

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

Determined Service

Fred was one of the participants of an annual conference I attended. Like some years before, Fred was seated in a wheelchair throughout the event. Although the consequences of illness were evidenced through the loss of one leg, the illness that Fred had endured was never mentioned. His ongoing contributions for the preparation of the program year after year were once again celebrated by those in attendance and his joyous and light hearted spirit were a notable benefit to everyone.

One day during the conference, I followed behind another participant who was wheeling Fred out of the entrance of our classroom on the way to lunch. The participant helping Fred bumped Fred's foot against the wall. The participant apologized and Fred jokingly responded, "Oh, that's ok. That's my steel foot anyway." referring to his prosthetic leg and foot.

At the close of the conference a banquet was held in which participants came forward to receive diplomas and a myriad of recognitions for their service throughout the nation. Because of the

nature of the of the organization, there was a distinctive protocol everyone observed that included a salute to the highest-ranking officer and handshakes to the other officers in the line up as one received his diploma and any other recognitions.

Seated at the banquet not far from Fred, I noticed that he had a walker leaning next to his wheelchair. When Fred's name was called, Fred opened up the walker. Then with the assistance of another participant and with careful and deliberate efforts, Fred grasped tightly to the handles of the walker and raised himself up from his wheelchair. Noticing Fred's efforts, everyone in the room immediately stood up in solidarity to Fred's determination as he struggled to stand up. Slowly and deliberately, he walked up, stood at attention in the best way he could, and offered the customary and time-honored salute and handshakes as he received his diploma and a myriad of other recognitions for his significant contributions.

His determination to stand up rather than to be wheeled up to the front of the room to render the customary salutation was of vital importance to

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Fred. His ability to achieve this goal was a personal victory indeed, for one who had struggled for years through a lengthy illness.

Fred's gesture gave all of us reason to pause and consider that we should never give up, but rather, face life's challenges and obstacles head on, with a great measure of personal determination. That we should use all our faculties and abilities to accomplish that which we know is of significant value and benefit to others.

Today, I find Fred's steadfast determination to make a steady contribution to our nation, despite his struggle with significant illness, to be in stark contrast to those among us who are already impatiently fed up with simple protocols put in place to help us fend off an international illness that still threatens the lives of many. For too long, too many have been pampered by a self-centered, media driven culture that convinces many that one's personal convenience and comfort are of greater consideration than the welfare of others.

Yet, by contrast, the example of our Lord Jesus shines forth as the true model of determined service for the greater good of the whole. Luke's gospel tells us that Jesus was filled with such anguish as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane that he sweat drops of blood (Luke 22:44). Yet, in faithful obedience to God's plan for the salvation of humanity, he declared in Luke 22:42b, "*Not my will, however, but your will be done*" and he willingly took on the suffering and death of the cross so that as II Corinthians 5:15 tells us, "*those who live should no longer live for themselves, but only for him who died and was raised to life for their sake.*"

Yes, our present times may be challenging, but the determined service of people like Fred and certainly the determined service of our living Lord Jesus, prompts us to set aside personal convenience and do what is most beneficial for the welfare of others for whatever time and occasion is necessary. For as Jesus declared to his disciples in John 15:12-13: "*My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. The greatest love you can have for your friends is to give your life for them.*" The living example our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, always reminds us that determined service for the benefit of others, will forever trump personal convenience and comfort.

Pastor Dennis

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Enjoy a safe time with family and friends.



BLESSINGS to ALL

God's blessings to everyone. Betty and I so much miss coming to our wonderful church. We are thankful for Pastor Dennis's audio messages. We have not missed a sermon since the COFID-19 assault on our nation as well as the world. We are not able to attend church services in person because of underlying health conditions we both experience. We are so looking forward, to again, being able to attend services and activities in person. May God continue to bless each of us.

Jerry & Betty Donahue

THANK YOU!

To: Barry Christian Church Thank you for your prayers, cards, and calls for my sister, Mary (Bone) Triplett during her long courageous battle with cancer. She died on May 7, 2020 Mary lived a full life devoted to her church, family, community and country activities. She will be deeply missed by family and friends. Thank you for caring.

Phil & Arleta (Boone) White

We cannot express our gratitude enough for the unbelievable support and prayers we have received from our church family. Thank you very much for all of the support backing us during the past 6 months. Due to other health issues, I will not be pursuing a lung transplant anywhere else. Once again, thank you very much and may God bless you.

Dave & Ardith Haynes

Lana Whitton would like to thank everyone for their prayers for her daughter Missy during her health concerns. It has taken quite awhile to nail down all the issues, but thank God they have.

Thank you to all of our Barry Church family for the calls, prayers, cards and donations to the memorial fund on the recent death of Louise Mindrup (Lou). She will be missed terribly but we know she is no longer in pain.

Her children: Keith Mindrup & Cindy Hunter

Her sister: Ruby Wolfe



Happy
Birthday
to you!

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!!

If you have a **July** 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

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office@barrychristianchurch.com

Lane Mills - 02

Nicole Lawson - 04

Stephen Osborne - 06

Chris Ralston - 06

Katie Hill - 07

Ted Farris - 11

Nick Rega - 11

Jessica Eacret - 13

Betty Foster - 14

Wanda Eacret - 14

Somnig Bartley - 14

Luella Scott - 16

Waunita Felts - 20

Kayla Lawson - 20

Norma Covault - 23

Beverly Silvius - 24

Betty Maddex - 27

Debbie Budzinski - 27

Joyce Osborne - 27

Kimberly Pukay - 28

Claus Stark - 28

Gwen Stafne - 29

Ardith Haynes - 30

Mary Jane Adams - 31

Kristin Dyer - 31

John Kiser - 31

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Return Service Requested



In our thoughts and prayers

- Kathy Archer
- Jon Frentrop
- Michelle Jacobo
- Reyana Ralston
- Dave Haynes
- Barbara Holiman
- Harry & Jean Booth
- Alex Chester
- Bill Armillo
- Kent Taylor
- Linda Gash
- Josh Alt

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We send our sympathy to the family of Louise Mindrup, as Louise passed into the Lord's presence on Sunday, May 31, 2020. A family graveside burial service was held on Wednesday, June 3. We keep Louise's family in our prayers as we also claim the victory for Louise's spiritual presence now joined in the "assembly of the Saints" (Hebrews 12:1) in God's eternal realm.

Our sympathy is extended to Rick and Keith George as their mother, Sonya George passed into the Lord's presence on Saturday, June 27th. Services will be family only because of Covid-19 restrictions.



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



The month of June had 4 Sundays.

Financial Update

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

Funds received June 7: \$9,385

Funds received June 14: \$11,298

Funds received June 21: \$3,758

Funds received June 28: \$4,764

June Total so far : \$29,205

Youth Ministry Fund Balance as of June: \$28,260