

The Carillon

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THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

A welcoming, caring, family of faith

Lenten Taizé Services and Classes

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Lent is a time when we reflect on our lives and how we relate to God and Jesus. Our Taizé services and Lenten classes can help us all in our search.

We will begin our Lenten observance with a Taizé service and imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.. Our 7th and 8th graders will lead the worship service.

Taizé services will be held on Wednesdays, February 16 and 23, and March 2, 9, and 16 at 7:00 p.m. Our junior and senior high youth will help lead the worship services. Taizé worship takes the form of meditative common prayer. Gathered in the presence of Christ, led by our Director of Music and Organist, Ms. Joy Hague, we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs. These simple, uncluttered songs allow the mystery of God to become tangible through the beauty of simplicity. Between the times of singing, there are reflections on the evening's readings and times for personal meditation.

Lenten Classes will be held immediately following the Taizé services, starting at 7:45 p.m. and ending at 9:00 p.m. You may sign up after Sunday services.

Dr. Baxter will be using material from Dr. Armand M. Nicholi's book, The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex, and the Meaning of Life. See Dr. Baxter's article on page 2 of this Carillon.

Rev. Spike and Ms. Armstrong-Hansche will be teaching "Leaven for Our Lives: Conversations about Bread, Companionship, and Faith." We will bake bread and make foods to be eaten with bread. As we cook, we will talk about bread as a symbol of the abundance of creation and the communion that grows out of sharing bread with others. The class will meet in the church kitchen.

The 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.

Dear Friends in Christ,

Imagine that you are driving down Interstate 90 at high speed. As you drive, you feel a little jiggle that ends up as a large wobble in the front end of your car. When you take your car into your local mechanic, he says, "Your tires are out of alignment. We can fix that." Indeed he can fix the problem, but he also explains that your tires have begun to wear unevenly and they need to be replaced. Sounds like life, doesn't it?

The shaking of our foundations doesn't happen all at once but over a period of time. Usually, we coast merrily through life without noticing the early warning

jiggling that becomes a major wobbling if we neglect putting our life on the rack.

Lent is a time in life for your realignment. On five Wednesday evenings, beginning on February 16th, we will be having a Taizé prayer service at 7:00 p.m. followed by classes that will end at 9:00 p.m. I will be teaching from Dr. Armand M. Nicholi's book, The Question of God: C.S. Lewis and Sigmund Freud Debate God, Love, Sex, and the Meaning of Life. The book is elegantly written and gives an intellectually and spiritually compelling comparison of between Lewis' and Freud's views of God and the spiritual life.

Eugene Peterson, Presbyterian pastor and theologian, writes this:

Two things that are basic to the Christian life are unfortunately counter to most things American. First, Christian spirituality, the contemplative life, is not about us. It is about God. The great weakness of American spirituality is that it is all about us: fulfilling our potential, getting the blessings of God, expanding our influence, finding our gifts, getting a handle on principles by which we can get an edge over the competition. The more there is of us, the less there is of God.

Ways and means are the second basic in the Christian life that are also counter to most things American. Ways and means must be appropriate to ends. We cannot participate in God's work but then insist on doing it in our own way. We cannot participate in the building of God's kingdom but then use evil tools and nails.

Join me this Lent to contemplate the "way of God" in contrast to the way of our culture. You may order your copy of the book we will be studying by calling the church office or by signing up for the class beginning January 30th at 10:00 a.m. The cost of the book is \$15.00. I look forward to this time of realignment.

Pax,

Curt Baxter

Church Administration

New Sexton

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Ward Huege as our sexton. He was referred to us by Ron Furst, a member and Trustee of our church, and started work effective January 3, 2005. Ward will be working for us as an outside contractor for 19 hours a week. His schedule will be 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. on Sunday. Ward has an extensive background in building maintenance and owns his own cleaning service. Ward is married and has six children.

As you know, we hired an outside cleaning service last year while Peter Schmidt was doing his student teaching. This has worked out very well for us, and we have decided to take the same approach with the sexton's position. This will provide a dedicated person for cleaning and another for building maintenance, meeting set-ups, etc.

