

# Spire

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## Reflections from the Pastor's Desk

### WHO DO WE SAY THAT WE ARE?

As the Barre Congregational Church UCC begins its transition process, the persistent questions are: Who, Where, What and How. Who are we at Barre Church? Where does the church come from and where is it headed into the future? What gifts and resources does the congregation have? What is needed for the journey? How do we, as a church, get to where we are going together? Who is needed as leaders, coaches and guides?

The challenge during a transition time is helping the congregation stay focused when there are questions and uncertainty. I believe that we all need to set our sights on 4 simple things: **connect, grow, serve and go.**

**Connect with an Open Heart** “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Mark 30-31)

**Grow in Body, Mind and Spirit** “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2)

**Serve with Willing Hands** “As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace...” (1 Peter 4:10)

**Go with Ready Feet** “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...teaching them...” (Matt.28:19-20)

We need to be reminded at this time of transition of the Mission Statement adopted by this congregation: ***The mission of the Barre Congregational Church is to serve God, and to spread the word and love of God’s risen son, Jesus Christ, to all people through Christian faith and unity. By our words and actions we will bring love, hope, and acceptance to family and neighbors, respecting differences and diversities.***

Let this be our “north star” as we journey forward in the months ahead. May it guide our heads, hearts, hands and feet as we connect, grow, serve and go.

Peace,

Rev. Dr. Charlotte Wright

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## Summer Hours for Staff

Just like last year, the Church Secretary has volunteered to take Tuesdays off this summer from June 19th to September 4th **to give back to the church.** The money donated will go toward the operations of the church. The summer is a slow time and this worked out well last year. Also, the Church Sextons will be donating \$500 of their pay check back to the church. This will also be used for operations. Please thank the secretary and sextons for these generous donations.

**This summer Wendy's hours will be Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9-1. In case of an emergency, please call Wendy at home any time at 978-928-5180.**

The Church Committee

### From the Church Committee

When leaving the church, please double check to make sure that all doors are locked. Doors are still begin left unlocked over night.

If you need church related photocopies, please get your originals to Wendy as soon as possible so that she has ample time to get them done for you. You can hand her a hard copy or email her a copy her office hours are 9-1 Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays. There is now a security code on the photocopy machine, and if you need the code please contact Lisa Holloway, and she will give you the code.

Great news! The state fine for not having the elevator inspected as requires was waived in full. We have contracted with a company to keep track of inspections and do routine maintenance on our elevator so this will not happen again. Many thanks to Sarah Dyer and Bob Swindell for their many hours of research and preparation to make this possible.

## Join Us For Fellowship and Kindred Spirits

Sunday, June 12, 2016

**9:00 am Continental Breakfast**—sponsored by the Diaconate Committee

**9:30 am Bless the Christian Education** Committee and families as they travel to the Heifer Project

**9:30 am—10:00 am Morning Worship and**



**Communion**

**10:00 am— SPRING CLEANING**

Join together in fellowship and friendship, laughter and music as we all work together to spruce up our church!!

### From the Supper Committee

#### Mark your Calendars for the Fall

The Supper Committee would like to apologize but due to the lack of help we had to cancel the May 21st Chicken Barbecue. We would like to have you mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 24th** the rescheduled date.

The Supper committee is looking for help! This is our last supper of the season and we will start again in the fall. We need help wait-ressing, cleaning up. And we can always use help in the preparation if you are interested in helping please see Wendy Isgro Beth Richard The Supper Committee would also like you to mark your calendar for our **Saturday October 15th** Supper.

Ted Reinstein from Chronicle (WCVB channel 5 )will have dinner with us and then will talk about his new book "Wicked Pissed New England's Most Famous Feuds.

## .Barre Food Pantry

### 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.

### Barre Food Pantry volunteer opportunity.

The Barre Food Pantry at the Barre Congregational Church on the common in Barre center welcomes volunteers from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon to help staff the tables, help clients "shop" the food bank offerings and help carry groceries to clients' cars.

### Barre Food Pantry monthly distribution to clients.

People in need of food assistance are welcome at the Barre Congregational Church on the common in Barre center from 10:00 am to noon for free monthly distribution of fresh, frozen and canned food made available through local and regional donations and state and federal government programs.

