



The spirit of giving has always been in Barb's family. Her Mother was a very active participant for 60 years in many church activities, from baking pies and other goodies for special functions, 28 years of monthly visitations to those in nursing homes, and volunteering for anything else that came along. Her Dad, while not affiliated with any special groups, always offered his services to anyone in need, including delivering hundreds of fresh ocean fish he had caught to his many friends. With that in mind, Barb grew up thinking that such things were just part of life.

Like her Mother, Barb has always been involved in various church activities. She has sung on church choirs since she was six. In PA, she and husband George also sang with various

community choirs; Zion Choral Society, Nazareth Community Chorus and Easton Community Chorus. During the Christmas season, Barb has also crocheted and knitted many hats and scarves for those less fortunate. She organized a "Hat and Mitten Tree" for two churches in the Bethlehem and Hellertown area, with the items donated to the Southside Ministries, an un-wed mothers' group, and to another local church that needed preemie baby hats. In their Hellertown church, she helped her husband totally re-landscape the many flower beds. Every year they planted about 110 geraniums in those church beds to beautify the grounds. In Florida she has sung with the Southshore Community Chorus and on her own church choir, soloing many times.

Over the years Barb was an active member in their children's school functions. She was a reading aide at Lower Nazareth Elementary School starting when her daughter was in first grade. She held many offices in the PTA, including President, and was instrumental in bringing the RIF program (Reading is Fundamental) program into their school. As President she also led the PTA in raising funds for the first three computers purchased for the school. She and George served as band parents for many years and won an award from Nazareth High School as "Parents of the Year" for their dedication. She spent many cold Friday nights making hot chocolate to sell at the football games as the major fundraiser for the competition marching band. She volunteered to teach girls in their local 4H Club how to crochet. When their son wanted to join the Cub Scouts, there were no leaders available. She and George volunteered to host a new group. Barb did the crafts and George headed up the field trips to local places like PP&L, a dental lab and the local hospital lab.

For the past 3 years, she has been a member of the PPRC (Pastor/Parish Relations Committee) at Ruskin United Methodist Church in Florida. Last year she and George volunteered as lay representatives to the East Central Methodist Conference of Florida. She also serves as a Prayer Partner, and just finished a project to send nearly 500 church letters of invitation to new folks moving into the area as part of her outreach.

She has served on the LHS Reunion Committee for almost 55 years assisting where ever she could. Her current duties include tracking both living and deceased classmates to keep the Committee's records accurate, which she can do from Florida with the availability of the Internet. She has enjoyed doing this and has renewed several relationships with classmates. She has volunteered to track the genealogy of both her family and George's which has been very interesting and rewarding! She has traced her father's family back to 1476 in Switzerland. Her whole life she thought she was German but the only German was her grandmother who came to the US as an indentured servant!

She continues to help out those in need, especially the homeless and migrant workers in their area, by supporting their church food bank and thrift store with donations. Giving to others is a way of life that she and George will continue as long as they can. Christmas is an important part of her life and the church, but she hopes that people will celebrate giving of themselves year round. Her motto is that God has put us here on this earth to do good to others. He has blessed her in so many ways never thought possible!