighbors, friends, and family members who you would like to involve in our church community.



## Sanctuary & Bell Choirs

The Sanctuary Choir is comprised of members from the congregation who share their musical gifts on a weekly basis from September through June. The choir rehearses Thursday nights from 7:00–8:30 pm, and sings at the 10:00 am service every Sunday.

The Bell Choir is an ensemble that plays for Sunday worship seven or eight times per year, and rehearses on Thursdays from 6:00–7:00 pm. The choir utilizes a three-octave set of hand bells made by Schulmerich.

## Adult Education

**Soli Deo Gloria**  
Important Historical Composers of Sacred Music

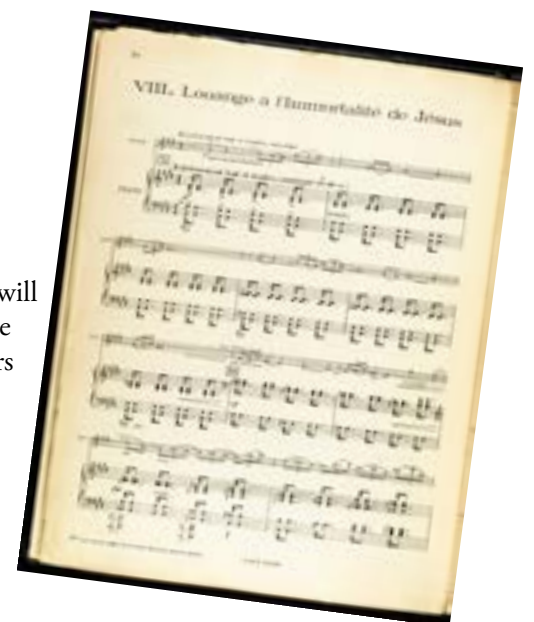


### Olivier Messiaen

Sunday, March 2, 11:15 AM  
Olivier Messiaen Lecture

Sunday, March 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00

Messiaen in worship during Lent  
Music Director Kirsten Hedegaard will be completing the three lecture cycle on historical sacred music composers by offering a talk on the French composer Olivier Messiaen. The music of Messiaen will be featured each Sunday throughout Lent.



## Children's Ministry

Helping children to know God's love for themselves and to share His love with others.

## Sunday School

Each Sunday we gather together for Sunday School with our young disciples ages PreK through 5th grade. Using the Whirl curriculum from Sparkhouse, the kids relate to the Bible through entertaining and theology-targeted stories, which are relevant to their lives. Each lesson includes stories, a fun video, discussion and crafts. Our take-home leaflets also provide weekly opportunities for families to help kids put faith into action.

## Nursery

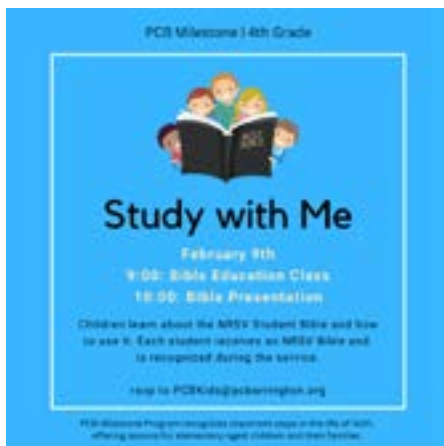
Annie from Jovie Nannies & Tutors, is in the nursery each week for our kids three and under. Stop by to say Hi to her starting at 9:30 am each Sunday.

## Kids & Families

### Family Movie Night



It's Winnie the Pooh and you too! Hope you can join us at our next Family Movie Night on February 2nd. We are making this one a Pajama Party so everyone is invited to don their favorite PJs as we enjoy pizza, a Valentines Day craft, games and, of course, the movie: Winnie the Pooh: A Valentine for You! The fun kicks off at 4:30 in Fellowship Hall and we'll call it a wrap at 6:00. Look for an Evite or send questions / RSVP to [PCBKids@pcbarrington.org](mailto:PCBKids@pcbarrington.org).



