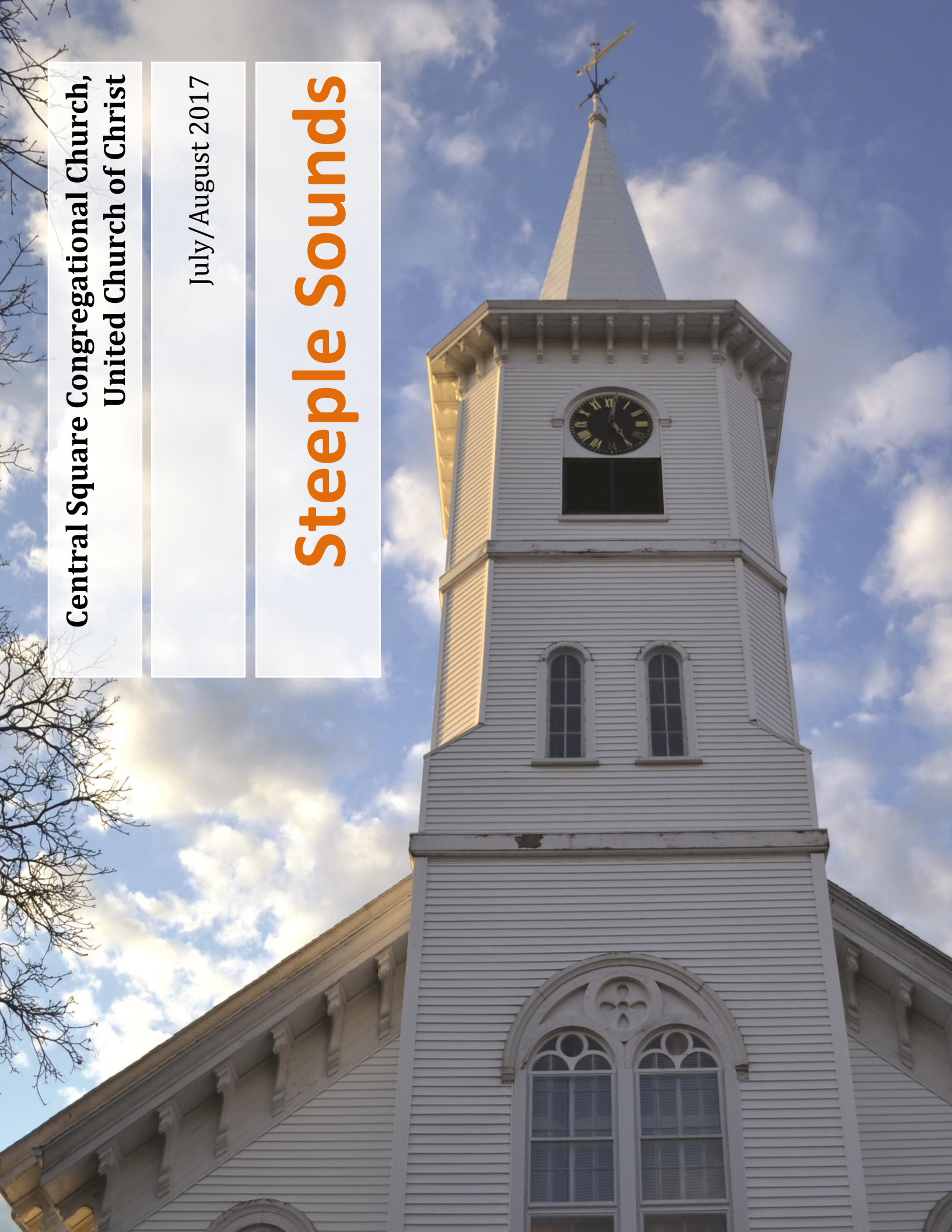


**Central Square Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ**

July/August 2017

# Steeple Sounds



## *From The Desk of Rev. Beth*



Dear Friends,

Summer has always been a season of wonder and discovery and adventure for me. I love the warm weather, the sunshine, the long days. There is so much to look forward to: whether it's a family vacation, a road trip, concert, a day on the beach, cookout with friends on a long summer night, or a sunny Sunday morning of Summer Worship!

