



# The CARILLON

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### The Lenten Journey

Journey is one of the most persistent metaphors for the life of faith. With good reason. Faith involves moving from one place to another. Sometimes the journey is physical (think of Abraham, or Moses, or the Chosen People, or St. Paul and the other apostles, for starters), but whether physical or not, the journey of faith always takes a person from comfortable certainties into the great unknown.

But when you think about it, the way of the cross ends, not on Calvary's hill, but at the gloriously empty tomb of Easter.

The season of Lent is an important stretch along the journey of faith, one that always takes us to some wonderful new places. In six short weeks Lent takes us into the desert of prayer and fasting where Jesus came face to face with God; then it takes us to the mountaintop where Jesus tasted his coming glory; after that it lets us linger at Jacob's well where we meet Jesus who alone can satisfy our thirst; then it plunges us into the waters of Siloam where our eyes of faith begin to see as never before; following that it frees us from the grip of death as Jesus once freed his friend Lazarus from the tomb; and, finally, it takes us along the way of the Cross that ends, not on Calvary, but at the gloriously empty tomb of Easter. Quite a journey to travel in six short weeks!

The whole program of Easter focuses upon Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.

Prayer. Sunday and special services go without saying, but what do you do about each weekday? That is why you have been sent a link to Biola University's Center for Christianity, Culture, and the Arts found at <https://ccca.biola.edu/lent/2026>. It is a great way to help you discover a variety of media to help your prayer life. Fasting. A wonderful way to deepen our hunger for God and at the same time to grow in solidarity with those who have no food. Almsgiving. We gain by giving away. The Fish Box that we give to children is a very fine way to teach our children to reach out in love to the world's hungry.

And to assist you in your spiritual journey and contemplation this Lenten season, we will begin a new preaching series that will feature the theme: *From Wander to Wonder*. We will journey from the desert to the empty tomb as we explore how to move from aimless wandering to being lost in "wonder, love, and praise." Join us as we uplift our hearts and souls to God.

*Pastor David*

## WORSHIP

### Pastor David's Preaching Schedule

Mar 1	Matthew 17:1-9 Fire on the Mountain The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Mar 8	John 4:5-42 The Water of Life
Mar 15	Mark 5:1-20 Resurrecting the Person Stephen Minister Sunday
Mar 22	GUEST MINISTER
Mar 29	Matthew 21:1-11 King for a Day Palm Sunday; Baptism of Magnus Carter
Apr 1	John 13:21-35 Forged as a People White Breakfast

Apr 2	Various texts Soup Supper Maundy Thursday
Apr 3	Brass Roots Trio Good Friday
Apr 5	John 20:1-18 The Risen Christ Easter; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Worship services at 9:00am and 11:00 am

## CELEBRATING KIRSTEN'S MINISTRY



Can you believe it? Dr. Kirsten Hedegaard will soon be celebrating her 20th anniversary as Director of Music with the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. In honor of the uplifting, joyful music that she has brought to us, the Session would like to honor her ministry with a gift to the Music Memorial Fund and invites everyone to participate.

Twenty years ago, a gift was first given to this congregation that Dr. Hedegaard has used to fund such impressive endeavors as Music on the Hill. The Session would like to celebrate that original gift and Dr. Hedegaard's stewardship by continuing that fund. If you have been moved by the impressive musical presentations Dr. Hedegaard has produced, do consider a gift to the Music Memorial Fund to mark her 20th anniversary. Your gift to the Music Memorial Fund in honor of Dr. Hedegaard is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and will sustain the outstanding music for which the Presbyterian Church of Barrington is noted. Your check, plate envelope, or e-gift should note "Music Memorial."

Dr. Hedegaard's dedicated and talented ministry and service will be celebrated on Sunday, April 26th following Worship.



## LITURGISTS

“The audience is friendly, the view is unique, the chair very comfortable, and the experience spiritually fulfilling.” Yes, this describes one person’s experience serving as liturgist at PCB. The liturgist is an important part of the service, and the congregation appreciates your contribution. Please consider volunteering. All ages are encouraged to participate.

Pastor David will give clear direction for your part in the service in the week before you are scheduled. You may always contact him if you need clarification or assistance.

**Contact: Julia Monie by phone or text at (847) 323-0064**

**Email [jcm28@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcm28@sbcglobal.net)**

The following dates are currently available:

April 19, 26

May 3 (communion), 10, 17, 24 (Memorial Day weekend), 31

## FELLOWSHIP

### Hospitality Hosts for March

March 1	Stephen Ministries	March 15	Women’s Fellowship
March 8	Men’s Fellowship	March 22	Facilities

### Men’s Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, March 19, at Makray Golf Club. Please RSVP to Tom Long at [tomclong@yahoo.com](mailto:tomclong@yahoo.com) by noon on the day of the meeting.

