

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 Pastor Patience *Essential Needs Met Through Your Continued Generosity*

We are genuinely grateful for your continued support of the ministries of our congregation through contributions received during our worship services, by mail and through the church's web site. Because of your faithfulness, we have been able to continue our commitment of the ten percent tithe to Outreach Ministries. As the pandemic and consequential economic impact have persisted, the needs of many have increased and the financial resources you have provided have been a significant benefit. Here are a few examples.

Our Congregation's Food Pantry

Since the start of the pandemic and consequential job losses, our congregation's food pantry has served over 115 families; many of whom include several generations. The striking statistic is that 70% of these families are first-time recipients.

As I've shared previously, our congregation's food pantry was blessed with the receipt of over three thousand dollars in canned and dried goods. These non-perishable resources were provided at the wholesale level, which meant that the quantity of goods provided was quite significant. This has also

given us the opportunity to provide twice the amount of goods as were distributed to each family prior to the pandemic. As the months of March through July progressed, nearly all of these goods have now been distributed. Yet, because of the generous donations of several thousand additional dollars, we are now able to purchase new supplies. We are blessed to continue these purchases also at the wholesale level, meaning our church's food pantry will continue to provide necessary canned and dried goods to many families as the affects of the pandemic proceed through 2020 and possibly into 2021.

As a measure of God's great grace, our congregation's Food Pantry has always been a "no questions asked" food pantry, that provides assistance to any individual or family who seeks it. From the stories shared, we know that many who come to our church are on limited, fixed or disability incomes; and as you can see from the present statistics, many now are among those whose jobs have been lost.

NorthStar Baby Grace

Baby Grace is a non-profit organization in Kansas City that provides needs for infants and small children. We have a very personal connection to the northland chapter, as Lana Whitton's daughter, Beth Whitton, is one of the co-chairs of the NorthStar Chapter. Each quarter, NorthStar Baby Grace

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provides an “open house” at NorthStar United Methodist Church for families to receive items for newborn to five-year-old children. This includes clothes, shoes, books, toys, high chairs, swings, diapers, wipes, etc.

Beth Whitton shares with us that this year, because of the Coronavirus, they were unable to provide their Open House usually held in April. Instead, they decided to provide a “diaper drive thru” on Wednesday nights. In 16 weeks, the “diaper drive thru” distributed \$3,365 worth of diapers and was out of money. Yet, as our congregation’s Outreach Committee met and allocated \$1000 to Baby Grace, Lana called Beth to convey the news of the gift. Beth was delighted to receive the news of the new funds the very day after NorthStar Baby Grace had depleted their funds for the “diaper drive thru.” Commenting on the gift, Beth said, “And just like that we were back in business! God has answered our prayers many times. We have stopped stressing and realize that as long as there is a need, God will make sure there is a way for us to continue this ministry. Ya know the story of the fish . . . well this time it was diapers!”

There are many other ministries that NorthStar Baby Grace typically provides such as several Baby Grace Camps (which of course had to be canceled this year); a scholarship program for moms that want to continue their education, and a Christmas season “mall for kiddos” that gives children an opportunity to provide gifts from themselves to other family members. But with the present challenges of Covid-19, much of this is on hold, so financial donations are most essential for helping NorthStar Baby Grace provide basic needs such as diapers and other essentials for infants and small children.

Northland Assistance Center

The Northland Assistance Center, established by pastors and congregations of the Northland several years ago, is the non-profit organization headed by Rita Pearson. It continues to assist families and individuals throughout the northland, who are short on funds to pay rent, utilities, medical bills and many other personal needs. As a sign of our present financial circumstances, 80% of those currently seeking assistance are first time recipients. Northland Assistance is assisting about 18 to 20 families a week, which is twice the usual number. Rita shares with us that many of these families are still on furlough from work. Many are facing eviction and utility disconnects because of the loss of income.

Rita also shared a story with Judy Thomas, the chair of our congregation’s Outreach Committee. A homeless woman and her grade-school son came to the office seeking assistance. In the midst of the conversation the woman also mentioned that her son’s birthday was coming up and it would be the first time she was unable to give him a birthday cake. A week later Rita and her co-worker provided the woman and her son with a Batman Birthday Cake for the son’s birthday. The mom, son, Rita, and her co-worker were in tears on the occasion. Yet, it’s one more example of the many ways Rita and her staff strive to meet those needs that also provide emotional support to people who come to the Northland Assistance Center.

Our congregation’s Outreach Committee, which typically meets monthly at the Thomas’s house to allocate each month’s 10% allocation, always makes monthly contributions to the Northland Assistance Ministry. Yet, now with the increase in personal needs due to job losses, the committee has allocated several thousand dollars more to this vital northland ministry.

Cash Donations Are Most Helpful During the Pandemic

Typically, our congregation is involved nearly every month with the “hands on” collection and distribution of many tangible items for numerous schools and ministries throughout the Northland. These usually include school supplies, winter clothing, the food, supplies for infants, and many other needed items. Yet, like so many other organizations and churches, these avenues are impossible to achieve during this time of mandated social distancing. Thus, your offerings through the strength of your contributions to Barry

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Welcome to Barry Christian Church!

It has been our joy to have John and Sonja Roeder, (pronounced "Raider") attending worship with us for several months. During the 11:00 Worship Service on Sunday, August 9th, Sonja requested a transfer of her membership from the Platte Woods United Methodist Church. John is a retired minister in the United Methodist Church. We look forward to the time when we'll be able to share more personal fellowship with John and Sonja, once the present Covid-19 restrictions are removed. In the meantime, please welcome them into our fellowship!



