

Spire

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A Message from Pastor Margaret...

They Cared for Me!

During the intense heat of the summer, and with the added humidity we have experienced, it has been difficult to find the energy to be out and about, or to do something constructively outside. My heart goes out to those who must work outside under such challenging weather conditions. Unless you have a home with an air conditioner, or fans that help some, it can be so unhealthy and difficult to even be in our homes. That's why we are grateful for public places that are made available for anyone who needs to use them during these times, especially those who are the least among us. Giving water to our pets, watering our gardens, irrigating our farms during the heat of the summer brings important relief to them, and one can almost hear those in need and even the pets and garden and farms say, thank you! You cared for me! You cared for us! We were thirsty and hot, and you gave us water and helped us find places to help us cool off! Taking care of those in need is such a special task and calling.

To see and feel when someone is in need, whether it be in the heat of the summer, or the cold of winter, whether in sickness or loneliness, is important in how we then respond to that person, or persons. Something inside us must be triggered by those in need, for our compassion to kick in, and to do something to bring relief to the hungry and thirsty, and the afflicted. I have been afflicted physically this past month and have been feeling the need for compassion from those around me. My husband has been wonderful, and my family too. It was wonderful to see the texts, the emails and prayers from you as church members and others. I felt the soothing of my soul, and the calming of my mind at the outreach, and the follow ups from everyone. It is just what I needed. The pastor needed her own church members and others to minister to her, and she told herself, "They cared for me!"

If they cared for me, and you have felt the care from others, and we care for those in need and for one another, how much more care is there in the heart of God for all of us! God's love and compassion are deep and wide and high. God sees our concerns and hears our prayers. God sends God's angels to surround us, and people in our lives to help us in our time of need. May God during this new year and new season help us all to continue to see the need in others, to find ways to be helpful, to pray and follow up, and make us all a community in ministry to God's people. God bless you and all of us!

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
SEPTEMBER***

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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

CHILDREN

ANNIVERSARIES

**Just a reminder:
Next SPIRE deadline is
September 27th!**

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

MILITARY SERVICE

Those Friends and Members
who serve our Community

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!

If you are new to the church and would like your child or children to attend Sunday School please come and join us for the beginning of the service at 9:30 am and after the Time With The Children portion of the service they will be dismissed to Sunday School.

Toni and Kendra will be teaching the children.

Please join them to learn how we can become Christians, studying the Bible, and serving those around us.

CHURCH COMMITTEE

The church committee has been busy this summer doing small repairs to the church, trying to keep up the maintenance of our church.

They have discussed CORI checks and are working on staff evaluations.

DEACONS

The deacons have been working with Pastor Margaret on organizing the next Confirmation Class, the worship schedule for the deacons to participate in the Sunday Services and have talked about the lack of committee members for the next Stewardship Campaign.

CHOIR NEWS

We have begun to sing a joyful noise to the Lord. But it's not too late to join in. Please come to the sanctuary on Tuesdays at 7PM for rehearsal. We will be singing during worship on September 8th, with other Sundays to follow. Come get a schedule and be a part of the fellowship. Any questions? See Karla or Deb

MUSIC COMMITTEE

The choir is starting August 27th. Rehearsals are every Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Praise Team will start in . Let Jo know if you are interested in joining. The Praise Team is especially looking for people who play musical instruments.

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

Please remember to pay your pledges for 2024. Your monies are used to help maintain the church, pay salaries and any needs of the church.

If you have any questions please see Kate Lathrop.

GIVING FOR JULY & AUGUST 2024

July

August



WE ALL LOVE A PARADE!

Barre's 250 Anniversary Parade

Come Join the Fun!!

Saturday, September 21st

Starting at 1:00 pm

The Barre Congregational Church will be a part of the celebration, we have a float!

There has been a group of members and youth helping to plan and prepare decorations for a float to participate in the Barre 250th Anniversary parade.

