

West Barre Witness

November 2019



Dear Church Family,

So, I got in over my head again. I needed help with the roof of the small tea house I had started building. My brother drove up from Connecticut to help me out.

We grew up working together, and it was the same story as always. I could get things started, and he would help when I got in a jam. As we worked, we shared out father's quotes with one another. They were the ones we heard so many times while growing up. The humor was dry, as always, as the sayings revealed the bigger picture of working and living in the world.

The job got done, the mistakes were made (most of them corrected) and once again we enjoyed the comfort of being brothers, having history, and having a future. We also enjoyed the subtle voice of our father once again.

It is my belief that God calls us to risk with our lives, and with the love God has given us. I believe that it is better to get in a jam moving forward, than being comfortable standing still.

When we risk in sharing God's love, and working to make the world better than it is, we will get in a jam. If you have never gotten in a jam sharing God's love in the world, changing long established systems of complacency, than you just might be selling God short.

I challenge you to get in over your head in bringing the love of Christ to the world. I hope you get in a jam that you need to call on Jesus (not your sibling) to help out. It becomes a way to find the guidance from God (not your biological father) to move forward and to make the Kingdom of God a greater reality.

To do so is to trust in the vision for the world God has given us, knowing that when we get in over our heads doing the will of God, we will be okay.



Rev. Brad



Election Day Bazaar

Turkey Dinner 4 - 6:30 pm

Take-outs available

Adults \$12 / Children 3-10 \$5



Beef-on-Weck Luncheon

11 am - 1 pm (Donation)

Bazaar 10 am - 6 pm

Start your Christmas
shopping early)



*Do things for people - Not because of who they are or what
they do in return, but because of who you are.*

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 5 Election Day Dinner
- 9 Charge Conference 10 am @ N. Chili
- 11 Trustee Committee 6 pm
- 12 Hospitality Committee 6 pm
- 13 United Methodist Ladies 1 pm
- 16 District Youth Gathering
- 18 Finance Committee 6 pm
- 19 Communications Committee @ Noon
- 22 Family Night Supper 6:30 pm
- 25 Missions Committee 6 pm



Church Conference

Our annual Church Conference will be held at the North Chili UMC on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 10 am. We will begin our time together with other congregations with worship. The business meeting will begin later, for the purpose of electing trustees and other nominations, setting the pastor's support package, and other reports. All members of the church are voting members of the Church Conference.



District Youth Gathering

A District youth gathering will be held at the Rush UMC on Nov. 16. It will begin at 11:30 am and go to 8 pm. The cost is \$10, which includes dinner and a t-shirt.

Destination: Games is the theme of the event. This will be for those in grades 6-12. If you are interested in attending, please contact Rev. Brad.

THE SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING

The sacrifice of Thanksgiving,
was made once and for all
it was always in God's plans...
ever since mankind took a fall.



The offering of God's peace,
came to us through His Son
as Jesus sacrificed His Son
as Jesus sacrificed His life...
for each and every one.

To have a thankful heart,
one must be with God united
in His ways and to His truths
one must be joyfully delighted.

To give thanks to God always,
and for all things...
only come when we accept
the gift that salvation brings.

For the good and the bad,
will only work together
when to God's love and will
our lives we totally surrender.



The sacrifice of Thanksgiving,
came when God's mercy sent
to the world a Savior...
now it's up to us to repent!

By: Deborah Ann Belka

Family Night Supper

Our family night supper will be November 22 at 6:30 pm.

Special guests are being arranged for a presentation at this event. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and be ready for a grand event.

Concert on December 1st

The choirs of the Albion Ministerium are preparing a Christmas concert to be held at the Albion Presbyterian Church at 3:00 pm.

This will be a great way, on the first Sunday in Advent, to prepare our hearts for the meaning of Christmas for 2019.



*There is always, always, always
something to be thankful for.*

Jesus' Christmas Gift!

This year, West Barre is looking to give Jesus a special Christmas present, after all, it is not our birthday, but Jesus' birthday.

During the November 27th worship service, the congregation will get a chance to vote on which gift to give. The three choices are:

1. An "Ark" from the heifer project. The Ark includes many animals, birds, fish, etc. for developing countries. When the animals reproduce, the first offspring is shared with others in need.
2. A new church in Kampong Cham province in Cambodia. There is a pastor, his wife, and daughter that have developed an expanding ministry with children. They need a place to host the ministry and to worship. The building they have selected is available for sale. This is all a part of Tina Nguyen's (remember her visiting us?) ministry with the poorest of the poor in Cambodia.
3. Motorbikes for our Southern Sudan Health Project is the third project. Transportation is mostly by foot in South Sudan, and much time is taken to move from home to home by our 8 Home Health Promoters and the Administrator. These simple motorbikes will enable the project to help more than the 1000 people they treat and teach each month. This will greatly enhance the effectiveness of the Promoters, and speed the developing health care system in Malek, South Sudan.

