

Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Liberty Part 2

Christ is our great liberator. Scripture identifies Him as One who came to set the captive free (cf. Luke 4:18-19).

Yet what type of liberty does He bring? From what prison(s) does He deliver? In this edition, let us consider that Christ brings release to the ill and the infirmed, that they might know physical healing.

Jesus is recorded to have worked thirty-seven miracles in the Gospel record.

You are quite likely aware of many of them, including His walking on water, casting out demons, and multiplying food to feed the masses. However, the Bible places great priority on His healing power. In fact, of His thirty-seven signs, over twenty center upon healing. In the way of illustration, please note this selection:

Luke 13:10-13 (NIV)

10 On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and 11 and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at

all. 12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." 13

Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Consider the words of Christ in verse 12 (italics mine): "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." The word "free" herein speaks to the release and deliverance of one held captive or bound. For nearly two decades this poor woman had suffered the ill effects of being a cripple, being unable to move according to her desires.

How tragic. Moreover, this does not begin to touch upon the mental, emotional, social or spiritual anguish associated with such a condition. Yet in an instant, the Lord brought sweet release.

To what degree do we believe that Christ is still able to heal our mortal bodies? To what degree do we, like the saints of old, have any sense of belief in His healing power? Time and again, our Lord set the captive free due to their faith (cf. Mark 5:34; 10:52; Luke 18:42)! If He remains the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8), why do we discount the place of miracles today? We

still have sick men and women, do we not?

Of course, I will cede that there is mystery herein, and the need for humility. I have prayed with many who have remained physically unchanged despite their faith. Do I always understand why? No. I do know, however, that quite often we have not because we ask not (Matt. 7:7-8; James 4:2), and that those without faith can expect to receive nothing from the Lord (James 1:6-8). So let us press in, for Jesus-in His compassion-remains able and willing to set the captive free from the bonds of sickness!

Thank you for taking the time to read this edition. Should you have any questions, please reach out to me using the information below. Moreover, we would love to see you in person in the days to come.

Feel free to attend any of our upcoming services. Check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org for more information.

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Congregational church to hold flea market

WEST BROOKFIELD – The flea market tradition continues.

The First Congregational Church, 36 North Main St. has been hosting their flea market on the town Common for more than 50 years. This year the flea market will be held on Saturday,

Aug. 26 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sellers of all kinds are welcome: flea folk, antique sellers, crafters, product vendors, and those emptying out basements and attics.

No food vendors, please. Spaces are available for \$40 for

a 20' x 20' grassy spot. Vendors must bring their own tables and tents. The church will sponsor a food tent with grilled food, cold drinks and sweet treats.

Vendors may email Dee at fccofwb@gmail.com for an application.

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checked with Town Counsel to add this expense as a budget line item, which they did.

Kemp said the fair organizers asked for help this year, while they work to add a base for fundraising to help support future fairs.

The amended motion was moved to question, but voters opted to keep the \$3,000 line item for police detail.

Voters then voted to approve the FY 24 budget in the amount of \$6,248,501.31

Middle/High School chiller

Article 8 asked voters to approve paying a shared cost to replace the chiller component of the HVAC system at Quabbin Regional Middle/High School.

The total cost of the project is

\$387,344, which will be divided amongst the district towns, based on their student enrollment. Barre would pay the largest percentage of the cost, followed by Hubbardston, Hardwick, Oakham and New Braintree.

A resident asked if money received during COVID-19 could be used to fund this project.

Superintendent Dr. Sheila Muir said the pandemic money was used for upgrades to air quality, and was not available for this type of project.

Voters agreed to pay the town's share of the expense to replace the chiller, passing by two-thirds majority.

Muir also introduced incoming interim Superintendent Colleen Mucha, who has been with the school district for the past five years.

Muir said she's "very pleased" to have Mucha take her place when she retires from her position on June 30.

Stabilization funds

Articles 16 and 17 asked voters to move money from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund and Capital Stabilization Fund, respectively.

With article 16, voters agreed to transfer \$89,000 and with article 17 they agreed to transfer \$60,000. Both articles passed unanimously.

Town meeting date

Voters approved a motion to move the annual town meeting to "the first Saturday in June at a time and place subject to a warrant called by the Board of Selectmen."

Change to Select Board

Voters unanimously approved changing the Board of Selectmen to the Select Board.

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during the 18th minute of the opening half when Taig Healy split a pair of defenders before firing a low breakaway shot into the back of the net past Western Mass. goalie Gianluca Cersosimo (4 saves) for an unassisted goal.

A couple of minutes later, Western Mass. forward Alec Hughes blasted a shot that deflected off the face of Seacoast goalie Jackson Lee (4 saves), who laid on the ground for several minutes before coming out of the game.

"Jackson has a slight concussion and we're going to have him checked out by a doctor," Ryan said. "Our back-up goalie (James Lowell) came in and did a very good job for us. We do have a couple of very good keepers."

