

THE CARILLON

SEPTEMBER 2026

A Devotional

“Us Too”

Adam said, “It was the woman. She gave it to me...” - Genesis 3:12

We all want healing – whether it is mind, body, or soul. But have you ever asked about the healing of the nations? (For further reflection, read Genesis 2:8-17, Genesis 3:1-24, then Revelation 22:1-5). Allow me to provide an illustration.

In June 2004, the Prime Minister of the Solomon Islands held an outdoor banquet on a soccer field for the visiting Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rev. Rowan Williams. Between courses, they discussed the bloody civil war that had only ended in the previous year.

Suddenly, the Prime Minister turned to the Archbishop and said, “I want you to bless us! I need to say in public that we were responsible too, not just the people on the other islands. So, I’ll quiet the crowd. Then I’ll kneel down, and you can ask God to forgive us for what we contributed to the horror.”

There are moments in life, Archbishop Williams said later, when you hear the gospel for the first time. Like when a politician says, “It wasn’t just them. It was us, too.”

People hardly ever voluntarily accept a share of blame. Our default position is innocence. “Not me,” said Adam, “I didn’t do anything. She did it to me. I’m the victim here.”

You did this. We didn’t. Our intentions are good. Yours are bad. Our suffering’s terrible. Yours can’t compare. Our story’s true. Yours is a lie.

Little will change until we stop telling the story of our total innocence and their total guilt. Things change when we are willing to tell the far more important story—the one shared human narrative of ignorance, myopia, fear, error, violence, trauma, and loss.

It wasn’t just them. It was us, too.

Prayer - Strip away my sense of aggrieved innocence, O God. Show me what I don’t want to know about myself. It isn’t just them. It is me, too. Then let healing begin.



PREACHING SCHEDULE

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| September 6 | <p>Message: Judas – The One Who Betrayed Jesus</p> <p>Scripture: Luke 22:1-6, 14-23 & Matthew 27:1-5</p> <p>The Sacrament of Holy Communion</p> |
| September 13 | <p>Message: The Other Disciples – Saints For The Rest of Us</p> <p>Scripture: Acts 1:12-15, 21-26 & 1 Corinthians 15:1-11</p> <p>Recognition of Christian Education Volunteers</p> |
| September 20 | <p>Message: You – A Disciple For A Time Like This</p> <p>Scripture: Matthew 20:18-28 & John 15:1-17</p> <p>The Sacrament of Baptism for Jackson Dowell</p> <p>Worship Outdoors</p> |
| September 27 | <p>Message: The Stewardship Of Time</p> <p>Scripture: Psalm 39:4-5; 90:12; James 4:14; Ephesians 5:15-16</p> |



SUNDAY SCHOOL WISDOM

A humorous collection of interesting “facts” revealed by young people in Sunday school!

- The first book of the Bible is Guinness, in which Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.
- Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.
- Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.
- Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
- Unleavened bread is bread made without ingredients.
- Moses went to the top of Mt. Cyanide to get the 10 commandments.
- The seventh commandment is "Thou shalt not admit adultery."
- Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
- David fought with the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
- The people who followed Jesus was called the 12 decibels.
- The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
- One of the opossums was St. Matthew.
- Paul preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marriage.
- A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony.





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.

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

Sept. 13 Vocal Octet

SUMMER CHOIR

Please join us for our last summer choir date. (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 months including Thanksgiving and the first Sunday in of Advent. 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. Your service is greatly appreciated!

Contact Julia Monie by phone or text at (847) 323-0064 Email jcm28@sbcglobal.net

The following dates are currently available:

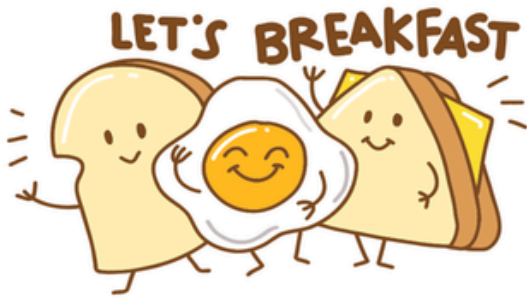
October 11

November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (First Sunday of Advent)



CHILDREN & FAMILIES

SEPTEMBER FIRST SUNDAY FAMILY BREAKFAST CLUB



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September 6th at 9:15am
Fellowship Hall

What is Family Breakfast Club?

