

# The Barbee Banner

## Pastor's Note:

How many of you want the weather to change? If I am not mistaken, I believe I just heard a collective "Amen!" When the winter weather continues to be winter, we want it to change. When the Chiefs are losing, we want it to change. When we are in a hurry and sitting at a red light, we want it to change. When life is going sideways, we want it to change. When we are in pain, we want it to change. But isn't it interesting how people really do not want 'change?' I am not just talking about older folks who are assumed to be stuck in their ways.

My five year old granddaughter doesn't like change. When going to bed last night she was over the top with anticipation looking forward to her gymnastics field trip with the other students at the Noah's Ark Christian Pre-school. But upon awakening, my daughter informed Macy that there was a change in plans. The field trip was cancelled once again because of bad weather. MAJOR LETDOWN. MAJOR MELTDOWN. It seems that no matter what age we are we tend not to want change because we are creatures of habit.

Who of you drinks a cup of coffee or tea every morning? Who of you rarely misses the evening news? Who of you eats with the same people after church? Who of you almost always sit on the same side of the sanctuary, in the same row, and in the same seat on Sunday mornings? Who of you gets a little upset when Walmart or Price Chopper no longer sells certain food items? We are all creatures of habit. Creatures who dislike change. We have certain, unspoken expectations that if not fulfilled result in mini-conflicts.

When you set a new goal, which invariably involves change, you also set yourself up for new conflicts. Losing weight, exercising regularly, tithing, watching a new T.V. show you don't want to miss, reading/studying the Bible, cleaning out the garage, volunteering, saving money, or following Jesus are good goals in life but each comes with new conflicts that are certain to disturb our creature habits to one degree or another. I believe the reason that many people fail to meet their goals is that they consciously or subconsciously will do almost anything to avoid conflict. If a person's life does not depend upon the completion of a goal, that person will be more apt to allow that goal to fall to the wayside because they wish not to deal with conflict.

Imagine if Jesus had chosen not to fulfill His goal of dying on the cross for our sins. His walk to the cross could have easily ended in the Garden of Gethsemane. Right before His arrest, Jesus said, **"Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?"** <sup>54</sup> **But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"** **Matthew 26:53-54** If Jesus wanted to avoid the conflict that He Knew was coming, He could have requested 72,000 angels to be placed at His disposal. But He didn't.

Fortunately for us, Jesus didn't walk away. Instead, He met the conflict head-on to fulfill His goal. Setting new goals almost always leads to the creation of new conflicts. And the reason for this is that the change needed to fulfill new goals requires a new direction, enhanced dedication, unending commitment, willing sacrifice, and sometimes pain.

My prayer for the leadership, members and regular attendees of this church is to follow the One who is the Pioneer of our faith. May your prayer be the same, as we hopefully move forward together **"in one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all"** (Eph. 4:4-6), that each of us may "Grow in spiritual maturity to spread the Good News of the Gospel into the brokenness of the world."

Blessings, Dan

## Scripture of the Month:

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“May your roots go down deep into the soil of God’s marvelous love.” Ephesians 3:17

## Nursery Schedule:

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March 3 – Joan Edwards  
March 10 – Teri Smith  
March 17 – Deb Napier  
March 24 – Shawna Stombaugh  
March 31 – Joan Edwards

## Hospitalizations:

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George Hiser  
Janice Hurt  
Allen Foster

## Thank You:

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I would like to thank everyone for their cards, texts, food, and expressions of sympathy and support during my mother, Betty Weirick's, recent passing. As many of you know, the past couple of years were especially difficult for Mom, and I appreciate your prayers and emotional support more than you can ever know.

Love and hugs, Beth Humphreys

## Sympathy:

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Our sympathy is extending to Earl and Beth Humphreys and family for the death of Beth’s mother, Betty Weirick, February 14 in Iowa. Mrs. Weirick was 96 years old. A Celebration of Life service will be held in Colfax, Iowa on Saturday, May 18.

We extend our sympathy to Marcia Hiser and Janet Stewart and extended family for the passing of beloved church member, George Hiser, who went to be with the Lord on February 14. His life will be celebrated on Saturday, March 9, with visitation will beginning at 10:00 a.m. with the service to celebrate his life at 11:00 a.m.

