

Barry Good News!

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Join us for Sunday Worship!

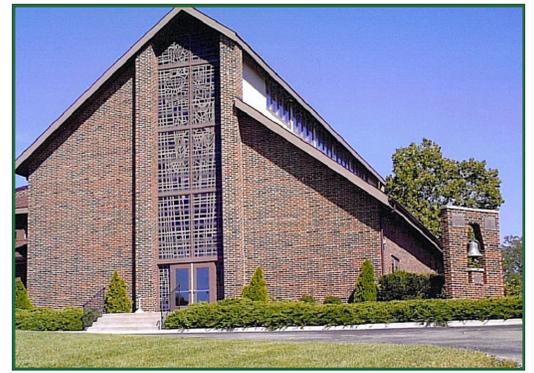
8:30 - First Worship Service

9:45 am - Sundays School classes for children and adults

11:00 - Second Worship Service

Wednesday Bible Study

6:00 pm



Barry Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
since 1840



Honor God, Seek Christ, Serve Others Together

Staff

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Dennis Patience – dennispatience@gmail.com

Family Life Director: Jim Frentrop - Jim.frentrop@gmail.com

Director of Music: Andrew Schmidt - andrewpauls@gmail.com

Administrative Secretary: Carol Studebaker - office@barrychristianchurch.com

Ponderings of Patience

*Our Thanks for Our Children's Participation
In the Christmas Eve Nativity Story!*

Pictured with this article are the children of our congregation who sang "The First Noel" under Andrew's leadership and who also participated in the creation of the Nativity Scene during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service on Christmas Eve. We were delighted that this year so many of our congregation's younger children were able to help us tell the story of the birth of God's son and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ as it is described in the gospels of Matthew and Luke. As several of our younger children are reaching an age that they can now participate in worship experiences, members of the Faithful Families Sunday School Class were seeking out a way that the youngest among us could participate in the Christmas Eve Service in a meaningful way. We hope the children's assistance with the assembly of the Nativity and also singing became a meaningful way for all of us to experience the joy of God's living presence among us this Christmas Season. The second photo on the last page of this newsletter shows the display of the Styrofoam characters

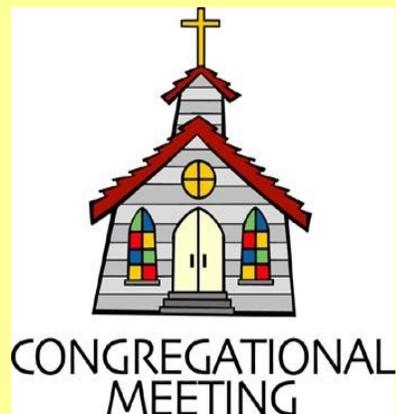
that were created for the Nativity Scene. Hopefully in the future, we'll be able to discover other meaningful ways in which our children can continue to participate in worship with us. For as God chose to express the most intimate part of himself to all the world – that of an infant child – surely all of us can be in awe of the ways our children can bless us in our mutual journey of experiencing God in meaningful ways!

Blessings to each of you as we continue our journey through this season of Christmastide!

Pastor Dennis



Please note that **on Sunday, January 7th, immediately after the 11:00 Worship Service, there will be a Congregational Meeting** to vote on a Recommendation of the Board concerning a raise in salaries for our Music Director and Organist positions. This raise will be most essential in helping our congregation offer competitive compensation as we search for a new organist. These raises are also within reason as our giving has exceed our expenses in the years of 2016 and 2017. If you wish to receive further details before the meeting please give Pastor Dennis a call on his mobile telephone: [325-338-4699](tel:325-338-4699).



Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday to YOU!

Sunday, January 7th All Church Birthday Party/Pot Luck

This is a fun time where we all gather to celebrate one another's birthdays. All tables will be decorated to fit each month of the year. Please sit at the table that represents your birthday month. This will be a pot luck lunch, (right after second service), so bring a dish to share. After dinner, birthday cake will be served.

The January Board Meeting will be on Sunday, January 7th after the potluck in the Upper Room.

