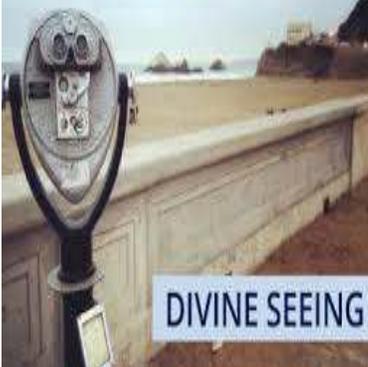


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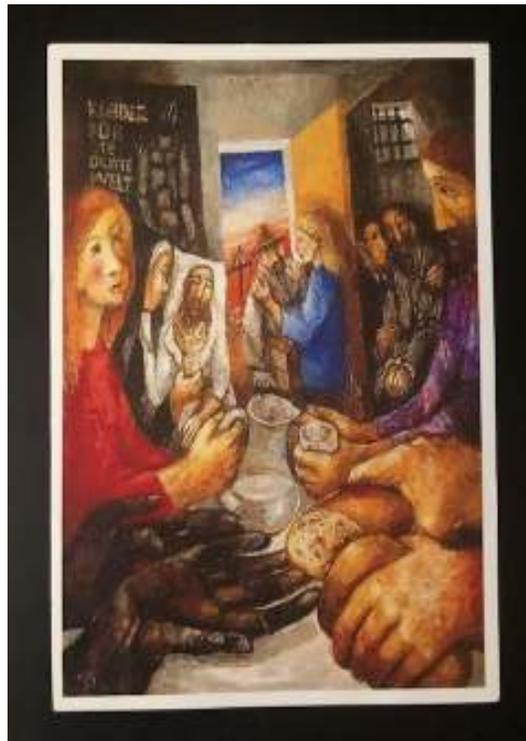
SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

From Rev. Zina Jacque

During the course of the last three weeks, I have traveled far and been inspired by many. Part of my travel took me into the presence of 25 of my American Baptist Sister-Friends-Clergy. As we gathered, for three days of reflection, prayer and raucous laughter, one among us, the Rev. Mary Hulst (retired pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Denver) presented an entire workshop, using a single image.

The image fills the center of this page. The artist is Sieger Koder. The painting goes by so many different names. Take a look at the image. What do you see? What first draws your eye? Why? Now, look again. This time what do you hear God saying to you as you gaze at the picture? What might God want you to know, learn, see, as you look into these faces, into these souls? Now, one more round. Take one more look at this painting and ask yourself this question, what does this image “call” me to do? After you take just a few thoughts, then I

The manner in image is called *Seeing*. It is a to open our embodied, en-God that appears every moment of *Seeing* asks us to transpiring see, and as we tion (also known about what it is might it move us us to do. These any image, before us allows *Seeing*.



which you viewed this Visio Divina, or *Divine* practice that invites us hearts and minds to the fleshed, living word of around us each and our lives. *Divine* be aware of what is around us. It asks us to see, to be in conversa-as prayer) with God we are to take in, how and what might it call three steps, applied to setting, or situation us to enter into *Divine*

I share this with you, beloved friends and siblings in Christ, because I believe, genuinely, our world needs souls who are willing to see what is before them. I know, in my bones, that you are I are positioned and equipped to be an active part of the world's healing; one act, one word, one smile, one vote, one moment at a time. However, we cannot engage in the way we are called to do if we will not see, and see with our whole selves.

Welcome to the work and the blessing of *Visio Divina, Divine Seeing*. May that which God shows you, order your steps and your thoughts as you move into the world as the bringers of all Christ offers the world.

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque  
Musician - Natalia Revinski  
Christian Educator—Dr. Samira El-Yasir

Church Secretary - Sandra Mytys  
Moderator - Jayne Majzan  
Pastor - Rev. Zina Jacque

Thank  
you 

Now that summer is finally on its way following a rather dreary spring, it's truly hard to believe that nearly half the year is over! And, as is our way, this will be the last official newsletter until we start our next program year in the fall.