## New Address:

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Janet Stewart current address is 312 May Street, Excelsior Springs.

## Installation/Ordination of New Church Officers – February 24:

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After postponing the Annual Congregational Meeting and the church service due to weather, the service of Installation and Ordination of Elders and Deacons was finally held on February 24. Officers who have served the congregation and now have completed their time of service were recognized. Those included Susan Aull, Eddy Barrera and Val Linnenburger, Deacons; Linda Chapman and Beth Humphreys, Elders. The congregation thanked them for their service.

Pastor Dan Clark and Cheryl Faulkner, Clerk of Session, led the congregation through the service. Those ordained and/or installed as Deacons were Jon Deere, Shawna Stombaugh and Janet Stewart and Elders Grace Harriger and Sharon Senger. Following this part of the service Pastor Dan asked members of the congregation who had already served in the past to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Let us pray for our new Elders and Deacons as they lead us in God’s way.



## Ash Wednesday:

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The Ash Wednesday service will be held March 6 at 6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday is the day that begins the season of Lent. Please join us for this meaningful service of worship.

## What is a Quascentennial, you ask?

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A quascentennial is the celebration of 125 years. On May 6, Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church will celebrate her 125<sup>th</sup> birthday. Plans are underway to recognize this milestone on Sunday, May 5. Please mark your calendar and plan NOW to join us!

# Ministry Team Updates:

## CHILDREN'S C.E. TEAM:

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The next CE team meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 27th at 5:30 at the church. This will serve as a February/March meeting since March 6th, our normal meeting date, falls on Ash Wednesday.

## JOY WOMEN ACTIVITIES:

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**JOY (formerly Westminster) Circle:** Once again, inclement weather caused the JOY Circle meeting to be cancelled. Due to wintry conditions, the group has not met since October. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11th at 10:00 at the church. Please pray for mild weather.

**JOY "Lunch Bunch":** The next gathering of the JOY "Lunch Bunch" is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st at 12:00 at the "Opportunity Café." All Barbee women and their friends are invited to attend.

## MISSION HAPPENINGS:

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Huge thank you all our contestants and those who attended the Souper Bowl on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The soup can "vote" was pretty unanimous making the LA Rams the BMPC winner for OUR Bowl contest!

Our other winners were: Jim Vassmer for TOP CHILI = Chipotle Chili and Val Linnenburger for TOP SOUP = Cheesy Potato Soup.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FUND RAISERS –

① Our Yankee Candle Sale was very successful last fall. We will be trying it again for the spring season: selling March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>. This sale will not just candles but specialty gifts as well. Purchases are scheduled to arrive prior to Easter Sunday. See Teri Smith if you have questions.

② Again this spring we have collaborated with Charlie's Car Wash (formerly Green Lantern) to earn funds. During the week of May 6 – 12, have our coupon scanned when you get your car washed. A portion of your car wash purchase will be added to our account. In addition, any online purchase made during that week, we also get portion of the proceeds when you use our coupon code. Coupon codes will be handed out and emailed in April. See Grace Harriger if you have questions.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE – TIME CHANGE for meeting \*\*Mission Ministry Committee will meet again on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. \*\***

### 'Souper' Bowl Soup Winner: Val's recipe for Cheesy Potato Soup

Combine first 9 ingredients in pot. Boil until potatoes are almost done. In a microwaveable dish, warm 2 cups of milk and whisk in flour. Add to pot and allow to thicken. Add butter, 2 more cups of warm milk and velveta. Turn down heat and let simmer until blended.



4 cups water	1 teaspoon salt
8-10 cups potatoes (5 lbs) peeled/cubed	½ teaspoon pepper
1 cup celery	6 tablespoons flour
1 cup carrots	4 cups milk (divided)
½ cup onion	1 stick butter
2 tablespoons parsley	1 ½ lbs velvetta
2 chicken buillion cubes	

We hope to feature Jim Vassmer’s winning chili recipe in the April Banner.

### **Good Samaritan Food Pantry Collection:**

March collection is protein. This includes peanut butter, tuna, salmon, beans and nuts.

