



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### 2022: 98th Annual Barner Reunion

The 98th annual Barner Reunion will be held June 18, 2022 at Barner's Lutheran Church, outside of Liverpool, PA.

Another crazy year has passed. There's been a couple of constants in my life, family, church, and work. I am one of the lucky Barners who live close enough to attend services at Barner's Church. The church is small in attendance, but busy in activities. I am thankful for the church family who works together for the greater good. We have a motto of "God's work, our hands." Currently, one of the "big" projects going on, is putting a celebration together for the 150th anniversary of the building of the current church. Our pastor has been researching the church's history. Of course, in doing so it connects to the family history. There's a committee set up that is starting to plan how we will celebrate this event.

My family has been another constant in my life. Family is very important; they are the people you count on most. My family is my biggest supporters, which I am so grateful for. I am also grateful for the Barner clan who come to the reunion and keep digging up and preserving our history. I am thankful for Charlie Barner who has taken over the family website and Facebook site. I am grateful that the cousins who come to the reunions are interested in keeping the reunion going. My challenge is getting more people there. Please invite your family, if they don't come to the reunion, to join us this year. Last year, Bruce Barner joined us and has become a valuable resource. Thank you, Bruce for all that you have already done for the reunion.

Please invite any Barner cousins that don't attend the reunion to do so. We have a very long history and need to keep it going. Each of us adds to that history in one way or another. We are all important in this mission.

Hope to see all of you at the reunion.

Respectfully,  
*Beth Sowers*  
President

### TREASURER'S REPORT 2021-2022 BARNER REUNION FUND

2021 Balance	\$5,281.12
Contributions	\$ 355.00
Expenditures	\$ 224.53
2022 Balance	\$5,411.59

Respectfully submitted,  
Eunice L. Barner, treasurer

### On the internet:

<http://www.adambarner.family> (Note the change in address!)  
The Adam Barner Family Reunion website, including the genealogy database.

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/pa/perry/tsimages/barners-al.htm>  
The Barner's Church Cemetery webpage, with links to photos of the grave markers.

Facebook: Search for "Adam Barner Family of PA".

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Beth Byers Sowers  
Charlie Barner  
Matt Pryber

**Tentative reunion schedule:**  
9:30 a.m. Registration, games  
memorabilia, view old photos  
11:00 Group photo  
11:30-1:00 Business meeting, election of  
officers, etc.  
1:00-1:15 Invocation, memorial service,  
wreath-laying  
1:15-2:30 Lunch  
2:45 Socializing

**99th Annual Barner Reunion  
At Barner's Church  
Liverpool, PA  
Saturday, June 17, 2023  
Hope to see you all there!!**

## Minutes of the Barner Reunion—2021

The 97th annual Barner Reunion was held on June 19, 2021, at the St. John's (Barner's) Lutheran Church in rural Liverpool, PA. Skies were sunny, and the day was warm with a pleasant breeze. After not meeting last year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we were very pleased to see each other again! There were 35 family members present, a better attendance than we have had in recent years.

The business meeting was held in the church. President Beth Sowers presided. The minutes and treasurer's reports were accepted. Due to not having met last year, all officers and several executive committee members were up for re-election. All were willing to continue on in their present positions, so Beth Sowers was re-elected as president, Charlie Barner as vice-president, and Eunice Barner as secretary/treasurer. Christopher Barner and Matt Pryber were re-elected to the executive committee. All terms will expire in 2023.

There was a motion to donate \$100 to St. John's Lutheran (Barner's) Church in appreciation for their hospitality. The motion carried unanimously.

Paul Barner, the newsletter chairperson, has requested help with producing the newsletter. He will continue to put the newsletter together, and the Pryber family will print, obtain postage, and mail the newsletters and postcards.

Beth Sowers reported on the activities of Barner's Church in the last year. They have a new pastor, Rev. Bob Lascalette. During the pandemic, they continued to hold services via Facebook Live, but happily are now open again for in-person worship. The making of candy Easter eggs and the annual Apple Butter Boil were activities that had to be discontinued. However, the Apple Butter Boil will be held in October this year as usual.