Since Ward's hours are limited, **we need everyone's help.** Those in leadership positions can help by providing set-up drawings for their meeting requirements, e-mailing Ward well in advance of special needs, and the most difficult request is for all of us to try to limit our demands on his time. His major responsibility is maintaining our beautiful building at a very high standard, so anything each of us can do to make that possible will be very much appreciated.

Ward's phone number is **847-381-0975, extension 300.** Please take the time to say hello and to welcome him into our church family.

Trustees

Finances: The church is ending fiscal 2004 under budget, due to tight control on expenditures, administrative duties assumed by church volunteers, and savings realized in personnel costs by moving to a part-time accountant and part-time Sexton.

Bob Reilly and Joe Babos reviewed the 2003 financial records and found those books to be in good order.

In December, the Board of Trustees sent letters to those members of the congregation who had not completed their 2004 pledges to the church.

In almost all cases, pledges for the 2005 fiscal year which were received by December 31 were either the same in total as the pledging unit had given in 2004 or were increased, some by a significant amount. This is a

positive trend which will allow us to address some deferred attention to building and grounds as well as growth in program and mission.

Building and Grounds: Classroom doors have been painted and new doorknobs will be purchased and installed.

Meyer Sign Company was hired to repair the deteriorating spindles on the sign in front of the church building.

Estimates are being obtained for resurfacing the parking lots in the spring.

Dale Smith is working on adjusting and repairing the sound system in the Sanctuary, with much improvement already noted.

A high-speed wireless internet connection has been installed which will result in lower costs, improved ability to transmit Sunday worship services on our website, and greater efficiency for staff.

New shelving has been purchased to hold music storage boxes which will safely store the church's large collection of sheet music.

Thanks to Owen Heath, who has spent many hours working with the new Sexton to inspect the church facilities, define regular duties, and develop a project list.

Phone: We have contracted with SBC to provide both local and long distance phone service, beginning December 1, 2004, which will result in lower costs.

Wireless Antenna: U. S. Cellular is looking for a wireless site in Barrington Hills and has submitted a proposal to install an antenna in the church steeple, for which they would pay the church a monthly rental fee. They have done this in other churches and it is not visible from the outside. A committee of trustees and members of the session has been formed to consider this possibility. The first step is to authorize U.S. Cellular to test reception from the top of the current steeple and above. Further discussion and negotiation will be needed before a decision is reached, and any final proposal must be approved by the Session, the Congregation, and the Presbytery.

Barrington Presbyterian Women



February 3 Meeting

Come for coffee at 9:15 a.m.; the meeting begins at 9:35 a.m. All women of the church are invited to attend the meeting. We will be assembling the Valentine Care Packs

for our young people in college or in the military. Babysitting is available.

Morning Bible Study

On Wednesday, February 2, come at 9:15 a.m. for coffee; Bible Study begins at 9:30 a.m. We use the Horizon Bible Study book, What She Said, available in the church office for \$8. Please make the check out to BPW. Coordinator: **Susan Raaths**.

All women of the church are invited to participate.

G.T.I.F.

Growing Together In Faith is a monthly, evening Bible study for women. We meet on the third Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. We will be using The Workbook of Spiritual Disciplines by Maxine Dunham.. Coordinators: **Becky Bosarge and Jill Minner**.

Thank You

A special thank you to all of the following who contributed to the success of the raffle/silent auction for the 2004 BPW Christmas Benefit. We couldn't have done it without you!!

Flo Babos, Julie Bradley, Audrey Ellis, Marla Florio, Polly Grafton, Jean Marshall, Kathy Martin, Nancy Nadig, Bette Nottke, Susan & Jack Raaths, Debbie Schaeffer, Laura Semmen, Jennie Train, Jodi Young, the Choir, Session, Deacons, Disciples Groups, Youth CE Committee, Adult CE Committee, Mission Committee, Membership & Outreach Committee, Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Praying Hands Prayer Group, and the Ladies of BPW.

Book Club

The next meeting of Book Club will be March 19 at the home of **Alice Buchholz**, who is the coordinator.

Women's Retreat February 11-13, 2005

Join the women of our Church as we gather again at Aurora University (George Williams Campus) in Williams Bay, WI, for the 2005 Women's Spiritual Retreat. The Rev. Dr. Dianne Shields, Associate Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Arlington Heights, will present "Finding God in the Clutter of Life."

