

The Carillon

December 2006

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON
A welcoming, caring, family of faith

Celebrate Advent and Christmas with us!

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Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. There are several opportunities to enrich your life during this holy time.

December 3, 10:15 a.m., in the Parlor, Adult Education Class. There will be a presentation by the Adult Mission Team - New Orleans.

December 3, 4:00 p.m., Messiah Sing-Along, in the Sanctuary. Professional instrumentalists and vocalists will perform Part I of the work and audience members are encouraged to sing along on the choruses. Listeners are also welcome. Bring your own music score from home, or purchase one at the door. The nursery will be staffed during the performance and Advent activities are planned for the older children.

December 3, 5:30 p.m., Advent Dinner in Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to pass and a wrapped ornament. See the Deacon's (page 7) for more details.

December 10, 10:15 a.m., Adult Education Class in the Parlor. A second presentation by the Adult Mission Team - New Orleans.

December 17, 10:15 a.m., Adult Education Class in the Parlor. Dr. Clark Barshinger will present *Christian Purpose and Challenges in Act Two of Life*.

December 24, Sunday Morning, 10:00 a.m., Christmas Eve Family Service. The children and youth of the congregation will participate in this service.

December 24, 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service. An adaptation of the festival of nine lessons and carols, first used in the Truro Cathedral, England, and adapted in 1918 for the King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Our vocal and bell choirs will lead the carols.

December 24, 11:00 p.m., Traditional Candlelight service with sermon, carols and communion. We light the Christ candle as we proclaim Christ as the Light of the World. Each person then receives the Light of Christ as we sing *Silent Night*.

**Presbyterian Church of
Barrington
Vision Statement**

Created by God as a welcoming, caring family of faith, we...

*...**worship** God joyfully, guided and challenged by Scripture and the proclamation of Christ's gospel;*

*...**serve** those in need, inspiring and equipping one another to respond to God's call;*

*...**support** each individual's journey of faith through lifelong learning, Christian fellowship and prayer; and*

*...**share** this spiritual home with all, drawing others to faith in Jesus Christ and reflecting the everlasting love of God.*

Thanks For Your Help: Jack and Jinny Train and Sandi Crewe for assembling the November Carillon.

Becoming a Church Member

We invite you to become a member of our congregation. People who have not made a decision about joining, but would like to know more about the church, are invited to come to services, participate in activities and discuss membership with **Dr. Curtis Baxter**. He can be reached at the Church Office at 847-381-0975.

Dear Friends in Christ,

The first and last word of Advent is: Awake! Most daily movement is not wakefulness but sleepwalking. But we must be awake in order to catch the unbelievable way that God has chosen to come to us, not only "back then" but now...right now in Advent.

Anthony de Mello wrote these thoughts about being awake: "Mystics whether they be Catholic, Protestant, non-Christian - no matter what their theology - are unanimous on one thing: **"that all is well, all is well."** Though everything around us seems to be a mess all is well at the center. This is a strange paradox, to be sure. But, tragically, most people never get to see that all is well because they are asleep. They are living in a nightmare. A man was awakened by his wife who said he had to get up and go to school. He replied that he didn't want to. She asked why. "Because," he said, "it's dull; the kids tease me and I hate school." His wife said, "I'll give you three reasons to go. First, because it's your duty; second because they need you; and third, you are the principal of the school!"

DeMello uses that story to say that most of us, even when we are grown up, want to keep sleeping. If we are not asleep then we want to play with our childhood toys. We replace them with other more sophisticated ones as we get older. We **say** we want to grow up but mostly we just want our toys replaced. Even the best psychologists will tell you that people don't really want to be cured. What they want is relief because cures are painful.

But the good news of the Gospel may not sound like good news: Awake! Behold, God comes like never before. And like before, people will still miss His coming because they are either asleep or looking the other way as God passes by.

Wakefulness is better when we are not alone. Kids never sleep at a slumber party. Perhaps, like them, our togetherness in this season will keep us awake as the holy one comes near to bless us all and announce our freedom.