Steve has loaned the church a trailer that he will pull behind his truck for the parade. The small church that is in the community room will be on the trailer. It was repainted by Kendra, Elli, Emma and Janice.

Jo drew patterns of parishioners and the pastor, that were cut of wood by Steve and Phil. Members of Christian Ed, including Travis, Eliza and Abe.

If you are interested in walking behind the float and distributing erasers and activity booklets, please speak with Wendy, Janice, Jo, Steve, Toni, Kendra. We would love to have lots of people to represent our church!!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the float preparations!!!



DRIVE THRU CHURCH SUPPER

IT'S A CHICKEN BARBECUE!

Saturday September 28, 2024

5:00 pm—6:00 pm

Half Chicken, potato, corn on the cob & coleslaw

Dessert

\$15.00 Adults \$5.00 children under 12

PLEASE support this on-going fundraiser for the church!

The Supper Committee is always looking for help we would love to have you even for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon.

CHURCH COUNCIL
Church Council Meetings
Sunday, September 15, 2024
11:00 AM

In Fellowship Hall

The Church Council met on August 18th. During this meeting, the Church Committee expressed concerns that the Stewardship Committee, Nominating Committee, and PPRC are still without members. It is time for the Stewardship Committee and Nominating Committee to begin their work. If you are not familiar with the duties of these committees, feel free to contact any member of the Church Committee to find a description of the work of these committees. If you would be willing to serve on any of these committees please contact Sue _____, moderator,

Thank you for your help with filling these important committees in our church.

The church council is made up at least one member from every committee along with Three members at large. If you have any questions please see Sue _____, chairperson.

Reminder: Meeting Minutes are posted outside the church office.

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP
DRIVE—THRU SUPPER
Thursday September 19, 2024
Pancakes, Sausage & Fruit Salad
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.

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**Your Best**  
By Barbara Vance

If you always try your best  
Then you'll never have to wonder  
About what you could have done  
If you'd summoned all your thunder.

And if your best  
Was not as good  
As you hoped it would be,  
You still could say  
"I gave today  
All that I had in me."

*This is all God asks us to do is to try our best and when he sees we need his help he will help us.*

## SEPTEMBER 2024

**“As the alluring song of September begins to whisper in my ear,  
my passionate spirit yearns for the splendor of its promise.”**

— Peggy Toney Horton

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday    | Tuesday                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                                     | Friday    | Saturday                                                 |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>Fifteenth Sunday</b><br><b>after Pentecost/</b><br><b>Communion</b><br>9:30 Worship Service /Pastor Margaret preaching                                     | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>9-12 Wendy work at home<br><b>7:00 Choir</b>  | <b>4</b>                                                                                              | <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                     | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b><br>7:00 AA                                      |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Sixteenth Sunday</b><br><b>after Pentecost</b><br>9:30 Worship Service /Rev. Charlie Page, preaching                                                       | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>9-12 Wendy work at home<br><b>7:00 Choir</b> | <b>11</b><br>9-12 Wendy work at home<br>9-12 Food Pantry Distribution<br><b>7:00 Church Committee</b> | <b>12</b><br>9-12 Wendy in office<br>11:00 Pastor Margaret office                                                                                            | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b><br>7:00 AA                                     |
| <b>15</b><br><b>Seventeenth Sunday</b><br><b>after Pentecost</b><br><b>Sunday School Begins</b><br>9:30 Service/Pastor Margaret preaching/<br><b>11:00 Church Council</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b><br>9-12 Wendy work at home<br><b>7:00 Choir</b> | <b>18</b><br>9-12 Wendy work at home<br>7:00 Barre Lions Club                                         | <b>19</b><br>9-12 Wendy in office<br>11:00 Pastor Margaret office<br>5-7 Food Pantry Distribution<br><b>5:30-6:30 Community Friendship Supper Drive Thru</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>7:00 AA<br><b>1:00 Barre’s 250th Parade</b> |
| <b>22</b><br><b>Eighteenth Sunday</b><br><b>after Pentecost</b><br>9:30 Service/ Pastor Margaret Keyser, preaching/Sunday School                                          | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b><br>9-12 Wendy work at home<br><b>7:00 Choir</b> | <b>25</b><br>9-12 Wendy work at home                                                                  | <b>26</b><br>9-12 Wendy in office<br>11:00 Pastor Margaret office                                                                                            | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b><br>7:00 AA<br><b>5:00 Drive-thru Dinner</b>    |
| <b>29</b><br><b>Nineteenth Sunday</b><br><b>after Pentecost</b><br>9:30 Service/ Pastor Margaret, preaching/ Sunday School                                                | <b>30</b> |                                                           |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                              |           |                                                          |