Women of all ages are welcome. If you have never attended a retreat before, don't be shy. Your only regret will be that you didn't do it sooner.

The registration Fee is \$175. You can register online at our website: www.pcbarrington.org, or contact

Rebecca Carlberg; or

Mari Franklin; or

Karen Tobin.

BPW Fellowship Luncheon with Barbara Rinella

Please invite your friends and plan to join us on Monday, February 28th, at 11:30 a.m. at The Garlands for lunch and a performance by the renowned book dramatist, Barbara Rinella. After a delicious lunch of soup, salad, and dessert, you will be thoroughly entertained by Barbara's new dramatization of The Serpent and the Moon: Two Rivals for the Love of a Renaissance King, by Her Royal Highness Princess Michael of Kent. This is the fascinating story of two 16th century French women and their deep love for the same man, a story made even more intriguing by the fact that the author is a direct descendant of both women! Tickets are \$30 and will go on sale in February after services or call **Pam Anderson**. You won't want to miss this fun day of fellowship, so make your reservations early, as we plan to open seating to outside groups after February 13th!

Stephen Ministry

A Match Made In Heaven

Stephen Ministry relationships begin with a careful matching of each Care Receiver with just the right Stephen Minister. In addition to following the basic principle of matching male Care Receivers with male Stephen Ministers and female Care Receivers with female Stephen Ministers, the Referrals Coordinators prayerfully consider each Care Receiver's specific needs, as well as the gifts, skills and life experiences of the available Stephen Ministers. This is exactly the thoughtful, careful and prayerful process our own Referrals Coordinators use when matching our Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers.



When Karen, a Stephen Minister in Texas, was matched with her first Care Receiver, she got an eyewitness look at how well this process works. “It was a ‘God thing’ from the moment we met,” recalls Karen. “Ours truly was a match made in heaven.”

Her Care Receiver, Jenny, was grieving the loss of her husband who had recently died after a four-year battle with a brain tumor. A few years earlier, Karen had grieved deeply the death of two children. Karen and Jenny's common grief experiences helped them to form a strong bond from the beginning.

“While one person's grief is never exactly like another person's, I know what it is like to lose someone close. Your life is turned upside down. You are overwhelmed with very painful and confusing feelings, like not knowing if you can make it from one day to the next or feeling sad about every little thing or being angry at God. During the worst part of my grief, I was lucky having people around who really knew how to care—people who listened and prayed. They did not tell me how I should think or feel, didn't try and explain why things happened,” said Karen.

“I wanted to be that kind of caring person for someone else, which is probably the big reason I became a Stephen Minister. So when I was matched with Jenny, I was very much in touch with her needs, and I can say that it was God who brought us together. It was my opportunity to give back some of what I had received.”

Similar grief experiences shared the by two women brought them together, but as their relationship developed, they discovered they had much more in common, like a love of cooking and of gardening—each of them even had a dog with allergies! “We clicked on many different levels, and we developed an immediate rapport. The whole thing was amazing to both of us. God really worked through our shared experiences,” said Karen.

Their commonalities paved the way for a Christ-centered relationship, allowing the process of Jenny's healing to begin. Karen is grateful for the way in which her Stephen Ministry training enabled her to help that process along. She remembers, “There were many times when I felt close to being in the role of a counselor, but I knew that was not my role. My role was to listen and to pray, and to hand over a box of tissues when Jenny needed it. Many times I prayed, ‘God be with me. Work through me. Help me say the right words at the right time and remain quiet when I need to be quiet-and let me resist the temptation to fix things.’ And the Lord filled me wisdom and helped me just to be there for her.”

Karen and Jenny's Stephen Ministry relationship lasted for about a year. After bringing their relationship to a close, they remained good friends and still continue to see each other. The key to Jenny's recovery, Karen believes, was God working through their Christ-centered relationship, a healing relationship that developed quickly because of common bonds and a careful matching process, “Stephen Ministry is so much more than a ‘program.’ It's a life changing ministry,” Karen said.

If you (or someone you know) could benefit from this kind of special Christian care, someone to walk with you through a difficult time you are experiencing, a Stephen Minister can help. You can speak to **Curt Baxter or Dan Spike at church, 847-381-0975, Linda McGurer, or Marge Slocum.**

Deacons

Congratulations to...