Pax,
Curt Baxter

Mission

Christopher House Christmas Bazaar

Each year the clients of Christopher House look forward to the Christmas Bazaar when they can purchase gifts for their loved ones at a low cost. This event is made possible by the donations of new or nearly new toys, household gift items, books, jewelry and toiletries by generous church members. If you would like to contribute to this year's Bazaar, please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, December 10 and label them "Christopher House Bazaar". Bazaar set-up is Thursday, December 14 and the sale is Friday, December 15. If you would like to help with the set-up or sale or have any questions, please call **Sally Kilham** or **Sally Hilgendorf**.



Nueva Esperanza Christmas

Would you like to help a young person at Nueva Esperanza have a merry Christmas? Their Christmas service includes a gift for each young person – often their only gift. One of the past years' favorite presents was a gift certificate from the Gap or Old Navy. They had a wonderful time shopping and getting something they needed as well. Most gift cards have averaged about \$35 but any amount is appreciated by them. Please drop your gift card in the Nueva Esperanza basket in the church office and help these young people have a wonderful Christmas this year. For more information call **Joyce Simpson**.



Adopt-A-Family

Adopting a Christopher House Family is a wonderful opportunity to share your joy of Christmas with families less fortunate. The final day for adopting a family is Sunday, December 10th.

Following are some reminders when preparing your packages:

1. Provide a new, wrapped gift for each family member.
2. Provide Christmas dinner by giving a Gift Food Card from Dominick's or Jewel. (Suggested cost is \$35 to \$45 per person for gift and food card combined.)
3. Label every present and gift card with your Family ID Number.
4. Package all items securely together in a plastic bag or corrugated box. Label the Food Card, put it in an envelope and tape it to one of the parent's gifts.

5. Please deliver your packages to the church garage on or before December 15th between the hours of 8:30am to 4:00pm. (if the church garage is not open obtain the key from the church office.)

By participating in **Adopt-A-Family**, you will bring smiles to children's faces and warmth to their parents' hearts. Thank you for supporting this Christopher House Mission. If you have questions, please call **Sally Hilgendorf**.



Barrington Giving Day

Saturday, December 16, 2006, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Local disadvantaged families within the 220 School District are invited to the Giving Day at Barrington Middle School, Station Campus, John Snow/Eastern Avenue. Local churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations are very generous in their support of this event. This year we are asking you to collect winter coats, hats, mittens, blankets, new and gently used toys, and books for children and teens in Spanish and English. Thank you for your help with volunteers and donations for the 2005 Barrington Giving Day. We hope that we can count on your participation again this year to collect these much-needed items. Cash donations: Checks should be made payable to: Barrington Giving Day, c/o John Paul Hills, Barrington Bank & Trust, 201 S. Hough St., Barrington, IL 60010.

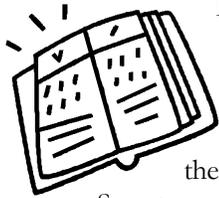


New Orleans Mission Trip Overview

Plan to join members of our New Orleans Mission Team on December 3 and/or December 10 in Fellowship Hall at 10:00am as they present an overview of their *Lend a Hand* trip to New Orleans. Come and view the photos, hear the stories and future commitments for return visits to New Orleans. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring a friend to this sharing experience.

Mission (continued)

Home of the Sparrow Needs 2007 Calendars

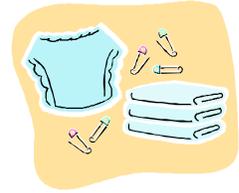


If you don't know what to do with all the extra 2007 calendars you receive, bring them to the church. We'll donate them to Home of the Sparrow. There will be a box for the calendars on top of the Deacon's Secretary outside the office. Thanks from the Mission Committee.

Attention Shoppers!

