



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2023: 99th Annual Barner Reunion

Greetings cousins,

Happy 99th reunion! The 99th Annual Adam Barner reunion will be held on June 17th at St John (Barner's) Lutheran Church, 5 Barner Rd, Liverpool, PA 17045. This year it would be nice, since it is the 99th reunion to have ninety-nine people there. Then next year, for the 100th reunion, we can aim for 100 in attendance!

I have been thinking about the reunion and writing this letter. I have been wondering back to when the reunion started, and how it started. I'm quite sure that whoever started it, was just trying to get to see relatives that I'm sure had started to spread out far from the Barner homestead. From seeing the old pictures, it was quite a gathering. I remember hearing stories of new dresses and shoes. Relatives treating the day as a celebration. It was quite the all-day affair.

There are many celebrations this year. The church congregation is celebrating the construction and dedication of our church building. We as a family are celebrating ninety-nine reunion gatherings. I know with the reunion that there are always stories to tell that have been passed down from each generation. I think that we need to start writing these stories down. Maybe a good place to put these stories is on our Facebook page. I have put pictures that I found on there, so that I could share them with my cousins. Please feel free to share your pictures and stories on the page.

The church congregation is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the dedication of the current church building on June 3rd. There's a flyer attached later in the newsletter with the information. With the celebration, our pastor is writing a book on the history of Barner's Church. I have learned some family history along the way. It's been quite interesting.

I hope that I have gotten you thinking about your own connection to the family. Hopefully, you will come and share a story or two with the family.

Respectfully,

Beth Sowers President

TREASURER'S REPORT

2022-2023 BARNER REUNION FUND

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| 2022 Balance | \$5,411.59 |
| Contributions | \$296.00 |
| Expenditures | \$623.96 |
| 2023 Balance | \$5,083.63 |

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>

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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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

100th Annual Barner Reunion
At Barner's Church
Liverpool, PA
Saturday, June 16, 2024
Hope to see you all there!!

Minutes of the Barner Reunion—2022

The 98th annual Barner Reunion was held on June 18, 2022, at the St. John's (Barner's) Lutheran Church in rural Liverpool, PA. The weather was partly sunny, cool, and breezy. Attending were 35 family members.

The business meeting was held in the church. President Beth Sowers presided. The minutes and treasurer's reports were accepted. There were two members of the executive committee up for re-election. Dave Barner consented to be nominated for another term, and Harold Fogal was nominated to fill the remaining place. Both were elected to the committee for the next two years.

There was a motion to donate \$200 to St. John's Lutheran (Barner's) Church in appreciation for their hospitality. The motion carried unanimously.

Beth Sowers reported on the activities of Barner's Church in the last year. The church resumed the making of candy Easter eggs and produced 11,000 eggs! The \$11,000 raised by this means was shared between the Lutheran Central PA youth ministries, Perry Lutheran Conference, and Little Sparrows Ministry. The Apple Butter Boil also was resumed. Plans are being made to hold it again this year on the 2nd Saturday of October. The church is gearing up to its 150th anniversary, which will be celebrated on the first weekend of June, 2023.

The history committee report was presented by Charlie Barner. He reminded us to visit the family website at <http://www.adambarner.family>. Additions and corrections may be submitted directly on the website. Many thanks go to Charlie, who continues to maintain the site for us.

All in attendance introduced themselves and shared some thoughts. A cash offering was taken. It amounted to \$296. A picture was taken of those in attendance.

The group gathered at the cemetery, and the wreath was placed at the Adam Barner memorial by Beth Sowers and Elizabeth Alleman Barner.

A luncheon was served by the ladies of the church. As always, the meal was enhanced by conversation, laughter, and good fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
Eunice L. Barner

Greetings from Barner's Church!

We invite you to join us on Sundays at 9:00 AM for worship. For more information on what is happening at Barner's Church, check out our website at www.barnerschurch.com or call us at 717-444-3834. You can watch the pastor's sermons on Youtube (search for "Barner's Church.") We hope that you will join us as we continue God's work.



Happenings at Barner's Church

Apple Butter Boil will be held on Saturday, October 14th. This year will be a little different. Due to the lack of volunteers for the prep work and snitzing, it has been decided to try a one-day boil and not have the pot pie meal. With that said, we will be boiling apple butter only on that Saturday. Normally, we would boil some kettles the week before. If you're in the area on October 13th and would like to help, you can join us to snitz (slice) apples starting as early as 9 am. There's always some good fellowship while snitzing.

Easter egg sales were wonderful this year. We made and sold 13,532 eggs. Peanut Butter Meltaways and Coconut eggs were started on January 21st and were made through March 25th. They were sold at many restaurants and other vendors. The proceeds went to four local charities.

