

West Barre Witness

February, 2023

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*Faith
Hope
and the Greatest
of these is
Love*

From the Pastor's Desk

Patience visited me
And it reminded me
That good things take time to come to fruition
And grow slowly with stability

Peace visited me
And it reminded me
That I may remain calm through the storms of life
Regardless of the chaos surrounding me

Hope visited me
And it reminded me
That better times lay ahead
And it would always be there to guide and uplift me

Humility visited me
And it reminded me
That I may achieve it
Not by trying to shrink myself and make myself less
But by focusing on serving the world and uplifting
those around me

Kindness visited me
And it reminded me
To be more gentle, forgiving and compassionate
toward myself
And those surrounding me

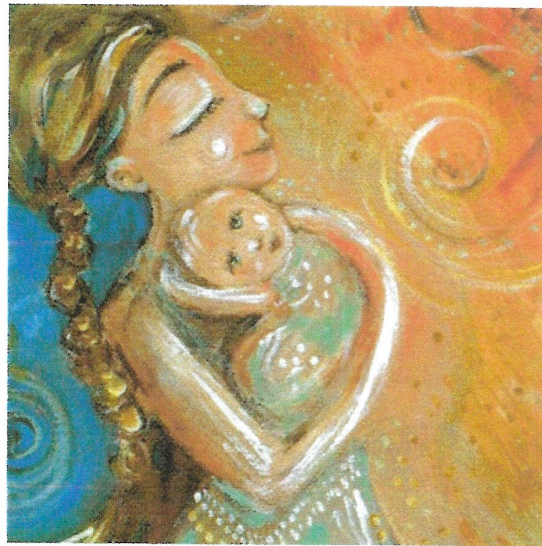
Confidence visited me
And it reminded me
To not conceal or suppress my gifts and talents
In order to make others feel more comfortable
But to embrace what makes me me

Focus visited me
And it reminded me
That other people's insecurities and judgements about
me
Are not my problem
And I should redirect my attention
From others back to me

Freedom visited me
And it reminded me
That no one has control over my mindset, thoughts
and well being
But me

And love visited me
And it reminded me
That I need not search for it in others
As it lies within me.

Words by Tahlia Hunter



By KM Berggren

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Pastor Jim keeps regular office hours on Wednesdays 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.

Go! And make disciples for the transformation
of the world.

Attention: Ladies

*You are invited to a Ladies' Tea on
Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:30 pm
at Ruth Miller's*

*13714 Gillette Road, Albion, NY
nothing fancy, we are just having tea and a
little something! We will be discussing the next
Ladies' Bible Study which will start mid-
March. Bring your ideas, sample studies, and
a friend, if you would like.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5 ~ BOB COLLINS
7 ~ ERIK SEIELSTAD
11 ~ JENNY MCKENNA
13 ~ MORGAN SEIELSTAD
15 ~ PASTOR JIM HEILER
18 ~ NATALIE BARON
23 ~ MELANIE OLLETT
25 ~ ED PASK
26 ~ CHAD BAKER

Committee Meetings:

Feb 6th - 6:30pm, Trustees

Feb 10th - 7:00pm, Men's Club Group

Feb 15th - 7:00pm, AED Training

**Feb 21st - 6:00pm, Memorial
Committee**

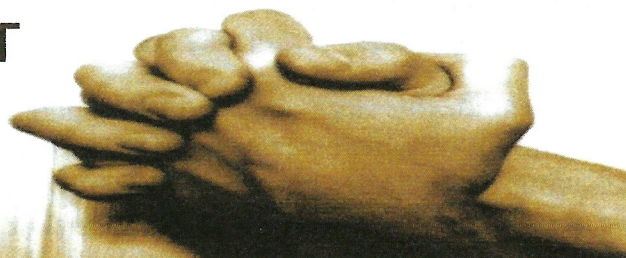
***We need input from the
congregation on potential projects for
Memorial funds***

Happy Anniversary

10 ~ CHERYL & RUSS MAXON
14 ~ BOB & EILEEN COLLINS

PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU



Doris Antinore
Judy Durrant
Jill Richardson Walker
Virginia Davis
Sharon Schlegel
Byron Neal

Hugh & Eleni Dudley



Received a THANK YOU card: 1/16/2023

Friends @ West Barre United Methodist,

WOW! Your amazing gift of \$4,495.00 "blew us away"! It's a wonderful boom to our budget and will allow us to provide services for a great # of clients and their families in 2023. May 2023 be a year which is for each of you, marked with health, peace, joy and much fruit! Thank you and God bless you!

Love in Jesus, Wende, for all of us

Samaritan's Purse

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

Franklin Graham, President

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December 08, 2022

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to the ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

This month, we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world. Much like Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds in the Bible, the life of each person who meets our Savior today is radically changed.

