

# 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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### Kathie and Cathy: A Proposal for a Full-Time Youth Director and Custodial Service

The church's parsonage will be vacated this week as our custodians, Trevan and Emma Hiatt, and their children move to central Texas for a new employment opportunity for Trevan. This development has given opportunity for our church's leadership to explore new possibilities, to not only find a new occupant for the parsonage and fill the custodian's position, but to also meet the ministry needs for the Youngest Among Us.

#### Called Board Meeting this Sunday, October 4, 2020 at 12:00 Noon in Sanctuary

Based on several conversations, the Personnel Committee, under the leadership of Doug Gentry as our Vice Chair of the Board, our Board Chair, Lana Whitton and Pastor Dennis, would like to recommend to the Official Board at a Called Board Meeting this coming Sunday of October 4, 2020 at 12:00 Noon in the sanctuary, that we call Kathie Connell as our congregation's full-time children's and youth ministry director, who will also live in the parsonage as her new home; and that we also employ Cathy Gorman as our congregation's custodian.

**Please note, that we need 15 board members in attendance to conduct business.** As another point of business, at this meeting, we would like to approve the 2021 Parsonage Allowance for Pastor Dennis' contract as required by IRS code. There are no changes in the contract from 2020 to 2021. This will keep us from having to assemble for another board meeting in November.

Most of you know "Kathie and Cathy" and are aware of the great love for the Lord inherent in both of them, and the significant ministries both women have provided for our congregation for several years.

**Kathie Connell has been front and center in our children's ministries**, providing many of our Sunday morning children's moments; chairing the revitalization of our Education Committee, organizing our last

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Children's Christmas Program, Vacation Bible School, and a multitude of other aspects for the Youngest Among Us. Kathie Connell and Cathy Gorman also led last year's Palm Sunday program for our children and were working on this year's event when it had to be canceled because of the virus. We are confident that with Kathie Connell's love for our children and youth, her devotion to God's work, and her excellent organizational skills, our children's and youth ministries will thrive with her full-time attention and leadership.

**Cathy Gorman has been front and center for many behind the scenes ministries in our congregation**, including the chairmanship of our Worship Committee. Her great care for the Lord's house is evident in the baptistry displays she arranges in the sanctuary. She initiated the reorganization of all of our decorations for Christmas and other seasons and even recruited an army of volunteers to reorganize much of the church's storage space. Most recently, Cathy has organized the cleaning crews that sanitize our worship space before and between services during this time of virus concerns. Cathy also has cleaning experience at a local golf course and in attorney's offices. Cathy's cheerful and conscientious spirit, and her immaculate attention to detail, make her the best candidate for our congregation's custodial position.

### **Called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 11, 2020 as 12:00 Noon in Sanctuary**

If our "Kathie and Cathy" proposal is accepted by the Official Board this coming Sunday, on the following **Sunday of October 11, we will have a Called Congregational Meeting at 12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary** to bring the vote before the congregation. Because we will be asking for approval to use funds pledged for the Youth Director's position to fund both positions, approval at the congregational meeting will be essential. **Please note that we need 25 church members present to conduct a vote on behalf of the congregation.** The following paragraph is a look at our present financial developments.

### **A Look at the Financial Picture**

Under the leadership of Lynn Fleming, **the Financial Committee has confirmed that our congregation's finances have remained strong** in spite of the restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus.

General Fund receipts that support our congregation's staff, facilities, ministries and Outreach causes has continued to operate in the black in 2020 as we also have done so in the previous five years of our ministry with Pastor Dennis.

Pledges for the Youngest Among Us Ministry began in earnest in January 2020 and our congregation has consistently pledged about \$2,000 per month into this ministry. With donations received last year and the accumulation of assets into this fund in the first eight months of 2020, this fund now has a reserve of \$34,632.

