

From Pastor Zina Jacque

*Ring in A Very Special Season
With A Very Special Bell*

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

It is
A true and
Wonderful Blessing
To know who you are
I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)
I am a vessel of the Holy Spirit. (I Cor. 6:19)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
I am a citizen of Heaven and I am significant (Phi 3:20)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor. 5:17-21)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of Christ's life (John 15: 1-5)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am very confident the good works God began in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child
(Eph 1:5)



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM
THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON

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

Church Secretary - Sandra Mytys
Moderator - Clarke Robinson

Join us for the 2009 Advent Sermon Series



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

November 30, 10:30 a.m.: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,
Joy

December 7, 10:30 a.m.: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,
Surprise

December 14, 10:30 a.m. The Children and Youth Pageant

December 21, 10:30 a.m.: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,
Trouble

Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m.: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,
Hope

*Please invite your family and friends to join us for our
Christmas Eve Celebration.*

There is no January Newsletter. Deadline for the February Newsletter is January 16th. Please email, fax or drop off your handwritten articles at the church office.

Wonderful Wednesday was a joyful combination of the younger and older children. The emphasis was on giving and sharing. The older children's project was to write thank you notes while the younger children worked on a pinecone turkey centerpiece to grace their Thanksgiving table. We then got together and made taffy apples; one to keep and one to share with a friend. The teens shared their expertise and helped the younger kids with dipping and decorating their apple projects. We had some very creative apple designs! All of us had a great time! It truly is a time to be thankful.



Birthdays and Anniversaries in December!

December 3 Tim Hannahs Birthday	December 21 Hailey Campe Birthday
December 9 Brenda Overby Birthday	December 25 Carol Rice Birthday
December 11 Jeff Andruss Birthday	December 28 Judy Nolan Birthday
December 15 Megan Vickery Birthday	December 28 Lyn Hannahs Birthday
December 18 Pam Andruss Birthday	December 31 Deb and Gaylord Villers Anniversary
December 20 Bryce Menes Birthday	



Pointsettia 's are a beautiful way to decorate your Christmas table or a terrific hostess gift if you are going to be a guest for dinner at someone's house. In addition, the church will be filled with color on this holiest of holidays. The deadline for orders is Sunday December 14th. The cost is \$12.50. Make your checks payable to Community Church of Barrington. Watch your bulletins for order slips or call the church office and we will fill one out for you.

JOIN US ON December 10th, at 6:00 p.m. for our monthly potluck 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.



Each December Barrington Giving Day invites needy families, and individuals residing in Barrington 220 School District to a Giving Day. Families receive food, warm coats, books, blankets, and gifts. Members of Barrington churches, schools, businesses and civic organizations have always been generous in their support of this day. Giving Day 2007 helped **701** families. The number of children helped was over 2,000. These children live in our school district. They are our friends and neighbors.

Each year the need is greater.

Once again, we ask for your assistance in helping these families. Financial gifts are urgently needed and are used to purchase food, grocery food certificates, children's coats, blankets, and hygiene products.

Checks may be made payable to **Barrington Giving Day**
 c/o John Paul Hills
 Barrington Bank & Trust
 201 S. Hough St.
 Barrington, IL 60010



We ask you to donate **WINTER COATS, NEW AND GENTLY USED TOYS, and children's BOOKS .**

A box for donations is in the Narthex. Deadline for donations is December 10th.



If you haven't seen the beautiful quilts being raffled off by the Youth, please be sure to take a look. They are located on the Narthex counter. These festive quilts were made by our youth under the expert supervision of Bonnie Stevens and Lindsay Campe. The raffle tickets are available after church service or in the church office. You can also purchase them at the Cookie Walk event on Saturday, December 6th. They are five dollars for one ticket or three tickets for ten dollars. All proceeds will go to the Youth Group for future events and projects. Two lucky winners will be chosen on December 14th. Good Luck!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Christmastime brings even more activity than usual to the corner of Lincoln and Grove, now decked out in all its festive beauty.

