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GIVE THANKS

By Martha Nobel

It's that time of year again. Each fall we stop and think about the harvest and all we have to be thankful for. The farmers always stopped and looked at the bountiful harvest at the end of the long summer and gave thanks to God for helping them.

We too need to stop and give thanks to God for all He has given us. We are blessed. Everything we want may not be in our houses, but we need to be thankful.

David said in the Bible:

> "I will thank you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High" (Psalm 9:1-2).

God loves to hear us. He takes great pleasure in receiving our thanks and our love. He cares so deeply about everything that affects our lives. Talk to Him. Tell Him whatever is on your heart. He understands and wants to meet your needs.

> "Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today" (Matthew 6:32-34).

One day my daughter asked for me to clean a special outfit for her to wear to school the next day. I took the time and made sure it was ready for her. As is sometimes the way with busy teens, she did not say thank you.

When I mentioned it to her, she seemed surprised. She felt it was my job as her mother to have her clothes ready. I was really hurt. I was expecting a "thank you."

I believe God feels the same way when we don't stop and show a grateful heart for all He does for us each day. He wants us to be thankful. We should not look at Him and expect that it's His "job" to bless us without a thank you in return.

Just like my daughter who needed a reminder to appreciate the things she has, the family she is blessed with, and to be thankful for the loving heavenly Father who watches over her, we too need to be reminded.

How great is the Father's love for us. How awesome are His deeds. Let us rejoice and be thankful to Him and bless His name. Give thanks to God for He is good and His mercy is everlasting. Great is the love of our God. Let's give thanks.

Gratitude Sunday - November 13, 2016

9:30 am

Let us show our GRATITUDE for God, the Barre Congregational Church and each other. Come to worship—the children's choir will sing, the Bell Choir will play!

Pledge cards are welcome!!!!!

Daily Lectionary Scripture References
November 2015 (Year B)

Sun., Nov. 1
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Mon., Nov. 2
Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 2:15-23
Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10

Tues., Nov. 3
Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 3:1-7
Acts 7:17-29

Wed., Nov. 4
Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 3:8-18
John 13:31-35

Thurs., Nov. 5
Psalm 127
Ruth 4:1-10
Romans 5:6-11

Fri., Nov. 6
Psalm 127
Ruth 4:11-17
Hebrews 9:15-24

Sat., Nov. 7
Psalm 127
Ruth 4:18-22
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Sun., Nov. 8
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Mon., Nov. 9
Psalm 113
Genesis 24:1-10
1 Timothy 5:1-8

Tues., Nov. 10
Psalm 113
Genesis 24:11-27
1 Timothy 5:9-16

Wed., Nov. 11
Psalm 113
Genesis 24:28-42
Luke 4:16-30

Thurs., Nov. 12
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 1:21-28
1 Timothy 6:11-21

Fri., Nov. 13
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 2:18-21
Colossians 2:6-15

Sat., Nov. 14
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 3:1-18
Mark 12:1-12

Sun., Nov. 15
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Mon., Nov. 16
Psalm 3
1 Samuel 3:19—4:2
Hebrews 10:26-31

Tues., Nov. 17
Psalm 3
Deuteronomy 26:5-10
Hebrews 10:32-39

Wed., Nov. 18
Psalm 3
1 Kings 8:22-30
Mark 13:9-23

Thurs., Nov. 19
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 22:1-10
Acts 7:54—8:1a

Fri., Nov. 20
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 22:11-20
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Sat., Nov. 21
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 23:1-14
John 3:31-36

Sun., Nov. 22
Reign of Christ
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Mon., Nov. 23
Psalm 63
2 Kings 23:15-25
Revelation 11:1-14

Tues., Nov. 24
Psalm 63
1 Samuel 17:55—18:5
Revelation 11:15-19

Wed., Nov. 25
Psalm 63
2 Samuel 2:1-7
John 16:25-33

Thurs., Nov. 26
Thanksgiving
Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:6-15
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Or
Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Mathew 6:25-33

Fri., Nov. 27
Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:16-25
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Sat., Nov. 28
Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:26-31
Luke 21:20-24

Sun., Nov. 29
First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Mon., Nov. 30
Psalm 90
Numbers 17:1-11
2 Peter 3:1-18

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BARRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SPECIAL MEETING
November 6, 2017

To the Members of the Barre Congregational Church
From: Sue Musnicki, moderator
Special Meeting
November 6, 2016

As a result of a vote by the Quarterly Congregational Meeting on October 16, 2016, a special church meeting will be on Sunday, November 6, 2016 to approve the 2017 church budget. The meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall at 11:00. Please plan to attend.

Gratitude Sunday

November 13, 2016

November 13th is Gratitude Sunday. There are so many blessings in our lives. There is much to be grateful for. During this season of thanks, please come join us in worship & bring your pledge card along. Let us bring our blessings together & give thanks for the family & friends here at the Barre Congregational Church. If you can't join us, please pout the card in the mail. Together, we are grateful for our loving God.

