

Barry Good News!

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Join us for Sunday Worship!

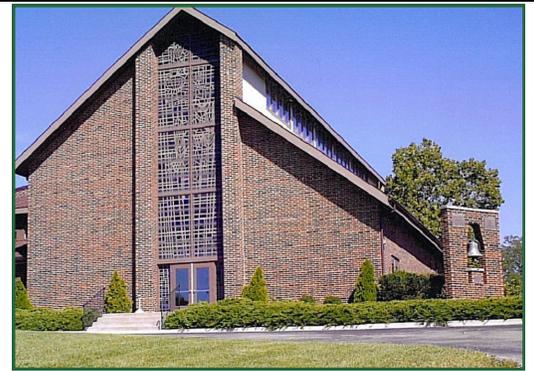
8:30 - First Worship Service

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

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Ponderings of Patience

Results of the 2020 Financial Commitment Campaign and an Action Plan for A Step Forward for the Youngest Among Us

Our Genuine Thanks!

We are genuinely grateful to the many individuals and families who responded to the 2020 Financial Commitment Campaign for the 2020 General Fund and for our quest toward a youth director for the youngest among us in 2020! We realize that several weeks have passed from the time of our pledge dedication Sunday on the 23rd of June, but it has been important to share information with several committees and at the July Board meeting before a good assessment could be shared with the congregation.

With updates to our pledges since the July 7th Board Meeting, we can now report that we have received pledges that will support at part-time youth director in 2020 and beyond. The 47% response that we received, though; also projects an 8% deficit in what is anticipated for the 2020 General Fund. This response, however; is also in contrast to the growing balance we've retained in our general fund in the four years of Pastor Dennis's ministry with us at Barry.

Financial Statics

From the Pledge Drive Sunday of June 23, 2019 to Thursday, July 11, 2019, from the 142 letters that were sent out to families known to be regular contributors to Barry Christian Church, we have received 67 pledges, for a return rate of 47%. Of the 67 pledging families, a total of \$167,721 has been pledged to the 2020 General Fund and \$27,604 has been pledged for the "Youngest Among Us" Youth Director position.

The additional 75 families that had a history of giving to the General Fund during 2018 offer a total projected annual contribution of: \$86,343. Also, for 2018, there was a recorded General Fund "loose offering" amount of: \$2,543.

Combining the projected resources for 2020, ($167,721 + 86,343 + 2,543$), we have a total of \$256,607. With a projected 2020 Budget for the General Fund of \$278,750, these figures from Carol explain that we would be left with a deficit for the general operation of the church of \$22,143 for the year 2020 ($278,750 - 256,607 = \$-22,143$), which is about 8%.

With the statistics in hand, the General Board voted to approve an action plan that will help our congregation move forward in our quest toward a part-time youth director, while also maintaining fiscal responsibility to our present staff,
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staff, facilities and ministries. The action plan for the balance of 2019 into 2020 and beyond is as follows:

Action Plan Toward Fiscal Responsibility while Seeking a Part-Time Youth Director

As we thank the congregation for the 2020 pledges received that will support a part-time youth director, the board has set the salary at \$24,000 annually and residual pledged resources will support a mileage allowance and other expenses for the position.

The board has approved the hiring of a professional accounting firm to help our Stewardship Committee, Treasurer and Administrative Assistant to maintain a clear picture of our income and expenses and to keep accurate records of what is given for the general fund and for the youth director's position.

Through the duration of 2019, we will gladly receive and keep an accurate accounting of any pledges received for the youth director's position. These funds will be added to the \$7,892 already received in the account. The progress of this account and our general fund giving will be reported monthly to the board and congregation.

We will have a congregational meeting in late 2019 to officially start the 2020 pledges and giving for the 2020 General Fund and the part-time youth director's position. Memos on checks or messages to Carol, our Administrative Assistant, will help us keep accurate records and disbursements of the funds received.

For the first six months of 2020, we will strive to "pay ourselves" toward the youth director's account while also striving to be fiscally responsible to the general fund. The six month trial period will help the church leadership and congregation determine the health of the congregation's giving to both concerns. If successful, this will also help build up a substantial base of income to support the youth director's position.

If the 2020 six month trial period determines a healthy response for general fund expenses and for the youth director's position, we will go to the Board and then to the congregation for votes to approve the task of seeking a person to be employed as a part-time youth director.

If several months of salary for a youth director are acquired, while also maintaining stable contributions to the general fund earlier than the 2020 six month period, the board and congregation may wish to pursue the quest of the youth director's position earlier.

If the performance of the six months of giving for the youth director's position is unsuccessful in raising an adequate amount to sustain the monthly payments for the position, the process of securing a youth director can be put on hold for further exploration and the funds received will be held in the youth director's account for future use.

