

From Pastor Zina Jacque

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH THE DAYS OF NOVEMBER



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

The days of autumn are here and the chill in the air inspires evening fires, fuzzy sweaters and mugs of steaming warmth. And it's a season of giving thanks. CCB has much for which to be thankful; children who run enthusiastically to lead in prayer, a new web site, glorious anthems, outreach into our community, plans to be more mission minded, and a community that loves God and truly cares for one another. And, I am thankful we are a church that believes in the power of prayer. So, as we enter November I want to ask a *special favor*; I want to invite you to join me in prayers of hope and thanksgiving for a few of the things that will occupy our hearts and minds in upcoming days.

Let Us Pray for the World: Around the globe there are men and women of ingenuity engaged in great things. New methods for growing food, saving energy, reaching across chasms of difference, curing disease, and making peace are underway in many lands. While war and hate, famine and poverty still exist, as people of faith we must remain hopeful and we must pray. The letter to James tells us, "The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with" (James 5:16 [The Message](#)). *Your prayers are something to be reckoned with.* During the days of November please pray, *Creator God, you entrusted this great earth to us and we are thankful that good things occur all around the world. Reignite in us a love for creation and a desire to care for all that occupy this whirling globe.*

Let Us Pray for Those Who Would Lead: For many months we have listened, debated, considered and considered again the women and men who have offered to lead our municipalities, state and nation. Now, on the cusp of Election Day, let us pray for those who would lead and serve.

Let us pray that their actions are wise, their work cooperative, their spirits hopeful, and their hearts courageous. During the days of November please pray, *Gracious God, we are thankful to live in this land. As we move toward and beyond an election season we ask you to place your hand on those who will lead. Guide them and allow them to use their gifts to the greater good of your creation.*

Let Us Pray for Our Church: There is SO MUCH going on at CCB in November. As usual each first day of the week we share in Sunday School and Worship, each Wednesday our youth gather to fellowship and learn, on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays the children and adults gather for a time of learning and fun, on November 21st we have planned a marvelous *Family Fun Night*, and on November 30th we will *welcome Advent* after worship by decorating the church, singing carols and sharing in a pot luck meal. I am thankful to be a part of such a great church. Your prayer, praise and delight in play create a community on this corner that is filled with life and light. During the days of November please pray, *Loving God, we thank you for our church and community. Help us to pray for one another and to reach out to others whose lives would be enriched by knowing you and coming to worship and play with us. Guide us, our God, as we go forward in Christ's name.*

Let Us Pray . . . And you know all of the other things for which you will pray; friends, families, enemies, situations, circumstances, worries, joys, loves and dreams. It is good that we serve a God who hears our prayers and stands ready to answer them in the way only a present, kind, righteous God can do. During this month, please pray with me using whatever words come to mind or with no words at all; for God hears and understands no matter how we pray.

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque

Organist - Liz Chase

Youth Minister - Ashley Prescott Barlow

Church Secretary - Sandra Mytys

Moderator - Clarke Robinson

Getting to Know Your CCB Council Members

MEET JAYNE MAJZAN Written by Bonnie Stevens



She designs, organizes, decorates, cleans and cooks. Her job on the Church Council is Chairman of the Christian Education Committee. She is also the CCB Wedding Coordinator. Currently she is recruiting folks to serve on the Cookie Walk Committee, she helps advertise the Book Club, and she is responsible for the planning of our beautiful new kitchen. What on earth would this church do without our Jayne? Yes, she has been accused of being a “Martha Stewart”, but she doesn’t mind that label. As a design graduate of Harrington Institute of Interior Design in Chicago and with a Journalism and PR degree from N.I.U., she not only enjoys her jobs at church, she is well qualified to do them.

Jayne met her husband, Jim, at the real estate development company where they both worked. Jayne planned convention and party events and interviewed Jim for the company newsletter. They were married at the Long Grove Community Church and lived in Oak Park. Having grown up in Barrington, Jayne was happy to eventually find a house and move to Barrington. Their home in Jewel Park was the “House of the Year” in 1940 when it was built and for 50 cents that year you could buy a raffle ticket from the Barrington Lions Club to win this \$10,000.00 house. Jayne and Jim have a son, Andrew, who is a freshman at Barrington High School and enjoys playing the French horn in the BHS marching band.

Among Jayne’s personal favorites are: TV – medical shows, HGTV and The Food Channel; places to visit – Maine, San Francisco and Venice; movie stars – Tom Hanks and George Clooney; food – anything ethnic.

