

August/September 2023



Behold, I Am Doing a New Thing

September has always had the aura of newness to me. I think this harkens back to my younger days when this time of year signified the end of summer and the beginning of the school year. However, even when I have not been in school, this season has always been one of increased focus and productivity. This year is no different. We at CCB have had a “fruitful” summer season studying the Fruits of the Spirit and really sinking our teeth in each one (so to speak) and how it is important to our lives and faith. Now that we are finished with that portion of the year, it is time to turn our attention to what the fall has in store for the church.

One of the first Sundays we will celebrate is **Welcoming Sunday** on September 10th. This title has two purposes: it serves to welcome back those who have been on vacation or busy this summer. It also serves as an invitation to those who are curious about our church and are looking for an excuse to try it out. To encourage both of these groups to join us on Sunday morning, the Hospitality Committee has decided to hold a **Welcome Back Brunch** that Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. This will be a potluck and we already have a good collection of signups willing to bring in some wonderful things to share. No one will go away hungry.

One of the greatest aspects of this church is its genuine warmth and welcoming atmosphere to all those who enter. I would hope that people who are visiting for the first time feel just as included as those who have been here for decades. Welcoming Sunday is an ideal opportunity to both celebrate this characteristic and to live it out.

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The new season also invites us to hit the books. Beginning on September 17th at 9:15 a.m., the **Adult Sunday School** will begin its season of learning and growth. Please come to the first class to assess the options for study and vote on which books you prefer. It is our goal to have a good balance of historical Bible study as well as options for applying Biblical principles to our daily lives.

Another event to highlight is the **Ministry Committee Fair** on September 17th after service. This will be an opportunity for the Committees of the church to share with the congregants what they do and invite people to participate in their activities. If it goes well, this will be an annual practice that focuses on reaching those who are new and/or those who are looking for a way to engage.

The last event of September is Community Church of Barrington's **Anniversary Sunday** on September 24th. Although we will not be pulling out all the stops like we did last year for the 175th, it will be a wonderful opportunity for the church to celebrate its history and role within the community of Barrington. Also...**CAKE!**

Just like the first day of school, this time of year brings excitement, anticipation, and perhaps even a little nervousness. However, it is my hope that we embrace these moments of transition and newness with support and enthusiasm. It is only the beginning.

-Pastor Chris

Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

~Isaiah 43:19

You are invited to attend:



at Community Church of Barrington, 407 S Grove Ave

for all of the Art Together Studio students of 2023 and their families.

Welcome all to our Open House style event and **CELEBRATE** our artists!

Moderator's Update

Some call these the dog days of summer. Others may describe themselves as working like a dog. Join these cliches and you have an oxymoron that somehow fits together!

July was my first month with the title of Moderator. In terms of daily church life, there really was very little for me to do other than contribute to our council monthly meeting packet and ask Dave Phinney how it's going with the building projects we have underway or on deck. Ah, the "dog days of summer"!!

BUT I feel the need to get my feet under me, don the yoke, and prepare to start "working like a dog". Committees will pick up the pace, plans will be made, themes and new storylines will develop, and we will pray like crazy that God's light will somehow shine on the paths we choose to follow.

In preparing for my new role, I have spent time with Pastor Chris; my predecessor, Jayne Majzan; and our new Assistant Moderator, Bill Marsh, talking about a variety of subjects from very practical to hazy visionary. I found that those conversations and others I have had with fellow worshippers all come down to the same two factors: maintenance and growth.



How do we preserve what we have and simultaneously build for the future? These can be conflicting goals. But we must put these hot summer days to good use to see how these goals can best be knit together as we work side-by-side like God's loving dogs.

ARF!

-Peer Lykke, Moderator

Missions

The Missions Committee met on July 18 2023. Those present were Jackie Phinney, Sandy Schroeder, Carolyn Roussel, Christy Davis and Glee Huddlestun; absent – James Majzan, Lauren Davis and Pastor Chris Shade.

The congregation is encouraged to check the Missions bulletin board for thank you notes received from recipients of our benevolence funds.

As a reminder, there are yellow pew cards available for congregants to provide suggestions to Missions of possible recipients of CCB’s quarterly benevolence distributions. Missions has the privilege of acting on behalf of CCB in selecting charitable organizations and would appreciate the congregation’s input as to organizations worthy of our donations.

