

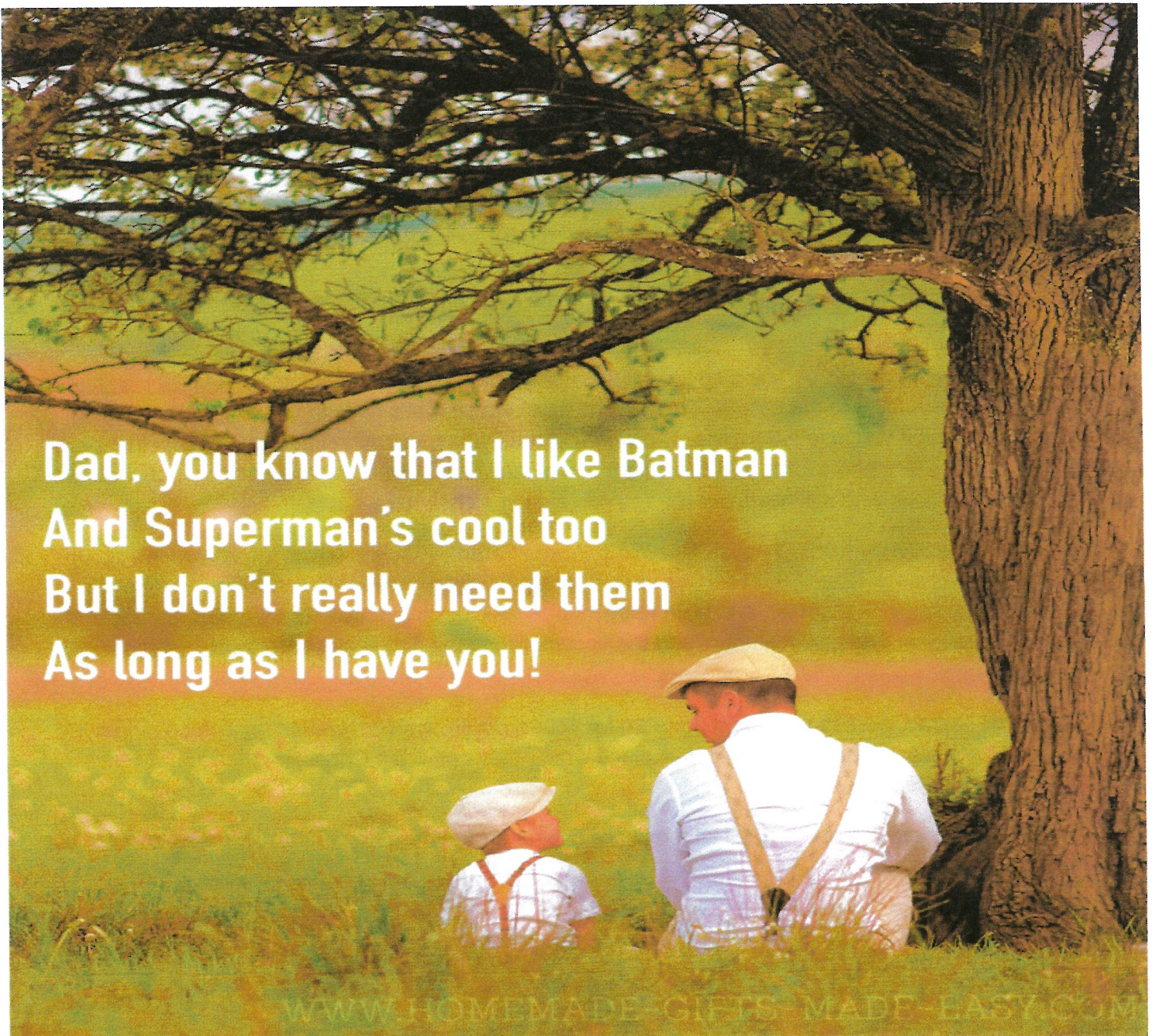


West Barre Witness

June, 2023

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Dad, you know that I like Batman
And Superman's cool too
But I don't really need them
As long as I have you!