The Fall Food Drive is over and it was once again a huge success. Now it is time to fill the weekly **"Loaves and Fishes"** baskets. The FISH Food Pantry in

Carpentersville, where all the weekly donations are taken, is in short supply of toiletries. In particular, they need **diapers (all sizes), deodorant, toothpaste, hand soap and toilet paper.**



The next time you are at COSTCO or Sam's Club, please stop by the toiletry area and buy one of these items in bulk (FISH breaks them down to individual pieces). Be the first one in your neighborhood to start a rumor by buying diapers by the box full! (It should be noted that a family serviced by FISH currently only receives six diapers per week. We could really change that.) If you cannot bring your bulk items to Church, please call **Gerry Nadig** to arrange for a pick-up at your home. Thank you all.

Welcome to our New Members

Scott and Bonnie Culler, Barrington, 60010

Betsy Diamond, Barrington, 60010

Mike and Laura (Mitchell) Fitch, Barrington, 60010

Gregory Gyllsdorff, Rockford, 61114

Ward Huege, McHenry, 60050

Ed Keiffer, Cary, 60013

Jason and Mary Ann Neton, Crown Point IN 46307

Ginny Shapiro, Deer Park, 60010

Tom and Barb Strauss, Barrington, 60010

Dick and Dorothy Whalley, Barrington Hills, 60010

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry Gifts

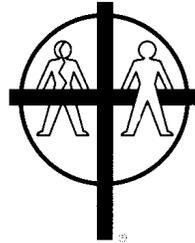
Sharing Christ's love has been a gift to some of our Stephen Ministry Care Receivers. With their permission, we are sharing these "gifts" with you.

"We can only see God through the humans around us. Through my Stephen Minister I began to experience and believe in God in a new light. He became very real. Not that he wasn't before, but with extra and concrete support affirming and confirming."

"There were times I felt God was not present in my life, but when I met with my Stephen Minister I could feel His presence and had received hope for better things to come."

"My Stephen Minister was always there for me. She helped me develop a more personal relationship with Christ even when I didn't know it was happening."

"Thank you so much for the help. I found a friend as well as a caregiver."



"My Stephen Minister became a person I could confide my inner challenges to, was very easy to talk with."

"My Stephen Minister was always there and gently but very assertively maintained the rules of our relationship. Her model helped me re-assess my style and find better ways of resolving and addressing potential conflicts."

"Meeting by meeting I began to feel better about my life. I stopped feeling like a victim and I became empowered and better able to cope with my problems. Most importantly, I was not so harsh on myself and realized that it was OK to make mistakes. It was through prayer and talking about God that my Stephen Minister made me realize that God was still with me, as He had been all along and that He loved me, even if I was not perfect."

To receive Stephen Ministry care, please contact **Marge Slocum, Linda McGurer, Curt Baxter or Dan Spike, 847-381-0975.**

ChristCare

Caring Hearts – Faithful Servants

In early 2006 the church commissioned a second ChristCare group with a focus on service to the hungry and homeless in the area. The group meets at church on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Lounge. In each meeting we provide time for prayer and worship, Bible study, and spiritual support for each other in our daily lives. We also want to regularly and actively serve the needy people in



our community. We have identified several opportunities in the community to serve God with some of us volunteering at the Northern Illinois Food Bank in St. Charles and others of us at the PADS site at Holy Family Church in Inverness. Our service to these and other organizations is only beginning and we invite anyone who would like to learn more about our group to call the group leader **Bob Florio.**

Barrington Presbyterian Women

January Meeting



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

We will not have a meeting in December. Thanks to all who worked so hard on our Christmas benefit. Enjoy the holiday season. Our next meeting will be on January 4, coffee at 9:15 a.m.; meeting at 9:35 a.m. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Morning Bible Study

BPW Bible Study meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Parlor. We are using the Horizons Bible Study book, *In the Beginning, Perspectives on Genesis*, which is available in the church office. **Susan Raaths** is the Coordinator. All women of the congregation are encouraged to participate. Come on December 6 at 9:30 a.m. for coffee; Bible Study begins at 10:00 a.m.