### Women’s Fellowship

Ladies Night meets monthly. Email Cindy Zichal [zichalc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zichalc@sbcglobal.net) for details on where we meet each month and to RSVP.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Children



### A Little Something New in the Pew

**To the Parents of Young Children**  
Read the wiggles in this card that you need to approve that wiggles in your house.  
Consider sitting near the front where children can hear and see what is going on.  
Using the hymns, voice the responses, and say the prayers.  
Make use of the Service Hymns Handbook to keep your children engaged in worship.  
If you feel you need to leave the service, the nursery, or other special programs, please let the pastor know.  
To all Members and Visitors  
Children are God's gift to our church. It is our responsibility that God's body is growing and raising up the next generation of God's people.  
Remember that the only way we welcome children into church is the way they respond in the Church to God's love and grace. Let them know they are indeed members of our church family.  
Please welcome our children and give us your support in their worship.

The Children, Youth and Family Ministry team has created a Welcome Card for our pews that is for visitors and members with children, as well as a reminder to our members and regular attendees that children are God's gift to the church and God's body is growing while raising up the next generation of God's people. Wiggles, questions, and dancing in the aisles are always welcome at PCB!

## Youth



### Sunday Supper Youth Group March 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00pm

Our meal will have a green theme, and we will celebrate our neighbors with our very own Fort-night! We will supply some cardboard, scissors and tape. You provide any other supplies to build a fort to complete our friendly neighborhood. This gathering is a celebration of St. Patrick's Day and Mr. Roger's Birthday. Gather your fort building friends and have a fun night.

## Family



### Family Breakfast Club

We will gather at 9:15am on March 1st for a light meal and great conversation. This first Sunday monthly gathering is open to all families with children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.

**Save the date:** Family Breakfast Club on Easter Morning! Breakfast will be served beginning at 9:30am with the big Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15am. All children and their families are welcome.

## ALL THINGS LENT

As you wander with Jesus in the wilderness consider joining others at PCB to deepen your faith and sense of community. Consider these times together an opportunity for a

little self-care too! There is something for everyone during this Lenten journey towards the mystery and wonder of the empty tomb.

## Intergenerational Faith Formation

It's back! We are once again coming together for a time of learning, service and fun as we Wander and Wonder during Lent. Grab a cup of coffee and spend your fellowship time growing your faith with old and new friends, young and older friends, and of course, God. We will learn a new prayer practice each week, can send a "love" letter with a different prompt each week and do a service project or two to share our love with neighbors.



Your Christian Education team is excited for these times together and look forward to growing our faith with you. Join us!

## Gone Fishing!



Our children have gone fishing, and it is not too late for you to join them. Fish Banks can be found in the Worship Resource Center (adjacent to the lobby). Fill the bank with coins and bring it back on Palm Sunday to be blessed during our offering. The coins collected benefit the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering. To learn more contact Raechel ([Raechel@pcbarrington.org](mailto:Raechel@pcbarrington.org)) or visit the [PCUSA site](#).

## Fire Watch

Thursday, April 2-Friday, April 3



In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus is in the garden preparing for his arrest and death, feeling immense sorrow. In Matthew 26:38 Jesus instructs Peter and the two sons of Zebedee to “...Sit here while I go over there and pray.” Jesus goes to pray and then finds his disciples sleeping and asks, “Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?” The scene is also recorded in Mark 14 and Luke 22 with similar instructions to remain vigilant.

This year we are offering you the opportunity to remain vigilant by participating in our 24-hour fire watch. Beginning at 7PM on Maundy

Thursday and ending at 7PM on Good Friday, you are invited to sign up for an hour of prayer. Yes, even during the night we will keep watch. This is a virtual activity so your hour can be spent wherever you like. You can pray alone, with a partner or a group.

This is a great time for your family to pray together! Pray during a nature walk, while baking hot cross buns, dancing, drawing, or even just sitting quietly while observing the birds. [Click here to sign up](#) for your time and then on Wednesday of Holy Week you will receive instructions and ideas on how to pray. Give yourself the gift of scheduled time with Jesus and the incredible gift as a community to “keep watch” together. [Sign up today](#) or reach out to Raechel with questions.