Jayne and Jim first came to Community Church as visitors looking for a home church. They immediately felt welcome and at home and have been attending ever since. Jayne particularly remembers the day after 9/11 when there was a service at church. It was a service with an open forum for people to share their sorrow and begin the healing process. “We are a friendly group here at CCB. We care about people. There is no pressure to think a certain way. And I’m proud to say we have wonderful children’s programs and adult education.” This would be Jayne’s invitation to our church.

On Jayne’s happy list are: 1. new garbage containers for the Fellowship Hall, 2. ringing the bell at the end of a wedding. 3. planning the next decorative improvement for church (new lights in the sanctuary perhaps?)

What more fitting favorite Bible verse for Jayne than Philippians 4:8, “Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.” Along with that beautiful scripture, her prayer request is for “good news”.

STEWARDSHIP - Many thanks to all who have already sent in their pledge cards. We are hoping to receive all of them by November 16th. If you haven’t already sent yours in you can either mail your pledge card, drop it off at the church office or put it in the collection plate on Sunday. We appreciate the ongoing support of Community Church of Barrington.

Prayers & Personals will return in December.



It’s that “time” again. Turn your clocks back Saturday night before you retire so that you won’t be late for worship on Sunday, November 2nd! Mark your calendars.



Love God, Love Neighbor:

Our calling

In the month of November, KWRC youth group will be focusing our efforts on the Love of God and love of neighbor. Centered around acts of worship and acts of service, the youth group will explore what it means to call ourselves Christian and live out that meaning as we serve CCB through our Christmas pageant rehearsal, food drive, and other acts of service and justice, showing our love for God and God's people.

Big December Dates for KWRC:

December 13th: Pageant Dress Rehearsal, 10am-1pm

December 14th: Christmas Pageant, during worship, 10:30 am

December 24th: Christmas Eve (no youth group)

December 31st: New Years Eve (no youth group)

Big November Dates:

November 21-22: Family Night and Youth Lock in!

November 27th: Thanksgiving!

November 21-22: Family Night and Lock In is a special night of gathering for our church and community and service for the youth. We will kick off the night with intergenerational activities and end it with a Lock-In about choices and how we can be heroes in our own lives!





Prepared by Pastor Zina

OUR CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S TABLE

Minister Ashley Prescott Barlow and the Christian Education Committee, under the leadership of Jayne Majzan, has instituted a quarterly meeting where parents, and all who are interested, may learn about the curriculum and activities prepared for the youth and children for the upcoming quarter. Parents and friends are also invited to share their thoughts and offer input so that the Youth and Children's program will be tailored to meet the needs of the young people and their families. The inaugural Quarterly Children and Youth Christian Education meeting took place on September 29, 2008. The conversation and exchange during the course of the evening was powerful. During the open dialogue portion one parent raised her hand and said, "I would like my children to return from Children's Church on first Sunday so they can receive Communion with me." This wonderful comment opened the door to a much needed conversation about the Communion Table at Community Church and who may share in it. Via the pages of this newsletter the response of the Deacons and pastoral staff will be shared.

A Little History

Community Church is comprised of people from many, many faith traditions. Some have come from traditions where once a person is baptized as a baby or an as adult, that person is welcomed to receive Communion from the Lord's Table. This tradition is practiced by Lutherans, and Episcopalians. Catholics practice in like manner, although because our Catholic brothers and sisters believe the bread and the wine become the body of the Lord (a mystery known as transubstantiation), they choose to take Communion only at churches who believe likewise.

Methodists and Congregationalists believe that all who believe in Christ are welcome to the table, baptized or not, and of any age. Other denominations, based on their understanding of the theology and the Bible, participate in the Lord's Supper in still other ways. Because there are so many traditions within the Community Church family there has been an absence of clarity about who may receive Communion at Community Church. I hope following paragraphs will clear away any confusion and offer guidance to those in need. If questions remain, please feel free to call me so that we may talk further.

What about Baptists in General and Community Church Specifically?

Historically Baptists welcome to the table all who are baptized as consenting believers. However, the tradition at Community Church functions much more like a Methodist or Congregational Church. According to the Deacons and conversations with prior pastors, at Community Church, all who love the Lord, desire a relationship with him, and have an (age) appropriate understanding of the meaning of Christ's request that we remember him in our celebration of Communion are welcome to receive Communion.