G.T.I.F.

The next GTIF (Growing Together in Faith) Women's Bible Study Group will meet on Tuesday December 5th at 7:00 p.m. The group normally meets on the third Tuesday evening of the month in the home of a member. We are using a new study book, *At Table With Jesus*, which is available in the church office at a cost of \$7. All are welcome, please join us! Contact **Jill Minner** for more information.

Women With Aging Parents

Instead of their regular meeting, Women With Aging Parents is planning a Festive Field Trip to Antioch where they will visit the Pickard china factory and have lunch together. The group will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 15 at the home of **Marge Slocum**.

Book Club

Book Club meets every other month (starting in September), on the third Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at the home of a member. Our next meeting will be held on January 18, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. The book to be discussed is *Philistines at the Hedge Row* by Steven Gaines. For more information, you may contact **Alice Buchholz**.

BPW Donations

If you would like to make a donation to BPW to help support the Mission Projects, please do so by the end of the year in order to receive a tax deduction for 2006. Donations must be postmarked by December 30, 2006 in order to qualify. Checks should be made payable to BPW and sent to Emily Dowell, BPW Treasurer, 20346 Park Hill Dr., Deer Park, IL 60010. Thank you for your consideration.

BPW Women's Spiritual Retreat

March 9 - 11, 2007

George Williams Campus of Aurora University On
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Give yourself a gift, or
husbands, give your wife a gift.

The theme of our 2007 retreat is:

*GOD'S STORY, OUR STORY: CONNECTING
THROUGH LIFE*

The Leader will be Reverend Dr. Virginia Smith, who is a Presbyterian minister and Associate Executive Presbyter for Ministry at the Chicago Presbytery.

Mark your calendar now and watch for more information in the bulletins and *Carillon*.

Deacons

Congratulations to:

Anne McManus upon the birth of granddaughters Makena Grace and Elisabeth Hailey Snelling to Barbara McManus Snelling, on September 22.

Condolences to:

Bill and Becky Nelson and family upon the death of Bill's mother, Barbara Nelson, on October 25 in Hammond, Indiana.

Mary and Roger Marts and family, upon the death of Mary's mother on November 6.

Deacon's Corner, Gus Leep

Some of the pleasures of being a Deacon!

One of the pleasant "duties" of a Deacon is to deliver flowers, after the worship service, to members unable to attend. Almost always they live in retirement communities, and, as you would expect, are about my age. This immediately establishes a bond between us. I have always been warmly welcomed, sometimes for a short visit of a few minutes, sometimes much longer.

Usually, the first thing the person wants to talk about is their grandchildren. Since I have none, I am at a



disadvantage. So, where there is a pet in the home, I turn the discussion there, since I own a cat, Pitti Sing, and my daughter's dog, Monkey, (yes, there is story here) lives with me. I remember

one apartment which had a sign on the hallway door which said, "Please be careful that the cats do not escape when you come in." This was the basis for a warm visit, including the vagaries of cats. The lady showed me a full-size painting of her two cats (now only one, the other had recently died), which she had commissioned from a "cat portrait" painter. It hung in the location of warm memories; her bedroom-on the wall over her bed.

Another memorable visit was to a man whose World War II Navy experience had many similarities to mine. Naturally, we told "lies" to one another about how important our contribution was to the war; how the

war wouldn't have been won without what each of us individually had done. (Actually he served on a supply ship which plied the back waters of the islands in the Pacific, and I never got past Pearl Harbor).

His walls were covered with Navy pictures, his shelves held many memorabilia and his scrap book was full of family pictures. This was not a short visit. However, it was warm, interesting and helpful to this man who just wanted to reminisce.

Advent Dinner, December 3

The Deacons are planning another wonderful Advent Dinner on Sunday, December 3, 2006 for all the members (and friends) of our church. It is a time for all of us to come together as one family of faith to prepare for the birth of our Lord. We are



pleased to announce an expanded celebration this year.