Fifth Sunday Missions Moment – July 30, 2023, Anna Cody, JourneyCare – Barrington.

Continue fresh fruit donations, fourth Sundays, for the Barrington Food Pantry, through September 2023.

Update: CCB’s donations of girls’ tops/clothing items to Barrington’s Back-to-School Giving Day, Carol Marsh, coordinator. Goal: 44 tops; collected 59, with additional donations of 40+ pieces of clothing (sweatshirts, fleece tops, etc.). Well done CCB! Thank you, Carol!

There is the possibility of a service project (outreach campaign) to support immigrant families through collection of personal items, household items, general items. The program has been initiated by the Lutheran Church of the Atonement VBS and supported by BACOA. Peer Lykke will provide further information.

Second-quarter benevolence funds in the total amount of **\$3,777.35** are available for distribution, of which **\$3,700** was disbursed to the following charities:

ABC United (quarterly)	\$ 600.00
ABC Metro (quarterly)	\$ 300.00
Lazarus House	\$ 700.00
Jeffrey Pride Foundation	\$ 700.00
Chicago Scholars	\$ 700.00
Care for Real Chicago	\$ 700.00
Total second-quarter 2023 disbursements (6)	\$3,700.00

- ♦ **Lazarus House**, St. Charles, IL, provides safe shelter, food, and a range of support services for men, women and children in communities surrounding St. Charles. It offers “a hand up, not a hand out.”
- ♦ **Jeffrey Pride Foundation**, Barrington, provides direct funding for pediatric cancer research. It is noted that only about 4% of funds raised for cancer research is directed to pediatric cancer research!
- ♦ **Chicago Scholars** strives to prepare youth for achieving their educational dreams through early resources, programs, mentors, college acceptance, matriculation, persistence, and career access.
- ♦ **Care for Real Chicago** seeks to foster a healthy equitable community (Edgewater and Rogers Park) by helping vulnerable neighbors overcome food insecurity through food pantries.

ABC-MC Summer Camp '23

LIVING FAITH IN THE WILD



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>Mia DeBartol</i> <i>Birthday</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> <i>Barb Neal</i> <i>Birthday</i>	<i>4</i> <i>Claudine Athmann</i> <i>Birthday</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:30</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Maggie Roig</i> <i>Birthday</i>	<i>10</i> <i>Michael &</i> <i>Lindsay Campe</i> <i>Anniversary</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i> <i>Marlene Tourville</i> <i>Birthday</i>
<i>13</i> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:30</i> <i>Julie Zurek</i> <i>Birthday</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Bonnie Stevens</i> <i>Birthday</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> <i>Potluck</i> <i>Carolyn & Philip</i> <i>Roussel Anniv.</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Naomi Krug</i> <i>Birthday</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20</i> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:30</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Council Meeting</i> <i>Katie Pechan</i> <i>Birthday</i>	<i>23</i> <i>Betty McLean</i> <i>Birthday</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> <i>Sandy Schroeder</i> <i>Birthday</i>
<i>27</i> <i>Worship Service</i> <i>10:30</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>		

September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 <i>Worship Service</i> 10:30	4 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Ginny Newman</i> <i>Birthday</i>	5	6	7 <i>Michael Campe</i> <i>Birthday</i>	8	9 <i>Tom & Cindy</i> <i>Alton Anniversary</i>
10 <i>Welcoming</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>Brunch</i> 9:00 am <i>Worship Service</i> 10:30 am	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Worship Service</i> 10:30 <i>Kira Krug</i> <i>Birthday</i> <i>Ministry</i> <i>Committee Fair</i> 11:30	18	19	20 <i>Potluck</i> <i>Elaine Menes</i> <i>Birthday</i> <i>Edi Normann</i> <i>Birthday</i>	21	22	23
24 <i>Worship Service</i> 10:30 <i>CCB</i> <i>Anniversary</i> <i>Sunday</i>	25	26 <i>Council Meeting</i>	27	28	29	30

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**Goodbye August.
Thank you for your warmth
Welcome September.
May God bless us
with good health,
peace, love, and joy.**