

Spire

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2018

A New Year With the Lord

By M. S. Lowndes

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,
The things of the past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

Pastor Margaret is enjoying some time with her family in South Africa so there will be no Message from Pastor Margaret this month.

She will be preaching on the Sunday, January 14th. Come and welcome her back.

Happy New Year!!!

ANNUAL MEETING CALL AND REPORTS

For those of you, who have not got their Annual Reports into the office, please do ASAP.

Annual Meeting of the
Barre Congregational Church
Monday, January 22, 2018 at 7:00 pm

The Annual Meeting is being called to review the annual report and to hear and or vote on any articles of the church.

FROM THE CHURCH COMMITTEE

We want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. It has been a honor to serve the church. We are looking forward to new members joining us for the coming year.

Please join us the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

We would like to thank everyone for the generous donations of time and money that has helped us support this church. Just a reminder we have an obligation to pay the church back for the roof restoration. Please continue to support this effort in the coming year.

Fellowship Hall Floor Update

The Church Committee would like to remind all organizations and committees that may use Fellowship Hall. **The floors are going to be cleaned and waxed on January 25th & 26th.**

The Church Committee would to thank the Supper Committee and the Women's Fellowship an two other anonymous donors for their contribution to have the Fellowship Hall cleaned and waxed. It was in great need of care and the contributions are greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Church Committee, Ann Clark, Sarah Dyer, Tom Posey, Adam Knipe, & Scott Bryant

CHURCH SUPPER

Chicken Parmigiana Dinner

Saturday, January 20, 2018

5:30 pm

Adults \$12.00 Children under 12 \$5.00

For Reservations call Lisa Holloway –

978-355-0140 or

the Church Office 978-355-4041

COMMUNITY FRIENDSHIP SUPPER

Everyone is welcome!

Bring a friend and or family members.

Thursday, January 18, 2018

5:30 pm

Come enjoy the friendships and fellowship!

A free will offering may be given.

The offering is used by the Mission's Committee for those in need in our church and community.

FOOD PANTRY

Happy New Year!!!

The volunteers and staff of the Barre Food Pantry hope you are warm and comfortable despite the epic cold this week!

On behalf of the Barre Food Pantry, We would like to thank you for your support and contributions of food and funds in 2017.

Even though the holidays are over food is always needed.

Please try to donate the following items this month:

- ◆ Macaroni and cheese
- ◆ Cereal (Hot or Cold)
- ◆ Tuna
- ◆ Canned chicken
- ◆ Pasta Sauce/Pasta
- ◆ **Personal Hygiene products**

We would like to thank those of you who donate to the food pantry and to those of you who volunteer.

Barre Food Pantry volunteer opportunity.

The Barre Food Pantry at the Barre Congregational Church on the common in Barre center welcomes volunteers between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to help set up the room and sort, date and pre-bag donated groceries for free **distribution** the next day, **Wednesday, January 10, 2018**

Community Service hours can be provided for Quabbin Regional High School students who come to help.

For additional information call Sonja @ (978) 355-6921 or Chuck @ (978) 355-6463.

EXPENSES: 12/1/17 – 12/31/17

COLLECTORS REPORT

Payroll	54,415.00
Office Supplies	616.00
Telephone & Internet	2,348.00
Postage	73.00
Diaconate	0.00
General Maintenance	4,095.00
Stewardship	0.00
Music	175.00
Christian Ed	0.00
Misc.	50.00
Trash Pickup	113.00
Sewer	500.00
Water	250.00
Heat & Gas	3,450.00
Electricity	2,348.00
Insurance	8,218.00
Snow Removal	2,235.00
Piano / Organ	355.00
Alarm	480.00
TOTAL	\$79,721.00

Loose	724.00
Current	5,818.00
Missions	198.00
Discretionary Fund	142.00
UBS	602.40
Roof Repairs	175.00
Thursday AA	50.00
Tuesday AA	20.00
Gillett Restaurant Equip.	2,150.00
Food Pantry donation	2,000.00
U.S. Treasury	64.93
Lathrop	112.45
Total	\$9,732.03

Income	
Loose	5,143.00
Pledges – current	51,609.00
Pledges – future	1,740.00
Other	4,605.00
Investment Income	15,492.00
Total	\$78,589.00

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship sent out a reminder letter to those of you who must have misplaced your pledge card and did not return it or forgot to fill it out. Please fill it out and return it to the church office so that your pledge can help the general expenses of the church and or the missions committee. Thank you.

