

West Barre Witness



July 2019

My Grandson will soon turn three. Aiden is a thoughtful boy, and also likes to know how things work. It was the day before yesterday that one of his favorite toys broke. It is a wooden car, and the axle broke. He went to his father with the problem.

I know this story is true, because I have the video on my phone.

He went to his father, and his father knelt down to explain to him what it will take to fix it. It would take going to the store on another day and getting a part. Then he heard his son's response.

Aiden said, "We can fix it, because we are best friends and we love each other...I will fix it...I will fix it."

Then he ran off to find some tools.

In the video, his father remained kneeling, considering the words of his son.

Sometimes we find things broken. This being your pastor's words, I am, of course, not talking about our toys. There are things that are broken that we are not capable of fixing.

There are broken relationships, there are those who are addicts, there are those who think they are better than others, there are those who are hungry, there are those whose governments fail to care for their charges. The list goes on. There are more things broken than we will ever understand.

But like a three-year old, we may go to our God and say with the excitement of hope, "We can fix it, because we are best friends and we love each other...I will fix it...I will fix it."

Aiden cannot fix his toy. He thinks he can, but he can't. He just knows it needs to be fixed, and he knows his father can fix anything.

Today, on the way home from daycare, Aiden's father will take his son to Home Depot and buy the part needed, and together they will

fix what is broke.

May our heavenly father help us to fix things in this world that are beyond our abilities. May our hope, and vision, and love power our relationship with our God.

Rev. Brad Hunt

Saturday Evening Worship:

It seems that sometimes there are summer gatherings on Saturday evenings around these parts. They may be family gatherings, gatherings of friends, or a group of people camping together.

What I would like to offer is a worship on Saturday evenings, at the location of the gathering. If there are to be at least 10 people who wish to worship, I would be willing to come and lead that worship. The worship would adapt to the location and worship participants, and would carry the next morning's worship theme.

If you would like to schedule such a worship, please contact me through email (revbhunt@gmail.com) or give me a call at 315-525-6859.

Rev. Hunt

**Songs, Stories, & Prayers
around the Campfire**



All are welcome!

JULY CALENDAR

1	Mission Committee	5:30 pm
	Administrative Council	7:00 pm
10	Chicken BBQ	serving 4 – 6:30 pm
14	Band in Mull Barre Park	4:30 – 7:30 pm
15	Education Committee	6:00 pm
23	PPRC	6:00 pm
26	Trustee Committee	6:00 pm
30	Hospitality Committee	6:00 pm

MUSIC @ MULL BARRE PARK

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“What About Jane”

Admission is only \$5.00 and there will be pizza and soda for only \$1.00 each. Bring your Family and Friends for a night of fun and music.



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Chicken BBQ**

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

4:00 – 6:30 pm Take Outs available

Adults \$11.00

Children under 10 yrs. \$5.00



VBS AUGUST 5 – 8 5:30 – 8:00 pm

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Notes from the past...

Here is an article that I found in the historical material about the pew doors now in the chapel.

WEST BARRE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PEW DOORS

In 1850, the present sanctuary of the West Barre Church was built. Pews were installed and pew doors were added. The sanctuary was heated by two wood stoves. In the winter months, people would come to church with either warm bricks or foot warmers to protect them from the cold. The pew doors served to keep this heat in – as to keep drafts out.

To pay for the building, it was decided that there would be an auction at which time they “bid” on a pew. Numbers were put on the doors, and that was the family's pew. Included here is a list of the original “bidders” in 1850.

Seth Warren	Elisha Wright	Lucius Allis
Harvey Clute	Hanford Phillips	J. Selim Wright
Sylvester Noble	Hiram Snell	R. M. Tinkham
Joseph Bodine	Squire Burns	Hanson Tinkham
William Knight	C. D. Paine	Elijah Webster
John C. Storms	S. Leonard Rice	Hanson Roe
Richard J. Herrick	Jacob Page	John Showerman
Norman Herrick	Philander Munger	John Dix
Ralph H. Jackson	Isaac N. Green	Miles Northrup
Johnson Manchester	John Nickerson	Nathan Bragg
Lauren Grinnell	Samuel Whitting	Major Grinnell
Arthur Hathway	Thomas S. Purdy	Horace Brown
George Mix	Amos Grinnell	William Chambers
Perry Salisbury	Jacob Finch	Clark Hall
Jabez Hibbard	Alfred Stevenson	Sydney Valentine
Henry Smith	Ambrose Patterson	Amos Root
Julius S. Chase	Chauncey Stacey	William S. Green
J. Crane		

In 1888, renovations were made to the sanctuary including the slanted floor. Memorial windows were installed in the sanctuary at the same time. The pew doors were removed and were stored in the church rafters.

