



SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

From Pastor Zina Jacque

Fancy being remembered around the world for the invention of a mouse!

Walt Disney

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.

Proverbs 22:1

The trees that look down on our September newsletter also look down on the final resting place of the Rev. Eugene Nyman. I took this photo on August 5, 2009, the day Gene and Marion's beloved daughters, grand daughters and son-in-law, Michael Montenegro, gathered to remember, celebrate and lay to rest the human remains of their beloved father and grandfather. It was a glorious day, filled with sunshine and the fresh scent of a sweet breeze. On that day, Gene was remembered in many, many, many powerful ways.

I never knew Rev. Nyman. But his life and his life's work have made my presence among you possible. Were it not for his wisdom and foresight, perseverance and sacrifice, love of God and of God's word, I wonder – in fact I doubt, if Community Church would be the great church that it is, or if I would be here today.

Gene's impact on the lives of the people of Barrington was, and is, far reaching and lasting. Since his passing many people have shared that Gene was a loving, dedicated, intellectual, liturgically precise, immaculate, warm, giving, erudite, professorial, marvelous, and grace filled human being.

As I have taken in the stories of Pastor Nyman's affect on the lives of those he served it has caused me to wonder, what impact will my life, *our lives*, have on those we meet and the places we walk? Beloved of God, I would ask each of us to ponder this question., "What will people say and even more to the point, what do we want them to say about our lives and our legacy?" After all, one's eulogy is not written when life on this earth has come to its end. Indeed, each person's eulogy (which simply means, good words) is written during and by the actions of a lifetime.

You and I have the opportunity to write the *good words* of our lives now, as we live and breathe and move throughout our days. May we take a page from Rev. Nyman's life and live so that people will say of us, her life/his life made a difference. Let us walk lightly while we are here and create moments that will live in hearts and minds as loving, dedicated, warm, giving, grace filled and worthy of remembering. That is one way we can celebrate Gene's legacy and honor his name. Amen.

P.S. If any who read this would like to submit words of remembrance in honor of Rev. Nyman, you are welcome to do so. Please send them to the office by mail or email to be received no later than Wednesday October 9th. We will collate them and share them with the family.

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque

Organist - Liz Chase

Youth Minister - Ashley Prescott Barlow Thompson

Church Secretary - Sandra Mytys

Moderator - Clarke Robinson

Long-Range Planning Update – August 2009

The Long Range Planning Team (LRPT) was created by the Church Council earlier this year to develop a vision, a mission statement, and recommend goals for the healthy growth of Community Church over the next 10 to 15 years, as well as to recommend steps to achieve those goals. This project is not a small undertaking, yet all of this work is targeted to be complete by late January, 2010.

Through a series of small-group discussion sessions in which many of you participated, considerable input was gathered that is being used to feed the process. The LRPT is currently organizing and processing all of this input, and although it is still early in the process, we can already see some definite patterns and trends.

In response to questions probing what initially attracted current members to CCB, what caused them to continue their involvement at Community Church, what needs to be changed or improved, and what they see for the future, here are some of the themes that have emerged:

- The value of personal contact and outreach
- The Influence of the pastor, worship service and music
- The need to attract younger families and youth
- The benefits of community service and missions
- The need to market the attributes of Community Church
- The goals for growth

Although most members feel that CCB needs to grow, it is also felt that our growth must be controlled so that we don't lose the good qualities and virtues in the process that make us the best-kept church secret in Barrington. The focus of our discussions on future growth plans will undoubtedly be centered on how we can create a broad awareness of CCB and maintain and successfully communicate our outstanding virtues, which CCB members cherish so dearly.

Another common theme is the need to attract more young families and youth. It is felt that in order to do this, several things must happen. CCB should consider offering more contemporary variations of – or alternatives to – the excellent traditional worship format that we currently embrace, youth programs need to be expanded, and we need to become more involved in popular community activities. Along with growth comes the need to reconfigure or add physical space, increase staff, and create the means to support expanded programs.

The LRPT will consider all of these important issues as part of the process. Thanks to all those who have participated or provided encouragement so far, and additional input is welcome from anyone at any time.