### **MUSIC NOTES:**

February once again brought cold, icy, snowy weather making several rehearsals to be canceled and the worship service on February 10.

Chancel Choir, our adult choir, has been able to provide music on Sundays even though rehearsals haven’t always taken place. I thank them for their efforts. Chapel Bells has been plagued by bad weather and traveling or ill choir members in February and are looking forward to a new month.

The Mixed Quartet sang during the worship service, February 3.

If you love to sing or if you would like to ring handbells, please contact me for any questions you may have. See the calendar for the schedule of rehearsal dates.

Blessings,  
Elaine

### **NOAH’S ARK CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL:**

The weather in February certainly affected our school days! We have been fighting through the snow and ice to push through our curriculum and keep our precious kids on track in spite of delays and school cancellations! We are thankful that Ms. Chris and her grand-daughter, Izabel, are alright after a car accident due to black ice on Monday, February 11th.

February included the stories of Queen Esther as well as David and Goliath. We’ve worked on the letter P, Q and R and numbers 4,5,6,14,15 and 16. And, we’ve focused on the color pink, the heart shape, and patterns while discussing friendship and generosity. Ms. Chris found some new, creative, hands-on art work for the children and Ms. Shawna spiced things up with some cooking classes.

All hands are on deck for a Fundraiser to be held Sunday, March 31st after church right here at Barbee! The menu will include spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. Our Noah’s Ark parents have been seeking donations from local merchants in order to have a silent auction. The funds raised from this fundraiser will support our This Little Light of Mine scholarship program which has already blessed many families with partial and full scholarships enabling their children to attend Noah’s Ark.

It’s hard to believe we are entering into March already! Your prayers make a huge difference to all of us! Feel free to walk through our classrooms and pray when it is convenient for you to do so. We feel this is an important step to standing firm in our faith and staying focused on Christ each day. We know we are easily swayed by the outside world and satan himself. We covet your prayers for protection. Your blanket of prayer helps us walk through our days with renewed energy and strength. It is our hope that all we do glorifies the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### **SESSION:**

#### **MINUTES OF THE CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF BARBEE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH February 17, 2019**

The Called Congregational Meeting convened following worship service on February 17, 2019. Handouts were distributed of agenda, 2018 annual report and 2019 budget, as approved by Session of January 21, 2019. A count of members present determined a quorum for continuation of the business meeting.

Pastor and Moderator, Dan Clark, opened the meeting with prayer at twelve noon.

Pastor Clark thanked Carol Spencer, Administrative Assistant, Carol Nolting, Treasurer, and Cheryl Faulkner, Clerk of Session for their efforts in preparing for this meeting.

As identified on the agenda, names of the 2019 Elders and Deacons were announced. Elders: Grace Harriger and Sharon Senger Deacons: Jon Deere and Janet Steward for 3 years and Shawna Stombaugh, 1 year

Pastor Clark made the motion to arrest nominations since no other names had been presented, seconded by Bill Spencer; passed. A motion was made by Pat Lamb to accept those currently nominated, seconded by Mike Carpenter, and motion passed.

The "Officer Nominating Committee" for the fall of 2019 was addressed through floor nominations for three active members from the congregation-at-large. Eddy Barrera nominated Alice Lammert; Bill Spencer nominated Bob Gerdes; and Beth Humphreys nominated Elaine Vassmer. All accepted their nomination.

Last on the agenda, Linda Chapman, standing in for Carol Nolting, Treasurer, presented the 2018 financial report, the 2019 budget as approved by Session January 21, 2019, and the Pastor's Terms of Call to the Congregation. There were no questions posed.

Clerk of Session, Cheryl Faulkner, read the minutes of the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35pm. The meeting was closed with the congregation singing the Doxology.

Cheryl Faulkner, Clerk of Session

**MINUTES OF STATED MEETING OF SESSION  
OF BARBEE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
February 18, 2019**

The Session of Barbee Memorial held its Stated Meeting on February 18, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Classroom of the church. Elders present: Laura Mayfield, Clark Pugh, Bill Spencer, Linda Chapman, Jim Vassmer, and Beth Humphreys, Jerry Summers and Elder Elect, Sharon Senger and Grace Harriger. A quorum was established. Also present: Dan Clark, Pastor and Moderator, Carol Nolting, Treasurer and Clerk of Session, Cheryl Faulkner.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. and opened with prayer by Pastor Dan Clark.