## Good Friday Program



### **“The Way of the Cross” A Good Friday Musical Meditation with Brass Roots Trio**

**Friday, April 3, 7:00 PM**

Equally at home on the concert stage and in the church sanctuary, **Brass Roots Trio** has inspired audiences in every corner of the US and England. Since 2004 the trio has performed at hundreds of venues and festivals, including the Chicago Brass Festival, St. James Piccadilly in London, Oxford University, the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, the Crystal Cathedral and on Community Concert Series, Chamber Music Series and NPR. In 2009 Brass Roots Trio was honored to perform for President and Mrs. Obama and their guests at the White House.

Rosetta Senkus Bacon (piano), Travis Heath (trumpet and flugelhorn) and Douglas

Lundeen (French horn and voice) infuse their music with passion and exuberant energy. Individually they have demonstrated their prodigious talents across the country and around the world with engagements at the Kennedy Center in Washington, Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall in NY, and at Cultural Centers and festivals in Switzerland, England, Ireland, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Belgium, The Czech Republic, Lithuania, China, Japan, Taiwan and Costa Rico.

Brass Roots Trio's **"The Way of the Cross"** is an inspirational Lenten program of American spirituals, jazz and contemporary sacred music interwoven with scripture and meditations. The readings and music are based on human emotions ranging from despair to pain to hope as Christ makes His way to the cross.

From cathedrals to small country churches in the heartland of America, Brass Roots Trio has touched the hearts of thousands of listeners with a ministry that reaches beyond musical style or a certain religion.

Save the Date: Holy Saturday Campfire

April 4th from 7:00-8:00PM

The youth will be filling and hiding eggs on April 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 5PM and then will be gathering in the woods at PCB\* (weather permitting) for an hour of remembering the events of week and fellowship. Bring a chair and a flashlight and join us for this all-ages campfire. S'mores will be served. \*rain location is Fellowship Hall



If you play guitar and would like to share your talent with us around the campfire, please contact Raechel. We would love to have some music during our time together.

## EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS



Easter is April 5, please help make our sanctuary beautiful this Easter Sunday. Your donations will help us decorate the Chancel with lovely spring flowers. Please send your check to Patti Fugle in the church office, donate online or drop in the offering plate any amount (mark Easter Flowers in the memo). Contact Amy Carder by or before March 28 with your written dedication by email, text or phone at 847/302-7681 or [mccarder@comcast.net](mailto:mccarder@comcast.net)

Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday worship bulletin. Flowers will be distributed to donors after the 11am service. Thank you so much for supporting the Chancel Guild.

## Adult Education

### Midweek Study

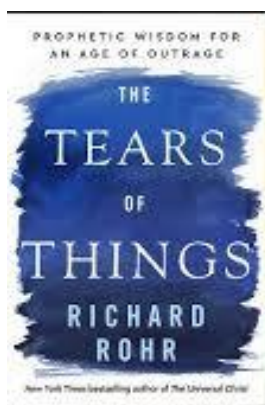
#### “Lunch and Learn” Midweek Lenten Study begins in February

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 25th as this is the first day of a new Lenten study led by Pastor David dealing with the great questions of Life and of Faith. “Lunch and Learn” will be held over the noon hour, in person, at the church and will be held to a one hour, 15-minute time limit. The class will continue for five sessions, all on Wednesdays and concluding on March 25th. Please join us even if you are unable to attend every session and remember to bring your own lunch.

#### A New Song: Singing the Psalms

During worship in Lent, we will be exploring the psalms through a variety of sung traditions. From contemporary hymn settings to cantorial style and Anglican chant, the congregation will be introduced to the rich history of psalm singing, which has developed over the past two thousand years.

### Theology on Zoom (TOZ)



Our TOZ friends in faith have selected our next study book: *The Tears of Things* by New York Times bestselling author Richard Rohr. Richard Rohr is an internationally recognized Franciscan friar and teacher. He has authored many books on Christian theology, and he produces very popular podcasts, newsletters, and newsletters on Christian faith issues.

All PCB members and friends are invited to join our TOZ friends in faith on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm. You may participate actively in our discussions – or just listen in. Just bring your faith – and your life experiences.

On TOZ, we believe that God wants us – expects us – challenges us – to explore, expand, and extend our faith. We do that by discussing what we believe – and why we believe it. We educate each other. We challenge each other. We sometimes disagree, but we always love and respect each other. Any time you have a free Wednesday night, join us on TOZ (whether you have read the study book or not). Just be prepared to think ... faithfully. Contact Robert Reilly for information at robertfreilly.cpa@gmail.com

## Men's Bible Study

### Friday Morning Online Bible Study – The Gospel of Matthew

The Friday morning Bible study class meets online at 8:00 AM via Zoom. The group has been reading and discussing the Book of Matthew. Group members seek answers to questions like these:

How does Jesus' ministry fulfill Psalm 118: 22-23 about the Messiah?

