



The Carillon

December, 2003

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

Advent and Christmas Schedule, 2003

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Advent is a time of anticipation, reflection and preparation. We anticipate the birth of the Christ child, we reflect on the past year and we prepare for the joyous season and the year ahead. There are many opportunities during the season for you to participate in activities and Worship services.

November 30, Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. First Sunday of Advent. We light the first candle with the hope and desire for the coming of the Lord.

December 7, Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Second Sunday of Advent. We light the second candle calling us to a faith that God's Kingdom will come.

December 7, Caroling to members who are home-bound, 3:00 p.m. Advent Dinner, 5:30 p.m. – bring a hot dish or salad to share. Program presented by the Wednesday Night Live Dove Club.

December 14, Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Third Sunday of Advent. We light the third candle with the Good News that the broken-hearted will be healed and those who are held captive will be set free.

December 21, Worship at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday of Advent Lessons and Carols. We light the fourth candle symbolizing peace, because our all-powerful God is merciful and cares for the humble.



December 24, Family Worship and Communion at 5:00 p.m. We light the Christ candle and from that each person receives the light of Christ. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Children of all ages are encouraged to attend.

December 24, Candlelight Services and Communion at 7:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. 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.

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.

Thanks For Your Help, Jack and Mary Kerkhof, Carol Nelson, Lorrie Miller and Sandi Crewe for assembling the November Carillon. Thanks to Jack and Jinnie Train and Sandi Crewe for folding the Sunday Bulletins so faithfully!

Thank you also to Mary Kerkhof, Alice Buchholz and Paige Unangst who answered the phones during staff vacation time.

Worship Service Reminders:

December 28, First Sunday After Christmas, there will be one service, at 10:00 a.m.

January 4, 2004, there will be one service, at 10:00 a.m.

Dear Friends in Christ,

At sunrise on the morning of September 23, 63 B.C.E., a messenger ran through the streets of Rome announcing that "The ruler of the world is born." The child's name was Octavius. At age 20, he joined Marc Anthony to defeat those who had assassinated Julius Caesar. At age 33, he defeated Anthony and his co-conspirator, Cleopatra, and declared to the Roman Senate that he was to be known as Caesar Augustus.

At his bidding armies moved, ships sailed, and his enemies fell before him like grain before the scythe. When he was 66 years old, he stood astride the world like a colossus. In that year, in a remote village of no consequence, another birth was announced. "To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Octavius never dreamed that this fragile, powerless baby would one day conquer Death and overcome the world.

The church never tires of this story. In fact, the church relishes in both the joy and surprise of this story. On one level, we cheer the triumph of the powerless over the powerful. But on a deeper level, the news that God has come to live among us is greeted with joy. Why are we surprised? There really should be none because we know that it is God's nature to come to us in times of need. Perhaps the surprise is not in God's coming but in the manner of God's coming. Perhaps we are afraid that when God arrives in our midst the end of the world will also come. Hence, we are surprised that Advent was and is a beginning.

But why do we continue year after year to anticipate through the season of Advent an event which has already occurred? Are we simply playing a game of pretending? God's coming in Jesus is no game. God's coming in Jesus is an event that shattered his time as well as ours. Because Jesus shattered his time and ours, we find ourselves remembering yesterday and looking forward to tomorrow. Advent assures us God will continue to come to us in surprising ways.

Pax,

Curt Baxter

Church Administration

Congregational Meeting

At the Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, October 26 at 10 a.m., the following officers were elected for the class of 2006:

Elders: Peter Shaeffer, Jack Swenson, Rich Barbour, Greg Morin, Tom Hilgendorf, Bob Skopek, Belinda Bauer.

Deacons: Patricia Root, Marie Peterson, Anneke Chamy, Cora Esche, Lou McCloud.

Trustees: Linda Read, Rick Rogers, Julie Brown, Dan Yacono.

Nominating Committee for 2004: Chris Schiller, Curt Moratz, Daria Sislow, Jill Minner, Melissa Dawson.

Congratulations to all, and thank you for taking on the responsibility of leading our congregation.

Trustees

Notes from the September and October meetings.

Financial Report: We are ahead on income and have had favorable variances on expenses. There was \$1300 solicited for the music fund. The 18-month CD came due, generating \$6,000 in interest income which had not been accrued.

Building committee: The gutter work was finished, and the door repairs are to be done in about a week. Trustees will prioritize a list of repairs needed in the future.

