

From Pastor Zina Jacque

THANKFUL FOR GOOD WORDS

Recently I was cleaning out a corner of my home library and, at the bottom of a pile of books and papers, I found a ruffled note. At the top of the note, in my hand writing, was the phrase *Good Words*. I do not remember when I constructed this list of maxims, or what was going on in my life. But as I read them again I grew thankful for their wisdom and good words. I also felt gratitude because as I read them they caused me to pause and reflect.

I share them with you because our world is too full, too noisy and too busy. Time to pause and reflect is too often given away to the demands of others or our own schedules. I hope you have a moment to sit and think about this rather random list of good words and I hope you will share your favorites with me. I always learn from this community and I welcome your input. Email me, or drop me a line if you have a favorite quote, or your own list of good words.

Beloved, as we enter the fall and the seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmastide may we find time to pause and reflect and take in the good words of those who come to teach us. Amen.

- ❖ "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope." *Martin Luther King*
- ❖ "Fall seven times, stand up eight." *Japanese proverb*
- ❖ I know God wouldn't give me anything I couldn't handle. I just wish he didn't trust me so much. *Mother Therese*
- ❖ You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life. *Winston Churchill*
- ❖ If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down all alone, these women together ought to be able to turn it back, and get it right side up again! *Sojourner Truth*
- ❖ When one door closes another opens. But often we look so long so regretfully upon the closed door that we fail to see the one that has opened for us. *Helen Keller*
- ❖ You must be the change you wish to see in the world. *Mahatma Ghandi*
- ❖ "The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials." *Chinese proverb*
- ❖ "The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail." *Nelson Mandela*
- ❖ Behold I do not give lectures or a little charity, When I give I give myself. *Walt Whitman*
- ❖ God loves each of us as if there were only one of us. *St. Augustine*
- ❖ For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God. *St. Teresa of Avila*
- ❖ "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. *The Prophet Isaiah 43:1-2*
- ❖ We love, because God loved us first. *I John 4:19*

NOVEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Worthy Questions... Worthy Dreams By: Ashley Prescott Barlow-Thompson

As I read a very inspiring article about body image and young people last month, a light bulb lit up above my head, the clouds parted and the voice of God cried out, “ASHLEY! Share this!”.

Well, maybe it didn't happen quite like that, but close. You see, as a [youth pastor](#) and Christian Educator, I am blessed to have a plethora of resources at my finger tips... indeed, I am constantly reading and learning about how to better serve families, children and youth. Many of my questions are being answered... actually, many more questions are being created because of these rich resources. So, when God “nudged” me last month, I realized that as a Christian Educator, I am called to share the questions I have, the resources I am blessed with, and the articles that come across my desk or email.

Knowing this, there is a [new bulletin board](#) in the Christian Education wing of our church. “Worthy Questions... Worthy Dreams” is a place to receive and read articles, take home resources and begin conversations, from a variety of diverse Christian authors, educators and theologians. There are four up right now on a variety of issues for children, youth and families this month. Come and see the worthy questions being asked, the dreams had, and the conversations started! As with every part of the church I am blessed to be involved in, I am looking for your feedback, need your ideas and your resources (send me articles) and am open for conversation, questions and relationship!

COMMUNION IN THE TIME OF THE FLU

Pastor Zina

In October I invited the Deacons to prepare our Communion Meal in a new way. If you were here, you will remember the bread was prepared in small, individual pieces. As much as I love the symbolism of each person sharing in the breaking of the bread, in the midst of cold and flu season we have to be wise. Going forward you will be able to take a piece of individually sized bread for your Communion Meal and, I will begin a new practice of cleansing my hands with water before the Meal begins. This will allow us, as safely as possible, to share in the beauty of our Thanksgiving Meal. Blessed are we that can enjoy the privilege of sharing in a meal of remembrance as we look forward to the coming of Christ again in our lives. Blessed are we indeed.



CENSUS SAFETY

Lillian Riddell's goddaughter, is a police officer who has shared safety points when interacting with census takers:

Census workers should show a badge, carry a Census Bureau canvas bag, carry a confidentiality notice and have a hand held device for recording information.

Always ask to see the above items. Never give your Social Security number, credit card or bank information. Do not ask the agent into your home or accept emailed requests from the “Census Bureau”. Also, never open any emailed link that is supposedly from the Census Bureau. This is a way scammers get personal information that can do damage to your credit. We thank Lillian Riddell for sharing this information with the church.

