

## Church News

### Local pastor offers sermon

#### Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

“May the Seeds in our Hearts be Protected.”  
Scripture Readings:  
Matthew 13 v 1-9 and  
18 - 23

##### I. Introduction

We all face circumstances that can lift our spirits and bring us joy, while at other times they may cause concern, uncertainty, pain, anxiety, anger or a range of other emotions.

The way we respond depends greatly on the nature of these circumstances and conditions and our state of mind. Sometimes we have the clarity of mind and heart and inner strength to respond in a way that leads to resolutions that help us to move forward.

Other times we find ourselves in a quagmire of confusion and inability to deal with the situations. The conditions might be too complex and difficult to navigate our way through it. Sometimes we might just be too empty, tired and filled with despair to see the light.

##### II. May the Seeds in our Hearts be Protected

In our passage Jesus sat in a boat on a lake, surrounded by large crowds of people.

He told them the parable of the Sower who was in the process of sowing seeds, most likely barley or wheat, which, according to R.T. France in his commentary on Matthew were the two main grain crops in Palestine during that time.

In this parable Jesus describes in detail the conditions of the soil as the Sower proceeds to plant the seeds. First, He describes the unplowed path, where the soil was not prepared to receive the seeds, ger-

minate, and grow. Instead, they were lying there ready for the birds to pick and eat them.

The second type of soil he crossed was a rocky area with a thin layer of soil. France notes that in Galilee, bedrock often lay close to the surface, making it difficult for seeds to take root in such shallow soil. The seeds began to germinate and grow, but when the sun rose, they were scorched, withered and died.

The third type of soil was filled with thorny plants that choked the seeds and kept them from producing a crop. The fourth and final type of soil conditions, Jesus said was the good soil that was fertile and produced good crops in abundance.

What was the point of this parable by Jesus? He was looking at the crowd and His disciples, who have been with Him for some time. He must have understood the different kind of followers they were and so He explained to them what He meant.

The seeds that fall on the path and get eaten by the birds are like those who hear the words about the Kingdom, but do not understand them, and the Evil One comes and snatches away what was sown in the heart.

That prevents this group of people from hearing, understanding and making the words of the Kingdom part of their life. They remain weak and unable to live a life filled with the Spirit. The image of the rocky path and the thin layer of soil, refers to the group of people, who get excited about the word of God, but only for a little while, and they too lack the inner strength to draw on

the work of the Holy Spirit in them to face their struggles and tribulations.

The image of the thorns in the soil points to those whose dependence on wealth keeps them from becoming truly fruitful.

He then finally refers to the seed that falls on good soil, the perfect condition of the heart who listens to the word of the Kingdom, takes the time to wrestle with it and understands it, not an intellectual kind of understanding, but a deeper understanding in the heart that leads to a transformation through the Spirit of God who reveals the word of God and changes the heart and minds and brings a fire in the soul.

##### III. Conclusion

This parable of Jesus invites us to examine the condition of our hearts and souls and consider what kind of soil we carry within us.

Do we receive the seeds of God’s word, but struggle to cultivate them and let it feed our souls and strengthen our being so we can face our daily challenges and live our lives according to God’s will?

Do we protect the seeds in our hearts, so they don’t get snatched away by forces outside our control? These are the questions Christ places before us this morning.

Though He left the lake and the crowds long ago and resides with God, His words remain with us, and the Spirit of God continues to help, guide, and strengthen us to stand firm and be nourished by the blessings of the Kingdom of God. on our journey.

May God bless us as we protect the seeds in our hearts.

Amen.

## Public Safety

### Hubbardston Police Log

#### Sunday, May 17

7:05 p.m. Property Dispute or Exchange, New Templeton Road, Call Transferred

#### Monday, May 18

9:06 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Sick/Unknown, High Street, Transported to Hospital  
11:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, New Westminster Road, Written Warning

#### Tuesday, May 19

2:59 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Welfare Check, Williamsville Road, No Transport Required  
8:04 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Chest Pain/Heart Problem, Natty ford Drive, Transported to Hospital

#### Wednesday, May 20

2:31 p.m. Animal – Wildlife, Barre Road,

#### Information Taken

9:28 p.m Suspicious Person/Vehicle Activity, Plum Tree Lane, Negative Contact

#### Thursday, May 21

2:11 a.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), Worcester Road, Removed from Scene  
12:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Morgan Road, Written Warning  
6:07 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Burnshirt Road, Written Warning  
6:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Gardner Road, Written Warning  
7:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Old Boston Turnpike, Officer Spoke to Party  
8:57 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, No Transport Required

#### Friday, May 22

9:11 a.m. Property Damage, Cross Road, Report Filed  
11:16 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Area Search Negative  
1:14 p.m. Vandalism, High Street, Officer Spoke to Party  
2:12 p.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, Old Princeton Cutoff Road, Transported to Hospital  
7:49 p.m. Motor Vehicle – Disabled, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised

#### Saturday, May 23

8:54 a.m. Emergency Medical Service – Falls, High Street, No Transport Required  
11:17 a.m. Erratic Operator, Gardner Road, Officer/Chief Advised  
5:03 p.m. Trespasser or Prowler, Pitcherville Road, Officer Spoke to Party

### Oakham Police Log

#### Monday, May 18

4:30 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, North Brookfield Road, Referred to Other Agency  
6:25 p.m. Tree Incidents (No Wires), New Braintree Road, Area Search Negative  
6:53 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist  
7:44 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Hardwick, Mutual Aid Assist  
9:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
9:39 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield Road, Citation Issued

