

# Barry Good News!

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## Join us for Sunday Worship!

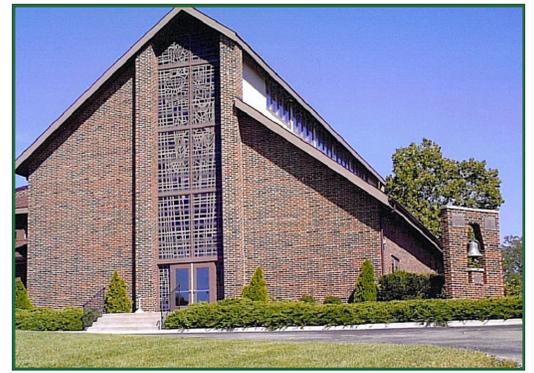
8:30 - First Worship Service

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

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## Ponderings of Patience

### *Waiting*

So here we all are, abiding by our metro-wide “Stay-At-Home Order”; and for many among us, this is really quite an arduous task! It’s not easy because we are accustomed to doing things; achieving goals; fulfilling dreams. Even all of our sporting activities, - which of course, are presently canceled! - are about the frenzied business of getting a ball into some location - in a basket, across a line, over the goal, in the net, etc. Sitting, waiting and wondering - is something few of us do well.

Yet sitting, waiting and staying in place - we must. Our health officials tell us it is so we can do our part to help save lives. Some have had trouble abiding with the notion and that is why so many hundreds of thousands, indeed millions the world over, are now confined by government orders. It’s because it’s difficult to stay in place when we are not affected - when we are not ailing or

hurting - personally. Yet, I imagine if more folks knew what it really feels like to not be able to catch one’s breath - realizing how restrictive even simple movements become when one can’t breathe properly - more would understand, and would abide by the temporary guidelines. For those of us who have suffered through asthma and other respiratory concerns - we know!

While we wait, though even with uncertainty, may we remember the many other times in which God’s people - waited. The Hebrew people waited out their forty years in the Sinai Wilderness. Our Lord Jesus endured his forty days in the Judean Desert. Elizabeth and Hanna wondered if they would ever bear a child. The Israelite people waited generations before they once again had a national homeland of their own. The apostles and other followers of Christ waited out the Sabbath after Christ’s crucifixion, not really certain about Jesus’ hints of his resurrection!

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Yes, waiting is a challenge, but it is also a time to focus our attention upon the presence of God that dwells with in us and it is especially a time to offer up in prayer the many families the world over who are truly suffering the grave loss of loved ones and friends, or are suffering through serious illness; while the majority of us simply have the task of waiting out the victory that will one day come, if we simply do our part – and wait.

We continue to keep in touch by e-mails, telephone calls and our weekly recorded messages on the sermon link at BarryChristianChurch.com as the Psalmist reminds us in Psalm 27:14 to: *“Wait for the LORD: be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!”*

Pastor Dennis

### A MESSAGE from OUR FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

Our routines are disrupted. Not by a little, by a lot. Schools and workplaces are closing to let the exposure period pass by. Local and national governments are encouraging social distancing. In many areas, we can no longer get haircuts or manicures. Our stores are running out of much needed items, many shelves are empty. We cannot participate in communion, or worship in our sanctuary. What we have taken for granted for many years has been replaced by confusion and anxieties. Everything around us seems to be changing daily, and sometimes hourly.

During such intense and confusing times, we worry about our families, including our church family. Many of you have young children, and some of you have older family members to care for. Some of you have both. Every one of us processes things differently, and finding ways to reassure each other is most important as we seek to “encourage each other and build each other up, just as you have been doing” (1 Thes 5:11).

We all want to keep our families and friends healthy and safe. To do this, we first have to take care of ourselves, so that we can be strong enough to care for others. During our physical absence from each other, I will be providing updates on our church’s Facebook page, that I hope you find helpful, on taking care of yourselves, your children, and your friends. Please look on our Facebook page for further writings on self-care and caring for those around us.

And please continue to find Pastor Dennis’ sermons on our website, seek encouragement and comfort from them, and please check-in with each other. Call someone. Text someone. Email someone. Despite our needs for social distancing, we still require social connections, and human contact.

Until we meet again...I want to ask each of you to please be safe through these uncertain times. I do not have a crystal ball, nor know your daily lives or routines. But whatever you do, please try to be safe.

May peace be with each of you,

Jim



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



The month of March had 5 Sundays.

### Financial Update

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

Funds received March 1: \$6,378

Funds received March 8: \$5,543

Funds received March 15: \$4,444

Funds received March 22: \$2,161

March Total so far : \$18,526

Youth Ministry Fund Balance as of March: \$21,845

## Welcome New Members



Please Welcome Larry Pitts! During the 8:30 Worship Service on Sunday, March 8, 2020, it was our joy to welcome Larry Pitts into the fellowship of our congregation through a re-affirmation of his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Please put the following contact information for Larry in your church directory: 1350 NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Apt. 6-017 Kansas City, MO 64118. Larry's mobile number: 816-255-3916.

Please Welcome Lon Anderson! During the 11:00 Worship Service on Sunday, March 15, 2020, it was our joy to welcome Lon Andersen into the fellowship of our congregation through a re-affirmation of his faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Please put the following contact information for Lon in your church directory: 8498 North Overland Court Kansas City, MO 64154. Telephone number: 816-587-0417. E-mail: landersen754@gmail.com.



If you have an **April** 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 816-436-0462 or email her at

[office@barrychristianchurch.com](mailto:office@barrychristianchurch.com)

Rhett Payne - 01  
Henry Collop - 02  
Jonathan Davidson - 03  
Don Stone - 03  
Don Thomas - 03  
Kathy Weekley - 03  
Clara Sue Kriley - 04  
Jill McCumby - 04

## HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!

Brian Schaer - 05  
Paul Clark - 06  
Kelley Lawson - 08  
Phyllis Jones - 09  
Catherine O'Neil - 09  
Jerry Treece - 11  
Lynn Bratney - 12  
Jim Frentrop - 12  
Cindy Sexton -- 12  
Louise Mindrup - 13  
Bob Maddex - 15  
Orion Counts - 15

John Adams - 16  
Tosha Clark - 17  
Melanie Beth Doak - 17  
Lois Struck - 17  
Michael Green - 18  
Brooks Miller - 19  
Caleb Moore - 20  
Anne Guthrie - 23  
Evelyn Shelby - 23  
Jatana Jacobo - 25  
Perla Mora -- 27  
Barbara Mayberry - 28  
Shyanne Warren - 30

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**Return Service Requested**



In our thoughts and prayers

- Jon Frentrop
- Michelle Jacobo
- Reyana Ralston
- Cindy Berry
- Sheryl Theiss
- Pam Matus
- Dave Haynes
- Jill Gregory
- Grace Kemerling

## Attendance

### Sunday March 1

- 1st service - 71
- 2nd service - 109
- Total - 180
- Sunday School - 88

### Sunday March 8

- 1st service - 49
- 2nd service - 112
- Total - 161
- Sunday School - 75

### Sunday March 15

- 1st service - 39
- 2nd service - 63
- Total - 102
- Sunday School - 58