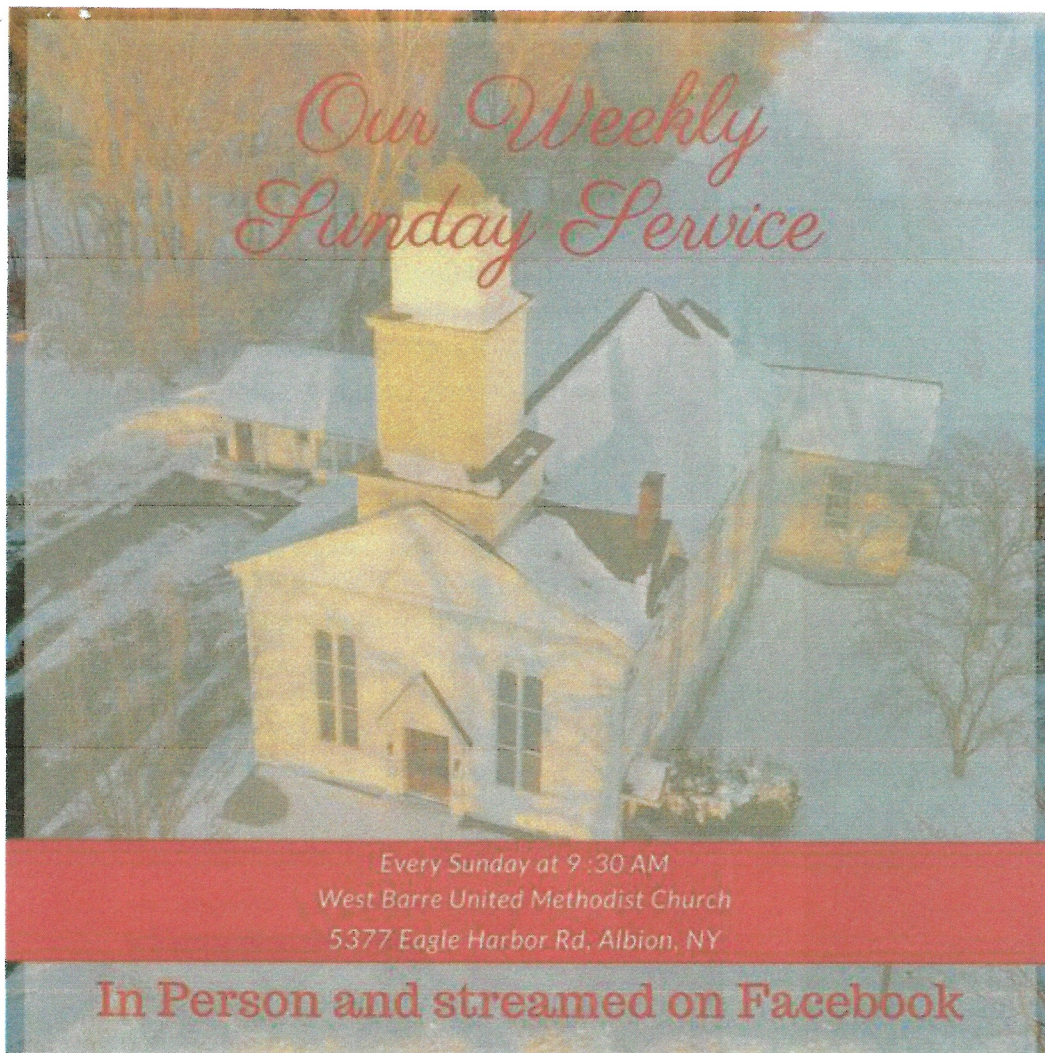
"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel' which is translated, 'God with us'" (Matthew 1:23). Your generosity is allowing us to show hurricane victims, Ukrainian refugees, Operation Christmas Child shoebox recipients, and many more that God is with them. God bless you, and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Franklin Graham".

Franklin Graham
President

"All we have comes from God and we give it out of His hand."
1 Chronicles 29: 14b, Dutch Paraphrase



You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the page or video. Just do a web search for West Barre UMC and from the results click on the Facebook link. You can view this any time, not only during live stream.

<https://www.facebook.com/WestBarreUMC/>

You will be able to watch from there. We will also have a link posted from our website under Sermons. Find that link at the top right of the homepage.

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2023 Missions

January – Community Action

February – Soup Kitchen

March – UMCOR

April – Wesley's Place

May – GOMOC

June – One Hope for Asia, Inc.