It's now "countdown time" for The Cookie Walk, our traditional culinary treat, that is always a big hit with the whole community of Barrington and even beyond. Cookie-baking has been ongoing for weeks in preparation for the big day, filling up freezers (at the Church and in many households) . Kudos and much gratitude to the industrious bakers (ladies, gentlemen, the youth and even younger kids)!

Friday, Dec. 5 between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. will be the cookie "drop-off " time at the Church. The sale itself takes place Sat., Dec. 6 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Buyers will don mitts and help themselves to the array of delicious and attractive sweet treats, to generously fill the supplied boxes for \$10 per box.

Further, there's no doubt that the tasty recipes found in the accompanying cookbook sale will continue to be providing pleasant aromas in lots of kitchens on and on.

The December Women's Fellowship meeting will provide more taste treats. Perhaps calorie-counting should be put on "hold" 'til January. The group's Christmas Potluck will be held in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, December 18 at 6 p.m. Do bring a dish to pass and come to enjoy, along with the menu, the company of ladies of all ages who are members and friends of the Church. Lindsay Campe and Bonnie Stevens will serve as hostesses and will provide beverage and dessert. Following the meal there will be a "Holiday Songfest".

The Longest Night



On Sunday December 14th at 2 PM in the afternoon, the Samaritan Counseling Center of Barrington

will hold A Longest Night Worship Service at Community Church. This special service presents an opportunity to observe the Christmas season in a quiet and reflective manner. Members from all of the greater Barrington area churches will be invited. You are welcomed and invited to join others as we reflect on the season and the joys and sometimes challenges it brings.



Congratulations to Sara and Jeff Jay on the adoption of their son. As you can see from this photo they all look ecstatic!

Don't forget that Sunday, December 28th is Christmas Carol Sunday. Be ready to tell us your favorites and we will sing them together.

Prayers and Personals



God's word tells us that we may be anxious for nothing but, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, we are invited to make our requests known to God and the very God of peace will keep our hearts and minds, in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7). Knowing this we bring our prayer and requests to God asking that God grant us peace as we pray, with thanksgiving:

For These We Pray

- For Conrad Campe, Coral Ferry and Lucia Beth Robinson as they trust in God and grow stronger and stronger.
- We lift up all of our service men and women and those who serve in auxiliary services in any area of conflict or war. We pray God's protection and we pray for the cessation of violence where ever it is found.
- We pray for those who are in transition regarding careers, relationships, health and maturity in the Spirit. May each of us know the presence of God as we go forward toward that which God has in store.
- We pray for all of the families and individuals whose names we have called out over the weeks; families and individuals who grieve, who are ill, who face surgery, and who are distressed and disquieted for so many reasons.
- We pray for a good night's sleep, especially for those who do not experience this gift. May angels attend those who have trouble sleeping and keep them safe as they rest in God's care.
- We pray for those who are in areas where they know no peace but where they know drought, war, famine and despair. May God attend them and may we be light and hope to them in our actions and through our prayers.
- Please pray for all of those who come into my office with hearts filled with anguish, concern, dread or fear.
- We pray for all of our members who will travel or who will have loved ones traveling during the holiday season.
- We pray for the many activities our church has planned to celebrate the season of our Savior's birth.

We are also called to rejoice in the Lord always. And so, we rejoice because:

- ❖ God has blessed Beth and James Goldstein (and Grandparents Bunny and Steve Jahnke) with the birth of their beautiful new baby son, Isaac Alan Goldstein. May God bless and kept this precious new life.
- ❖ Sarah and Jeff Jay have added to their family! We praise God that the Jay's have been blessed with the adoption of their blessed *wonderful son*. May God extend the joys and hope of this family
- ❖ The Youth have eagerly developed their 2008 Christmas Pageant and will present it to the congregation with joy on December 14th.

That God is in our midst and we feel the Divine Presence as we fellowship, worship and enjoy one another, together.

PRAISE GOD!

CALENDAR PAGE

The December Calendar is available on the Calendar and Events page of this website.

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