The Long-Range Planning Team

Wayne Jacobsen

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Bonnie Stevens

Zina Jacque, Advisor

Sandy Schroeder, Chair





Meet Aimee Melgar

No, she is not related to Donald Trump.

Aimee Melgar (whose maiden name was Trump) has been hired by our church to work 12 to 15 hours per week as an intern, with her emphasis being social advocacy. She will also work with Jennifer Whitaker in talking to local churches about forming a 20-30's age group. Finally, Aimee will be available to assist Zina and Ashley working in areas of greatest need. Members of the Church Council were privileged to meet and work with Aimee and her husband Cesar at the Council Retreat in March.

Aimee currently attends McCormick Theological Seminary finishing up her Minister of Divinity degree while also working at the YWCA in Elgin doing adult education counseling. She is a hiking coach for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, training people to hike trails in Yosemite. Cesar compares Aimee to Jillian Michaels and confesses that one time when he attended a boot camp class with Aimee at her gym, he could barely move the next day.

Aimee and Cesar were married in March of 2008 at Starved Rock State Park, a beautiful setting for a wedding. (You can see sample pictures at starvedrockstatepark.org) The happy couple currently lives in South Elgin. Cesar emigrated here from Nicaragua. He and Aimee would love to go back to Nicaragua for a visit. Fortunately, they can easily visit Aimee's parents who live in Tinley Park.

Although Aimee is always busy with school or working, she also makes it a priority to spend Friday nights with her husband, going to a movie, attending a Kane County Cougars game, or enjoying an evening with friends. As an advocate on social policies, Aimee is very interested in immigration and education reform. She has attended the meetings of our own Social Advocacy group and hopes to share in the plans being formed by this group in presenting educational/informational evenings on current issues such as medical insurance/health insurance reform. When I asked Aimee to give me her list of favorites, both she and Cesar immediately said "Reese's Peanut Butter Blizzard at DQ". Her favorite movie is Anne of Green Gables and when I asked for her favorite book, she decided that she could not name just one.

Aimee and Cesar are a delightful couple who will be a great asset to our church. If you have not met them yet, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Written by Bonnie Stevens, August 2009

CCB Hosts Community Meal September 16, 5 to 7 pm

The Community Church of Barrington is hosting a free Community Meal on Wednesday, September 16 from 5 to 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our goal is to encourage and strengthen friendships, share kindness and inspire hope in the community by the simple act of sharing a meal together as neighbors. This event is open to the community at large, so please invite friends and neighbors, and in particular anyone who would be especially blessed by a free meal in these troubled economic times.



The Community Meal was founded as a monthly event by the Lutheran Church of the Atonement and is sponsored by the Barrington Area Ministerial Association (BAMA). Community Church is the first additional church to host the Community Meal, following the inauguration of the program by Lutheran Church in May.

For additional information, please contact Stu Overby by email at Stu.Overby@Motorola.com or by phone at 847-277-0143.

Social Advocacy Team

This is an exciting time at the Community Church of Barrington. The Social Advocacy Team is energized by what its members see as the role of a faith based community. This team has been created to offer a program of education for those who are followers of Jesus to guide them in reaching out when and where injustice is inflicted upon any of God's children.

From our biblical tradition we learn that God calls us to be stewards of God's world in both our social and political life. In scripture we find an overriding concern for the poor, and we are called by Jesus to serve one another and to seek the common good for all. Our faith tells us we are responsible for the well being of others, and it is shaped by the commandment to "love one another as you love yourself".

In the coming months we anticipate offering a series of regularly scheduled public forums. Guest speakers will be invited to educate us on the injustices in our society and what we as a community of faith can do to help implement changes. The initial forum, "Advocating for God's Children," is being planned for Sunday, September 20, at 5 p.m. Please join us for a light meal with program to follow. Invite your friends from the community. All are welcome.

If you would like more information regarding the work of the team, please feel free to contact the team members: Amy Melgar, Phil Tardrew, Brenda Overby, Jean Capellos, Lynn Schreiner, Judy Nolan, Betty Mitchell, Andre Bell and Wayne Jacobsen.

Members of the team have been asked, "What prompted you to be part of the Social Advocacy Team?"