The history committee report was presented by Charlie Barner. He updated us about the family website. It is available at <http://www.adambarner.family>. Additions and corrections may be submitted directly on the website for review by the webmaster. Many thanks go to Charlie, who maintains the website, Sadly, his father, Wayne A. Barner, who maintained the family genealogical records, lost his life to Covid in March. We appreciated his meticulous and enthusiastic work! This makes it all the more important that family members visit the website, review their family records, and submit any new additions or corrections.

All in attendance introduced themselves and shared some thoughts. A cash offering was taken. It amounted to \$235. A picture was taken of the group before adjourning.

The group gathered at the cemetery and the wreath was placed at the Adam Barner memorial by the youngest family member present, Eden Barner, with the help of our president, Beth Sowers.

A luncheon was served by the ladies of the church. It featured the usual menu of delicious homemade soups and pies, with barbecue sandwiches and hot dogs. The meal was further enhanced by conversation, laughter, and good fellowship.

Bruce I. Barner was appointed to the history committee by president Beth Sowers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eunice L. Barner



## WE NEED YOUR HELP, MORE THAN EVER!

Due to the sad passing of Wayne A. Barner last year, we have much less information available to us about family members. Please send information about births, weddings, deaths, and other family happenings to Charlie Barner or Paul Barner; addresses are on page one.

### OBITUARIES

Full obituaries for many of these folks are available on the website, <http://www.adambarner.family>. In the upper right corner enter the first and last names, and hit the arrow button below. Find the person in the list, and the full obituary will be in "notes" at the bottom of the page.

June L. Barner, 82, of Liverpool Township, Millerstown, entered into eternal rest Monday, July 26, 2021, at her home. She was born June 29, 1939, a daughter of the late Albert L. Barner and Alma "Pauline" (Goodling) Barner. She is survived by her sisters, Shirley J. Barner, at home, Carol M. Hoffman and her husband Lawrence, of Evandale, and Karen "Suzy" Stahr and her husband Wade, of Evandale; and a great-nephew. June was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Geraldine Barner, at birth. Burial in St. John (Barner's) Cemetery.

Walter Lamont Barner born in Jersey Shore, PA on August 28, 1933 and died in Middletown, OH on May 23, 2020. He was the son of Walter J. Barner and Leah G. (Schrack) Barner. Walter is survived by his wife of 62 years, Vonda Lee (Abney) Barner, two daughters: Leah M. Foster (Brad) of Cumberland RI, and Amy J. Barner of Middletown, Ohio. He is also survived by two sons, Timothy R. Barner (Laura) of Medford, MA. And Jeffrey S. Barner, also of MA. In addition, Walter is survived by three grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and many other loving family and friends. Walter was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Marion G. Pratt, and three brothers and spouses, Grant (Doris) of Loganton, PA, Frank (Gerry) of Middletown, Ohio and Marsden of Carlisle as well as one son, James D. Barner of Granville, Texas. Burial at Butler County Memorial Park, Hamilton, Ohio.

Orr (Mike) N. Brenneman, Ed.D., age 87, passed away Sunday January 23, 2022, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. He was born on June 13, 1934, in Carlisle to the late Lynn G. and Mary Jane (Orr) Brenneman. He was married to Linda Barner Brenneman for over 50 years, until her death in 2016. He was also preceded in death by his sisters Beryl Kines and Helen Jane Wolf and his brothers Lynn Brenneman, Jr., and Kay I. Brenneman. He leaves son Kail Brenneman of San Diego, California, son Keith Brenneman and daughter-in-law Cheryl (Lang) of Hampden Township, son Kevin Brenneman and daughter-in-law Kimberly (Mancke) of Metuchen, New Jersey; and four grandsons.

Constance L. Byers, 87, of Millerstown, passed away October 27, 2021. She was the daughter of Roy C. Lyter and M. Mae (Gelnett) Lyter. She was born in Seven Stars, Juniata County April 29, 1934. Connie is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Lewis, and three daughters, Cindy (Don) Soule, Deb (Bob) Hines, and Gayle Byers along with three grandchildren and five great grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Rose. She is survived by two brothers, Ronald and Gerald (Betsy) Lyter, and a sister Sally (Darryl) Losch. Burial in Newport Cemetery.

