

Spire

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A Message from Pastor Margaret...

May...a Month to Rest some, Reflect and Contemplate.

For many the month of May is a time to take a break from a year of hard work and to spend time resting and relaxing. For all of us it is a time to be outside, warm up the body, observe new life and feel uplifted by the beauty of Spring. It is also a time to think creatively about projects we would like to embark on or finish up. The prospect of doing something we have longed to do gives us a special feeling inside. And then, it is the month to think about those special women in our lives, our mothers, aunts, grandmothers, sisters, and all those who mean and have meant so much to us. We cherish those who are with us, and the beautiful memories of those have passed on. May this Mothers' Day be a time to give love and support to the women in our lives.

Experiencing new life, and the lifting of our spirits are important as we reflect on our contributions at home, our places of work, at church and in our communities. Such reflection helps us understand what we have accomplished and the change we have made around us. It also enables us to see where we can improve and grow to make life even better for ourselves and those around us.

There has been a lot of activity at church. My personal feelings and from speaking with some folks are that there is a swelling of ideas and activities that are inspiring and bringing us together as we serve God and those around us. The beauty of the music every Sunday feeds my soul, and it helps make our worship services a time of peaceful reflection. Our work with the children teaches them about the life of Christ and all those who followed Him and contributed to the church as it is today. They learn the values of loving kindness and caring for others, and it shows when they create special cards for those who are sick or have lost a loved one. We serve those who need a meal through our monthly community suppers, a joint effort with the Food Pantry. It is wonderful to see all the volunteers coming together for this very special effort. Our Church Committee continues to take care of our church building and ensure that we are good stewards of our finances. The Communications Team has been very active, making improvements to our Website, our Facebook Group page, and our technology ensuring we reach as many people as possible sharing what we do here at church. There is much more to see on our pages in this Spire! Enjoy!

I am especially excited about my upcoming installation service on May 5th. It is an important day for me and our church in our mutual commitment to serve God and to grow together as a congregation. It is a moment for us to seek God's will and purpose for us as a church, and to be God's instruments of change and transformation. What do you want from us, Lord? How shall we serve You together as a community of faith during this time in our lives? So, I am inviting everyone who loves this congregation to come and be part of this moment on May 5th at 10am.

God has blessed us and will continue to bless us as a congregation. While we take some time to rest, and enjoy this new season, let us also say yes to our Lord who loves us always.

Peace to you!

Pastor Margaret Keyser

**Those in the Nursing Homes, Asst. Living, Shut-ins, & those living far from us
They would love to receive a visit, a note, a card, or a call.....**

***Please let us know if there is anyone you know of that needs a visit, a call or our prayers! Please call
the church office, 978-355-4041 or email, barrechurch@gmail.com.***

PRAYER CONCERNS

***Let Us Celebrate One
Another***

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**OUR PRAYERS FOR THE
COMMUNITY**

- Our Police, Fire & Emergency Personnel
- The Barre Food Pantry
- The Drug Response Coalition
- AA Groups
- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Students, parents and caregivers of the Quabbin School District

MILITARY SERVICE

Those Friends and Members who serve our Community

*“God has created each of us,
calls us by a special name,
and says to us:
You are precious in my eyes.”*

PLEDGING & DONATIONS

You may pay your pledges or make a donation by Visiting: www.barrechurch by to enter your PayPal donation or you may mail it directly to:

Barre Congregational Church
P.O. Box 936, Barre, MA 01005

CHURCH COMMITTEE

The Church Committee had the driveway re-surfaced. If you would like to donate to the DRIVE WAY FUND to help defray the cost please make your check out to:

BARRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

In the memo please put for Drive Way Fund.

MUSIC NOTES

The Chairperson for the Music Committee is Sue Morrall. If you have any concerns please let Sue know.

The choir is busy working on music for Pastor Margaret’s Installation and for Mother’s Day. The Praise Team will take part in Pastor Margaret’s Installation on May 5th.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Sunday School will be preparing for Children's Sunday in June. We would enjoy having all the kids that have been a part of the program to come during May to take part during this time. Teachers will let Children know about Sunday School classes on Sunday, May 26th, Memorial Day weekend

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

The end of the year Annual Meeting & Luncheon will take place sometime during the month of May. Where, when & time will be emailed to all the Women’s Fellowship members sometime next week.

Lisa Holloway & Wendy Isgro

GIVING FOR APRIL 2024

Thank you for your very generous giving. We appreciate all of you for keeping up with your pledges.

CHURCH COUNCIL
Church Council Meeting
Sunday, April 14, 2024
11:00 AM
In Fellowship Hall

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP
DRIVE—THRU SUPPER

65 meals were served at the April Community Friendship Supper. Thank you to the Supper Committee for the desert.