I was a sophomore in high school when President Kennedy was shot. It never occurred to me that such an unjust thing could happen. It was a life-changing moment that led me to the path of teaching. I am reminded of the passion of non-violence by Mohandas Gandhi, "Even if I am a minority of one, the truth is the truth." Also, "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern..." –Philippians- 1:9

Jean Capellos

When our children were younger and in pre-school, I had the opportunity to teach one of the three-year old pre-school classes at our church-sponsored preschool. Our philosophy was to be inclusive and I was fortunate to have an autistic child in my class on more than one occasion. It was a wonderful opportunity to teach the children acceptance and empathy. The children were thrilled with any signs of growth on behalf of the autistic child. Overall they were very nurturing and caring. Unfortunately, most parents of the children did not welcome this opportunity...their concern was that their child would learn inappropriate behavior which would derail their intellectual growth.

When our daughter was in high school she was horrified to see other students taunting and teasing special needs students. She wondered if these students would have done so if they had participated in inclusive programs at an earlier age. She is now the Program Coordinator at a residential home for autistic men in California. I witnessed first hand the social injustice against these young children by adults who lacked the knowledge to understand the importance of caring and empathy.

Brenda Overby

A Human Right: An American Baptist Position on Health Care

By, Pastor Zina

Lynne Kelly, one of our valued American Baptist Church – Metro Chicago staff members, offered a perspective on health care in a recent ABC-MC Newsletter. She noted, *“Wherever you turn for news these days, you will read or hear something about health care reform. Our denomination has long held (since at least 1975) that health care was a right for all Americans—not a commercial commodity, and not a privilege available only to those who can pay. Perhaps many Americans do not view it this way, but American Baptists have considered health care a right for many decades. Understanding health care as a human right gives the issue of health care reform a completely different look from understanding it as a commodity for purchase. This does not mean that those who provide health care should not be paid for their skills: far from it. We should all be paid fairly for the work we do. Making sure that all people have access to affordable, quality health care is a moral issue. Health care for all is a justice issue as well as a legal matter.”*

There are many different positions and opinions being proffered on the topic of health care by the left, the right, the insurance industry, senior citizen’s organizations, elected officials and any one else with the ability to blog or blow off steam. It is confusing and some of the noise is terribly disheartening. But we, as members and friends of an American Baptist Church, are called to think through the issues, consider what our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to do, and then to respond in respectful ways. Over the course of the next few months we are going to try a grand experiment at CCB. Under the aegis of the Social Advocacy Committee we are going to meet with leaders in the field of social justice who are also expert in guiding congregations in having conversations around controversial issues. As we consider how we, who gather and worship on the corner of Lincoln and Grove, might inform our selves and act in respectful and responsible ways, I would invite each to pray. Yes, please join me in praying that the words of Jesus underlie all we do and that whether we agree or not, we can each find a way to live out the call of the our God to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8b).



NAMI Barrington Area, a local chapter of the National Alliance of Mental Illness Presents the

FAMILY TO FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM: Mental Health Education for Families

This 12-week course is structured to help you understand and support individuals with mental disorders while maintaining your own well-being. This NAMI class is for family members, partners, and friends of individuals with mental illness. We are offering two sections this fall, one on Wednesdays and the other on Tuesdays. There is no fee involved. This is a free offering.

The program starts on September 15th, 2009 through December 1, 2009, on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in Barrington.

Call Maryrose Peters for Details and Registration at 847-496-1415
Or NamiBa@NamiBarringtonArea.org

Adult Education at Community Church Imagine This . . .

Adult Education at Community Church of Barrington is not just Sunday School! At CCB the adult educational program seeks to provide opportunities where young adult and adult men and women may gather and – in a trusting, safe place – grapple with issues germane to their individual and corporate faith journeys. Adult Education classes are offered on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. (*So far, this is absolutely true*).

Sunday Morning Classes

We have five Sunday morning classes: (1) *How to Study the Bible*, (2) *The Book of Job For Those Who Are Having A Jobian Life*, (3) *A Biblical Ethic for a 21st Century Life*, (4) *The Hymns of the Church and Those Who Wrote Them*, (5) *The Blessing of Spiritual Gifts*, designed to broaden our understanding and application of the Bible, living a Christian life, and serving the world.

Week Day Classes

During the week we offer eight different opportunities for gathering, learning and sharing.

