



# March Newsletter

## From Pastor Zina Jacque

### The Benediction as a Word for the Week Ahead

*The beloved of the Lord shall dwell safely by him; and the Lord shall cover them all the day long, and they shall dwell between God's shoulders.*  
(Deuteronomy 33:12)

It is always good to have wise counsel and throughout the process that introduced and brought me to Community I have been blessed with such. My heartfelt appreciation is extended to the Search Committee for countless hours of work and prayer. Your selection of me still leaves me breathless and thankful. Since the church called me as pastor-elect I have met with members of the Council, Liz Chase, Rev. Carol Mosley, Minister Ashley Barlow and Sandy Mytys and I have learned much from each individual. For their time and effort I am also grateful. However one person has spent more time with me than any other and that is our Moderator, Clarke Robinson. During one of our marvelous conversations Clarke encouraged me to come up with a benediction for Sunday worship that expresses who I am and how I believe our God would send us into the week ahead.

As simple a request as that seemed to be, it was not. What would God say to us as we set out into the adventure of another week of living? What would God want us to know? Biblical scriptures came flooding through my mind but none seemed right for this new season in our communal lives. I was in a quandary. And, when I am in this state my habit is to become very still, listen for God's voice and to clear my mind so that He might fill

me with images and words. Sitting in my study at home, praying for guidance, what came to me was a picture of a child reaching up for a parent's embrace. This child was confident that she would be welcomed and that she would be oh so safe in that embrace. The face of the child was made radiant by the knowledge that she was deeply and dearly loved. This same sentiment, to be deeply and dearly loved, may be communicated by the word, *beloved*.

The text from Deuteronomy tells us that you and I are beloved. We are deeply and dearly loved by God. Daily, we are sought by God and uppermost on Divinity's mind. Our text tells us also that we shall dwell between God's shoulders. The phrase, "between God's shoulders" is a curious one. Are we resting on God's back, being carried like a child in a back pack, safe and secure? Or are we resting between His shoulders nestled close to His heart, as any loving parent would cradle a beloved child? Whether on God's back or in His arms, we are promised a place where we may dwell, where we may relax, where we like the child of my image may be welcomed and assured of embrace.

This text, taken from Moses' words to the children of Israel as they prepare to come into their inheritance, will serve as our benediction. Each Sunday, after we have praised the God of our creation, after we have worshiped the Son and been filled by the Spirit, we will go out with these words. We will go out knowing that we are beloved. We will venture into the next portion of our lives trusting that God will keep us safely in this life or in the next. And, we will go out with the confident expectation that we have a dwelling place between the shoulders of a God who knows us, calls us, as a child beloved.

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque  
Organist - Liz Chase

Church Secretary - Sandra Mytys  
Moderator - Clarke Robinson

## A New Name a Great Group!

In the first few months of 2007, our youth group has been quite busy! The youth have been actively serving our congregation and one another, have been deep in conversation about Godly friendships, and have been in prayer and worship with one another!

We have been serving the congregation by baking cookies, being acolytes, and leading Children's time in church. We have been spending time in prayer for our church and community and writing thank you notes to our congregation. We are also beginning to brainstorm ideas for fundraisers, our next lock-in, designing a new youth room, and a summer mission trip.

In Youth Group, we have been focused on the role of God in our relationships, how we can love every person and be better friends, and discussed our role in the global community dealing with justice and peace issues. Our youth have been very articulate, fair,

and understanding in conversations with one another; they are committed to knowing God better and being more faithful as a community, holding one another in love.

In Sunday School we are focusing on the words and meaning of the Lord's Prayer and how we can apply it to our lives.

We have also been discussing ways to be leaders in our church and brainstorming new ideas we have for where our youth group wants to go from here!

We are also having a lot of fun! Parents and friends of the youth group, recently renamed KWRC (Kids Who Rock Christ), have provided us with snacks and activities as well as adult leadership. We have been playing games, watching movies, having par-

ties! We have been busy!