I remember taking my son to the beach for the first time after we moved here back in 2012. He was fascinated by everything! Everything is so fresh and new! He reminded me to take time for awe. He was content to

watch the waves coming in, covering the rocks, and occasionally coming up to splash me with cold saltwater. Five years later, he is still just as fascinated by the ocean, and it is just as fascinating for me to watch him. His attention and awe remind me to slow down and be present to the ebb and flow of life.

His delight reminds me of the words of the poet William Blake in "Auguries of Innocence":

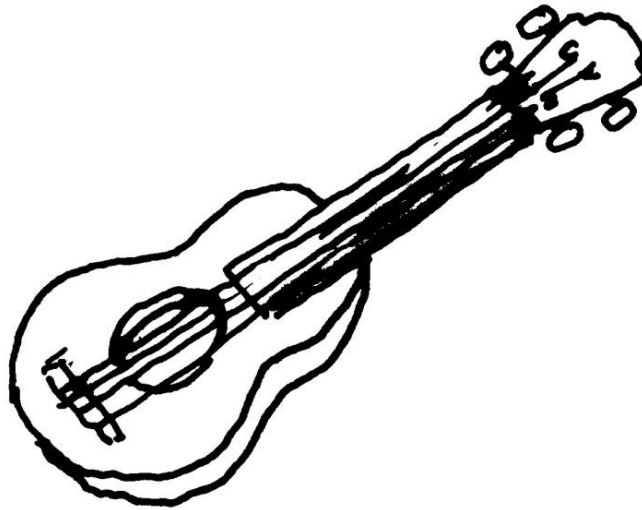
"To see a World in a Grain of Sand  
And a Heaven in a Wild Flower  
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand  
And Eternity in an hour"

Sharon Salzberg writes that, "Genuine awe connects us with the world in a new way." I think this is also true of God. Awe connects us with God in new ways as we revive our appreciation of God's creating ruach – breath-, God's amazing people, God's presence in our experiences, in "lo cotidiano" the daily ordinary objects and encounters that make up our days.

Summer is a wonderful season to reconnect with our sense of awe. Salzberg writes that, "It is never too late to turn on the light. [...] a shift in perspective doesn't depend on how long you've held on to the old view. When you flip the switch in that attic, it doesn't matter whether it's been dark for ten minutes, ten years or ten decades. The light still illuminates the room and banishes the murkiness, letting you see the things you couldn't see before. It's never too late to take a moment to look."

That is my invitation to you as we move into the season of summer: let the light in! Take a moment to look! Make time to reconnect with awe in the ways that are most meaningful to you: the evening song of crickets, an ice cold drink on a warm day, a day on the beach with a good book, wherever God is leading you into awe, take time to savor the moment!

In Christ,  
Rev. Beth



## **Ukulele Hymn Summer Camp**

**Monday, July 31st – Thursday, August 3rd**

**6:30pm – 8:00pm!**

The cost is \$20 per camper to cover the cost of supplies. (Camper will need to bring their own ukulele.).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

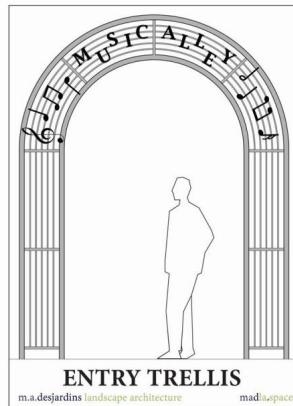
Skill Level (Please Circle):      Beginner      Intermediate      Advanced

**Please fill out this form and return it (with your payment of \$20) to the church office (Monday through Thursday between 9 AM and 1 PM) no later than July 26th at Central Square Church, 71 Central Square to register. Call the church office at 508-697-6016 with questions.**

This camp is open to all ages and abilities.



Rev. Beth will be away on vacation July 18- July 30. Rev. Kathryn Henderson, a trusted colleague of Rev. Beth's, will be doing pastoral coverage while she is away. Rev. Kathryn works with spiritual and bereavement support at Community VNA Hospice Care in Attleboro. She loves studying and discussing biblical theology and spiritual practices, and helping people find a meditation/prayer practice that is a good fit. Kathryn is delighted to be worshipping with Central Square Congregational Church, UCC.



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**Join us for a special Worship service in Music Alley on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM!**

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### *From the Board of Trustees*

Great news!

We have a signed Sales agreement for the Parsonage, closing later this summer! Realtor Beth Basler has done a great job in taking care of all the requirements for the sale, which should make the sale closing go well.