The evening will begin in the Sanctuary promptly at 4:00

p.m. with a short performance from our own Children's Choir, followed by the Sing-Along Messiah program (activities for children of all ages will be available downstairs). After the concert, around 5:30 p.m., we will join together in Fellowship Hall for our traditional Advent Dinner featuring plenty of ham and many delectable "pot luck" side dishes. There will be food, fun, and fellowship, and an ornament exchange.

You may sign up to attend the Advent Dinner in Fellowship Hall after services on November 5, 12, 19, and 26. The cost for the evening will be \$8.00 per adult and \$4.00 for children 3-12. Children under 3 are free. The maximum any family will pay is \$20. Each family attending the dinner is asked to bring a wrapped Christmas ornament and a dish to pass in a disposable container to serve 8. If your last name begins with A-L, please bring a salad. If your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a side dish, hot and ready to serve. If you have any questions about this event, you can call **Nancy Bohren or Alan Free**. If you are a family of one or a family of many, we hope you will join us for this wonderful annual event at our church.

Christian Education

Insights from the DISCIPLE study groups – “Are We Listening?”

In DISCIPLE 2, we are currently reading the book of Exodus. The theme of lesson 10 is “Called”. Our video presenter, Zan Holmes, retired associate professor of preaching from Perkins School of Theology, told us that sometimes when reading Scripture it is helpful to ask, “Which way is God moving in this passage? Is God affirming the status quo or calling for change?” After all, God is the main character of the Bible and we take our cue from him. In Exodus 3-4, we see that God takes notice of the plight of his people, identifies with their suffering, and takes the initiative to liberate them. God calls Moses by name and invites him to join God in his plan to deliver the people. Our lives are also being addressed by a God who calls us by name and invites us to join him in bringing liberation to people who are being oppressed. So, a second question we must ask is, “Are we listening?” Dr. Holmes points out that the art of listening is getting lost in our noisy society and he says that once we master the technique of talking while inhaling, the art of conversation will be gone altogether! We are to listen to the cries of our brothers and sisters, to the clamor of world events because there we may hear God speak. We may hear God telling us to get on the move with him. Before the church can become the preaching church or the serving church, we must first become the listening church because we take our cue from God.

New DISCIPLE study groups will be forming in the fall of 2007, registration in April/May.

The Historical Jesus Then and Now

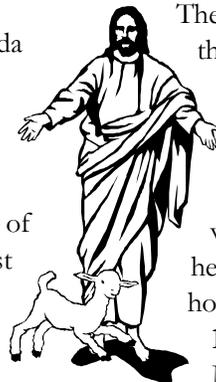
Dear Friends in Faith,

This is the first in a five part series of articles Linda Long, Chairperson of the Adult Education Committee, asked me to write as a prelude to the lecture series it is sponsoring on April 20 & 21, 2007. The series, *The Historical Jesus Then and Now: The Challenge of the Kingdom of God* brings one of the world’s leading biblical scholars into our midst for two days of lecture and discussion. Professor John Dominic Crossan’s body of scholarly work looks at the bible through the



lens of the best biblical scholarship and the anthropology of the Ancient Near East. His goal is to understand the historical teachings of Jesus, the man, through careful analysis of biblical and extra-biblical traditions, identifying which data are authentic to Jesus and which are interpretive conclusions reached about him by those who knew him, in person or in faith, in the earliest days of the faith we all share. Crossan explores, in depth, the world into which the historical Jesus, proclaimed scripture as the Christ of God, was born, deepening our understanding of the impact of his life and teachings on the lives of those who knew his person and heard his words, and eventually proclaimed him the long awaited Messiah of Israel.

