

the CARILLON

MONTHLY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Family Sunday School – Breakfast with Jesus

May 4th at 9 am for children, youth and their caregivers.

Habitat for Humanity

Joyful Hands Build Days on Saturday, May 10th and 17th at 8:30 am in Libertyville.

Women Build For Habitat on Wednesday, May 28th, from 8:15 am in Elgin.

Run the Hills

Sign up to run or walk on Saturday, May 17th at PCB's annual fundraising event!

Music Sunday

Join us during worship on May 18th as we celebrate music and our volunteer musicians at PCB.

Youth Group

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, May 18th at 12:30 pm for a picnic and mini golf. Friends welcome.



Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is a time to celebrate important women in our lives and the blessing from God that they represent.



RUN THE HILLS

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.

May & June 2025 Hospitality Schedule

DATE	COMMITTEE	LEADER
5/4	Mission	Jodie Harmsen
5/11	Stewardship	Rich Barbour
5/18	Stephen Ministries	Laura Semmen
5/25	Deacons	Bob Stine/ Emily Dowell
6/1	Men's Fellowship	Tom Long
6/8	Trustees	Ron Furst/ Linda Neton
6/15	Hospitality & Fellowship	Gil Semmen
6/22	Children/Youth	Jodie Harmsen
6/29	Communications Outreach	Heather Layne

Pastor's Desk

Have You Called Your Mama Today?

I grew up in a football state where we lived and breathed college football. So, everybody remembers the great coach, Paul "Bear" Bryant, and the winning teams he produced year after year. But one of the things his players most remember about him is how he instructed them in life lessons. And that showed even in his interactions with the general public.

One particular time came when he starred in a TV commercial that became an instant classic. Sitting in his office and facing the camera, Coach Bryant delivers a message about players keeping in touch with family. He then leans forward and asks a question of the audience, as though they were on the other side of his desk.

"Have you called your mama today?" There's a slight pause before he ad-libs, "I sure wish I could call mine." Then the South Central Bell logo comes on the screen. People still remember that commercial 50-plus years later. And when they do, you will often see a tear welling up in their eyes.

If you called your mother, what would you say to her? I'm guessing most of us would start with thanks. I would, even as I have said that our relationship was complicated.

I would say something along the lines of: Thanks for being there, day after day, doing the work that nobody noticed unless it was undone, like the one time you were in the hospital and there was the absence of your presence. Thanks for showing up for carpools. Thanks for going to PTA and all those school and civic and church events where you were supposed to be. Thanks for taking care of all of those items from elementary school you were asked to do that I only remembered to tell you about at the last-minute. Thanks for making me sit with the new kid at school, the unpopular, overweight kid that people in the lunchroom snickered about. You made me go to his house for play dates, too, even when I didn't want to.

I know one woman who offered thanks for how her own mother handled old age with grace and all that came with it. Her mom was in a wheelchair for the last 10 years of her life after the stroke. Her mom could have been bitter, but she wasn't. A believer in a life after this one, her mom said she wouldn't need the wheelchair that much longer, anyway.

You get the idea.

I hope that your relationship with your mother was/is great. If it was/is, offer up a prayer of thankfulness and gratitude. If not, offer up a prayer for yourself that you would find a blessing and a rainbow for your life.

Walking with you in the life of faith.

- Pastor David

Sunday Worship

Pastor David's Preaching Schedule

May 4	John 21:1-19	Breakfast on the Beach
May 11	Mark 7:24-30	Scraps from the Table
May 18	Psalm 150	The Spirit's Gift of Music
May 25	TBD	Dr. David McNutt, guest minister
June 1	TBD	Dr. David McNutt, guest minister

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 Amy Carder at mccarder@comcast.net with the Sunday of your choice, along with your dedication Thank You!

Note: The Chancel Guild is unable to accommodate requests for specific types of flower arrangements.



Sunday Liturgists

Taking part in Sunday worship is rewarding for both you and others in our congregation. Please remember that Pastor David is our only pastor so it's even more important that he has the assistance of a Liturgist during Sunday worship. Pastor David will advise you of your part in the service sometime the week before so you can be prepared. You may always contact him if you need some instructions.

Spring and Summer dates may be hard to fill because of vacations and family activities. For those who have said they have an interest in being a Liturgist this may also be a good time to become involved.

