

From Pastor Zina Jacque

Update on Pastor Zina's Sabbatical

sab-bat-i-cal

noun

a period of paid leave granted to a university teacher or other worker for study or travel. Closely linked with sabbath.

sab-bath

noun

a day of religious observance and abstinence from work.

Many of you have asked about the plans for my sabbatical. I appreciate your interest and am glad to share the progress I have made. First, many thanks to the Louisville Institute for granting \$15,000 for my 12-week sabbatical. The money will be used to cover my travel, consultants to my project, transcription of interviews, and the replacement costs (housing and stipend) for an interim minister.

Though initially I had hoped to take 8 weeks off during the summer of 2018, and 4 weeks in February of 2019, plans have changed. I will be interviewing pastors of churches, like ours, where the race of the pastor and the race of the overall congregation are different. Summer interviews have been difficult to schedule and I have been advised to visit churches and conduct my interviews beginning mid-September through mid-November. I am working with leaders in the American Baptist Churches USA and the United Church of Christ's national office to select 6-7 churches who describe themselves as stable and healthy, and meet the criteria described above. I will visit each church, spending up to four days with them, observing their life, attending worship and talking with leadership and laity.

Much of the literature about cross racial assignment of pastors focuses on what **does not work**. My research intends to focus on those churches who meet my criteria, and who find themselves moving forward in a positive manner. It is my sense that this research will enlarge and enhance the understanding of cross racial assignment of pastors by attempting to understand the settings where the relationships have worked.

There is much reading for me to do before the interviews begin, and also consultations with others in this field. However, I am most excited and already have two agencies interested in publishing my results.

I have begun to work with leaders within the American Baptist Churches ABC and USA to find and recommend someone to serve Community Church for the eight weeks I will be away this fall, and the four weeks that will find me writing up the results of my research in the early months of 2019.

I am confident God will guide us to the right person to walk with CCB during my time away, and I pray that I will return from both the eight weeks away this fall and the four weeks away next year, refreshed, deepened and raring to come back to the church on the corner of Lincoln and Grove, a church that I love.

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque
Musician - Natallia Revinskaya
Christian Educator—Dr. Samira El-Yasir

Church Secretary - Sandra Mytys
Moderator - Stu Overby

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2018 NEWSLETTER

Reconstruction

Stu Overby, Moderator

Practically all of us have lived through, or possibly even embraced, some type of reconstruction. Reconstruction occurs on our roads, in our homes, within our lives and in our church. The process of adding lanes to Interstate 90 is something many of us “lived through” but the end result of fewer delays in our travel is certainly something we “embrace.” Did you ever stop to think about the skill of the numerous planners and workers that it took to complete that project? When we do that, I think it is easier to embrace the reconstruction, even while it is in process.

Recently, Brenda and I have had reconstruction going on in our laundry room and in an upstairs bathroom. For the laundry room we had some new cabinets built and some new doors made for a few of the existing cabinets. Chris, a friend of our son, built the new cabinets and doors at a small fraction of the cost we were quoted from one of the big box retailers. It was great to see Chris’ skill put into action and how much pride he took in his work. Fred and Pat, two men who have made improvements to our home many times before over the years, did the bulk of the remaining work from completing the demo to installing new tile to applying the final coat of paint. Fred and Pat both exhibit great skill, hard work, diligence, and an ability to figure out a solution for any unexpected problems that arise. I admire people like Chris, Fred and Pat who work with their hands, minds, hearts and the tools available to make something better.



Unfortunately, the same tools all too often can be used to inflict pain and death. While the modern designs are undoubtedly a bit different than tools in Jesus’ time, the same basic hammer used in reconstruction today was used to nail his hands and feet to the cross. Hammers and other tools of course can also be used to inflict pain today, when in the hands of someone who has not been raised to revere human life. So, in essence, it is not the tool that causes the problem; it is how someone chooses to use the tool—either for good or for evil. Although it is difficult to listen to today’s news, we need to remember there are still many examples of good in the world as well.

We are fortunate at CCB that we have the opportunity for some positive “reconstruction.” That is, we have new members who can bring fresh ideas, willing hearts and hands, and their own excitement to help build our CCB teachings and work. The adult Sunday school class is just one example of how both new and longstanding members contribute together to the discussion and success at CCB.

As we embrace this Easter season, it is an opportune time to decide how we each want to participate in some positive “reconstruction” -- whether in ourselves, our homes, our church and/or, our community. How do we each put to use the skills God has provided? Also, when we choose to focus on the God-given skills and talents involved, I think it allows us to embrace the entire process, not just the end result.



Why I Serve

by Jackie Phinney

I grew up in a Presbyterian family in Berkeley, CA. We were not every Sunday church goers. I went to a Presbyterian College but didn't go to church that often.