July – School Backpacks

August – Care-A-Van Ministries

September – Hands for Hope

**October – World Communion 1st
Sunday/ SamaritansPurse
Shoe Boxes**

November – Care Net

**December – Jesus' Gift (to be
determined)**

Orleans Koinonia Kitchen is Albion's Soup Kitchen being served at Harvest Christian Fellowship Church at 560 East Avenue on Thursdays. West Barre serves on the 5th Thursday of the month which is usually 4-5 times per year. Monetary donations allow Director Faith Smith to purchase the needed paper/plastic goods required to serve the dinners. They average approximately 150-200 dinners per week. More information can be found on their website [at www.okkithcen.org](http://www.okkithcen.org).



The total for Community Action Food Pantry for January's Monthly Mission was \$967.00.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:16

Update from the Education Committee!

Alice and I would like to update you on the goings-on of the very active Education Committee! We have an enthusiastic and produce committee! Our most recent new member is Tammy Graham — thanks Tammy!

We have a strong lifelong Christian Education effort at our church. We have an active Sunday School program, Adult Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, Men's Group, and the summer Vacation Bible School. Sunday school children in the Tween's Class have recently begun serving as acolytes in services. These older students are very excited to be bringing in the Light of Christ into our service and out into the world. It is a meaningful and important new role for them. We also have regular Sunday School helpers each week — thanks to Lois, Melissa, Kathy, Diana, Ruth, and others too!

The Women's Bible Study will resume in March on Monday evenings. Look for the Sunday Bulletin, church facebook page, and newsletters for updates. All women of the church are invited to participate in these activities!

The Men's Group meets approximately monthly, typically on Friday evenings, under the leadership of Jim Peglow. These meetings include fellowship, devotional and discussion time, and planning helping and service activities for the church.

To become a member of any of these education groups... it is easy and painless! Speak to Alice, Jim Peglow, or me to get involved!

Kim Heiler



I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken Pottery. Psalm 31: 12 (NIV)

MY ELDERLY NEIGHBOR KEEPS A small China vase on the windowsill above her kitchen sink. It's obviously been broken and glued back together, as there's a tiny triangular gap from a missing piece. Tucked inside the little vessel is a note justifying why she's kept the seemingly useless item all these years. Her explanation begins with these words: "This charming little pitcher is flawed but still worthy..." She says its graceful design makes her smile every time she sees it. I identify with that charming little pitcher because I'm also flawed. David, the psalmist, wrote Psalm 31 at a low point in his life, a time of distress, grief, and affliction. He felt forgotten and discarded— like broken pottery—worthless in the eyes of friends and neighbors. I've been in a similar state during low times in my life when I didn't feel treasured. But now when I consider the trinket pronounced "flawed but still worthy," I'm reminded of how Jesus looks upon me, with my own flaws and imperfections. I take comfort knowing that, even with flaws and imperfections, I'm still worthy in the eyes of Jesus. My neighbor couldn't bring herself to discard her lovely little treasure, however flawed. Likewise, Jesus doesn't discard me just because I'm flawed. He sees my flaws and still deems me worthy. He sees us all as His lovely treasure. —CASSANDRA TIERSMA

BE KIND

Just a little bit of kindness
Can go a long, long way,
Just a little bit of tenderness
Can brighten up a day.

Just a bit of praise where it's deserved
Can bring a happy glow,
Just a hand held out can give some hope
To someone feeling low.

A forgiving word, a handshake,
A pat upon the head,
Can take away a heavy heart
And bring a smile instead.

Just a little bit of kindness
Can go a long, long way
In reflecting the benevolence
God shows us every day!
Alice Joyce Davidson

*"And be ye kind one to another...
Ephesians 4:32*

(Bluebells were the Victorian flower for Kindness)



Kindness
doesn't cost a thing,
yet it's the richest gift
you can give.

If you would like to have something in the newsletter, please e-mail
Jill Chandler at jdchan@rochester.rr.com by the 25th of the month.



Finance

The annual audit for our church was conducted on January 18, 2023 by the Finance Committee. Committee members included: Roger Chandler, Melissa Dibley, George Schlegel, Alice Mathes, Dan Preston, Bob Collins, Sharon Miller, Dana Markle.

Also in attendance were Karen Markle, Financial Secretary, Jim Peglow, Trustee Treasurer and Lay Leader, and Pastor Jim. All books were balanced and found in order. The audit sheet was completed and sent to the Genesee District Office along with the Finance Report and Trustee Report. Our church statistics report for 2022 was completed by Pastor Jim and Treasurer Jean Peglow and was submitted to the UNY Conference.

Any questions about the church finances, I will be happy to answer!

Jean Peglow, Treasurer
Finance Chair

Come for Fun and Fellowship

BOWLING FEBRUARY 5TH
Oak Orchard Lanes, Albion
12:30pm