'All ages are invited to participate in our Sunday service. We especially invite any of our Middle or High school youth and those College students home for the summer to experience being a Liturgist'

I am enclosing the remaining available Sundays for June, July, August and even September 2025. Please check the available dates and see what might fit in with your schedule. Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in this important contribution to our Sunday worship service.

Linda

847-204-0152 or lneton@ymail.com

Liturgist Available Dates

June 15 and 29,
July 6 and 27
August 3, 10, 17 and 31
Sept 7, 14, 21 and 28

Children and Youth

Family Sunday School- Breakfast with Jesus

Sunday, May 4th from 9:15-10:00 am

Family Sunday School is for children, youth and their caregivers. We gather together to eat a light breakfast and talk about Eastertide and answer the question, "What would you ask Jesus if he was eating with you today?" There will be no children's Sunday School hour during worship this day.



Sunday School

We will gather May 11 and 18th to explore the stories of Eastertide. Our final Sunday School for the 2024-2025 year will be June 8th. Save the date: June 8th @ 5 pm Family Pentecost Picnic for all children, youth and families of PCB.

Youth Group



Feed My Starving Children Service Night

Friday, May 2nd from 7:15 pm-8:45 pm

25 spots have been reserved at the Libertyville location. Parents and friends are welcome. Limited transportation from church is available.

Email raechel@pcbarrington.org with your name, age and email address.

Youth Group- FORE!

Our next gathering will be May 18th at 12:30 pm for a picnic and mini golf. We will meet at Lippold Family Golf Center in Crystal Lake to eat and compete. Bring your own lunch and PCB will treat you to a round of golf. Friends welcome but RSVP is needed by May 15th.

Photos from Holy Week

[View more online](#)

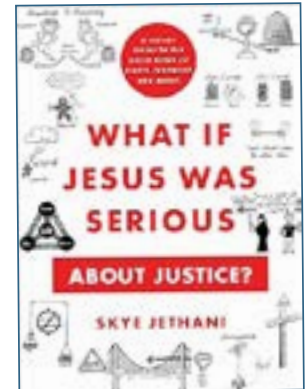


Adult Education

Theology on Zoom

Join our TOZ friends in faith discussions that returns May 7th on Wednesdays at 7 pm for our study of the book *What if Jesus was Serious About Justice?* by Skye Jethani.

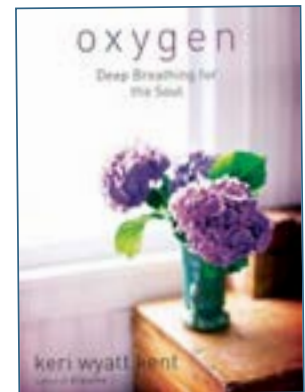
For more information, contact Robert Reilly at robertfreilly.cpa@gmail.com.



GTIF

The “Growing Together In Faith” women’s evening Bible study meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We will conclude our study of the book “Oxygen: Deep Breathing for the Soul” with a discussion on Tuesday, May 20. GTIF will then take a summer hiatus and resume in September.

For more information please email: jfminner@gmail.com.

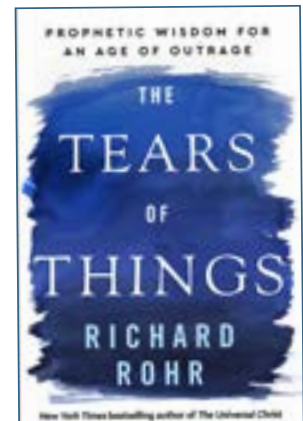


Men’s Bible Study

Meets Fridays at 8-9 AM via Zoom.

Men’s Bible study continues with the book, *The Tears of Things* by Richard Rohr. How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? What can we do with our private disappointments and the anger we feel in such an unjust world? In his most personal book yet, Richard Rohr turns to the writings of the Jewish prophets, revealing how some of the lesser-read books of the Bible offer us a crucial path forward today. Drawing on a century of biblical scholarship, *The Tears of Things* breathes new life into ancient wisdom, paving a path of enlightenment for anyone seeking a way of compassionate living in a hurting world.

For more information email curtmoore1942@gmail.com.



Fellowship

Women’s Fellowship

Ladies Night meets monthly

Email Cindy Zichal zichalc@sbcglobal.net for details on where we meet each month and to RSVP.

Men’s Fellowship

The Men’s Fellowship meets monthly

For more info contact Tom Long at tomclong@yahoo.com

Sanctuary and 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.