The 150th anniversary celebration of the building and dedication of our church building will be held on June 3rd and 4th. The community celebration will be June 3rd. See the details below. Sunday, June 4th, there will be a special church service with a former pastor presiding.

St. John BARNER'S Lutheran Church

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

It is the **150th anniversary** of the church building!
Please join us for a **FREE** community fun day!

June 3, 2023 / 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Presentations:

History of the Church
Stained Glass Windows
Cemetery Tour

Fun for All Ages

Bingo, Cake Walk and Other Games
Children's Crafts

Free Lunch while supplies last, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Vegetable and Fruit Trays and a variety of Desserts

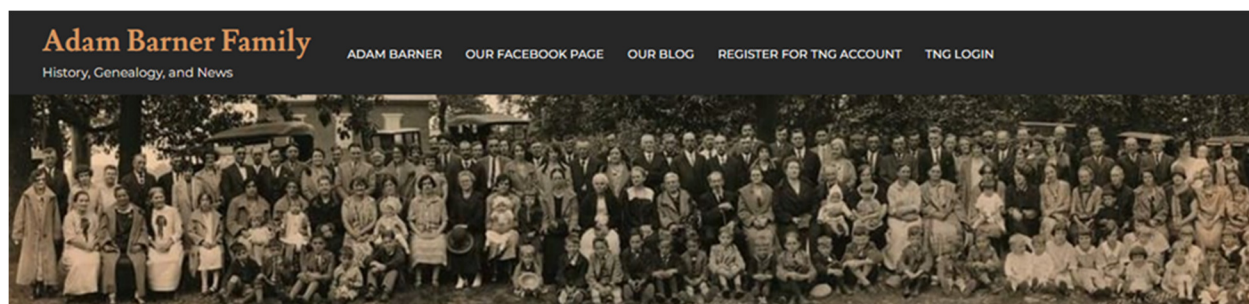
Available for Purchase

T-shirts, wooden church, and possibly a book (if it's ready) on the History of Barner's Church, written by pastor Robert Lescalette.

Held Rain or Shine! Please bring a lawn chair!

5 Barners Road, Liverpool, PA 17257





Adam Barner Family Website - <http://www.adambarner.family>

For those that may not know it, we have an Adam Barner Family website. The website itself displays the genealogy file for the descendants of Adam Barner, associated families, and other interesting information and facts about individuals. By default, an individual visiting the website will only see information related to individuals that are deceased. Information related to living individuals is not displayed other than first and middle initials, if known.

To view all of the information in the extensive database, I would like to invite you to register for a user account. It's simple and free to register. The only information required is your name and email address, a personal username and password, and a very brief description of how you are related or connected to the Adam Barner family. Once I receive a registration, I generally accept it within a day or so. We also have electronic copies of several documents that some have asked about in the past. Feel free to download any of these documents and review them at your leisure.

I am still a novice with genealogy research but I do maintain the website. I am always looking for more information to add or revise, as necessary. I am often times sent obituaries but it would great to get notifications of births and marriages as well. I can be reached by clicking on the "Contact Us" link on the website or by email directly at [cwbarner \(at\) protonmail.com](mailto:cwbarner@protonmail.com). I look forward to seeing you at this year's reunion!

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Wreath Laying at the Adam Barner Memorial
 Elizabeth Barner and Beth Sowers



Invocation at the Adam Barner Memorial
 Beth Sowers and Paul Barner



2022 Reunion (June 18th)

Group Picture Inside Barner's Church

Front Row – Eunice Barner

Second Row (L to R) – Sue Barner Byers, Elizabeth Barner, Chris Barner

Third Row (L to R) – Charles Barner, Marilou Barner, Elvie Barner, Paul Barner

Fourth Row (L to R) – Susan Barner, Kevin Barner, Helene Barner, Doris Barner, David Barner, Miriam Barner

Fifth Row (L to R) – Harold Fogle, Alice Kerstetter Vilks, Matt Pryber

Sixth Row (L to R) – Scott Frymoyer, Dale Frymoyer, Donna Bailor, Georgia Markle, Charles Markle

Seventh Row (L to R) – Beth Sowers, Bruce Lenwood Barner, Bruce Ingram Barner

Eighth Row – Rev. Bob Lescallette

WE NEED YOUR HELP, MORE THAN EVER!

Due to the sad passing of Wayne A. Barner in 2021, 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.

