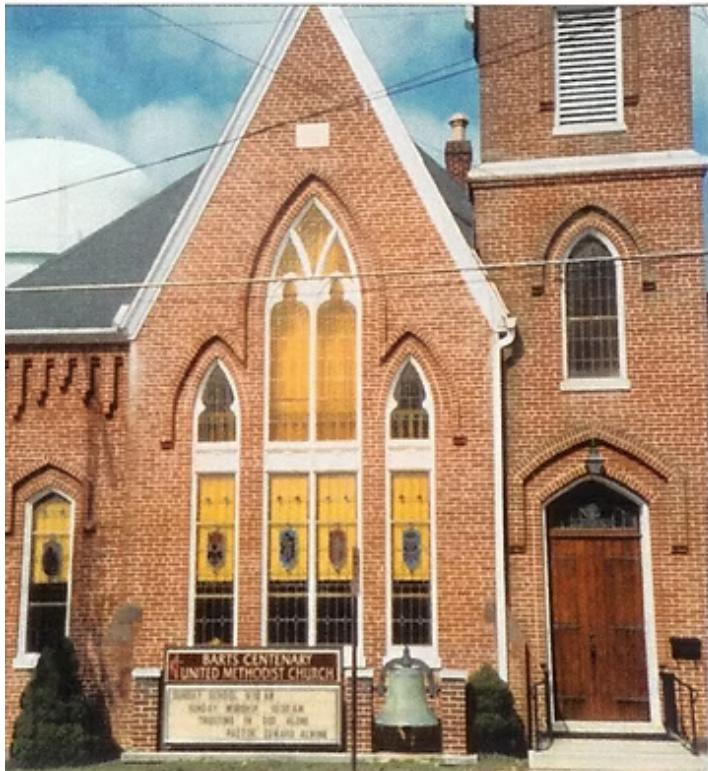


# THE CIRCUIT WRITER



## Sunday Service

### Service times

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

Beginning in March there will be a contemporary service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> sundays of each month

## The place/meaning of the Transfiguration in our faith journey!

Beloved people of God, grace and peace from Above be with you all! It has been always a great joy to be at your disposal and service in whatever way possible. It's almost by eighth time that I am service you as your Pastor at Barts Centenary United Methodist Church. This is also the eighth Newsletter that I pause to write an introductory remark, as a way of giving pastoral and spiritual guidance for the month. February is the second month of the year. Interestingly is within this month that we witness a remarkable happening in the life and ministry of the Second Person of Holy Trinity, JESUS CHRIST, the Son of God: Transfiguration.

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In Luke 9:35, the Scripture says: “A voice came from the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him’” This will be our reflection verse for the month. If you are recorder, last month we reflected on the value/importance of a new beginning, where we emphasized that “as we look the two extremes (Yesterday and Tomorrow), we are called to value each moment that God has given, learning from our mistakes to be better persons each moment that is called “TODAY.” We ought to learn from “YESTERDAY” in order to prepare a good “TODAY” that will give us the right and possibility to envision a meaningful “TOMORROW.” All this helps us to understand the value of a new beginning! This principle applies also in understanding each sign and moment allows us to witness in our faith journey.

The Transfiguration signifies not only a defining moment in Christ’s life and ministry on earth, it also clearly signals the Father’s communication to his Messianic Son, the One whom He anointed to be the Savior of the world. This communication from God, the Father, to God, the Son, has a great meaning to us as well. God is showing who Jesus Christ is for the world the same way God has declared and claimed “you” as his/her son or daughter created for a given purpose in your life.

Jesus was brought to the world to be “listened as the beloved and chosen Son from the Father, the Savior of the humankind”, you as well, God has a given purpose for you in your life. In your intimacy with the Lord in prayer and serious devotional life, this month, allow the Lord to reveal to you, your family and your church family, who you are and for what purpose God has brought you into this world? God bless you richly!

Renewed wishes of all blessings upon you all in this Second Month of Year!

Rev. Fernando Simone Munguno Matsimbe,

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## This Month Events



### Donut Sunday

February 15, 2026 beginning at 9 am,  
Fellowship after 10 am service



### Hungry for More

February 3rd  
Make your own pizza night

# February 2026

| SUNDAY                                                                             | MONDAY                                                                    | TUESDAY                              | WEDNESDAY                                               | THURSDAY                                                       | FRIDAY                        | SATURDAY                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10 am Worship<br>First Sunday potluck following service | 2<br>Pastor's Day off<br>Boy Scouts                                       | 3<br>Hungry for More                 | 4<br>ZUMBA<br>Cub Scouts                                | 5<br>3:30 pm Prayer Shawl<br>7 pm Choir<br>7:45 pm Praise Team | 6                             | 7<br>Scouts Pizza Sale       |
| 8<br>8 am Worship<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10 am Worship                           | 9<br>Pastor's Day off<br>Boy Scouts<br>6:30 LAHS Board meeting (overflow) | 10<br>3:30 pm United Women in Faith  | 11<br>ZUMBA<br>3 pm GFWC Cub Scouts                     | 12<br>7 pm Choir<br>7:45 pm Praise Team                        | 13                            | 14                           |
| 15<br>8 am Worship<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10 am Worship<br>(DONUT SUNDAY)        | 16<br>Pastor's Day off<br>Boy Scouts                                      | 17<br>7 pm Historical Society        | 18<br>ZUMBA<br>Cub Scouts<br>7 pm Ash Wednesday service | 19<br>7 pm Choir<br>7:45 pm Praise Team                        | 20                            | 21                           |
| 22<br>8 am Worship<br>9 am Sunday School<br>10 am Contemporary Worship             | 23<br>Pastor's Day off<br>Boy Scouts                                      | 24<br>6 pm Boy Scouts Leader meeting | 25<br>ZUMBA<br>Cub Scouts                               | 26<br>No Choir Rehearsal                                       | 27<br>6:30 LAHS Board meeting | 28<br>Boy Scouts Blood Drive |