The Agenda was reviewed and accepted with the addition of Noah's Ark Preschool minutes in Consent Agenda. A motion was made for Jerry Summers, seconded by Bill Spencer to accept the agenda: passed.

**Consent Agenda Items:**

Clerk's report – correction of date for year to date category

Minutes of Regular Session meeting January 21, 2019 were approved by email vote by January 25th, 2019.

**Ministry team reports as summarized:**

**Mission Ministry Report:** The team met February 12, 2019. Items covered: update on Brother's Keeper Fund loose change offering slated for March 31; Clark Pugh to have devotions at Excelsior Nursing and Rehab on Feb. 17; ongoing collection of goods for Good Samaritan Center; plans to work with another church for Homeless Outreach mission opportunity.

**Hospitality Ministry Report:** Plans and work continue to enhance the physical environment of the church with changes in signage and a Welcome Counter; also development of a "Greeter" team and volunteers to serve at the Welcome desk.

**Worship Ministry Report:** The team met Feb. 5, 2019 and discussed upcoming special services plans and possible changes in the format of the worship service.

**Noah's Ark Preschool Report:** Work continues to obtain a camera doorbell for security of the preschool; a fundraiser is planned for the end of March that will add funds to the "This Little Light of Mine" scholarship fund. Other areas covered included signage updates, weather day policy and supplies needed for preschool students.

A motion was made by Beth Humphreys, seconded by Linda Chapman to accept the consent agenda: passed.

**Financial – Carol Nolting;**

The financial reports had been emailed to Elders, with hard copy for Sharon Senger. Carol presented the cash availability report for the church and preschool. A motion to accept the report was made by Jerry Summers and seconded by Bill Spencer; passed.

Carol will be scheduling the meetings with Edward Jones investments and Church Mutual insurance for the month of March.

**Unfinished Business**

Lift repair: Pastor Dan reported that the lift repair and preventative maintenance has been completed at the cost of \$1370.67.



Real Estate: Pastor Dan has interviewed agents Chip Glennon and Charles Small; both would require a 6% commission. With no objections from Session, Pastor Dan will move forward with Chip Glennon as the agent to list the property. Elders asked that the length of time for the exclusive listing be no more than 6 months.

Security system: Pastor Dan informed Elders that a \$5000 gift was received and earmarked for a security system for the church. He has investigated a company, Vitek, currently utilized by Crescent Lake Church. There are many questions to be answered and Pastor Dan invited Elders to join the Safety Team to pursue further investigation of the company/system for Barbee's security needs.

A.L.I.C.E. training: Lt. Paul White had indicated at an earlier meeting (2018) that he would provide the safety training sought by Barbee. Pastor Dan spoke with Lt. White, and the company, Strategos, to determine our options for safety training. Elder discussion focused on cost for both options and asked for more specific information about exact figure. Pastor Dan stated he will be speaking to Lt. White this Friday and will obtain more information for Session.

Finance Committee: Pastor Dan reminded Elders that he provided a copy of church budgeting to them 4-5 months ago. The information is crucial for the functioning of the finance committee. If Elders cannot locate the packet, they are to let Pastor Dan know and he will provide a new copy.

Presbytery meeting: The January Presbytery meeting that was held at Gashland Presbyterian church was attended by Pastor Dan Clark and Elder Clark Pugh. They reported that they were present Friday.

Ordination/Installation of Elders and Deacons: The rescheduled date slated for this service is February 24<sup>th</sup>, originally scheduled Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. The weather challenges changed this service, just as it delayed the Called Congregational Meeting from Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business:**

Joint Session and Ministry team meeting: A meeting date has been scheduled for Elders and Ministry team leaders to meet on Feb. 26, 2019 at 6:30 at the church. This meeting will provide the opportunity for an exchange of ideas and to establish short term goals.