KWRC is nothing but a joyful presence in our congregation. It is a presence that we should all be a part of! Come and join us, come and see the wisdom, passion and love that come forth through these youth. The Holy Spirit is alive when they are gathered and I wouldn't trade it for the world.

We are, as always, looking for help! KWRC cannot exist without our congregation—you all are so supportive and active and we are going to keep asking for you! This month the congregation will be receiving a volunteer questionnaire, please be in prayer about they ways in which you can serve as a resource, leader, mentor, or prayer partner for a great group of young adults!

May the love and peace of Christ give you joy and comfort!

*KWRC (Kids Who Rock Christ) meets Sundays at 10:30 and Wednesdays at 7pm! Ask Ashley for a current schedule of events!*



Jenny hangs KWRC sign, designed by Jack, Jenny, Taylor and Andrew



KWRC works on quilt squares to decorate our narthex



A prayer flag made by our kids, put together by our youth group, the day CCB hired Pastor Zina!

*By Ashley Prescott Barlow*

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



This is the month when the Women's Fellowship, as in past years, will be heading our church's participation in the Tools and

Blankets Program of Church World Service, a cooperative ministry that provides sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries. CSW brings together a network of denominations to serve the needs of these refugees. In programs like this, we are given the opportunity to respond to God's

call to be "good neighbors" to one another...even very far away "neighbors".

Each year, friends and neighbors across the U.S. (including our own Community Church of Barrington, in the fall) join the interfaith CWS spon-

sored Crop Walks in the global effort to fight hunger.

And now we have the chance to reach out in compassion to people greatly affected by war, natural disasters, and other chaotic situations through contributions to the Tools and Blankets Program. \$5.00 can wrap a refugee child in a warm blanket.

*Millions of people worldwide are currently refugees uprooted from their homes and countries...*

\$25.00 can provide protection for a family left homeless, perhaps by a hurricane. \$15.00 can provide a hoe, shovel, and rake for a family. \$100.00 can buy fishing nets and equipment for a village cooperative. Priceless: the feeling of "partnership" in the big effort to help our needy brother's and sisters.

We thank Gerry Leicht and Evelyn Peters for their assistance as chairpersons. One or both of the ladies will be in the narthex on Sundays, March 11th and 18th to accept contributions.

## COVENANT CIRCLE meeting

Covenant Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 15, at 11:30 a.m. All women of the church are invited. Please bring a bag lunch; hostesses Gerry Leicht and Glenna

Gilleland will provide dessert and beverage. Sandy Lindberg will lead the program, "Let's Talk Treasures". No further details about the program are available. It'll just be a surprise; but

anything led by Sandy is dandy, so don't miss it!

## Potluck

Join us on March 14, 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.

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



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## A JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

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Please invite your family and friends to join us as we observe this sacred season of reflection, renewal and preparation.

Journey Past Our Enemies  
Psalm 27 ~ Mar 4

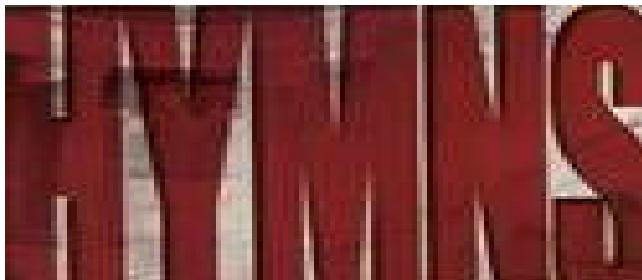
Journey Through Dry Places  
Psalm 61 ~ Mar 11

Journey Into Sin  
Psalm 32 ~ Mar 18

Journey Through Tears  
Psalm 126 ~ March 25

Journey With Jesus  
Psalm 31 ~ April 1

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WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS?