## Milestones

Our Milestone Program recognizes important steps in the life of faith, providing children with information and experiences as they grow in faith as well as involving parents and fulfilling our congregation's vow made at baptism to help children know and follow Jesus. Kids are welcome to participate in their grade-level milestone and any milestone they may have previously missed. Upcoming milestones include: 4th Grade - Study with Me: February 9th at 9:15 5th Grade - Walk with Me: March 9th @ 9:15 For more information, please send an eMail to [PCBKids@pcbarrington.org](mailto:PCBKids@pcbarrington.org).



## Youth & Families

### Youth Group

It's going to be a "Souper" Month with our Youth Group!

#### February 8th

We'll meet for a "Souper Bowl of Caring" with a food drive supporting a local pantry and bowling! (Please note: this is a date change from our previously scheduled gathering on January 26th.) Stay tuned for details and get ready to roll!

#### February 21 or 22

Details are still being worked out but please note these dates for Youth Group in late February. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall to bake a special treat to share with the congregation on February 23rd and collect items and assemble "Birthday Cakes in a Box" for the FISH Food Pantry.

Should you have any questions or like more information, please reach out to [PCBYouth@pcbarrington.org](mailto:PCBYouth@pcbarrington.org).

### Youth Ministry

Our mission is to help youth to know God's love for themselves and share His love with others. PCB provides youth and families opportunities to grow in their faith through programming based in Biblical teachings, fellowship and service.



### Youth Mission Trip 2025

Every summer Middle schoolers, high schoolers, and college-aged young adults embark on a week-long mission trip. The youth work side by side with adult volunteers on a mission project often involving construction type work. In addition, the youth participate in Bible studies and recreational opportunities.

### Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2025

This coming July, the Senior High School Youth and their adult leaders from the Presbyterian Church of Barrington will join thousands of their Presbyterian peers in Louisville, Kentucky for four days of worship, recreation, bible study, outreach, and faith formation all around the theme of "As If We Were Dreaming."

Please contact Mari at [MariHoashi@gmail.com](mailto:MariHoashi@gmail.com) for more information.



## Elders

George Landes, Stated Clerk  
Steve Alton ('25)  
Anna Armstrong ('25)  
Bard Boand ('25)  
Mari Franklin ('25)  
Robert Reilly ('25)  
JC Clarke ('26)  
Ross Clover ('26)  
Debra Johnson ('26)  
PK Johnson ('26)  
Heather Layne ('26)  
Rich Barbour ('27)  
Bob Dick ('27)  
Molly Stine ('27)

## 2025 Nominating Committee

Bard Boand\*  
Mari Franklin\*  
Audrey Helminiak  
Linda Huesing  
Debra Johnson\*  
Jack Mumaw  
Bob Stine  
\* Active Elder

## 2025 Trustees

Ron Furst ('25)  
Linda Neton ('25)  
Curt Moore ('26)  
Ross Bogue ('27)

## The Session

### The Church's Governing Board

The Session consists of Teaching Elders (our pastors) and Ruling Elders drawn from our active membership. Ruling Elders are elected for three-year terms.

## Senior Pastor Search

### First candidate profiles received and being reviewed by Pastor Search Committee

After submitting the required Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) document to the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry, we have received formal approval to proceed with our search for a new Senior Pastor. Along with this, the Presbytery has released the first set of 25 candidate profiles from their database of clergy seeking a Senior Pastor position. In addition, we have also started to receive candidate profiles from individual clergy who have seen our MDP posted on that database and are interested in being considered for this position.

The PSC expects that there will be in excess of 100 candidate profiles that will be reviewed during this process, with each one consisting of 15-20 pages of personal narratives, contact information, education and work experience summaries, references, and links to supporting materials they provide – including videos of sermons delivered.

Your PSC members are now formalizing the criteria to be applied in examining these profiles so that the process is consistently and fairly applied across all applicants. This will ensure that we identify the candidates with backgrounds, experience and gifts that most closely match our church's mission and vision for the future, in the most expeditious manner possible.

Your Pastor Search Committee appreciates the many comments received from the congregation regarding the pastor search process and wants to encourage individuals to continue to share any questions and comments they may have. Your PSC members are: **Russ Baker, Bob Dick, Lukass Franklin, PK Johnson, Joy Martinez, Patrice Miller** and **Jack Mumaw**.