I'd like to take a moment to say a heartfelt "thank you" to the members of our CCB Church Council who will be leaving our group to experience new opportunities moving forward. I would like to thank **Brenda Overby**, who has graciously served as chair of Missions & Outreach for the last several years, and **Rev. Bob Reekie**, who has served as chair of Membership Development for the last 2 years. These individuals have been vital members our church for decades and I thank them for their hours of volunteering and management – your work within our church will not be forgotten.

I'd also like to welcome a couple of new faces to Council. I know I join the group in welcoming **Edi Normann** as our new chair of Missions & Outreach and **Nicole Powers** as a new Member At Large. Thanks for stepping up, ladies – we look forward to your input and insight as we move forward with the work of the church.

In addition, I'd like to thank **Peer Lykke** for stepping up to chair our Stewardship Committee this year. We all appreciate your humor and clear insight – I'm looking forward to seeing what you have in store for us this fall!

**Sharon Hornig** and **Karen Palomo** deserve special thanks for continuing their work with Dr. Sami as co-chairs of Christian Ed. They add warmth and grace to their efforts to provide a strong educational base to our youth and children here at CCB.

And finally, my sincere thanks to **Bill Akerstrom** for continuing his work as Treasurer and head of our Finance Committee. We all know that someone is working hard at crunching the church numbers each month, and along with your very capable Assistant Treasurer, **Bonnie Stevens**, we know we're in great hands!

The time has flown by – it's hard to believe that I've been serving as Moderator for one year now. I am honored to serve on the CCB Council and I look forward to working with Pastor Zina, Dr. Sami and all the congregants at Community Church as we move into our 173<sup>rd</sup> year at the corner of Lincoln and Grove. Happy summer to all!

*Jayne Majzan, Moderator*

***'Thank you' is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility and understanding.  
Alice Walker***

# The Bahai Temple

Wilmette, IL

Around the world, men and women find themselves adherents of many kinds of faith. Among the largest gatherings of believers, in the world, are, in order of size:



1. Christianity (2.1 billion)
2. Islam (1.3 billion)
3. Hinduism (900 million)
4. Chinese traditional religion (394 million)
5. Buddhism (376 million)
6. Primal-indigenous (300 million)
7. African traditional (100 million)
8. Sikhism (23 million)
9. Judaism (14 million)
10. Bahai (7 million)

As a devout Christian, I am still deeply interested in the faiths of other people. During my life, I have visited Buddhist Temples, Jewish Synagogues, Catholic Basilicas, and the Bahai Temple. Each visit offered an understanding of the faith of other men and women and a deepened sense of my own faith.

In fact, my interest in households of faith began when I was an undergraduate student at Northwestern University. About two miles north of my freshmen dorm sat the North American Bahai Temple (there is only one temple per continent). As a student who never enjoyed studying under the hum of the main library lights, I would ride my bike up to the Temple and sit on the grounds, or in the beauty of the building, and study. Somehow my heart seemed better able to take in lofty thoughts when sitting in a holy place. During those visits, I learned about the Bahai faith and about the name that adorns the highest point in the sanctuary, the name of God.

Recently, through a lovely connection, we (Community Church) were offered the opportunity to visit and tour the Bahai Temple. I hope to take a group of interested souls to the Temple (just north of Evanston in Wilmette) and to share the story of the group of souls that comprise the Bahai faith. The date we plan to visit is Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. We would leave Barrington about 9 am and return, after lunch, about 2 pm.

Are you interested? Would you like to learn about this faith? If you are interested, please place your name on the signup list near the name tags. We will carpool to the Temple and then, during lunch, debrief our visit. If you are interested in reading up on the Bahai faith, you may do so by going to their website, <https://www.bahai.us/bahai-temple/>.

Finally, there is a saying my grandfather used to say, *I need to know where you stop and where I start so I can know who I am*. As believers in Christ, I welcome you to join me on this excursion so we might further our understanding of where we stop and start in our faith and where our Bahai brothers and sisters start and stop in their faith, so we might know at an even deeper level, who we are and where we stand. I hope you will join me.