Worship Schedule

11/10 Luke 20:27-38 is the scripture for the day and it is a question about eternal life that was asked of Jesus. 'Our God is a God of the living' is the answer that we try to understand and live.

11/17 2 Thessalonians 13-17 is a pleasant scripture telling of God's love, and how God has chosen people to live life to the fullest.

11/24 This Sunday before Thanksgiving is also 'Christ the King Sunday'. We will begin the worship focusing on Thanksgiving, and end with the concept of "Christ the King". The scripture will be Luke 23:33-43, and is the story of Christ being the Messiah on the cross.

12/1 This is the first Sunday in Advent. This begins our Advent theme of "Making Room For Jesus". The scripture will be from Isaiah 11:1-10. This is a vision and a hope from Isaiah where God would bring in a new age. Such a vision was making room for Jesus to come to the world. We will celebrate communion on this day.

We will begin lighting the Advent Candles. This week the candle will be "Hope".

12/8 Matthew 3:1-12 is the scripture for the day, and it is the story of John the Baptist preaching and preparing the way or making room for Jesus to begin his ministry.

The Advent Candle will be "Peace".

12/15 Luke 1:26-38 is the scripture for the day and it is the annunciation to Mary about what God has called her to do, which was to bring Christ to the world. Mary had to make room in her life for Jesus to come to the world.

The Advent Candle will be "Love".

12/22 Luke 2:1-6 This scripture is about Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, and there being no room at the inn for them.

The Advent Candle will be "Joy".

12/24 Luke 2:1-20 is the story of the birth of Jesus. It is the story we will celebrate on this most wonderful of nights. We will worship at 9 pm. Candle lighting, Christmas carols, special music and the "finger light confession" will be part of the worship.



Story of Kindness

My four grown children were all home visiting this weekend so we decided to go out for brunch. The center of attention was my toddler granddaughter. She had never had pancakes before so we were excited about her trying them.

We always try to make our family meals special so we decided to order every kind of pancake they had and asked that they be served on one big family-style platter!

We each took turns digging in and feeding it to the baby, who loved them. There was a lovely environment at the table and lots of smiles. As I was looking around the table enjoying this wonderful scene, a gentleman at a nearby table caught my eye.

He was eating his breakfast alone quietly, in a corner. He frequently looked over and smiled as my granddaughter continued to entertain us all. Suddenly, I had a great idea.

I dug out a smile card from the reserve I always carry with me and snuck up to the waitress. I explained that I wanted to pay that man's bill anonymously and that instead of the bill could she please give him the smile card.

Our leisurely breakfast was still going on after the gentleman had left. The waitress came over and told us that he had passed the smile card on and paid for another table before he left. How great! Not only that though, the waitress came back later and told us the second table had paid for someone else and passed the smile card on too.

I couldn't believe it when the waitress came back and told us that the third table had done the same thing. What was really amazing though, was that by the time we left, half the room had ended up paying for a different table. Isn't that great?

'Never think twice about doing something nice for someone.'

Author Unknown

Prayer Requests

PRAISE/JOY

Those that helped in any way for Jack Baron's memorial lunch
Sept. family night supper with Cabin Fever square dance band
Leo & Boyd's adoption - they are now Mathes

Lily Grace

Sarah Nicole

Chris & Jess Markle

Marriage of Julie Myers & Tom Decker

Marriage of Jenny McKenna & Ryker Smith

Duane & Marie Thompson

CONCERNS

Family of Kelly Russo (Vicky Housenecht's niece)

Family of Chuck Youk (Doreen Brumbaugh's daughter's fiance's
family)

Doreen Brumbaugh's new friend Cody

Nelma & brother

Betsey Kennedy's niece

Judy Durrant

Tim & Marilyn Rose

Virginia Groff

Nemmi, Karen Markle's sister-in-law along with her brother

PRAISE/JOY & CONCERN

Karen Markle's sister-in-law

Judy Durrant

Happy November Birthday & Anniversary*

5 Virginia Davis
7 Naomi Mathes
9 Sharon Miller
13 Jim & Jean Peglow*
30 Iva McKenna



Greeters/Ushers

11/3 Vicky Houseknecht
11/10
11/17
11/24 Dan Shuler & Dora Leader

Altar Flowers

Ed & Vicky
Lanor Markle
Karen Markle

Children's Church

11/10 Danny & Vicky
11/17 Alice
11/24 Louise



Gratitude turns what we have into enough.

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Return Service Requested



Blessings to:

Dorcas Brown
Nelson & brother
Barney Kennedy's niece
Judy Dutton
Tim & Marilyn Rose
Virginia Goff
Helen, Karen Mark