Please include the following contact information in your church directory for John and Sonja: 10425 North Fisk Avenue Kansas City, MO 64154 Telephone: 816-982-9402. E-mail address for John is: john.roeder@att.net and e-mail address for Sonja is: rugh.sonja1@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday to you!

If you have a **September** 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 the church office at

436-0462 or email us at

office@barrychristianchurch.com

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

Annalisa Jacobo - 05

Robin Eacret - 06

Gene Kemerling - 06

Jane Howard - 07

Jesus Jacobo - 08

Ailene Richardson - 08

Tiffany Eacret - 09

Kyle O'Neil - 09

David Rogers - 14

Dollie Lewallen - 15

Gina Schaer - 15

Kimberly Fleming - 16

Noah King

Val Stringer - 17

Arleta White - 17

Phillip White - 17

Jasmine Jacobo - 18

Annabelle Jacobo - 19

Ethan Eacret - 20

Janet Kinder - 21

Ray Guthrie - 23

Sheila Killion - 24

Scott King - 26

Ashley Henry - 28

Lois Berry - 29

Doris McGehee - 30

Mari Daniels - 30

A MESSAGE from OUR FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

There is something healing about humor. Sometimes you just have to laugh to get through the day. There is also something unifying in humor. Even during the global pandemic in which we live, I always try to find humor in life. This is by no means meant to make light of a serious situation. It is more for brightening our days, and for avoiding despair.

I call this piece **“It must be 2020 when...”**.

Here goes:

It must be 2020 when...you have a selection of designer facemasks to coordinate with each outfit;

It must be 2020 when...you draw quick attention from the bank security guard by NOT wearing a mask to the bank;

It must be 2020 when...you can clear an entire aisle of a grocery store in under 5 seconds, simply by coughing or sneezing;

It must be 2020 when...you call your mom to ask if that offer to slap you into next year is still on the table;

It must be 2020 when...the racoon becomes the national mascot—because it washes its paws frequently, always wears a mask, and the letters to racoon can be re-arranged to spell CORONA.

Some of these I made up, others I found in various places on the internet. But I do hope you found some humor in this otherwise unhumorous situation that has become our new normal. Again, not to make light of a serious situation, but to share in some humor, for its healing and unifying properties.

Stay safe friends, keep washing your hands and yes, wearing a face covering when you're in public!

Blessings to all of you,

Jim



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Christian Church and your designated gifts, help all of us continue to offer very real and tangible benefits to many who are challenged with meeting the most basic of needs, as I hope the above stories attest. Many thanks for your generosity! For as a people of faith, we remember that the Apostle Paul tells us in Galatians 6:2 “Help carry one another’s burdens, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ.”

Pastor Dennis

SEPTEMBER REGIONAL WOMEN'S MEETING

Thursday, September 24

NO MEAL, Mask Required.

First Christian Church (DoC), 200 E Loula, Olathe, KS 66061

Registration (due by 9/21). Meeting at 6:30pm Reservations: 913-764-3555,
or pastorsherryfcc@gmail.com

Program, Alicia Dwyer Cianciolo, NASA Aerospace Engineer

Heart of America CROP WALK

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 10th

The Heart of America Kansas City CROP Hunger Walk planning committee has been struggling with how to proceed in this COVID-19 era. We're moving the Walk online this year. We'll still be providing paper materials for anyone who wants them including Walker Envelopes. However, we're encouraging all who can to use the HOA Kansas City CROP Hunger Walk webpage to announce their group, check in with other groups, and to collect your donations. We invite you to join the HOA Kansas City CROP Hunger Walk Facebook Group to talk about ideas and ways to continue to make a greater impact together! In the meantime, we continue moving forward in supporting our local agencies and to support CWS hunger relief around the world. As always, I hope you'll visit www.CWSglobal.org to see all the ways your CROP dollars are changing lives.

Peace,

Tony Haynes, Walk Coordinator

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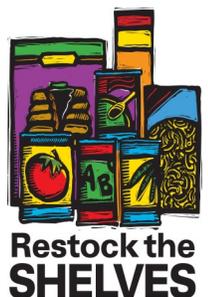


The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, September 7th for the **LABOR DAY** holiday. Please enjoy your safely distanced time with family & friends.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Boxed Potatoes: Mashed or Scalloped
Canned Chicken
Canned Tuna
Cereal
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Snack Items (granola bars, etc.)



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Return Service Requested



In our thoughts and prayers

- Kathy Archer
- Jon Frentrop
- Michelle Jacobo
- Reyana Ralston
- Dave Haynes
- Barbara Holiman
- Doug Gentry
- Kenneth Gibson
- Helen Kerby
- Pam Roberts
- Arleta White
- Jeff Schultz
- Ted Gorman
- Jill Gregory
- Alex Chester
- Bill Armillo
- Kent Taylor
- Linda Gash
- Josh Alt
- Ferris Eitel
- Candace Fortner
- Bob Knopf
- Perla Mora



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



The month of August had 5 Sundays.

Financial Update

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

Funds received August 2: \$2,485

Funds received August 9: \$7,368

Funds received August 16: \$4,025

Funds received August 23: \$4,040

August Total so far: \$17,918

Youth Ministry Fund Balance so far in August : \$32,325