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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to commend to you Barbara Brabec, author of [The Drummer Drives! Everybody Else Rides.](#) Our church book club hosted Barbara as speaker for a luncheon earlier this year, and everyone fully enjoyed interacting with her in that setting! All those who attended the luncheon had read her book, and so they were able to give feedback, ask questions, and get an even better glimpse into the life of her husband, Harry, as well as get to know Barbara and understand her relationship with him throughout his life.

Barbara's faith in Christ is beautifully expressed at various points in the memoir she has written. At times she shares when she would pray for Harry, and how she would ask God's special blessing in spite of his suffering. At one point in the book, she reflects on a passage from the book of Job. She shares her joy when Harry sees the power of prayer at work during the last difficult decade of his life. And she shares her journey back to church, after being absent for nearly 30 years, and her deep gratitude to God for the strength that he had given to her.

The time spent with Barbara was rich and deep; we were all blessed by her presence and her open sharing among us. Personally, I had been unable to put her book down, once I had begun to read it. And as pastor, I was blessed by this time she had spent with all of us at the luncheon.

I would highly commend her to you, both as author of a very moving memoir, and as a dynamic speaker and leader of discussion. She has a deep sense of her faith that is communicated both in her writing and in her speaking.

In Christ,

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