Tuna Noodle Casserole
Green Beans & Desert
Thursday May 16, 2024
Pick -up 5:30 pm—6:30 pm

This is the same day as the Food Pantry Distribution. Please don’t forget the Food Pantry, the Pantry always could use donations of canned items, personal care items, pasta, pasta sauce.



Mother

~ author unknown

A mother always understands the things you say and do.
She overlooks each of your faults, she finds the best in you.
A Mother’s Love is a special Love, it inspires you each day.
She spreads her joy and happiness, in her warm and caring way.
A Mother’s all these things and more, there’s no greater treasure known.
The most precious Mother in all the world...
Is the one I call my own.

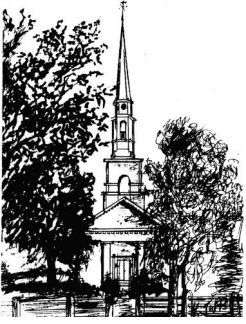
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And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love. ~ 1 Corinthians 13:13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9-12 Wendy work at home	2 9-12 Wendy in office 11:00 Pastor Margaret Of- fice 7:00 Deacons Meeting	3	4 7:00 AA
5 Sixth Sunday of Easter/ Communion Pastor Margaret's Installation 9:00 Choir Warm- up 10:00 Worship Ser- vice/Reception fol- lowing	6	7 9-12 Wendy work at home 7-8 Choir Practice	8 9-12 Wendy work at home 9-12 Food Pantry Dis- tribution 7:00 Church Committee	9 9-12 Wendy in office 11:00 Pastor Margaret of- fice	10	11 7:00 AA
12 Seventh Sunday of Easter Mother's Day 8:30 Choir warm- up 9:30 Service/Pastor Margaret preaching/ Sunday School 11:00 Church Council	13	14 9-12 Wendy work at home NO Choir Practice	15 9-12 Wendy work at home	16 9-12 Wendy in office 11:00 Pastor Margaret of- fice 5-7 Food Pan- try Distribu- tion 5:30-6:30 Community Friendship Supper Drive Thru	17	18 7:00 AA
19 Day of Pentecost 9:30 Service/ Rev Charlie Page, preach- ing/Sunday School	20	21 9-12 Wendy work at home 7-8 Choir Practice	22 9-12 Wendy work at home	23 9-12 Wendy in office 11:00 Pastor Margaret of- fice	24	25 7:00 AA
26 Trinity Sunday 9:30 Service/ Rev. Charlie preaching/ Sunday School	27 Memorial Day	28 9-12 Wendy work at home 7-8 Choir Practice	29 9-12 Wendy work at home	30 9-12 Wendy in office 11:00 Pastor Margaret of- fice	31	

Daily Lectionary Scripture References—April 2024

Wednesday, May 1, 2024	Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31
Thursday, May 2, 2024	Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34
Friday, May 3, 2024	Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43
Saturday, May 4, 2024	Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45
Sunday, May 5, 2024	Sixth Sunday of Easter —Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
Monday, May 6, 2024	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20
Thursday, May 9, 2024	Ascension of the Lord —Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47 <i>or</i> Psalm 93; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
Friday, May 10, 2024	Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18
Saturday, May 11, 2024	Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11
Sunday, May 12, 2024	Seventh Sunday of Easter —Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
Monday, May 13, 2024	Psalm 115; Exodus 28:29-38; Philippians 1:3-11
Tuesday, May 14, 2024	Psalm 115; Numbers 8:5-22; Titus 1:1-9
Wednesday, May 15, 2024	Psalm 115; Ezra 9:5-15; John 16:16-24
Thursday, May 16, 2024	Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 2:4b-7; 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49
Friday, May 17, 2024	Psalm 33:12-22; Job 37:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57
Saturday, May 18, 2024	Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 15:6-11; John 7:37-39
Sunday, May 19, 2024	Day of Pentecost —Acts 2:1-21 ; <i>or</i> Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 <i>or</i> Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
Monday, May 20, 2024	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Wednesday, May 22, 2024	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23
Thursday, May 23, 2024	Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8
Friday, May 24, 2024	Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11
Saturday, May 25, 2024	Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27
Sunday, May 26, 2024	Trinity Sunday —Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17
Monday, May 27, 2024	Psalm 20; Numbers 9:15-23; Revelation 4:1-8
Tuesday, May 28, 2024	Psalm 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10
Wednesday, May 29, 2024	Psalm 20; Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25
Thursday, May 30, 2024	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 1:1-18; Acts 25:1-12; Psalm 81:1-10; Exodus 31:12-18; Acts 25:1-12
Friday, May 31, 2024	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 1:19-27; Romans 8:31-39; Psalm 81:1-10; Leviticus 23:1-8; Romans 8:31-39



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