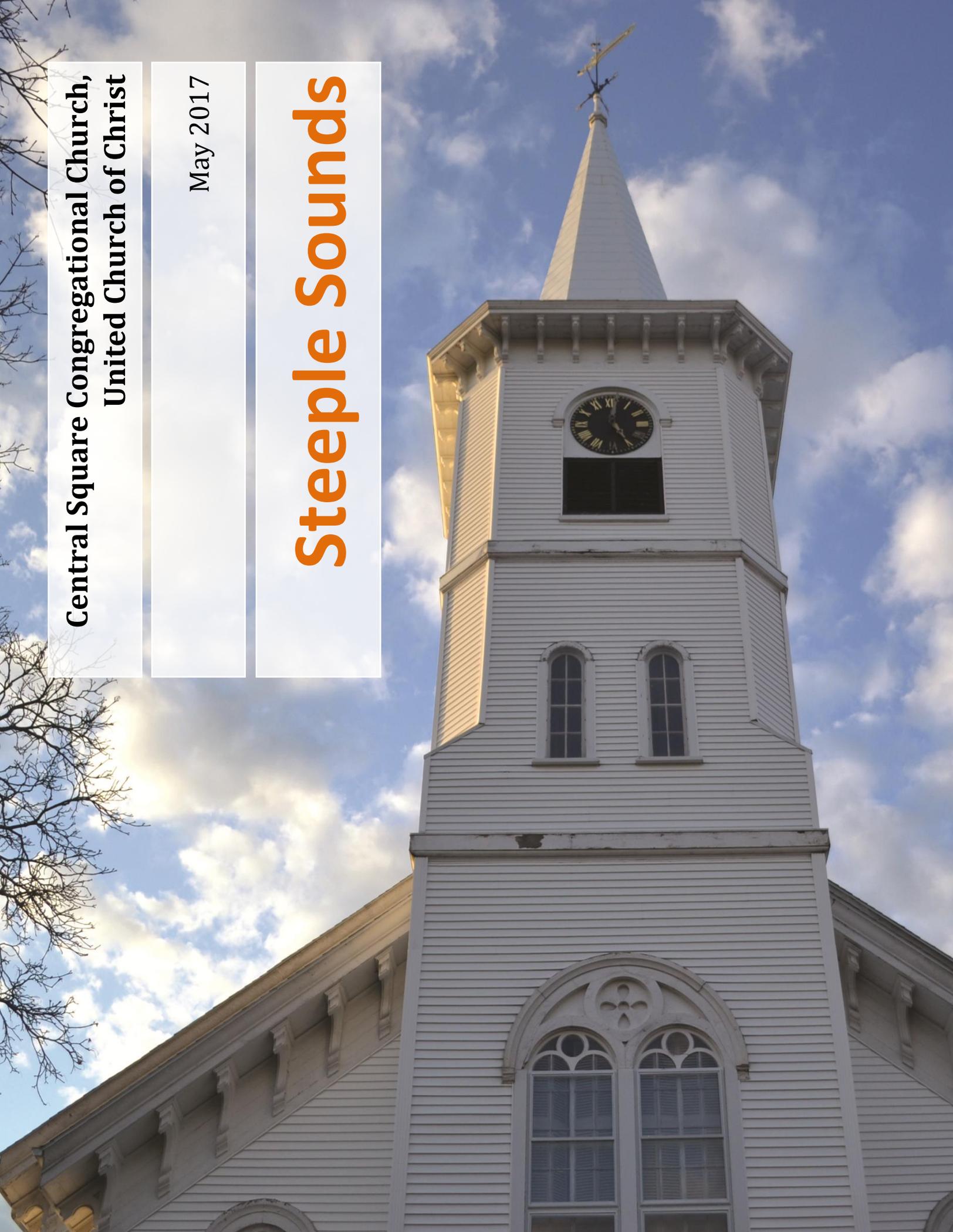


**Central Square Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

May 2017

Steeple Sounds



From The Desk of Rev. Beth



Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

-Mark 8:27-29

As many of you know, I got married back in October. And with that, I changed my name. Yesterday in the mail we received the court documents that my son's name change is now official as well. All of this has me thinking about names this week. What is the function of naming? How is it important and meaningful to the individual? How does naming change or impact those in a circle of community?