Oh, that this were true!! Let us pray that some day soon we will need to offer many different classes to accommodate the interest and census of people arriving before worship to study and share. For now, we are proud to offer the following program of adult Christian Education for the Fall of 2009 and we pray that God will increase our appetite for more. And Pastor Zina is ALWAYS open for suggestions.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AS IT REALLY IS AT COMMUNITY CHURCH: FALL 2009

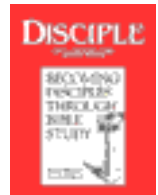
9:30 Sunday Mornings

Join Pastor Zina and others in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 for the following studies this fall:

- **Sept 13 – Nov 1: Listening to Scriptures: A Kerygma Bible Study**
This study introduces six skills, or strategies, that will enable learners to uncover enough about the text that they can begin to understand the meaning it might have for its first readers and hearers. Learning what the text meant is the study's first objective. From there, participants explore what the text means - the message it has for us as Christians today.
- **Nov 8 – Nov 23: A Brief History of the Branches of the Christian Church**
- **Nov 29 – Dec 20: An Advent Study**

Thursday Evening: DISCIPLES – A 34 WEEK INDEPTH BIBLE STUDY

In conjunction with St. Paul UCC, members of Community Church are invited to participate in the acclaimed Disciple Study group. The group will meet every Thursday (with breaks around holidays and school vacation times) for 34 weeks beginning September 17th, with an orientation to be held on Wednesday September 9th. All meetings will take place at St. Paul. Pastor Zina is enrolled in this course and welcomes others from CCB. For more information, contact Pastor Zina at the church, 847 381 1294.



(Tentatively Scheduled for) Every Third Sunday: LIVING THE QUESTION (LtQ)



Is the long-term commitment to the Disciple Bible Study a bit intimidating? Why not get your feet wet with *Living The Questions*? *LtQ* is a theological study that seeks to explore some of the pertinent questions persons have about faith in the modern world. St. Paul and Community Church of Barrington will be hosting this study together one Sunday per month over the lunch hour, after worship for the entire academic year. The study will begin in October and will alternate one month. For more information, contact Pastor Zina at the church, 847 381 1294.

SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . IT'S FOR LIFE

By: Ashley Prescott Barlow-Thompson

Many of us have happy memories of Sunday School teachers, children in our classrooms, bible verse memorization games and the stories of our faith told to us as children. As a Christian Educator, I hope that our church is creating those memories for the children we serve today. Sunday School, however, is NOT JUST for children. Sunday School is a lifelong gift that the church (both local and universal, including the laity and the ordained) gives to its people. Sunday School brings people together, encourages Christians on their journey, empowers learners to grow in their faith, and gives each of us access to thought, knowledge and understanding of God that we might not have had before.

As we kick off the fall on September 13th with our introduction to Sunday School for all ages and begin our Sunday School classes on Sunday September 20th, I encourage us to think about why Sunday school is important in this community on the corner of Lincoln and Grove. Here are a few of my thoughts on why Sunday School is important:

1. As Christians, we are called to love God. Sunday School encourages our relationship with God and gives us opportunities to learn more about who God is and who we are to God.
2. As Christians, we are called to love neighbor. Sunday School brings us together in fellowship and teaches about the world, who our neighbor is and how we are called to live in the world.
3. As Christians, we are called to love ourselves. Sunday School provides a safe place to share their stories, needs, faith, and life situations.
4. As Christians, we are called to make our faith our own. Sunday School gives us the opportunity to apply scripture, theology and church traditions to our faith and life today.

What are the reasons that Sunday School was important to you as a child? A Parent? Why do you think that Sunday School is important for Community Church?

Sunday School is not just for children, it's not just for youth or adults. Sunday School is for the whole community, for ALL people. As we go forward into the Sunday School season, might we pray about what Sunday School means to our community and to each of us as individuals? How might our prayers encourage our actions and life?

