



From Pastor Zina Jacque

THROUGH A CHILD'S STORY A SUMMER SERIES OF SERMONS

Do you remember being a child and sitting with a beloved adult hearing him or her read to you from your favorite book? Do you remember being that adult and sharing stories with a child? I do! And I know that the simple truths told in children's books can have a profound and lasting affect.

The Biblical text is full also of powerful stories. Who can forget the enduring lesson of courage as David faced the giant, Goliath? How easily we can picture the faith of Moses as he stood holding his staff above a sea that divided itself in half. And whether a person is a reader of the Bible or not, the mere mention of the Good Samaritan evokes scenes of kindness and mercy. Stories, parables, and illustrations from every day life flowed from the pens of the Bible's scribes and from the mouth of the Messiah, Jesus. And so, this summer, during our morning worship, we will turn again to stories of truth told in the Bible *and* in the pages of children's books. Together, we will hear sacred story and childhood stories and consider how each illustrates the message of God.

For instance, we might reflect on C.S. Lewis' Chronicles of Narnia. After all, who can read The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe and not gain new insight into the sacrifice and forgiveness offered by the lion Aslan and Jesus. And even Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs and Ham offers a glimpse of the importance of trying a thing, of having a personal experience of something new, before disregarding it as awful or unnecessary.

I know for certain we will begin our summer sermon series with Margery Williams' 1922 book, The Velveteen Rabbit. (A free digital copy of the Velveteen Rabbit may be obtained from <http://digital.library.upenn.edu/women/williams/rabbit/rabbit.html>). In this story a toy velveteen rabbit longs to become real. Willing to do almost anything to be made flesh and blood, the little rabbit seeks advice from the oldest toy in the playroom. The Skin Horse, a wise and wizened sculpture of wood and cloth, shares his understanding of the cost of becoming real with the little rabbit. In a serious tone, full of gravitas and truth, the Skin Horse says to the Velveteen Rabbit . . . Well, if you want to know how the Skin Horse advises the Rabbit, and why it is important for us as men and women of Christ, you will just have to join us for worship on June 28th at 10AM.

See you on the 28th!
Pastor Zina

PS If you has a favorite children's book, why not let me know? We may be able to include it in our summer series. Feel free to call the office with your suggestions or email me at revzinajacque@sbcglobal.net. I look forward to hearing from you.



May Friendship Day is an annual event uniting Christian women in a common worship experience; building and strengthening friendly relationships within our community. This event honors young women from each congregation who live up to the motto of CWU, "Agreed to differ, resolved to love, united to serve." This year, at the 2009 May Friendship Day, Church Women United of the Barrington Area honored eleven young women from as many churches for dedication and contributions that reflect their faith. The event was held at the Barrington United Methodist Church. Pictured above are the women who received the 2009 award for their dedication. To the far right is CCB's own, Minister Ashley Prescott Barlow, pastor to youth and children. Congratulations Minister Ashley for your contributions and dedication!

Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship will meet for a "Retreat" in Fellowship hall under the leadership of Pastor Zina. This will be an opportunity to share ideas and plans for the future. All women of the church are urged to attend this inspiring, fun-filled and productive session.



There will also be a Women's Fellowship meeting on Thursday, June 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Weather, so to speak, "grounded our plane for Greece" earlier in the snowy days of January. At this meeting we will finally (vicariously) travel to Greece with Jayne Majzan, Lynn Schreiner, and Pastor Zina. What a treat this will be as they share their experiences on that wonderful adventure! Please bring a bag lunch and dessert as well, as there will be no hostesses for this meeting.

On, Thursday, July 16 at 11:30 a.m. members of Women's Fellowship will meet for their "Second Annual Antique Road Show". Just too much fun last year not to have an encore! Clarke Robinson, back by popular demand, will return to be moderator/guru as items are shared. Do bring antique "treasures" and let them tell their story. Clarke, with his vast knowledge of antiques, will share his thoughts about each items as well. Please bring no more than two items.

There will be no Women's Fellowship Meeting in August. HAPPY SUMMER HIATUS!

*Dear Friends: Thank you very much for the outpouring of your love for us with cards, phone calls and other expressions of sympathy. Wayne has gone forever from our eyes, but not from our hearts.
Gratefully, Betty Mitchell & Family*

See Separate attachment from Ashley

Birthdays and Anniversaries this Summer!