Music

Music Sunday

Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 18th, when we will celebrate music and our volunteer musicians at PCB. The service will be filled with joyful hymn singing, as well as singing and ringing from PCB's Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir. The service will be followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall.



Church Members

New Members Committee

The new member committee continues to reach out to guests and visitors through personal greeting, follow up emails, calls or postcard, and upcoming new literature for the pews and visitor table. We have several new member information sessions scheduled for this year, usually on the third Sunday of the month. However, due to a conflict, our next New Member Session is scheduled **for May 4th in the Parlor after the service and fellowship**. Please invite any guests who would like to know more about the Presbyterian Church of Barrington to attend.

We will recognize our 2024-2025 new members during the May 4th worship service. Join us for cake and conversation in Fellowship Hall after the service and help us celebrate these new members to our faith community!

New Member Committee

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

New Member Recognition

Sunday, May 4th during worship

Followed by a Reception in Fellowship Hall

Graduate List

The church is compiling a list of recent graduates who grew up in and/or were associated with PCB. We want to collect their names, their schools, and their degrees. The listing will be published in the June Carillon and we will recognize them on Sunday June 8th. You can send the information to the church office.

Trustees

“Campus” News

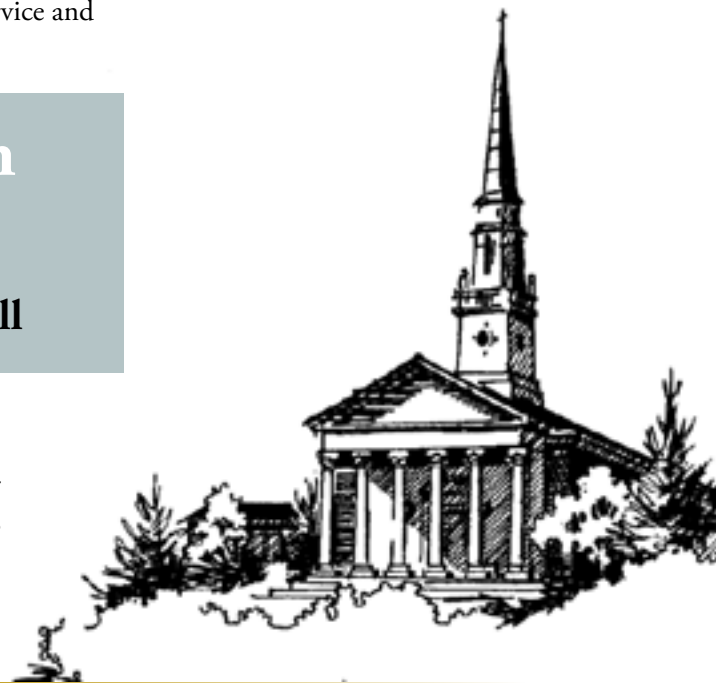
Over the next 4 weeks, we will be upgrading our audio/visual equipment in the Sanctuary. The current camera equipment located in the office will be combined with the audio equipment located in the choir loft. This may lead to some minor glitches from time to time as our team gets familiar with the new software and equipment. Please be patient, and thank you in advance for your understanding.

In the next month or so, there will be some construction work in the courtyard as we install new handicap ramps leading into Fellowship Hall. Please use caution when navigating these areas.

As always, should you notice areas that need attention, please inform one of the Trustees.

2025 Trustees

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



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

Mari Franklin, co-Chair*
Bob Stine, co-Chair
Bard Boand*
Audrey Helminiak
Linda Huesing
Debra Johnson*
Jack Mumaw
* Active Elder

Luncheon Celebration for Pastor David

Following the near unanimous vote by the congregation to accept The Session's recommendation of Dr. David Ezekiel as continuing Senior Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Barrington, a celebration was held in Fellowship Hall to celebrate Pastor David with good food, fun, and fellowship.



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.

Funerals & Memorial Services

Funerals and memorial services are services of worship conducted in witness to the resurrection and in remembrance and celebration of the life of the one who has died. Such services usually include praise and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life, affirmation of our trust in God's gift of life eternal in Jesus Christ, words of comfort to those who mourn, and the remembering of the life that has ended.

Pastoral Care

Deacon's Corner

Reaching out to God in prayer is an act of faith - and prayer can take many forms.

Your church's Deacons most often practice 'intercessory prayer' as part of our mission. Intercessory prayer is lifting up the joys and concerns of others to God. We raise special matters such as a need for healing, providing comfort and peace in loss, and thanking God for blessings such as a birth or new marriage.