Thank you, The Stewardship Committee

Women's Fellowship Wreath's

It is time to place orders for wreaths. We would like to make this Women's Fellowship Sale bigger than ever. If you know of someone who would like a wreath please have them call Wendy 978-928-5180. Wreath's are the same price as last year, $25.00. The basic wreath will be decorated with a bow, cones & berries. If you would like extra decorations please let us know at the time of your order.

The monies from the wreath sale is put towards the needs of our church.

Roast Pork Dinner

Saturday, November 12, 2016

5:30 pm

Adults $12.00 children under 12 $5.00

For reservations please call

Lisa Holloway 978-355-0140 or

the church office 978-355-4041

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The Supper Committee would like to thank all of you who came to our last supper it was a great turnout we served over 120 meals. Thank you to the Women's Fellowship for helping with our entertainment, Ted Reinstein from WCVB, Chronicle.

Sam and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people who have helped to make each and every dinner a success in its own way. " It takes a village to make a supper."

We would like to thank David and Ann Clark for all their help in making sure the hall & kitchen are is clean before and after each dinner.

Thank you to the ladies who set our tables each and every dinner. The hall always has a festive look.

Missions Committee

We participated in the 35th Annual Rutland Cropwalk on Sunday, October 16th. Janice Handrahan and I walked 2 miles on a beautiful fall day! Our Sunday school children also walked during our church service that morning and raised $ 522.00. Our church raised a total of $ 1154.00 for the Cropwalk and 25% will come back to our food pantry. Rutland raised over $13,000 so far. Thank you to all who sponsored either our children or Janice and I to help stop hungry locally and around the world. Thank you to all the Sunday School teachers who assisted the children in their walk. It was a great day!
Thank you, Jen Peddle & Janice Handrahan

Community Friendship Supper

Everyone is welcome!

Bring a friend and or family members.

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Served from 5:30 pm –6:30 pm

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.

Barre Food Pantry

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.

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

The next distribution is November 9, 2016 from 10-noon.

The holidays are upon us, let us remember those in need. Donations of food or monetary donations are always accepted. Checks can be made out to the Barre Food Pantry.

Barre Food Cards

There are 8 Barre Food Cards left. The cards would make great holiday gifts and a great way to support the church. For the sale fo each card the church gets $5.00 back.

Thanksgiving Word Search

A G N I V I G S K N A H T G O
R A E Y R R T I C U R O A D A
L L T F E A S T E L S T M I T
N P U M P K I N Y M H I K R R
U L R Q C L N O V E M B E R E
H A I D O E O T R O K U N N S
F T L I F S L R I P G R O O S
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Y E O V N G C H B L F I Q T D
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L O W E L B A T E G E V E R X
O T S E V R A H A R B D U T E
H G U C Y O K A H C A R V E A

1. Carve
2. Celebrate
3. Colonist
4. Cornucopia
5. Cranberry
6. Dessert
7. Farmer
8. Feast
9. Gather
10. Harvest
11. Holiday
12. November
13. Pilgrim
14. Platter
15. Pumpkin
16. Thanksgiving
17. Tradition
18. Turkey
19. Vegetable
20. Worship

Collector's Report

Loose	88.00
Current	3,862.00
Missions	258.00
UBS	883.60
Spinney Memorial	200.00
Sat AA	100.00
Tuesday NA	20.00
Thursday AA	40..00
Total	5,451.60

Amounts do not include the October 31st collection

From the Stewardship Committee

"To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.
Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God. For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference."
— Thomas Merton

Treasurer's Report

Expenses: 1/1/16-8/31/16

Payroll	46,248.00
Office Supplies	1,847.00
Telephone & Internet	1,843.00
Postage	141.00
Diaconate	104.00
General Maintenance	4,691.00
Christian Ed.	107.00
Miscellaneous	688.00
Flowers	.00
Water & Sewer	505.00
Heat & Gas	2,788.00
Insurance	8,826.00
Electricity	2,399.00
Snow Removal	840.00
Piano/Organ	1,495.00
Alarm	748.00
Total	**$73,270.00**

Income	
Loose	2,681.00
Pledges	50,409.00
Other***	9,308.00
Investment Interest	17,558.00.
Total	**$79,956.00**

