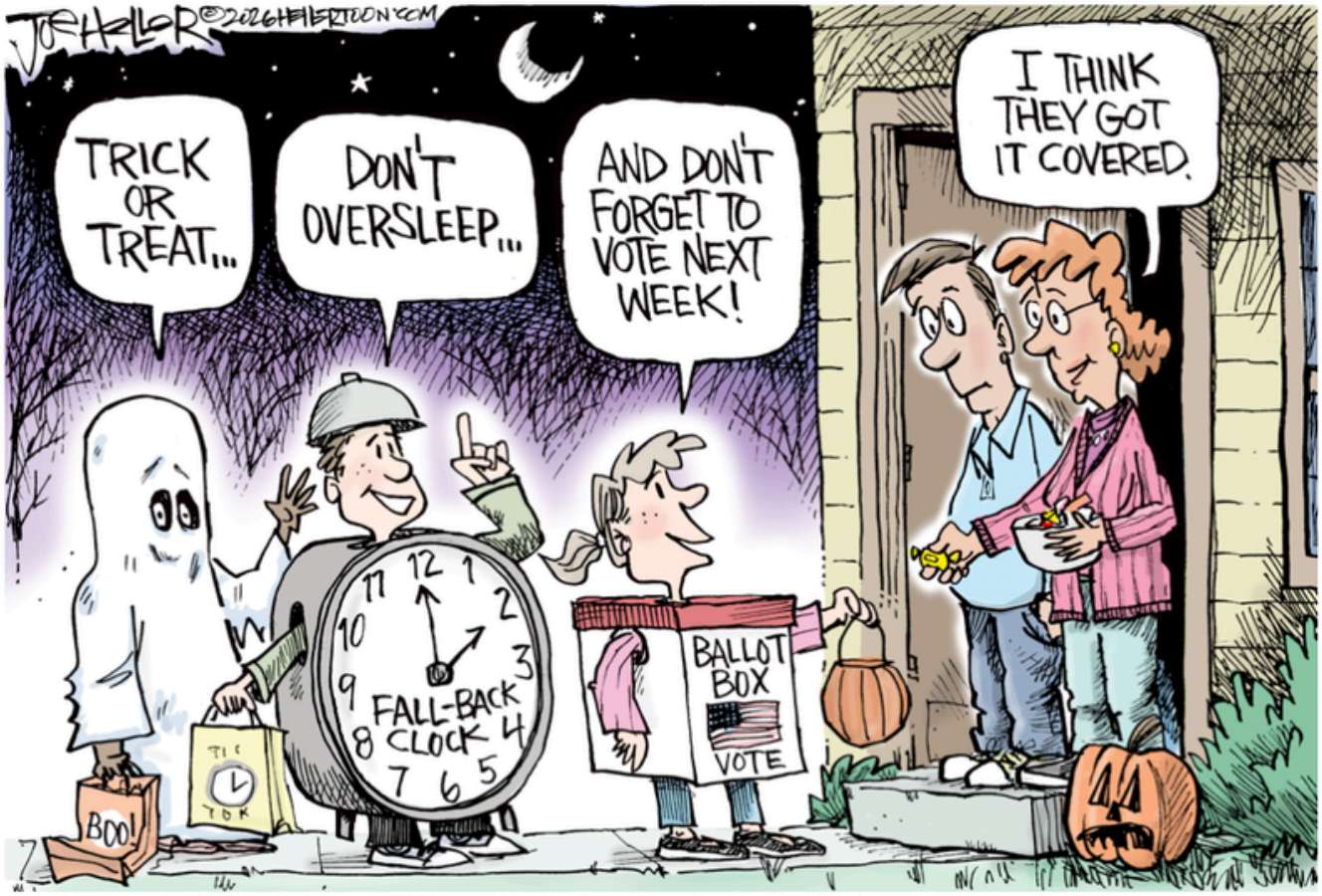
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON WEEKLY

CONNECTIONS

OCTOBER 30, 2026



HALLOWEEN KIDS REMIND VOTERS OF ELECTION by Joe Heller, politicalcartoons.com



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FOR THE PCB CALENDAR

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please offer prayers of support, comfort and peace for PCB members below and their families who are experiencing health issues and the recent loss of loved ones.

- Remember Byron Johnson in your prayers as he deals with health concerns.
- Remember Carly Bondelli in your prayers as she deals with health concerns.
- The Lumsden family as they grieve the recent death of Penny Lumsden on September 5. The service will be Wednesday November 25th with Visitation 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall; Memorial Service 10:30 am, Sanctuary. To read Penny's obituary **CLICK HERE**
- The Andler family as they grieve the loss of Don Andler who died September 15.
  To read Don's obituary **CLICK HERE**
- The Mitchell family as they grieve the death of Don Mitchell on August 7. Memorial arrangements are pending and will be shared when they are finalized.

