

# The Barnet Messenger

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Hope gives wings to our dreams...  
Faith gives them flight

Pastor's Corner  
Rev Howard Gaston

The Leadership of the church met together on Sept 14 and we discussed all the things we do as a church. We came up with an impressive list of over 50 items. And there are still more that come to mind over the last few days. Below is the list we came up with.

## 1. Mission

- a. Full time Pastor
- b. Adult trip
- c. Local work projects
- d. Angel Tree

## 2. Christian Education

- a. Sunday School
- b. VBS
- c. Christmas Play
- d. Bible study

## 3. Youth

- a. Children's Sunday
- b. Summer trip
- c. Volunteers

## 4. Administration

- a. Foundation money
- b. ByLaws / Manual
- c. Schedule of events

## 5. Worship

- a. Music
- b. Barnet Center
- c. Fellowship time
- d. New members
- e. Easter sunrise and breakfast
- f. Beach Service
- g. Service flowers
- h. Pub Theology
- i. Special offerings

## 6. Fundraisers

- a. Chicken BBQ
- b. Fall Foliage European Coffee Hour
- c. Talent Show
- d. Silent Auction

## 7. Building Maintenance

- a. West Church
- b. Center Church
- c. Green Mtn Retreat
- d. Manse
- e. Yard work and flowers
- f. Clean before switching church

## 8. Outreach

- a. Card ministry
- b. Memory Tree
- c. Advertising
- d. Special events
- e. Mealsite
- f. Funeral luncheons
- g. Secret Pals
- h. Christmas and Easter Baskets
- i. Popcorn at Yard Sale

- j. Church Store
- k. Food Shelf
- l. Newsletter

Also we have been looking at the “*Six Great Ends of the Church*” during our worship.

The great ends of the church are:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind
- The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God
- The maintenance of divine worship
- The preservation of the truth
- The promotion of social righteousness
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of

Heaven to the world

This statement of the great ends of the Church, slightly edited in the Book of Order, came from the United Presbyterian Church of North America, which united with the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America in 1958.

I have been asking you to take one of the note cards with one of our activities and ministries written on it and decide what Great End that activity matches. At the end on this series the leadership will meet again and review those results and ask, “How can we best serve as Christ’s Church in our Community and what might we need to leave out?”

So I would encourage you to ask this same question these coming weeks.

In Christ, Howard

who led activities or helped with the students:  
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## Deacon’s Message

"As we wait in quiet expectation..." while nature takes a breath -- This is a "between" season. Fall is finishing up and winter is creeping down the mountains. Soon we will rush headlong into the holiday season alive with activity, parties to plan, dates to set, turkeys to cook, presents to buy. Dashing between Christmas parties, sledding parties, carol singing, rehearsals, wrapping presents -- it is hard to remember the reason for the season in the midst of the rush.

So now, "in quiet expectation," take the time to reflect on seasons past and on the most important reason for the season. Now is when you can catch your breath, appreciate the people around you, give thanks to God for His many blessings and ask for patience, a quiet soul amongst the coming hubbub, and the clarity to see the beauty of the people and places around you. Give thanks for the wonder of the greatest gift we were given with no strings attached. Just believe.

This is the wish the Deacons have for each of you -- love, family, thanksgiving, peace.

## 2016 Vacation Bible School

This summer’s Vacation Bible School took place the first week of August at the Green Mountain Retreat Center. Around 20 children attended from kindergarten through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This number is lower that it has been in the past with very few children from the church attending. Most were children from the community.

The theme for this year was Buck Denver’s What’s in the Bible? Lessons included: What is the Bible? Why Do We Need the Old Testament? Why Do We Need the New Testament? and What is a Christian? The children enjoyed a lesson, games, crafts, snacks and either music or role playing.

A big thank you to the 18 adults and older students

European Coffee Hour

Remembering Our Church  
in Your Will

TABS Update

A poem for Lorna  
By Nancy Brower

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