The board and staff of Barry Christian Church hope this action plan will be a sound way for us to affirm the pledges received for the 2020 youth director quest while we are also fiscally responsible to the staff, facilities and ministries our congregation already supports. Your questions and comments will be welcomed as we hope to make *a step forward for the youngest among us* in 2020!

Accountable to the Goal

In a message about accountability to those who would be his disciples, Jesus reminded those listening to him as he reminds us today, that *"If one of you is planning to build a tower, he sits down first and figures out what it will cost to see if he has enough money to finish the job. If he doesn't, he will not be able to finish the tower after laying the foundation; and all who see what happened will make fun of him"* (Luke 14:28-29).

The action plan described above is our endeavor to hold ourselves accountable in our quest for the blessing of a part-time director to support the children and youth of our congregation while we also remain steadfast in our endeavors to maintain the staff, facilities and ministries we already support at Barry Christian Church.

May we all prayerfully seek the blessing and guidance of God's Holy Spirit as we embark upon the endeavors to be faithful in witness and ministry.

Pastor Dennis

The August Board Meeting will be on Sunday, August 4th right after lunch in the Upper Room. Please plan to attend!

THANK YOU!

"Thank you" are just two words but truly mean the world to me. This year we had an amazing Vacation Bible School. Our theme was Roar: Life is Wild, God is Good, we learned that in times when Life is Unfair, Scary, Changing, Sad, and Good that God is Good and is always with us. We enjoyed stories, crafts, music, snacks, class time and games. I could not do this by myself it takes time for preparations ordering materials, advertising, creating decorations, decorating the church, putting the opening/closing/story time together, ordering prepping and serving food, putting crafts together, learning the music, entertaining the kiddos with games, transporting the kiddos to and from VBS, counting funds and pantry items, and cleaning up. I owe a huge thank you to a lot of people: Debbie Davidson, Cathy Gorman, Wanda Eacret, Arleta White, Tiffany Eacret, Jessica Eacret, Robin Eacret, Noah Eacret, Lynn Fleming, Barbara Mayberry, Dave and Rita Dyer, Lana Whitton, Mary Jane Adams, David and Patty Tarver, Ellen Stewart, Joy Myers, Patty Miller, Ron Wolfe, Carrie Patience, Betty Maddex, Nicole Larson, Bob Knopf, Doris McGehee, Annabelle Jacobo, Maggie Schaer, Kelley Larson, Paige Jones, Kaya Moore, Savanna Moore, Ethan Eacret, Wyatt Eacret, Sarah Burgener, Aiden and Jayden Brooks, Bobby Jefferies, David Eacret, Roscoe Shipley, Donna Zaiger, Kathie Connell, Pastor Dennis Patience, Carol Studebaker and Jim Frentrop!

There are always people coming and going so if I missed anyone I apologize but appreciate everyone and like I said I could not do this on my own.

Thank you and God Bless you,
Anna Eacret



UNDIES SUNDAY DONATIONS!

For the Undies Sundry drive the Mission Outreach Committee took in 121 pair of girls socks, 128 pair of boys socks, 186 pair of girls underwear, 116 pair of boys underwear, 1 bra, and 17 white t-shirts, for a total of 569 items to donate to Clay County Clothes Closet. This will help get many children ready for the coming school year. Our committee is so pleased with this wonderful participation from all of you. A big thank you to everyone!



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

In our thoughts and prayers

Emilie Boswell
Sheila Killion
Jon Frentrop
Michelle Jacobo
Matt Matson
Catherine O'Neil
Joyce Osborne
Betty Donahue
Reyana Ralston
Bob Maddex
Larry Ford

Attendance

Sunday July 7

1st service - 55
2nd service - 99
Total - 154
Sunday School - 85

Sunday July 14

1st service - 70
2nd service - 75
Total - 145
Sunday School - 77

Sunday July 21

1st service - 68
2nd service - 84
Total - 152
Sunday School - 74

Sunday July 28

1st service - 66
2nd service - 100
Total - 166
Sunday School - 82



Vacation Bible School 2019 July 8 - 12, 9am to 12 noon

VBS was, once again, a huge success! I don't say this to brag, it's not about me, but about all the folks who planned, coordinated, advertised, and volunteered for the event itself. There were too many to name, and knowing me I'd inadvertently leave someone out. But you know who you are!

This year we had 50 children, an average of 44 each day. While we have had higher turnouts in the past (and certainly lower turnouts), I'll note that we were missing a number of our own children, due to year-round school schedules and summer school schedules. With them, our turnout would have approached a record. But that's OK, because we always say that if we have 10 kids or 100, we will be here for them with the same enthusiasm.