Jesus, in walking with the disciples, asks them;

"Who do you say that I am?"

"Who do **YOU** say that I am?"

Jesus doesn't tell them he's a carpenter or a rabbi or prophet, much less the Messiah. Instead, he seeks answers from his followers. Is Jesus trying to figure out who his followers are, based on their answers? Do his followers want to name who they're following but they're scared they're wrong? Why would Jesus have them name him? What's the point in that? What's in a name?

Calling Jesus the Messiah is a heavy thing.

Names are important. Using the correct name is a validation of identity. That's probably why name-calling hurts so much. It's like you're not being seen. And we all want to be seen. Even Jesus.

And so...who do you say that Jesus is?

Peace and love to you this Eastertide,

Rev. Beth

From the Board of Trustees

Did you ever wonder what songs have been playing on our church bells? Now you can hum along with them!

Church Bells Schedule

Daily Time Bells on the hour time 9am to 6pm

Songs 50 TO 60 SECONDS

SUNDAY	9:30	AMAZING GRACE
	35	I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
	40	SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER
	45	THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG
	50	ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS
	11:15	ANGLES WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH
11:30	BLESSED BE THE TIE THAT BINDS	
14:30	JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE	
MONDAY	10:30	JESUS PAID IT ALL
	14:30	HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
TUESDAY	10:30	FAIREST LORD JESUS
	14:30	AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND
WEDNESDAY	10:30	HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION
	14:30	FAIREST LORD JESUS
THURSDAY	10:30	WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS
	14:30	HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION
FRIDAY	10:30	JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA
	14:30	ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS
SATURDAY	10:30	I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
	14:30	THIS IS MY STORY, THIS IS MY SONG

Gordon Brailsford, for the Board of Trustees

Women's Guild & Fellowship

Come Join Us!



Women's Guild and Fellowship will be celebrating another busy year, at our **Annual Banquet!**

Join us at the **Monponsett Inn on May 3rd**
6:00 PM for cocktails, 6:30 PM for dinner

Any questions please contact Sandra Alley, Phoebe Hogg, or Bev Mitchell

News From Growth

Check out our banner! CSCC sponsored the Bridgewater Baseball program this season.

Coffee Hour for May is Trustees.

Church Growth is a contact sport - you can't do it from the safety of the Fireplace Room. Invite someone to church, sign up to be a greeter for next Sunday, or check off a box on the time and talent sheet.

Be part of our team!



Wednesday, May 17th: Cabinet Meeting, 7pm

Sunday, May 21st: Congregational Meeting after service (Annual Elections)

Sunday, June 11th: Congregational Meeting after service (Annual Budget Meeting!)

Wednesday, June 21st: Cabinet Meeting, 7pm (Annual Planning Meeting)

Friday, July 28th: Golf Tournament!

From the Board of Outreach



Love. Grow. Serve.

This past week Ed Woronicz passed away. He used to run the Western Auto Store in the center of town and after that, it was Ed's hardware from the same location. It is now a flower shop – Bridgewater Florist. Ed was always there to help and would go out of his way for people. Thank you Ed.

Most everyone has, at some time or another, heard someone described as a person who would give you the shirt off their back. This was Ed! On the other hand, there are those described as not even willing to give you the time of day. But this outreach and those people don't exist.

Another saying that comes to mind is "If you want something done – ask a busy person." Every week I experience so many things being done by so many people at CSCC. People willing to help no matter what the task. The kindness is endless and very contagious!

I know firsthand while I was recovering from knee surgery that this is the case. It became even more clear to me with all the cards, visits, food and phone calls that I received from so many people. Thank you!