Memorial Garden: A brochure will be printed and put in the pews. The plaques have been ordered. Next spring there will be a second tier of plantings.

Organ/Endowment Project: Three companies were asked for bids to refurbish the organ. Ericksen, Christian & Associates were chosen. A good source of information regarding organs is on the internet at www.organs.com. We have copies of the building code and will need to determine what is required. It is possible that the cotton wiring will need to be rewired. A report will be presented at next month's meeting.

Communications: The logo has been designed to be used on all church publications. Approval is needed from the communications committee for all church related publications to help standardize information, use of logos, type fonts, etc. The committee is putting

together a guide with logos, fonts, typefaces, etc. to be used in church publications.

Adult Education Project: This committee has cataloged the books and has a computer but needs additional space for more books to be added to the library. The objective of the library is to retain the classic volumes, dispense with the outdated items and add more information for resources. The committee will develop a plan detailing how many books we have now and how many they plan to add to see how much space is needed and what type of space is wanted (chairs, tables, other furniture).

Building Use Approval: Approved allowing Cook County use the church as a polling place on March 16, 2004 for elections.

Water Dispenser in Kitchen: A water dispenser will be installed in the kitchen. The estimated cost from Nicolet would be \$6.92 per 5 gallon jug. After we have determined usage (over a 3-6 month period) we would get competitive bids.

Building. A vote was held 9/3/2003 to approve additional painting expenditure of \$960. The proposed cost for the north quadrant was \$3600 and the actual was \$3900.. The north side eaves and fascia need painting which is not included in the rotation plan, cost is \$660. There is money in the budget.

Approved adding a static IP address as part of the new website design at an additional cost of \$15 per month. Approved the Minolta MBS service contract to supply toner, developer, replacement parts and repairs at a cost of \$4,320.



Financial Report

Period Ending 10/31/2003

	Actual	Budget
Contributions	529,183	527,390
Other Receipts	<u>20,202</u>	<u>5,534</u>
Total	549,385	532,924
Expenses	521,668	542,737
Net	22,717	(9,813)

Completing your 2003 pledge commitment in December will help us meet our year-end budgeted obligations.

Year End Contributions

Please note that for contributions to be recorded as paid in 2003, and deductible for income tax purposes, they must be postmarked or received in the office by Wednesday, December 31, 2003 (IRS rules). Contributions postmarked or received after that date, regardless of check date, will be recorded as paid in 2004.

Pledge payments for 2003, prepaid pledges for 2004 or contributions to any fund may be made by cash, check, VISA/MasterCard or stock transfer. Please call **Sandy Schild** in the church office **847-381-0975** if you wish to use a credit card or stock. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Barrington Presbyterian Women

Meetings

There will not be a meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for **January 8** at 10:30am with a light lunch immediately following. Please bring a salad to pass. All women of the church are invited to attend, please RSVP to **Emily Dowell** by January 5.



Women With Aging Parents

The group meets the second Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the home of **Marge Slocum**. The next meeting will be held on **December 11**.

BPW Morning Bible Study

Wednesday, **December 10**, come at 9:30 a.m. for coffee. Bible Study starts at 10:00 a.m. Led by Dr. Baxter and Mary Kerkhof, the book to be used this session is "Interpretation Bible Study – Philippians and Galatians" by Stanley P. Saunders. This book is \$8 and available in the church office. Coordinator, **Susan Raaths**.



A Swedish Country Christmas

The BPW Bazaar will be held on December 3 at 10:00 a.m. Child care is available for attendees and workers, to

register, please contact **Susan Zick**.

We still are in need of bakers for the Benefit Bake Sale, please contact **Bonnie Free** or **Sally Hilgendorf** before December 1.

Also, we still could use gift baskets and items for the silent auction, please contact **Laura Semmen** before December 1.

GTIF

The GTIF Bible Study is "Growing in Wisdom and Faith". We'll meet on **December 16** at 7:00 p.m., at the home of **Vicky Engfer**. Coordinator, **Becky Bosarge**.

Book Club

The next meeting of the Book Club will be held on **January 15**, at the home of **Alice Buchholz**. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. The book is Five Quarters of the Orange by Joanne Harris

BPW Winter Program Barbara's Back!

You won't want to miss the BPW Winter Program. Put the date on your calendar: Tuesday, **January 27th**, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. at The Garlands, Northwest Highway, Barrington. The ever popular Barbara Rinella will dramatize **Kate Remembered**, the new biography of Katherine Hepburn by A. Scott Berg. We'll begin with a cash wine bar followed by a delicious soup and salad luncheon; then sit back and enjoy meeting "Kate!" Tickets will go on sale in January for \$30. Proceeds will benefit BPW missions.