Our theme this year was "When Life is Wild, God is Good". Each day was filled with music, Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks...but most importantly, RELATIONSHIPS. Many of the children who came this year also came in previous years. They have other church homes, but always look forward to joining our group for VBS. We also met many new children and families, and we hope to see them again someday. But the most important relationship we fostered at VBS was the children's relationship with God, through Jesus Christ. We shared stories of our faith with the children, knowing they would not remember or even understand every single thing they heard. But we also know that it's not about perfect memories, or perfect understanding. It's about planting seeds. So that next time the children hear a Bible story, it will reinforce what they learned before, and that perhaps each time they re-hear the story, they might find a deeper meaning. I know this is true for me, because every time I tell the Bible stories at VBS, I find new meaning in them, and almost always learn something I didn't know before.

We only plant the seeds. And with God's help, they will grow and flourish. Thanks to everyone who participated, either in person or through your prayers and encouragement, in planting a whole bunch of seeds at this year's VBS!

Blessings to you all--

Jim



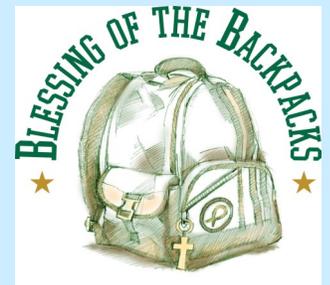
Please Welcome our New Members!

On Sunday, June 30, 2019, during the 11:00 Worship Service, it was our joy to welcome Ed and Shirley Kiehl into our membership at Barry Christian Church, through a transfer of their membership from the Park Hill Christian Church. Contact information for Ed and Shirley, for you to include in your church directory is address: 8600 North Chatham Circle, Kansas City, MO 64154, home telephone: 816-741-5224, and e-mail address: eskiehl@hotmail.com.



SAVE THE DATE:

The **Weekend Food Bag** Fellowship Lunch will be Sunday, August 4th right after the 2nd service. The Outreach committee will be hosting a **Spaghetti Dinner** for this event. Please plan to stay and help support this ministry that provides food for school children in need throughout the year.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT

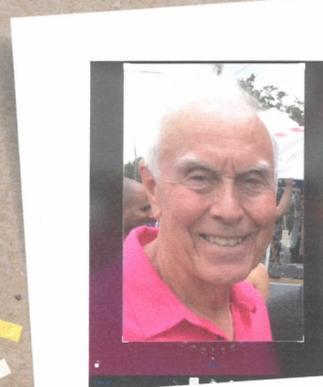
Friday through Sunday,
September 13-15, 2019

Theme: "All I See Is Grace"

Keynote Speaker: Debra Kornfield

Location: Tall Oaks Camp

**EARLY BIRD Registration by
AUGUST 12th.** All Registration Due by
AUGUST 26th. Enrollment forms are on
the table in the foyer. Talk to Arleta White
for more details.



Nick Rega

is turning

80

Join us to celebrate

Saturday, August 10, 2019

Come and Go 2:00-5:00 PM

Lake Chesterfield Clubhouse

150 Waterside Drive
Wildwood, Missouri 63040

RSVP to Betty 636/893-3988

No gifts, please!

VBS PICTURES



CHOIR PRACTICE will be taking a break for the summer and will resume in September.



**Next Newsletter Deadline -
Monday, August 19th - Noon**

HAND & FOOT CLUB

The **Hand & Foot Club** usually meets on the second Tuesday of the month, which for August will be on August 13th at 1:00 pm. Come enjoy a lively game of cards in the Fellowship Hall next time.



DINNER OUT

The **Koinonia Dinner Out - Monday, August 19th, 2019** will be at Asian Buffet, 511 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO 64155. 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. You just show up at the restaurant and everyone pays for their own meals.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who prayed, sent cards and called during my illness. It was so appreciated. I am now cancer free! It is so nice to have a church family that is so kind and caring. Thanks again, Joyce Osborne

Thanks again for all your prayers and birthday cards. God is giving me strength through your prayer. Thanks so much for your loving care. Waunita Felts

MORE VBS PICTURES



Those Serving in August 2019:



8:30 am

Elders –Gwen Stafne, Bob Knopf
Deacons - Teresa Simpson, Elizabeth Carroll
Dave Dyer, Rita Dyer (Communion Prep)

11:00 am

Elders - Doug Gentry, Gayle Gentry
Deacons - Susan Hanks, Larry Eacret
Jake Otto, Mari Daniels
(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.**

Children's Sermon

8:30 - **SIGN UP**
11:00 - **SIGN UP**

Acolytes

8:30 - **SIGN UP**
11:00 - **SIGN UP**

Scripture Readers

8:30 - Kimberly Pukay
11:00 - _____

Greeters

8:30 - Kimberly Pukay
11:00 - _____



Happy **HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!!**
Birthday to you!