June 07 Betty & Don McLean Anniversary	June 26 Sarah Dockery Birthday	August 04 Jean Schroeder Birthday
June 07 June Moe Birthday	June 29 Lillian Riddell Birthday	August 08 Lucia Beth Robinson B'Day
June 08 Carl Newman Birthday	June 29 Ryan Lancaster Birthday	August 26 Sandy Schroeder B'Day
June 09 Jason Alton Birthday	June 30 Jim Schrag Birthday	
June 10 Betty Mitchell Birthday	July 01 Sarah & Bruce Dockery Anniversary	
June 17 Leslie Eiring Birthday	July 11 Evelyn Peters Birthday	
June 17 Bunny & Steve Jahnke Anniversary	July 11 Jay Eiring Birthday	
June 20 Lucia Beth & Clarke Anniversary	July 13 Jamie Akerstrom Birthday	
June 22 Andre Bell Birthday	July 17 Joanne Jacobsen Birthday	
June 25 Barb Easterday Birthday	July 25 Joanne & Wayne Jacobsen Anniversary	
June 25 Heather McLean Birthday	July 30 Emily Newman Birthday	
June 26 Dave Lirgameris Birthday	August 4 Claudine Athmann Birthday	



SEASONS OF THE HEART, VOLUME II: A PRAYER BOOK BY THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BARRINGTON Please Join Us and Write a Prayer for the Prayer Book!

Several church members are beginning to put a book of prayers together and *your help is needed*. In 1985 a similar book was created by the church family and it blessed and filled many hearts. Now, it is time for us to prepare our second volume of prayers.

We would like to create a small booklet of prayers and meditations that can be given to hospitalized friends and family, those going through a time of grief, neighbors seeking a church home, those desiring inspiration for their time of meditation, and the homebound who would enjoy a reminder that church friends are thinking of them.

Your written prayers and thoughts about thanksgiving, loss, illness, fear, loneliness, celebration, praise, hopes and needs will fill this little booklet. We are seeking prayers written simply and with your everyday words, prayers from your heart, prayers that will help others to reach out to our loving God. Selections from the 1985 book, Seasons of the Heart, are noted on page 5 of the Newsletter and will provide an *example* of the kinds of submissions we seek.

We have tentatively set June 28th, after church, as a time to get together to help each other write, to inspire those desiring to write, and to gather what has already been written by you. We would also like to incorporate original artwork as well. Some of our youth are excellent artists and we hope to benefit from their gifts especially. Please join us in this activity and time of creativity. Your contributions to the prayer book will be a blessing to others and offer us a way to reach out beyond our walls.



We are open to ideas and help. Please contact Jean Capellos (jcapellos@aol.com) or Bonnie Stevens (brsquilt@gmail.com) for more information.

Excerpts from Seasons of the Heart
A Book of Meditations in Prose and Verse
Edited by Jean Capellos

There are times when we are stalled, neither making progress nor retreating, merely stuck in one position without (we think) any hope. Then a grayness seems to be all about us, a fog surrounds us, and it is easiest to feel despair. The sameness leads to the feeling that this is the way things have always been and always will be.

When we feel we are stuck in such a bland, bleak wasteland, it is good to remember that there is help beyond ourselves and the lives we feel confined to. We do not have to burst out with song and enthusiasm we do not feel; we can turn to God, the quiet presence who is always there for us. The surrounding gloom can be driven away by turning to the strength and warmth of One who is always available to us if only we become aware of Him. **Chris Newman**

So instead of pangs of loneliness when we see we're captive in our own house for a day, we can say "Thank you" for a day when we can test our ability to cope. But instead of just coping, it can become a time to treasure.

Psalms 23:1 The Lord is my Shepherd
I have everything I need.

Psalms 23:3 He gives me new strength
He guides me in the right paths, as he has promised.

Psalms 46:1 God is our shelter and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble
Evah Lager

Dear Lord,

I go through the day, looking and wishing for everything that people around me have which I don't have. In my mistaken, self-centered heart I cry out to You, demanding to know why I haven't been given all those material benefits.

