

From Pastor Zina Jacque

REVIVING AN OLDER MODEL

I often call the members of this church parishioners but a friend of mine, who is a stickler when it comes to the correct usage of words, told me my use of the term was incorrect. He believes the *parish* model of ministry has long been inactive in most of the United States, especially as it relates to Protestant churches. Suggesting that few, if any, contemporary churches see themselves as responsible for the spiritual, material, or physical lives of those who reside in their immediate geographic area; he wants me to call you congregants. *Hmmppphh!*

While it may be true that the mobility of the family, connections to churches that have relocated, the diminishing importance of denominational ties and other aspects of life have lessened the concept of the parish, should we be content to accept that it no longer exists or should no longer exist?

Let's start with what the word *parish* means. The dictionary defines *parish* as a specific geographic area committed to one pastor or the residents of such an area. The etymology of the word *parish* begins with the late Greek word *paroikos*; which means one who is near/or is a neighbor to (para) the house (oikos). Therefore, a parish is a specific area that includes those who are neighbors; those who are physically near the house; in this case, the *house of the Lord* at the corner of Lincoln and Grove.

Do we, at Community Church, practice a parish model? Who is near this *house of the Lord*? What do we know about them? What are their hopes and needs? How can we be a blessing to them? How can we serve them? And maybe the most important question is, if the parish model has slipped from our understanding of what it means to be church in a community, do we want to revive the concept? Are we interested in, and might we grow to be committed to, those who are neighbors to *this house*?

In our post modern society we tend to grant people their privacy, not to intrude or intervene in pushy or noisy ways. We tend to wait for people to ask and to inquire if they are interested. But that's not the way we used to be.

Neighbors used to know one another better, used to help one another, even pray for one another. Neighbors used to wave and stop and chat for while.

I have question for those of us who worship and fellowship in this sacred house, but before I ask it I want to tell you a short story. Just a few days ago one of our neighbors left a message asking if she might park a car in our lot for a single night. I returned her call and we had a long conversation. She has always wanted to come to our church but was not sure she would be welcomed. I assured her she would and invited her to the next Sunday's service. But she persisted, asking "How would I know that I would be welcomed? What about your building or the people who go in and out of it signal that a stranger is welcomed?"

I was stumped. I asked her, what she thought we should we do be more inviting and more welcoming. She suggested we put up banners and tell people they are welcomed. She said look for ways to be nice to the neighbors and invite them to *stuff*.

This dear woman called to ask for a favor and she taught me deep and important lessons!

So my question Community Church, is how can we be a better *parish*? What should we do? Already we have invited people to our September Fall Fun Festival and to our FREE CAR WASH (you can come too) on October 5th after worship. We will invite neighbors and friends to both a November 21st family movie and game night and the December 6th Cookie Walk; but what else should we do? How else can we revive and live into a parish model?

After all, I like thinking of you, yes you who are reading this article, as a parishioner of this great church. And I do not want to give up that word. So imagine with me how we might live into the fullness the word *parish* implies.

Let me know your thoughts by email (revzinajacque@sbcglobal.net) or in any way you choose. Blessings wonderful *parish-ioner!*

Getting to Know Your CCB Council Members

MEET STU OVERBY Written by Bonnie Stevens



Stu Overby is our assistant moderator and chairman of the Nominating Committee. He is also the one who makes all those wonderful meals when we have a special meeting or celebration. When it is announced that “Stu is making lunch” it is guaranteed that there will be a good-sized crowd.

Stu works for Motorola as the Senior Director of Global Spectrum Strategy. *Now what on earth does that mean?* From what I can understand, he does long-range planning for public safety communications (police and fire departments, etc.) Motorola hired Stu 22 years ago after he had worked for the FCC 12 years. And during his school years Stu was a radio announcer – and he helped harvest tobacco and worked in a shoe factory.

Brunswick High School in Lawrenceville, VA (satellite picture courtesy of Google Earth) is where Stu first met Brenda. They were married in 1974 after Stu graduated from the University of Virginia. Brenda is the Relocation Director for Century 21 in Lake Zurich. They have three children: Karen the oldest who lives in Santa Rosa, Ca. is married and manages a home for autistic adults; Ryan is a senior at the University of Iowa; and Kevin just began his freshman year at Elon University in North Carolina. While in the Barrington School district, Ryan had our own Jean Capellos as a teacher, and Kevin had John Grom as a teacher.



When at home, Stu likes working with his hands, especially preparing food or doing home repairs. You can probably guess his favorite food – BBQ pork. But he also loves shrimp and peanut butter. He likes the creative part of cooking and believes that food brings people together. His hands are busy also playing the guitar. He returns to his hometown each year to play with his high school rock band, practicing on a Saturday morning and playing for a benefit on Saturday evening.