Deacons learn of prayer needs in many ways. These include member contact to the church office, from our Pastor and staff, and - most often - directly by members to a Deacon. We'll soon also be adding a prayer request card that will be in each of the sanctuary's pews.

Please let us know your joys and concerns for prayer. In doing so, it's always helpful if we know whether the item is one where you'd like the whole congregation to be aware of and pray for - or if it should be a private concern.

Many full-congregation joys and concerns are published weekly in the Connections newsletter. Private prayer needs are known only to your ordained Deacons and Pastor - and are held in strictest confidence.

- Board of Deacons

2025 Deacons

Emily Dowell, Co-Moderator ('26)

Bob Stine, Co-Moderator ('26)

Kari Blanchette ('25)

Carol Buchta ('25)

Nancy Currell ('26)

Sue Dechow ('27)

Janet Hirsch ('25)

Rich Larson ('26)

Margarette Schulze ('27)

Laura Semmen ('27)

Al Zick ('27)

Stephen Ministry Training Class

Due to some unforeseen circumstances the Stephen Ministry training classes are now scheduled to take place in the fall/winter of 2025. This is a lay ministry that serves alongside our Deacons and Pastor. The Stephen Ministry program involves an application process, but don't be alarmed. The application asks questions that help us know you better as a care giver and provides insight into your particular care giving gifts. The training schedule is created to meet the needs and schedules of the class participants and is set once the class members are selected. Once trained, Stephen Ministers are supported in their care giving through twice monthly continuing ed and supervision meetings held the second and fourth Thursday of each month. This supervision helps the Stephen Minister provide the best possible Christian care while maintaining the confidentiality so critical to the program. Once assigned to a care receiver, the Stephen Minister and the care receiver meet weekly for about an hour each time. The Stephen Minister listens and supports the individual as they work through the difficulties associated with job loss, divorce, illness, grief or any of many other life changing experiences. The ministry serves both our congregation members and others in the community.

We are in dire need of additional Stephen Ministers and 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 under Pastoral Care and read more about the PCB Stephen Ministry program. Additionally, the Stephen Ministry website: stephenministries.org provides testimonials and the history behind the program. If you are interested in an application or have questions, please contact Anna Armstrong:

annarmstr@gmail.com

Please prayerfully consider this transforming opportunity. Is God calling you to serve in this capacity?



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Ministries

Mission

The fourth annual Run the Hills 5K is on Saturday May 17!

The PCB Mission Committee is joyfully hosting our fourth 5K Race to help our congregation fulfill our mission to share God's love and serve people in need!

This is a great event to share our hospitality, grounds, and beautiful Brinker/Otis Roads with runners from all over Barrington and the Chicagoland area! Did you know that the PCB includes \$27K in our annual budget to support our mission activities and mission partners? We hold this run to increase our ability to financially support our mission giving with proceeds raised by the race through runner fees, donations, and sponsorships.

How can you help? There are so many ways!

- 1- Sign up to **RUN** (or walk) and encourage your running buddies, neighbors, and friends to also sign up directly at runsignup.com/Race/Register/
- 2- Make a **DONATION** online at runsignup.com/Race/Donate/
- 3- Purchase (or sell) a **SPONSORSHIP**. We have four sponsor levels to suit any budget. If you do business with someone who would like to reach our runners, please ask them to purchase a sponsorship [Sponsor Info Brochure](#) (you can also ask Linda Huesing or Aron Van Cleave to help you with the ask).
- 4- **VOLUNTEER** to help on Race Day! It's fun, and there are jobs for all abilities. Ask your students and their friends to volunteer— we will certify their volunteer hours if they need that for school. Contact Caryl Bondelli.

The official 2025 brochure is available on our website at PCBarrington.org/run-the-hills. You can get more info and sign up to run online at barrington5k.org. And if you have any other questions, please ask Ross Bogue.

WANTED: Photographers for the PCB Run the Hills 5K Run/Walk. Contact Mari Franklin or Nancy Arendt.



March Madness - Congratulations!

On behalf of the Mission Committee, we would like to congratulate the winners of the March Madness fundraiser:

Wendy Storozuk with the UConn Women's team and **Scott Harmsen** with Florida on the Men's side.

And most importantly a big Thank You for all who participated in this fun event to support our Youth Mission Trip! Your generosity and commitment to this endeavor is truly appreciated.