## Mission Trip 2019 – Community Church of Barrington-Red Bird June 7-22, 2019

Several years ago Kira Krug, one of our wonderful youth that is in college, tells the story of when I closed the van door for the mission trip that it was “terrifying” (my words) as to what was next. So I want to give you some thoughts about what’s in my heart and mind as I prepare them and myself to do God’s will for His children (ours and those we meet). I am so excited about the possibilities ahead to do things for God in a different way. In my role as the Christian Educator, God has been at work in my life this year in so many ways. This year with both the high school and college age groups, the experience has been tailored to help all grow where they are in their life transition pieces. Whether it’s the high school group one week or the combined college and high school youth the second week, God is in the midst of all things. He’s got it planned. Thank you for your prayers and support; we are grateful. God is good all the time!

*Blessings, Dr. Samira*



**Our Mission Trip** is grounded and will dig deep into the rich soil. This year I am reminded of the Parable of the Sower. We will continue to discover how to get our hands dirty serving God, and how Jesus grows their faith through the people they serve. Through Scripture, prayer, devotions, and every element of our week, we will experience being grounded for God as we kneel to His will.

**When they open the door and say goodbye...** in our culture, when teenagers walk out the door, parents say “Be safe!” as they go, words that replace “Have a Nice Day!” The intent is to convey care and concern. But when safety-first becomes our best advice to teenagers, we undermine the mission of Jesus in their lives. Jesus never advised his disciples to be safe. Instead, He challenged them with things like, “Do not be afraid” and “Be awake and alert!”

Of course, our mission trip will be safe, in the sense that they are well-planned, well-organized, and well-staffed. But our program elements are carefully crafted to plunge the youth into, well, danger. We want to create environments that help form your teenagers into “dangerous for God” followers of Jesus. We know that nothing has more leverage to open young people to life-changing growth than a mission trip. And once they open themselves to growth, we propel each other to take new and risky steps into greater dependence on Jesus, and a deeper love for His heart. When it comes to Jesus, we say “(Don’t) be safe!”

**The other side of the van door...**Imagine your youth on the first day, eager to meet the resident they’ll serve that week. Standing at the front door, hesitant and a little fearful. What...who...is waiting on the other side? And probably saying, “Sami, please don’t open the van doors”.

That is the magic of Mission Trips. Red Bird Mission is rooted in a unique community, with a special local culture. We will continue to learn compassion, tolerance, and a true appreciation for others. We continually learn to cherish the differences that make each of us unique-as well as the things that bind us together. Mission Trips, (I’m being honest) aren’t for everyone. They are for those with a true hunger to follow Christ in this unique way. So I will be challenging everyone to go ahead and knock. I can’t tell you exactly what’s waiting on the other side. But I CAN tell you it will be an unforgettable adventure in spiritual growth.

**Dare to open doors to spiritual growth...** I promise that the mission trip this year will be an experience where all will grow. There is no doubt that transformation comes through service on mission trips. We intentionally create rich soil for God's miracle of growth.

Jesus loved to immerse people in experiences that transformed them. Through mission trips, Jesus no longer seems just a concept, but a real and tangible relationship, a relationship we live out through our loving actions with one another. We begin each day with Jesus. The send-off frames every day in prayer.

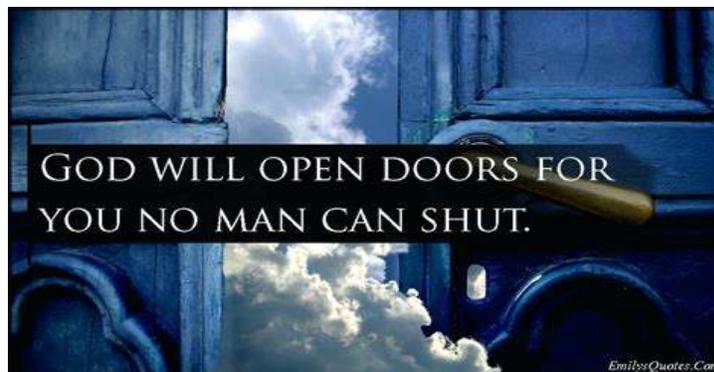
Actions of love happen all day. New friends, old friends, and local residents serve together with a "we're all in this together" mindset. A simple discussion over lunch ties the day's Scripture to what you're doing. The work will transform into Jesus' love in action, and youth and adults will discover how much they matter.