Stu came to CCB in 1998 at the recommendation of a friend with whom he had attended church in the DC area for 15 years. He found CCB to be friendly and inviting, very inclusive, and a church that accepts you where you are in your spiritual journey.

The Golden Rule as found in Matthew 7:12 or Luke 6:30 is the concept that Stu lives by. He also believes that with “rights” comes responsibilities. His prayer request is that the gun violence in our country be eliminated.

I don’t know about you, but I can hardly wait for our next church luncheon when we get to have some more of Stu’s good cooking. (Can you hear my stomach growling?)

The Newsletter Deadline for the November Newsletter is October 16th. 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.

Welcome Fall, Welcome All



For the first month of school, KWRC youth group is discussing the problems of exclusion and separation in our world and how and why God calls us to be unified honoring our differences.

Focusing on Matthew 25:31-40, our youth group spent time thinking about injustice, stereotypes and the divisions on our culture and nation and we were angry. We talked about the oppressed in our schools and in our nation. We talked about why this reality makes us mad and why we can't *just* be mad, we have to stand up, like Jesus stood up.

Jesus was welcoming to all people even when it was against the social norms or societal constructs and this week our group will be exploring how and why he was so welcoming. Jesus sat with women when other men wouldn't even look at them, Jesus spent time with prostitutes and tax collectors when they were despised by society, Jesus in his love for others and for God, healed, not only through miracles, but through the miracle of relationship.

Our youth are sensitive to the needs of others and are enthusiastic to make a difference, I hope they will be inspired to love others more deeply, educate themselves on the lives of those who are different than them, and be committed to God and to one another. I also hope that our entire church will foster their growth and will do the same.

If our youth can contemplate who the oppressed and impoverished are in our society, can we? If our youth can learn the way of Christ and work to exemplify this way in the world, can we? If our youth can decide to make a difference and break down those stereotypes that divide us, will we?

All are welcomed to the house of God, but little did we know, that house can be here on earth today.

Peace and Unity to you and our world,
Ashley Prescott Barlow

Eliminate Hunger in Lake County!

The Catalyst churches of Lake County, together with the Daily Herald, Lake Forest Hospital, and the Northern Illinois Food Bank, invite you to make a difference! Be part of one of the largest food drives ever in Northern Illinois. Fill this bag with items listed below and bring it to Community Church by October 5th. Your help in this event will help countless families.



Canned Fruits and Vegetables
Protein Items: Canned Tuna and Chicken
Mac & Cheese

Canned Meals: Soups, Stews, Meat, Chili, Pasta
Peanut Butter

All items must be non-perishable (no glass containers, please)
Your help is greatly appreciated!

Take A Look at Our New Kitchen



The kitchen project is substantially complete! The Kitchen Committee met and cleaned out our new space, and has completed the tedious process of cleaning everything before returning all the items back to the kitchen. The Nursery has been cleared out and returned to Grandma Marge for her use on Sunday mornings.

The Corning dishes have been picked up, washed and installed in the new kitchen by the dynamic duo, Marge Boynton and Jayne Majzan.

If you haven't already stopped in, be sure to take a look. It's terrific!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Fall kick-off supper of Women's Fellowship in September festively launched our new season of creative and inspiring programs and activities. Hope you were there. If not, there's LOTS more to come! The October Women's Fellowship meeting has a real treat in store! A talented performer, Judith O'Brien, will present an interesting program about the history of aprons. Remember the regularly-used apparel in the food preparation area in years past (aprons)? This was PRE-pulling something out of the freezer and "zapping" it in the microwave oven period.. The information from Judith and her charming interpretations will likely ring true with all of us. If you have a favorite apron (with or without a "history" to share) please bring it. We're hoping that our variable meeting times (some evenings and some daytimes) will better accommodate our members' schedules. We need you ALL!

The October meeting is to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday October 16 in Fellowship Hall. Do bring a bag lunch to join us. Beverages and dessert will be provided by hostesses Jean Capellos and Ginny Newman.

The next Women's Fellowship Board meeting will be on October 16 (prior to general meeting) at 9:30 a.m.

The Friday Monthly Book Club is back! *"The Double Bind"* by Chris Bohjalian. "From the author of *Midwives* comes a literary thriller that echoes *The Great Gatsby*. Laurel Estabrook, a caseworker in a Vermont homeless shelter, struggles with the psychological aftermath of an assault. When a resident of the shelter dies and leaves behind a collection of incriminating photographs, Laurel's ensuing investigation turns to obsession."

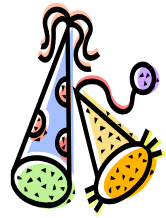
CROP WALK will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2008. This yearly event raises money to fight hunger world-wide as well as in our local communities. Globally, Church World Service supports a broad range of poverty fighting projects in some 80 countries.