When such trivial demands get out of hand, bring me back to the real world, Lord. Make me conscious of people, far away and close to home, who have great need for the basic necessities of life. Help me forget my own selfish desires and give me the courage to do something more than just pity the needy and then turn away from their plight.

In this way, teach me to realize all possessions I have: good health, food, clothing, home and friendship. Truly, I don't need anything more. *Kim McLean*

Lord, fill my soul, mind and body with your Holy Spirit.

Strengthen me

Make me whole

Bring me your joy

Renew my entire being

With your spirit, anything is possible.

Bunny Jahnke

Meditation based on Philippians: 4-7

These are the elements we should include in prayer:

Adoration Contrition
Thanksgiving and Supplication

Not merely: Supplication Supplication
Supplication and Supplication

Sometimes we must just be quiet and concentrate on banishing anxiety. That, in its own way, is prayer too. *Ginny Newman*

In the twenty-third Psalm we read, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death." What did the psalmist mean in likening death to a shadow? We know that where there is shadow, there has to be the sun. And we walk out of the shadow into the sun. If death is like passing out of the shadow into the sun, what do we have to fear?

Dear Heavenly Father, we seek your presence with us in all our living, in our waking and in our sleeping, in our working and in our playing until we come to life everlasting with you. Amen. *Martha Boling*

Prayers and Personals

Don't worry about anything; pray about everything and tell God what you need, and thank him what he has done.
Philippians 4:6 New Living Translation

We come together, as a community of believers, and we pray for:

- For the families of **Mary Kohnke** and **Brandon Kleinvehn** as they remember the ones they love and turn to God for care.
- The world in which we live; that God's creation may know peace.
- Men and women around the world who are **unable to practice their faith** in Jesus openly because of oppressive cultural sanctions.
- The **leadership of our country** and those who seek to lead locally and nationally. May a spirit of truth be in their hearts and in their mouths.
- With and for all of the families whose **sons and daughters stand in the gap in war** torn areas around the globe.
- The **ones for whom we pray on Sunday morning** out loud and in our hearts who are fighting disease or pain, standing under the weight of disappointment, caught in the grip of bereavement, or have needs of any kind.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name.

Psalm 9:2

We rejoice that God has blessed us to arrive at summer's threshold with vigor and with hope.

We will be glad, we will sing and we rejoice for:

- Men who are **fathers** and those who because of circumstance and situations have stepped into the role of a father.
- **Lucia Beth Robinson** is back among us and has brought us the smile and joy of her caregiver **Janice!**
- The graduation of our own **Grace Davis** and the grandson of the Elaine and Cap Menes', **Gus Thome** who will both graduate from high school and **Ryan Overby** and **Rori Thome** who have earned their bachelor's degrees and will or have graduated from college..
- **The children** who bring us such joy as they lead us in the Lord's Prayer each Sunday.
- **Jim Majzan's** shoulder surgery went very well.
- Our **wonderful new neighbor, Jennifer** and her family.



JOIN OUR FRIENDS FROM LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ATONEMENT FOR A WONDERFUL TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD.



Wednesday, June 17 and Wednesday July 15, 2009, mark your calendars! Our friends at Lutheran Church of the Atonement have invited us and all of Barrington to a free Community Meal! A spaghetti dinner designed to bring friends and neighbors together in an effort to build friendship, hope, kindness and strength within the Barrington area will be served, free of charge, at Wool Street Grill. If you are free join the Atonement community at 3pm to help set up. **Dinner will be served from 5pm – 7 pm.** A community clean up will occur following dinner from 7pm – 9pm. This marvelous idea is being piloted by Atonement but hopefully, going forward, many churches will share in this activity.

See you there Wool Grill, 128 Wool Street, Barrington, IL 60010, phone: 847.304.0313.

CALENDAR PAGE

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POTLUCK— JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 10TH AT 6:30 P.M. FOR FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP! PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS AND YOUR OWN DISHWARE. YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE WELCOME. POTLUCK WILL CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH.



Wonderful Wednesdays this month are June 3rd and 17th, and will continue through the summer on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. There are activities for adults, youth and children. Don't miss these opportunities to learn, participate in discussions, play games, pray and have fun. Join us at 6:30 p.m. for a terrific evening.

The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 20th. We suspend our Newsletter during the months of July and August but watch your church bulletins for activities and announcements!