Late in the first half, another

shot attempt by Hughes was deflected over the endline by Lowell, who was credited with five saves, resulting in a corner kick.

Jared Smith also had a free kick for Western Mass before the first half ended.

Three minutes into the second half, Augustine Boadi gave the home fans something to cheer about. After gaining possession of the ball at midfield, Boadi dribbled down the middle of the field before firing a low shot into the left corner tying the score at 1-1. "We were down at halftime and we really wanted to tie the score early in the second half," said Boadi, who faced a couple of his Boston College teammates. "I just the ball coming towards me. Then I had a lot of open space and Alec drew the defender away for me. Then I fired a shot into

the net, and it felt very good scoring the tying goal. It got us back into the game."

The contest remained tied until Ted Cargill scored the go-ahead goal, which was assisted by Austin Brummett, during the 62nd minute.

The home team had several scoring chances during the final 25 minutes of regulation, but they couldn't tie the score again.

"It's always tough whenever you lose, especially at home," said Pioneers captain Nicholas Obberauch. "We had several opportunities, but we couldn't put any of them away. We just need to keep working hard during the rest of the season."

After playing a road match against Pathfinder FC on Tuesday night, the Pioneers will be looking to start another home winning streak when they host the Albany Rush at 7 p.m. on Friday night.

Public Notices

Town of Barre HEARING NOTICE Joint or Identical Pole Locations

Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions or amendments thereto, please be advised that at their meeting of **Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** held at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, the Barre Board of Selectmen will consider a request to give Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England, Inc. permission to erect and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 9th day of May, 2023.

Town of Barre HEARING NOTICE Joint Pole Petition

Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions or amendments thereto, please be advised that at their meeting of **Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** held at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, the Barre Board of Selectmen will consider a request to give Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England, Inc. permission to erect and maintain pole(s) and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Companies may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Companies dated the 21st day of March, 2023.

There may be attached to said poles by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID and Verizon New England Inc. such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all of said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Skelley Road - National Grid to install 5 JO poles on Skelley Road beginning at a point approximately 285 feet west of the centerline of the intersection of Old Petersham road and Skelley road and continuing approximately 720 feet in a west direction. Installing new pole line along Skelley road to service 55 Skelley road. Five new poles being installed

along Skelley road in Barre, Ma. Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Select Board's Office at (978) 355-2504 x 135. For the Board of Selectmen Sandra Hood Administrative Assistant 06/29, 07/06/2023

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

South Barre Rd - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on South Barre Rd. beginning at a point approximately 680 feet north of the centerline of the intersection of South Barre Rd. and Clem Ct. Install Pole# 53-75 -48' North of Pole # 54 on South Barre Rd.

Also, for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

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TOWN OF NEW BRAintree PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4 of the New Braintree By-laws (Removal of Topsoil, Loam, Sand or Gravel), the Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, July 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM** in the New Braintree Town Hall, 20 Memorial Drive, regarding gravel permit renewals for the following:

Robert and Deann Caron, 510 Barr Road Thomas Stott, 324 West Road

Bo Lee Excavating, 300 McKay Road Stanley Grigas, 87B Sibley Road

This meeting has been rescheduled from June 26, 2023. It is open to the public and all are invited to attend. You can also email comments to planning@newbraintree.org 06/30, 07/06/2023

Town of Barre HEARING NOTICE Petition For Pole and Wire Locations

Under the provisions of the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 166, and any additions

or amendments thereto, please be advised that at their meeting of **Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** held at the Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, the Barre Board of Selectmen will consider a request to give Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a NATIONAL GRID permission to erect

and maintain poles and wires to be placed thereon, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as said Company may deem necessary, in the public way or ways hereinafter referred to, as requested in petition of said Company dated the 2nd day of May, 2023.

All construction under this order shall be in accordance with the following conditions:

Poles shall be of sound timber, and reasonable straight, and shall be set substantially at the points indicated upon the plan marked - Old Dana Road - Barre, Massachusetts. No.# 30663577 Filed with this order:

There may be attached to said poles such wires, cables, and fixtures as needed in their business and all said wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than twenty (20) feet from the ground.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the poles above referred to may be erected, and the number of poles which may be erected thereon under this order:

Old Dana Road - National Grid to install 3 SO poles on Old Dana Road, Barre, MA beginning at a point approximately 3,750 feet Southwest of the centerline of the intersection of Old Dana Road and Sheldon Road and continuing approximately 265 feet in a Southwest direction.

Install 3 SO poles (new pole 40-50, 41, and 41-25) on Old Dana Road to facilitate the installation of a recloser on exiting pole 40.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Select Board's Office at (978) 355-2504 x 135.

For the Board of Selectmen Sandra Hood Administrative Assistant 06/29, 07/06/2023

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