Invite your friends, relatives, and book club members to this fabulous fellowship event! Questions - call **Pam Anderson**

BPW WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT, February 20 - 22, 2004

Top Five Reasons to Attend the BPW Women's Spiritual Retreat (WSR):

- 5) Going strong for years ~ we haven't lost one yet!
- 4) Come for the food ~ they make it, they clean it up ~ what could be better?
- 3) By popular demand, the PJ party will be back!
- 2) Come for the view ~ stay for the fun.
- 1) Fellowship + Spirituality + Inspiration = The formula for a perfect retreat!

The BPW WSR for 2004 will again be held at George Williams College Campus, Williams Bay, Wisconsin on

February 20-22. "Ten Words for Today" is the theme and the speaker is Rev. Dr. Martha Greene, Senior Pastor of Winnetka Presbyterian Church.

This year, an Early Bird Registration Special is available! Registrations and fees received prior to December 31, 2003 are \$165 per person, and registration and fees received after January 1, 2004 will be \$175. Early Birds will save \$10.

If you have any questions, please call event coordinators **Nancy Nadig** or **Susan Raaths**.

Please fill out and return this form with your check (made out to BPW) to Susan Raaths, 22621 Covington Drive, Deer Park, IL 60010. "The spiritual value doesn't carry a price tag." Quote from 2003 retreat.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Fee: (circle which fee applies) By 12/31/03 After 1/1/04
 \$165 \$175

Birthday Month _____

This is my first retreat.

This is my first BPW retreat.

Transportation

I need a ride to/from Williams Bay. I would like a ride to/from dining hall.

I can provide a ride for: 1 2 3 4 Or more

Special Needs

Handicapped accessibility

Dietary restrictions

Allergy

Other

Financial Assistance: Don't let the registration fee keep you from attending. Call **Dan Spike, 847-381-0975** for a full or partial scholarship.

Stephen Ministry

*Christ is the one true Light that burns
undimmed at the heart of Christmas.
Santa Clause, Christmas trees, family gatherings,
are all lesser planets that circle this one Star.
They shine with bright beauty
only when they reflect His light.*
Lucie Christopher



We are blessed with a congregation who embraced Stephen Ministry from the first.

We are blessed by our Care Receivers who share with their Stephen Ministers the accepting love of Christ.

The Advent Season is such a lively time bursting with joy, jobs, and lists and lists of things that have to be done by the Christmas deadline. It is most importantly a time to reflect on the blessing of the miracle of our Lord's birth.

As your Stephen Leaders, we are pausing to reflect on the blessings of Stephen Ministry to our church family. We are pleased and awed when we look at all who have helped this ministry successfully complete 14 months of Christian care.

We are blessed with pastors who support and encourage this ministry.

We are blessed by 17 Stephen Ministers who recognized the gifts of compassion God gave them and choose to use their talents to offer comfort and peace to others.

We would like to thank our Stephen Ministers, the bright stars of Stephen Ministry at the Presbyterian Church of Barrington who so caringly and beautifully reflect His light.

Merry Christmas to our church family and friends,
Nancy Dolan, Linda McGurer and Nancy Nadig

Mission

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 is Sunday, **December 7th**.

The following are some reminders:

- * Provide a new, **wrapped gift** for each family member.
- * Provide Christmas dinner by giving a **Food Gift Card** from Dominicks or Jewel.
- * Suggested cost is \$35 to \$45 per person for gift and food card.
- * **Label** every present and the gift card with your family **ID number**.
- * **Package** all items securely together in a trash bag or box.
- * **Label** the food card, put it in an envelope and tape it to one of the parents gifts.
- * Please **deliver** your packages to the church garage on or before **December 12**. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If the church garage is not open obtain the key from the church office. Call the church office to make arrangements if you will be delivering on Saturday or Sunday.



Thank you for supporting this Christopher House Mission. Call **Sally Hilgendorf** if you have any questions.

Eyeglasses

101 pairs of used eyeglasses are now on the way to Honduras as our second contribution to helping provide clear vision for people who cannot afford professional care. Thank you so much for your generosity and compassion that makes this program possible. Cackie Kyle

Deacons

Gathering for All Deacons January 5, 2004

Once ordained, Deacons are authorized to serve in the church for the rest of their lives. The most active role a Deacon may have is that of serving on the Board of Deacons for a term of three years.