Central to Crossan’s thesis is that the historical Jesus proclaimed, to the disenfranchised Jewish community of the ancient Roman Empire, that the Kingdom of God, is not as some far off future event to be waited and prayed for, but as the reality of God active in the world in the lives of everyday women and men nourishing and healing, inspiring and leading them as they seek to make God’s purposes known and alive in the world in which they live. As different as our world is in these days from the Ancient Roman Empire of Jesus’ life on earth, that one truth remains constant. The Kingdom of God is inaugurated among us, and we, who seek to follow this fellow Jesus, proclaimed the Christ of God, are charged with coming to know him as the One who nourishes and heals us, inspires and leads our lives in faith. In so doing, the faith of the historical Jesus continues to be proclaimed, the Kingdom of God continues to be made real in the world in the lives of those who encounter the Christ Jesus of faith. It is as true now as it was then.



There is nothing more important that any of us can do then to set aside the time to come to encounter, in faith, the historical Jesus, his world and his message to the hearts of the people whose experience of and faith in him we continue to seek to know in our own lives and proclaim in the world. Come, April 20 & 21 to be nourished and healed, inspired and led in faith and spirit, in life and hope. God’s best to you.

Dorothy S. Symonds, M. Div.

Member, Adult Education Committee

Adult Education, Sundays, 10:15 a.m., in the Parlor

On December 3 and 10, Denny McGurer and the Adult Mission Team - New Orleans will speak about their experience working on Hurricane Katrina relief in October 2006 and discuss future plans.

On December 17, Dr. Clark Barshinger will present *Aging and Empty Nest Challenges to Good Marriages*, the fourth in his series *God's Purpose for Us in Act II of Life*.

Youth Christian Education

Casting Call for the 10 a.m. Christmas Eve Service

At the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Christmas Eve morning, we will be offering the children of the church an opportunity to participate in the leadership of worship. We will be forming tableaux of the story of the birth of Christ with the younger children, while older children will provide the narration. Children must be Kindergarten or older to participate. Please contact Melissa if your children are interested in participating.



Waiting for Baby Jesus Party

Children ages 1-4

December 9, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Come to Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. and join in the fun at the "Waiting for Baby Jesus" party. We will play games, do an art project and have some cake as we learn why we wait for Baby Jesus! Call the church office to sign up! Deadline is December 6. Friends are welcome. Cost: \$0. Parents should plan to attend to help out.

Winter Vacation Bible School

December 21 & 22

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.



Save the dates!

Mark your calendars!

Fit this into your holiday planning!

Let us help you juggle your schedule. With the kids home for vacation, gifts to be wrapped, and cookies to be baked, you need some helping hands!

The youth will be hosting a winter VBS experience for children Kindergarten through 6th grade.

You may sign up for a whole day (9 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$17/child) or for part of the day (9 a.m. - Noon or Noon - 3 p.m. \$10/child per session). Choose the sessions you want.

Preschool class for 3 and 4 year olds AND babysitting for toddlers and infants is available from 9 a.m. - Noon. Spots for Nursery/Toddler care are limited, so sign up early.

Sign up for any amount of hours or days. Cost is \$4/child per hour. Watch your mail for a flyer with more details.

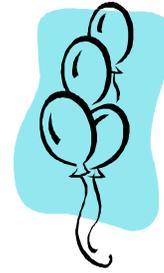
Fellowship

Kitchen Cabinet

The Christmas Ladies Day Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at Noon, at Biltmore Country Club. The menu will be the Biltmore Salad, choice of sliced sirloin, roasted tilapia, or stuffed chicken breast, served with roasted new potatoes and julienne vegetables, and a Christmas Dessert. The cost will be \$26.00 per person. Reservations are due by December 5 to Dan Spike at the church office.

Men's Fellowship Group

The December 21 meeting of the Men's Fellowship Group will be held at the home of **Chip Kyle**. Dinner, discussion of a topic to be chosen by the host and good conversation are the order of the evening. If you would like to be added to the invitation list, please contact Chip.



