

West Barre Witness July, 2023

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NOW THE LORD IS THE
SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE
SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS,
THERE IS FREEDOM.
- 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17





The Apostle Paul writes to the church of the Galatians: "You my brothers and sisters were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge in the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love." (Galatians 5:13) It seems in our world today much has been said about accepting others, and in respecting the freedom others have to think, say and act as they choose. We have the same freedoms as Christians. We are free to think, say and act as we choose as well. But as Christians, we exercise our freedom by choosing to come under the lordship of Christ. Not because we are forced to choose to, against our will, but to freely choose to serve him as lord and king through the power of the Spirit.

So, though I can choose to be selfish, hateful, angry, jealous, or to sow discord, because I have the freedom to do so: because I have my rights; I freely choose to love, seek peace and show forbearance. In this month when we celebrate freedom to choose, choose God. Choose to do what Jesus would do. Celebrate freedom. Through Jesus Christ, the law of the Spirit who gives life has set us free from the law of sin and death that we may have our minds set to freely seek and obey what the Spirit desires. (Romans 8:1-5) Have a great summer, and happy Independence Day!



Pastor Jim is normally in the church office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, unless he is visiting, has a meeting, or has other appointments. He is available on his cell phone if he is not at the church office. (716) 523-7542

- 3 Eileen Collins, Noah Preston, Craig Shaw
- 6 Adele Mathes
- 7 Jill Chandler, Zack Baron
- 8 Shannon Markle
- 12 Taylor Mathes, Sharon Schlegel Rachel Corke
- 22 Dawn Basinait
- 23 Kathy Huffman
- 30 Joy Markle



- 3 Vicky & Leslie Kuipers
- 4 Jeremiah & Melanie Preston
- 6 Jacob & Stephanie Preston
- 8 Jim & Doreen Brumbaugh
- 10 Hugh & Eleni Dudley
- 22 Norm & Naomi Caldwell





The Monthly Mission for July is:

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Bring in a Backpack with school supplies For the children going to school



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Welcome new members Erin, Tammy and Kelly!



THE APOSTLES' CREED, TRADITIONAL VERSION 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;* the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.



COLORADO BEANS

8 slices of bacon (can use entire package)

4 large Vidalia onions

1/2 cup brown sugar

1/2 cup vinegar

1 can green lima beans

1 can yellow lima beans

(Use 2 cans of green lima beans

if you can't find yellow lima beans)

1 can kidney beans

1 14 oz. can Pork & Beans

Slice bacon into small pieces - cook until crisp.

Remove from pan.

Place onions in bacon grease - cook until wilted.

Then add sugar and vinegar.

Drain all beans except Pork & Beans.

Stir together.

Place in 9" x 13" pan to bake.

Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour.

Women's Bible Study

We are reading the Bible! Our study guide is "The Bible in 52 Weeks" by Dr. Kimberly D. Moore. All ladies are welcome to attend and May join the group at any time; starts at 6:30 pm in the Chapel of the West Barre Church. Dates are: August 1, 15, 29 and September 5, 12, 19 and 26. Kim Heiler is our guide!







July 12 - Chicken BBQ, 4:00 pm

July 16 – Music in the Park- Stone Circle, 5:30 pm

July 21 – West Barre Store Open, 9:00 am

July 22 – West Barre Store Open, 9:00 am

July 30 - Music in the Park - Don Newcomb Band, 5:30 pm

West Barre Store Table Top Sale will be open friday & Saturday, July 21 & 22, 9am-5pm

in the store across from the church.

Please leave donations of items in clean, good condition on the porch of the store or call Ruth, 716-474-4331. We are looking for workers!! Future dates for the sale are August 25 & 25 and September 29 & 30.

Church Auction will be on Tuesday, August 22: 4:00,

Basket Raffle begins; 5:00 sale of food; 5:30 starts the auction with Dennis Bezon in Mull Barre Park across from the church. Featured will be a handmade Queen size quilt "Crystal Star" pattern. Thank you to Naomi Caldwell for making this amazing quilt and to Karen Dibley and Albion's Theater & Drama Department for supplying the material for this beautiful quilt.

We accept donated items for the auction that are in very good condition; please contact Dick Miller, 716-474-2330. Other items donated for the auction may include: gift certificates or new items from businesses, homemade pies, jams, baked goods, house plants, perennials, garden produce and hand crafted items.