What did Jesus mean in the parable about the son who refused to do what his father had asked, but then did it anyway? We are currently planning to study the last part of Chapter 21, so please join us at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83279630331?pwd=Ype5ok5SHHVBTbi1bbQNXDTpA7sbHm.1>

Contact Curt Moore or George Steffen for more information.  
[curtmoore1942@gmail.com](mailto:curtmoore1942@gmail.com).

## NEW MEMBERS' COMMITTEE

### Welcome to Our Newest Member

This month, the PCB family is delighted to welcome Debbie McWard as our newest member.

Please take a moment to meet, greet, and warmly welcome Debbie. Her photograph is displayed on the bulletin board for new members. Below is a brief introduction to help you get to know her.

Debbie moved to Barrington a year ago and resides in the village. She was born at the Great Lakes Naval Academy, where she lived until her father retired. Following his retirement, her family relocated to Champaign, Illinois, where Debbie grew up and attended college. She earned a degree in elementary education and spent several years working as a pre-school assistant and substitute teacher. When teaching positions became limited, Debbie accepted a role as a Unit Secretary at Northwest Community Hospital in the pediatrics department. She served in that capacity for 19 years before transitioning to the ICU, where she continued as Unit

Secretary until her retirement after an impressive 44 years of service. Debbie cherished her work, and the hospital staff became like a second family to her.

Debbie remains active by volunteering at Catch Penny and participating in social activities. She has already contributed her time at our Music on the Hill event, assisting with food preparation and clean-up. Debbie looks forward to many more opportunities to work for and support Fellowship events. She is delighted to be a part of our community of faith, just as we are delighted to welcome her.

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### Presbyterian Church of Barrington Celebrates 25 Years of Stephen Ministry

It is with great joy and gratitude that we celebrate the 25-year anniversary of Stephen Ministry at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington. Used by thousands of churches worldwide, Stephen Ministry has given PCB a very powerful and effective way to care for its members and the wider community.

As part of the PCB Stephen Ministry, trained lay church members known as Stephen Ministers provide emotional and spiritual care to individuals experiencing life challenges such as grief from the loss of a loved one, the strains of caregiving, divorce, unemployment, medical crises, and difficulties in starting or adding to a family.



Since 2001 Stephen Leader Anna Armstrong estimates that the Presbyterian church of Barrington's Stephen Ministry has provided care for 136 individuals in need, dedicating thousands of hours of support. Our church has trained 72 Stephen Ministers over that time span, 13 of whom are currently active. Our current Stephen Ministry team members are Laura Semmen, Anna Armstrong, Cindy Zichal, Kari Blanchette, Ginny Shapiro, Erik Enskat, Julie Steffen, Patrice Miller, Paul Murphy, Nancy Neville, Joyce Wisniewski, Hank Wisniewski, and Adrienne Kalmes.

We thank this congregation for the ongoing support of this life-saving ministry. Caregivers testify to its quiet healing and grace, providing a confidential ear during turbulent times.

PCB will commemorate the Stephen Ministry's 25-year anniversary with a special service on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> followed by a cake reception in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this significant milestone.

To learn more about Stephen Ministry at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington contact Anna Armstrong at 224-475-6997 or visit [pcbarrington.org](http://pcbarrington.org) under Pastoral Care to access further information or visit Stephen Ministries St. Louis at [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org).

## DEACONS CORNER

A key role served by our church's Deacons is leading the prayer ministry. This includes both prayers for challenging times like illness or someone passing or thankfulness for joys like a birth or wedding.

As Christians, we believe that Prayer is the means by which we acknowledge and strengthen our relationship with God and seek out His will in our lives. It's an avenue by which we can reach out to God for help overcoming the trials of life. It also is the way we can petition our Creator for the benefit and blessing of others (Matthew 5:44).

Members may request prayers at PCB in two important ways:

\* Public prayer: prayer requests can be asked to be made publicly. Such requests are published in the Connections e-newsletter weekly. This can allow all PCB members to be aware of the need so the most people can pray for God's grace, blessing and what is desired. Deacon Sue Dechow coordinates this. These requests can be provided to the church office, at [info@pcbarrington.org](mailto:info@pcbarrington.org) or by calling the office, directly to your Parish's assigned Deacon or to Sue at [dechow.sue@gmail.com](mailto:dechow.sue@gmail.com). Lastly, each pew card holder in the sanctuary has prayer request cards. A request can be written and the card placed in the offering plate.