On January 5 of 2004, the annual transfer of Deacons serving on the Board will take place. Those who have served for three years will be taking leave of their greatest involvement when six new Deacons take their place to become a new three-year class. Sharing the Lord's Supper will recognize these transitions, the "good-byes" and "hellos".

The Deacon's Board is inviting all ordained Deacons in our church to attend a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. and later, the communion service. The supper will begin in Fellowship Hall. Please join us in camaraderie, celebrating our gifts of service the evening of January 5, 2004. Chrisann Andersen, Vice-Moderator

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.

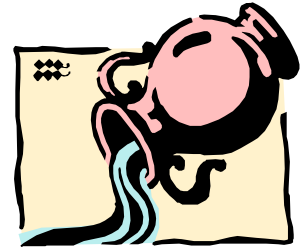
Condolences to...

Marilyn and Bob Randolph upon the death of Marilyn's mother, Jean Spohn, on October 17, 2003 at age 97, in Michigan. The **family of Evelyn McNeil** upon Evelyn's death on October 27, 2003. **Susan Lahners** upon the death of her two brothers in September, Arthur in Cincinnati, Ohio and Robert in Naples, Florida. **Sally Hayward** and family upon the death of Sally's mother, Katherine Madden on October 21. **David Zimmer** and family upon the death of his grandmother, Lucile (Housh) Zimmer Morse, at age 101, on Monday, November 10, 2003.

Deacon's Corner

Ruth Shepard

Suddenly, I realize my term as deacon is almost over. I look back on these past three years of serving you, my church family, with joy and awe.



Life, for me is about being God's servant. Being a deacon has offered many ways of serving God by serving our church. In doing so, I have learned a new appreciation for the many activities which go on with our church. They are the result of careful planning and preparations by many members and staff.

I believe life is also about relationships. I have built new relationships while serving God as one of your deacons. There is caring and commitment to our church and members. Deacons are often amazed and renewed to find God's presence while serving in even the most common "everyday" ways. I have seen God in the eyes of a shut-in who is delighted to receive flowers from Sunday's service and know that "we care". I have heard God in the voice of a new mother who finds joy in her new born babe and delights that our church family celebrates with a special rose. I have felt God's comfort in shared hugs and prayers of both joy and sorrow. And I have felt God's presence and promise while sharing extended communion with members no longer able to attend regular worship.

My faith has grown and been enriched by experiences during my term as deacon. It is my prayer that the new incoming deacons may also experience the joy of serving our God and our church through this special ministry.

Congratulations to...

Kirsten and Steve Karlblom and family upon the birth of daughter, Karsen Bonelli Karlblom, on September 29, 2003. **Rachelle, Brad and Savannah Watkins**, on the birth of son and brother, Chase, born November 2, 2003.

Christian Education

Adult Christian Education

10:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

December 14 “The Journey of the Magi”. Dr. Eric Carlson, former Director of the Adler Planetarium, will return to our Church to continue his illumination of the Christmas Story. Last year, he presented his wonderful slides and explained the astronomical phenomenon most likely behind the Star of Bethlehem. This year he will show how modern pilgrims reenacted the trek of the Magi across 1000 miles of desert to reach Christmas Square in Bethlehem on Christmas Day, 2000. Dr. Carlson will again present a slideshow, this time documenting the remarkable "Pilgrimage for Peace." Learn about these modern pilgrims who inspired international and inter-religious cooperation while paying homage to their King.

January 11, 2004: “Prospects For Peace in the Middle East”, presented by Dr. Said Ailabouni, Program Director, Europe, Middle East and Horn of Africa, Division for Global Mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Winter Vacation Bible School

December 22 & 23,

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 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/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 on either or both days. Cost is \$4/child per hour.

Watch your mail for a flyer with more details.

Youth Mission Trip

The Garrette children have collectively participated in 7 Youth Mission Trips. Each experience has been life changing for their spiritual growth and a unique opportunity to serve others. Participation is never a problem. It is a commitment that they look forward to with enthusiasm each year because they have such a good time. This year the trip is to Washington State and it sounds awesome. I encourage all of you that are eligible to consider going. Better yet, if you have questions, talk to some of the children that have gone in the past. They will tell you that it is a great experience and not to be missed! From Anne Garrette

Kindergarten Room

9:20a.m.—10:20a.m.