Prayer requests should be sent to Sue Dechow at dechow.sue@gmail.com or call 614-316-8748



Sponsoring our Sunday altar flowers is a wonderful way to mark a special occasion or remember a loved one. Look for the Flower Sign-up Calendar in Fellowship Hall.



A BRIEF THEOLOGY OF HALLOWEEN



The name itself comes from "All Hallows' Eve," of course, a carnival-like inversion celebrating the shadow sides of life — ghosts and ghouls and such — just before the great festival celebrating the saints. Its deep roots may well include folk traditions of honoring the dead, appeasing evil spirits,and marking the end of the summer harvest and the beginning (in the Northern hemisphere, at least!) of the darkest days of the year

But whatever its origins, Halloween today is worth thinking about. It's become one of the most popular holidays in North America (second only to Christmas!), and at its best, it's a magical, playful night of community-building and neighborhood-making. From this point of view, we might even call it a sacramental glimpse, if only for one night, of how the world is supposed to be: homes decked out in mischievous fun, doors opened to visitors of all ages, a spirit of wit and excitement in the air, and simple, sweet gifts given to children — all children, not just "our" children! — dressed up as heroes and villains alike.

It's easy to grumble about "all that sugar," "marauding teenagers," "a waste of time," and so forth. But think of it: when else do we intentionally spend this kind of time together as a community? When else do we do something as a neighborhood that's this intergenerational? This open to all? This playful, goofy, and plain old fun? When else do our yards and doors open to so many? And when else are so many gifts given out — often by strangers, to strangers — simply for the sake of delight?

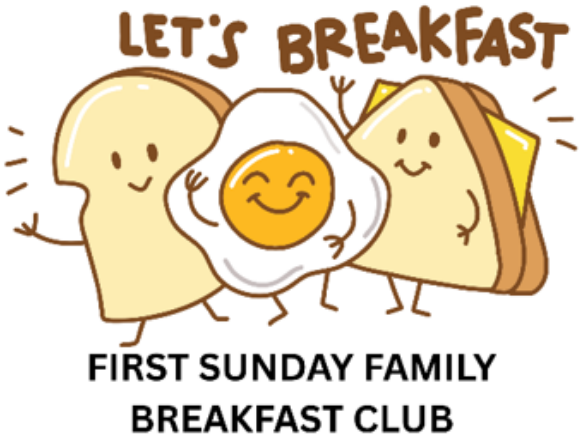
And there's an even deeper side to all of this, too: in many neighborhoods, lines of social division — segregated lines of race and class, for example — are often crossed on Halloween night. In such moments, Halloween can become an all-too-brief time of sharing experiences and resources, catching sight of a true "commonwealth" too often obscured from view on the other 364 nights of the year. And what's more, there's now some intriguing social science showing a strong correlation between a community's health and the extent to which it celebrates Halloween.

At its best, then, Halloween amounts to a vivid portrait of what "neighborhood" actually looks like. That alone is worth celebrating. And after all, what better way to honor the dead, prepare to celebrate the saints, and enter together the darkest time of the year than to embody — with equal parts playfulness, creativity, and joy — the "loving our neighbors as ourselves" to which Jesus calls us every day?

Those mini peppermint patties never tasted so good!

Happy Halloween,
The SALT Team

THIS SUNDAY AT PCB:



It's Breakfast Time

It is also Halloween and time change so let the kids stay up late, sleep in a little on Sunday and let us make you breakfast. This Sunday, November 1st at 9:15 we will gather in Fellowship Hall for breakfast and community.

THIRD GRADE BIBLES



It is time for our third graders to receive their very own copy of the greatest book ever written!!!!! This Sunday during worship we will have a special presentation for our third graders. Come celebrate this wonderful milestone with them.

MEET & GREET THIS SUNDAY

Discover Our Community:
Membership Informational Discussion

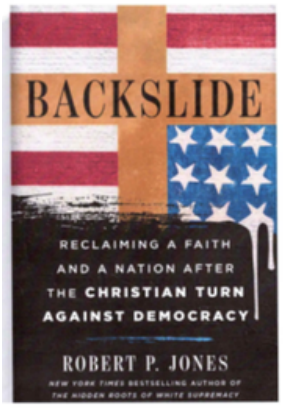
If you want to learn more about our church or are considering joining our congregation, we invite you to "come and see!"
Join us in the Fellowship Hall right after the morning worship service for a casual conversation. Grab a cup of coffee, ask any questions you have, and get to know us better.
We would love to meet you!

