

# We Remember in Prayer

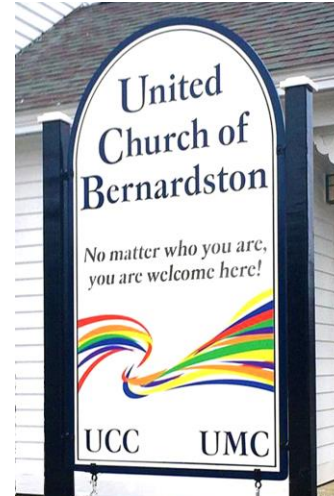
Greta Shores	Jean Miller
Bill Damon	Isabell Grover
Martha Damon	Fred Johnson
Richard Flagg	Laura Senecal
Tim Vassar	Mary Meehan
Winnie Watson	Lois Snow
Thomas	Timothy Deane
Janice Deane	Jill Roth
Katie	Karen Costello



UNITED CHURCH  
OF  
BERNARDSTON



## THE CHATTER



April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### CHURCH STAFF

Steve Damon, Christian Ed Coord.  
Kelly F. Brown, Office Administrator  
Liz Dawson, Church Organist  
Chris Rooks, Sexton  
Rev. Lee-Ellen Strawn,  
Minister in Mission

**An Open and Affirming/Reconciling Ministries Congregation.**

***We are a compassionate community, intentionally inclusive, openly searching, joyfully serving in the way of Christ. A Level-One Green Congregation.***

**Our Statement of Purpose:** We, the people of the United Church of Bernardston, seek to be a community of Christians who celebrate and are receptive to the voice of God. We celebrate the beauty and uniqueness of each expression of God's diverse family as well as our oneness in Christ. As we seek to live out our mission to live Christ's compassion and promote justice, healing and wholeness of life, we invite and welcome into our community persons of every gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability/disability, age, race, nationality, economic and social status, faith background, marital standing, and family structure. We invite all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, missions, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church family as we seek to grow together in faith and love.

TODAY IS: Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

10:30 am

In-Person Worship & Online Streaming Video Worship

Greeters: Tom & Deb Bergeron

We will continue to online stream services as well.

Click on the link: <https://www.facebook.com/ucbernardston>.

We invite you to gather with us online. Recorded videos of the Service are available on the church Facebook page and are also uploaded to the United Church of Bernardston You Tube channel.

The Church Office will be closed Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, for Patriot's Day.

Church Council Meeting April 21<sup>st</sup> after Church

**Attendance @ Church Services**

	<u>In Person</u>	<u>Online/Groups</u>
February 25 <sup>th</sup>	44 + 4	14 FB
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	34 + 4	14 FB
March 10 <sup>th</sup>	33 + 2	13 FB
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	46 + 5	12 FB
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	31 + 4	12 FB
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	57 + 5	8 FB
April 7 <sup>th</sup>	40 + 2	12 FB

**March**

Income	\$ 5,508.00
Expenses	\$ 10,787.83



April 15	Byron Beckwith
April 16	Kris Schramel
April 17	Greta Shores
April 19	Judy Beckwith
April 20	Stacy Hyer



**APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> @ UCB**

Two musical groups, **Fiery Hope**, and **The Uncles & Guests**, offer a 7:00 pm benefit concert on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary at the United Church of Bernardston to support the Sgt. Jacob Garmalo Memorial Fund which assists people who are returning to society following incarceration. Fiery Hope is a well-known a cappella chorus (f/k/a Amandla) singing songs of joy, freedom and solace from around the world. The Uncles & Guests will present toe-tapping popular songs from many genres and decades, with guitar, pedal steel, electric bass, fiddle and drums.

**Background**

The Sgt. Jacob Garmalo Fund is named for a young man who worked as a correctional officer at the Franklin County Jail for two years. In 2016, 21-year-old Jacob left work on his beloved motorcycle and was hit by a car, through no fault of his own. Following Jacob's death, his mother parlayed her grief into loving action: Kathleen Garmalo chose to honor her youngest son's memory by helping the very people Jacob aimed to assist and understand better. Jacob believed that when people work to put their lives on track, they deserve support. The Garmalo Fund has helped provide many people with basic needs like replacement birth certificates, state ID cards, clothing and other essentials. But the Fund dwindled due to interruptions brought about by the pandemic, and an influx of cash is needed.

**Kiwanis Chicken Pot Pie Supper**

April 27<sup>th</sup>  
@ 5:00-6:30  
continual seating  
\$15/person



**Gas Engine Show Meeting**

April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Gas Engine Show fliers are available at the Church, so please stop in and get some to start putting up.

We are looking for new good quality items for our **Can Raffle**, no second-hand items. Donations can be left at the Church or you can contact **Patty Byrne**, the new Chairperson of the Can Raffle, at 413-835-5490.