An opportunity to meet/get to know other parents/caregivers and their children.

May I attend if I don't have children?

Of Course! Thanks for asking

Is the food child friendly?

You betcha! Think bagels, fruit, French toast sticks, scrambled eggs.

Nothing fancy but always good.

We think your children (and you) will like it.

Do I have to sign up?

Nope. Just come. We can't wait to see you

Can I host breakfast?

Absolutely! Contact Raechel Sowa or Debra Johnson.



CHRISTIAN ED

CHILDREN & FAMILIES



SEPTEMBER 13TH 5:00-6:30pm
Faith Formation, Worship and Dinner

Every stage of life brings new uncertainties. This session will help you discover ways to remember you don't have to carry your worries alone.

What is Messy Church

Despite the name, Messy Church isn't about making a mess (although that may sometimes happen). It is welcoming, interactive 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.

Who's Invited

Messy Church is a welcoming experience for children of all ages and their caregivers. Invite your grandchildren, neighbors, friends, and anyone else who would enjoy an evening of faith, fun, and a community.

What to Expect

- Children (up to 5th grade) and caregivers will enjoy hands-on activities in Fellowship Hall.
- Youth in grades 6–8 will gather in the youth room for activities and discussion created especially for them.
- Everyone will come together for a time of celebration and a shared meal.

Sign Up Today in Fellowship Hall OR Click [HERE](#). Sign up is not required but helps with food preparation.





SEPTEMBER PRAYER PRACTICE IDEA

Are you looking for a new way to connect with God? Consider praying the Gospel Stories. Each September I read a Gospel each week as part of a group started by a woman named, Hannah Brencher (<https://hannahbrenchercreative.com/>). Each year it surprises me that just when I think I know the stories, God points something new out.



According to Amy Ekeh, in an article she wrote for Franciscan Media, “the Gospels are the very heart of our sacred Scriptures, and provide fertile ground for prayer.” Read one of the stories, imagining yourself in that Gospel scene. Look around you and notice details. Try to engage in all of your senses. What are you feeling?

What do you want to say to Jesus? What does Jesus say to you?

This practice of prayerfully using your God-given imagination is a way of bringing to life the stories that make you a Christian and a follower of Christ.

It can help you engage with Jesus and his message in a powerful, life-changing way.”

So, what do you say. Are you ready to read (re-read) the Gospels in a new way this September?

Your challenge is to sit with one Gospel a week and think about who you are in the story and then take some time to chat with God about it.

Happy Reading-Raechel





CHRISTIAN ED

CELEBRATING OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VOLUNTEERS



We will extend our sincere appreciation to our Christian Education team this September and you are invited to attend the celebration.

Join us on **September 13th** in worship as we ask all CE team members, teachers, nursery attendants and youth leaders to come forward for a special prayer of appreciation.

These leaders and teachers are an integral part of the work of the Church and need to be celebrated.

Please join us in saying “thank you” to these incredible volunteers.

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 N. ROUTE 2
OREGON, IL 61061

COME AS YOU ARE.
LEAVE FOREVER CHANGED.

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





ADULT EDUCATION

Getting to Know Our Church

A new after-worship series begins on September 20th and continues on two more Sundays, during which a different part of our church will be featured:

On **September 20th**, Website Administrator, Andrew Luzwick will take us on a virtual tour and explain how to navigate our church's newly remodeled website. Stay in Fellowship Hall after fellowship time to learn how to find the church information you need.