I married right out of College and was transferred every two years from coast to coast with stops in between. I was still a casual church goer. We moved to Barrington in 1976 from Connecticut and our new neighbor recommended The Community Church of Barrington. We joined a year later. After five years, my life was turned upside down and I stopped going to church. While I was churchless, I found that long walks in the woods brought me closer to God.

After many years, my dear friend of 4 decades suggested I might want to try The Community Church again (now known as CCB). There is a "new Pastor in town" she said. Dave and I had been looking for a church for several years and hadn't found a good fit. We had narrowed it down to two churches we wanted to visit. I suggested trying CCB first and we never made it to the other church. We had found a home here. I had never been an active, committed member of a church before and now I have become one.

I serve because I enjoy meeting people, listening to their stories, finding out what makes them tick and becoming friends.

I serve because I enjoy cooking and sharing it with others. As Congregational Life Chair and Soul Food Co-Chair I am able to indulge my passion. I have found the sharing of a meal creates relationships and helps build bridges.

I serve because a small welcoming church opened its doors to me. I want to welcome others with the same warmth I received as I walked into CCB again five years ago. I want newcomers to be enveloped in God's love, the same love I feel in this church. I serve because I am a questioner (it's how I learn). Here, questions are celebrated and welcomed, that is true freedom. By asking questions of each other we are able to learn and find common ground. We are able to connect.

I serve to share stories of how my faith has grown and how God has made a difference in my life.

I am honored to be part of a dynamic church family at the corner of compassion & acceptance and want to share God's wisdom, grace, forgiveness and love with everyone who enters.

The following passage eloquently says why I am called to serve.

Peter 4:10

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

The Goals of the Pastoral Relations Committee

- *To seek to assure healthy pastor/staff/parishioner relationships.*
- *To assist the congregation in making its concerns known to the pastor/staff/leadership*
- *To assist the pastor/staff/leadership in making its concerns known to the congregation.*
- *To assist the church in monitoring its responsibilities to the pastor/staff.*

Report of the Pastoral Relations Committee

The Pastoral Relations Committee wishes to thank the congregation for responding to our recent request for questions, concerns or accolades for our staff. We are pleased to report that there were many accolades and no concerns raised regarding Dr. Sami or Pastor Zina. Additionally, there were good questions raised regarding what it means for CCB to have a newly-ordained minister who is also a congregant.

Based on the inquiries we received and after an informative March 18th PRC meeting, we would like to respond to those questions below.

Q: What will be Rev. Thompson's role going forward?

A: Rev. Thompson is a member of CCB, and as such, she will serve as a valued member of the church in all the ways that other current members serve.

Q: As an ordained person will she take on any special roles?

A: Pastor Zina has come up with a marvelous idea. As CCB is blessed with a number of ordained members of the congregation, including the Reverends Robert Reekie, Dave Burns (soon to be back from his snowbird hiatus), and Alissia Thompson, going forward, Pastor Zina intends to invite all of her ordained colleagues to serve as leaders in worship. And in her absence, they would also be invited to fill in as is warranted, meeting the pastoral care needs of the church.

Q: What happens if Rev. Thompson finds a job in a church or not-for-profit organization at the conclusion of her residency at Elk Grove Hospital?

A: It is very likely that Rev. Alissia will find a wonderful position. If it is with a church, we are likely to lose her gifts and talents to this new Sunday-engaged position. However, if she obtains employment in a place that does not require her presence on Sunday, we will continue to be graced with her presence and gifts.

Q: Will Rev. Thompson preach again at CCB?

A: Yes, in fact, Pastor Zina plans to seek opportunities to invite all of her ordained colleagues to preach throughout the year.

Thank you for your questions and for joining in on this conversation.

Margaret Akerstrom, Chair, Pastoral Relations Committee



Our cookies have crystallized into some real dough for these projects!

At the GROW (God Renewing our Women) meeting yesterday, our members voted and have approved donations for the following local mission organizations:

RefugeeOne \$1,000.00

Community Church is working with St. Mark's Episcopal Church to sponsor a refugee family in 2018 through this organization. Since 1982, RefugeeOne has welcomed more than 17,500 refugees from every major world crisis. Once we have met our goal to assist a family, we will be asked to help collect items that will be needed to set up an apartment for our new family.

Humble Design Chicago \$725.00

Humble Design Chicago is a non-profit organization helping families who are transitioning out of homeless shelters by providing furnishings and design services. Using gently donated items from the community, they turn four bare walls into clean, dignified and welcoming homes for families.

Let It Be Us \$725.00

This Barrington-based organization is a non-profit initiative to bring awareness, help and hope to foster children who are available for adoption. The state of Illinois has a more critical need for assistance than most states, with more than 4,000 children currently available for adoption.

Marklund Wasmond Center \$725.00

Marklund is a non-profit organization that serves infants, children, teens and adults with serious and profound developmental disabilities and special healthcare needs.

