

# From Pastor Zina Jacque

## The Daffodil Principle

*Community Church members and friends, a dear friend of mine shared this story with me, and now I want to share it with you, adding a comment or two at its end.*

One day a daughter called her mother and said, "Mother, you must come to see the daffodils before they are over." The mother's days were full, her time limited and so she put her daughter off as long as she could. Finally, after the fifth call, the mother promised her daughter she would make the trip from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead to see the daffodils.

The day of the trip dawned cold and rainy. But, she had promised, so reluctantly, off she went on her way. Two hours later she arrived and was greeted by the joyful sounds of her two happy grandchildren and the smile of her daughter.

The elder woman said to her daughter, "Forget the daffodils. It's too rainy and foggy and nothing would get me out of your house until I am on my way back home." But the daughter insisted and so all four piled into the car. After about twenty minutes they turned onto a small gravel road. Soon they passed a tiny church, spying a hand lettered sign that read "Daffodil Garden, Ahead".

Parking the car they got out and, in the afternoon mist, began to walk down a gravel path. They rounded a corner and the grand mother gasped. Before her lay the most glorious sight! It looked as if someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it over the mountain peak and its surrounding slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, creamy white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, and saffron and butter yellow. Each different colored variety of daffodils was planted in large groups so that they swirled and flowed like a river with its own unique hue. There were **five** acres of flowers.

"Who did this?" the grandmother asked. "Just one woman," her daughter answered. "She lives right over there." The daughter pointed to a well-kept A-frame house, small and modest, sitting in the midst of all that glory. The grand mother, daughter and both little girls walked up to the house. On the patio, they saw a poster. "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking", was the headline. The first answer was a simple one. "50,000 bulbs," it read. The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman with two hands, two feet, and one brain." The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

The grand mother realized this day had brought a life-changing experience. She realized this woman whom she had never met; had for fifty years planted one bulb at a time, and in doing so had brought her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure, out of the way mountaintop. Planting one bulb at a time, year after year, this unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. One day at a time, she had created something of extraordinary magnificence, beauty, and inspiration.

The grand mother looked at her daughter and said, "Oh my, what might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal forty-five or fifty years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years? The daughter looked at her mother and said, "But Mom you did."

*Zina's thoughts:* Some who read this story can look back over their lives and see their own garden of daffodils. Others, like the grandmother in the story, respond, "Oh my." But in truth, each of us, no matter our past, have our future ahead of us. Each of us can begin *today* to create things of beauty, one bulb at a time. After all, it is pointless to focus on the lost hours of all of our yesterdays, but it is quite exciting to think about all of the hours and days that extend before us. So, let us, as a church and as individuals, begin to imagine what we might create that would forever change the world, beginning one bulb at a time.

JUNE NEWSLETTER

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## Getting to Know Your CCB Council Members

### AN INTERVIEW WITH JEFF ANDRUSS - By Bonnie Stevens



Jeff Andruss – A Church Council Member

Wow, look at that smile and those sparkling eyes!

Our own Jeff Andruss began teaching in the Barrington School district for the 1980-81 school year. His growing-up years were spent in the North Shore area. Jeff and his wife, Pam, have a modern day blended family of his (Jessica), hers (Ryan) and theirs (Daniel). Jess is a grad student at the U. of Chicago, Daniel has just graduated from Illinois Wesleyan and Ryan is engaged to be married in October and is living and working in Indianapolis. June of 2009 will be the end of Jeff's final teaching year, and he looks forward to "retirement." When asked what he plans to do in retirement he answered, "As much as possible." His many plans include hiking, reading, baking, and knitting socks on his 1917 Sock Knitting Machine (his and Pam's only EBay purchase ever). His dream hike would be the Appalachian Trail, a six-month long journey.

Jeff was brought up in the Christian Science faith. He and Pam were married at the United Methodist Church in Barrington and came to Community Church in 1987. Some of his fondest memories at CCB include the potluck dinner where one person brought 10 pieces of fried chicken and everyone else brought desserts! He also remembers talking to Bill Schneider who told Jeff about the potluck dinner he remembered from his youth (4 or 5 years old) where a table of "white-haired ladies" were discussing having seen Abe Lincoln at Gettysburg! For Jeff, a history buff, knowing someone who overheard someone that saw Lincoln in person was a never-to-be-forgotten moment.