ELDERS & DEACONS FOR 2018:
There will be training sessions for serving as elders and deacons scheduled for the following dates and times: Sunday, January 7th & 14th during Sunday School and Monday, January 8th at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Attendance at **ONE** event only is needed.



FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Is 2018 the year you finally take control of your finances instead of them controlling you? Graduates of Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University typically increase both their savings and their giving, while reducing debt! Classes begin January 9th, with childcare provided. First 20 registrations receive a discounted rate of \$99. You can receive more information or register by contacting Carol in the office (816.436.0462) or to get more information.

Dinner Out

The Koinonia Dinner Out - Monday, January 15, 2018 will be at Corner Café, 8301 N Flintlock Road, Kansas City, Mo 64158 near Liberty. Meet there at 6:30 pm.

The Koinonia Sunday School Class invites you to join them on this fun outing. It is a great way to meet people from church.

ATTENTION ALL BARRY CHRISTIAN MEN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH



GREAT FOOD ... GUEST SPEAKER ... GOOD CONVERSATION

6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. In the Fellowship Hall

All men are welcomed to attend this inaugural meeting of what we hope may become a regular, monthly fellowship meeting for the men of Barry Christian Church. We are grateful to Phil Myers for his leadership in this endeavor.

"As we lift our hearts in prayer,
dear Lord, may we receive all
the benefits of your grace..."

In our thoughts and prayers

- Ida Ragan
- Elizabeth Craig
- Mary Triplett
- Roger Blakley
- JoEllen Foreman
- Brenda Van Hoozer
- Diane Kiser
- Sarah Perry
- Jesus Jacobo
- Mike Meysenburg
- Luella Scott

Attendance

Sunday Dec. 3

- 1st service - 79
- 2nd service - 94
- Total - 173
- Sunday School - 53

Sunday Dec. 10

- 1st service - 95
- 2nd service - 86
- Total - 181
- Sunday School - 76

Sunday Dec. 17

- 1st service - 71
- 2nd service - 109
- Total - 180
- Sunday School - 73

Sunday Dec. 24

- 1st service - 141
- 2nd service - 170
- Total - 311

Jason + Erica + Brooks + Ivy do + Molly Miller - Steve's Oyce OSBORNE Merry Christmas! Nicole, Kelley KA FIA

Merry Christmas to all Mike Berry Judy Heller

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Janelle Jennifer God Bless Bob & Rita Whopf

Mele Kalikimaka the Ohana Zuber Mike, Lianne, Mikala, Koe & Jessica Ruby Bin for a Barbara Weife

David & Audith Haynes Ruby Bin for a Barbara Weife Sam Bartley Jan Perry Ted Saari

Merry Christmas! Blessings! David's Patti Tammy Marge

Love Linda Stevens

Donna George Wanda E. Trotter

God Bless! Merry Christmas! Mary Sara Whitton

Donna George Wanda E. Trotter

Mary Christmas Blessings to you all! Wanda E. Trotter

Anna Lee

Take Christmas merry Christmas! Don't forget to love of Cathy

Sue with the love of Cathy

God Bless Jerry, Beth & Ann

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Harry + Jean Booth

We celebrate with Ren Aller and Katie Turner, the birth of their son, Mateo. He was born at 6:32 a.m. Sunday morning, December 10th, 8lbs 4oz and 21” long. All is well for Mateo, Katie and Ren.



Congratulations to Marissa Stark, daughter of Claus & Connie Stark who graduated on Saturday, December 16th from the University of Missouri at Columbia with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science.

Seeking for A New Organist with Jacob's Departure

Christmas Eve was the last Sunday Service that Jacob and Celeste Hofling shared in worship with us at Barry Christian Church as Jacob began a new ministry at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Shawnee Mission, Kansas, which will certainly be a much shorter drive on Sundays and Wednesdays. For Jacob's excellent talent and assistance with the musical portions of our worship services since the summer of 2015 we are genuinely grateful. Our sincerest best wishes to Jacob as he continues his classes through the completion of Doctoral studies at Kansas University.

