



# West Barre Witness

## April, 2023

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**In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope Easter brings.** Praying your Easter will be bright with the hope and joy of our risen Savior.

**He is risen!**



## From the Pastor's Heart



Spring is finally drawing near. The days are getting longer. Light is overcoming the darkness. The brown is tuning to green. The land is getting a good drink before planting. To me, it is as if all of nature is celebrating the resurrection of our Lord with new-found life.

Grandma always had one sure sign of spring. On the way to the house from the bam, there was a little garden on the left side of the path, next to the stairs. As the snow was finally melted - or maybe just before the last snow had finally melted, she would announce the first sign of spring joyfully. "Oh look! Look! The little crow- cusses! "I'm not sure if she thought that was the way "crocus" was pronounced, or if that was just a little joke she liked to make, but she was always completely delighted when they finally poked up from the ground.

I have another very lasting memory of spring from my mother; Mom was a mom that was a worrier of sorts. She loved God. She was a woman of faith, but she never did quite get over worrying. Not always about the same thing, but it seemed always about something. Maybe it was kind of the way she cared. Mom was always delighted when the birds came back in spring; especially the robins. The robins had a special significance for her. Whenever she would see a robin, no matter what she was concerned about that day, she would say "Oh look, there's a robin. Everything's going to be ok. "

We are facing a time of concern in our church. It makes us uncomfortable. It makes me uncomfortable. But in this springtime of new life, I looked out the window this morning, and I saw one of mom's robins. And I said: "By God's grace, everything will be ok." Believe it or not, the day after mom passed to her heavenly home, an entire flock of robins landed on my front yard. It was if mom was sending me a message: "Everything is going to be ok".

Jesus said it better than a whole flock of robins. "My peace leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give you peace as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid."

Don't be anxious my family of faith, Jesus holds us in the palm of His hand. We dwell under the shadow of the Father's wings. Everything will be ok.

Loving you with the love of the Lord,  
Pastor Jim and Kim





## Monday, April 3, 6:30 pm, in the Chapel

Church wide meeting to discuss the future of West Barre Church; Dr. Greg Van Dussen ( our former DS) of Indian Falls Church will be here to help answer some of our questions and will share how Indian Falls made their decision.



3, 10, 17 – Woman's Bible Study, 6:30

4 – Maundy – Thursday Practice, 6:30

5 – Ad Council, 6:30

6 – Maundy – Thursday Service, 6:30

14 – Men's Group, 7:00

10-27 – Pastor Jim and Kim out of town

22 – Spring Gala

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### The Church Auction

is set for Tuesday, **August 22.**

Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board by the ramp entrance as the time draws near.

Donations of good, gently used items for the auction/ store are always welcome; we do have a place to store them. Please contact any Trustee member if you can help or have items to donate.



CALLING ALL WOMEN, YOUNG LADIES & GIRLS



# The Spring Gala!

*"The Earth is God's Gift"*

**April 22, 2023 • 4-7 p.m.**

**West Barre United Methodist Church**

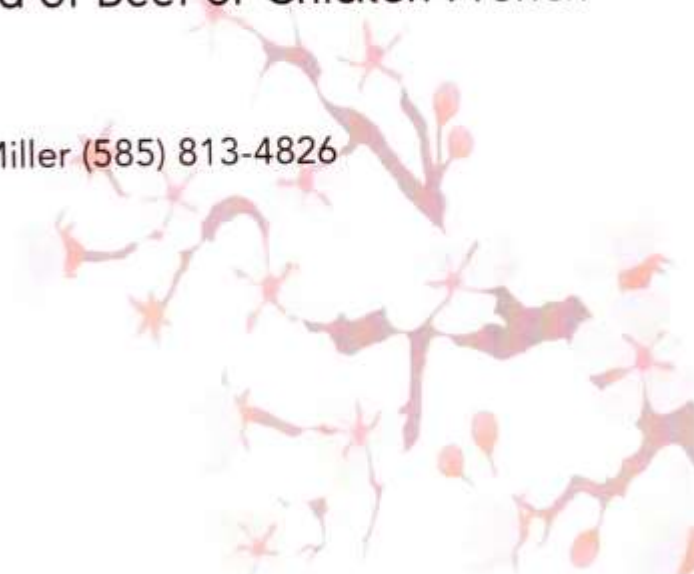
5377 Eagle Harbor Rd., Albion

**Tickets:** \$20 women • \$10 10 years & younger

**Dinner Meat Choices:** Top Round of Beef or Chicken French

*Call for tickets & reservations:*

Alice Mathes (585) 738-2976 • Sharon Miller (585) 813-4826



## Spring Gala Basket Raffle

We need your Help!

We are asking for donation of  
baskets

Can be anything, your choice

Attach a label as to what is in the  
basket,

Along with your name so we can

Thank You!

Please bring in by April 19

Any questions, please contact

**Kathy Huffman - 716-698-8342**



- 1 Jacob Preston, Harrison Markle
- 12 Roger Cladwell
- 13 Hunter Mathes
- 15 Dean Dibley, Eleni Dudley
- 20 Samantha Basinait
- 24 Carter Kuipers
- 28 Riley Seielstad

- 9 Pastor Jim & Kim Helier
- 16 Kirk & Alice Mathes
- 16 Erik & Marlene Seielstad



## Lenten Lunch

A whole team of us united our efforts, love, care, and talents to provide food and service at the March 22 Lenten Lunch! Our church provided soups, sandwiches, salads, chips, and loads of delish cookies! About 50 people were served lunch at the event, and all the food was well appreciated and very tasty, according to the compliments. Pastor Jim led the devotional at the lunch and spoke about repentance and the Lord's Prayer. Together, we all were united in service to Christ our Lord.

Love, Ruth and Kim



## AN EASTER PROMISE

If we but had the eyes to see  
God's face in every cloud,  
If we but had the ears to hear  
His voice above the crowd,  
If we could feel his gentle  
Touch in every Springtime  
breeze

And find a haven in His arms  
'Neath sheltering leafy trees. . .  
If we could just lift up our hearts  
Like flowers to the sun  
And trust His Easter Promise  
We'd find the peace we're seeking,  
The kind no man can give,  
The peace that comes from  
knowing

He Died So We Might Live!

Helen Steiner Rice



## PRAISE/JOY

Sharon Schlegal  
Albion musicals including costumes  
For having hot water & heat  
Seeing Jack & Wilma Richardson  
Jack & Wilma's daughter Jill  
Pete & Lois Nesbitt  
Ashton Preston's help

## CONCERNS

Cheryl Maxon's ex-husband  
Diana Pask  
Bob Call (and Roberta)  
Lanor Markle  
Betsey Kennedy  
Patty, friend of Vicky Housenecht  
The family of Sandy Ray  
Kim Heiler  
Vicky Housenecht's nephew Brandon  
Randy Huffman's son David  
Jeff Kitanik  
Byron Neal  
Pastor Jim

## BOTH PRAISE/JOY & CONCERN

Hugh & Eleni Dudley  
Doris Antinore  
Diana Pask  
Danny Shuler  
Lynette Preston





**April Monthly Mission**

Wesley's Place



**7:00 Service**

**Breakfast between services**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

**9:30 Service**

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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.**

Please get articles for the newsletter to me by the **25<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

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