Jeff has a great sense of humor, is a good listener, and can get to the meat of an issue. He also doesn't mind sharing his embarrassing moments, like the time someone complimented him on being able to read and walk home at the same time. He smiled and thanked the lady, then proceeded to trip on the curb and fall. Ringing in his ears as he proceeded on home were the words "Pride goeth before a fall."

Describing what he might say to anyone asking about CCB, his answer was the same as many of us might offer: "CCB has the comfort of open arms where you can experience warmth from each other." Jeff is passing on that experience by sponsoring Alex Campe in J2A.

A philosophy of life that Jeff tries to follow is to live one day at a time – to keep focused and pace himself. He claims he is a slow reader, but enjoys his reading time. Non-fiction is his choice of reading material and reports that he has read the entire Bible.

Jeff is chairman of the Benevolence Committee and will be retiring from that position in June. The Benevolence Committee (eight people) meets quarterly to decide where our benevolence money should be spent. Much thought, prayer and research goes into these decisions.

Would you like to know more about Jeff? Just ask him and I guarantee you will have an enjoyable conversation. (He's even willing to chat with you about *other* topics.) Thanks, Jeff, for sharing some of your life with your friends at CCB.

*Each month we will profile a different member of the Council.*

# KWRC Kickin' Summer Kalendar

## Overall Programming Descriptions:

- ?????Creation Station, Sundays at 9:30am: Creation Station is for youth and children, ages 5-18 to spend time in fellowship and fun outside creating and playing before worship begins! Youth can even lead!
- ?????Chill Your Grill, Wednesdays at 4pm: Every Wednesday from 4pm-6:30, youth can come and chill in their space here at CCB! Bring your own dinner, drinks provided.
- ?????Kickin' KWRC, Wednesdays at 6:30pm: Kickin' KWRC at CCB is a night of great summer fun! The activity will change every week... look inside for a specific calendar!

## June Dates:

- ?????June 11: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; Summer Kick Off Celebration, 6:30-8
- ?????June 18: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; Party and Prep for Youth Sunday, 6:30-8
- ?????June 22: Youth Sunday and J2A Celebration, 10am
- ?????June 25: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; Play Day at CCB (Water balloons and field games), 6:30-8
- ?????June 27: Parents Prom Fundraiser, 7-10
- ?????June 28: Sweet Saturday Trip, Visits to Houses of worship, Time TBA
- ?????June 29: Summer Sunday School: Creation Station, 9:30am



## July Dates:

- ?????July 2: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; Cooking Creation, 6:30-8
- ?????July 6: Summer Sunday School: Creation Station, 9:30am
- ?????July 9: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; Out and About with KWRC, Movie Night, 6:30-8
- ?????July 11-12: KWRC Camping Trip, TBA
- ?????July 13: Summer Sunday School: Creation Station, 9:30am
- ?????July 16: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; Play Day at CCB (Capture the Flag and Dodge ball), 6:30-8
- ?????July 20: Summer Sunday School: Creation Station, 9:30am
- ?????July 23: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; Cooking Creation, 6:30-8
- ?????July 26: Summer Sunday School: Creation Station, 9:30am
- ?????July 30: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; Out and About with KWRC, Bowling Night, 6-8:30

## August Dates:

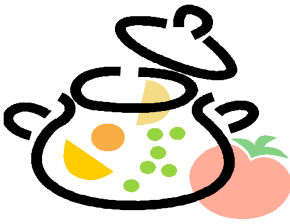
- ?????August 3: Summer Sunday School: Creation Station, 9:30am
- ?????August 6: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; Play Day at CCB (Relays and Obstacle Courses), 6:30-8
- ?????August 8-9: Service Retreat (An opportunity to do mission locally for a two day retreat), TBA
- ?????August 10: Summer Sunday School: Creation Station, 9:30am
- ?????August 13: Chill Your Grill, 4pm; KWRC Fall Festival, 6:30-8
- ?????August 17: Summer Sunday School: Creation Station, 9:30am
- ?????August 23: So Long Summer, Great America Trip, TBA

## Communication



Currently, we use email as our main form of communicating important messages to the congregation with Sunday bulletins and our Newsletters as a back-up to pass along pertinent information important to our friends and members. We realize, not everyone has email, therefore, we are encouraging those who do not have access to email or would prefer to receive **important and time sensitive** information via phone to please let us know so we may put you on a calling list. The Diaconate has indicated they would be happy to make sure these individuals are kept in the loop.