Blessings,

– *Jodie Harmsen*

Ministries

Habitat for Humanity



Save the Date! Saturday, May 10th!

TIME: 8:15 a.m. - Announcements;
8:30 a.m. - Start

LUNCH: 12-1 p.m. WRAP UP: 3:30 p.m. TOOLS:
Will be provided.

DIRECTIONS: Will be provided each week, so if you are even remotely interested, please email me ahead of the Saturday, and I can include you for directions/address/details and sign up at the link below: Volunteer – Habitat For Humanity Of Northern Fox Valley.

Audrey Helminiak and Rich Barbour
Your Habitat For Humanity contacts

Women Build For Habitat Team

Our church will once again have a team of women helping build a home with Habitat For Humanity. We welcome any women of the church, whether church members or not, to join our team. Our build date is Wednesday, May 28th, from 8:15 am to about 3 pm. We will be working on a Habitat home in Elgin. All tools and equipment are supplied on the build site, as well as professional instruction and supervision. The work assignments can range from siding a house to painting, and anything in-between. If the type of work is a determining factor for you, please let us know and we'll contact the construction manager a few days before our build date to find out what we'll most likely be assigned to do. Lunch is provided, as is water throughout the day. You're welcome to bring coffee or a beverage of choice and any snacks you want. Wear comfortable work clothes and closed-toe shoes. This is a really rewarding and fun experience, so we hope you will join our team!

Susan Thiess 847-989-9280 & **Audrey Helminiak** 847-331-3621

Funding our Women Build For Habitat Team

Habitat raises money with this program by requiring all teams to raise a minimum donation amount. Our minimum donation as a church team is \$2,500. If you would like to help our team, there are 3 ways to do it:

- Write a check (payable to Habitat For Humanity; in the memo line: PCB Women Build Team) and drop it in our team donation box in Fellowship Hall
- Put cash in an envelope and drop it in our donation box (donations slips are on the table by the box)
- Donate online at: www.givebutter.com/WomenBuildNFV25. Click on the Donate link on the upper right side, then select our PCB team on the following page.

Currently, there are matching funds available for all the teams to benefit from until the funds are gone, so the sooner you donate, the more likely your donation will be matched!

Thank you for your support! Please contact **Susan Thiess** if you have any questions! 847-989-9280



The Carillon

Deadline for the June 2025 Carillon is Monday, May 19, 2025.

Be sure to get your submissions in on time to ensure publication. Please e-mail nancy@pcbarrington.org. If you have questions, contact Nancy at the church office.

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David Ezekiel Pastor

Patti Fugle Office & Financial Administrator

Kirsten Hedegaard Director of Music

Andrew Luzwick Interim Organist

Nancy Arendt Communication Coordinator

Raechel Sowa Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries

May Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 1:30 pm Worship Planning 4 pm Worship Committee 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	2 8 am Men's Bible Study 7:15 pm Feed My Starving Children	3 8 am AA
4 9 am Family Sunday School 10 am Worship 11:15 am New Member Recognition	5	6 9 am Staff Meeting	7 7 pm Theology on Zoom	8 1:30 pm Worship Planning 6 pm Bell Choir 6 pm Finance/ Stewardship 7 pm Choir 7 pm Stephen Ministry	9 8 am Men's Bible Study	10 8 am AA 8:30 am Habitat/Joyful Hands Build
11 Mother's Day 10 am Worship 11 am Sunday School	12 7 pm Nominations Committee	13 8:30 am PEO 7 pm Education Teams Meeting	14 7 pm Theology on Zoom	15 1:30 pm Worship Planning 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Choir	16 8 am Men's Bible Study	17 8 am Run the Hills 8 am AA 4 pm Schlesinger Recital
18 10 am Worship – Music Sunday 10:15 am Sunday School 11:15 am Deacons Meeting 12:30 pm Sunday Night Youth	19 7 pm Session	20 9 am Staff Meeting 7 pm GTIF	21 7 pm Theology on Zoom	22 1:30 pm Worship Planning 7 pm Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed	23 8 am Men's Bible Study	24 8 am AA
25 10 am Worship	26 Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28 8:15 am Women Build for Habitat 7 pm Theology on Zoom	29 1:30 pm Worship Planning	30 8 am Men's Bible Study	31 8 am AA

[Link to the online Calendar for current updates](#)



PCB Office

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Office Phone: 847-381-0975

Office Hours: 9 am to 1 pm Monday – Thursday

The office will be closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th.