George Harvey Barner, 64, of Penbrook, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2022, at UPMC Community Osteopathic Hospital. Born June 8, 1958, in Harrisburg, he was a son of Judy E. (Arndt) Barner and the late Richard E. Barner, Jr. He married Sue Barner June 18, 1977. In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by his daughter, Heather Barner; three grandchildren; and a brother, Andrew Barner (Lee Ann). He was also preceded in death by a son, Mick David Barner; a brother, David Barner; and mother-in-law, Gladys.

Kenneth R. "Ken" "Pap Barner" Barner, 79, of Middleburg, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021, at the UPMC West Shore Hospital in Mechanicsburg. He was born Feb. 12, 1942, in Port Trevorton, a son of the late Victor Barner and Emma Strawser. On Feb. 11, 1961, he married Miriam K. Kratzerr. He is survived by his wife, Miriam; six children: Cathy Strawser, and her husband David, Mary Lou Berkheimer and her husband Andy, Wanda Bollinger and her husband Kevin, Penny Beachy and her husband Dave, Ken Barner Jr. and his companion Monika, and Pam Krahel and her husband John; fourteen grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and one on the way; one brother, David Barner and his wife Doris; one brother-in-law, Richard Kratzer and his wife Bonnie; and numerous nieces and nephews. Ken was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Faith Barner; great-grandson, Benjamin Ryder; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lester and Nora Kratzer; and step-father-in-law, Marvin Reich.

Michael Weller Barner, 83, of Liverpool died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2020. He was born March 28, 1937, on the family farm in Oriental, near Liverpool, to George Everett and Laura Dorothy (Weller) Barner. He was the widower of Julia Ann "Judy" Kerstetter Barner, to whom he was married 61 years. Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Keith Byers of Millerstown; a son, Victor of Liverpool; three grandsons; two sisters, Laura DePaolis of Butler and Karen Barner of Lewisburg; a sister-in-law, Ursula Barner of Germany; and extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by a brother, George Robert Barner of Germany. Burial was in Liverpool Union Cemetery.

Doris O. (Kleckner) Eisenhower, 96, of Sinking Spring, passed away on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at her son's home. She was married to Charles J. Eisenhower for over 60 years before his passing on November 15, 2007. Born in Loganton, PA, Doris was the daughter of the late Charles Lamey, and Beryl (Kleckner). Surviving Doris is her son, Michael D. Eisenhower, husband of Gwen C. of Sinking Spring, one grandson and two great-grandsons. In addition to her husband and parents, Doris is predeceased by her twin sister, Lois Barrett, and her brother William Lamey. Interment in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Nancy Ann Furry, 64, of Shippensburg, passed away on the morning of Thursday, November 10, 2022. She was born on February 23, 1958, in Chambersburg, a daughter of Ann (Barner) Furry and the late Charles Oscar Furry, Jr. In addition to her mother, Ann, she is survived by two sisters, Amy Spotts and Beth Loftus and husband Tim both of Shippensburg; five nieces and nephews; and two great nieces and one great nephew. In addition to her father, Nancy was preceded in death by her longtime companion, Mike Coldsmith.

Stacy A. Goodling, 47, of Selinsgrove, passed away Sunday morning, May 8, 2022 at the home of her sister. Stacy was the daughter of Terence R. "Terry" "Turk" and Shirley (Chubb) Goodling of Selinsgrove. She was born on June 24, 1974 in Harrisburg. In addition to her parents, she is survived by two sisters, Stephanie Goodling of Selinsgrove and Hope Goodling of Selinsgrove, and several aunts, uncles, cousins. Burial in Bethlehem Cemetery, Millerstown.

Barbara Van Sickle passed away Feb. 3, 2021; we received a notification from her former housemate. She was always very interested in the family history, even though she was never able to attend a reunion. No obituary was published. According to the family database, she was born in Scranton on May 10, 1939 to Homer and Mary Elizabeth Noel Van Sickle, and had five siblings.

Betty Barner Witt was born in Lock Haven on 21 October 1925. She married Burris A. Witt, age 28, on 27 December 1945. Burris passed away 27 April 1999. She died at Centre Care in State College, PA on 25 August 2022 at the age of 96 and was interred 1 September 2022 at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Mackeyville, PA.

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 14. This year will be a little different; it has been decided to try a one-day boil and not have the pot pie meal. With that said, we will be boiling apple butter only on that Saturday. Normally, we would boil some kettles the week before. If you're in the area on October 13th and would like to help, you can join us to snitz(slice) apples starting as early as 9 am. There's always some good fellowship while snitzing.

The apple butter is boiled in antique copper kettles and sold on the grounds.

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-deeded in 1926 to the Lutheran Church by Mary F. Wilt, granddaughter of George. It is about 2 miles north of Liverpool.

Reprinted from [The Adam Barner Family of Pennsylvania](#)

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.