Please help Barrington-area churches and organizations raise funds to support the ministries of Church World Service and local food assistance programs. Watch for details in your church bulletins.



Birthdays and Anniversaries in October!

October 4th	Glenna Gilleland Birthday	October 18th	Cindy & Make Jahnke Anniversary
October 11th	Katie Hannahs Birthday	October 18th	Lynn Birthday
October 12th	Wayne Jacobsen Birthday	October 23rd	Lottie Hembrey Birthday
October 13th	Kevin Eiring Birthday	October 30th	Zina Jacque



Stewardship Sunday is October 5th

This will be a full day of fellowship and fun. Join us after the worship service for one of master chef, Stu Overby's, phenomenal meals! Then partake of the Free Car Wash. You won't want to miss this special event so mark your calendars!



A thank you to our **Meals on Wheels** volunteers...Jim Finn, Jerry Kraemer, Minnette Paulson, Dave Pechan, Joyce and Phil Tardrew and Shyrlee Gaynor as well as substitute drivers Elaine & Cap Menes, Lillian Riddell and AnnMarie Benjamin. Betty and Wayne Mitchell deserve a big thank you for their many years of service.



If you would consider being on our substitute list, your help would be greatly appreciated. Pick-up is at 11:00 a.m. and the time involved is approximately one and a half hours.

For further information or to volunteer please call Glenna Gilleland.

SERMON CD'S

CD recordings and typed copies of the sermon are available. Suggested donations of \$5.00 for the CD's are welcomed to help defray the cost. Hard copies of the sermon are available after worship, each Sunday, in the Fellowship Hall. CD orders may be made by leaving a note in the office on the Secretary's Desk. Please indicate your address so we may mail the CD to you.



A Huge Thank You from Bonnie Stevens

That big grin on my face is because I now have an organized workspace where I can do my weekly volunteer job.



Thanks to the hard work of Sandy Schroeder with the assistance of Tom Benjamin and Bruce Dockery, the very old file cabinets were removed from the office supply room, a gently used computer desk was brought in and the computer was set-up and ready for me to get right to work. What a wonderful surprise!

With much gratitude, your amazed assistant treasurer.....Bonnie

JOIN US ON October 8th, 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.



Prayers and Personals



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

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

- The family of **Elizabeth Stannard**, the aunt of Carolyn Roussel who passed from this life in recent days.
- Our sister, **June Moe**, as she remembers the life of her beloved husband **Robert Moe**. June's address is Sunrise Assisted Living Center, 751 Terra Cotta Avenue, Crystal Lake, IL 60014.
- Those who have **suffered the winds and rains** of the season's many and powerful storms.
- **Lucia Beth Robinson** who is recovering from a time in the hospital at the Claremont, 150 North Weiland Avenue Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
- Those across the world whose **lives are placed in danger** as they seek to love and serve Christ. This month we pray especially for those in the country of India who are at risk.
- The family of **Fred Foersterling** as they remember with joy the life of this beloved son of God. Pat Foersterling's address is 616 Grove Street, Ripon WI 54971.
- For **our nation's leaders** and those who aspire to lead. May they be guided by that which is right, just and good; and may they respond in truth.
- **All the prayers** spoken and unspoken in our sanctuary and those who speak them.
- The family of **Ralph Riddell** as they hold in their hearts and remember this beloved son of God.
- The family of **Sylvia Toepter**, the aunt of Lynn Schreiner who passed away this month.
- The circumstances of the city of **Barrington** and other cities up and down the **EJ&J line** who are striving to maintain an equilibrium between the needs of commerce and the safety and quality of life of their homes.
- The over **1 billion people** on this planet who, due to famine, war and greed are without food enough to sustain their bodies and hope to sustain their souls.
- Our ability to be a powerful source of **Christ's light, love and good** on the corner of Lincoln and Grove.

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

And we give thanks to God for the great deeds that are being done in our very midst. We lift up thanks and offer praise for:

- **Daniel Oscar Jahnke** was dedicated to God on the 28th of September.
- **Lily Gramley** who was born to Leanne and Steve Gramley.
- The **blessings that God** has placed in the lives of our members, blessings that are spoken of on Sunday and whispered in my ear all week long.
- The **gifts of all who teach and minister** in this house of God with such warmth, commitment and love.
- The **presence of family and friends** and the love they share.
- The growth of our **Christian Education** program.
- The joy that comes when **we play together** as a community at events like the Fall Fun Festival.
- The plans for our **October 5th free car wash**. May we bless our neighbors and have great fun as we serve.
- The celebration of **Rev. Sarah and Jeff Jay** who are opening their hearts in the adoption of an older child. We extend our love and congratulations to them! If you would like to send a card or letter, their address is 1640 Squaw Creek Drive, Girard, OH 44420.

CALENDAR PAGE

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