If you have a **August** birthday or know of someone from Barry who does and is not on this list, please let us know so we can be sure to include them. Call the church office at 436-0462 or email us at:

office@barrychristianchurch.com

- Geri Hamer - 01
- Molly Miller - 04
- Jason Miller - 05
- Kara Littrell - 06
- Leesa Payton - 09
- Ron Wolfe - 09
- Sydney Miller - 13
- Phillip Dunn - 15
- Rita Dyer - 16
- Cooper Milford - 16
- LaVaughn Weaver - 17
- Shelbie Weaver - 18

- Robert Estes - 19
- Theresa Wolfe - 20
- Wanda Littrell - 25
- James Melugin - 25
- Brandon Ralston - 25
- Raylan Jennings - 27
- Cassidy Adams - 29
- Jill Gregory - 29
- Patti Atkins - 30
- Ruby Wolfe - 30
- Anne Jones - 31

THANK YOU!

Just wanted to say Thank You to all of you at Barry Christian Church for the cards, and prayers during my latest surgery. I'm on the mend and will have to content with the boot until the end of the July.

It's so much easier to recuperate when one has a church family such as we have at Barry. You all are the greatest.

Jerry Treece

Handicraft Materials Donation

Ladies (and Gents), if you are a quilter, crafter, seamstress, knitter/crocheter, or if you do any type of handicraft work and you have surplus of your materials which you no longer want, NOW is the time that you can get rid of those items and clean out your cabinets and drawers! Each year Hillside Christian Church has a market at which people can sell (at garage sale prices), their unwanted quilt or craft items, craft/instruction books or magazines, etc. This year Barry's CWF will host a booth at the event on August 24 and will accept any item(s) you might want to donate to sell -- proceeds from the sales will go to CWF. Please contact Cathy Gorman (785-409-5215) if you have questions or items to donate. Cathy will be happy to pick up your items if need be. Thank you!



SHEPHERDING TEAM

Are you looking for a way to be active in the church from the comfort of your own home with a commitment of only 2-3 hours per month? Then becoming a team leader with the Shepherding Staff is for you!! We're looking for volunteers to help stay connected with the members of our church. As a team leader, you would be assigned 10-12 families to contact once a month via phone, e-mail, letter, or face to face- whatever is the most convenient for you! The team leaders set their own schedule and can personalize their interactions how they best see fit. We would love for you to become a part of this wonderful group! If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Katie Turner:

402-202-3229,
kmtturner.99@gmail.com.

Thank you!



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



The month of July had 4 Sundays.

Financial Update

Expected Expenses for August
General Fund: \$24,063

Funds received July 7: \$5,873

Funds received July 14: \$4,787

Funds received July 21: \$3,980

Funds received July 28: \$5,716

July Total: \$20,356

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Return Service Requested



Church Calendar for upcoming weeks

Sunday August 4

8:30 am -- Worship
9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes
11:00 am -- Worship
NOON — Spaghetti Dinner for Weekend Food Bags Fundraiser
AFTER LUNCH —Board Meeting in Upper Room

Monday August 5

6:30 pm — Education Committee in Library

Wednesday August 7

6:00 pm — Bible Study

Sunday August 11

8:30 am -- Worship
9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes
11:00 am -- Worship

Tuesday August 13

1:00 pm — Hand & Foot Club meets in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday August 14

6:00 pm — Bible Study

Thursday August 15

10:00 am — CWF Hanomi Circle Meeting
7:00 pm — CWF Esther Circle Meeting

Saturday August 17

1pm– 6pm —Fellowship Hall in Use

Sunday August 18

8:30 am -- Worship
9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes
11:00 am -- Worship

Monday August 19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE —NOON

6:30 pm — Koinonia Dinner at Asian Buffet

Wednesday August 21

6:00 pm — Bible Study

Thursday August 22

6:30 pm — Brownie Scout Meeting in Fellowship Hall

Sunday August 25

8:30 am -- Worship
9:45 am-- Sunday School Classes
11:00 am -- Worship

Monday August 26

7:00 pm — Property Committee Meeting
7:00 pm — Wellness Group Meeting in Library

Tuesday August 27

6:30 pm — Outreach Committee Meeting at Thomas' home

Wednesday August 28

6:00 pm — Bible Study

School Supply Collection

Thanks to everyone who helped us collect the most backpacks & school supplies yet! We filled a total of 33 backpacks that Northland Assistance Center will distribute.



The **CHURCH OFFICE** will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day holiday. Enjoy time with family and friends as the summer season comes to a close.