Ministry Team Opportunity handouts: Each Elder was given a "Ministry Team Opportunity" sheet to complete and return to Pastor Dan.

#### **Facility Use Request:**

Pastor Dan presented two requests for facility use: Sharon Senger for June 1, 2019 and Dorothy Mullikin for May 10, 2019 and May 24, 2019. Jerry Summers made the motion, seconded by Beth Humphreys, to approve the facility use requests; passed.

Jerry Summers made the motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm, and seconded by Linda Chapman. Motion passed.

Pastor Dan closed the meeting in prayer.

The next scheduled meeting is March 18, 2019 at 6:30, adult classroom at the church.

Cheryl Faulkner, Clerk of Session

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY: WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

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"...and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit..." Acts 6:5

The Stephen Series is a complete system for training and organizing lay people to provide one-to-one Christian care to hurting people in and around your congregation.

Everyone faces periods of crisis transition, or difficulty. During these times, a caring relationship with someone who will faithfully listen, empathize, pray with and for them, and encourage them with Christ's love and care can be a tremendous benefit.

Caring for people in need is at the heart of a congregation's ministry. Every congregation has its own special blend of people, gifts needs, circumstances, opportunities and challenges. After 50 hours of training, Stephen Ministers make themselves available to those who need someone to turn to during a difficult season in their lives.

We are considering offering a Stephen Ministry training for a new class of Stephen Ministers in the fall of 2019. We join in prayer hoping YOU will consider using your gifts and your time to become a Stephen Minister, and offer caring and compassion to those in need. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity.

Talk to Dan or Judy Clark, or Cheryl Faulkner to get more information. Let us know if you might be interested so we can pray alongside you. Moreover, open yourself up to the possibility that Stephen Ministry is a way for you to truly bless and be blessed!

# March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5 pm SNA Small Grp
3 9 am Sm Grps/Youth SS 10:45 am Worship Svc 6 pm Youth Group	4 5:30 pm Praying Together	5 6:30 pm Worship Team	6 6 pm Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:45 pm Chancel Choir	7 6:30 pm Safety Team	8 5 pm SNA Small Grp	9
10 9 am Sm Grps/Youth SS 10:45 am Worship Svc 6 pm Youth Group	11 10 am JOY 6:30 pm Deacons	12 6:30 pm Missions Ministry	13 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:45 pm Chancel Choir	14 12 Noon Noah's Ark mtg 5 pm Stephen Ministry	15	16 10 am Meet the Need
17 9 am Sm Grps/Youth SS 10:45 am Worship Svc 2pm ES Nursing & Rehab 6 pm Youth Group	18 6:30 pm Session	19	20 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:45 pm Chancel Choir	21 12 Noon JOY Lunch	22 <b>Banner Deadline</b>	23 5 pm SNA Small Grp 30 Hr Famine-Youth Event
24 9 am Sm Grps/Youth SS 10:45 am Worship Svc 6 pm Youth Group	25 6:30 pm Hospitality mtg	26 7:45 pm Men's Choir	27 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:45 pm Chancel Choir	28 6:30 pm Joint Session & Ministry Team Leaders	29	30 5 pm SNA Small Grp
31 9 am Sm Grps/Youth SS 10:45 am Worship Svc Noon Presch Spag Lunch 6 pm Youth Group						

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Palm Sunday, April 14  
Easter, April 21

Barbee Choirs' Celebration, Sunday, April 28  
Barbee's 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration, May 5

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Sunday Services

Children's Sunday School & Young Believers 9:00 AM  
Worship Service 10:45 AM

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Happy Birthdays!

**MARCH**

Emery Harriger – 4                      Elaine Vassmer – 16  
Janet Stewart – 10                     Diane Greenwood – 16  
Bernard Napier – 12                  Esther Felsburg – 26  
Kim Coates – 29

Anniversary Greetings!

No Anniversaries for the Month of March.



The Banner Deadline for April is **March 22, 2019**. Please help us prepare the Banner by sharing articles about things happening at Barbee, recipes and other items of interest. Please put them in the Secretary's box in the office. If you would like to email your info, the email address is: barbeepc@barbeepc.org.