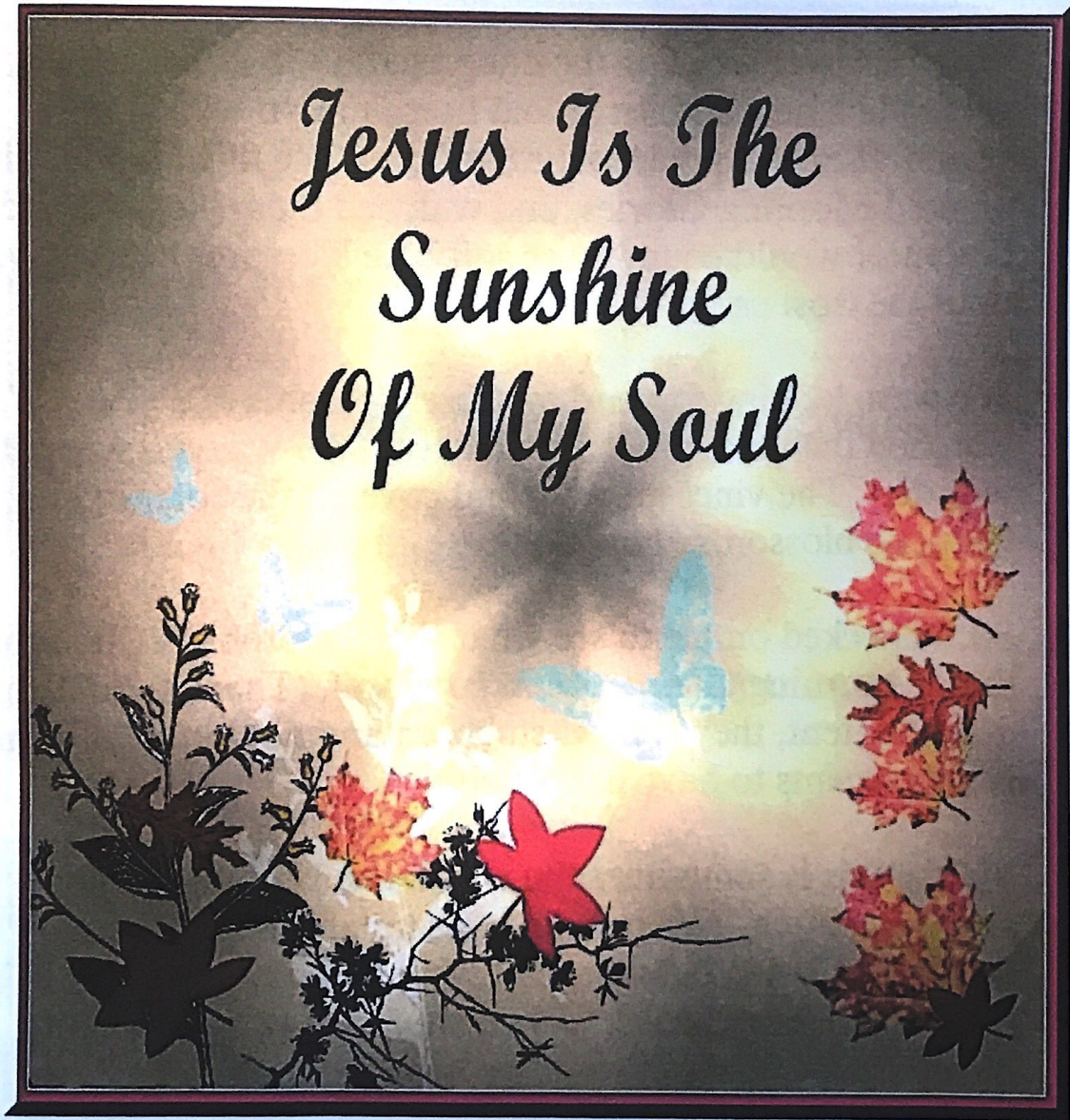


West Barre Witness

October 2019

Jesus Is The Sunshine Of My Soul



Dear Church Family,

We were looking forward to seeing Morning glories blooming. We had made the garden boxes, filled them with dirt, (thanks Ed Houseknecht) and planted the seeds. When they started growing, I made an arch between the boxes. We watched them grow, day by day, up the arch.

When we were serving the congregation in Brasher Falls, we made a new bed for an old horse drawn wagon my grandfather bought used for the farm. We filled it with dirt, planted Morning Glories, and watched them blossom and bloom. I would count those soft blue blossoms every day, until the frost came.

We were looking forward to those blossoms this year. We watched the vines grow and thicken. We watered when it was dry. The vines grew up and covered the solar light. But...no blossoms. Not a one.

So, I checked online to see what was the problem. It seems that if Morning Glories are in good soil, (Thanks, Ed?) and quite content, they can get stubborn and not blossom. This is what seems to have happened.

Maybe this is sometimes the way it can be with our faith and our church. We can get content, and we can be so focused on being content, that we fail to develop seeds to spread the Good News. When we fail to spread the faith, then we are not about what we were meant to be.

God may be watching us, waiting for us to not be so content, and waiting for us to blossom and to spread the Good News, and to change the world.

Rev. Bradford Hunt



"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."

John Wesley



Worship Schedule

10/6 This is World Communion Sunday, with a special offering. Luke 17:5-10 is the scripture of the day, and shares about faith the size of a mustard seed and the role of being a servant of God.

10/13 Luke 17:11-19 is the story of Jesus healing the ten lepers. The story will be told, and there will be a chance for receiving the healing oil in this worship.

10/20 Luke 18:1-8 is the story of the woman being persistent for justice, even when she was told "no" more than once. It is about being persistent for justice in this world and in opening ourselves up for the just love of God.