In practical terms this means anyone, of any age, who loves Christ, who desires a deeper relationship with the Savior, and who has an age appropriate understanding of what Christ calls us to do in the Supper (remember him and his sacrifice) may come to the table to receive Communion. As it relates to children, the tradition at Community Church encourages parents to guide their children in their understanding of the Lord's Supper and to be the ones who make the decision as to whether or not a particular child is ready to receive Communion.

Changes in the Communion Service at Community Church

The pastoral staff and the Deacons of Community Church have heard the request of the mother noted in the opening paragraph. After a lengthy discussion we have agreed we will welcome the children who attend Children's Church back into the sanctuary, at an appropriate moment, so that they may sit with their parents and, if the parents have so chosen, receive Communion. For those parents who believe it is not the right time for their child/children to receive Communion, the child will be encouraged to observe. This new practice will begin, on December 7, 2008. In anticipation of this change Minister Ashley and the Christian Education Committee have developed some activities and aids to help parents talk with their children and to make the best decision for the family.

- *Children's Church*

On November 2, Minister Ashley will use the Children's Church time to teach about Communion and what it means. The children will actually handle and taste juice and bread and talk about the meaning of Christ's sacrifice for us. She will also remind them the Sunday before December 7th what will take place the following week.

- *A Handout*

The Christian Education Committee has also prepared a handout for parents to use with their children. The goal of the handout is to help parent's explain and explore the meaning behind the Communion Supper. The handout consists of five parts. **Section One** includes coloring pages that will guide you and your child through a conversation about the Communion Supper. **Section Two** contains a story appropriate for children of approximately ages 4 - 8. **Section Three** contains the actual text of the Lord's Supper (Gospel of Luke) and a game to help the children take in the text. **Section Four** suggests conversation starters that parents might use to begin a conversation with their child regarding the Lord's Supper. **Section Five** addresses some of the points that a parent might want to raise with a child who is not ready to receive the Supper. These questions might be helpful before or after or even during the Lord's Supper service. This handout is available on the Narthex Counter and samples of selected sections follow below.

December 7, 2008

On December 7th, for the first time since the institution of Children's Church the children will return to worship in time to receive Communion. As noted above, whether or not a child receives Communion is the family's decision. If after talking with the child the parent believes he or she is ready to receive communion the child is invited and welcomed to be served the bread and juice. If, however, a parent does not think the child is ready, the parent may encourage the child to observe and then continue to work with the child as he or she grows toward a deeper understanding of Christ's love for us, our love for Christ and a child's appropriate understanding of the Communion Service.

The gift of the Lord's Table is one that is precious and, in this church, is available to all who love Christ. We are grateful that one of the parents thought enough of this gift and her children to inquire about its availability for them. Our church family is also grateful to the Deacons who gave this conversation deep thought and energy. Their advice and wisdom has guided this process thus far.

It is the hope of the ministerial staff that all that enter the doors of Community Church on a first Sunday will feel welcomed and well informed about our practice of Communion. All who enter should feel loved by Christ and by the members and friends who worship on the corner of Lincoln and Grove. The time spent outlining where we, as a worshipping community, stand on who may receive from the Lord's Table is also a gift. It reminds us that Christ died for all, loves all and desires to be in relationship with all.

Blessings to you and your family as you pray with and for your child and walk with them into and through an understanding of the gift and privilege of receiving the Lord's Supper. Please know that Minister Ashley and Pastor Zina are praying also for you and your children and count it a privilege to work with them and walk with you on this wonderful journey.

SECTION ONE
SELECTED PAGES FROM THE COLORING BOOK SECTION

SECTION TWO
A CHILDREN'S STORY ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples asked Jesus, "Where would you like us to plan for you to eat the Passover feast?" Jesus replied to them, "Go into the city and you will find a man, and tell him that we would like to come to his house for Passover."

First of all, what is the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and what is the Passover? These are actually the same things. The Jews have celebrated the Passover ever since the time of Moses, when the Lord saved all the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. On the night the Lord freed them God 'passed over' their houses, and they were kept safe from a deadly plague. This is another big story your parents will have to tell you another time.

During the time of the Passover celebrations the people didn't eat or have any bread in their homes with yeast in it. Yeast is what makes the bread all big and puffy. Without yeast the bread is flat, and that is called unleavened bread. Now back to the story of Jesus and the Lord's Supper. The disciples did just as Jesus asked, and they found a place and got ready for the Passover.

The evening came, and Jesus and the twelve disciples sat down to eat their meal. The disciples were eating quietly; they had a lot on their minds. They were worried because some people wanted to kill Jesus because he was getting so popular.

During the dinner Jesus took a loaf of bread into his hands. He blessed it and broke it and as handed each of the disciples a piece. And then he said to them, "Take this bread and eat it. Pretend it is my body. I am going to give my body away for you".

Then Jesus picked up a cup filled with wine (in our church we use grape juice). He took the cup, thanked God for it and said, "Pretend this is my blood. I am going to let my blood be spilled for many people so that their sins may be forgiven."

Jesus looked at each of his disciples and he asked them to always remember him when they ate this special meal. He asked them to always remember his love for them and his promise to give up everything for them. And then Jesus and each disciple took a sip from the cup.

Jesus asked his friends to eat the bread and drink from the cup because he was showing them he was willing to share everything he had with them and to even give everything he had away for them; even his life. Jesus knew he was going to take on all of the mistakes and sins of the world and he knew he was going to die.

But he also knew he was going to have God's help to rise up from the dead. He knew, and so he tried to comfort his disciples by telling them though he would die, he would see them again. Soon after their meal was over Jesus was arrested and taken away by the guards. They took him before a judge and they said he had done many wrong things. But he had not. Jesus had never done anything wrong. But, that did not matter; the authorities still put him to death on a cross.

But three days later Jesus rose from his grave. He got up, defeating death. He saw his disciples again and he reminded them what he had said. He reminded them that he loved them so much he was willing to die for them. He reminded them that he told them he would see them again. Jesus always keeps his promises.

And so, just like the disciples when we eat a special meal of bread and juice, we do it as a way to remember Jesus. We eat the bread and drink the juice because Jesus loves us and we love him and he asked us to do so, in remembrance of him.

SECTION THREE
GETTING TO KNOW THE TEXT
Circle the Correct Word or Choose True or False

1. "And He sent Peter and John saying, 'Go and prepare the (**BREAKFAST, PASSOVER**) for us, that we may eat.' " LUKE 22:8
2. "And He said to them, 'Behold, when you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a (**PITCHER, GLASS**) of water; follow him into the house which he enters." LUKE 22:10
3. "Then you shall say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?" ' " **TRUE OR FALSE** LUKE 22:11
4. "Then he will show you a large, furnished upper (**ROOM, ROOF**); there make ready" LUKE 22:12
5. "And when the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve (**SCRIBES, APOSTLES**) with Him." **TRUE OR FALSE** LUKE 22:14
6. "He took the cup and gave thanks, and said, 'Take this and divide it among yourselves.' **TRUE OR FALSE**" LUKE 22:17
7. "And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' " **TRUE OR FALSE** LUKE 22:19
8. "Likewise He took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.' " **TRUE OR FALSE**

Calling All Community Church Bakers!

It's not too early to start thinking about Cookie Walk 2008! This time-honored Community Church tradition will be taking place on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Please start thinking about what holiday-themed treats you'd like to bake this year – we'll be distributing the cookie trays later in November and have plugged in the church basement freezer for those early bakers, so dust off those aprons and let's get baking!

In addition to the thousands of delicious cookies, we'll be raffling off two beautiful quilts made this year by members of our KWRC Youth Group with Lindsay Campe and Bonnie Stevens. We'll also be selling our holiday coffee and cookie mix jars – lovely hostess gifts for upcoming parties or teacher gifts.

Questions? Please contact any member of this year's **Cookie Walk 2008 Committee**: Jayne Majzan, Cindy Alton, Marge Boynton, Jennifer Bullandr, Lindsay Campe, Sharon Hornig, Pastor Zina Jacque, Bunny Jahnke, Ashley Prescott Barlow and Bonnie Stevens.

COOKIE WALK BAKERS! We need your expertise! This year Cindy Alton is attempting an exciting project "The 30th Anniversary Cookie Walk Recipe Collection" to be available, for a donation, at the Cookie Walk event. To make this a success, your mouthwatering recipes are needed. Please help by sending your recipes to Cindy Alton via email cindyalton@comcast.net by November 1st.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS The Women's Fellowship is off to a great start this Fall. . . . good attendance, interesting programs, lots of goodies to nibble, and such pleasurable visiting. It's actually fun to do the hosting in our LOVELY new kitchen! Part of the fun is playing the "game" of "Where do ya spose the _____ are kept?" (Fill in the blank.) In other words, it's a bit like an Easter egg hunt as hostesses open cabinet doors and drawers as they search for the various utensils, etc. We'll soon learn our way around in there.