## Now We're Cooking – A Project Update!



The Community Church kitchen project is underway! With the design complete and the cabinets ordered, your CCB Kitchen Committee is hard at work cleaning out the kitchen and storing away many treasured items for future use. Demolition and construction are slated to begin by June 2<sup>nd</sup>, with an expected completion in early July.

Looking for a way to volunteer? We're looking for members who want to donate a little "sweat equity" toward this project by helping with the initial demolition. Please call Wayne Jacobsen at 847.373.0166 for more information.

Please note: while the kitchen will be "off limits" during June and early July, we'll continue to gather after Sunday services, enjoy our monthly Potluck and hold regular meetings in Fellowship Hall.

Feeling the need for a party? We're happy to help! Please join us on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> from 7-10:00 p.m. at the home of Rev. Zina and Andre Bell for an Open House fundraiser to benefit the kitchen project. We're planning a silent auction filled with wonderful items like handmade quilts, family vacation timeshares, golf outings, AND MUCH MORE! Come enjoy the wonderful spring weather and help fund the renovation of such a vital area of Community Church.

Can't join us? If you'd like, you can send your donations to the Church Office marked "CCB Kitchen Fund". Any questions? Please call Jayne Majzan at 847.381.0308 or Lynn Schreiner at 847.776.5848.

The Kitchen Committee

## WEBSITE UPDATE



Thanks to the talents and skills of Beth Jahnke Goldstein and Sandy Schroeder Community Church has a web site about which we can now be proud. Please log on and check out the weekly bulletin (a great way to keep up with what's going on in the Community's life) podcasts of worship services, links to sermons, links to newsletters, pictures, inspirational sayings and so much more. This is an exciting breakthrough for our church and will help our family and friends who live far and near stay in touch with us. Thanks so much to Beth and Sandy and in all things may God be glorified by this new technological tool. Check us out at [ccbarrington.org](http://ccbarrington.org).

The Newsletter Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 13th. Please email, fax or drop off your handwritten articles at the church office. If you you need additional time, please call so we can save space.

**Join us on June 11th 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.



## Birthdays and Anniversaries in June!

June 7th	Betty & Don McLean Anniversary	June 17th	Leslie Eiring Birthday	
June 7th	June Moe Birthday	June 17th	Steve & Bunny Jahnke Anniversary	
June 8th	Carl Newman Birthday	June 20th	Clark e & Lucia Beth Anniversary	
June 8th	Bob Moe's Birthday	June 22nd	Andre' Bell Birthday	June 26th David Lirgameris Birthday
June 9th	Jason Alton Birthday	June 25th	Barb Easterday Birthday	June 29th Lillian Riddell Birthday
June 10th	Betty Mitchell Birthday	June 25th	Heather McLean Birthday	June 29th Ryan Lancaster Birthday
June 10th	John Grom	June 26th	Sarah Dockery Birthday	June 30th Jim Schrag Birthday



### "Dad, Thank You."

Thank you for the laughter,  
For the good times that we share,  
Thanks for always listening,  
For trying to be fair.

Thank you for your comfort,  
When things are going bad,  
Thank you for the shoulder,  
To cry on when I'm sad.

This poem is a reminder that  
All my life through,  
I'll be thanking Heaven  
For a Special Dad like you."

A dear member of our church, **Mary Kelly**, is moving to Texas in June. She will be sorely missed but we wish her all the best as she travels life's journey.