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What Can Someone find at West Barre UMC?

Let's think this month on some of the things that make our church a wonderful place of worship, to grow together with God. First, we have our wonderful people. People who care. "Give the shirt off their backs" kind of people, if anyone is in need. Praying people. People who bring their requests to the congregation every week that we may pray together about each one, and who do that, knowing that people really will pray. Nice people. Approachable friendly people. Welcoming people. Generous people. People who are concerned about the needs of others, and who give sacrificially give that those needs might be met. Not people who say "something must be done", but people

who say "what can we do?" Organized people who work together. People who can put on a nine hundred halves of chicken barbeque kind of people. People who mow the lawn every week by taking turns. Lots and lots of lawn.

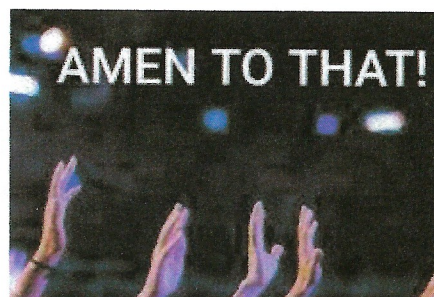
A place where people can hear the word of God preached. A place where people believe the word of God is true, and will guide their lives and keep them free. A place where the foundational truths of the faith are embraced in faith. It's a place where the pastor loves you. Where he does his best to live out his faith in front of you. It's a place where the pastor really believes everything, he's telling you; not where you have to wonder if he believes it. It's a place where you can watch the service at home every week if you can't physically attend the church that week. It's a church where a newsletter comes out each month for you to enjoy and stay informed.

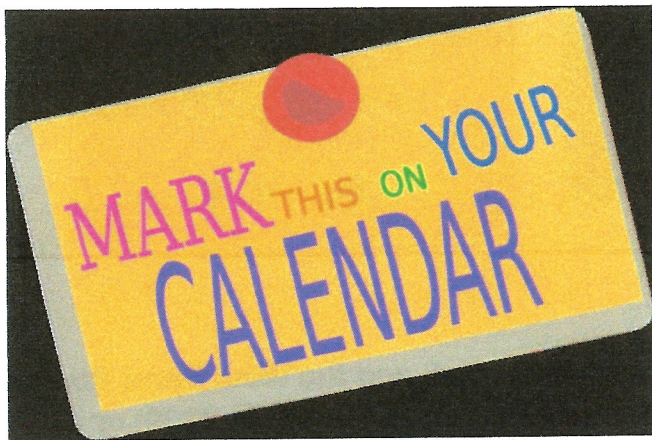
A place where you can still go and sing the great hymns of faith with an outstanding organist playing them, with the melodies ringing to the rafters. That's not a rural church that's easy to find any more. Nothing wrong with choruses; but if you love the hymns. The words of the hymns, the melodies of the hymns that have touched people's hearts for generations, you can sing those hymns here. And if you love singing in a choir, we are one of the few churches who still have a choir. You can sing in a choir here.

A place where you may have Christian fellowship. A weekly ladies Bible study. A monthly men's group. An adult Sunday school class after church service each Sunday. A time of fellowship and refreshment after church to get to know, and visit together, and build relationships. A church that celebrates anniversaries, and birthdays, and graduations, and new members and the accomplishments and achievements of everyone together.

A place that has a Christian education program for your children. A place where they can be taught the Bible at their level, and learn together in a group. A place where they can learn Christian character. A place with dedicated Christian teachers.

Of course, I've missed some things. But these are a lot of great things here. When we think about it, we have a really special, great church!