Age 5/Kindergarten

Just as Jesus used everyday object to teach about God and his kingdom, our curriculum uses kid-friendly tools to teach important Bible stories and truths. Children should attend worship with their parents. They will exit the sanctuary after the Moment With the Children and go downstairs to the Kindergarten room. Make sure that you take home a weekly parent handout which will help you keep the Bible story alive for your child, through suggested questions and activities. Parents volunteers are scheduled to teach weekly. Teacher training occurs throughout the year. Contact **Lisa Potgieter**, to schedule your Sundays.

Teachers Needed

Thank you to the many members who have already volunteered to serve as Workshop Rotation teachers. We still have a need for teachers in February and March for Cooking, Science, Art, Game, Computer and Storytelling. This is a rewarding and fun way to get to know some of our younger members. Please contact **Pam Anderson** if you would be able to teach. A rotation teacher training will be held on December 6.

Envelopes

If you would like your children to have envelopes for Sunday contributions, please sign up at the Stewardship table when you pick up your family envelopes.

Christmas Joy Offering

A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need. The receipts from the offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges.

To help retired church workers and their surviving spouses, the board offers Income Supplements. The Shared Grant Program and Emergency Assistance Grants are open to all current and retired church workers.

The Presbyterian Church has long promoted education through establishing and supporting racial ethnic Schools. The Christmas Joy offering funds help with basic operating costs and provides scholarships. The schools supported are: Barber-Scotia College, Cook College and Theological School, Knoxville College, Menaul School, Presbyterian Pan American School, Sheldon Jackson College and Stillman College.

Ushers for Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Bob and Stephanie Skopek, Sue and Bob Kosobud

7:00 p.m. Mark and Don Minner, Chris Schiller and Mike Matera

9:00 p.m. Jack and Chris Raaths, Mark and Anne Garrette, Jim Dugan

11:00 p.m. Kris Howard Jensen, Daria Sislow

Thanks to all of you who have ushered this past year; our worship services are enhanced by your dedicated service.

Usher Coordinators, Jack Raaths and Ron Furst.

Choir

A Note from David Štech

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we enter into Advent and begin the new church year. It is simultaneously a time for reflection and for renewal.

As I reflect on the last eleven months of my life, I am overwhelmed with feelings of joy and thanksgiving; to serve as your music director has been a great privilege

and a wonderful opportunity. I thank you for welcoming me so warmly and immediately and for supporting the music ministry of PCB.

This is also the time for the richest part of our musical heritage to come alive again! It is a thrill to sing and hear the familiar carols, to experience the sights and smells of the season and to hear the traditional story of the birth of the Christ. During this Season, the choir is diligently preparing special music to be presented in worship on December 21st for our annual service of LESSONS AND CAROLS and for our beautiful Christmas Eve services.

On behalf of the entire choir, I wish to reciprocate a warm and sincere invitation to you: come sing with us during this Season. Although we have a wonderful choir already, the numbers are very low! We are in dire need of more people and we seriously want you to consider joining us for Advent and Christmas. No commitment necessary beyond December rehearsals on Thursday evenings 7-9 p.m. Then on Sunday morning, December 21st, come at 8 a.m. for a warm-up, final run-through and fellowship. Christmas Eve, come at 6 p.m. for the same. If you enjoy yourself, stay for the new year! If not, no pressure.

What are the benefits of singing in the choir, even if only occasionally? Music offers us a unique opportunity to praise God, and offer our faith and love to Him. The physical act of singing releases endorphins in our bodies and stimulates unique passages in our brains. We receive vocal training in rehearsal and learn about the technical and cultural aspects of sacred music history. We also have a good time as a group of adults in our community of Faith.

We will celebrate our fellowship and ministry on **January 11th** at the home of Chrisann Andersen immediately after the second service. We cordially invite all prospective choir members, occasional members and those who are 'just curious' to a pot luck dinner followed by the singing of some familiar, new, and fun music. This will also be a good time to welcome and meet our permanent music director and organist. Without further obligation (or guilt) mark this even in your calendar and be there!!

May God grant us peace and prosperity in the new year.

Fellowship

Caroling and Advent Dinner

The Deacons are planning another wonderful Advent Dinner on Sunday, **December 7th**, 2003 for all the members of our church. It is a time for all of us to come together as one huge family to celebrate the birth of our Lord.



Before the Advent Dinner, the Fellowship Committee will go caroling from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. to the homes of members who cannot get to the Advent Dinner. Contact **Mari Franklin**

if you would like to join the group or would like to have them come to your home to sing.

