



April Newsletter

From Pastor Zina Jacque

A Word about Prayer

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

When I was a small child there was a sound always present in our home. It was the sound of my Mother's voice softly humming hymns of the church. Whether at work on some of her famous fried apple pies or busy sewing the plastic slip-covers she made; my Mom forever had a tune on her lips. When I asked her why she hummed she said it was her form of prayer. Little did my Mother know decades later, as a seminary student, I would learn the deep truth of her statement. In the Old Testament, the word prayer is most often transcribed from the Hebrew word, *tephillah* (tef-il-lah'). This word is best defined as a *hymn of supplication or intercession*. Thus when our Jewish brothers and sisters speak of prayer they are in essence speaking of a song lifted to God on behalf of, or making a request for, someone or something. My mother, it appears, had it right; prayer is song.

God invites us to pray in a myriad of ways. Yes, we may sing our prayers as well as speak them. St. Francis of Assisi invited us to pray, and to use words only when necessary. We may pray as we moan, as we sigh, as we take in the good things of God as we inhale, and as we place the best of our spirit selves back into the world with each exhale. We pray as we think about one another, lifting our hopes and our concerns to the heavens, making a request on behalf of those we love and those we do not know. What-is-more, the New Testament uses the word prayer for any instance of adoration or worship of God. Therefore we pray as we adore the beauty of God's creation. We pray as we come together and worship; knowing God is always there, always listening.

As we walk toward the end of Lent, the joy of Easter, and the power of Pentecost, let us cultivate an attitude of prayer. Each day God gives us breath let us do as my mother did, hum a song. And, if that is not your way, use your eyes to pray, adoring and worshipping the God who gives you the grace to walk among the flowers and along with the wind. Find new ways in which you might pray, focusing not on the words but on the opportunity to simply be with your God, lifting up wordless songs, songless words, or whatever you wish to offer to a God who loves you and walks side by side with you.

And know this, each day I come into our church, I take a little green book in which I have written down the prayers you have shared and I go into the sanctuary. Like my mother, I hum, or sing; offering what I have to God. I pray as I walk up and down the center aisle, imagining you sitting in your seat. I pray as I kneel and ask God to bless you and to guide us as we seek to know more of him and more of one another. I pray welcoming God's guidance as God gently brings new families into our fellowship; those who will benefit us and those who will be benefited by us. I seek God's wisdom for the direction and the prosperity of our church. Some days it is just a few minutes, other times the time flies. But each time I enter the sanctuary I know the one who loves us enough to take on the cross is already there and hears our prayers.

My brothers and my sisters pray with me for a move of God in our individual lives and our collective life. I truly believe God has much in store for us. And if you cannot think of anything to pray, pray this with me "God who loves us and sends us into the world as sign and symbol of the Great I Am, fill us, speak to us, guide us and keep us as we love and serve you all the more. Amen." Why might I ask you to pray, the Epistle of James says it all, your prayers are powerful and effective.

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque
Organist - Liz Chase
Youth Minister - Ashley Prescott Barlow

Church Secretary - Sandra Mytys
Moderator - Clarke Robinson

“Kids Who Rock Christ” Speaks

Learning from our youth as *WE ALL* Journey together

Every time I make the drive from my home in Evanston to our church, I am excited and nervous. I am excited to share the love of Christ in my heart and to fulfill God’s calling for us as Christian cohorts. I am nervous about what might come from the hearts and minds of the youth here at Community Church. Nervous not because of what they will say or think, but because I might not have the answers. Like clockwork every week, my fears are relieved the minute the first youth walks in the door. When they enter our church home, I realize that the answers don’t come from me—they come from God through the time all of us spend together. Together we journey on this Christian walk, no matter our age, gender, class, or otherwise; while I am the “leader” of our meetings, God provides the love and leadership that all of us require to be in relationship with others and with our creator. I am constantly humbled, excited, and rejuvenated by the wisdom and compassion that our youth share with one another, with me, and in their hopes for the world.

With this excitement and joy, I would like to share some of this wisdom with you. In Sunday School, the youth ages 10-14 are talking

about “Big Words”. In our first session, we discussed sin, defining it as a group as “anything that breaks our covenant with God or our relationships with others, the earth or ourselves.” Our youth witnessed to the love of Christ as they recounted times others had sinned and broken relationship; they also humbled themselves to share their own experiences of sin. I had a lot to think about when sin was so easily defined and identified by our youth who want to take action to correct it.

In youth group, we are finishing up a unit on “Stuff” or materialism. As you have seen in the Narthex, the youth created a service opportunity for our church, a clothing drive which is led, organized, and facilitated by them. However, our discussion on stuff isn’t only about serving others. From the hearts and minds of KWRC, we focused on how our stuff can hinder our relationships with others and with God and how God doesn’t need our stuff. The youth gave up material possessions to see how their life would be different without them, spent time in prayer about those

who have little, and discussed how our material possessions can also be a positive aspect in our life. They reminded me, as we studied Matthew 6:19-21, that “God wants our love, not our stuff”. They dove into the adage “One man’s trash is another man’s treasure”. Because of KWRC, I am challenged to reconsider my “need” for television and how that need is destructive to my relationships with God and with my loved ones. I see my stuff in a new way because of their deep and spiritual insight.