June 5 & 12 – Woman's Bible Study, 7pm

June 5 -9 - Jim & Kim, out of town

June 7 – Ad-Board, 6:30pm

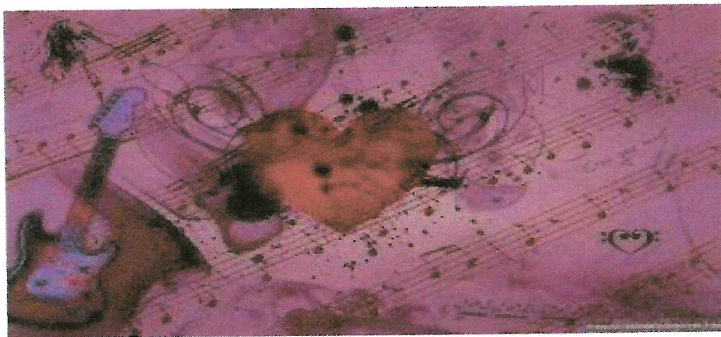
June 9 – Men's Club, 7pm

June 14 – Congregation Vote, 7pm

June 18 – Celebrate our Grads & Dads,
9:30 Church Service & Coffee Hour

June 19-23 – Jim & Kim, out of town

June 23 & 24 – Barre Store open, 9-5



MUSIC IN THE PARK: 5:30 TO 7:30

July 16 – Stone Circle

July 30 – Don Newcombe Band

August 6 – The Brick Band

August 13 – Old Hippies

The West Barre Store Dates

For 2023:

June 23 and 24

July 21 and 22

August 25 and 26

September 29 and 30

From 9 am to 5 pm

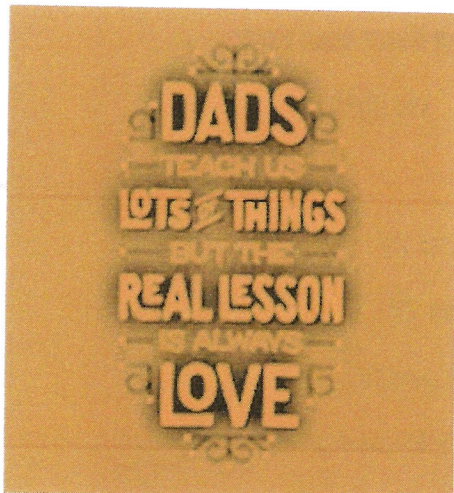
We are looking for volunteers to sort items, set up the store (prior to sale days) and people to "man the store".

VBS - AUGUST

7 - 10, 5:30 - 8:30

Pre-K through Adult

Join us for food fun and fellowship. Our program is "Twists and Turns" which will teach us that Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. It's never game over with Jesus!



Chicken Barbeque

July 12, 2023

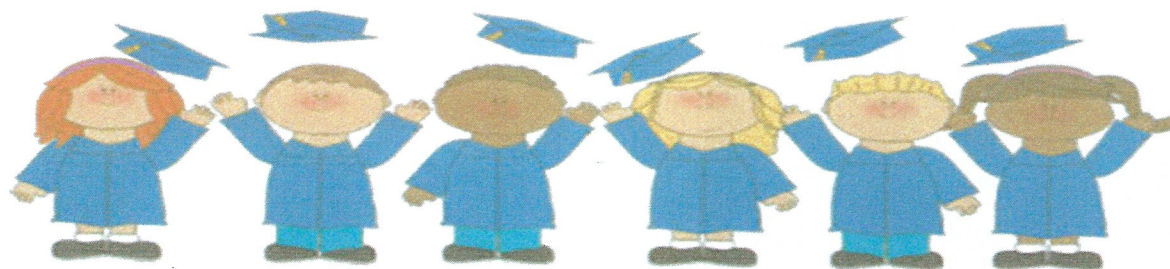
4:00 – 6:30

Donations for the Church Auction and the West Barre Store are welcome. Please contact Dick Miller (716-474-2330) or a Trustee member for storage of good, sale-worthy items.

Father's Day, June 18

The Church Auction, August 22

2023 Graduates



Emma Mathes - SUNY Brockport, Graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. She will be working at Highland Hospital. Daughter of Bert and Merri Mathes.

Sarah Mathes - Albion High School. Will attend GCC. Daughter of Charles Mathes and Marene Donnelly.