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS



This newsletter is chocked full of opportunities to share your blessings with others. **Christmas Boxes for Friends and Neighbors** provides another chance to give. This year we would like to prepare 12-15 boxes to share with those in our community and families selected by Hough Street School. On the first Sunday in December the Deacons will accept your Benevolent Offering and use it to construct the boxes. We welcome you to write a generous check or bring \$25 Walmart, Dominick's or Jewel cars and place them in the offering tray. The Deacons will then use your gifts to fill the boxes to overflowing. We ask you to prayerfully consider all of the opportunities presented in this Newsletter and to allow God's Spirit to direct you to share with one or all of the worthwhile organizations or projects selected by Community Church. And thank you, thank you very much.

Here Come The Cookies!

It's time for that delicious Community Church of Barrington tradition – Cookie Walk 2009!

We're "mixing things up" a bit this year – with a new date and time for this very special Women's Fellowship event. **We will be hosting this year's walk on Saturday, December 12th (the 2nd Saturday in December!) from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

The basement freezer is up and running for you early bakers, so if you need to freeze cookies early, please go ahead. We'll be providing cookie trays again this year – so if you bake and stack your cookies at home on a tray, it will be greatly appreciated. We'll be accepting cookies for the event on Friday, December 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Just like every year, we'll be setting up the church from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. on Friday evening, December 11th.

If you have questions regarding this year's Cookie Walk, please ask any member of this year's team of intrepid cookie bakers:

Jayne Majzan, Chairperson

Pam Andruss

Marge Boynton

Jean Capellos

Cindy Alton

Lindsay Campe

Sharon Hornig

Claudine Athmann

Meg Simmons

Karen Palomo

We're looking forward to a great day of cookies, fellowship and raising lots of "dough" for Women's Fellowship mission projects!

The Missions & Outreach Committee invite you to participate in suggesting recipients that require assistance. The themes for humanitarian support are "Helping Children" and "Fighting Hunger". If you know of organizations that fit this criteria and would like to submit information for consideration, please fill out the form located on the Narthex counter and return it to the church office

Barrington Giving Day

Each December Barrington Giving Day invites families on the Free and Reduced lunch program 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 2008 helped **776** families, this included 2,400 children. This year Barrington Giving Days expect a 16-20% increase in the number of people they will serve. These families live in our school district. They are our friends and neighbors.

Each year the need is greater.

Financial gifts are urgently needed and are used to purchase food, grocery food certificates, winter coats for children, books, 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



Community Church Giving Trees

Soon our Mitten Tree and Kids Hope United giving trees will be up in the Narthex. The Mitten Tree helps those less fortunate with donations of hats, scarves and mittens to chase away the cold. Our Kids Hope United tree features "wish slips" from children whose Christmas is made a little merrier through your generosity. There will be about 60 slips this year. Please open your hear and be a blessing to these beautiful children and their families.

CHURCH WOMEN'S UNITED FIRST ANNUAL ALL CHURCH WOMEN'S RETREAT

On October 10th 48 women gathered from 18 churches to celebrate **One Day of Holy Play**. This first ever joint Church Women United event was held at the Techny Retreat Center in Techny, Illinois. Throughout the day laughter, learning, fellowship and worship took place in every nook and corner of the retreat center. Community Church's own Glenna Gilleland said the day was just fabulous and JoAnne Jacobsen said she was very glad she had come. Jennifer Bulandr blessed us by capturing the day in photographs.



Women were treated to a portrayal of Queen Esther by Pastor Zina and then the rest of the day was spent thinking about how we might: (a) gain courage and strength as Queen Esther did in the early portion of her Biblical story, (b) gather and appreciate our community of sisters, (c) take care of ourselves and (d) serve the needs of our community, in the same way as Esther did near the end of her story. Keep your ears and eyes open because the women plan to repeat this excellent opportunity next year. Blessings to all who prayed for us and helped make this a perfect day.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