On **September 27th**, members of the church's Mission Committee will inform us about the various organizations which are financially supported by our church's donations. Join us in the Parlor to learn about how our church is helping to make a positive difference in the larger community and the world.

On **October 18th**, representatives from Stephen Ministry will be on hand to explain this wonderful resource which is available to church members and others in our community. Please join us in the Parlor to learn more about how this program provides support for individuals who need it.

Men's Bible Study

The Friday morning Bible study class meets online from 8:00 – 9:00 AM via Zoom.

Group members are now reading and discussing the book, **Appreciate These Things: Eight Ways of Cultivating Compassion** by Pastor Jill J. Duffield. Based on the apostle Paul's guidance in Philippians 4:8, Pastor Duffield explains how we can appreciate eight things that can reorient our hearts and minds to nurture compassion for ourselves, those in need, and those with whom we disagree.

We read one chapter each week. Please join us by clicking: [Zoom Link](#)

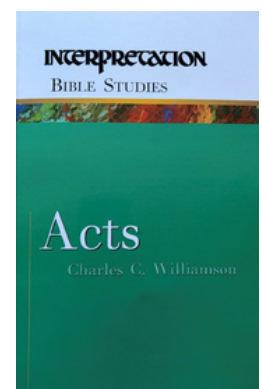
Contact Curt Moore or George Steffen for more information.

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.



2026 Leadership Nominations

Hello everyone. It's great time to be involved at PCB! There's a lot of energy and enthusiasm with our progress.

Leadership Nominations helps the church by identifying and nominating members for our elected boards.

- Elders are members of the Session, our primary board which leads the business, mission and worship roles of the church
- Deacons serve in various important roles helping minister to our fellow members, especially those in need or times of transition
- We also identify members for the Nominations Committee itself - and periodically help recruit for new or restructured groups.

I want to thank all of the wonderful members who have answered the call to service.

You are a blessing to this church.

We look to involve members of various backgrounds and talents on each board. We focus both on qualifications / skills and involving people new to each role whenever possible.

Those who would like to learn more about church leadership service are encouraged to speak with me or another member of Nominations.

I'd like to acknowledge our whole 2026 team and thank each for their service:

1. Jack Mumaw
2. Deb Johnson
3. Bard Boand
4. Gil Semmen, and
5. Linda Huesing

Bob Stine, Chair

773-575-5200 / Robert.stine@sbcglobal.net





FACILITIES

FACILITIES UPDATE



The stove/oven has been replaced and is ready for use. Special thanks to Al Zick for making this happen.

The knee wall in the Courtyard has been repaired and the plantings updated. Thank you, Wayne and Sandra Schild, for your continued support of our Courtyard area.



The garage has been cleaned out and organized. Materials for all outdoor functions, 5K, rollers, camping, extension cords, etc., are on shelves or in the closet. After using it, it would be appreciated if you put them back where you found them.

Some upcoming projects we are working on are the replacement of the carpet in Fellowship Hall, the conversion of the lights in the Sanctuary to LED, weatherstripping of the exterior doors, landscaping stairs for easy access for events on the hill and the improvement of the parking lot lighting.

Verizon will be adding some new equipment and restoring the exterior of the Steeple, as part of our agreement prior to the end of the year.

We have 4 furnaces that supply Fellowship Hall and back halls that are past their useful life (25 years). While they are maintained twice a year, it is becoming difficult to get replacement parts when needed, and they may soon have to be replaced.

The building otherwise is in good shape.

Should you see anything that needs our attention, please let one of the Facilities team members know.