God is still speaking,

David Hanson
CSCC Outreach Committee

From Christian Education



The House on the Rock

The children will begin learning from the Spark curriculum The House on the Rock based on the parable from Matthew 7:24-28. They will spend 3 weeks on it beginning April 30th and finish on Sunday May 14th. They will be exposed to the theme through cooking, art, science, music, Bible skills and games. The weekly focus will cover such ideas as “When Jesus speaks, I listen”, “we can build our lives on God’s love”, and “when times are tough God’s love is a solid foundation”. The children enjoy exploring the Bible through these various mediums. It presents a whole different perspective for the children while making the lessons interesting and challenging. You may find your children’s classes in different locations such as the kitchen for cooking or the Fellowship Hall for Bible skills and games. We will keep you informed as to where you may meet your child following worship. If anyone would like to teach one of the themes at a particular age level please see Terry Reynolds or email her at terryr0647@hotmail.com. It is a one Sunday opportunity to teach the children whether working with pre-K & K, grades 1, 2 & 3, grades 4 & 5 or grades 6, 7 & 8. It is your choice.

May Sunday School Calendar

April 30	Sunday School – The House on the Rocks
May 7	Sunday School – The House on the Rocks
May 14	Sunday School – The House on the Rocks
May 21	Sunday School – Plan for Children’s Sunday
May 28	Multigenerational Sunday (no Sunday school - Memorial Day Weekend)
June 4	Sunday School – Practice for Children’s Sunday
June 11	Children’s Sunday

Upcoming CE Events & Information

May 6th is our trip to **Heifer Farm** - we still have room if you would like to attend! Our tour is at 10 AM, it is 2.5 hours long and we will be exploring the animal connections to the villages. We will be presenting the church's donation to Heifer while we are there.

We are pleased to announce that Krissy Cannizzo will be taking over as **Sunday School Superintendent** on a job share basis! Krissy has grown up in the church and has 10 years of Sunday School experience. **We are looking for someone to assist Krissy in this role so that she can continue to teach Sunday School.** Superintendent duties would include helping with registration, coordinating teacher schedules and maintaining records. The CE committee is very flexible in working with anyone who is interested.

We are also in **search of teachers for next fall** also on a job sharing basis. We are looking for teachers for all grade levels. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Lisa Masiello at ismasiello@gmail.com or (508)245-4086 to be added to the list. The curriculum is pre-done and we invite you during the next few coffee hours to look at the materials that are provided to make teaching easier for you!

The Men's Retreat to Camp Burgess is CANCELLED. We will be hosting a Family Retreat this coming Fall. Stay tuned!

Classifieds



Sally Burke is interested in caring for people in the home on an “as needed” basis. She is retired from a nursing career of 35 years as a RV in a hospital setting and have other varied experiences. She’s been a Bridgewater resident for 48 years. Fee is negotiable. If interested, please call her at 508-697-2832 first, or 508-932-6317.

Our local coffee supplier, Mike Shea’s Coffee, is currently seeking someone to work in their roastery from 9 AM to 1 PM, 2 or 3 days a week. They are also seeking someone to do local deliveries 830 AM to 1230 PM, a couple of days for now. If interested, contact John Shea at 774-929-5234 or email him at john@mikesheas.com!

***Do you have a service or a job opportunity that you’d like to offer to the congregation?
Submit your classified ad by emailing office@cscucc.com!***

SUNDAY, MAY 21
CSCC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
IN THE SANCTUARY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE
(approximately 11:15am)

One item of business will be conducted on this day, and it is not expected to be a long meeting.

THE SLATE OF 2017-18 NOMINEES FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND OFFICERS WILL BE VOTED ON.

