THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON WEEKLY

CONNECTIONS

NOVEMBER 27,2026

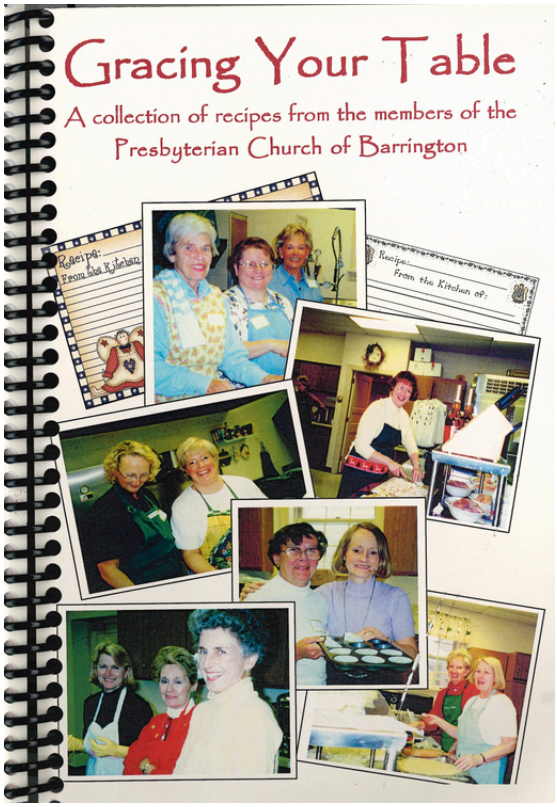


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The holidays are the perfect time to look back at the things we cherish most. Maybe it's a favorite family tradition, a secret recipe, memories of loved ones, or that legendary year it snowed over a foot!

To bring a little extra warmth to your season, we're digging into the archives. Over the next few weeks, we'll be sharing recipes from the Presbyterian Church of Barrington's Gracing Your Table cookbook, originally printed back in 2004. Get your aprons ready!



Raspberry Bars



½ C butter (1 stick)
½ C margarine (1 stick)
1 C granulated sugar
2 C all- purpose flour
2 egg yolks
1 tsp vanilla extract
12 oz raspberry preserves (I like Smucker's)

Cream butter, margarine and sugar.
Add egg, vanilla and flour; mix thoroughly.
Spread in greased 9 x 13 pan. Reserve some dough (about the size of an orange).
Spread preserves over dough in pan.
Dot with remaining dough.
Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes.
Cool slightly. Cut into Squares.

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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.

- Debbie and Chris Marcussen as they grieve the loss of Debbie's cousin, Michael Lengacher, who died November 14
- Matthew Furst, son of Ronald and Peggy Furst, as he deals with the tragic death of his friend and employee.
- Congratulations to Tanner and Carly Landes on the birth of their son, Oliver, November 6. Proud grandparents are George and Elizabeth Landes.
- Caryl Bondelli as she deals with health concerns.
- Byron Johnson as he deals with health concerns.

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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY

Messy Church Thanksgiving Edition



Popcorn danced (eventually), homes built with cranberries are stronger than homes built with marshmallows, apples make a great paint stamp and pumpkin pie with whipped cream is delicious. As the psalmist writes, " Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things."

Psalm 107 This was our scripture focus throughout the evening and the kids, youth and adults all left with full bellies, hearts and minds.
Oh, and smiles after watching Charlie Brown's Thanksgiving during dinner.







CHILDREN/YOUTH/FAMILY LED WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Our children and youth, along with their parents will be our worship leaders this week. On the Fifth Sundays throughout the year our families will be our greeters, ushers, liturgists and hospitality hosts. See you Sunday as we begin our time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Christ.

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 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!"

THEOLOGY ON ZOOM (TOZ)

Join us on Wednesday's at 7 PM
You can find more information on our website, click here

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Friday Morning Men's Group is studying Paul's Letter to the Romans. The Men's Study Group meets online each Friday at 8:00 AM. Contact Curt Moore or George Steffen if you would like to learn more.

2027 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - A JOY TO BEHOLD



Thank you for your gifts of all kinds to the church! Your support has made for a dynamic 2026 at PCB. Let's work together to keep the momentum going in 2027. If the church has your mailing address, then a letter about the Session-approved 2027 budget from your Finance & Stewardship Committee should have recently arrived. In the next week, you will receive your invitation to consider a 2027 pledge.

If you wish to pre-pay part or all of your 2027 pledge or gift before the end of December (for tax, RMD, QCD, or any other reason), please feel free to do so and note it is for 2027. If you want to make a gift of stock, please contact Patti Fugle in the office (847-381-0975 or patti@pcbarrington.org).

2026 FAMILY-TO-FAMILY HOLIDAY GIVING PROGRAM

The Family-to-Family holiday giving program is a heartwarming initiative that embodies the true spirit of community, generosity, and compassion. Each year, members of the Christopher House community like the Presbyterian Church of Barrington, fulfill the holiday wishes of children and families by purchasing gifts and/or gift cards.

We will have the families available to select after worship in Fellowship Hall through Dec 6.

All gifts should be at the church by Wednesday, December 9th. They will be dropped off at Christopher House on December 12th.

Each set of gifts should be clearly labeled with the family code for easy distribution when dropped off. Please leave your gifts under the tree in the Parlor.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a family, please email Jodie Harmsen at jodie.harmsen@gmail.com



GET YOUR MIXING BOWLS READY, PCB!



We are looking for delicious Christmas cookies to serve at the reception following the Holiday Joy MOTH performance on Sunday, December 13.

Whether your specialty is classic sugar cookies, gingerbread, or chocolate crinkles, we'd love your help sweetening the afternoon for our guests.

When: Sunday, December 13
Drop-off: Sunday morning, or bring them to Fellowship Hall by 2 PM

Thank you for helping us share some holiday cheer!

MOTH
Music on the Hill

Sunday, December 13 3:00 P.M

Holiday Joy

Performance and carol singing with choir, brass, and bells, followed by holiday cookie reception.

Concert is free and open to the public.
Childcare available.



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.	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