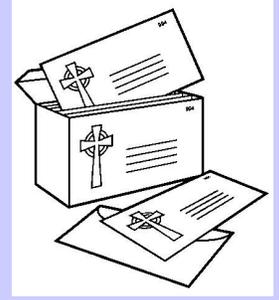
Presently, with the leadership of our Music Director, Andrew Schmidt, and Pastor Dennis, we are beginning the process of formulating an Organist Search Committee. Additionally Stephanie Henry will be our substitute organist on Sunday, December 31st. Mary Davis, our Organist Emeritus, has agreed to serve as our substitute organist for the upcoming months of January and February of 2018.

As we wish Jacob and Celeste the very best of success in their ongoing ministries, may we be in prayer for the guidance of God's Holy Spirit as we seek for another organist to be in service with us at Barry Christian Church. For Andrew's guidance as our Music Director, we are most grateful as we've seen progressive growth in our choir and have experienced inspiring music Sunday after Sunday.



GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2018:

New Giving Envelopes for 2018 are on the table in the foyer. Please pick up yours and mark off your name on the pick up list. There are a few extra sets if you decided you would like to use envelopes after they were ordered. Please write your name beside the number that you take. Giving statements will be available around the middle of January in the new year.



PICK UP YOUR GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements will be placed on the table at the back of the Sanctuary after they are printed in mid-January.

Please pick them up so we have fewer to mail. If you have any questions, or find any discrepancies, please call Carol Studebaker in the office at 436-0462 or email her at office@barrychristianchurch.com

Over the Counter Medicines for Jamaica Medical/Dental Mission

I am going on the Jamaica Medical/Dental Mission again in February 2018. The mission is led by the NKC rotary club and Dr. Bob Magee who was Barry's interim minister before Dennis joined us. We run 3-4 clinics for 5 days providing basic medical and dental care including teeth extractions.

We take prescription medicines with us to provide to our patients. This year our team is purchasing over the counter medicines to administer as well. I thought I would ask our church if they would like to provide any of the meds we need which are as follows:

Acne Creams (Amazon 0.75 oz \$6)

Topical Antifungals (Amazon 1 oz tube \$7)

Vaginal Antifungals (Amazon 7 day Monistat \$10)

Ibuprofen (Amazon 500 count \$9 500mg)

Adult vitamins (Amazon 150 count (2 per serving) \$7)

Prenatal vitamins (Amazon 90 count (2 per serving) \$7)

These prices are only for example. Walmart, Costco, Dollar Stores or Dollar Tree may be able to beat these prices. If you buy them in the store, please CHECK TO SEE THAT THE EXPIRATION DATE IS AT LEAST SEPTEMBER 2018.



If you would rather contribute money for the purchase of medications, please make checks payable to Jamaica Medical/Dental mission and give them to me in church, mail them to my home address, 8730 N Chestnut Ave Apt 102 KCMO 64156 or you can leave it in the Board Chair mailbox in the church office. Thank you for your consideration, Kimberly Pukay



Those Serving in January 2018:

8:30 am

Elders –Jill McCumby, Arleta White
Deacons - Carrie Osborne, Rob Piper
 Dave Dyer, Rita Dyer (Communion Prep)

11:00 am

Elders - Gayle Gentry, Doug Gentry (Communion to Hospitalized)
Deacons - Connie Stark, Claus Stark
 James Melugin, Jeri Chester
 (Communion Clean Up)

**Sign up on
 Sunday Mornings
 or call Carol at
 436-0462 to be:
 Readers, Acolytes,
 Greeters and to
 do the Children's
 Sermon.**

<u>Children's Sermon</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Scripture Readers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
8:30 - _____	8:30 - SIGN UP	8:30 - Grace Miller	8:30 - Ted Gorman
11:00 - _____	11:00 - SIGN UP	11:00 - Phil Myers	11:00 - Cathy Gorman



Happy Birthday to you!