## IMPORTANT DATES DO REMEMBER:

| #  | Date        | What is Happening                          |
|----|-------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 03 | 02/01/2026  | 4th Sunday After Epiphany (Holy Communion) |
| 04 | 02/08/2026  | 5th Sunday After Epiphany                  |
| 05 | 02/15/2026  | Transfiguration Sunday                     |
| 06 | 02/18/2026  | Ash Wednesday                              |
| 07 | 02/22/2026  | 1st Sunday in Lent                         |
| 08 | 03/01/2026  | 2nd Sunday in Lent                         |
| 09 | 03/08/2026  | 3rd Sunday in Lent                         |
| 10 | 03/15/2026  | 4th Sunday in Lent                         |
| 11 | 03/22/2026  | 5th Sunday in Lent                         |
| 12 | 03/29/2026  | Palm Sunday                                |
| 13 | 03/30-04/05 | Holy Week                                  |
| 14 | 04/02/2026  | Holy Thursday                              |
| 15 | 04/03/2026  | Good Friday                                |
| 16 | 04/05/2026  | Easter Sunday                              |

The United Women in Faith have started a new year with the Theme “MAPPING OUR WAY FORWARD”. Peggy does a wonderful job of our Programs. Our February topic is We Are All God’s Creations: Lesson from the Tower of Babel. All women of the Church are welcome. We meet in Fellowship Hall at 3:30. Our Business meeting follows. We try to send everyone home in time for supper.

Heads up for our First Sandwich Sale in March. We will start taking orders after our February meeting. All orders have to be to Kathy Altoff by March 2nd and pick-up will be on Tuesday, March 10th BY 2:00 p.m.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Scouts are very busy in February. They are hosting and helping the Red Cross with a Blood Drive on Saturday, February 28th between 7:00 am to 3 p.m. If you are interested in donating blood you need to make your reservation by emailing <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=LittlestownScouts>

The 2025 giving statements have been issued and either handed out to you or mailed to you. If you did not receive your statement or you have any questions, please call Joanne Bennett @ 717-965-0073. Additionally, if you would like to receive envelopes in order to receive a 2026 giving statement, please let Joanne know. Some of you were not issued new envelopes due to the fact that you were not actually using the envelope itself to donate so we kept your old number and will continue to prepare statements for you using that old number. It is always preferred that you use the envelope given you but we will still capture your donations. We, the Church, are very thankful to everyone for your contributions to further the good work here at Barts Centenary.

## **Jan. 1, - Dec. 31 2025 Financial Report**

**\$161,685.28** - General Operating Fund Receipts, Interest, Misc. & Fund Raising Income (Raise the Roof Fundraising to date is \$15,831.45).

**\$ 28,234.00** - **Plus** monies received for Funds for Specific Purposes – These monies include gifts to Maintenance & Repairs, Memorials, Missions (Hungry for More), Kitchen Maintenance, Sound System, Choir Music, Scholarship Fund, Cemetery Fund, Etc.

**\$189,919.28 - Total Available**

**\$260,169.52** - **Less** Expenses (Supplies, Salaries, Utilities, Shares of Min., Improve., Ins., etc.)

**(\$70,250.24)** - Net amount that each Fund Balance increased or (decreased).

Current Balance in **General Operating Fund** is **\$84,123.52**.

Current Balance in **Funds for Specific Purposes** is **\$15,760.28**.

Additionally this year you have generously given **\$300 to Camp Scholarships, \$1,050 to UMCOR, \$10 to Operation Christmas Child and \$500 to Heifer International**.

If you have any questions, please ask a member of your finance team – Chairperson: Yvonne Davis, Treasurer: Michelle Johnson or Financial Secretary: Joanne Bennett

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It's that time! We invite you to sign up for a free photography sitting for our church directory. We are grateful that Amber (Segessenman) Byers has agreed to be our photographer. There is also an opportunity to purchase pictures to give to your family for Easter. We have a flyer with prices available for this extra service. Flyer link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WDkVGLgKRhCs6Z4Lqa2yrxbtL\\_Oh0E\\_w/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WDkVGLgKRhCs6Z4Lqa2yrxbtL_Oh0E_w/view?usp=sharing)

The photography sessions will be in the chapel area of the church from February 2-11. Your session will take about 30 minutes and you will be able to see your picture at that time.

Here is a link to sign up for your specific date and time; <https://infocusstudio80.pixieset.com/booking/church-directory-photos>

If you would like to volunteer to make calls, need help signing up or getting a ride to the church, or have other questions, please contact Terri Cartwright at 717-965-5905.

## Birthdays

2 Fernando Matsimbe  
5 Doris Morgret  
7 Roger Gouker  
8 Jake Herman  
10 Diane Kuhns  
16 Taylor Hollie  
19 Jennings Keller  
19 Cole Markle  
24 Kylee Thomas  
25 Brenda Lyter  
26 Jocelyn Ortiz



PLEASE SAVE THE DATES FOR:

February 1 – COMMUNION – 10 a.m. followed by light lunch – Fellowship Hall

(No 8:00 a.m. service) Mission Collection

February 3 – HUNGRY 4 MORE – 5:30 p.m. – Make Your Own Pizza

February 15 - DONUT SUNDAY

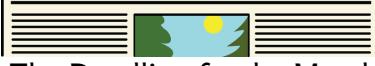
February 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY – Service at 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

March 8 & March 22 – PRAISE TEAM at 9:55 a.m. service

March 29 – Palm Sunday

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Newsletter  
Deadline

  
The Deadline for the March  
newsletter will be  
Wednesday, February 18th