Rick and Amy and Catherine DeMaio upon the birth of Christopher Michael DeMaio on December 19, 2004.

Debra Johnson and Brad Stanek upon the birth of Gavin Johnson Stanek on January 1, 2005.

Grandparents are Byron and Gloria Johnson.

Condolences to...

Bette Bilton and family upon the death of her sister, Bonnie Chase, on January 2.

Eva Caner and family upon the death of her father, Milan Soukop, in the Czech Republic on January 15.

Deacon's Corner, Alan Free

I'm a very lucky guy. Lucky to have been blessed with a wonderful family. Lucky to have overcome some bumps in the journey to get to this place. Lucky to be an accepted part of such a close, caring and faithful congregation as we continue the journey.

My family tree includes both Methodist and Quaker leaders, and I vaguely recall attending a few Quaker meetings with my grandmother when I was very young. Confession #1: I'm still seriously challenged at sitting still and remaining silent even after the benefit of four years of military school! Today my grandmother, a major influence, would be very pleased with my Presbyterian family, and that our girls are growing up in such a warm and engaged congregation which includes many of our closest friends.

I am lucky to have a chance to make a contribution of service to this special group. Confession #2: when I was asked to be a Deacon, I admittedly knew little about what the job required. I had participated in other church committees, but suspected a Deacon's duties might be more than I could handle in both time and talent. Like everyone, I struggle mightily to balance the daily priorities of life and occasionally blow it. But thankfully, there are no competitions, trophies, medals or parades for World's Greatest Deacon, and that's the subtle point.

Borrowing from and applying another great Dr. Baxter sermon, I think the Deacons are about "tending the embers" for the Church—the generally invisible hands that serve quietly, unselfishly to keep the fire going so others go undisturbed in faith and warmth. My Dad, another great influence, was one of the most unselfish people I've known; he would have been a great Deacon.

I hope my service as a Deacon helps others while we all learn and grow in becoming more selfless and less selfish. Confession #3: I still have a long way to go on the journey, but the trend is good and I predict more progress (with God's help) in 2005.

Rides to Church

If you need a ride to worship services or other church events, please make your need known to **Rev. Dan Spike, 847-381-0975**. The pastoral staff will try to match you up with church members who have offered to provide rides to church. People who need transportation are asked to contact their ride provider at least 24 hours prior to the time the ride is needed.

Banquet for Body and Soul

Interfaith Chaplaincy Services will hold their annual Banquet for Body and Soul at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 20, at The Forge, a dinner club in Vernon Hills. The banquet, which costs \$50 per person, includes cash bar, dinner, silent auction and a raffle, followed by a live auction. (One of the live auction items will be a Mexican dinner prepared by Dan Spike.) The banquet helps support chaplaincy services at Winchester House, the Lake County nursing home located in Libertyville. For more information, contact **Rev. Dan Spike, 847-381-0975**, or **Interfaith Chaplaincy Services, 847-336-2777**. Reservations should be made by February 14.

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Adult Education, 10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

February 13 and 20, March 13, April 10 and 17, May 15, 2005, “Believing in Christ in the 21st Century: Who Do You Say That I Am?” .

During the remainder of the Spring semester Dr. Anna Case-Winters, of McCormick Theological Seminary, will present a mini-course on Christology. Dr. Case-Winters was the Chair of the Committee on Confessions and Christology of the 214th General Assembly, which drafted the statement on “The Lordship of Christ” for the denomination. Join us for this stimulating exploration of faith.

Healthy Relationships Series

February 13, March 13, April 10, and May 15, from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., “Ingredients of a Healthy Relationship”.

Dr. Clark Barshinger, who holds doctorates in psychotherapy and theology, will present a special series on healthy relationships. The cost of the seminar will be \$50 per person for the whole series and will include a light supper, dessert and coffee. Dr. Clark Barshinger returns to us once again and will lead participants through a scientific and spiritual analysis of relationships. The class is well suited for singles, married or unmarried couples. The goal is educational, not therapeutic. Come and find out what keeps you interested in a relationship, how to enrich existing ones, how to begin new ones, how to handle bumps in the road and much more! Look for opportunities to register at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on upcoming Sundays. Inquiries may be directed to **Karen Tobin**, or the **ministry team at church, 847-381-0975**.

