

THE CARILLON

AUGUST 2026

Devotional



Washing the Dishes

A Meditation by Rev. Cameron Trimble

"So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet."

John 13:14 (NRSVUE)

Someone once thanked Dorothy Day for all she had done. She started the Catholic Worker Movement during the Great Depression. She spoke out against both capitalism and communism. She marched with workers, went to jail for peace, wrote books, edited a newspaper, and inspired generations of Christians to see Christ in the poor.

Dorothy listened politely. Then she said something like, "I've spent most of my life washing dishes." I'm not sure if she meant it literally, but I think she did. The houses of hospitality she started fed thousands of people. Meals were made every day. Pots needed scrubbing. Tables were wiped. Floors were swept. The work never stopped. Neither did the dishes. The world doesn't stay together because of big, extraordinary moments. It stays together because of ordinary acts done again and again. Someone washes the dishes. Someone folds the laundry. Someone weeds the garden. Someone makes another meal. Someone answers a late-night call. Someone sits by a hospital bed. Someone welcomes a stranger at the door. Most of this work never makes the news. But without it, civilization falls apart.

When Jesus wanted to show his disciples what God's love looked like, he didn't organize a rally or give a speech about leadership. He put a towel around his waist, filled a basin with water, and knelt on the floor. The miracle was that he believed love could be revealed through something so ordinary.



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Devotional, cont.

Maybe we have the wrong idea about how to change the world. We're taught that history changes because of speeches, elections, inventions, and revolutions. Sometimes that's true. Dorothy was certainly a revolutionary in her own right.

But more often, things change because someone keeps showing up. The teacher who prepares one more lesson. The hospice volunteer who sits quietly by another bed. The farmer who cares for the soil through another season. The parent who packs another lunch. The neighbor who checks on the widower across the street. The volunteer who makes coffee before anyone else arrives. The person who stays after the meeting to wash the dishes.

As I get older, I care less about the idea of heroes. Heroes can inspire us, but they rarely us going.

Communities last because people learn to value repetition. That might be one of the deepest spiritual practices. It means believing that today's ordinary act of care matters, even if no one sees it.

Dorothy Day understood that movements aren't built just by extraordinary people doing big things. They're also built by ordinary people who keep on loving. One meal. One guest. One conversation. One sink full of dishes at a time.

Tomorrow morning, the dishes will be there again. Love, it turns out, is rarely finished. It simply waits patiently for us to begin again.

We are in this together,
Cameron



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FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL



It is Time to Bless our Back-to-School Bags August 16, 2026

Students of all ages, teachers, administrators, school support staff and caregivers are invited to bring their school bags and join us on the lawn for worship, a special back-to-school blessing and ice cream!

Invite your friends and family to join you for this extra special worship.

Did we mention ice cream after worship to celebrate?!

See you on August 16th.



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GRACE SPACE RIBBON CUTTING During Worship on August 30th

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them."

Matthew 19:14



The Christian Education Committee, supported by the Session and Worship Committee, is excited to introduce The Grace Space, a new seating area within our sanctuary intended to help young children and their families participate more fully in worship. Although this space is designed with young children and their families in mind, it is a space for all ages. Located on the piano side in front of the sanctuary so even our smallest friends can see and fully engage in worship, this space is an intentional space of welcoming for all.

It's a place where children can sit in a pew with their parents, gather around a small table, quietly explore worship-centered activities or simply move in age-appropriate ways while worshipping God. Come to worship on August 30th to help see why so many churches our size are adding this space to their church and finding it to work well, and to experience the space firsthand.

Want to hear more? Contact Raechel Sowa (raechel@pcbarrington.org) or Debra Johnson (debra@johnosnstanek.com) via email or in person after worship on August 16th or 23rd to chat.

We are looking forward to revealing this space in our beautiful sanctuary. As Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me." (Mark 9:37)

The Grace Space is one way we seek to live out that invitation.



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This September we are excited to offer Messy Church at PCB.

What is Messy Church?

It is simply faith, food and fun for all ages!

Despite the name, **Messy Church** isn't about making a mess (although that may sometimes happen). It is welcoming, inter-active and intergenerational. It's church that meets you where you are- in the real, sometimes messy, everyday moments of life.

Messy Church is made up of an encouraging, warm welcome, with several themed stations that all ages visit to engage in crafts, activities, and games, and then a brief celebration (worship) time.

A foundational ingredient of **Messy Church** is to gather around a table for a meal and build relationships with each other, God, and the world.

Come find out what **Messy Church** is all about on
September 13th from 5:00-6:30PM.

Mark your calendars now and watch your emails for details on how you can sign up.