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References—SEPTEMBER 2024

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| Sunday, September 1, 2024     | <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> - Song of Solomon 2:8-13 and Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 & Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23                |
| Monday, September 2, 2024     | Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 3:6-11; 1 Timothy 4:6-16 or Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:9-14; 1 Timothy 4:6-16                                                     |
| Tuesday, September 3, 2024    | Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3; 1 Peter 2:19-25 or Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:15-20; 1 Peter 2:19-25                                                     |
| Wednesday, September 4, 2024  | Psalm 144:9-15; Song of Solomon 8:5-7; Mark 7:9-23 or Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48; Deuteronomy 4:21-40; Mark 7:9-23                                                               |
| Thursday, September 5, 2024   | Psalm 125; Proverbs 1:1-19; Romans 2:1-11 or Psalm 146; Isaiah 30:27-33; Romans 2:1-11                                                                                            |
| Friday, September 06, 2024    | Psalm 125; Proverbs 4:10-27; Romans 2:12-16; or Psalm 146; Isaiah 32:1-8; Romans 2:12-16                                                                                          |
| Saturday, September 7, 2024   | Psalm 125; Proverbs 8:1-31; Matthew 15:21-31 or Psalm 146; Isaiah 33:1-9; Matthew 15:21-31                                                                                        |
| Sunday, September 8, 2024     | <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> - Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 & Psalm 125; Isaiah 35:4-7a and Psalm 146; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37                       |
| Monday, September 9, 2024     | Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; Hebrews 11:29-12:2 or Isaiah 38:10-20; Joshua 6:1-21; Hebrews 11:29-12:2                                                                        |
| Tuesday, September 10, 2024   | Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 11:1-31; Hebrews 12:3-13 or Isaiah 38:10-20; Joshua 8:1-23; Hebrews 12:3-13                                                                               |
| Wednesday, September 11, 2024 | Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 14:1-9; Matthew 17:14-21 or Isaiah 38:10-20; Judges 15:9-20; Matthew 17:14-21                                                                             |
| Thursday, September 12, 2024  | Psalm 19; Proverbs 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:17-22 or Psalm 116:1-9; Joshua 2:1-14; Hebrews 11:17-22                                                                                    |
| Friday, September 13, 2024    | Psalm 19; Proverbs 19:24-29; James 2:17-26 or Psalm 116:1-9; Joshua 2:15-24; James 2:17-26                                                                                        |
| Saturday, September 14, 2024  | Psalm 19; Proverbs 21:1-17; Matthew 21:23-32 or Psalm 116:1-9; Joshua 6:22-27; Matthew 21:23-32                                                                                   |
| Sunday, September 15, 2024    | <b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> - Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19; Isaiah 50:4-9a & Psalm 116:1-9 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 – 8:1; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38             |
| Monday, September 16, 2024    | Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 22:1-21; Romans 3:9-20 or Psalm 119:169-176 1 Kings 13:1-10; Romans 3:9-20                                                                               |
| Tuesday, September 17, 2024   | Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 25:1-28; Colossians 3:1-11 or Psalm 119:169-176; 1 Kings 13:11-25; Colossians 3:1-11                                                                     |
| Wednesday, September 18, 2024 | Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 29:1-27; John 7:25-36 or Psalm 119:169-176; Isaiah 10:12-20; John 7:25-36                                                                                |
| Thursday, September 19, 2024  | Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 or Psalm 54; Judges 6:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5                                                                                    |
| Friday, September 20, 2024    | Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:18-33; Romans 11:25-32 or Psalm 54; 1 Kings 22:24-40; Romans 11:25-32                                                                                        |
| Saturday, September 21, 2024  | Psalm 1; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; Matthew 23:29-39 or Psalm 54; 2 Kings 17:5-18; Matthew 23:29-39                                                                                     |
| Sunday, September 22, 2024    | <b>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> - Proverbs 31:10-31 & Psalm 1; Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20 and Psalm 54; James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37 |