Evenings are filled with fun and fellowship. Together young people will engage in worship and profound faith-stretching experiences. The miraculous mix of experience and Jesus promises one thing: we will all grow, this is not optional.

**We go because Jesus went . . .** In Jesus' time, travel was difficult. Most of the time He was walking, or in a rowboat. He might walk 50 miles a day or more, that's days of walking! But with all the difficulty in traveling, Jesus still went from place to place. Why? Well, because people needed help. In the next place would be the next person that needed him, and the next meaningful conversation. Most of the time, Jesus' ministry was simply 'being present', eye to eye and shoulder to shoulder. There was little "virtual" ministry. Jesus entered someone's world to help, relate to them, and bring the great news of the gospel. So why do we go on a mission trip?

We go because we have the opportunity to walk through the door into someone else's world. To be with them. To learn from them. To make their world a little better with some meaningful acts of service and interesting conversation. This setting challenges us, and we look to God for strength. We find encouragement and give courage to others. Most importantly, we rely on God.

**So, let's go...simply because Jesus went.**



*Summer Birthdays!*

<i>June 02 Dave Pechan</i>	<i>July 01 Mark Luchsinger</i>	<i>Aug 01 Mia De bartolo</i>
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<i>June 04 Belle Roig</i>	<i>July 05 Katherine Palmer</i>	<i>Aug 04 Claudine Athmann</i>
<i>June 05 Sarah Palmer</i>	<i>July 06 Zoe Krug</i>	<i>Aug 07 Mary Troxell</i>
<i>June 08 Carl Newman</i>	<i>July 09 Pat Roig</i>	<i>Aug 09 Maggie Roig</i>
<i>June 09 Jason Alton</i>	<i>July 10 Nicole Powers</i>	<i>Aug 12 Marlene Tourville</i>
<i>June 10 J. D. Grom</i>	<i>July 16 Max Palmer</i>	<i>Aug 13 Zulie Zurek</i>
<i>June 14 Dave Burns</i>	<i>July 17 Joanne Jacobsen</i>	<i>Aug 14 Bonnie Stevens</i>
<i>June 17 Lynn Rice</i>	<i>July 23 Mike Hornig</i>	<i>Aug 18 Naomi Krug</i>
<i>June 19 Julian Roig</i>	<i>July 24 Sandra Mytys</i>	<i>Aug 19 Johanna Papadimitriou</i>
<i>June 22 Andre' Belle</i>	<i>July 28 Carolyn Roussel</i>	<i>Aug 22 Katie Pechan</i>
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<i>June 25 Heather McLean</i>		<i>Aug 24 Steve Jahnke</i>
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<i>June 25 Jacob Jensen</i>		
<i>June 26 Susan Carsello</i>		
<i>June 26 Sarah Dockery</i>		

*Summer Anniversaries!*

*June 7 Betty & Don Mclean      June 14 Dave & Heloise Pechan*  
*June 17 Bunny & Steve Jahnke      July 25 Wayne & JoAnne Jacobsen*  
*July 27 Beth & James Goldstein      Aug 11 Lindsay & Michael Campe*  
*Aug 16 Carolyn & Philip Roussel*  
*Aug 17 Margaret & Bill Akerstrom*  
*Aug 22 Stacy & J. D. Grom*

**The office will be closed on July 4th in celebration of Independence Day!**

**G.R.O.W.** The ladies of GROW will meet on **Thursday, June 27th at the church.** All women of the church are invited. Please RSVP to the church office by **Tuesday, June 25th .**

**WOMEN WHO BREAKFAST -** Join us June 5th, July 3rd and August 7th for breakfast and coffee, or just drop in for a chat at the Bread Basket 7:30 a.m. All ladies are welcome.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at the church. This month they will meet on June 8th and 22nd, July 13th and 27th, August 10th and 24th.

**Book Club** meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Adult Sunday School Room. Join this fun group on Tuesday, June 11th for lively discussion. See Jayne Majzan for more information.

**POTLUCK—** Join us for Potluck on Wednesday, June 12th, July 10th and August 14th. Bring a dish to pass and prepare to share fellowship and great conversation with all who attend. It starts at 6:00 pm.

# June 2019

## Monthly Planner

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