If you have a **January** birthday or know of someone from Barry who does and is not on this list, please let me know so I can be sure to include them. Call Carol in the church office at 436-0462 or email her at office@barrychristianchurch.com

- Diana Stone - 01
- Tyler Rodick - 03
- McKenna Phillips - 05
- Robert Eacret - 06
- Anna Eacret - 06
- Grace Miller - 06
- Robert Eacret - 07
- Abby Weekley - 07
- Noah Eacret - 10
- Kim Songer - 11
- Kenneth Weaver - 11
- Willis Bartlett - 18

- Sarah Grigsby - 19
- Nathan Ralston - 19
- Jill Counts - 21
- Susan Cox - 21
- Bob Knopf - 21
- Raylene Noreen - 21
- Dena Roller - 21
- Charis Clark - 22
- Nikolis Clark - 24
- Erica Miller - 27
- Alexis Eiken - 26

**The CHURCH
 OFFICE will be
 CLOSED on
 Monday, January 1st
 for the New Year's
 Day & Monday,
 January 15th for
 Martin Luther King
 Day.**



THANK YOU

Dear members of Barry Christian Church,

Ren and I want to extend our utmost gratitude for the beautiful display of love we felt with our baby shower held on 12/3. Thank you to Carrie and everyone who thought of us and organized the wonderful event. Thank you to all (including the Sunday school class) who contributed to the thoughtful gifts we received- a frame, a daily prayer book, a Christmas ornament, clothes, and a book filled with your wishes and advice. Thank you to everyone who attended- it was such a pleasure getting to meet some new faces and get to know others a little better- we wish we could have spoken to everyone! Most of all, thank you to all who donated to Mother's Refuge. We had a car full of clothes, diapers, wipes, and other baby accessories that I was able to drop off at the homeless shelter and they were incredibly appreciative of the large donation and your generosity! For those that aren't familiar with the organization, here is the link to their website: <https://www.mothersrefuge.org/supporting-young-mothers/> Ren and I are so blessed to have found such an amazing church community and we cannot wait to introduce our baby, Mateo, to everyone!

With love,

Katie and Ren Aller



Dear Barry Christian Family,

Thank you so much for thinking of me and all writing such wonderful, lovely notes. It is such a special treat to have while at college. I am blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Thank you again. God Bless, Allie Weekley



Next Newsletter Deadline – Tuesday January 16th – Noon



Is your giving to the support of Barry Christian Church up to date?



The month of December had 5 Sundays.

Financial Update

Expected Expenses for November General Fund: \$21,304

Funds received December 3:	\$5,563
Funds received December 10:	\$10,235
Funds received December 17:	\$3,187
Funds received December 24:	\$4,822
December Total so far :	\$23,807

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Return Service Requested



Church Calendar for upcoming weeks

Monday January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY: OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday January 2

6:30 pm — Outreach Committee Meeting Thomas home

Wednesday January 3

6:00 pm — Bible Study

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Sunday January 7

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes & Elder & Deacon Training

11:00 am -- Worship

After Worship — Congregational Meeting in Sanctuary

Noon — ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY POTLUCK in Fellowship Hall

After Potluck — Board Meeting in Upper Room

Monday January 8

5:30—8:00 pm — Girl Scouts Meeting

7:00 pm — Elder & Deacon Training in Sanctuary

Tuesday January 9

1:00 pm — Hand & Foot Club Christmas Luncheon

6:30—8:00 pm — Financial Peace Class #1

Wednesday January 10

6:00 pm — Bible Study

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Thursday January 11

6:30 pm — Daisy Troop Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday January 14

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes & Elder & Deacon Training

11:00 am -- Worship

Monday January 15 MLK Day: OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 pm — Koinonia Dinner Out: Corner Café in Liberty

Tuesday January 16: Noon — NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

6:30—8:00 pm — Financial Peace Class #2

Wednesday January 17

6:00 pm — Bible Study

7:00 pm — Choir Practice

Thursday January 18

10:00 am — CWF Hanomi Circle Group Meeting

6:30—8:00 pm Men's Fellowship Supper in Fellowship

Saturday January 20

8:00 am—5:00 pm — Girl Scouts In Fellowship Hall

Sunday January 21

8:30 am -- Worship

9:45 am -- Sunday School Classes

11:00 am -- Worship

CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING SERVICE



Thanks to our young families and especially the children who helped us tell the Nativity story during the Christmas Eve morning service on December 24, 2017!