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Sunday Service

Service times

8 am Worship
9 am Adult Sunday School
10 am with Children's Church

Dear Barts Centenary Family,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we near the close of this appointment year together, from July 2025 to today, one word rises above the rest: EBENEZER: "*Thus far the Lord has helped us.*" (1 Samuel 7:12). "*We are witnesses of these things.*" (Luke 24:48). Together we have witnessed God's faithfulness in Sunday worship and in all church gathering throughout the year. We've celebrated Holy Communion, fellowship, graduations, and potluck miracles. We've also walked through valleys: tight budgets, difficult decisions, and the simple, hard work of being church in a changing world.

It has not all been easy. But "*the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end.*" (Lamentations 3:22). And neither has your commitment to Christ and to one another. So today, I simply want to say: Thank you! Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm for the Gospel. Thank you for every hour volunteered, every dollar given, every prayer whispered, every casserole baked, and every word of wise counsel offered in love, even when it was hard to hear. (Proverbs 12:15).

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Ministry is never a solo journey. It is "*the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament.*" Ephesians 4:16. You have been those ligaments; strong, faithful, essential. Through every up and down, this church has shown a steadfastness that honors Christ and "*refuses to grow weary in doing good*" (Galatians 6:9).

As for the way forward: Our God is not finished with Barts Centenary UMC. The same Lord who brought us through this year is already preparing the next. The fields around Littlestown are still "*white for harvest.*" (John 4:35). Our mission to "*make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*" remains unchanged.

So, let us continue. Continue in prayer. Continue in service. Continue in love for our neighbors. "*Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.*" (1 Corinthians 15:58) It has been my deepest joy and privilege to serve as your pastor. I am grateful beyond words for our year together.

Wishing you God's continued blessing as we press on together in His name. To God be the glory, for the year behind us, and for all that is yet to come.

In Christ's service with you,
Rev. Fernando Simone M. Matsimbe
Pastor

Dear Barts Centenary Family, grace and peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.
As it has been made official recently, Pastor Fernando has received a new appointment beginning July 1, 2026. Because of the timing of Annual Conference next week and his move at the end of the month, his final Sunday in the pulpit at Barts Centenary will be June 14, 2026.

Important Dates from Pastor Fernando:
· June 4–6: I'll be at Annual Conference
· Sunday, June 7 & 14: My final two Sundays with you
· June 16–30: I'll be on leave to transition and move
· July 1: New appointment begins

Talk To Us

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This Month Events

Don't forget to join us on Tuesday, June 2nd for a Chicken dinner with green beans and Ice Cream for dessert. Dinner starts at 5:30. Invite someone from your neighborhood. Meet the neighbors and the church family. There is usually a lot of chatter going on.

June 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	2 5:30 pm Hungry for More	3 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	4	5	6
7 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship followed by Communion Fellowship Meal & Father's Day recognition	8 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	9 3:30 pm United Women in Faith	10 ZUMBA 3 pm GFWC Cub Scouts	11 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	12	13
14 8 am Worship 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	15 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	16 6:30 pm Historical Society	17 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	18 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	19	20
21 9 am Sunday School 10 am Contemporary Worship with Baskets of Love collection following	22 Pastor's Day off Boy Scouts	23	24 ZUMBA Cub Scouts	25 7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team	26	27
28 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship	29	30 6 pm Boy Scouts Leader meeting	ZUMBA Cub Scouts	7 pm Choir 7:45 pm Praise Team		

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1 Rob Segessenman
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24 Randy Davis
25 Hailey Groft
26 Ron Hedges
26 Ruth Evans

The Deadline for the July newsletter will be Wednesday, June 17th

United Women in Faith

UWF meeting on June 9th at 3:30. The UWF will be recognizing our Dad's for Father's Day. We would like each person attending to bring a picture of their Dad with a story about them. We have a fun time when we do this with our Mom's so I'm sure Dad's won't be any different. Come join us.

REMINDER MESSAGE FROM ALPHA Fire Company

We received another message from the Fire Department complaining about folks parking in the designated Fire Department spaces next to the alley. They are asking us to remind everyone that the first 8 or so spaces from King Street down, that are diagonal and have the fire department only signs are STRICTLY FOR FIRE PERSONNEL ONLY! We only have 5 spaces from the water tower up that we are allowed to use. We can use the parking lot in the back of the dire department if all our spots are full but we are asked to not part in the first row closest to their building. Please pass this on to anyone who might attend our church for any event (Day or Night).

Directory News

The online directory is here! Special thanks to Amber for her work on this; we are grateful for her help! If you have an email address in the directory, you will be able to access it by click on this link: members.instantchurchdirectory.com

You are welcome to print the directory for your own use or you can use the link above as needed. The church has ordered some printed directories, which will be available in a few weeks. Note: If there are any corrections, please let the office know so that we can update our records and share your changes online.

Mark Your Calendar

We are pleased to announce that This Way Up, a family of musicians, will be joining us to share their special talents on Sunday, July 12th at 10 am. Let others know so we can welcome this unique group to our area.

FIRST Sunday of the Month – June 7th at 10 a.m.

Reminder: We have our monthly Communion Service at 10 a.m. There is NO 8 a.m. service. After the Communion Service, we gather in Fellowship Hall for a Fellowship meal. This June on the 7th we will also be recognizing our Fathers. Please join us for this meal and celebration. We also collect a Mission Offering. This quarter the money will go to UMCOR.

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