The Advent Dinner will begin in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. with punch and Christmas carols, followed by a dinner of ham and many delectable “pot luck” side dishes. There will be food, fun, and fellowship, and an ornament exchange. At 7:15 pm, our Wednesday Night Live members will perform an interactive choral concert complete with tableaux!

You may sign up to attend the Advent Dinner in Fellowship Hall after services on November 30th, and December 6th.

The cost for the evening will be \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 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 our 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.

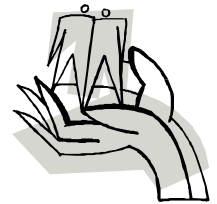


If you have any questions about this event, you can call **Chrisann Andersen** or **Nancy Bohren**.

Fellowship Committee

A great big THANKS from the Fellowship Committee for everyone who made this year's Fall Festival a huge success: the 100 people who attended, KC Farms for the Hay, Jim Warner for the Hay Cart and transporting it and the hay to the church, and M. Goodman Landscapes for transporting the tractor for the hay ride. Thanks also to Committee members Kurt Anderson & family for the campfire site, Lukass Franklin for his tractor and hay cart driving, the Burkes, Carlbergs, Engfers, Michele Fox, Laynes, Mehlhornes, Millers, Raaths-Yaconos, for crafts & yummys, and to the Florios for chairing the event.

The Adult and Family Fellowship Committee meets once a month, on alternating Friday and Saturday nights. On Friday night meetings we each bring an appetizer and a bottle of wine to share; on Saturday night meetings we bring a dish to share, pot luck style. We hold our meetings at children-friendly homes, so children are welcome (pajama party style), and we really love having kids old enough to watch our younger attendees. So bring the whole family! It's a great way to help build our church community, make friends, and not worry about what to make for dinner that night.



The next meeting will be held on Saturday, **December 13** at 6:00 p.m. at the home of **Bob and Marla Florio**. Please call Bob or Marla if you plan to attend – and to get directions to their home.

For more information, you may contact any of the Fellowship Committee members or the Committee Chairpersons, **Lukass and Mari Franklin**.

Parish Life

Chancel Guild Sanctuary Christmas Decorations



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

Please donate to our Christmas fund. Just fill out

this form and send it with your check to the church office.

Name of donor

Dedication for the Christmas Eve bulletin

In honor of

To celebrate the life of

In loving memory of

Other

Amount of donation \$_____

Make the check payable to The Presbyterian Church of Barrington, memo "Christmas flowers".

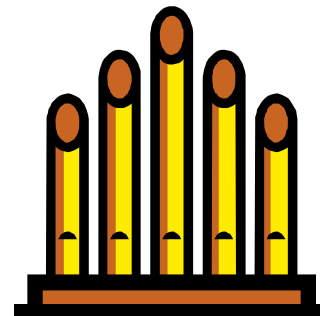
Maud Beard Bequest, Organ Repairs

The Trustees are pleased to report Session has approved the use of the Maude Beard bequest to do much needed repairs and upgrades to our Moeller Pipe Organ.

Maude and Hank Beard donated the organ in 1968. Mr. Beard worked for Moeller at that time and oversaw the building and installation of the organ. In 1984 when renovations were made to the church, Maude made a donation in Hank's memory for additional work and expansion of the organ to enhance the music program. We feel the family would be pleased that we are using funds left by Mrs. Beard to once again enhance the music program by doing this upgrade to the organ.

The organ will be converted from a manual stop system to solid state. While we currently have electrical switching and combination action these have numerous moving contacts. Through use and years many of the contacts are now worn out. Stops do not respond to being pushed and registration is unpredictable. We have several stops that do not work at all. The needed upgrades will allow our musicians to take full advantage of the instrument.

The work is scheduled to take place after Christmas. It will take almost a month to complete. Watch as the work progresses. We look forward to dedicating the instrument in late January with a special service.



Worship Schedule

- Dec. 7** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Checking Your Bonds
Readings: Mal. 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil. 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6.
- Dec. 14** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
The "Magnificat"
Readings: Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55; Heb. 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.
- Dec. 21** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Lessons and Carols
- Dec. 28** Dr. Baxter Preaching.....10:00 a.m.
The Jesus Who Asks Questions
Readings: 1Sam. 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Col. 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52.
- Jan. 4** Mr. Spike Preaching.....10:00 a.m.
How We Know God
Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18.

Deadline for the January 2004 *Carillon* December 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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