January 2018

Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face ~ Victor Hugo

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day	2 9-1 Wendy's hours 3:30 Music rehearsal 7:00 Choir rehearsal 7:00 NA	3 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:30 Maplewinds Orchestra prac. 7:00 Church Committee 7:00 Deacons 7:00 Boy Scouts	4 9-1 Wendy's hours 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00AA	5	6 7:00 AA
7 9:30 Service/ Communion/ Sunday School	8 6:00 Girl Scouts	9 9-1 Wendy's hours 9:00 Food Pantry set-up 6:00 Food Pantry set-up 4:00 Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 Choir rehearsal 7:00 NA	10 9-1 Wendy's Hours 10-12 Food Pantry 12:00 Food Pantry Luncheon 4:30 Maplewinds Orchestra prac. 7:00 Boy Scouts	11 9-1 Wendy's hours 7:00 Barre Women's Club 7:00AA	12	13 7:00 AA
14 8:30 Choir warm-up 9:30 Service/ Sunday School	15 Martin Luther King Day	16 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:00 Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 Choir rehearsal 7:00 NA	17 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:30 Maplewinds Orchestra prac. 7:00 Boy Scouts	18 9-1 Wendy's hours 5:30 Friendship Community Supper 6:30 Cub Scouts 7:00 AA	19	20 5:30 Church Dinner 7:00 AA
21 8:45 Bell Choir warm-up 9:30 Service/ Sunday school/	22 6:00 Girl Scouts 7:00 Annual Meeting	23 9-1 Wendy's hours 7:00 Choir rehearsal 7:00 NA	24 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:30 Maplewinds Orchestra prac. 7:00 Boy Scouts	25 9-1 Wendy's hours 7:00AA	26	27 7:00 AA
28 8:30 Choir warm-up 8:45 Children's choir warm-up 9:30 Service/ Sunday School	29 6:00 Girl Scouts	30 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:00 Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 Choir rehearsal 7:00 NA	31 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:30 Maplewinds Orchestra prac. 7:00 Boy Scouts	Fellowship Hall CLOSED Floor cleaning and waxing		

Daily Lectionary Scripture References January 2018 (Year B)

Mon., Jan. 1

New Year's Day
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

Tues., Jan. 2

Psalm 148
Proverbs 1:1-7
James 3:13-18

Wed., Jan. 3

Psalm 110
Proverbs 1:20-33
James 4:1-10

Thurs., Jan. 4

Psalm 110
Proverbs 3:1-12
James 4:11-17

Fri., Jan. 5

Psalm 110
Proverbs 22:1-9
Luke 6:27-31

Sat., Jan. 6

Epiphany
Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Sun., Jan. 7

The Baptism of Christ
Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

Mon., Jan. 8

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36
Genesis 17:1-13
Romans 4:1-12

Tues., Jan. 9

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36
Exodus 30:22-38
Acts 22:2-16

Wed., Jan. 10

Psalm 69:1-5, 30-36
Isaiah 41:14-20
John 1:29-34

Thurs., Jan. 11

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Judges 2:6-15
2 Corinthians 10:1-11

Fri., Jan. 12

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Judges 2:16-23
Acts 13:16-25

Sat., Jan. 13

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Samuel 2:21-25
Matthew 25:1-13

Sun., Jan. 14

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Mon., Jan. 15

Psalm 86
1 Samuel 9:27—10:8
2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1

Tues., Jan. 16

Psalm 86
1 Samuel 15:10-31
Acts 5:1-11

Wed., Jan. 17

Psalm 86
Genesis 16:1-14
Luke 18:15-17

Thurs., Jan. 18

Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 19:1-15
Revelation 18:11-20

Fri., Jan. 19

Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 20:7-13
2 Peter 3:1-7

Sat., Jan. 20

Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 20:14-18
Luke 10:13-16

Sun., Jan. 21

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

Mon., Jan. 22

Psalm 46
Genesis 12:1-9
1 Corinthians 7:17-24

Tues., Jan. 23

Psalm 46
Genesis 45:25—46:7
Acts 5:33-42

Wed., Jan. 24

Psalm 46
Proverbs 8:1-21
Mark 3:13-19a

Thurs., Jan. 25

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 3:23-29
Romans 9:6-18

Fri., Jan. 26

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 12:28-32
Revelation 2:12-17

Sat., Jan. 27

Psalm 111
Deuteronomy 13:1-5
Matthew 8:28—9:1

Sun., Jan. 28

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Mon., Jan. 29

Psalm 35:1-10
Numbers 22:1-21
Acts 21:17-26

Tues., Jan. 30

Psalm 35:1-10
Numbers 22:22-28
1 Corinthians 7:32-40

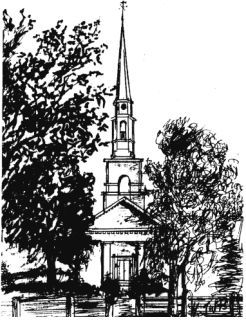
Wed., Jan. 31

Psalm 35:1-10
Jeremiah 29:1-14
Mark 5:1-20



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