

## From Rev. Zina Jacque



Beloved, Art Linkletter used to say, "Kids say the darndest things." However, sometimes they speak with clarity and truth. Out of the mouths of babes have come the following *letters to God*. May they make you smile and remind you, God loves to hear from all his kids, especially you.

**Dear God,**

Thank you for the baby brother. But what I prayed for was a puppy. --Janie

**Dear God,**

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother. --Larry

**Dear God,**

I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset you made on Tuesday. That was cool. --Eugene

**Dear God.**

If you watch me in Church Sunday, I'll show you my new shoes. --Mickey

**Dear God,**

I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. --Nan

**Dear God,**

Are you really invisible or is it just a trick? --Lucy

**Dear God,**

Is it true my father won't get in Heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house? --Anita

**Dear God,**

Did you mean for the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident? --Norma

**Dear God,**

Who draws the lines around the countries? --Jan

**Dear God,**

I went to this wedding and they kissed right in Church. Is that okay? --Neal

**Dear God**

Did you really mean "do unto others as they do unto you"? Because if you did, then I'm going to fix my brother. --Darla

MAY  
NEWSLETTER

## **The Signs Are All Around Us:** **Spring Will Come – Sooner or Later!**



Even in the Chicago area, spring is showing signs of its ultimate defeat over the winter of 2018!!

Although spring is definitely taking its time in arriving, I think we should take a few moments to look around for the signs of spring – they're everywhere!

- ❖ The first snowdrops and crocus are finding their way up from the ground and peeking out toward the sunshine – even when it's still 40 degrees.
- ❖ The cardinals and robins are beginning to fill the trees and our yards with singing and worm hunting.
- ❖ Canadian geese and common wood ducks are searching for the perfect nesting spots.
- ❖ The forsythia will soon begin budding ~ heralding the start of the pruning-mulching-watering-mowing season to come.

I am going to try to pay attention to the spring. I am going to look around at all the flowers, and look up at the hectic trees. I am going to close my eyes and listen. Anne LaMott

So take a few moments, go outside and look around to see the wonders of the world God creates for us every day. And celebrate – it's spring!

Jayne Majzan, Moderator

# 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

**Dear Friends,**

Baptist Churches are arranged around a particular type of polity (i.e. structure). The singular head of a Baptist Church is Christ. That alone does not set us apart from other Christian Churches. However, the rest of our polity does. After Christ, the next level of leadership falls squarely into the hands of the congregation. It is the sole responsibility of the congregation to hire (and fire) the pastor. It is the congregation's purview to adopt, or amend, an annual budget, ordain new clergy and elect members of the church council.

You, the congregation are the heart and soul of this, and any, Baptist church. Your preparation for, participation in, or prayer for our recent annual meeting is such a gift to CCB. Without the full and active engagement of her members, no Baptist Church can operate fully or well. CCB is no exception! Your energy, wisdom, insight, presence and prayers make us who we are.

And so, I wish to thank you for all you do to make this corner of the Kingdom active and alive. I know I speak for my colleagues on the Council when I say, we promise to engage, prayerfully, in the work of the Kingdom, the community and this particular expression of the local church. Thank you for the privilege of serving you and our God.

Pastor Zina

***Cough! Cough! A quirk of faith has the May Newsletter arriving in your box mid April. This means, you can still attend the Annual Meeting on April 28th, right after worship. See you there.***



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# INTERNATIONAL TAPAS

## Sunday, April 28th

12pm til 2pm

**THANK YOU FOR  
ATTENDING**

The Community Church Of Barrington  
407 South Grove Avenue, at the Corner of Lincoln and Grove

**Pre Order your ticket for \$8**  
Or at the door: \$10 Per Plate or \$12 for takeout

Call to pre order by Thursday March 27th (847) 381-1294

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## 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, a day of religious observance and abstinence from work.*



Many of you have asked for an update on my sabbatical. I appreciate your interest, and I am glad to share the progress I have made. As you may remember, the Louisville Institute awarded me funds to study American Baptist Churches who mirror Community Church. By this I mean, churches whose congregations are comprised, primarily (if not wholly), of congregants of Euro American descent and the pastor is of African American descent. The Regional Executive Ministers of the various American Baptist regions helped me comprise the list of churches who received an initial invitation. Ultimately, ten churches accepted my invitation to be included in the study. The eleventh church is Community Church of Barrington. Recently, a colleague of mine, the Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri, agreed to interview the Council members of CCB.