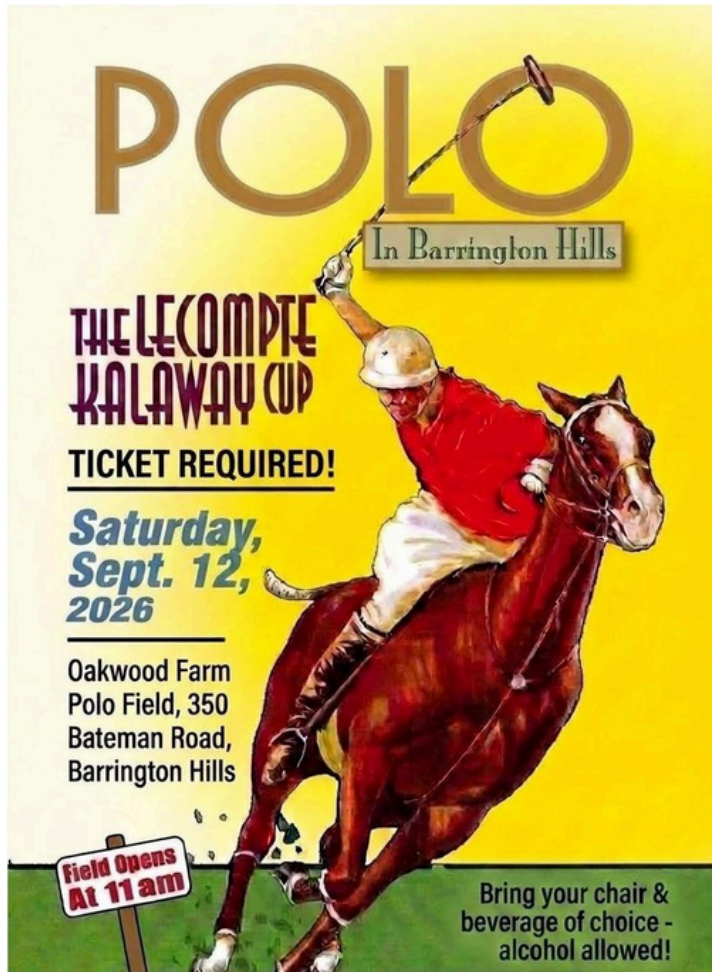
Thanks for your continued support.

Ron Furst
Chair





FELLOWSHIP



Saturday, September 12 -

The LeCompte Kalaway Cup Polo Games - Barrington Hills
Our very generous PCB member, Berry LeCompte, has invited us to come to these polo matches - Chicagoland's largest polo event!

There are only a few tickets left! Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

The first match starts at noon; plan to arrive by 11:30.

Parking is free on site.

Location: Oakwood Farm Polo Field
350 Bateman Road in Barrington Hills.

A ticket is required for entry!



The Men's Fellowship will meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday, September 17, at the home of Gil Semmen. Please RSVP by Monday, September 14, to tomclong@yahoo.com.





FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, September 27 - Musical theater production of “Swing” at the Al Larson Cultural Center in Schaumburg, starring Andrew Luzwick!



Andrew and his amazing musical theater group are performing the Broadway musical “Swing”, which is an all-singing, all-dancing musical revue celebrating the great music, culture & dance of the 1930s and 1940s.

You won’t want to miss this! Performance is at 2pm. You can buy tickets on your own or sign up in Fellowship Hall to sit in our PCB block in the center section.

Reservations for our PCB block are **due by Sunday, Sept 13th**. If you would like to join us for lunch at the Bonefish Grill (close to the theater) before the performance, sign up in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is off the menu; separate checks.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OCTOBER EVENTS

Sunday, October 11 - Bears/Packers game watch party at Moretti’s

Saturday, October 24 - Halloween-themed card party & dinner at Barrington Hills Country Club

Music on the Hill 2026- 27 Season

Music on the Hill at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington invites the community to a vibrant 2026–27 season of music, fellowship, and celebration. From an opening evening of jazz inspired by the Beatles Songbook and the festive sounds of choir, brass, bells, and carols at Holiday Joy, to a lively St. Patrick's Day gathering, Vivaldi's radiant Gloria, and a summer evening of Bluegrass Under the Stars, the season offers something for every musical taste. Together, these programs reflect Music on the Hill's commitment to offering welcoming, high-quality musical experiences that bring the Barrington community together.