ADULT EDUCATION

No Adult Formation This Week
There will be no Adult Education discussion after church on November 1st. Discussions will resume on November 8th with a series of sessions about "Anticipating Advent." All discussions take place in the Church Parlor except for November 29th which will offer sessions in both the Parlor and in Fellowship Hall.

THEOLOGY ON ZOOM (TOZ)

Join us on Wednesday's at 7 PM
You can find more information on our website, click here
The Theology on Zoom (TOZ) friends in faith gather over Zoom every Wednesday evening from 7:00 to around 8:30 pm. We are currently Reading Backslide by Robert P. Jones



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Friday Morning Men's Group started a new study on October 30th of the apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans. As a guide, the group will be using Romans: A 12-Week Study by Jared C. Wilson. The book of Romans was one of Paul's greatest literary achievements in which he explains crucial doctrines such as original sin, the role of the law and justification by faith alone. Please join us as we consider reflection questions designed to help us understand this letter at a deeper level. The Men's Study Group meets online each Friday at 8:00.Contact Curt Moore or George Steffen if you would like to learn more.

ADULT EDUCATION

After-Church Sessions Planned for November

The Christian Education Committee has planned three after-church sessions in November with the theme of "Anticipating Advent." All adult sessions will meet in the Parlor but our intergenerational activity will meet in Fellowship Hall on November 29th so grab some coffee and maybe a donut hole and join us as Robert Reilly and Raechel Sowa lead us in an exploration of what the Bible and other sources say about the birth of Jesus.

November 8: Our first session focuses on the "when" and "where" of Jesus' birth. The group will explore questions such as:

- Why do we celebrate Christmas today on 12/25 (unlike the early Christians)?
- Why do many other Christian denominations celebrate Christmas on 1/7-8 or on 1/19?
- What time of the year was Jesus actually born?
- Was Jesus born in modern Bethlehem - or in an alternative first century Bethlehem?

November 15: Our second session looks at the Old Testament prophesies which Jesus' birth fulfilled. We hope to find answers to the following questions and many others:

- How was Jesus a descendant of King David?
- What does it mean to be "called out of Egypt"?
- Was it important that Jesus be born in Bethlehem?

November 22: "Decorate the Church" – No session

November 29: Our final two sessions will identify the significance of the typical creche (or nativity) scene figures:

- The manger (or feed trough)
- Three wise men
- Shepherds
- Angels
- Animals
- Star

Those wishing to dive deeper into scripture and the significance of the nativity scene figures will gather with Robert Reilly in the parlor. Simultaneously, a "family-friendly" exploration of the manger scene will take place in Fellowship Hall with Raechel Sowa. Please join us as we "Anticipate Advent!"

Messy Church

This past Sunday we painted and carved pumpkins, tossed some coins into a jar, celebrated the generosity of God and enjoyed dinner together. We will be looking for ways to shine our light this November and will be saving our coins in our Change for Change jars. It was a fun night and we are looking forward to November 22nd when we get to do a Messy Thanksgiving.













MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

What is Habitat for Humanity?

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing organization working in local communities across all 50 states and in more than 70 countries around the world.

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Deliveries are made by local organizations and volunteers. In addition to weekday meals, these volunteers also provide a smile and a daily safety check. Many participants choose long-term meal delivery, but meals are also available on a short-term basis after a hospitalization or rehab stay.

For more information contact
Email Audrey at aud2sell@comcast.net
for more information.



WEEKLY OCCURRENCES

Sunday @ 10 a.m.	Worship Service	Sanctuary
Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation Classes	Parlor
Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.	Theology on Zoom	Zoom
Thursday @ 1:30 p.m.	Worship Planning	Office
Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir	Bell Choir Room
Thursday @ 7:00 p.m.	Choir	Choir Room
Friday @ 8:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study on Zoom	Zoom
Saturday @ 8:30 a.m.	AA	Choir Room

MONTHLY OCCURRENCES

2nd Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.	Deacons Meeting	Community Rm 1
2nd Monday @ 7:00 PM	Personnel	Parlor
4th Monday @ 7:00 p.m.	Session	Parlor
3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.	Leadership Nominations	Parlor
3rd Monday @ 6:30 p.m.	Church Growth Committee	Fellowship Hall
3rd Tuesday @ 7:00 p.m.	GTIF Women's Bible Study	Zoom
2nd Thursday @ 4:30 p.m	Worship Committee	Parlor
2nd Thursday @ 6:00p.m.	Finance/Stewardship	Parlor
3rd Thursday @ 6:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship	See Tom Long
1st & 3rd Tuesday @ 9:00 a.m.	Staff	Zoom
1st Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.	Hospitality & Fellowship	Zoom
2nd & 3rd Saturday	Habitat for Humanity	See A.Helminiak
Twice a month	Meals with Wheels	See A.Helminiak