This month's meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8 at 11:30 a.m. There will be no Board meeting prior to the general meeting this month. Just bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverage will be served by hostesses Joyce Tardrew and Claudine Athmann. Hopefully, since it's on a Sat., some of the ladies who have work schedules will be able to attend. That is the reason behind our schedule switch this 08 - 09 year (some meetings on Saturdays rather than Thursdays). There will be a special offering taken for White Cross, in addition to our other offering envelopes. Following lunch, we will be treated to a "vicarious trip" through France! Kim McLean will be our guide as she takes us along on the recent Master Singers tour. I'm sure there are adventures awaiting us.

NOW HEAR THIS! The big freezer in the lower level of the Church has been plugged in and is waiting to be filled with products from the ovens of all Church members and friends. . . . i.e., NOT ONLY the Women's Fellowship bakers. For your info: Fri., Dec. 5, between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. will be the cookie "drop-off" time. Sat., Dec. 6, the Cookie Walk will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The price per box: \$10. I'm sure we'll have lots of customers, for this event has a GREAT REPUTATION. . . . and not only in Barrington. I can virtually SMELL THE CORNER OF LINCOLN AND GROVE ALREADY.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY—Faith Community United Church of Christ located at 2023 Rt. 176 at Bay-view Beach Road, Prairie Grove will host this yearly event on Friday, November 7th at 10:45 a.m. The service will be followed with an agape luncheon. Please bring a sandwich and piece of fruit to share. Beverage and dessert will be provided. The theme this year is "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free" calling us to look at the struggles in our own lives and how we are called to minister to others. Guest speaker, Nancy McCarthy will share some of her experiences as Executive Director of Music Theater Workshop, a nonprofit company dedicated to positive youth development through the arts



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 BOOKS for children and teens, in Spanish and English.**

A box for donations will be dropped off at Community Church, and to various locations through out Barrington on Wednesday November 26th. Donations will be picked up every other day. The last pick up day will be Wednesday December 10th.

Volunteers for the Giving Day are always needed, and their time and effort is greatly appreciated. Your generosity in this worthy ministry is greatly appreciated. Without your continued help, Giving Day would not be possible.

The Giving Tree Every year the congregation of Community Church open their hearts to the youth of Kid's Hope United. This year will be no different. Very soon you will find our giving tree bearing the wishes and dreams of the children who anticipate the fun and magic of Christmas gifts. Please help to bring the joy and spirit of Christmas giving to these children by taking a slip from the tree and purchasing the gift it describes. Instructions will be printed on the slips along with the date gifts will be picked up from the church. If you have any questions, please contact Clarke Robinson.



Hanging of the Greens!

Please join us as we ring in the season by decorating the church while enjoying some holiday fellowship and a potluck dinner! On Sunday, November 30th, right after church, we'll gather to make festive decorations for our Christmas tree, hang some décor around the church and enjoy a potluck lunch and Christmas carol Sing-A-Long.

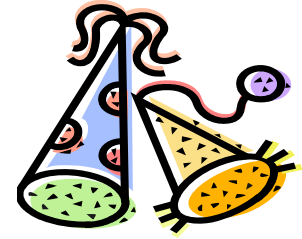
This is a time-honored Community Church event and a wonderful way to close out your Thanksgiving weekend and begin the celebration of Advent. This year we're asking for a few main course donations (if you donate to the main course, you don't have to bring anything else!) See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex for donations.

MITTEN TREE - Warm hands because of warm hearts. That is result of the scores of generous people's donations to our annual mitten tree. Please be on the look out for this very special tree and add your store bought or home made mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for those less fortunate. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Birthdays and Anniversaries in November!

November 3	Ned Villers Birthday	November 13	Konrad Eiring Birthday
November 4	Helen Withrow Birthday	November 16	Ray Lindberg Birthday
November 5	Edie Menso Birthday	November 18	Eanan Gidley Birthday
November 8	Cheryl Schroeder Birthday	November 20	Liz Chase Birthday
November 9	Stu Overby Birthday	November 21	Laura Newman Birthday
November 11	Chris Newman Birthday	November 27	Karl Eiring Birthday
November 11	Maggie Pechan Birthday		



Join us for the 2009 Advent Sermon Series



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

November 30: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,
Joy

December 7: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,
Surprise

December 14: The Children and Youth Pageant

December 21: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,
Trouble

December 24: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner,
Hope

CALENDAR PAGE

The Community Church of Barrington
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Thanksgiving