Our youth are not just the future of the church; they are the here and now. I urge to you take the time to learn from them and share your wisdom with them. Our whole church is on a journey and just as they are learning and growing in their youth, we continue to learn and grow in our adulthood. I am blessed to call myself a sister in Christ to all of the Children of God in this congregation—no matter what age.

Ashley Prescott Barlow

PLANNING FOR UPCOMING DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Has your son or daughter been baptized but not confirmed? Is your daughter or son asking questions about baptism and may be moving toward making this wonderful decision? If so, Minister Ashley and Pastor Zina are preparing to conduct a Discipleship class beginning in fall 2007. This class will be structured to prepare those who need to be confirmed as well as those who are considering baptism. In depth study of the Bible, church history, and important knowledge about Christ and one’s walk with him will be presented in lively, age appropriate ways. Minister Ashley and Pastor Zina will hold an informational meeting about the class on April 11th after the pot luck and during the youth group time (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm). Refreshments will be served and parents and youth are encouraged to attend. Mark your calendars and join us in praying that all we do will benefit our youth and deepen their relationship with Christ.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Put these very special events on your calendar"

April 21 - Saturday, 11:30 a. m. at the Church. **Spring Potluck Salad Luncheon**

You won't want to miss this very special annual event open to all women. Bring a salad to share. The hostesses, Marge Boynton, Jane Majzan and Evelyn Peters will provide dessert and beverage.

Betsy McGaughey will manage a Silent Auction. Bring your unwanted items and pick up some you want. Betsy asks that you bring \$1.00 bills and no more than three items.

See you there!



May 7- Monday, 7:00 p.m. at Salem Methodist, Barrington is **May Friendship Day.**

This is an annual event, celebrating it's 74th anniversary uniting all Christians in a common worship experience, emphasizing old friendships and new ones made as we reach out to others. This year our own, Lynn Schreiner, will be honored as an individual who has been an active and generous member of the church family, giving her time and talent in many different capacities from active participant on the church council to painting,

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and cleaning the church offices and sanctuary.

May 17- Thursday, 11:30 a. m. **Covenant Circle Luncheon** at Lake Barrington Woods.

Please contact Betty Mitchell for your reservation by **April 29th**, Only 30

reservations available. Pastor Zena will be our speaker. We are so thankful!

Blanket and Tools Sunday Report

Thanks again to Gerry Leicht and Evelyn Peters for collecting your gifts to Church World Service for their Blankets and Tools Program. They have been helping in this way for many years! We collected **\$450.00.**

White cross news

Women's fellowship, through it's ABC White Cross Program, has fulfilled its Overseas quota of \$200.00 to hospitals in India and its Overland quota to the

Valley Christian Center in Phoenix, Arizona.

20 lbs. (\$200.00 worth) of clothing and craft supplies have

been shipped to Phoenix, where the center cares for material and spiritual needs of pre-schoolers through senior citizens of all races and nationalities. you!

Potluck

Join us on April 11, at 6:00 p. m. for our monthly pot luck supper.



It's easy and fun! Just bring a dish to pass along with your own dishware and utensils.

Family and friends are welcome. Bring an appetite for food and fellowship.

Potluck is a monthly event so if you miss this month, come next month!

MAY NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE IS APRIL 20TH..
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HOW WILL WE GROW?

Community Church of Barrington is the best kept secret in the entire church world! Who would not want to be a part of a congregation that loves to laugh, loves to eat (if you've missed the pot lucks, mark your calendar for the next one, April 11 6pm) and loves the Lord! Now is the time for us to think prayerfully, deeply and creatively about how we will spread the good news about our community, about our church. Pastor Zina and Lynn Schreiner want to gather your thoughts about how we might work to grow our church. Think about other churches you have visited, what caught your heart or mind as you worshipped? Consider aspects of church from your childhood, what do you miss and would like to see return. And dream big! For instance, how might we use the internet or our location on the corner of Lincoln and Grove? How might we attract new families with children and teens? Shall we have a Teen Café one night a month, shall we share activities with other local church youth groups? Might we give away bottle water to thirsty commuters at the Metra Station once a month? Imagine that the away bottles of water that read, "Come all who are thirsty and drink. We welcome you to come to Community Church of Barrington"? Maybe the choir will come and sing as we hand out the bottles of water! Please join us as we pray and ask God to guide us in imagining new ways to present ourselves to the world of Barrington *and beyond*. Also, please share your ideas with Lynn and Pastor Zina by jotting them down on the How Will We Grow Questionnaire. All who are interested in having a conversation about this will be invited to a "Let's Imagine" meeting in the near future. Remember, dream big! Please place your ideas in the HOW WILL WE GROW BOX in the Narthex.

HOW WILL WE GROW QUESTIONNAIRE?

When I think about things I would our church to try as we seek to grow our membership I would suggest:

1. _____
2. _____
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Prayers & Personals



Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord All Ye Lands (Psalm 100:1)

We are blessed this month to report so many wonderful things.