## Pastoral Care

### Deacons

The Deacons are devoted to our mission of caring for the sick, the heartbroken, the needy and the lonely of our congregation. Each Deacon is assigned a geographical area or parish as their responsibility. We are in contact with our Parish members to discern if they are in need of our help and we are also advised by our Pastors of those in need.

### Deacons Corner, by Bob Stine

A common challenge in society can be a lack of community. In a world where loneliness has become the norm for many, the absence of strong, supportive connections is deeply felt. We are wired to thrive in community, and without it, we often struggle to find fulfillment and purpose.

Strong community is the solution to many of our problems. Research shows this to be true: kids raised in strong communities experience better life outcomes, and the adults in those communities are happier, healthier, financially secure, and live longer. Simply put, we need community - it's essential to our well-being.

The Apostle Paul understood this truth even in the 1st century. One of his favorite metaphors for the church is the "Body of Christ." Just as a human body depends on all its parts working together for health and vitality, the church thrives when its members come together for the common good. Paul reminds us that we are interconnected and dependent on one another. None of us can navigate life alone - we need each other.

At PCB, we come together to strengthen the bonds that make us the Body of Christ - a community where everyone belongs, is valued, and thrives.

### 2025 Deacons

Kari Blanchett ('25)

Carol Buchta ('25)

Nancy Currell ('26)

Sue Dechow ('27)

Emily Dowell ('26)

Janet Hirsch ('25)

Rich Larson ('26)

Margarette Schulze ('27)

Laura Semmen ('27)

Bob Stine ('27)

Al Zick ('27)

### Baptisms

Through the sacrament of baptism, God's Spirit initiates us into Christ's holy church, puts us on the stage of God's saving drama, and gives us new birth through water and the Spirit. In baptism, we belong body and soul to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



STEPHEN  
MINISTRY

### Stephen Ministry

#### Stephen Ministry Training Class

In the spring we will offer a much-needed training class to add to our currently serving Stephen Ministers. This is a lay ministry that serves alongside our Deacons and Pastor. A Stephen Minister meets weekly with a care receiver as they work through the difficulties associated with job loss, divorce, illness, grief or any life changing experience. The ministry serves both our congregation members and others in the community.

We are in dire need of additional women Stephen Ministers but certainly welcome both men and women of the church to join this training class. The comprehensive training consists of 50 hours of classes that equips and prepares an individual for this Christian care giving. I encourage you to visit our webpage: [pcbarrington.org](http://pcbarrington.org) under Pastoral Care and read more about our Stephen Ministry program. If you are interested in an application or have questions, please contact **Anna Armstrong**: [annarmstr@gmail.com](mailto:annarmstr@gmail.com)

## New Member Committee

Anna Armstrong  
 Julie Steffen  
 Susan Thiess  
 Rey Fuerte  
 Steve Alton  
 Maggie Bogue  
 Ginger Glanz

## Church Members

### Welcome to our New Members



### New Member Information Session

Do you want to know more about our church or are you interested in joining our faith community? If so, please join us for our new member information session on Feb. 16th after the service. Grab a refreshment from Fellowship Hall and join us in the Parlor at 11:15. This is a time to learn more about our church and ask any question you may have. Please let the church office know if you plan to attend by calling 847-381-0975. This allows us to prepare materials accordingly.

## February Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 2nd – 10 am  
 Sunday, February 9th – 10 am  
 Sunday, February 16th – 10 am  
 Sunday, February 23rd – 10 am

## Sunday Flowers

If you would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday worship please make a donation of \$40 to help cover the cost of the flowers. Make out your check to PCB with Chancel Guild noted on the memo line and place in the offering plate or mail to the church. All flowers are taken by the Deacons after worship to members who need a little flower sunshine.

Contact Jill Minner at [jfminner@gmail.com](mailto:jfminner@gmail.com) with the Sunday of your choice, along with your dedication

Thank You!

## Sunday Worship

### Sunday Liturgists

In Christian tradition Liturgist means the participation of the People of God in “the work of God”.

The Liturgist is an important part of our worship service. This person is one who is comfortable reading and leading worship for that day. He/she will do the scripture reading and possibly help lead other parts of the worship service.

All ages are invited to participate in our Sunday service.

Please contact me by email or text if you wish to participate, want more information or to get a list of available dates in the coming months.