Youth Group Makes Second Home of the Sparrow Work Project a Success

Shoveling snow, sweeping out the garage, washing windows, dusting, vacuuming, cleaning the bathroom—does this sound like a typical Saturday in the life of a teenager? How about stocking and organizing donated goods and furniture, scrubbing toys and dismantling metal shelving for transport to another site? Yes, that’s exactly what ten youths from our church were doing on a cold Saturday afternoon in January to help the women and children temporarily housed at the Home of the Sparrow (HOS) shelter in Palatine. Those who worked to make our second HOS project a success were: Hannah Archos, Drew and Adam Bosarge, Jim Dowell, Emma Florio, Katie Lieske, Mark Minner, Minda Sulak, and David and Mike Zimmerman. Two more HOS work projects for youth in 7th - 12th grade are planned for April 16th and May 21st. To sign up, contact: **Jill Minner, or Melissa Armstrong-Hansche, 847-381-0975**.

Eating Chocolate For A Good Cause!

Now that we’ve got your attention ... don’t forget to return your M&M tubes filled with quarters by February 13th to the M&M bin at church. This is a fundraising effort in support of the 2005 Youth Mission Trip. In case you already ate your M&Ms and threw away the tube...don’t worry! A quarter-filled tube adds up to approximately \$14, which can be donated with or without the tube. Thank you for your support!

5th/6th Grade Parent/Child Class—Sacraments

February 13

5:00-7:00p.m.

Join us as we share a meal together before beginning to explore the sacraments of baptism and communion. We will read through scripture and learn the importance of water, bread and wine in our spiritual lives. Watch your mail for more information.

Sr. High Retreat

February 18-20

Urban Mission Retreat—Downtown Chicago

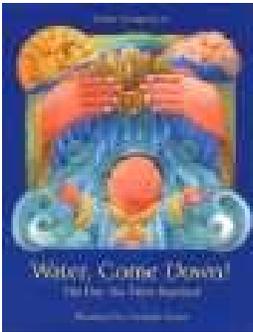
Several of our high school students will attend the DOORS retreat in Chicago.

First Grade Communion Classes February 20 and 27 5:00-7:00p.m.

Instruction classes concerning communion will be held February 20 and 27, 5:00 – 7:00pm. Children grades one and above who have not previously received instruction are invited. One parent is expected to remain with each child during both classes. Dinner is served on both Sundays. Children will receive communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday, April 8, at the 7:00 p.m. service. You should receive a letter with more information in the mail. Contact **Melissa Hansche, 847-381-0975**, with questions.

Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Barrington Library

We strive to provide our members current theological offerings in numerous formats including books, audio cassettes, videos, DVDs, and periodicals. Our collection is new and growing with over 500 current listings to appeal to children, youth, adults, and church officers alike. We are located in the west corner of the church parlor. Come in explore, learn, and let your faith grow.

Children	Adult #1	Adult #2
<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Water, Come Down! The Day You Were Baptized</i> by Walter Wangerin, Jr.</p> <p>Once again, Wangerin takes an intricate topic and deciphers it into terms that a child can make part of his/her faith education. A highly recommended reading that critics say “should be worn out by parents, grandparents, and godparents as they tend to the child’s baptismal journey.” This is a synthesis of doctrine shared by Christians in all churches. The book is beautifully illustrated by Gerargo Suzan.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Politics, Religion, and the Common Good</i> Advancing a Distinctly American Conversation About Religion’s Role in Our Shared Life by Martin E. Marty</p> <p>This landmark work is the first of a two-volume set that will explore the promise and challenge of public religion. This is not the last word, but rather the author hopes to initiate a national conversation. Religion has always been part of American public debate. The values in which our culture is entrenched have been, since their inception, created and shaped directly from religious moral sensibility. The future of America, in many ways, depends on understanding the proper role of religion in our shared life as a republic.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Cost of Moral Leadership</i> The Spirituality of Dietrich Bonhoeffer by Jeffrey B. Kelly and F. Burton Nelson</p> <p>Kelly and Nelson are the foremost Bonhoeffer scholars today. Through their research, conviction, knowledge and passion, they fill a gap in available literature. This book opens new pathways in exploring Bonhoeffer’s legacy and view of the Holy Spirit. It underscores the Holy Spirit’s mission to stir the teachings of Jesus into the hearts of the faithful. It expresses, convincingly, Bonhoeffer’s solidarity with the oppressed and makes one think what it really means to be a Christian.</p>

Books and all other media may be checked out for 30 days. See the detailed checkout procedures posted in the library. Please return materials promptly to the “Return” tray. Please do not reshelve items; the Librarian will do this for you.