Youth and Children's Sunday School This Fall Welcome Event Sunday, September 13th 9:30 AM Classes Begin September 20th, 9:30 AM

K-3rd Grade

"Kingdom Kids": Live 'B.i.G. (Belief in God)

4-6th Grade

"Faith Finders": Live 'B.i.G. (Belief in God)

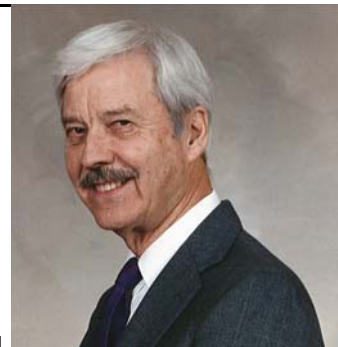
Youth

Theological Conversations
with Minister Ashley and Aimee Melgar



Memories of Reverend Gene Nyman: A Celebratory Life of Unwavering Service

by Robert Reekie



I first met Reverend Gene Nyman in the early sixties and within a year became a member of the Community Church of Barrington. His firm handshake I remember well when we first met.

Peggy and I were married in April 1969 by Reverend Nyman. (Just prior to our wedding day, Peggy joined the church by transfer from Rosebank Baptist Church in Johannesburg, South Africa.) We cannot think of that sunny Saturday without recalling how their teenage Nyman daughters, Andre and Laurie, helped things run smoothly in the Fellowship Hall where we had the reception. Their attentiveness and warm personalities added to the joy of that day.

One of Reverend Nyman's gifts was his incredible memory for names. He never forgot a name of a person he met. And, those intensely focused moments of surveying the Sunday morning congregation in reverent silence, before he uttered a word from the pulpit, were magnetic. Little wonder that it felt as if Pastor Nyman looked into the eyes of each and every worshipper in the sanctuary. Everyone was attentive as he began his sermon.

Reverend Nyman took a parish approach to his ministry in Barrington. All the surrounding community were important and of constant concern and interest. He was sensitive to changes in the Barrington area and when these had implications for his ministry, he sought to respond accordingly. It was a time of transition in the sixties and Reverend Nyman saw the need to broaden the impact and outreach of the church. A major outcome was the transition of the church from including "Baptist" in its name to The Community Church of Barrington.

Reverend Nyman maintained a vibrant spirit of ecumenism along with his loyal affiliation to the American Baptist Convention. His links with what is now known as ABC-Metro, Chicago were strong though his ties to the American Baptist Headquarters in Valley Forge, PA., were less significant but always informed and cordial.

His ecumenical spirit enabled him to establish meaningful rapport with surrounding pastors and to be sensitive to the wide and varied theological and church backgrounds of his congregation. This openness of spirit was a key ingredient in drawing individuals and families to make the church their place of worship and spiritual home. As Pastor Nyman recalled in his article in the 150th Anniversary Handbook when he wrote, "We had become an ecumenical body of believers with each respecting and appreciating the disparate backgrounds of others." Community Church, under his leadership had become a gathering place for, as Pastor Nyman said, "the broad community of faith."

I remember too how important study groups were to Reverend Nyman. These one-hour times of serious discussion on Sundays were constantly encouraged and became part of the fabric of his 38 year ministry at Community Church. Not long after I became a member of the church, Pastor Nyman asked if I would begin a Bible Study group that would run parallel with the topical study group already drawing a good number of participants. My response was, "Yes, I'd be honored to form and lead such a group. Do you have in mind what Scripture or Bible book you'd want me to do for the first study?" Quickly, Gene responded, "Why not the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans?"

"Romans," I said "that's pretty serious stuff. Are you sure the group are ready to dive in at the deep end of Scripture?" Smiling, Gene replied, "Absolutely, and please plan the study of the 16 chapters of Romans as you feel appropriate." The Bible Study group met in the Church Library and what began as an experiment, extended for more than five years.

There are so many memories. All very special and meaningful. His example of a caring ministry backed by his love of his family and concern for the Barrington community at large, will forever be an inspiration. He enriched and stretched my faith and my understanding of what it means to be called of God to serve in ways that challenge and uplift. Thank you Gene for your life, friendship, and unwavering commitment to the pastoral ministry. Truly you were God's witness in Barrington.

Can Baptists Learn to Perpetually Adore Jesus?

By Larry Greenfield is executive minister for the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago.

Posted: Friday, August 14, 2009 5:45 Columns on Church and Theology



Roman Catholics in Boston now have the opportunity to participate in the revival of a centuries-old practice, something called the Ritual of Perpetual Adoration.