**Note:** The Barre Food Pantry would like to encourage clients to bring their reusable grocery tote bags with them when they come to pick up food at distribution.

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

Our next distribution is on Wednesday, June 8th with preparation the day and evening before on Tuesday the 7th.

Items need are:

- Canned green beans
- Beef stew
- Canned Pasta with Meat Sauce
- Fruit juices

**A Note: Clients, volunteers, friends and supporters have responded so enthusiastically to our request for clean empty egg cartons that we are back to having enough in hand that we are challenged to find storage for them until they can be used. So if you have been saving empty egg cartons for the Food Pantry, we ask you to hang on to them for a while until**

**our current supply depletes. We'll let you know when we need them again. Thanks!**

## Community Friendship Suppers

Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend and or family members.

The Community Friendship Suppers are a free supper, our menu changes every month.

Serving time is from 5:30 pm—6:30 pm on the third Thursday of the month

A free will offering may be given. The offering is used by the mission Committee of our church to help those in need in our community and far away. Next supper is May 19th!

## Stop Talking About Money\*

\*The following is strictly a personal opinion not to be reflected at any individual or committee.

Have we heard/had enough already?! Yes, we need to meet the "basic" bills of the church. Here's how I see it.

All of us have a roof over our head that we call home. We pay the bills in order to live there. Now, not everyone can say this, but we have a 2nd home, our church home. It requires that we pay the bills in order to have family gatherings there. We are very fortunate that we as a church family, can shoulder this together.

I am so appreciative of those that have pledged & pay their pledge so we can gather together. I am so grateful to those who come & sit in the pews to join in the fellowship. How nice it is that we always have room for one more guest.

Sometimes our 1st home can "interfere" with what's happening to our 2nd home. I'd just like Barre Congregational Church members & friends, that I'm looking forward to seeing you. I also admit that I'm looking forward to your help, financially, in keeping the church family together. I have family at home, but at church, there's so much more family to enjoy.

With blessings to my church family, Deb Page

## Collector's Report

Loose	286.00
Current	5,501.00
Missions	238.00
Thursday AA	45.00
Saturday AA	100.00
Tuesday NA	20.00
Discretionary Fund	6.00
Hall Rental	230.00
UCC Dues	680.00
Coffee Money	60.00
Table Sale	50.00
Memory of Vivian Fielding	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,241.00</b>

### UCC Dues

The letters for UCC Dues has been sent out. As a reminder each member should pay \$20.00 if you have not sent your dues money in please send them to the collector.

Margaret Marshall  
P.O. Box 936  
Barre, MA 01005

It is not too late to pledge to our church!! Just fill out a pledge card and return it to the church.

Your pledge will help with the many needs of Our church as you can see in the Treasurer's Report.

## Treasurer's Report

### Expenses: 1/1/16-3/31/16

Payroll	30,631.00
Office Supplies	1,560.00
Telephone & Internet	1,040.00
Equipment Maintenance	00
Diaconate	104.00
General Maintenance	3,507.00
Christian Ed.	107.00
Miscellaneous	641.00
Flowers	.00
Water & Sewer	302.00
Heat & Gas	1,800.00
Insurance	5,020.00
Electricity	1,694.00
Snow Removal	840.00
Piano/Organ	1,495.00
Alarm	748.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$49,489.00</b>

<b>Income</b>	
Loose	1,771.00
Pledges	28,940.00
Other	3,522.00
Investment Interest	11,416.00.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,679.00</b>

**Transferred from savings for ordinary expenses:**  
**\$3,,617.00**

**Operating deficit \$3,810.00**

**Beginning balance in checkbook: \$2,504.48**

## June 2016

*Yea, they shall sing in the says of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord. Psalm 138:5*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours 6-8 Maplewinds <b>6:00 Church Committee</b> 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours 7:00 AA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 AA
<b>5</b> 8:30 Choir warm-up 9:30 Service / Children's Sunday	<b>6</b> 6:00 Girl Scouts	<b>7</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours 9:00 Food Pantry set-up 6:00 Food Pantry set-up <b>6:30 Diaconate</b> <b>7:00 Choir</b>	<b>8</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours 10-12 Food Pantry 6-8 Maplewinds 7:00 Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours 7:00 AA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00 AA
<b>12</b> 9:30 Service / Communion/ Sunday school at the Heifer Project, Rutland, MA/All <b>Church Clean-up</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 Choir</b>  <b>Flag Day</b>	<b>15</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours 6-8 Maplewinds	<b>16</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours <b>5:30 Community Friendship Supper</b> 7:00 AA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:00 AA 2-4 Girls Scouts front lawn
<b>19</b> 8:30 Choir warm-up 9:30 Service <b>Father's Day</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Summer Begins</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours	<b>23</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours 7:00 AA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 AA
<b>26</b> 9:30 Service/ NO Sunday school	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours	<b>30</b> 9-1 Wendy's hours		