**Daily Lectionary Scripture References—SEPTEMBER 2024** (continued)

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| Monday, September 23, 2024    | Psalm 128; Proverbs 27:1-27; James 4:8-17 or Psalm 139:1-18; 2 Kings 5:1-14; James 4:8-17                                                                    |
| Tuesday, September 24, 2024   | Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16; James 5:1-6 or Psalm 139:1-18; 2 Kings 11:21-12:16; James 5:1-6                                                              |
| Wednesday, September 25, 2024 | Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; John 8:21-38 or Psalm 139:1-18; Jeremiah 1:4-10; John 8:21-38                                                                |
| Thursday, September 26, 2024  | Psalm 124; Esther 1:1-21; Acts 4:13-31 or Psalm 19:7-14; Exodus 18:13-27; Acts 4:13-31                                                                       |
| Friday, September 27, 2024    | Psalm 124; Esther 2:1-23; Acts 12:20-25 or Psalm 19:7-14; Deuteronomy 1:1-18; Acts 12:20-25                                                                  |
| Saturday, September 28, 2024  | Psalm 124; Esther 3:1-15; Matthew 5:13-20 or Psalm 19:7-14; Deuteronomy 27:1-10; Matthew 5:13-20;                                                            |
| Sunday, September 29, 2024    | <b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost-</b> Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 & Psalm 124; Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 & Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50 |
| Monday, September 30, 2024    | Psalm 140; Esther 4:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9 or Psalm 5; Zechariah 6:9-15; 1 Peter 1:3-9                                                                          |





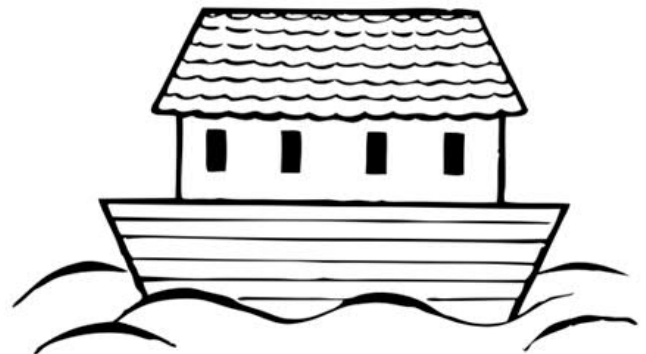
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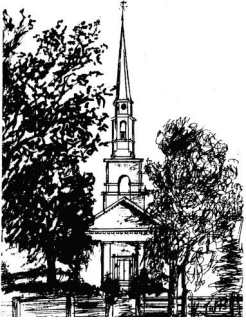


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Word list:

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| ANIMALS   | LAND     |
| ARK       | MOUNTAIN |
| BELIEVE   | NOAH     |
| BUILD     | PAIRS    |
| CREATURES | PROMISE  |
| DOVE      | RAIN     |
| EVIL      | RAINBOW  |
| FLOOD     | TWO      |
| FORTY     | WATER    |
| GOOD      | WOOD     |





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