#### Tuesday, May 19

5:50 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, Spencer Road, Investigated (On-Going)  
5:56 p.m. Fire – Power Lines/Wires, East hlll Road, Referred to Other Agency  
10:47 p.m. Assist Other Police Department, Paxton, Negative Contact

#### Wednesday, May 20

8:56 a.m. Public Assist, North Brookfield Road, Officer Spoke to Party

#### Thursday, May 21

2:19 p.m. Erratic Operator, Barre Paxton Road, Area Search Negative  
4:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, North Brookfield

Road, Written Warning  
4:58 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning  
5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop, Worcester Road, Written Warning

#### Friday, May 22

11:43 a.m. Animal – Lost and/or Found, Lincoln Road, Information Taken

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Barre Gazette

## Obituary

### Melissa A. Hosegood, 55

BARRE – Melissa A. Hosegood, 55, passed peacefully on June 28, 2026, at UMass Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family.

She was born July 5, 1970, to Linda (Guerin) Miller of Barre. Melissa will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 33 years, Richard J.; daughter, Rachael, and son-in-law, Sam; her beloved grandson, Isaac; her mother, Linda; her sister, Karen and her brother, Donald H. Miller III, his wife, Grace, and their children, her cherished nieces and nephews.

Above all else, Melissa was dedicated to her family. She found her greatest joy in spending time with those she loved, whether gathered for celebrations, trips to White



Horse Beach, or just sharing stories and laughter around the campfire.

She loved watching the children in the family grow through the changing seasons. Her kindness,

love, and unwavering support created lasting memories that will be treasured by all who knew her.

Melissa held a deep love for Barre, Massachusetts, the town she proudly called home. Melissa found comfort in the quiet beauty of the outdoors and enjoyed spending time on her porch seeing the wildlife that would visit. She especially enjoyed the warmth of a summer day and cookouts under the big tent.

Friends and family were invited to attend memorial

#### DEATH NOTICE

**Hosegood, Melissa A.**  
Died June 28, 2026

calling hours on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in Pillsbury Funeral Home 96 South Barre Road, Barre. A graveside service will follow in Riverside Cemetery in Barre.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to RFK Community Alliance’s Adult Services day programming, which helps adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities live connected and meaningful lives. Donations may be made online at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/adultservicesprograms> or by mail to RFKCA, 971 Main St/, Lancaster, MA 01523. The family appreciates your kindness and support during this difficult time.

## Public Notices

#### BARRE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Barre Planning Board will hold public hearing on **Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Henry Woods Municipal Building, 40 West Street, Boards’ Office, 3rd Floor, requested by Diane & Robert Miller for a special permit pertaining to Zoning 140-7B(11), Antiques/Gifts, for property located at 2298 West Street, Assessors Map B, Lot 170 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds Book 71519, Page 0004.

All persons who wish to comment on this matter should attend the hearing, or submit comments in writing prior to the hearing to the Planning Board.

Floyd Kelley, Chairman  
07/09, 07/16/2026

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
225 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508)831-2200  
Docket No.  
WO26P2233EA**

**Estate of:  
William S Barkentin, III  
Also known as:  
William Slater Barkentin, III  
Date of Death: 05/03/2026  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will** has been filed by **Rachel R Berthiaume of Ware,**

MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that **Rachel R Berthiaume of Ware, MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration.**

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/04/2026. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)**

**A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and**

**may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.**

WITNESS, Hon. **Kathryn M. Bailey**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: July 08, 2026

**Stephanie Fattman,**  
Register of Probate

07/16/2026

#### PUBLIC AUCTION

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VIN 1N41L3AP8JC101513  
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VIN 19UUB1F58FA007285  
2014 BMW 3 Series  
VIN WBA3K5C5XKKT33553  
2020 Nissan Sentra  
VIN 3N1AB8CV7LY287127  
2021 Chevrolet Trailblazer  
VIN KL79MUSL7MB153038  
2015 Honda Civic  
VIN 19XFB2F59FE214729  
2018 Hyundai SONATA  
VIN 5NPE24AF5JH706590  
2008 Nissan Quest  
VIN 5N1BV28U98N107538

THE SALE WILL BE HELD AT

**Early’s on Park Ave.  
at 536 Park Avenue  
Worcester, MA 01603**

07/16, 07/23, 07/30/2026

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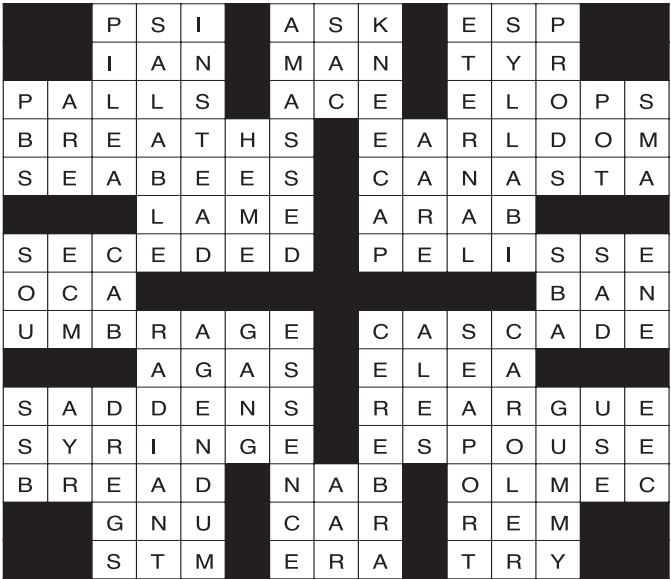
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