### **We'll Miss You!**

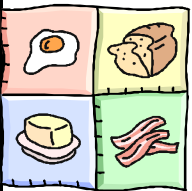
We're sad to hear you're leaving  
We hate to see you go  
Along with God's sweet blessings  
Our prayers for you shall flow

We'll miss your fine example;  
We'll miss the things you gave;  
Our pleasant memories of you  
We'll recall and carefully save.

We wish for your life's journey  
The best of all your days;  
May you discover sweet fulfillment  
In new and rewarding ways.



### **Breakfast in the Park**



Mark your calendars for the summer event of the year! The date is June 29th. As in the past, the festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. in Citizen's Park in Barrington at the North Shelter.

Following the breakfast, the Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## **REMINDER**

### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY!**

Come join in Worship with the Youth and children on June 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. Our youth will lend their creativity and unique perspective in the planning and participation of this very special worship service. We will also celebrate the six young people who have participated in the 2007-08 Journey To Adulthood.



## Prayers and Personals

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*“Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.” Romans 12:15*

This month we pray for all of the men and women whose lives have been affected by earthquakes, wind, fire, and rain especially the citizens of Myanmar and the Sichuan Province of China. We ask God to receive those whose lives were lost and to bless and comfort those who remain and are in need or feel fear of any kind in their hearts.

We pray also for the families embroiled in the Eldorado, Texas circumstances. We pray especially for the children who must miss their families and their homes. We pray for the foster families also who house the children. May they see the precious hearts of these children and care for them as if they were their very own.

As always we pray for peace, especially when nations and peoples are at war. We pray for nations, even and especially our own; that cannot seem to quell the violence that continues to rise up in the hearts of many and is expressed through the power of a gun. We pray for health, especially when quality healthcare is available to so few around the world. We pray for equity in housing, food, and education, especially when so many have so little of what is basic to human life and growth. And we pray for love to fill the hearts of citizens and leaders around the world who have the capacity to correct these inequities and to share the safety and wealth of God's creation with all of God's created.

Our prayers are lifted also to God for all whose names we hear on Sunday morning and all among us who are burdened with the weight of circumstances that sometimes seem to spin out of control. We pray for those who are called to care for children and family and those who struggle to care for self. We pray that God will comfort, guide, and give peace and strength for their journeys. In particular, this prayer is offered to all of those who have asked Pastor Zina for prayer, including

????Baby Mary, as she awaits a heart transplant.

????Wayne Mitchell as he grows stronger.

????Coral Ferry as she grows stronger.

????And the mother whose voice was filled with tears and called me on the way home.

????Mary Kelly as she moves to Austin, Texas.

*Because you are my help, O God . . . in the shadow of your wings will I rejoice. Psalm 63:7*

And we rejoice with and for:

~~✂~~ Karl Eiring who has successfully been entered as one of the ten fastest runners in Barrington High School History.

~~✂~~ Minister Ashley who has completed her second year of seminary.

~~✂~~ Daniel Andruss, the son of Pam and Jeff Andruss, who is now a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University

~~✂~~ Kids Who Rock Christ and their marvelous and successful May lock in.

~~✂~~ For all of those who will join the Council as new members, leading and guiding our church

~~✂~~ For Glenna's two new great grandsons Jace James McCrumb (born 4/13/08 and Kieran Everett (born 5/3/08)

~~✂~~ With Andrew Majzan and Eanan Gidley who have completed their 8<sup>th</sup> grade studies and will enter high school in the fall.

~~✂~~ For Tom Benjamin, John Grom, Bruce Dockery and Sandy Schroeder who keep our grounds beautifully.

~~✂~~ For Beth Goldstein and Sandy Schroeder who has helped up bring our Website into the 21<sup>st</sup> century (please go out and see it [www.ccbarrington.org](http://www.ccbarrington.org))

~~✂~~ Our 2007-2008 Sunday School Teachers, Andre' Bell, Mary Kelly, Brian Gidley, Ginny Newman, Cindy Alton, Brenda Overby and Christy Davis. God bless you and many thanks.

~~✂~~ Our 2007-2008 J2A participants, Taylor Alton, Alex Campe, Lauren Davis, Karl Eiring, Eanan Gidley and Andrew Majzan.

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CALENDAR PAGE

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