Fellowship

Fellowship Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Fellowship Committee will be held on Friday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m., at the home of Peter and Suzanne Miller. We welcome anybody who would like to join us for food, fun and a little social planning. If you are able to attend, please R.S.V.P. to **Peter or Suzanne**. We hope to see you there!

Card Party, March 5

The Fellowship Committee invites you to the annual round-robin card party! This is a fun fellowship event; no card playing ability required. We have a new venue this year: Fritzel's Restaurant in Lake Zurich. The date: March 5, 2005. Come at 5:00 p.m. for social hour; dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. There will be wonderful prizes awarded for the top three spots. R.S.V.P. to **Suzanne Miller**.

Congregational Life

Small Group Ministry

Our congregation has recently taken a major step in ministry: We have enrolled in the ChristCare Series. ChristCare is a system of small group ministry designed by the Stephen Ministries organization in St. Louis. Two representatives of our congregation will join Rev. Dan Spike in attending a one-week Equipper's Training Course to be trained as "Equippers," those who will direct ChristCare Group Ministry in our congregation. These Equippers will return to us with the knowledge and resources necessary to establish this new form of small group ministry in our congregation. They will recruit and train members of our church to be small group leaders, and then organize small groups. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information about this exciting ministry.

The Equipper's Training Course will be held April 17-23 in St. Louis. If you would like to know more about what an Equipper does and whether this might be the ministry to which God is calling you, please speak to **Dan Spike, 847-381-0975**. In addition to two Equippers, the Congregational Life Committee is seeking five additional people to join the Equippers in forming a planning committee to help implement ChristCare in our congregation. The planning committee is expected to have a life of 12-18 months. To express interest in serving on the planning committee, or to obtain more information about what the committee will do, contact **Dan Spike, 847-381-0975**, or **Flo Babos**.

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group is a small-group ministry that is aimed at promoting fellowship among the men of the church. The group meets the third Thursday of the month at a member's home. The format is usually a dinner with discussion following based on the topic of the host's choosing. Typically, there are about 10-20 men participating at each event. In addition to the regular meetings, the group has sponsored the "Bubba Bake-off" and a trip for the Nueva Esperanza (San Marcos) scholarship students to attend a Schaumburg Flyers game in the summer. Contact **Chip Kyle**, or **Bob Florio**, if you would like to receive the monthly invitation/information.

Kitchen Cabinet

Kitchen Cabinet is a fellowship group that targets men of retirement age. The group meets for lunch and discussion on the second Tuesday of the month at the Garlands in Barrington. This year, the group has added guest speakers to their gatherings. They also hold two traditional "Ladies' Day Luncheons," one in June and the other in December. Usually 12-15 men attend lunch each week. Please contact **Bob Johnson**.

Worship

Should We Applaud?

When the children sing in front of the congregation, when some other musician performs in a particularly skillful or moving manner, when a baby is presented to the congregation at the conclusion of the baptismal liturgy, worshipers wonder, should we applaud?

The worship committee and the church staff have spent a lot of time discussing the question of applause in church. What is the meaning of applause (or the lack of it)? What is the role of worshipers in the Reformed tradition? What is the purpose of music in worship? The conclusion of the worship committee and the staff is that applause is not the best way for the congregation to express themselves during worship services.

In Reformed worship, the people in the congregation are supposed to be active participants in the worship of God. Worship services in many churches allow congregants to be an audience viewing the pastor and musicians as actors, but in Presbyterian worship God, not the congregation, is the audience. Musicians and pastors are the prompters or stage managers. But the members of the congregation are the actors, and all our worship acts are directed to God.

Music in worship is an offering to God, and even when not making music, members of the congregation are co-participants with those who are making music. Applause in response to music places the music in the role of performance rather than ministry. A much better way to express appreciation for music that is especially inspiring is to share with choir members, the Director of Music, or other musicians after worship the joy you have experienced. How you express yourself helps shape the musicians’ understanding of worship. “You sounded great!” puts the focus on the performer. “What a beautiful offering to God!” says “Thanks for giving God what I would love to give myself. You glorified God and helped me to glorify God in my heart.”

