



United Spirit

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o f B e r n a r d s t o n

		<h1>2024</h1>		United Church of Bernardston		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 † 10:30 Worship Membership Sunday Blanket Sunday	6	7	8	9	10	11
12  † 10:30 Worship	13	14 † 7:00 Property & Finance Meeting 	15	16	17	18
19 † 10:30 Worship	20	21	22	23	24 GAS ENGINE SHOW 	25 GAS ENGINE SHOW 
26 GAS ENGINE SHOW † 8:00 Worship @ Pratt Fld † 10:30 Worship 	27 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY 	28	29	30	31	



MAY GREETERS

- May 5th Joyce & Jim Muka
- May 12th Gina & Frank Froment
- May 19th Bob & Linda Raymond

Property & Finance will meet
May 14 at 7:00 pm



MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY

May 5th

During the worship service on May 5th, we will celebrate Membership Sunday and welcome new members into our church community. If you are interested in exploring membership at UCB or have any questions, please contact Sharon Weyers at 413-834-4491 or any member of the Welcoming & Outreach Committee.

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY





Exciting Transition Team news!!!

The Transition Team has been hard at work since late last August to find an Interim Minister. Our team members are Diane Ellis, Justin Lawrence, Harvey Noel, Tim Relyea, Patrick Weyers and chaired by Mark Gregory. During this time our team prayerfully considered 6 applicants which entailed 5 interviews either online or in person!

We are very happy and excited to announce that The Reverend Julie Olmsted has accepted our offer to become our Interim Minister. She has previously been a settled pastor and most recently has been an Interim Minister in several churches. She is well qualified, dynamic, well spoken, a people person and is a good fit for our congregation. She will be starting in mid-June, and she will preach for the first time on Sunday, June 16th.

As our Interim Minister, she will help us to understand who we are and what we want to be as a church. That will be the foundation for her to help us find and choose the right Settled Pastor who will be with us for future years.

The following is what she said to us in an email when she accepted our offer:

“I am so happy to have received the call to be your interim minister! I look forward to worshiping with you and doing the work of this interim time, with changes and enhancements, insights and innovations to turn the page to a new and exciting chapter for UCB!”

She also gave our congregation some homework! **“In this time before I come on board, please be looking at your church with this question: *What do we cherish here at UCB? What would we most likely like to KEEP THE WAY IT IS AND DEFINITELY NOT CHANGE?*”**

Please join our Transition Team in celebrating getting such an accomplished and experienced interim pastor to help the UCB move forward. Thank you for your patience during this past year. Going forward this will be a very exciting time for the United Church of Bernardston!!!



From the Deacons

“Who is that guy on the cross?” So asked the 8 year old in my charge as we camped out in a Catholic chapel awaiting the end of a long funeral service next door. “That’s Jesus” I said. “ You mean baby Jesus” she asked? I knew I had a lot of ground to cover with not much time. “He grew up, and eventually ran into trouble with the Romans and they killed him. But he didn’t stay in the grave, God brought him back to life and eventually took him into heaven.” “Did he use a spaceship to get there?” “No, God just took him into heaven.” I may have mumbled some of the more pertinent aspects of the story, I hope I did. Like He was the Son of God, came here to show us the way to God by loving each other the way He and God loved us. Hope I got a little into it. And, I’ll admit my sense of absolute known truth or the lack thereof has me saying “We Christians believe...” more often than not. And even though our faith may be strong (I think mine’s not too bad), I find sharing it directly is not necessarily an easy task. But pretty essential I’m convinced. So for me, more practice I think, I should only get better at it. And you too perhaps, may we all get better at sharing the Good News that we know.

BLANKET SUNDAY

Blanket sales will be starting and there will be an insert in the May 5th Chatter.

If you want to honor a special mother in your life, please purchase a blanket.





May 12th

- May 7 Marsha Pratt
- May 12 Krystal Ducharme
- May 13 Timber Field
- May 15 Holden Tyree
- May 21 Kathy Nicholas
- May 21 Eunice Randall
- May 22 Ann Pratt
- May 24 Martha Damon
- May 24 Jennifer Glazier
- May 25 Rob Claflin
- May 28 Harvey Noel
- May 30 Steven Billiel
- May 31 Ellen Field

- David & Marcia Laprade,
married May 10, 1975
- Patrick & Sharon Weyers,
married May 15, 1982
- Raymond & Kathy Nicholas,
married May 19, 1984
- Daniel & Carol Benoit,
married May 23, 1987
- Richard & Sharon Fontaine,
married May 27, 1977
- Frank & Gina Froment,
married May 28th



AMAZING PRIZES

The Gas Engine Show Raffle has amazing prizes! New this year is a John Deere BATTERY-POWERED TRACTOR WITH A TRAILER for children, and a beautiful quilt designed and sewn by Patty Byrne.

Please see the complete list of prizes on the church website.

Consider taking a few books of raffle tickets to sell. Tickets are available from the Church office or by emailing Diane Ellis at ganddellis@gmail.com.

\$1.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.00



The Tag Sale Room is open, and the auction trailer is on its way. Please put any larger items to the side for now.

DOLL HOUSE RAFFLE

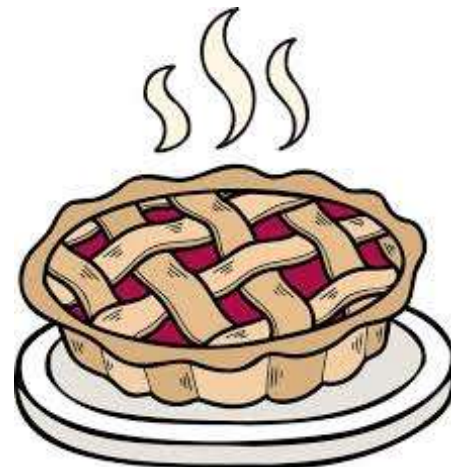
Tickets are still available to enter our Doll House Raffle, with the winners to be announced at the Gas Engine Show.

Tickets are \$5/ each or five for \$20.



Pies! Pies! Pies!

The GES Pie Booth is in need of home-cooked pies. If you are able to help, please contact Deb Bergeron at 775-4031 or sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall. Please, please, NO cream or meringue pies. They do not do well in the weather.



We are accepting donations of bottled water and soda for the upcoming Gas Engine Show.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS

As the Gas Engine Show is fast approaching, we are looking for new good quality items for our can raffle. You may leave your donations at the Church Office with Kelly between 9:00 and 12:00 daily or you can reach out to me at 413-835-5490.

(PLEASE, NO SECOND-HAND ITEMS.)

Thank you to those who have already donated. As the new Chairperson of the Can Raffle, I look forward to helping make this year a successful fundraiser.

Thanks and have a great day.

Patty Byrne

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