WORSHIP



YOUTH

IF YOU ARE IN 6TH-12TH GRADE, MAKE SURE TO SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR NEXT FALL RETREAT...YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THE FUN

FALL YOUTH RETREAT

Come as you are 

YOU ARE LOVED.
YOU BELONG.
YOU MATTER.


REAL TALK. REAL FAITH. REAL COMMUNITY.

-  **WORSHIP & TEACHING**
-  **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**
-  **FRIENDSHIP & COMMUNITY**
-  **FUN, GAMES & LATE NIGHTS**
-  **DRAW CLOSER. THRIVE TOGETHER. MAKE AN IMPACT.**

DATE
 **NOVEMBER 6-8, 2026**
FRIDAY EVENING – SUNDAY AFTERNOON

LOCATION
 **STRONGHOLD CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**
1922 IL ROUTE 2
OREGON, IL 61061

COME AS YOU ARE. LEAVE FOREVER CHANGED.

If you have any questions, please reach out to office@ilprairiepres.org. 



WORSHIP



Summer Music

PCB Summer Music During the summer months at PCB we are excited to include a variety of music leaders for worship. From PCB volunteers to guest musicians and classical to jazz, we look forward to enlivening worship with spirit-filled music making.

August 2 Summer Choir: Sopranos/Altos (All are welcome for 9am rehearsal!)

August 9 Musical Theater Sunday

August 16 Martha Boling-Risser and Megan Risser, voice

August 23 Dynamix (Outdoor Service)

August 30 Jazz Sunday: Andrew Luzwick and Guests

Sept. 6 Summer Choir: SATB (All are welcome for 9am rehearsal!)

Sept.13 Vocal Octet



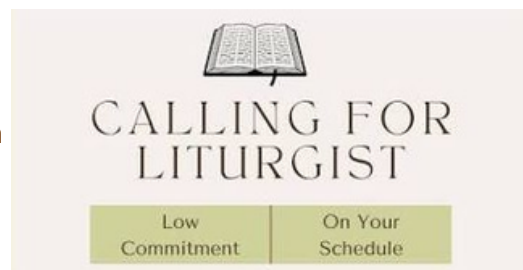
Summer Choir

Please join us for our remaining summer choir dates. (August 2-SA; September 6-SATB) Arrive at 9am for an informal rehearsal on a simple piece of sacred choral music. All singers are welcome!

LITURGIST

Seeking liturgists for the fall season as we move toward Reformation Sunday and All Saint's Day.

The liturgist is an important part of the service, and the congregation appreciates your contribution. You may sign up for dates several months in advance if you know your availability. Pastor David will provide clear direction for your part in the service by Friday of the week before. You may contact him if you need explanations or assistance and he is always available to answer any questions. Contact Julia Monie by phone or text at (847) 323-0064 Email jcm28@sbcglobal.net



The following dates are currently available:

October 11, 18

November 1, 8, 15, 22



FELLOWSHIP



Sunday, August 2

Ravinia - Performance by Chicago Symphony Orchestra & guest vocalists, "America in Song" at 5pm.

Tickets: Buy your own tickets for lawn or Pavilion seating at Ravinia.org

Need a ride? Reserved group transportation available from PCB at 2pm, round trip.

PCB lawn fellowship starting at 3pm; look for PCB signage & balloons. BYO picnic & beverages or buy it there; BYO chairs or rent there. Note: Special Kids Lawn Activities program at Ravinia 3-4:30pm

Buy your tickets today and meet us at Ravinia. This is outing is for all so invite your friends, family and neighbors too!

Saturday, August 15

Sanfilippo estate in Barrington Hills - F.A.R. Out!

A theater pipe organ concert with drums and piano, playing popular tunes such as "Stairway To Heaven", etc. Sanfilippo has the largest restored theater pipe organ in the world! Tour the estate collections at 6-7:30pm, concert at 7:30-9pm, visit the Carousel Pavilion from 9-10pm. Tickets are \$45 online, www.sanfilippofoundation.org. These events frequently sell out, so don't wait to buy tickets if you want to go!

Free parking on site.



FELLOWSHIP



The Men's Fellowship will meet Thursday, August 20,
at 6:30 pm at the home of Rich Barbour.

Please RSVP to tomclong@yahoo.com by Monday, August 17.



Sunday, August 23



Annual church picnic after the outdoor church service
Lawn games. Musical entertainment by "Dynamix."
Grilled hamburgers, hotdogs & brats, side dishes,
ice cream, beverages Sign up in Fellowship Hall



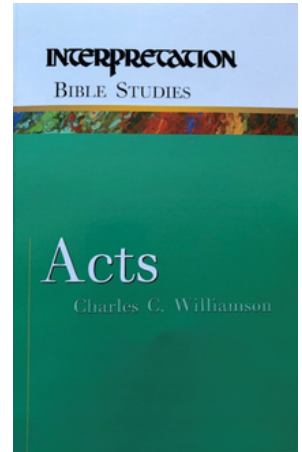
ADULT EDUCATION

Growing Together In Faith

Our GTIF (Growing Together In Faith) women's evening Bible study group will begin a new session on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The lay-led group meets monthly on the third Tuesday from Sept. through May.

