

West Barre Witness

January 2021



Welcome Pastor Jim!

Our interim minister is Pastor James Heiler. He is the pastor at Carlton UMC and has agreed to share his ministry with WBUMC.

Pastor Heiler's first service will be January 4th at 8:45 am. Due to the service times of Carlton and West Barre, and the time to travel between the 2 churches, each church is moving their service time 15 minutes.

We will continue to receive Communion on the first Sunday of the month beginning Jan. 4th.

Please join us in welcoming Pastor Jim and his wife Kim on Sunday.



**Karen Markle
SPPRC Chair**

From Pastor Jim: A summary of my ministry

I have over 30 years of ministry experience in full and part-time positions, and as a volunteer. Service in various capacities including: Associate Pastor, Seminary Director, Church Administrator, Home Bible Study Group Coordinator, General Contractor for fellowship hall building program, Choir Director, drug and alcohol Counselor, Children's Ministry and Youth Pastor.

My wonderful wife and greatest support is Kimberly Sue Walitzer-Heiler.

Pastor Jim will have more information about himself in next month's newsletter.

Happy January Birthday & Anniversary*

- 4 Louise Henderson
- 5 Jim Brumbaugh
Roger Chandler
- 9 Mary Shuler
- 12 Merri Mathes
- 14 Lynette Preston
- 16 Reed Markle
- 17 Lee Preston
- 23 Alice Mathes
- 25 Dick & Ruth Miller*
- 28 Reed & Joy Markle*
- 31 Cheryl Maxon



“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”

Prayer Requests

PRAISE/JOY

Technology advances to see family
Joy of family including church family

CONCERNS

Family of Mildred French
Family of Charlie Pride
Family of Margaret McKenna
Family of Diane Pinson
Family of George Bower
Family of George Heise
Ann Preston
Judy Durrant
Harrington family (Beckie Harrington and Helen Merrick)
Olivia Mathes' great uncle Billy
Merri Mathes' father David Clark & family
Vicky Housenecht's friend
Virginia Davis' neighbor Mary Rebold & daughter
Cheryl Maxon's cousin's grandson Adam
Newbould family
Those in hospice & their families



BOTH PRAISE/JOY & CONCERN

The Hunt family

**“Kindness is like snow – it beautifies
everything it covers.”**

John thought that Jesus should baptize him!
But Jesus told John to do the baptizing and said ...

Solve the math problems.

Then use this code to find out what Jesus said.

36 = A	64 = G	18 = M	75 = S	13 = Y
29 = B	81 = H	19 = N	24 = T	26 = Z
93 = C	132 = I	20 = O	23 = U	
40 = D	151 = J	27 = P	94 = V	
7 = E	2 = K	71 = Q	111 = W	
17 = F	5 = L	48 = R	108 = X	

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A NEW YEAR WITH THE LORD

*A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord*

*Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware*

*For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within*

*What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through*

*We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace.*

M.S. Lowndes



HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Perfect Gift for Your Young Child

There is no shortage of gift ideas for your young child. Millions of advertising dollars are devoted to directing your attention to the “perfect” gift. You feel guilty if you can’t find something that will educate, stimulate, and build self-esteem all at once (and it’s got to be politically correct, biodegradable, and bilingual, too). The marketers know that price is no object because this is *your* child, and you won’t settle for anything less than the best.

Well, we have a suggestion for the perfect gift. It is not easy to find, and it is terribly expensive, but we guarantee that it will last a lifetime and it will be your child’s favorite. We’re talking about your *time*.

Your child’s greatest need is the security of knowing that you care. There is no better way to convey your love than to spend time with your child. Hours invested in your child will produce dividends now and in the future. You will be building a relationship, moment by moment, that will be the basis for a lifelong friendship between the two of you.

Don’t be misled by the myth of “quality time” – it is an admirable goal, but it should not be used as an excuse for mission “quantity time” with your child. Quality moments usually can’t be scheduled. They happen spontaneously, without warning, in circumstances you don’t anticipate. Those precious, teachable moments will be initiated by your child, while you’re playing in the backyard, driving in the car, or staring at a worm in the dirt. For your children, all of the time you spend together can be “quality time” because it is then that they have what’s most important to them – your attention.