Taylor Soule (Mathes) - Albion High School. Will attend Alfred State for Vet. Tech. Daughter of Pete and Anna Mathes.

Hunter Mathes - Albion High School. Will be entering the work force. Son of Joe Mathes and Jamie Steffen.

The above are grandchildren of Kirk and Alice Mathes. Great grandchildren of Louise Henderson.

Samantha Basinait - Albion High School. Will be attending SUNY Cobleskill for Ag - Business. Daughter of Craig and Dawn Basinait.

June 18

The Education Committee will be celebrating our Graduates and Dads with a fantastic coffee hour.

Also, special recognition for our graduates. Please join us in celebrating these special people!!!!!!

Prayer for Graduates: Bless Them and Their Future

We all want to feel important, Lord.

May Your personal, "Well, done!" satisfy their spirit's need for accomplishment and recognition.

Let every senior know that no circumstance can ever rob them of their value and worth in Your eyes. To You Every Person Matters!

Bless every graduate, Lord, and assure them that You will direct the paths of all who ask.

Help them not to grow weary in this new adventure in life.

Give them discretion, integrity, and wisdom as they approach their new unknown future.

We pray for honesty, love, and kindness to always remain the norm in their lives, whatever they choose to do in the coming months and years.

May thoughtfulness, patience, and faithfulness thrive as they look for ways to focus on others as well as their own future.

In Jesus name. Amen.





**The
Pine
Ridge
Boys**



A great
Time
Singing
And
Praising
Our
Lord

June's Mission



SHARE HOPE

Let us be willing instruments to bring hope and joy
to the far and hidden places,
for there are no limits to sacrificial love...

PRAISE/JOY

Doris Antinore
Those with pacemakers giving others hope
Julia Graham
Doris Antinore's granddaughter
Emma Mathes
Being able to work the fields
Olivia Mathes
Jann Davis's mothers 90th birthday
Ashton Preston
Doreen Brumbaugh's grandson
Joe French
Karen Markle's great niece's wedding
Sharon Schlegal
Great church cleanup help
Lynette Preston



CONCERNS

Karen Markle's cousin Mary Pendalton
Jeff Martin family
Todd Graham
Brumbaugh's friend Sam's daughter Paris
Karen Markle's brother
Travel for Karen & Dana Markle
Lanor Markle's son's friend Christian Young
Donna Miller
Joy Markle's neighbor's little boy
Jim Peglow's tractor IT person Seth Conway
Laonor Markle's son Chris's significant other

BOTH PRAISE/JOY & CONCERN

Bob Call's Celebration of Life
Braydon Hoffmeister
Dan Markle

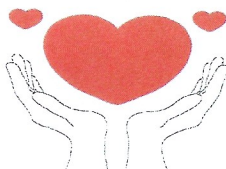


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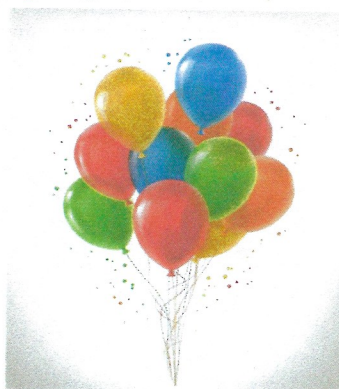
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Thank You!





- 2 Doreen Brumbaugh
- 4 Karen Dibley
- 6 Yvonne Newbould
- 7 Sarah Mathes
- 12 Naomi Caldwell
- 15 Danny Shuler, Jr.
- 18 Karen Markle
- 19 Ashton Preston
- 20 Ruth Miller
- 21 Jean Peglow
- 22 Judy Durrant, Renee Rowley, Lacey Myers
- 23 Kaitlyn Panek
- 25 Danny Shuler
- 29 Peyton Nolan, Peter Nesbitt, Erin Pask



- 1 Kurt & Kelly Dudley
- 10 Bert & Merri Mathes
- 13 Roger & Jill Chandler
- 21 Derrick & Erica Coleman
- 29 David & Jann Davis