We will study the book of Acts using the Interpretation Bible Studies format written by Charles C. Williamson, who served as pastor of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in North Carolina.

The book can be purchased through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Christianbook.com. All women are welcome to join. For more info, please email jfminner@gmail.com.



PREACHING SERIES – THE 12 DISCIPLES

In stained glass, the apostles are elevated and made to seem just below Jesus. Such placement is that these are religiously ascended Christian masters – the cream of the crop. In reality, that is nowhere near the truth. They were simple, ordinary men – a motley crew. Not one of them is renowned for scholarship; not one of them is renowned for erudition; none of them had a track record as an orator or some kind of theologian. They possessed no particular natural talents. They were prone to mistakes, misjudgments, and misunderstandings. They had faults, character flaws, and yet they carried on a ministry after Jesus ascended into heaven that totally turned the world upside down.

And their ministry is still going on today. We are their legacy. And those to whom we minister will be our legacy. Jesus called each of them just as he calls us; and through us, Jesus will call a new generation. So, come and participate in this 9-part series as we learn about the disciples and learn about ourselves.

August 2	Nathanael	August 23	John
August 9	Thomas	August 30	Judas
August 16	Simon & Matthew	Sept 6	Other disciples

Please join us after the service in the Parlor for an interesting discussion led by Robert Reilly and others. Have some time for fellowship and coffee and maybe a donut hole and join us across the hall for this 30 minute session as we discover more about who were these people that Jesus called to be disciples.



The Last Supper, Leonardo da Vinci, a mural painting dated to c. 1495-1498, housed in the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy.



MISSION



Our next Habitat For Humanity work dates are Saturdays, August 8 and 15, 2026, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested in helping?

Email Audrey at aud2sell@comcast.net ahead of the Saturday, and she will email you with location and task details. Thank you, Rich Barbour and Audrey Helminiak

Your Habitat For Humanity contacts



Did you resolve to become more involved in serving others in 2026? Would you like to join our merry band who delivers Meals With Wheels throughout the year?

For over 35 years, through BACOA, the Presbyterian Church of Barrington has joined with other churches and community groups to provide senior citizens in our community with Meals with Wheels. More drivers are always welcome!

Most drivers are only assigned to drive once or twice a quarter, and it takes about an hour to drive a route of about 3-5 homes, plus you only sign up for days that work for you. Very little time, but very rewarding!

Our next days to deliver are July 24, August 12, and August 28, 2026, but contact Audrey Helminiak (847-331-3621) to learn more.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

NEW EMAIL

To make sharing your news and events easier, we are introducing a single, centralized email address for all content submissions across PCBarrington platforms (including social media, the website, committee communications, and the calendar). Starting immediately, please send all future content to:

 Publications@pcbarrington.org

Why this helps:

- One point of contact: You no longer need to guess who to email.
- Automatic routing: Your submissions are instantly sent to the correct team members.
- Better coordination: Ensures all platform updates are handled efficiently.

Thank you for your help in making our church communications more streamlined and effective!



REMINDERS

Carillon Articles are due into the office the Third Wednesday of the month.

Connection Articles are due in Tuesdays

Aug 2, Family Breakfast Club
New Members Session
Ravinia

Aug 16, Outdoor Worship Service
Blessing of the Backpacks
Aug 23, Church Picnic

Aug 15, Sanfilippo Estate - F.A.R. Out!

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Snapshot through July 26, 2026
Actual Budget Receipts: \$379,849
Actual Expenditures: \$382,525

CALENDAR

[Click here](#) for the calendar on the church website
for up-to-date information





BITHDAY WISHES TO....

Cole	Bower	2	Kelsey	Harmsen	17
Gary	Carder	2	Carlyn	Algar	18
Molly	Stine	2	Audrey	Helminiak	18
Savannah	Watkins	2	Susan	Raaths	18
Jay	Muhvic	5	Colette	Garrels	19
Zico	Youash	5	Chuck	Larabee	19
Ross	Frankenberg	6	George	Yapp	20
Bill	Springer	6	Martha	Boling-Risser	21
Helen	Schiewe	7	Barrie	Heath	22
Sue	Dechow	10	Linda	Asper	23
Sally	Hayward	10	Claire	Muhvic	23
Joan	Wolfgram	13	Kathy	Conrad	25
Alison	Duke	16	Pamela	Fitton	26
Owen	Heath	16	Bruce	Berg	28