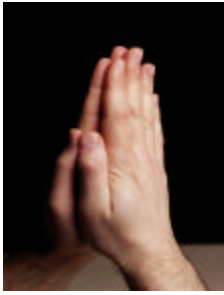
The 100<sup>th</sup> Psalm invites us to make a joyful noise to the Lord and that is just what we want to do in our Sunday morning worship services. In order to help me grow to know you and the hymns you most love to sing, please fill out the bottom portion of this page, sharing with me Bill and Liz your top five hymns. Don't worry if they are not included in our current hymnal. We just want to know the songs of God that touch and move your heart to praise the Lord.

Blessings  
Pastor Zina

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# Prayers & Personals

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*The effective, fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much. (James 5:16b)*

Community Church is a church that believes in the power of prayer. Therefore we remember the following members, friends and world wide circumstances in our hearts and prayers.

?????????June and Bob Moe

?????????Lottie Hembrey

?????????Betsy McGaughey

?????????Edith Cober

?????????Claudine Athmann

?????????Wayne and Joanna Jacobsen's beloved father

?????????Bob and Peggy Reekie's dear friend, Shelly

?????????Elaine Ott's dear sister

?????????Glenna Gilleland's daughter's mother-in-law

We pray also:

???With and for Pastor Sarah and Jeff Jay as they obediently follow God in their new assignment with the people of the First Baptist Church of Girard, Ohio.

???With and for all of the families whose sons and daughters stand in the gap for us as a nation in war torn areas around the globe.

???With and for the countries who are affected by war, drought, HIV/AIDS, and all other manner of disease and distress.

???With and for those who stand under the mantle of leadership for our nation, state, and city. We pray for their strength, their wisdom and the courage to do what will bring justice, lend mercy and to follow in the ways of God.

???For God to accompany us as we move through the season of Lent, reflecting on our lives and on our walk with him.

*Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice. (Phil 4:4)*

We also rejoice with Elaine Ott that her infant great grandson, Bryce Parker Taylor, was baptized into the family of God on February 11, 2007. Please continue to pray for Bryce and his family as they raise this young man in the bosom of Christian love and power.

We rejoice with Coral Ferry on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Coral is a testimony to God's grace and love and a model of the virtuous woman whose story we find in Proverbs 30.

# LADIES BOOK CLUB

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Join us to discuss the April Book Club Selection, *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls on Friday, April 6th.

**Review:**

"*The Glass Castle* is the saga of the restless, indomitable Walls

family, led by a grand eccentric and his tempestuous artist wife. Jeannette Walls has survived poverty, fires, and near starvation to triumph. She has written this amazing tale with honesty and love." *Patricia Bosworth, author of Anything Your Little Heart Desires and Diane Arbus: A Biography*

All ladies of the church are welcome. Watch your church bulletins for notification of availability. Books can then be picked up at the Barrington Library.

Book Club takes place in the Church Library at 1:00 p.m. April's hostess and discussion leader is Betsy McGaughey. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

See you there!

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## BIRTHDAYS

- 03/01/07 Patrick Foersterling Birthday
- 03/04/07 Maggie Menso Birthday
- 03/07/07 Ryan Overby Birthday
- 03/09/07 Kim Schroeder Birthday
- 03/22/07 Daniel Andruss Birthday
- 03/22/07 Jim Foersterling Birthday

## FOOD PANTRY

Thanks to all who donate via the food boxes located at the Grove and Tower doors. Food is distributed to visitors in need and regularly taken to the Village drop off facility for those in need around the Barrington area. Your generosity is appreciated!

## FLOWERS

We have all Sundays in March open for flower donations. If you are interested, please sign up on the sheet located on the Narthex bulletin board. The cost is \$25.00.



Please mark these important dates on your calendar. Watch your Sunday Bulletins for detailed information.

**Pa l m S u n d a y**  
**April 1st**

**M a u n d y T h u r s d a y**  
**April 5th**

We'll be hosting and sharing our seder meal with St. Paul United Church of Christ.

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
**APRIL 6TH**

We will be observing Good Friday in a service of reflection. More to come.

**Ea s t e r S u n d a y**  
**April 8th**

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# Organization

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BARRINGTON

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*This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.*

*It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.*

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## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers

in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your or-



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If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

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organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.