Celebration of Faith Gala

Saturday February 3, 2007

6:30 p.m. to midnight

Makray Memorial Golf Club
in Barrington

Join your church family for an evening of adult fellowship, dinner, dancing to a live band and FUNdraising. Proceeds benefit the Presbyterian Church of Barrington and a local charity.

Watch your mail for your invitation with response card.

Music

December 3 Advent I

Prelude: Savior, of the Nations, Come Johann Sebastian Bach
Anthem: Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Henry Lay
Offertory: O Come, O Come Immanuel. **Children's Choir**
Communion: Maria Walks Amid the Thorn...Hugo Distler
Postlude: Savior, of the Nations, Come Paul Manz

December 10 Advent II

Prelude: Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying Johann Sebastian Bach
Anthem: Commissioned anthem by Will White
Offertory: Comfort, Comfort Ye My People Paul Bunjes
Postlude: O Thou of God the Father Johann Sebastian Bach

December 17 Advent III

Prelude: Christ Our Lord Came to the Jordan Dietrich Buxtehude
Anthem: Rejoice, O Jerusalem Healey Willan
Offertory: Rejoice George F. Handel. **Kirsten Hedegaard, soprano**
Postlude: Christ Our Lord Came to the Jordan Johann Sebastian Bach

December 24—Christmas Eve

Family Service, 10:00 a.m.

Lessons and Carols 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Traditional Candlelight, Communion 11:00 p.m.

Please join us for the Messiah Sing-Along on **December 3**. If you would like to rehearse the choruses beforehand please join us in the choir room Thursday, November 30 from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Parish Life

Chancel Guild Holiday Decorations



As the holidays approach, the Chancel Guild invites you to help sponsor the church's beautiful Christmas decorations.

If you would like to donate to our Christmas fund, please fill out this form and send it with your check to the church office by December 13. Make the check payable to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, memo "Christmas decorations".

Name of donor(s)

Phone: _____

email: _____

Amount of donation: \$ _____

Dedication for the Christmas Eve Bulletin

Church Administration

Year End Contributions



If you'd like to increase your tax deduction for 2006, remember that any donation received by year-end can be allocated to your 2006 pledge, a prepayment of your 2007 pledge, or a specific ear-marked donation for any of our church funds or missions. Below are some critical deadlines to keep in mind as our business office is closed on December 23 to 26, and December 30 to January 2. Our accountant will also be unavailable from December 27 to January 4.

To help you ensure that your giving is tax deductible for the current year, that donations must be postmarked by Saturday, December 30 (per the IRS) or in the collection basket at the service on Sunday, December 31 (our Trustees will verify receipt on this last day of 2006).

The final credit card donations for this fiscal year must be received by Friday, December 22 or emailed to pgriffin@pcbarrington.org by that same date or they will not be processed, nor deductible, until 2007.

If you would like to make a stock contribution before year-end, contact your broker well before **Christmas** as most brokerage firms need at least a few days of lead time to process your request, and with the holidays, there will be delays. Remember to inform your broker that the Church has a new account with E*TRADE Financial. If you tend to do this at the end of each year and have old instructions, make sure you get new ones from our church office with the right broker info.

Financial Report

For the 10 months ended October 31, 2006

	Actual	Budget	Annual
	<u>YTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Pledges	\$365,324	\$367,225	\$467,264
Prepaid pledges	91,890	91,890	110,266
Open Plate/misc	52,421	36,425	42,500
Holiday giving	5,150	5,000	10,000
One-time Gifts	42,150	42,650	42,900
Funds needed			<u>52,892</u>
	<u>\$556,935</u>	<u>\$543,190</u>	<u>\$725,822</u>

Worship Schedule

- Dec. 3** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Advent's Back
Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36.
- Dec. 10** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
The Warm-Up Act
Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6.
- Dec. 17** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Homecoming
Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6;
Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.
- Dec. 24** Family Service 10:00 a.m.
A Gift Half-Understood
- Dec. 31** Mr. Spike Preaching 10:00 a.m.
God with Us
Readings: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148;
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

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