



West Barre Witness

December, 2022

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Thank God for this wonderful season of the Christian year focused on the incarnation of Christ, and the messianic prophecy and fulfillment surrounding His birth. How are the Scriptures different than any other book? Surely in their prophecy and fulfillment. Prophecy and fulfillment stand as a cornerstone of the Scripture's inspiration, revelation, and authority. Rather than living our lives on a constant search for truth, we can stand of the truth of God's word, and

believe and apply its timeless wisdom and promises to our lives. Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes in his book "Life Together"

It is not our heart that determines our course, but God's Word. But who today has any proper understanding of the need for scriptural truth? How often we hear innumerable arguments 'from life' (from science) and 'from experience' put forward as the basis for most crucial decisions. But the argument from Scripture is missing. And this (the Scriptures) authority would perhaps point in exactly the opposite direction. It is not surprising of course, that the person who attempts to cast discredit on the Scripture's wisdom should be the one who himself does not seriously read, know, and study the Scriptures.

Thanks be to God "We have and anchor that keeps the soul, safe and secure while the billows roll. Fastened to the rock which cannot move. Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love.

Have a blessed Christmas filled with the hope, peace joy and love Jesus brings to the world.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Jim and Kim



Thanks
be to
GOD

CONCERNS

Nolan
Byron Neal
Max
Sherril Hickman
Family of Charles (Chuck) Roth
Family of Mary Shuler
Family of Kevin Deuel
Scott Miller
Jim Brumbaugh
Randy Kelley
Jim Davis
North Wing of Medina Hospital
Kim Hailer
Karen Markle's friend Donna
Judy Durant

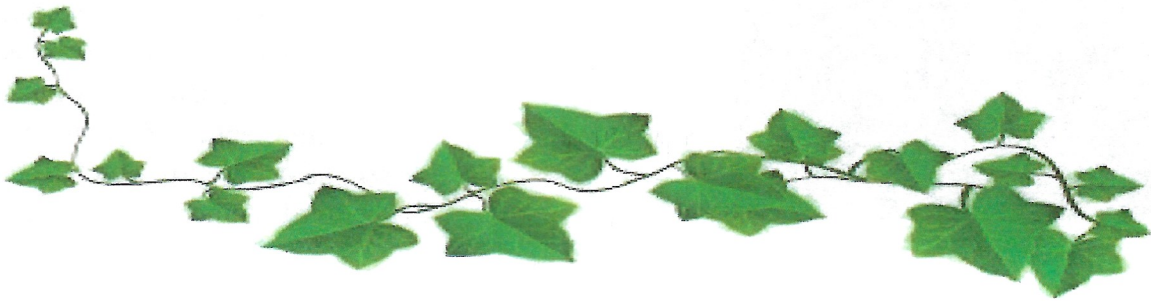
BOTH PRAISE/JOY & CONCERN

Sharon Schlegel
Virginia Davis
Doreen Brumbaugh's son
Doris Antinode's neighbor



PRAISE/JOY

Jim & Kim Hailer
Karen Markle
4-H programs, food in particular
Those that have gone before us
Person that plows the Church
Dan Preston
Those that helped each other during storm
Our veterans
Mary Shuler's dinner workers
Middle school play including Julie Graham & Lean
Leader



Thank you to all the people who are so generous with their time and talents by keeping our church beautiful and in good working order year-round, both inside and outside!

You are truly appreciated!



*As cold and flu season approaches,
remember:*

- You exhale air at approximately **30 mph**.
 - A cough can travel as fast as **50 mph** and expel almost 3,000 droplets.
 - Sneezes win though – They can travel up to **100 mph** and create upwards of 100,000 droplets.
- Yikes!

Be kind to others. Remember to use a handkerchief or the inside of your elbow when sneezing or coughing