Church members resurrected the doors and offered them for a minimum “bid” of \$25.00. The doors were refinished and are installed as memorial plaques in the chapel. The money raised from the “bids” went to the Capital Fund to help pay for the addition and renovations that took place in 1997.

Penned by Judy Durrant July 2019

HOW GREAT THE YIELD FROM A FERTILE FIELD



The farmer plows through
the fields of green
And the blade of the plow
is sharp and keen,
But the seed must be sown
to bring forth grain,
For nothing is born without
suffering and pain--
And God never plows
in the soul of man
Without intention and purpose
and plan,
So whenever you feel the plow's
sharp blade
Let not your heart
be sorely afraid
For, like the farmer,
God chooses a field
From which He expects
an excellent yield--
So rejoice though your heart
is broken in two,
God seeks to bring forth
a rich harvest in you.

Helen Steiner Rice



Memorial Gifts

West Barre United Methodist church is always accepting gifts given in remembrance (or honor) of a loved one. Many times, an expression of grief and thanksgiving can be achieved through a financial gift to the ministry of West Barre UMC.

This can be a gift given to God, for the goodness the person brought to the world, or for their gift of eternal life.

West Barre UMC then uses the funds for ministry, in many different ways.

Listed below are the choices that are presently available for the use of Memorial Funds. If you would like to add something more to the list of choices, please contact Cheryl Maxon (585-451-1149), or Rev. Hunt (315-525-6859). Your suggestion for the list will be considered for approval.

Items on the List:

Building Updates

Pew repair

Playground

Chancel (Worship Area) Stands

Electronics (projector, computers, sound system upgrades)

Stove hood and fan

Carpeting

Sign

Music (Choir)

New siding for church

Store development

Park development

Parsonage development

Dishwasher

Kitchen Table

Light fixtures in Chapel

Endowment Fund

Happy July Birthdays & Anniversaires*

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|----|-----------------------------|----|------------------------|
| 2 | Marge Davis | 20 | Kevin & Deb Deuel* |
| 3 | Noah Preston | 22 | Norm & Naomi Caldwell* |
| | Eileen Collins | 23 | Bill & Mary Shuler* |
| 4 | Jeremiah & Melanie Preston* | 30 | Joy Markle |
| 6 | Adele Mathes | | |
| 7 | Jill Chandler | | |
| 8 | Jim & Doreen Brumbaugh* | | |
| 10 | Hugh & Eleni Dudley* | | |
| 12 | Taylor Mathes | | |
| | Sharon Schlegel | | |
| 17 | Wilbur Mull | | |

Greeters / Ushers

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| 7/7 | Sharon Miller |
| 7/14 | Alice Mathes |
| 7/21 | Dan Shuler/ Dora Leader |
| 7/28 | Cheryl Maxon / Sherril Hickman |

Altar Flowers

- | |
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| Sharon Miller |
| Ann Preston |
| Lanor Markle |

Prayer Requests

PRAISE / JOY

Jill Chandler

Pete Nesbitt

Church family and Soup kitchen

Bob Call's 5th Great Grandchild

CONCERNS

All victims of natural disasters

Karen Markle's brother, Carmen, and his wife

Good weather for farmers to get their crops in

Veterans

The Family of Pete Allen

The Family of Mark Kinsey

Jack Baron Sr.

Hugh Dudley's sister Diana

Karen Markle, Virginia Davis' niece Debbie

The Family of Floyd Haines

Leroy Hawkins

Shootings

The Family of Angelo, Karen Markle's brother

The Family of Brennan Moody and other Seniors in accident

Dennis Bedham

BOTH PRAISE / JOY CONCERN

Vicky Housenecht's neighbor Karen

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Return Service Requested

Blessings to:

