Church News

Local pastor offers sermon

Christian Growth Part 9

Those who would walk with the Lord do well to consider this classic text on the matters of Christian growth and renewal:

Galatians 5:16b-17, 19-25 (NIV)

16 . . . I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

What are the varying aspects of the fruit of the Spirit? Let us continue our exploration of said fruit with biblical gentleness.

What is gentleness? Gentleness, also called meekness in many translations, speaks to a sense of humility before God and restraint under provocation. Thus said, there are three facets of meekness worthy of our consideration. Please take note:

1) Gentleness as Humility Before God

To begin, gentleness refers to a sense of humility before the Lord. You see, those who recognize their spiritual poverty (Matt. 5:3)

and mourn over the reality of their condition (Matt. 5:4) have only one posture before God: meekness (Matt. 5:5)! Would you like an example of such humility in operation, contrasted with an unjustified sense of pride? If so, let us

Luke 18:9-14

9 To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers-or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I

"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Let us allow the Spirit of God to cultivate such a sense of humility—meekness—within our hearts that we might find life.

2) Gentleness as a Sense of Submission

The outflow of the previous point, the Greek term translated as gentleness or meekness was used by the ancients to describe a horse that had been broken for its master's use. This refers to a sense of "power under control" and submission to authority. We are to be broken before God, ongoingly recognizing our inability to produce or perform apart from Him.

To what degree are you stubborn and unyielding before God? Such is not the nature of one operating in true humility. To what degree are you submissive to the Lord, His call, His leading and His revealed ways? Such are fit for the Lord's use.

3) Gentleness as Restraint **Under Provocation**

Those who are meek practice a sense of restraint in response to hostile actors. Thus, whereas the first two aspects of gentleness deal with how we relate to God, this point centers upon how we respond to others in Christ (i.e., particularly enemies). May I ask: How do you respond when others mistreat you? How do you respond when others speak ill of you? To what degree does your life exhibit the following, celebrated by Christ and commanded of those who would follow Him?

Matthew 5:10–11, 43–47

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteous-

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. 46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? 47 And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?"

Christian, you will have enemies in this life. Not everyone will celebrate your desire to serve the Lord. In many seasons you will be called upon to exhibit meekness. May the following resonate in your heart and come to mind amidst such times:

Romans 12:14, 17-21

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. . . . 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below.

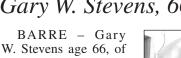
Also, feel free to check us out online at www.NewLifeBarre.org or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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Obituaries

Gary W. Stevens, 66



Grandview Terrace Barre, passed away Monday, May 13, 2024 after a brief illness. Gary was born April 12, 1958. He enlisted in the Army

National Guard, at the

age of 18. He served two tours in Iraq and earned various medals, badges and honors.

Gary enjoyed many hobbies including fishing, hunting and building model military vehicles, which he had a numerous amount of. He found peace and solace in nature and spending time with his family and friends, that became his strength. Gary was generous and the first to jump in when help was needed.

Gary leaves behind two greatly loved daughters, Stephanie Goodrich of Ohio and Rebecca Stevens of Vermont as well as his grandson, Domonic whom he adored, his sisters: Carol Collins of North Carolina, Cindy Bosse of Virginia, Barbara Stevens of Massachusetts, Ann Marie Young of Massachusetts and Gloria Kalilanen of Tennessee, Uncle Stanley and Aunt Cynthia Keyes of Princeton as well as many nieces,

nephews, cousins and life long friends. Gary is predeceased by his infant daughter, Laurie Stevens, his father Robert Stevens and mother, Marjorie

A graveside military service will be held May 24, 2024 at 1 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to National Coalition For Homeless Veterans, https://nchv.org/

Arrangements are under the care of Brandon Funeral Home: Kevin J. Mack, Walter C. Taylor andMelissa A. McQuaid, Funeral Directors.

DEATH NOTICES

Stevens, Gary W.

Died May 13, 2024 Graveside military service May 24 at 1 p.m. Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon

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Town Administrator Martin said the Rutland Regional **Emergency Communication** Center figure was still in discussion. The Finance Committee and Town Administrator also discussed the Finance Committees budget, which included membership costs to various associations and the Reserve Fund. Since the overall budget was tight, the amount budgeted was \$20,000.

She said the number possibly would be increased at a Special Town Meeting when the town had final revenue numbers from the State and certification of Free

The Town Administrator gave the Finance Committee copies of the draft of ATM Warrant arti-

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ruggles Lane Elementary School. The Select Board rescheduled due to the lateness of getting information from the Senate Budget. It will be held at Ruggles Lane Elementary School. The warrant closing has been extended to Tuesday, May 28 at 5 p.m.

The Finance Committee set the date for their budget public hearing for Wednesday, June 12 at 6 p.m. This year they opted to hold the meeting in the Select Board meeting room on the first floor of the Henry Woods Building, 40 West St. to allow recording of the hearing. Previous years, the hearing was held at the Barre Senior Center.

Public Notices

Town of Barre **PUBLIC HEARING** NOTICE **CHANGE OF MANAGER**

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Select Board Meeting Room, Henry Woods Building, 40 West Street, Barre, MA on the following proposed amendments of an All Alcohol Retail License for Barre Post 2 Building Association, Inc. for premises located at 450 South Barre Road: Change of Manager. Persons wishing to comment may do so at that time. The Board will also consider written comments received prior to the hearing. For the Select Board:

Tammy Martin Town Administrator 05/16, 05/23/2024

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. WO24P1664EA Estate of: Eleanor F. O'Connor Date of Death: 04/30/2024 CITATION ON **PETITION** FOR FORMAL

ADJUDICATION To all interested per-

A Petition for Formal

Probate of Will with **Appointment of Personal** Representative has been filed by Mark E. O'Connor of Barre, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

Petitioner requests that: Mark E. O'Connor of Barre, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administra-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 06/18/2024. 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 Represen-

tative 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 administra-

WITNESS, Hon. Leilah A Keamy, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 15, 2024

Stephanie Fattman Register of Probate 05/23/2024

Commonwealth of Massachusetts NOTICE TO **COMMERCIAL TIMBER OPERATORS**

The Dept. Conservation & Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection, is offering for sale approximately 40 cords of piled fuel wood located on the Wachusett Reservoir Watershed in the town of Sterling. For details, contact the Water Supply Protection Division Office on or before May 28, 2024, at 774-261-05/23/2024

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by DAVID J. TWISS to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., ("MERS"), as nominee for COUNTRY BANK FOR SAVINGS, dated February 24, 2016 and recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 54975, Page 172, as affected by Assignment of Mortgage to Country Bank for Savings dated August 9, 2023 and recorded as aforesaid in Book 69514, Page 325 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 18th day of June, 2024, on the mortgaged premises believed to be known as 175 Pleasant Street, Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises

described in said Mortgage,

"The following described real property located in the County of Worcester State of Massachusetts:

The street address of the Property (if applicable) is: 175 Pleasant Street, Barre

The permanent tax identification number of the Property is: E110

The legal description of the property is:

The land together with building(s) situated thereon located in Barre, Worcester County, Mass. being bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the westerly line of Pleasant Street and the northern line of Glancy Road:

Thence N. 77° 11' 46" W. 163.79 feet by Glancy Road to a gun barrel;

Thence N. 73° 07' 22" W. 245.82 feet by said road to a drill hole at land now or formerly of Gallery;

Thence N. 20° 43' 17" E. 180.67 feet by said Gallery land to a gun barrel; Thence N. 17° 42' 52"

E. 138.37 feet continuing by said Gallery land to a gun Thence N. 75° 34' 16" E.

90.42 feet continuing by said Gallery land to a gun barrel; Thence S. 8° 45' 11" E.

219.56 feet by land now or formerly of Brewer to a stone bound; Thence N. 80° 58' 07" E.

117.27 feet by said Brewer

land to a gun barrel set at the westerly line of Pleasant Street:

Thence S. 10° 54' 21" E. 66.54 feet by said Street to a

line of Pleasant Street and the northerly line of Glancy Road, being the point of

EXCLUDING a certain parcel of land situated westerly of Pleasant Street in Barre, Worcester County, Massachusetts, more particularly described in a certain Quitclaim Deed dated August 5, 2015 and recorded in Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds in Book 54134, Page 53.

Being a portion of the premises conveyed to the Grantor herein by Massachusetts Foreclosure Deed by Corporation dated July 8, 2015 and recorded in Worcester Southern District Registry of Deeds in Book 54086, Page 267 being the parcel marked as "Remaining Land of Country Bank for Savings" containing 52,877

Being the same premises conveyed to David J. Twiss by Deed of Country Bank for Savings dated January 54975 Page 169."

Thence by said Street and a curve to the left with a radius of 1,374.75 feet, a distance of 166.66 feet to the intersection of the westerly

beginning. Being shown on a plan recorded with Worcester District Registry of Deeds Plan Book 427, Plan 64. EXCEPTING and

8, 2016 recorded in Book The premises will be sold

subject to any and all restric-

tions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record superior to the Mortgage, if any. Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said Mortgage, to tenancies or occupation

by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction which tenancies or occupation are subject to said Mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. It shall be the bidder's sole responsibility to ascertain all items described in this paragraph and no representations are made concerning

TERMS OF SALE: TEN THOUSAND AND 00/100 (\$10,000.00) DOLLARS will be required to be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The bal-

compliance with applicable

zoning, building, sanitary or

other state and/or municipal

regulations

ance of the purchase price on the sale shall be paid in cash, or by certified or bank cashier's check within thirty (30) days thereafter and the Deed transferred contemporaneously therewith. The successful bidder at the sale shall be required to sign a Memorandum of terms of sale containing the above terms at the Auction sale. The purchaser will be responsible for all closing costs, Massachusetts deed excise stamps and all recording fees.

The sale may be postponed or adjourned from time to time, if necessary, by the attorney for the mortgagee at the scheduled time and place of sale. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, will be announced at the sale. Country Bank for Savings.

Present Holder of said Mortgage

/s/Jonathan C. Sapirstein Jonathan C. Sapirstein SAPIRSTEIN & SAPIRSTEIN, P.C. 1500 Main Street, Suite 2504 P.O. Box 15408 Springfield, MA 01115-5408 (413) 827-7500 Its Attorneys

Date: May 1, 2024 05/16, 05/23, 05/30/2024

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Memorial Service ROBERT "BOB" HAYWARD SR.

(aka The Garlic Man)

Petersham **Congregational Church**

Saturday, June 1st 2:00 p.m.



Barre Gazette **OBITUARY POLICY**

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