The nominating committee has done wonderful work this season and has the Cabinet's approval to put forth the following slate of nominees:

Diane Sheibley, Moderator (re-election)
Mark Sorgman, Vice Moderator (re-election)
John Sharland, Delegate (re-election)
Deb Sorgman, Delegate (re-election)

David Berard, Jr. Deacon (re-election)

Ed Buckland, Board of Trustees
Gordon Brailsford, Board of Trustees (re-election)
Tom Struzik, Board of Trustees (re-election)

Bill O'Neil, Board of Outreach (re-election)
Connie Chandler, Board of Outreach
Jasvir MacIntosh, Board of Outreach
Andrea Joseph, Board of Outreach

Jim Basler, Board of Stewardship (re-election)

Tracy Doherty, Growth Committee
Gail Wershing, Growth Committee

Terry Reynolds, History & Memorials Committee
Barbara Morey, History & Memorials Committee

Diane Sheibley, Church Moderator, would like to thank to this year's Nominating Committee for their efficient work: Deb Sorgman (chair), Barbara Morey, Brad Barnsley, Terry Reynolds, Bill O'Neil, and Nancy Winter.

No other business matters will be voted on, unless presented in writing to the Moderator prior to the meeting. That business will be added to the agenda **ONLY** after an affirmative vote by 2/3 of the attending-voting members.

CSCC Golf Tournament!



Date of event: Friday, July 28

***Time: 8:00am
(registration opens at 7:00am)***

***Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine St., Bridgewater***

Scramble Shot Gun Start

*\$110 Includes golf, cart, buffet lunch banquet
with door prizes • Raffles*

Prizes for closest to the pin & longest drives

Teams of four players

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 508-697-6016

Or email office@cscceucc.com

***A portion of the proceeds will be donated to
the Bridgewater Food Pantry.***

The fundraiser is for the general fund at Central Square Congregational Church, which pays all the building expenses for the church buildings. We're proud that our building is home to many Bridgewater community group meetings (AA, NA, girl scouts, boy scouts, BSU Community Choir, Mommy & toddler playgroups) as well as the Bridgewater Food Pantry. The general fund pays for the electricity, heat, janitorial, maintenance, repairs, and other expenses that allow us to offer the building for those uses.



Central Square Congregational Church
2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 28
Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine St., Bridgewater
8:00am (registration opens at 7:00am)
Scramble Shot Gun Start

A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Bridgewater Food Pantry.
Additional proceeds to fund support costs for Bridgewater area outreach efforts of
Central Square Congregational Church.

\$110 per person registration fee includes:
Greens fees, golf cart, buffet lunch, range balls
Contests: M/F Longest Drive, M/F Closest to the Pin, 50/50 on the Green
Lunch-only tickets are available for \$35 each.

Registration Form

Registration deadline: July 15, 2017

Make checks payable to: CSCC

Mail to CSCC, 71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324
508-697-6016 ▪ office@cscucc.com

Registrations accepted for individual players or foursomes.

Player name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

Central Square Congregational Church
2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT
HOLE SPONSORSHIP

Friday, July 28
Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine St., Bridgewater



A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Bridgewater Food Pantry.
Additional proceeds to fund support costs for Bridgewater area outreach efforts of
Central Square Congregational Church.

\$100 per hole



Registration deadline: July 1, 2017
Make checks payable to: CSCC
Mail to CSCC, 71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324
508-697-6016 ▪ office@cscucc.com

**YES! We would like to support the Central Square Congregational Church
2017 Golf Tournament as a Hole Sponsor.**

Sponsor Name: _____
as it should appear on course signage – please print clearly

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Central Square Congregational Church
2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT
RAFFLE PRIZE DONATION

Friday, July 28
Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine St., Bridgewater



A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Bridgewater Food Pantry.
Additional proceeds to fund support costs for Bridgewater area outreach efforts of
Central Square Congregational Church.