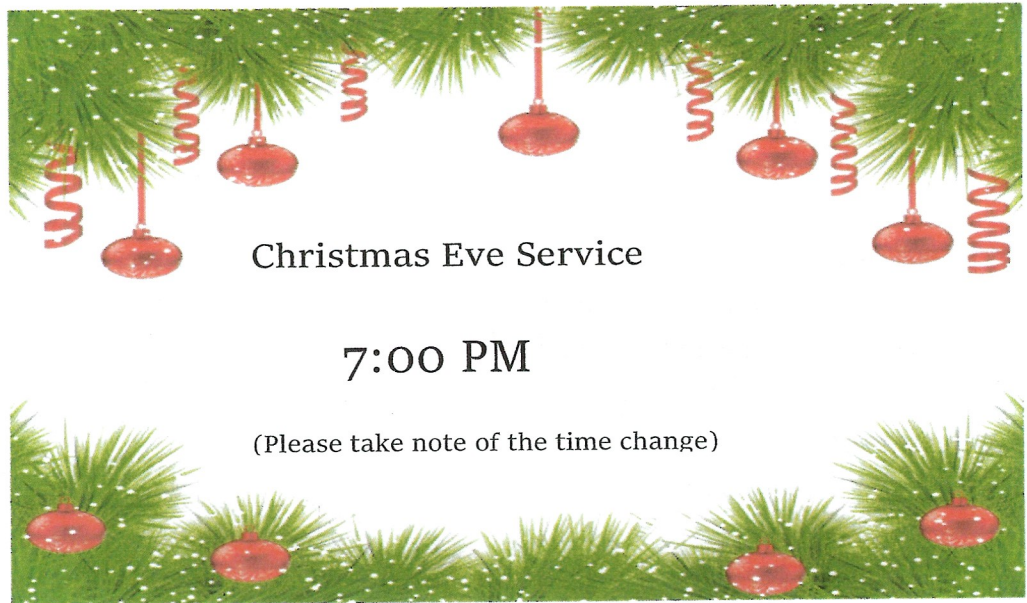
The Advent Candles

The four candles represent **the four weeks of Advent**, it begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve and one candle is lit each Sunday. The four candles traditionally represent **hope, faith, joy, and peace**. Often, the first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-colored.

Decembers Mission

The Gift to Jesus that was voted on this year is to **Care Net**, we want to raise \$5,000.00, anything over that will go to **One Hope for Asia**.

Please Give!



Christmas Eve Service

7:00 PM

(Please take note of the time change)

Shoeboxes

Thank you to all who made this a great success ! We were able to pack and send 70 shoeboxes !!

Christmas Program

Our annual program will be **December 16 at 6:30 pm**. We will have supper , please bring a dish to pass and your tableservice. The children will be presenting " **The Christmas Alphabet** " with pictures and music. Also, we will be handing out treats to the kids. Please join us for a great time of fun and fellowship !!!!

Sunday School

No classes on December 25. We will resume on January 8.

In-house Christmas card delivery:

The hospitality committee will again deliver your in-house Christmas cards. Please only do those that normally attend church.



"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

*Thank you friends! I pray that
you are well in life and in
ministry!*

Dear Friends at West Barre UMC,

Thank you for your blessing of \$1,971.00 to Wesley's Place Faith Community at the Buffalo/Niagara Medical Campus.

This gift came at a pivotal time in our year! Your gift will support necessary ministry as we prepare for the next phase of our faith community in these uncertain times. 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!



Rev. Gregg Stierheim



FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT

Dear West Barre United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your donation to Community Action of Orleans and Genesee food pantry. We value your partnership and appreciate all your support.

Sincerely,



On this CHRISTmas Morn-

*A promise to the world,
a child to be given
so many years foretold
so all could be forgiven.*

*Moonless night shining,
with the Morning star
calling watchful shepherds
to come from afar.*

*Wise Men carry gifts,
meant only for a King
angels up in heaven
Glory - Glory - sing.*

*God became a man,
the good News is born
begotten Son arrives
on this Christmas morn.*

*Our mighty God concedes,
to the wickedness of man
the Prince of Peace comes
to bridge the empty span.*

*Wonderful is His name,
Counselor to the meek,
the Son was born of flesh
to give power to the weak.*

*Our everlasting Father,
knows our fallen state
so He sent His only Son
to save us from our fate.*

*A promise to the world,
our Lord and Savior is born
sing - Praises to His Glory -
on this Christmas morn!*

Deborah Ann Bolka



*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and
his name shall be called 'Wonderful, Counsellor,*

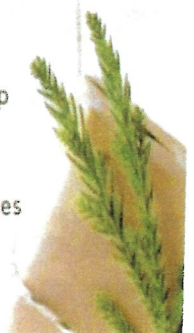
*The mighty God, the Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans



Hope

PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD.

MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT

A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD.

ISAIAH 40:3



Announcements:

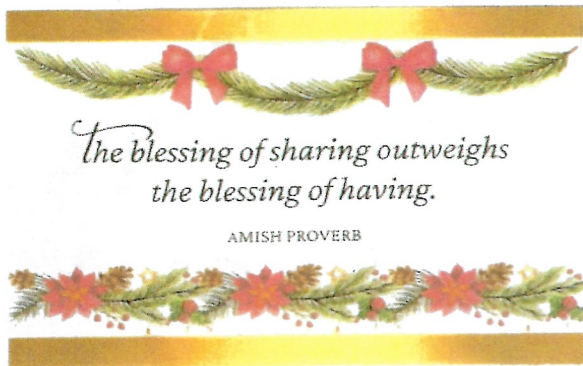
Wednesday (7th) 6:30 pm Ad-Council
Friday (9th): 7:00 pm Men's group
Monday (19th) 6:30 pm Trustee's



Looking ahead:

Sunday (11th): 9 am Choir
December (16th) 6:30 pm Sunday School Christmas Program & Family Night Supper

Jack & Wilma Richardson have a new address
5301 Maxon Terrace
Sanford FL 32771



Sunday Service- 9:30 am
Also streamed live on FaceBook

To contact Pastor Jim Heiler: 716-523-7542 or jheiler0409@gmail.com

Pastor Jim keeps regular office hours on Wednesday from 9am to 5pm, unless he steps out for visitation, meetings, or appointments. In that case, he will leave a note on the church office door advising when he will return. Please call if you have an emergency 24/7. You matter to Jesus. You matter to me.

Send articles for the Newsletter to jdchan@rochester.rr.com, by the 20th or the month.

Go! And make disciples for the transformation of the world Assisting in Worship