### Pastor Charlotte's Hours

**Thursday June 2 10:00 am– 4:00pm**

**Tuesday June 7 10:00 am—4:00 pm**

**Tuesday June 14 10:00 am—8:00 pm**

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References June 2016 (Year C)

**Wed., June 1**  
Psalm 135  
Ezekiel 14:12-23  
Mark 7:24-30

**Thurs., June 2**  
Psalm 146  
Exodus 29:1-9  
Acts 22:6-21

**Fri., June 3**  
Psalm 146  
Numbers 15:17-26  
Acts 26:1-11

**Sat., June 4**  
Psalm 146  
Joshua 9:1-27  
Matthew 9:2-8

**Sun., June 5**  
1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24]  
Psalm 146  
Galatians 1:11-24  
Luke 7:11-17

**Mon., June 6**  
Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20  
Job 22:1-20  
Galatians 2:1-10

**Tues., June 7**  
Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20  
Job 24:9-25  
Galatians 2:11-14

**Wed., June 8**  
Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20  
Job 31:16-23  
Luke 8:40-56

**Thurs., June 9**  
Psalm 5:1-8  
1 Kings 20:1-22  
James 4:1-7

**Fri., June 10**  
Psalm 5:1-8  
1 Kings 20:23-34  
Romans 11:1-10

**Sat., June 11**  
Psalm 5:1-8  
1 Kings 20:35-43  
Luke 5:17-26

**Sun., June 12**  
1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a  
Psalm 5:1-8  
Galatians 2:15-21  
Luke 7:36-8:3

**Mon., June 13**  
Psalm 83  
Genesis 31:17-35  
Galatians 3:1-9

**Tues., June 14**  
Psalm 83  
2 Samuel 19:31-43  
Galatians 3:10-14

**Wed., June 15**  
Psalm 83  
Malachi 3:5-12  
Mark 2:1-12

**Thurs., June 16**  
Psalm 42 and 43  
Genesis 24:1-21  
Romans 2:17-29

**Fri., June 17**  
Psalm 42 and 43  
Job 6:14-30  
Galatians 3:15-22

**Sat., June 18**  
Psalm 42 and 43  
Proverbs 11:3-13  
Matthew 9:27-34

**Sun., June 19**  
1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a  
Psalm 42 and 43  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

**Mon., June 20**  
Psalm 59  
2 Kings 9:1-13  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Tues., June 21**  
Psalm 59  
2 Kings 9:14-26  
Ephesians 2:11-22

**Wed., June 22**  
Psalm 59  
2 Kings 9:30-37  
Luke 9:37-43a

**Thurs., June 23**  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53  
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

**Fri., June 24**  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
2 Kings 1:1-12  
Galatians 4:8-20

**Sat., June 25**  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5  
Luke 9:21-27

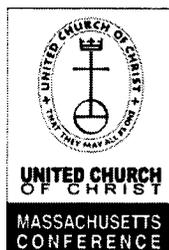
**Sun., June 26**  
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

**Mon., June 27**  
Psalm 75  
2 Kings 2:15-22  
1 John 2:7-11

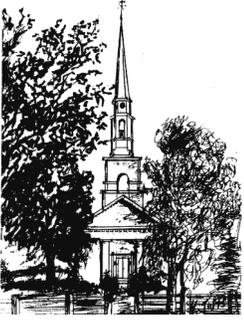
**Tues., June 28**  
Psalm 75  
2 Kings 3:4-20  
Ephesians 5:6-20

**Wed., June 29**  
Psalm 75  
2 Kings 4:1-7  
Matthew 10:16-25

**Thurs., June 30**  
Psalm 30  
2 Kings 4:8-17  
Romans 7:14-25



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