November 1	Sharon Hornig Birthday	November 9	Stu Overby Birthday	November 21	Bruce Dockery Birthday
November 2	Kevin Overby Birthday	November 11	Chris Newman Birthday	November 27	Karl Eiring Birthday
November 3	Ted Newman Birthday	November 13	Konrad Eiring Birthday		
November 4	Helen Withrow Birthday	November 18	Eanan Gidley Birthday		
November 5	Eddie Menso Birthday	November 20	Liz Chase Birthday		
November 8	Cheryl Schroeder Birthday	November 21	Laura Newman Birthday		



THANKS FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Sincere thanks to everyone who has pledged so far for 2010. If you have not pledged yet, please keep the needs of Community Church and its missions in your hearts and minds as you contemplate your commitment. With Pastor Zina's inspired leadership, all the effort that everyone is putting forth, and your financial support, we can - and will - do great things!



ADVENT 2009 JOIN US FOR OUR ADVENT SERMON SERIES THE MEANING OF THE MUSIC

During the season of Advent we sing our favorite Christmas Carols with fervor and joy. But, have you ever wondered about the stories that lie behind the carols or the motivation that moved the composers to put pen to paper? Throughout the Advent Season we will remember the timeless messages offered through the lyrics of selected carols along with the beauty of the Biblical story. Invite your family and friends to join us on Sunday mornings for worship as we listen with open hearts and attentive ears to the music and the words of the Christmas season.

Hangings of the Greens

Join us on November 22nd when we decorate the church in celebration of the birth of Christ. This is an activity for young and old alike. We'll have a potluck supper, sing carols and have a terrific day. The festivities will begin right after worship so stick around and join in the fun and fellowship!



Potluck is Wednesday, November 11th. Come one, come all for a great meal and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass and your own dish-ware and enjoy a terrific evening!



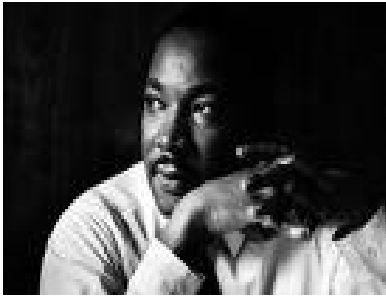
Women Who Breakfast will meet on Wednesday, November 18th. Join us for good food, stimulating conversation, ideas and some giggles! The time is 7:30 a.m.—the place is the Bread Basket in Barrington.



Come One Come All to the Community Meal

All are welcome
November 19th
5 – 7 PM to

The Chapel of Barrington 180. N. Hawthorne Road
(On Route 59 just North of Algonquin)



The Barrington Area Ministerial Association Presents

Dream

Join Us on January 31st as Together We Dream a World

In 2029 the world will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's birth. In that year current District 220 first graders will enter their mid 20's and the members of the BHS Senior Class of 2010 will enter their late 30's. What type of world will they inherit and how will they handle it?

Dr. King dreamed of a world where men and women, children and elders – all people – were afforded the opportunity to become contributing, productive citizens and to achieve what their innate gifts and talents might allow.

He dreamed of a world where poverty was replaced by the ability to earn a living wage and where hunger and homelessness were rare indeed because there was good education, enough work, and sufficient housing available for all who sought and worked for it.

He dreamed of a world where the value of respect replaced the habit of hate, where ethical behavior was restored to halls of leadership and hallways of homes, and where men and women who came to this nation in a myriad of ways found a path to respect and honor what was good in all people. And he dreamed of this not as some utopian ideal but as an achievable goal for people around the world.

This is the world King, a man of intense faith and belief, dreamed. Now we must ask, what kind of world will our children inherit? Come to a tribute to Dr. King's dream offered by the Barrington Area Ministerial Association, the Barrington Children's Choir, Bataille Danse Studio, and students from across District 220. Let's join together to continue dreaming the world for all children living now and those who are yet to come.

January 31, 2010
Barrington High School Auditorium
2 O'Clock in the Afternoon

Adults: \$5.00
Students: Just Bring Your Dreams

CALENDAR PAGE

The Community Church of Barrington
407 S. Grove Avenue
Barrington IL 60010



Mark your calendar for these important dates:

Cleaning Day: Saturday, November 21st.

Roll Up your sleeves and help beautify the Church before Hang of the Greens.



Hanging of the Greens is Sunday, November 22nd.

Join us in decorating the church for Advent! There will be a potluck meal and loads of fun!

Wonderful Wednesdays are November 4th and 18th!

The December Newsletter deadline is November 16th.