Now that the interviews are complete, it is time for me to step away and focus on interpreting the interviews and writing up the final project. I will take the first three weeks in May; including Sunday, May 5, 12 and 19<sup>th</sup>, to prepare my report. Though I will be out of the pulpit these three Sundays, I will be present to officiate the funeral of our sister, Elaine Ott (May 11<sup>th</sup>), and available to the Moderator, if a need arises.

In my absence, Pastor Tom Burns, my colleague, and friend will lead Sunday School and deliver sermons. Pastor Burns has served as the Chaplain at O'Hare Airport and currently serves our Barrington Community as the President of the boards of the Barrington Area Community Development, Barrington Area Ministerial Association, and NeuroBalance MS-Fit. Additionally, he serves on the Board of the Barrington Area Community Foundation. Tom's M.Div degree is from Trinity International Divinity School, and his heart for the Lord is clear and strong. For those who were in worship on April 7<sup>th</sup>, you had an opportunity to meet Tom and his wife, Joan.

As I finish my sabbatical project, I believe the rich stories I was privileged to hear will allow me to:

- Share the wonderful richness that arises out of relationships between pastors and congregations who were shaped by different cultural backgrounds.
- Share the lessons learned from churches who have entered into this particular relationship.
- Offer churches and pastors considering this particular relationship essential topics to cover and questions to ask during the interview phase and in the early stage of the relationship.
- Create a community of pastors who serve in this type of call, so that we might continue to share and learn from one another and share what we learn.

Additionally, questions about race, so alive in our world, will be addressed in the paper. Hopefully, the wisdom shared by pastors and congregants can serve as a sign of hope and a way forward for those who do not know how to reach across cultural boundaries or divides to form a positive family of faith and joy.

Thank you, again, Community Church for allowing me the time to work on this project. I'm proud to be a part of Community Church and delighted we have found our way forward, these 12 years. I look forward to sharing the results of the survey with you and to all that God has in store for the church on the corner of Lincoln and Grove.

*May Birthdays!*

*May 02 Jean Capellos*  
*May 03 Bill Akerstrom*  
*May 05 Bunny Jahnke*  
*May 07 David Phinney*  
*May 13 Tom Alton*  
*May 15 Lauren Davis*  
*May 18 Donna Burns*  
*May 19 Joy Luchsinger*  
*May 22 John Grom*  
*May 23 Alex Campe*

*May 24 Ena Hennegan*  
*May 27 Natalia Revinski*  
*May 29 Don McLean*

*May Anniversaries!*

*May 5, Jim & Julie Zurek*  
*May 12, Sharon & Mike Hornig*  
*May 23, Cheryl & Sandy Schroeder*  
*May 23, Jim & Jayne Majzan*  
*May 25, Stu & Brenda Overby*

**G.R.O.W.** The ladies of GROW will meet on **Thursday, May 16th at the church.** All women of the church are invited. Please RSVP to the church office by **Monday, May 13.**

**WOMEN WHO BREAKFAST** - Join us May 1st for breakfast and coffee, or just drop in for a chat at the Bread Basket 7:30 a.m. All ladies are welcome.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY May 27TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the church. This month they will meet on May 11th and 25th.

**Book Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Adult Sunday School Room. Join this fun group on Tuesday, May 14th for lively discussion. See Jayne Majzan for more information.



**POTLUCK**— Join us for Potluck on Wednesday, May 8th. Bring a dish to pass and prepare to share fellowship and great conversation with all who attend. It starts at 6:00 pm.

# May 2019

## Monthly Planner

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