******Women's Fellowship donated $3,000.**

Transferred from savings for ordinary expenses: $3,617.00

Operating Surplus $6,686

Beginning balance in checkbook: $2,504.48

BARRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017

	2016 Budget	2017 Proposed Budget	Diff
Minister			
Salary-Regular	**$ 32,000.00**	**$ 32,000.00**	$ -
Admin. Salaries			
Organist	$ 7,711.00	$ 7,711.00	$ -
Choir Director	$ 3,294.00	$ 3,294.00	$ -
Treasurer	$ 2,196.00	$ 3,900.00	$ 1,704.00
Church Secretary	$ 13,388.00	$ 13,388.00	$ -
Sexton	$ 5,709.00	$ 5,709.00	$ -
Supply Organist		$ -	$ -
Supply Minister		$ 500.00	$ 500.00
FICA for Employees	$ 2,002.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 498.00
	$ 34,300.00	**$ 37,002.00**	**$ 2,702.00**
Supplies			
Office Supplies	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ -
Telephone / Internet Access	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,580.00	$ 580.00
Postage	$ -	$ -	$ -
Equipment Maint.	$ -	$ -	$ -
Sexton Supplies	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ -
Miscellaneous		$ -	$ -
	$ 5,000.00	**$ 5,580.00**	**$ 580.00**
Programs			$ -
Christian Education	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ -
Music Committee	$ 150.00	$ 150.00	$ -
Bell Choir	$ 300.00	$ 300.00	$ -
Diaconate	$ 250.00	$ 250.00	$ -
Church Delegates	$ -	$ -	$ -
Flower Committee	$ 200.00	$ 200.00	$ -
Stewardship	$ 300.00	$ 300.00	$ -
	$ 3,200.00	**$ 3,200.00**	**$ -**
Real Property Maintenance			
General Maint.	$ 2,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ 1,000.00
Water & Sewer	$ 500.00	$ 800.00	$ 300.00
Heat & Gas	$ 10,000.00	$ 7,500.00	$ (2,500.00)
Electricity	$ 2,000.00	$ 3,500.00	$ 1,500.00
All Insurance	$ 9,000.00	$ 12,000.00	$ 3,000.00
Snow Removal	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ -
Piano/Organ Upkeep	$ 500.00	$ 500.00	$ -
Furniture & Fixtures	$ -	$ -	$ -

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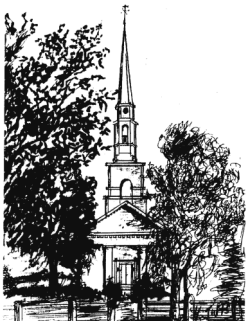
Alarm Maintenance	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00	$ -
Trash Pickup		$ -	$ -
Real Estate Taxes	$ -	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00
Missions Misc.	$ -	$ -	$ -
	$ 26,000.00	**$ 30,500.00**	**$ 4,500.00**
	$ 100,500.00	**$ 108,282.00**	**$ 7,782.00**

Budgeted Expenses for 2017	108,282.00
Income needed per week	2,082.35
Investment income per week	350.00
Misc income per week	120.00
Collections needed per week	1,612.35

November 2016

Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and his courts with praise……Psalm 100

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9-1 Wendy's hours 3:30 –5:00 Music Rehearsal **6:00 Bell Choir** **7:00 Choir Rehearsal** 7:00 NA	**2** 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:30 –5:30 Maplewinds 6-8 Maple winds **6:30 Church Committee** **6:30 Diaconate** 7:00 Boy Scouts	**3** 9-1 Wendy's hours 7:00 AA	**4**	**5** 7:00 AA
6 8:30 choir warm up 9:30 Service/ Communion **11:00 Special Meeting**/ Budget vote	**7** **6:30 Women's Fellowship Fair meeting** 6-9 Girl Scouts	**8** 9-1 Wendy's hours 3:30 –5:00 Music Rehearsal 9:00 Food Pantry set-up **6:00 Bell Choir** 6:00 Food Pantry set-up **7:00 Choir Rehearsal** 7:00 NA	**9** 9-1 Wendy's hours **10-12 Food Pantry** 4:30 –5:30 Maplewinds 6-8 Maple winds 7:00 Boy Scouts	**10** 9-1 Wendy's hours 7:00 AA	**11** 11:00 Veteran's service on North Common 6-9 Girl Scouts **VETERAN'S DAY**	**12** **5:30 Church Supper** 7:00 AA
13 8:30 Bell choir & children's choir warm-up 9:30 Service **Gratitude Sunday**	**14** 6-9 Girl Scouts	**15** 9-1 Wendy's hours 3:30 –5:00 Music Rehearsal **6:00 Bell Choir** **7:00 Choir Rehearsal** 7:00 NA	**16** 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:30 –5:30 Maplewinds 6-8 Maple winds 7:00 Boy Scouts	**17** 9-1 Wendy's hours **5:30 Friendship Community Supper** 7:00 AA	**18**	**19** 1:00 Bassett Shower 7:00 AA
20 8:30 Choir warm up 9:30 Service **12:00 Mason's Thanksgiving Dinner**	**21** 6-9 Girl Scouts	**22** 9-1 Wendy's hours 3:30 –5:00 Music Rehearsal **6:00 Bell Choir** **7:00 Choir Rehearsal** 7:00 NA	**23** 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:30 –5:30 Maplewinds 6-8 Maple winds 7:00 Boy Scouts	**24** **THANKSGIVING DAY**	**25**	**26** 11:00 Memorial Service for Olive Tuttle 1:00 Wreath decorating 7:00 AA
27 9:30 Service 1:00 Wreath decorating	**28** 6-9 Girl Scouts	**29** 9-1 Wendy's hours 3:30 –5:00 Music Rehearsal **6:00 Bell Choir** **7:00 Choir Rehearsal** 7:00 NA	**30** 9-1 Wendy's hours 4:30 –5:30 Maplewinds 6-8 Maple winds 7:00 Boy Scouts			



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