All concerts are free and open to the public.

Saturday, October 17, 7PM: Beatles Songbook

An evening of jazz with Chris Madsen, saxophone and Aylssa Allgood, voice
Dinner and performance in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 13, 3PM: Holiday Joy

Performance and carol singing with choir, brass, and bells
PCB Sanctuary followed by reception

Saturday, March 6, 7PM: St. Patrick's Day Party

Irish music with Langen-Conneely Quartet
Dinner and performance in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, May 16, 3PM: Vivaldi's Gloria

Festive Easter-season choral performance with Sanctuary Choir
PCB Sanctuary followed by reception

Saturday, July 10, 7PM: Bluegrass Under the Stars

Bluegrass performance by Old Town Bluegrass Trio
Picnicking and performance on PCB lawn



MISSION



Our next Habitat For Humanity work dates are Saturdays,
September 12th and 19th, 2026, from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Interested in helping?

Email Audrey at aud2sell@comcast.net ahead of the Saturday you wish to work, and she will email you with location and task details.

Rich Barbour and Audrey Helminiak
Your Habitat For Humanity contacts



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 August 28, September 9, and September 25th, 2026, starting at 10:45 a.m. and delivery should not take longer than an hour, 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

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Snapshot through Aug. 23, 2026

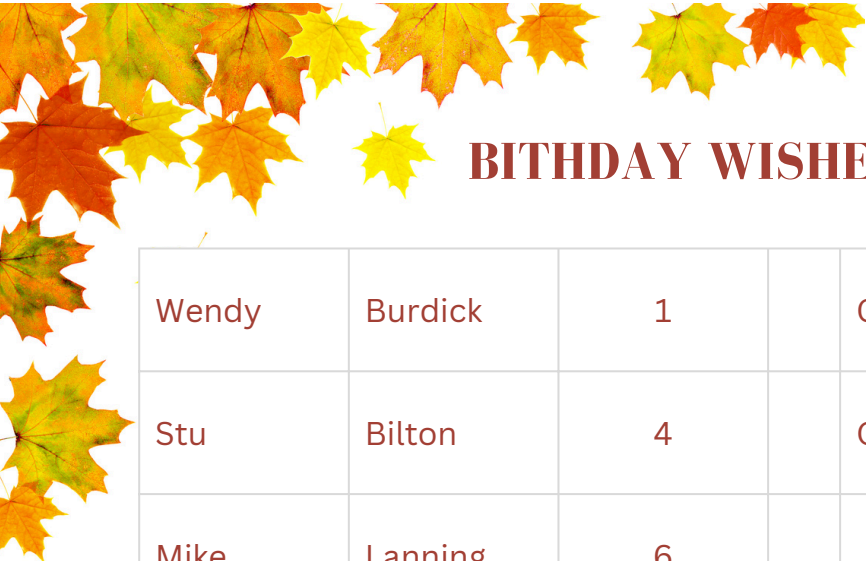
Actual Budget Receipts: \$425,210

Actual Expenditures: \$429,940

CALENDAR

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





BIRTHDAY WISHES TO....

Wendy	Burdick	1		Grace	Schomer	21
Stu	Bilton	4		Connor	Lee	22
Mike	Lanning	6		Jack	Lee	22
Cooper	Dale	7		Blair	Frankenberg	23
Anne	Suszko	9		Laura	Irby	25
Audrey	Osunde	12		Michael	Klear	25
Chris	Raaths	13		Nancy	Leonard	25
Kari	Blanchette	16		Pat	Mitchell	27
Corinne	Garrels	16		Julia	Monie	28
Paul	Lee	17		Rich	Larson	29
Scott	Harmsen	18		Kathy	Weidner	29
Bill	Gill	21		Susan	Lubinsky	30
				Lillian	Mumaw	30