As we strive to be good stewards and vigilant during these uncertain times, we also realize the opportunity to shore up our staffing concerns so that we may be best prepared to launch new and exciting ministries once the social distancing restrictions are lifted. Thus, Kathie Connell is excited about serving as our congregation's Director for Children and Youth for the compensation of \$1,000 per month and occupancy of the parsonage with all utilities paid as her new home. Cathy Gorman is also very much  
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interested in serving as our custodian with a beginning salary of \$600 per month. It is believed that this will be quite adequate during our present use of church facilities and can be renegotiated to a higher amount if more hours of service need to be compensated once we are back into our regular ministries.

Thus, we are asking the Board and the Congregation to use our pledged resources for the Youngest Among Us to fund both the full-time director for children and youth and to also fund our custodial position. We are starting out modestly in order to be assured that we can faithfully support these endeavors, while also leaving room to fund new ministries and needs once social distancing restrictions are lifted. There is much that Kathie Connell can do presently to stay in touch with our youth while also getting organized for future activities. We are also confident that Cathy Gorman will keep our facilities in immaculate care and will be up to the task once we resume normal activities. Under our current funding, we can also contract out floor waxing and other similar tasks as needed.

As members of the Board and the congregation, your consideration and vote of our “Kathie and Cathy” proposal as the best means to meet our present and near future staffing needs will be most appreciated as we seek to care for the Youngest Among Us and our church’s facilities. Please remember that we need **15 board members at the board meeting** and **25 church members at the congregational meeting** to vote on church business.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Personnel Committee,  
Doug Gentry, Chairperson,  
Lana Whitton, Chair of the Board and  
Rev. Dr. Dennis Patience, Pastor



**Kathie Connell**



**Cathy Gorman**

## New Barry Christian Church Sign is Coming!

Since the destruction of our original Monument Sign back in late November 2019 and after several months of delay caused by bid and insurance delays and concerns with the Covid-19 virus, a new Barry Christian Church sign, is now coming to the front of our church property!

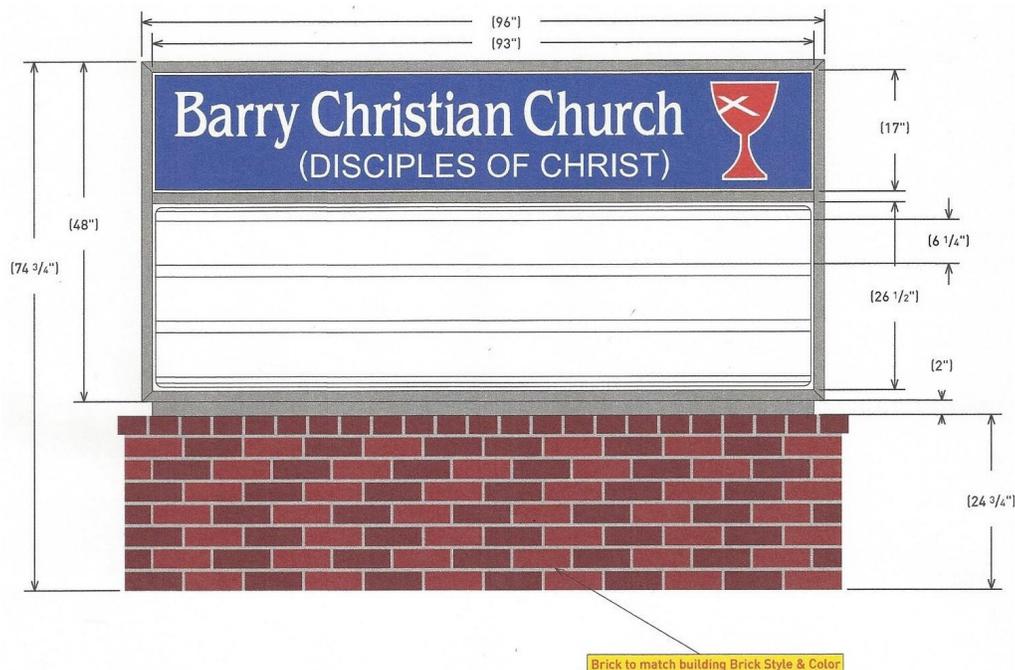
On Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> a contract was signed, and the required 50% deposit check was made out to: MIDTOWN SIGNS, located on South 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Kansas City, Kansas. MIDTOWN SIGNS will be removing all the concrete work from the previous sign, will pour a new concrete foundation, contract out the brick stand that will match the current building, and they will also fabricate and install the new sign. We will be securing an electrical company to run the new electric conduit under the new foundation and connecting it to the new sign as it is installed.

As you can see from the photo, the new sign will be essentially a repeat of our previous sign. It will still display the church's name and the chalice symbol with a blue background. The new sign will also continue to have the three lines for interchangeable lettering. This gives us the ability to display worship times and a message about the upcoming Sunday message or other pertinent messages for any season or events at the church.

The possibility of installing a digital sign was explored but it was discovered that, according to city records, our property is still zoned residential, and a digital display is not permitted. We are, however; able to reconstruct the backlit sign like we previously had, which gives us the opportunity to display messages the public can read while passing by our property. It was also discovered that city codes also require the brick base underneath the sign frame for support and sturdiness. The full cost of the sign is being covered with insurance funds and a gift from a family in the congregation, while the electrical work will be paid for through the Sonya George Memorial Fund.

We will keep everyone informed as this project gets underway, but in the meantime, look for activity taking place with the installation in the coming weeks!

Pastor Dennis and the Property Committee



# Welcome to Barry Christian Church!

During the 11:00 Worship Service on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, it was our joy to welcome Marsha Dedrick into the fellowship of our congregation by a transfer of her membership from the First Presbyterian Church of Independence, Missouri. Please welcome Marsha in worship as we look forward to the day when the Covid-19 restrictions will be behind us and we'll be once again more involved in many other avenues of Bible Study and fellowship.



On Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> during the 11:00 Worship Service, it was our joy to welcome Judy Bledsoe into our fellowship, as she has requested a transfer of her membership from the Bethel Baptist Church of Roswell, New Mexico. Judy is pictured with her grandsons, Trenton and Jericho (youngest), who often attend worship with Judy.

## HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!!



Happy Birthday to you!

If you have a **October** 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](mailto:office@barrychristianchurch.com)

- Carrie Patience - 03
- Mary Otto - 05
- Ted Gorman - 05
- Allen Phipps - 07
- Dennis Butler - 10
- John Kantola -10
- Jeff Stone - 10
- Jennifer Fleming 11
- Andrea Jones - 11
- D.J. Eacret Jr. - 12
- Jase Eacret - 15
- Lynn Fleming - 16
- Edna Williams - 17
- Jean Booth - 18
- Cale Grigsby - 19
- Trudy Taylor - 23
- Kelly Frentrop - 24
- Artis Mahzoon - 24
- Rosa Curtright - 28
- Helen Kerby - 29
- Kathie Connell - 30
- Melissa King - 30
- Pat Carrington - 31

## A MESSAGE from OUR FAMILY LIFE DIRECTOR

What a strange time we live in! We feel like hostages, confined to our homes by a virus with an ugly reputation for pain and death. Our community responded with a wide shut-down, to stop the virus spread. We couldn't go to our favorite restaurants for a nice meal. We couldn't go see a movie. We couldn't go shopping at our favorite small businesses. While we could still go to a grocery store and purchase necessities, we found empty shelves in the toilet paper aisle...ironically due to a virus that isn't believed to cause an increase in usage of such an item.

We were prohibited from seeing our loved ones in retirement communities, hospitals, and nursing homes...places where our loved ones need social supports and family contact the most. And many of us avoided seeking medical care for issues unrelated to COVID19, out of fear that we might catch the virus during routine medical visits. And in some cases, we were denied access to medical care, as some dentist offices were closed, and other healthcare providers employed extra cautions such as replacing in-person visits with TeleHealth (video) visits, and many elective surgeries were temporarily postponed, while the healthcare community tried to figure out how to prevent exposure to COVID19.

Most of us never imagined we would find ourselves in this situation. We never imagined that an invisible enemy could cause such a disruption to our everyday lives. We never predicted we would feel so isolated from others, and we may not have realized that social contact was so important to our well-being, until it was taken away.

Our bodies and minds respond to such situations with unpleasant reactions. We become sad, but may not have anybody nearby to provide encouragement. We become angry, but we cannot express the anger in isolation. So the sadness turns to anger, and the anger turns inward, which leads to depression.

We missed Easter Sunday services, Memorial Day family get-togethers, and Forth-of-July picnics as we were strictly warned that these events could become super-spreaders of the COVID19 virus. Such social events could have provided a natural anti-depressant, but when they were taken away we felt more hopelessness and despair.

We all need someone to talk to sometimes. To help sort out our feelings, and explore other ways to look at life. If the world situation has you feeling overwhelmed, anxious, angry, hopeless, apathetic, or withdrawn, and you would like a caring non-judgmental listener, please call the church office.

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, and a credentialed provider of mental health therapy. I would be happy to visit with you to hear what you're going through, help you unpack your feelings, and help you come up with ideas and options to move forward, perhaps with a different perspective.

Your visit would be completely confidential and free of charge for any member of Barry Christian Church. There is no paperwork to fill out, no admission criteria...just a desire and willingness to talk to someone about what you are going through. You may visit my office or I can come to your home, with COVID19 safety guidelines in place. We can also meet via video chat if you prefer.

I share this mantra with everyone I visit with...*"I cannot promise to fix your problems, but I CAN promise you will not have to face them alone"*. Please call if you need. Whatever you are facing, you do not have to face it alone.

I wish you all peace, emotional strength and abundant blessings,

Jim Frentrop, LCSW



Unfortunately, our **Annual Trunk - Or - Treat** event will not take place this year due to the current pandemic concerns. We hope that circumstances will be better next year for many of our regularly scheduled church activities to resume.



## Clay County Clothes Closet Virtual Silent Auction Fundraiser

While **Clay County Clothes Closet (CCCC)** misses the smiles, laughter and connections of its traditional in-person annual Pancake Breakfast & Silent Auction, CCCC is excited to host a virtual auction fundraising event this year. This virtual auction allows us to continue supporting our important work and its impact to Northland Community families in need, while maintaining the health and safety of our community supporters. Your participation in this event helps our organization meet the critical clothing insecurities of the over 2,700 at-risk impoverished children and their families served annually by the **Clothing Families – Empowering Lives Resource Program**. In this time of economic uncertainty, Northland Community families *need Clay County Clothes Closet more than ever, and we need you more than ever!*

CCCC's virtual auction will be open for bids beginning **October 8, 8:00 am and closing on October 10 at 4:00 pm.**

Registration for the auction is free. **No payment is required to register.**

**To preview the Virtual Auction Items up for bid, or to pre-register for the event, please copy the following link to your web browser to be directed to the auction site:**

<https://www.silentauctionpro.com/bidonlinegrid.php?groupid=1645>

## 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](http://www.CWSglobal.org) to see all the ways your CROP dollars are changing lives.

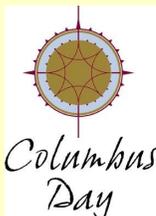
Peace,

Tony Haynes, Walk Coordinator

#HOACROP #ENOUGH4ALL



The church office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, October 12th for the **COLUMBUS DAY** holiday.



Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We really appreciate our church family.

Betty & Jerry Donahue



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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

The Annual Turkey Dinner at Barry Christian Church has been cancelled this year due to pandemic concerns. We will certainly miss this special event in the life of our congregation and the community. Hopefully we can make plans to resume this annual event in the future.



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



The month of Sept. had 4 Sundays.

## Financial Update

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

Funds received Sept. 6: \$6,944

Funds received Sept. 13: \$7,440

Funds received Sept. 20: \$5,261

Funds received Sept. 27: \$2,176

September Total so far: \$21,821

Youth Ministry Fund Balance so far in August : \$34,632