It's pretty simple and self-explanatory: hour after hour, day after day, week after week, month after month (that is, perpetually), a few people will always be on hand to worship (that is, adore) a consecrated Eucharistic wafer, which is understood to be the real physical body of Jesus, miraculously transformed from a piece of bread.

Doesn't it stand to reason that people who truly believe in transubstantiation would do their part to make sure that someone is always thanking, honoring, worshiping, adoring the incarnated and living Jesus?

In this case, the incarnated and living Jesus will find his place, according to the Boston Globe, in a "golden wafer-holder placed in a red velvet niche surrounded by wood carvings of sunrays and angels carrying incense."

The Rev. Peter Grover, director of the St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine where the ongoing ritual will take place, explains how the revival fits in with contemporary life. "To get anything done these days, you have to make an appointment, so let's make an appointment with God." He then asks, "You can get cigarettes 24/7, you can buy milk, and you can't have church open?"

Tim Van Damm is one of the laypersons pushing for the reinstatement of the old ritual. The rationale for his advocacy has a sense of paradox. "God is everywhere, but there is a difference when you are physically in the presence of God." Yet he is inarguably truthful when he asserts, "Any time you come in contact with Christ, you are changed."

Should I, as a Baptist Christian, be envious?

Does our disbelief in transubstantiation – and our contention that when Jesus said, "This is my body" in that upper room, he wanted us to understand it only symbolically – mean that we are denying ourselves a practice of "perpetual adoration?"

Not according to Matthew's Gospel, which has a different take on the doctrine of the "real presence" of Jesus:

"I was hungry and you fed me. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me. ... Truly, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

We lose a great deal, however, if we don't take advantage of what a practice of "perpetual adoration" would mean for Mathew's understanding of the "real presence" of Jesus.

As Van Damm rightfully affirmed, "Any time you come in contact with Christ, you are changed."

We would be changed, that is, even if we signed up for only an hour each week to be in Jesus' presence by feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, taking care of the sick, visiting the prisoner.

But given this opportunity for perpetual adoration, only an hour?

Deaconate Offers Opportunities for Service

Working with the deacons of Community Church offers opportunities for service both inside and outside our church. We arrange for scripture readers, ushers, and acolytes and are privileged to share in the preparation and serving of communion. We reach out to and stay in touch with those in the CCB family who may not have been able to join us on Sundays. We are moving to develop a new ministry in which deacons will serve communion to those who wish to receive it, but who are not able to attend Sunday services.

Because of the generous support of CCB members and friends, the Deacons are also able to use a benevolence fund to help people in difficult circumstances who live in our area. Though used for a variety of purposes, these benevolence gifts usually provide critical assistance to those who need such necessities as food and shelter. The ability to offer aid to men, women, and children who are struggling in tough times is a quiet but important way for our church to walk the path that Jesus pointed out for us.

The names of the deacons are listed below. If you have an interest in participating in the work of the deaconate, contact any of us.

Tom Alton	Lindsay Campe	Laura Gilleland	Don McLean
Claudine Athmann	Jean Capellos	Joanne Jacobsen	Ted Newman (chair)
Marge Boynton	Brian Davis	Bunny Jahnke	

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, September 19 will find Women's Fellowship members and friends/guests kicking off the new season enjoying one of our two "social events" of the year: lunching together and then "movie-ing" together.

The movie fare: the current one garnering raves, "Julie & Julia". If you've already seen it, it's worthy of another viewing. Good company, good food, good entertainment....what better way to spend a lovely Fall afternoon. Call Betty Mitchell or Ginny Newman for reservations.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September 4 Ginny Newman Birthday

September 22 Margaret Akerstrom Birthday

September 5 Beth Goldstein Birthday

September 26 Jay & Leslie Eiring Anniversary

September 9 Tom and Cindy Alton Anniversary

September 20 Elaine Menes Birthday



QUILERT'S STITCH UP BUDGET

This Fall a team of CCB quilters will create beautiful quilts to be auctioned or raffled off to raise funds to help increase our income and to balance the Church's 2009 budget. Even now members are piecing and hand quilting beautiful objects for our consideration. Other members are contributing antique quilts to this project. So get your checkbooks ready and look forward to this colorful and varied offering of the art of quilting.