We rejoice with Sandy Schroeder who has been awarded the **2007 Lifetime Achievement Award** by the National Systems Contractors Association for his excellent work in the field of IT, audiovisual, security and life safety systems design and installation. While Sandy did not want this acknowledged, it is important that our youth know what true success is, and Sandy is an example of true success. Congratulations Sandy!

And we celebrate with Rory, the granddaughter of Cap and Elaine Menes. This young woman, a student at the University of Chicago, has been selected to study abroad for the upcoming school year.

We also are delighted to report that our new Children's Church and youth Sunday School format began on March 18th. Seven young worshippers gathered with Minister Ashley to inaugurate our Children's Church and three youth group-ers participated in Sunday School.

The angel of healing is alight among us as well. Elaine Ott is recuperating nicely from her recent hip surgery and hopes to be home soon. Ginny Newman is also doing well after knee replacement surgery and still plans to venture to Africa later this year. And Betsy McGaughey and Claudine Athmann have returned to worship with us after a time of being away.

Not to be outdone, the angel of protection was present with Margaret Akerstrom. Though in a car accident, Margaret walked away without a scratch.

In addition, we thank God for the life of Charles Edward Palmer whom we baptized on Sunday March 4th. Melissa and Shawn Palmer, the proud parents and Nancy and Edward D'Agostin and Lynn Heller, the proud grandparents stood joyfully by as this sweet child was baptized into the family of God.

For all of these things, we praise God.

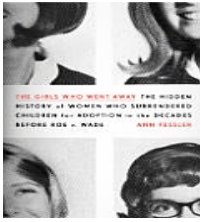
And we pray for and with:

- ?????Audrey Nevers, the founder of Math Facts, in the passing of her mother.
- ?????June and Bob Moe as they move into a new assisted living facility.
- ?????Lottie Hembrey, Kay Baer and Betty Siegworth
- ?????Laura Gilleland's mother-in-law.
- ?????The Newman family in the passing of Ted and Carolyn's chocolate labrador, General.
- ?????Edith Cober is moving to the Rockford area to be near her children.
- ?????All those who are struggling with illness, grief, pain, war and loss.
- ?????Men and women in the armed services and those who lead them.

A NEW THOUGHT ABOUT SHARING THE PEACE

In the midst of cold and flu season, we would offer an alternative way to share God's peace. If you would prefer, you may share the peace by folding your hands in front of you, as if in prayer, and saying, "God's Peace." In this way we will not "share" our sniffle bugs and yet be able to recognize and welcome one another into the peace of God.

LADIES BOOK CLUB



Join us to discuss the May Book Club Selection, *The Girls Who Went Away* by Ann Fessler on Friday, May 4th.

Review:

Perhaps it's no surprise that this story has gone untold for so long, considering the personal nature of the subject and the

moral dilemma heaped upon the young women who gave their babies up for adoption. What is astonishing is that Fessler, a photographer and video installation artist writing her debut book, manages to tell this compelling story with a perfectly honed sense of restraint and respect. She handles the large volume of source material nimbly, letting each individual story breathe. The only complaint is

that her research method—using a self-selected group—isn't up to snuff for academic rigor. In the face of such glowing critical praise, that lone complaint seems, well, a little academic.

Book Club is in the Church Library at 1:00 p.m. May's hostess and discussion leader is Marge Boynton. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

BIRTHDAYS

04/01/07 Deb Villers Birthday
04/03/07 Rob Grom Birthday
04/04/07 Gerry Leicht Birthday
04/05/07 Marjorie Kiefer Newman Birthday
04/16/07 Jim Majzan Birthday
04/18/07 Jayne Majzan Birthday
04/26/07 Peggy & Bob Reekie Anniversary



FISH are looking for people to volunteer for this very special ministry. There are three types of volunteers that are designed to fit everyone's abilities and interests. The majority of clients are elderly that require emer-

FISH - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

gency transportation for medically related appointments. FISH fulfills an important need in the community and makes a difference for the people in Barrington. There is a great need for drivers. Further information is located on the bulletin board in the Narthex or call (847)304-1913

HOLY WEEK

The plans for Holy Week have been made and we are truly excited about what will occur. The worship service on Palm Sunday will begin in the Narthex where all of God's children will gather their palms and wave them in triumph, welcoming the Savior into the week that changed our lives. Come and hear the music, feel the excitement and meet our special guest, a woman who traveled with Jesus along his journey to Jerusalem.

On Maundy Thursday you are invited to witness the dramatic presentation of the Lord's Supper as we share a Seder meal with St. Paul's UCC. We will begin at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come and hear the words of the Disciples Thomas, Judas, and Peter. Hear also the words of the Woman with an issue of Blood and Jesus.

Good Friday promises to be a time of deep reflection and an opportunity to see what eyewitnesses felt and saw at the foot of the cross. Our choir will pray in song, Rev. Carol Mosley and Michael Mosley will offer a special presentation and others from our own community will share in a service of the **Seven Last Words**. This one-hour service will invite you to reflect and renew your relationship with a Friday we call *good*.

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