Glen Robert Cauffman, 74, of Millerstown, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at UPMC Pinnacle Health Hospital in Harrisburg. He was born on October 2, 1947, in Harrisburg, a son of the late Robert and Ardella (Gelnett) Cauffman. Glen is survived by his three sons, Todd J. Cauffman, Mark E. Cauffman, and Eric M. Cauffman, all of Millerstown; one granddaughter; one grandson; one brother Dean Cauffman; and his companion, Judith M. Shoemaker. He is preceded by his parents; one daughter Roberta Jo (Cauffman) Rumfelt; a brother Earl Cauffman; and a nephew.





**2021 REUNION PHOTO**

FRONT ROW, L TO R: Larry Harlacher, Jane Harlacher  
 ROW 2: Helene Barner, Sue Barner Byers, Eunice Barner, Elizabeth Barner, Chris Barner  
 ROW 3: Harold Fogle, Don Fogle, Dave Barner, Doris Barner, Charlie Barner  
 ROW 4: Beth Sowers, Kathy Dosmas, Doug Dosmas, Jim Runner  
 ROW 5: Alice Kerstetter Vilk, Matt Pryber, Karen Kerstetter Pryber, Bruce I. Barner  
 ROW 6: Bruce L. Barner, Terry Goodling

**WREATH LAYING**

L to R: Eden Barner, Beth Sowers



## NEWS FROM BARNER'S CHURCH

We had a great Apple Butter Boil in October. We sold out of apple butter and food early. It was a beautiful day. It was so great to see so many people out and about. Easter is upon us. Before Lent started, we started making Easter eggs. What a wonderful fundraiser. We made 13,031 eggs. Four causes will benefit from the egg sale.

June 2023 - 150th anniversary of the current church being built. A celebration date has not been picked yet. The committee has been meeting to figure out just how we will be doing this. Look for more news on the Facebook site.

Yes, there will be an apple butter boil this year, on October 8, 2022.

### Apple Butter Boiling

Each fall Barner's Church holds an Apple Butter Boil. Please watch the Reunion Facebook page for updates on this year's event, which is scheduled for October 8.

The apple butter is boiled in antique copper kettles and sold on the grounds. A Dutch pot pie dinner is served in the Parish House from noon until 5 PM. The dinner includes chicken or beef pot pie, corn, pepper slaw, bread and apple butter. The dinner is served family style and is all-you-can-eat. Your choice of pie or ice cream is included in the price.

For those who prefer the lighter side, there is a food stand in the grove that serves chicken corn soup, ham bean soup, barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, homemade ice cream and pie.

The craft tent features the members' many talents, and you can find anything from homemade baked goods to stained-glass ornaments.



Barner's Church was once known as Dupp's Church. It dates back to 1794 but may have had congregational organization as early as 1786. It was of the Reformed faith with union arrangements with the Mennonites. The earliest church structure was reportedly on the site of the present-day Adam Barner Monument. The Church in this 1990 photo was built in 1872. In 1927, the congregation became Lutheran and the church is officially known as St. John's Lutheran Church, but it is still widely known as Barner's Church. Land for the church and cemetery was given by Adam Barner's son, George. It was re-dedicated in 1926 to the Lutheran Church by Mary F. Wilt, granddaughter of George. It is about 2 miles north of Liverpool.

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**Directions to Barner's Church from Liverpool, PA**

**(For your GPS, the address is: 5 Barners Road, Liverpool, PA 17045)**

**Liverpool, PA - When you are on US 11/15 ...**

**Turn onto PA Route 17 (at the south edge of town)**

**Travel 1.6 miles to route 235 (pond on the right). Turn right onto Route 235**

**Travel 0.8 mile to a Y in Barner's Church Road. (another pond on the right).**

**Take the right branch of the Y**

**Travel 0.9 mile - Cemetery at top of hill. Barner's Church is on the left**

**Turn left at Church and park on the grass on the left just past the church.**