Mark Your Calendars: We will go back to Fall/Winter hours on Sunday September 13th. Worship will be at 10:00 a.m. and the church office will be open Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The church office

I WAS HUNGRY, AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT **Matthew 25:35**

According to the **Northern Illinois Food Bank's** website, in the 13 northern Illinois counties (Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago) 275,008 people (or 8% of the 3,831,133 persons residing in these counties) live beneath the poverty line. In 2007 the poverty line was established as was \$20,650 for a family of four. In the state of Illinois approximately 11.9% of the population is at or below the poverty line.

In 2006 the **Hunger in America Study** reported the profile of people who visited food pantries, soup kitchens and or shelters in the area served by Northern Illinois Food Bank. The key characteristics are:

- 33% of the members of households served by Northern Illinois Food Bank are children under 18 years old.
- 7% of the members of households served by Northern Illinois Food Bank are children age 0 to 5 years.
- 6% are elderly – over 65 years old.
- Approximately 57% of clients are white; 27% are African American, 13% are Hispanic, and the remainder from other racial or ethnic groups.
- 38% of households include at least 1 employed adult.
- 60.0% have incomes below the official federal poverty level.
- 35% report choosing between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel.
- 30% had to choose between paying for food and paying for their rent or mortgage.
- 30% had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care.
- One in Eleven people in Illinois is Food Insecure (i.e., people who do not have regular access to enough safe, nutritious food for an active and healthy life.)

The Barrington Ministerial Alliance has set its sights on gathering 50,000+ pounds of food to be distributed, through the Northern Illinois Food Bank, to food pantries in Cuba, Barrington and Ela Townships, Carpentersville and Palatine.

The food drive will kick off in late September and culminate in early October. Can goods and dry food, as well as the items listed below, are the ones we will ask members and friends to contribute. Please begin now to pray and to prepare to assist the 13 BAMA Churches reach and **SURPASS** our goal.

Jesus said, when I was hungry, you gave me something to eat. Whatever we, as Christians do, for those who are in need, the Christ tells us we do for Him. Blessings to all who, in Christ's name, serve those who are in need.

- Cold and hot cereals
- Coffee and juices
- Canned chicken and tuna
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Non-perishable prepared dinners
- Snacks
- Diabetic/low sugar foods
- Low sodium food
- Pasta sauce
- Pet food
- Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- Laundry and cleaning supplies
- Toiletries- toothpaste, shampoo, etc.



Rally Day



Seasons of the Heart

Community Church Prayer Book Project: Seasons of the Heart: Volume 2.

The time is now. All artists and authors, photographers and those whose reflections have found their way through ink to paper, it is time to submit your words and art for the Community Church, Seasons of the Heart: Volume Two. Submissions may be mailed or emailed to the church (ccbfour@sbcglobal.net) Or dropped in the convenient box on the Narthex Counter. It is our goal to have 50 submissions. All thoughts are welcome. Be a blessing to someone who might benefit from your experience and reflection. Help us bring encouragement and cheer to others. Submissions are due the week of September 13, 2009. Blessings all.

Here is a selection from Seasons of the Heart: Volume I

Why was it hard to say "I love you"?
Where was the much needed hug?
A soul in need of a smile went wanting.
The outstretched hand felt no squeeze.
Many moments for giving were offered,
Lord, why did I turn away.
Please open my eyes and my heart.

Jean Young

Community Church of Barrington Directory

We are very close to winding up our quest for information update on our members and friends. September 13th will be the closing date for any changes to be made. Thanks to everyone who has made updates already. Your input will make our directory a valuable communication tool. I know many of you are looking forward to this new and improved booklet and we will be working on it to get it into your hands as soon as possible. Thanks again for your help.

Sandy

Holy Play Page

Calendar Page

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POTLUCK— JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH 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 September 2nd and 16th. There are activities for 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.

Women who Breakfast—Join us as we gather, gab, eat and enjoy! Wednesday, September 30th, 7:30 AM, at the Bread Basket, 131 Park Avenue, (847) 382-3099



The deadline for the October Newsletter is September 17th.