Red Bird Mission \$500.00

Our donation to Red Bird this year will help purchase plastic bed sheeting for the new mattresses for local youth and children. Many of the recipients have never had a new mattress in their lives.

With thanks for all the years of baking,

Jayne Majzan
2017 Cookie Walk Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Who We Are-Installment 2. Come and meet some more of our amazing young people that are engaged in various ministries within the church and in our world. So far, all you have met are engaged in the current Journey to Adulthood ministry. Thanks ladies, for who you are and for being part of our faith family. Blessings, Dr. Sami



Hi, I am Belle Roig and I am 16 years old. I go to Barrington High School and my favorite color is blue. I think my biggest gift is being a good “people problem solver”. Whenever my friends have a problem I am good at coming up with a solution or at least know how to help make them feel better about it.

I love my family and friends so much and I am so loyal to them. I am at CCB because it’s become my second home and my youth group has become my family. Our youth group is full of inspiring young adults (including Sami) and it encourages me to be the same as well. Sami has become like a mother to me because I know that she’s always looking out for me and will always be there for me. It’s the same way I think about God, He always has my back and has a whole plan for me. He is also someone I can always turn to and I love that.

Something many people don’t know about me is I’m super sassy, but it truly comes from my heart. I like to make others laugh and be the shoulder to lean on.

Love, Belle

My name is Jessica Petrillo, I am taking a nursing class at College of Lake County, and am 18 years old.

I want to be God's hands and feet as I grow up, and forever more. I am at CCB to participate in youth group and activities because of the joy we can bring to others and it is a way of sharing God's light.

When I think of God I feel love and understanding for everyone and I love every Bible verse in the Bible!

My gifts and talents are singing, and the color of the rainbow is my favorite. I love sharing God’s light and doing good works. I have a passion for bringing things together as a group to make someone's day better. I love volunteering for Feed My Starving Children and would love to visit the places I pack for.



My youth leader, Dr. Sami, and the other leaders Michael, Dan, and Lindsay are the best thing that has happened to this earth. If I could share one thing that I would like you to know about me the person, it would be that I am very forgiving and I try to let my actions and words reflect God's way of thinking.

My name is Stephanie Boone, I am 18 years old and I'm going to school at the College of Lake County.

I am at CCB because I want to learn more about God and be able to answer questions that people have about Christianity.

When I think of God I think of our protector, our creator, our friend, and our Savior. One of my gifts and talents would be caring for people because I work as a caretaker for my job.

Something I am doing to serve God this year is volunteering in Africa. My favorite color is blue, and I love spending time with my family and friends. If I could share one thing I want you to know about me as a person it would be that I love helping people in any way I can. Thank you, Dr. Sami and CCB.



My name is Joy Luchsinger I am 17 years old (18 in May which I am super excited about). I am currently homeschooled, and I go to AIM Homeschool Group.



I am at CCB because I love the people at this church and I also love everything else about this church. God is important to me because I know I can go to heaven one day and be with Him forever.

When I think of God I think of Him as the creator of everything on this earth and my favorite verse in the bible is John 3:16. My talents are the knowledge of the bible because I have been attending Awana since I was 10 years old and have memorized hundreds of verses. My favorite color is pink. I love American Heritage Girls, volunteering at Willow Creek Community Church, and watching sports when I have the chance. My favorite sport is baseball because of the Chicago Cubs winning the World Series. My passions are rollercoasters, Awana and sports.

My youth leaders are Dr. Sami at CCB, Dave at Immanuel Lutheran Church, and Ron at The Evangelical Free Church of Crystal Lake. One thing I want everyone to know about me is that I am happy a lot.

Youth Christian Education Happenings

Going on right now through the end of March – a chance to win a **Movie Basket**. The youth are raffling off 4 passes to the Catlow, good through December 31, 2018, and a basket of goodies. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be the last Sunday in March. See any youth or Dr Sami for tickets or details. See you at the movies!

Journey to Adulthood is in full swing with a total of 24 in attendance. Please pray for us as we learn and grow in God's word, and with each other in faith.





WE ARE ON OUR WAY!

Friends,

Because of the grace and kindness of the Mission and Outreach Ministry and the Cookie Walk Women, we have raised 87.5% of the funds we need to join St. Michael's Barrington (Episcopal) in sponsoring a refugee family, under the auspices of Refugee One (refugeeone.org). Once we are assigned our family, our joyful task will be to walk with them for six months. Why just six months? Refugee One has discovered that six months is the best time frame for helping a family settle into their new lives in America without creating an unhealthy dependence.