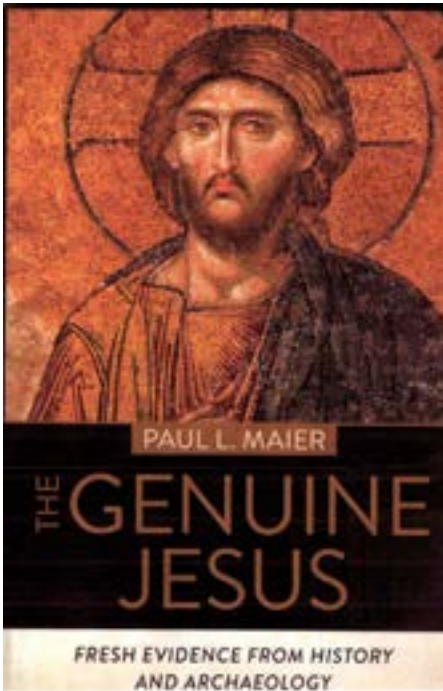
Thank You!

*Linda Neton*  
[lneton@ymail.com](mailto:lneton@ymail.com)  
 847-204-0152

## February & March 2025 Hospitality Schedule

DATE	COMMITTEE	LEADER
2/2/25	Children/Youth	Jodie Harmsen
2/9/25	Communication Outreach	Heather Layne
2/16/25	Personnel	Robert Reilly
2/23/25	Mission	
3/2/25	Stewardship	Rich Barbour
3/9/25	Stephen Ministries	Laura Semmen
3/16/25	Deacons	
3/23/25	Men's Fellowship	Tom Long
3/30/25	Trustees	Ron Furst/Linda Neton

## Adult Education



### Theology on Zoom

Join our TOZ friends in faith discussions on Wednesdays at 7 pm for our study of the book *The Genuine Jesus* by Paul L. Maier.

For more information, contact Robert Reilly at [robertfreilly.cpa@gmail.com](mailto:robertfreilly.cpa@gmail.com).

### GTIF

Growing Together In Faith women's evening Bible study meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

The group is currently studying the book "*Oxygen: Deep Breathing for the Soul*" by Keri Wyatt Kent, which focuses on passages from the book of Luke. The study can be purchased online. For more information email: [jfminner@gmail.com](mailto:jfminner@gmail.com).

### Men's Bible Study

Meets Fridays at 8-9 AM via Zoom.

Men's Bible study continues with the book, *The God We Never Knew* by Marcus J. Borg, author of the bestselling *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*.

For more information email [curtmoore1942@gmail.com](mailto:curtmoore1942@gmail.com).

## Women's Fellowship

### PCB Ladies Night

We invite all women to join us for dinner on the second Tuesday of the month. We meet at 5:30 at a local restaurant for a meal and conversation. Eat and drink as much (or as little) as you like... we gather at restaurants that provide us with separate checks, to help keep our lives simple. Email Cindy Zichal ([zichalc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zichalc@sbcglobal.net)) for deets on where we meet each month!

## Men's Fellowship

### Chili Cook Off

All are welcome to enter your favorite chili recipe on March 23rd after worship.

RSVP Entries/Sign-up Sheet

For more info about the monthly Men's Fellowship meetings, email Tom Long at [tomlong@yahoo.com](mailto:tomlong@yahoo.com).





*Presbyterian Church of Barrington*  
A COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY OF FAITH

## The Carillon

Deadline for the March 2025 Carillon is Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Be sure to get your submissions in on time to ensure publication. Please e-mail [nancy@pcbarrington.org](mailto:nancy@pcbarrington.org) or leave written submissions in the church office. If you have questions, contact Nancy at the church office.

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## PCB Office

**Location:** 6 Brinker Rd., Barrington, IL 60010

**Office Hours:** 9am to 1pm Monday – Thursday

**Office will be closed for Presidents' Day on Monday, February 17th.**

**Office Phone:** 847-381-0975

## PCB Staff

David Ezekiel  
Transitional Pastor

Patti Fugle  
Office & Financial Administrator

Kirsten Hedegaard  
Director of Music

Andrew Luzwick  
Interim Organist

Nancy Arendt  
Communication Coordinator