\* Private prayer: some people prefer to keep a request more private but still want to make sure many prayers are lifted. Private requests are shared only within the Board of Deacons and with Pastor Ezekiel. Private prayers are given by the Deacons and pastor individually and also raised as a group in the Deacon's meeting. These requests can also be provided to the church office, to your Parish's Deacon, or to Deacon Emily Dowell at [edowell@ameritech.net](mailto:edowell@ameritech.net).

## MISSION



**Our next Habitat for Humanity work dates are: Saturdays, March 14th and 21st, 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Directions, address, and details will be provided each week, so if you are new and want to give it a try, please email us ahead of the Saturday, and we can share with details with you.

Rich Barbour and Audrey Helminiak- Your Habitat for Humanity contacts

### Won't You Be My Neighbor

Countryside School (our neighbors down the hill) have asked us to provide drinks and desserts for 50 teachers during parent/teacher conferences. The ask was followed by an enthusiastic YES! We can't wait to be neighborly and share our love with all the hard-working teachers in our community.

Donations of Diet Coke/Diet Pepsi, Starbucks premade mochas/cold brew coffee and flavored seltzer water are needed as well as handheld desserts. Dates in need are March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> and you can sign up by [clicking here](#) or outside Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Raechel Sowa.



March Madness is Coming! During the next 3 Sundays after worship (3/1, 3/8, and 3/15), you will have the opportunity to purchase a team or teams that will put you into the NCAA men's or women's basketball brackets for the national championship tournament.

There are 68 slots for each bracket. You can purchase as many teams as you like, but you will not be able to pick your team. Teams are randomly selected during PCB's selection Monday, on March 16 following the actual selection Sunday, March 15. All are welcome to attend PCB's selection on Monday - time and place TBD.

Each team costs \$50. The winners of the tournament will receive half of the pot while the other half will fund the Youth Mission Trip to South Dakota in June. Thank you in Advance for your continued support through this fundraiser. If you have questions please contact Jodie Harmsen @ 920-562-0126 or [jodie.harmsen@gmail.com](mailto:jodie.harmsen@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATES-MUSIC ON THE HILL (MOTH) CONCERTS

**Sunday, April 26, 3:00 PM**

Illuminate the World: Illuminare by Elaine Hagenberg  
PCB Choir and Orchestra

**Saturday, June 27, 7:00 PM**

New Takes on Old Tunes: Bluegrass, Folk, Country  
Milkman's Kids

Visit our website for more information

## 2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PCB is deeply grateful to all those who generously pledged to the **2026 Stewardship Campaign - Our Never-Ending Story**. Everyone was asked to prayerfully consider pledging – and pledging at a higher level – to help write the next chapter in the PCB chronicle.

The PCB family responded wholeheartedly, committing almost 90% of the income of the combined pledge-and-plate total in the 2026 budget. The \$604,651 pledged is almost 17% more than in 2025. The number of pledgers rose (including new pledgers), as did the average pledge size. More than half of the pledgers increased their support. These results empower the church to serve for the glory of God, enriching the lives of faith of the congregation and our neighbors and siblings in Christ, both near and far.

**Thank you** to everyone who pledged for 2026!

## CHURCH FINANCIALS

Snapshot through February 24, 2026 (unaudited)

Actual Budget Receipts:	\$132,221
Actual Expenditures:	\$72,082

## HELP US CELEBRATE

### March Birthday's

Don	Bouseman	5	Sheryl	Frankenberg	18
Bill	Buchta	7	Claire	Irby	18
Charlie	Dale	7	Charli Eliza-Laine	Landes	18
Nancy	Dolan	7	Robert	Algar	19
Matthew	Eesley	7	Cora	Algar	19
Joe	Masterson	7	Scott	Buchta	19
Paul	Murphy	8	Lindsay	Consdorf	19
Ann	Barcroft	9	Charlie	Clover	20
Gabriella	Murphy	9	Charles	King	21
Mary	Heath	10	Marilyn	Patrick	22
Margaret	Berg	11	Rachel	Huesing	23
Wendy	Bower	12	Alexandra	Eesley	25
Brooklyn	Murphy	12	Peter B.	Shaeffer	26
Sue	Steinmetz	12	Sam	Ellis	28
Katherine	Frankenberg	13	Barbara	Ledinsky	28
Theo	Clover	15	Gloria	Johnson	29
David	Consdorf	16	Myrna	Porter	29
Nancy	Currell	17	Richard	Holroyd	30
			Carolyn	Springer	31

See the calendar on the church website for up-to-date information

<https://www.pcbarrington.org/calendar/>