**Please consider making a donation of a raffle prize
or gift basket to our event!**

Contact us at
508-697-6016 ▪ office@cscucc.com

to arrange pick up, or drop it off at the church office M-F, 9am-1pm no later than
Wednesday July 26

**YES! We would like to support the Central Square Congregational Church
2017 Golf Tournament as a Raffle Prize Donor.**

Sponsor Name: _____
as it should appear on our thank you list – please print clearly

Item: _____ Value: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Daily Lectionary Scripture References May 2017 (Year A)

Mon., May. 1
Psalm 134
Genesis 18:1-14
1 Peter 1:23-25

Tues., May. 2
Psalm 134
Proverbs 8:32-9:6
1 Peter 2:1-3

Wed., May. 3
Psalm 134
Exodus 24:1-11
John 21:1-14

Thurs., May. 4
Psalm 23
Exodus 2:15b-25
1 Peter 2:9-12

Fri., May. 5
Psalm 23
Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20
1 Peter 2:13-17

Sat., May. 6
Psalm 23
Ezekiel 34:1-16
Luke 15:1-7

Sun., May. 7
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

Mon., May. 8
Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:17-23
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tues., May. 9
Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:23-31
Hebrews 13:20-21

Wed., May. 10
Psalm 100
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Matthew 20:17-28

Thurs., May. 11
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 6:8-15

Fri., May. 12
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Exodus 3:1-12
Acts 7:1-16

Sat., May. 13
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Jeremiah 26:20-24
John 8:48-59

Sun., May. 14
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Mon., May. 15
Psalm 102:1-17
Exodus 13:17-22
Acts 7:17-40

Tues., May. 16
Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:5-12
Acts 7:44-56

Wed., May. 17
Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:13-18
John 8:31-38

Thurs., May. 18
Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 6:5-22
Acts 27:1-12

Fri., May. 19
Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 7:1-24
Acts 27:13-38

Sat., May. 20
Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 8:13-19
John 14:27-29

Sun., May. 21
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Mon., May. 22
Psalm 93
Genesis 9:8-17
Acts 27:39-44

Tues., May. 23
Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 5:22-33
1 Peter 3:8-12

Wed., May. 24
Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 31:1-13
John 16:16-24

Thurs., May. 25
Ascension of the Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Fri., May. 26
Psalm 93
2 Kings 2:1-12
Ephesians 2:1-7

Sat., May. 27
Psalm 93
2 Kings 2:13-15
John 8:21-30

Sun., May. 28
Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Mon., May. 29
Psalm 99
Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24
1 Peter 4:1-6

Tues., May. 30
Psalm 99
Numbers 16:41-50
1 Peter 4:7-11

Wed., May. 31
Psalm 99
1 Kings 8:54-65
John 3:31-36



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May Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10 Worship 11:30 Mission Youth Mtg - F 7:30p AA-FH	May 1 6p Food Pantry - LL 7p NA-FH	2 8:30 Play Groups - MR 7:30p Stewardship - MR	3 6p Girl Scouts - LL 6:30p WG&F - Offsite 7p CE - FR 7:30p BSU Choir - ST	4 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	5	6 CE Heifer Trip (Rutland)
7 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Communion 10 Worship 2p BSU Concert - ST 7:30p AA-FH	8 6p Girl Scouts - MR 7p NA-FH	9 8:30 Play Groups - MR 10 Staff Mtg - FR 4p Brownies - LL 7p Outreach - MR	10 6p Girl Scouts - LL 7p Trustees Budget Mtg - F	11 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Deacons - FR 7p Al-Anon - FH	12 6p Webelos - MR	13
14 Mother's Day 10 Worship 11:30 Growth - FR 7:30p AA-FH	15 7p NA-FH 7p Trustees Budget Mtg - F	16 8:30 Play Groups - MR	17 6p Girl Scouts - LL 7p Cabinet-MR	18 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH 7p Teachers Mtg - FR	19	20
21 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Worship 11:30 Election Mtg - FH 7:30p AA-FH	22 6p Girl Scouts - MR 7p NA-FH	23 8:30 Play Groups - MR 4p Brownies - LL	24 5p Webelos - MR 6p Girl Scouts - LL	25 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	26 6:30p Pack 35 - FH	27
28 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	29 Office Closed Memorial Day 7p NA-FH	30 8:30 Play Groups - MR	31 7p Trustees-FR	Jun 1 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	2	3

*This calendar is subject to change at any time. For the most up to date calendar at all times, please visit cscucc.org.

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