This is a gift which does not come cheaply. It will cost you. You may have to forgo other activities. You will have to say “no” to other people. You may have to set aside a few personal goals or hobbies for a few years. But don’t worry. Those other things and folks will be around later, but the childhood years are soon gone forever. They are irretrievable.

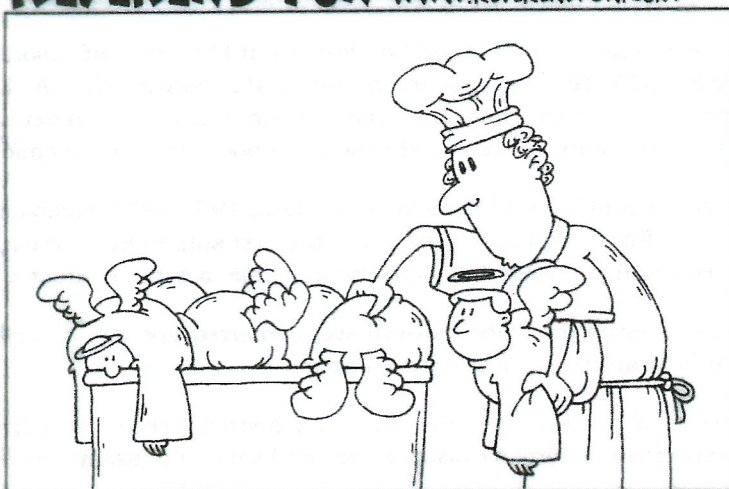
Give your child the gift of your time. Sure, there is a limited supply, but we’ve never seen a tombstone which read: “I wish I hadn’t spent so much time with my kids.”

Hug your kids and kiss them goodnight every evening.

(Excerpt from ‘God is in the Small Stuff’)



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HAVING LOST THE RECIPE, DON TRIES TO MAKE AN ANGEL FOOD CAKE FROM MEMORY

Notes from the Past...

From Pine Hill Road:

to establishing "A Garden Radiating Love and Grace" on the other side of the world;

to receiving the highest award ever conferred upon an American woman by the Emperor of Japan.....



MILDRED ANNE PAINE

Mildred Anne Paine was born on July 25, 1893 to Martha Vanella Waterman and Emory Corydon Paine. Her family lived in the cobblestone house on Pine Hill.

All of their social life centered in the West Barre Methodist Church. Miss Emma Hill chose books from the Sunday School of adventure and dreams of worlds to win for the students to read.

Mildred started school in the cobblestone school house when she was four years old. There were eight grades in the school. Her parents arranged for Mildred Anne and her older brother to enter a Methodist sponsored high school known as the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary in Lima, NY in 1908. Mildred Anne graduated from the high school in 1913. She taught at the West Barre one room school for two years. She was Grace Peters Allen's first grade teacher. Mildred Anne entered Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. She spent the years of 1915-1916 at Oberlin College.

In the autumn of 1919, Mildred Anne was commissioned by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as a missionary to Japan. She was sent to Japan in 1920 for one year of language study. Her study was followed by several years of service until 1927 when a furlough allowed her to pursue a Master's degree in Social Work from Boston University. She returned to Japan in 1928 and would stay except for "furlough". In 1943, she was interned by the Japanese.

Mildred Anne was assigned to rebuild an important Methodist sponsored Welfare Center that had been destroyed by an earthquake in 1923. She was responsible for establishing AI KEI GAUKUEN - "A Garden Radiating Love and Grace". It was an orphanage that had schools, a clinic, a camp, and a youth department with over 1100 children and youth enrolled in the various departments. It was established in a poor area for the children of rag pickers.

Rev. Jesse Young and his wife Ruth (in West Barre 1955-1957) picked Mildred Anne up in New York City after her disembarkation from the ship "Gripshoin" - the first ship to leave Japan after World War II. In 1957 - 1958, Pete Nesbitt's squadron cruised the western Pacific. Pete was able to get in contact with Mildred Anne and to visit her.

Mildred Anne received the highest award ever conferred upon an American woman by the Japanese government and was presented this award by the Emperor of Japan.

She returned to West Barre in 1962. Following a stroke, she went to live at the Brooks-Howell Home in Asheville, NC. The home is a retirement facility for deaconesses and women missionaries of the United Methodist Church. She passed away in 1988.