10/27 Luke 18:9-14 is the story Jesus revealed about giving for God's work. The stewardship of our resources and how we give for God's work will be the focus of this worship.



CALENDAR

- 7 Ad Council 7 pm
- 8 Memorial Committee 6 pm
- 14 Trustees Committee
- 15 Missions Committee 6 pm
- 22 Worship Committee 6 pm
- 25 Family Night Supper 6:30 pm (Education Committee)

Autumn Blessings ~

Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!



Deborah Ann

Shoeboxes - There will be containers located in the front and back of church for donations. The greatest needs are items for older girls and boys, small toys and coloring books. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated.

Family Night Supper - October 25th at 6:30 pm, the Education Committee will host the family night supper. We will be packing shoeboxes. Mark your calendars and join us for fun and fellowship.



"THAT REMINDS ME. YOU AND I ARE TO HELP
IN THE CHURCH NURSERY SUNDAY."

~To show people grace is to remember what God has done for us.

~It is better to forgive and forget than to resent and remember.

Finding Purpose

“What on earth does God intend for me to do with my life?” It’s an easy question to ask but, for many of us, a difficult question to answer. Why? Because God’s purposes aren’t always clear to us. Sometimes we wander aimlessly in a wilderness of our own making. And sometimes, we struggle mightily against God in an unsuccessful attempt to find success and happiness through our own means, not His.

If you’re a woman who sincerely seeks God’s guidance, He will give it. But, He will make His revelations known to you in a way and in a time of His choosing, not yours, so be patient. If you prayerfully petition God and work diligently to discern His intentions, He will, in time, lead you to a place of joyful abundance and eternal peace.

Sometimes, God’s intentions will be clear to you; other times, God’s plan will seem uncertain at best. But even on those difficult days when you are unsure which way to turn, you must never lose sight of these overriding facts: God created you for a reason; He has important work for you to do; and He’s waiting patiently for you to do it.

Remember this: God has a wonderful plan for your life. And the time to start looking for that plan – and living it – is now. (Psalm 16:11)

*For it is God who is working among you
both the willing and the working
for His good purpose.*



Philippians 2:13

Thank You

Dear Friends at West Barre UMC,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$875 to Wesley's Place Faith Community at the Buffalo/Niagara Medical Campus.

Your gift will support some necessary ministry as we prepare for the next phase of our faith community. Thank you for being a partner as we make a difference in the community and work to connect people to God and with each other.

Thanks again. You're the best!

In Christ,
Rev. Gregg Stierheim

*"It was so good to get to know you and worship together.
Your generosity is overwhelming!"*

"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

Matthew 25:23



Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

Here is a lost letter that recently found its way home.



May 3, 2019

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"...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

Dear Friends,


Thank you!

The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be – *Thank you!*

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,


Thomas G. Kemper, General Secretary



Roland Fernandes, COO and General Treasurer

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Gift Amount
\$ 823.00

Prayer Requests

PRAISE/JOY

Music in the Park
Family outing at Muck Dogs game
Birth of Jann Davis' first grandchild
Doris Antinore's class reunion
Danny Shuler's new great-granddaughters
Shopping with friends
Karen Markle
Danny, Dick and Rev. Brad's helping Jim Peglow
Cheryl & Russ Maxon



PRAISE/JOY & CONCERN

George & Iva McKenna's new vet
Shannon & Jess Markle family and their community

CONCERNS

Family of Jack Baron	
Family of Dixie Scouten	
Family of Karen Markle's niece's father's wife	
Joy Markle's cousin Paul	
Ron & Audrey French	
Karen Markle's cousin Tom & Dee Harper	
Tim Erwin and family	
Shootings	
Hurricane Dorian	
Annette Fincelli and family	
Judy Durrant	Lanor Markle's friend
Iva McKenna	UAW workers
Wilbur Mull	Doreen Brumbaugh
Gary Preston's sister	Betsey Kennedy's nephew
Mary Bea and family members	Rick Secore
Karen Markle's cousin Neima	

Happy October Birthday & Anniversary*

7	Richard D. Miller
13	Steve & Melanie Hickman*
17	Jim Peglow
20	Ann Preston
24	Roberta Call
26	Isaac Hickman
30	Dana & Karen Markle*



Greeters/Ushers

10/6	Reed & Joy Markle
10/13	Dean & Karen Dibley
10/20	Dan Shuler & Dora Leader
10/27	Alice Mathes

Altar Flowers

Reed & Joy
Dean & Karen
Dan & Dora
Dan & Lee Preston

Children's Church



10/13	Danny & Vicky
10/20	Alice Mathes



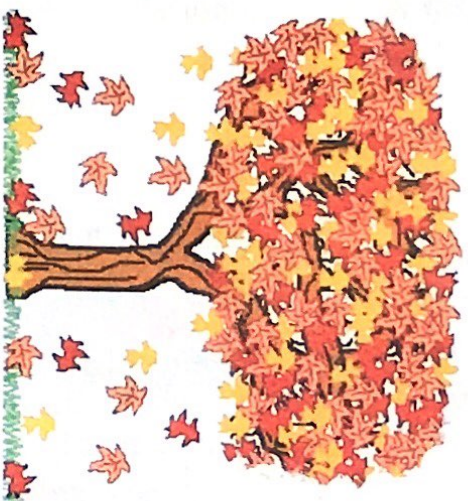
Children's Church - It will be held during church service for children 4 - 8 yrs. old ONLY. Please note the age restrictions, new this year. Sign-up sheet will be posted in chapel for volunteers to help out. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Jesus said - Let the little children come to me....

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Return Service Requested



Blessings to: