

*A story is like water that you heat for your bath.
It takes messages between the fire and your skin.
It lets them meet, and it cleans you! ...*

*Study them, and enjoy this being washed
with a secret we sometimes know, and then not.*
— RUMI (12th Century)

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Gathering Music

Call to Worship *Gifts of Many Cultures, Tirabassi & Eddy, eds.*

We gather today to learn what it is to be a pilgrim community.

We gather, bringing our hopes and our fears, our memories and our visions.

We gather, longing for the guidance of God's Spirit to give us renewal and courage for the days ahead.

Come, Christ Jesus, be in our midst. Bless us as we remember those who have shown us your way forward. Help us to find a clear vision for the future, as we learn to be your disciples day by day. —World Student Christian Federation

Opening Hymn Medley*

*Down By the Riverside
This Little Light of Mine
Daniel in the Lion's Den*

Sung Response*

Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly hosts, Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication*

The Church at Prayer

The Lord's Prayer*

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and
forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead
us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Church Alive

Closing Hymn*

I'll Fly Away

***Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.***

***[Refrain] I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.***

***When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.***

[Refrain]

***Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away;
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.***

[Refrain]

Benediction*

Benediction Response* *Sanctuary (R. Scruggs & J. Thompson)*

***Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and invite you to fill out the card in the pew and join us for coffee hour. There are also nametags on the back table we invite you to wear. If you have young children, there is a space in the narthex with some coloring and books. There is also a space in the middle office, on the main floor, down the hallway, to watch our service on Facebook along with some toys.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Darlene Clark & Ken Folta

Ushers: Sherry & Don Singer, Marjorie & Ernie Wheeler

Reader: Lindsey Benton

*Eric Tuper-Giles is taking today off.
Thanks to Rev. Bert for leading the music today.*

Welcome to the Barre Congregational Church, UCC!

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Rev. Bert Marshall, *Interim Pastor*
Nancy Fowler, *Assistant to the Pastor*
Eric Tuper-Giles, *Music Director & Organist*
Hollie Friot, *Church School Director*
Mary Ann Johnson, *Parish Nurse*
Kathy Adams, *Bookkeeper*
Neil Upham, *Custodian*

We are an Open & Affirming and a Just Peace Church

CALENDAR

Today (8/19)	9:30 am	<i>Sabbath Worship</i>
Monday (8/20)		Nancy will be in the office
	8:00 am	<i>Strong Living</i>
	1:00 pm	<i>Wood Carvers</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>AA</i>
Tuesday (8/21)	7:00 am	<i>Community Breakfast</i>
	4:30 am	<i>Art Committee</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>Laundry Love</i>
Wednesday (8/22)	8:00 am	<i>Strong Living</i>
Thursday (8/23)		Nancy will be in the office
Friday (8/24)		
Saturday (8/25)	7:00 am	<i>Community Breakfast</i>
	8:00 am	<i>Strong Living</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>AA</i>
Sunday (8/26)	10:00 am	<i>Union Worship at Church of the Good Sheherd</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laundry Love is Tuesday evening from 6-9 pm. If you would like to help out, please talk to Darlene Clark.

Art Committee Meeting will be meeting in the art room at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, August 21.

Final Union Service is next Sunday at the Church of the Good Shepherd at 10:00 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism

We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism on Sept. 9. Please talk to Rev. Bert if you are interested in baptism.

Chicken Pie Supper - September 28

Please talk to Marjorie Wheeler if you can help. There are many ways to help make this a success. One new twist in this year's supper will be a continuous seating (and not 2 seatings).

SAVE THE DATE-NOVEMBER 10 -BOUTIQUE BAZAAR

The BCC is having a Boutique Bazaar. We are looking for items to sell and people to help. We need pies, cakes, crafts, jellies, jams, homemade pickles, fudge, candy, good used china or glassware, and books. If you are talented and make something, please make something to donate to this event. A one of a kind item would be wonderful, such as a painting. If you are willing to help in any way, please see or call Pam Murphy (814-244-5900) or the church office at (476-3065). We need all of us working together for this to be a success.

Interim Update and a Transition Team

Rev. Bert is anxious to begin the interim work and is excited to announce that a Transition Team has been formed for the purpose of assisting him in organizing, facilitating, and evaluating our activities moving forward. Many thanks to Ilene Gillander, Amanda Pugliese, and Cary Friberg for volunteering to lead us into this first phase of our time together. We will be meeting in the next week or so to begin planning the small group conversations for this Fall. It is my hope that the first small groups will meet in late September, and we will schedule them as needed until Advent, and finish up after Christmas if necessary. More details will follow, but briefly the small groups are an opportunity for everyone in our congregation to have a forum in which to respond to the three basic interim questions: **who are we; who is our neighbor; and who is God calling us to be in this new era of our church.**