From time to time the congregation has responded with applause when a baby has been presented to the congregation at the conclusion of the baptism liturgy. As a more appropriate way of welcoming children into the family of God, the pastors have started placing a spoken response or a hymn of blessing at the conclusion of the baptism liturgy.

Psalm 100 bids us to “Make a joyful noise to the Lord,” but in worship, let’s make those joyful noises with our voices and musical instruments rather than with applauding hands.

Dan Spike

Chancel Flowers Memorial Or Dedication

If you would like to donate to the Chancel Flowers with a dedication, please complete this form and send or bring it to the church office with your check for \$30.00 for each memorial or dedication. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletin of the day you have selected. Fill out a separate sheet for each flower donation. Payment must be received at the time this sheet is submitted.

NAME _____

PHONE _____ DATE FOR FLOWERS _____

MEMORIAL OR DEDICATION

Parish Life

From the Kitchen Committee

Please remember that our kitchen needs constant looking after to maintain the best sanitary conditions possible. It is important to reseal all open food by using a baggie or plastic container with a snap-tight lid. Perishables should be put in the refrigerator or freezer. Please make sure you label and date any stored food items. We not want to entice any “critters” to come into our kitchen. Anything that has been opened but not resealed in plastic, stored in the refrigerator or taken home will be discarded. When using dishes from the kitchen, please wash them, dry them and put them away. Don’t leave them on the drainer board. If you use any towels, please take them home to launder them, then return them to the kitchen. We must keep this facility safe for everyone’s use.

Church Women United of the Barrington Area

World Day of Prayer will be observed Friday, March 4, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul United Church of Christ, 401 East Main Street (Lake Cook Road), Barrington; 847-381-0460.

The theme, “Let Our Light Shine,” reflects the prayer focus of the Christian women of Poland, who prepared the service. They invite us to become better informed about their country and its needs, and they share their rich heritage of faith with us. With much effort, the Polish people are slowly recovering from the effects of living under a communist regime.

The guest speaker is the Rev. Jeanne Hanson, a recent graduate of Chicago Theological Seminary and the pastor at St. Paul UCC. She is also a member of the School District 220 Board.

Child care will be provided. Plan to stay after worship service for a time of refreshments and fellowship.

Thanks For Your Help:

Jack and Jinny Train, their daughter, Pam, and Sandi Crewe for assembling the January Carillon.

Jack and Jinnie and Sandi for folding the Sunday Bulletins so faithfully.

Owen Heath for being the “interim Sexton” the last few months.

To all who helped take down the Christmas decorations and trees.



Thanks to all of you who got your reports in on time, the Annual Report of the Congregation and Corporation was completed and mailed. Jack and Jinny Train, Sandi Crewe, Paul and Judy Carlson, Tom Hilgendorf and Jim Wilson stuck on the butterfly seals and address labels for mailing. A big thanks for all your help. Putting this together was a great team effort!

Check out our Website – www.pcbarrington.org

Here are some of the things you can do at our website: hear the Sunday service and read the bulletin, look at the calendar to see what meetings and events are scheduled, request a baptism date for your child, get information on the Stephen Minister program, BPW and other committees of the church.

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 **Rev. Dan Spike**. He can be reached at the Church Office at **847-381-0975**. The next new member orientation will begin with a breakfast on Saturday, April 2, and will conclude with the reception of new members on Sunday, May 1.

Worship Schedule

- Feb. 6** Mr. Spike Preaching..... 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Don't Miss the Trip
Readings: Exodus 2:12-18; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21;
Matthew 17:1-9
- Feb. 13** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Time in the Wilderness
Readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19;
Matthew 4:1-11.
- Feb. 20** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Hoping Against Hope
Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17;
John 3:1-17.
- Feb. 27** Dr. Baxter Preaching 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Living Water
Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.

Deadline for the March *Carillon* February 15.

Be sure to get your submissions in on time to ensure publication. Please e-mail to bkalaway@pcbarrington.org or leave written submissions in the church office. If you have questions, please contact **Bonnie Kalaway, 847-381-0975**, at the church office.



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