Here is what is next for Community Church and St. Marks

VOLUNTEERS

We need a few more volunteers. Volunteers will travel to Chicago to visit our family. The family will live in the neighborhood of Refugee One (47th and Broadway, Chicago) and we will create four teams of visitors, with 3 – 5 people per team. The teams will each have one week a month to visit. The visits will include a chance to get to know the family, help them to negotiate their new home and to simply be a voice of welcome and clarity for the family. If you are interested in volunteering, please let Pastor Zina know. Training will be provided and a background check will be necessary.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS.

Listed on the next page are the items we need donated. If you have items, again, please let Pastor Zina know.

TIMING

Refugee One does not know when we will be assigned a family. They place families as the State Department alerts them to a family's arrival. Our best estimate of when we will be assigned a family is in mid-April.

EXCITEMENT

The excitement is growing and we are looking forward to be a blessing to this family and being blessed by them. Please pray with me that God will connect us with a family that will find our presence helpful and with whom we may share our support and love.

QUESTIONS

Just ask Pastor Zina

WISH LIST

Sponsors are invited to set-up a home for their refugee family. RefugeeOne will find the apartment but your group can assist by gathering the items below and setting everything up before the family arrives. The quantity of items marked with an asterisk (*) will vary, based on the number of people in a family. Items in Italics must be new. All others can be gently used. Please maintain quality control to support the dignity of our clients.

KITCHEN ITEMS

Dishes*
Drinking glasses*
Coffee mugs and saucers
Silverware*
Steak knives*
Silverware divider
Set of mixing bowls
Set of pots and pans
Set of baking pans
Serving bowls and dishes
Set of cooking utensils, including measuring cups and spoons
Tea kettle for stovetop
Can/bottle opener
4 small plastic food storage containers
4 large plastic food storage containers
Dish drying-rack with tray
Broom with dust pan
Mop and bucket
Pads of paper/notebooks/pens/pencils
Fire Extinguisher
Cutting board
Colander
Potholders
Kitchen towels (two sets)
Large kitchen garbage can (with lid)
All-purpose spray with bleach

BEDROOM ITEMS

40 hangers
Alarm clock
Laundry basket
Blankets*
Comforters*
*Sheet sets including pillow cases**
*Pillows**

FURNITURE

Bed frames
Chest of drawers
Kitchen/dining table and chairs
Armchairs
Coffee tables
Lamps
Bathroom Items
Waste basket
Plunger
Toilet brush
*Towel sets (bath/hand/washcloth)**

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Computer
Microwave
Television
Iron
Ironing board
CTA bus passes
Gift cards (Walgreens, CVS, Jewel, Target, Walmart)
Bilingual dictionary
Toys,
Children's books,
Stuffed animals
Window fans
Vacuum cleaner
TV with digital converter box and antenna
Radio/CD player
Portable shopping cart
Back packs and school supplies
40- and 60-watt light bulbs
All-purpose spray cleaner w/bleach

Birthdays

April 2 Paige Rivers
April 2 James Goldstein
April 3 Rob Grom
April 5 Marjorie Kiefer Newman
April 6 Jackie Phinney
April 6 Jim Zurek
April 7 Grace Merchant
April 8 Art Rice
April 9 Helen Mollenkamp
April 10 Linday Campe
April 15 Denny McLean
April 16 Jim Majzan



April 18 Jayne Majzan
April 21 Emily Troxell
April 22 Grace Davis
April 30 Steve Gilliana

Anniversary

April 20 Dave & Jackie Phinney

G.R.O.W. The ladies of GROW will meet on **Thursday, April 19th at the church.** . All women of the church are invited. Please RSVP to the church office by April 16th. Hope to see you!

WOMEN WHO BREAKFAST - Join us on April 4th for breakfast and coffee, or just drop in for a chat at the Bread Basket 7:30 a.m. All ladies are welcome.



EASTER BRUNCH

As is our tradition, we will share in an Easter Brunch on Easter Sunday, April 1st. The sign-up sheet for your contribution to our table is near the name tags. Thank you for bringing an item or two. We will gather for brunch at 9:30. Family and friends are welcome to join the brunch as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the church. This month they will meet on April 14th and 28th.



Book Club meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Adult Sunday School Room. Join this fun group on Tuesday on April 10th for lively discussion. See Jayne Majzan for more information.



YOUTH TAPAS FUNDRAISER— Our youth are working hard on their fundraiser to be held on Sunday, April 29th. Join us for our annual Tapas event! We are working on the menu and guarantee some tasty treats. All money raised will help fund the Red Bird Mission Trip in June. Help us to help others by supporting this delicious event.

April 2018

Monthly Planner

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April



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It's spring! Farwell
To chills and colds!
The blushing, girlish
World unfolds

Each flower, leaf,
And blade of turf—
Small love-notes sent
From air to earth.

The sky's a herd
Of prancing sheep,
The birds and fields
Abandon sleep,

And jonquils, tulips,
Daffodils
Bloom bright upon
The wide-eyed hills.

All things renew.
All things begin.
At church, they bring
The lilies in.

—John Updike