A special thank you to the Women's Guild and Fellowship for their help in cleaning the Parsonage to get it ready for sale.

## News from Growth

### **Growth Needs you!**



Please consider helping our church be welcoming this Summer. We are looking for Greeters and Fellowship Hosts. Due to weather we don't serve our "traditional" fare after Service. Hosting Fellowship is simply mixing a pitcher or two of Ice tea and lemonade. Mix is provided and is with the coffee hour supplies. Paper cups and ice are suggested but not required to host. We continue to have visitor and a cold drink after worship is appreciated by all.

Greeters and Hosts are needed for the following dates : 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20

If you can help with these dates or others please let Growth or the office know. Thank you!

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.  
-Aesop



Looking ahead

AutumnFest is September 30th

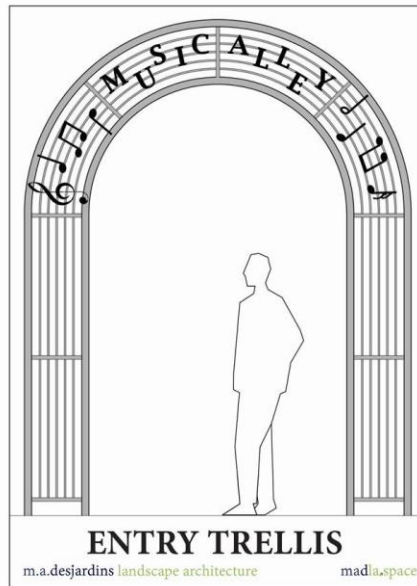
This is a great day to reach out to our community.

Please consider joining our team.

1-2 hour slots - hand out flyers and Candy

Contact Growth sign ups will begin soon

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**Join us every Thursday night in Music Alley for family friendly nights of good music, good food, and fellowship from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM!**

**The lineup:**

**July 6<sup>th</sup>: Kristen Long**

**July 13<sup>th</sup>: Step Back Band**  
*(Featuring our own Ed Buckland!)*

**July 20<sup>th</sup>: Butch McCarthy & The Gentlemen of Leisure**

**July 27<sup>th</sup>: Four in a Row**

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Just Two Trio & In Spirit**

**August 10<sup>th</sup>: Professor Harp**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>: The Basement Savers & Radio Silence**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>: Male Bonding Band**

**August 31<sup>st</sup>: Andy & Judy & Roxanne Pepe**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>: Whiskey In The Jar**

**Meet us in the alley!**

*(50 Central Square, Located next to Town Hall)*

## 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 RN 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.

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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](mailto:john@mikesheas.com)!

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### **Safety Assurance for Independent Living**

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Security, Independence, and Peace of Mind with just a FREE phone call!

Call 800-622-4300 for more information and/or to sign up!

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***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](mailto:office@cscucc.com)!***





**A Stillspeaking Journey Through the Holy Land  
A Two Week Trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan  
Led by Rev. Carol Hallman, United Church of Christ**

December 29 to January 11, 2018

\$3,992 per person

Deadline to register July 14, 2017

On this adventure we will not only have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and many other ancestors of faith but also see how God is still speaking in the Holy Land today. We will meet with Rev. Naim Ateek with Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in East Jerusalem, politicians from various points on the political spectrum, and meet others who are actively involved in peacemaking. On our journey we will be shepherded by two guides, one Israeli and the other Palestinian, which will make this a unique opportunity for a continuing and deeper experience of our still speaking God.

For more information, or to register for the trip,  
visit <https://www.mejditours.com/open-tour/a-stillspeaking-journey-through-the-holy-land/>.



# 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*

*\$115 (\$100, 18 and under)*

*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@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.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.

**\$115 per person registration (\$100, 18 and under) 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](mailto:office@cscucc.com)

*Registrations accepted for individual players or foursomes.*

Player name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ under 18?

Player name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto: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 July 2017 (Year A)

### **Sat., July 1**

Psalm 13  
Genesis 26:23-25  
Luke 17:1-4

### **Sun., July 2**

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

### **Mon., July 3**

Psalm 47  
Genesis 22:15-18  
1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

### **Tues., July 4**

Psalm 47  
1 Kings 18:36-39  
1 John 4:1-6

### **Wed., July 5**

Psalm 47  
Isaiah 51:1-3  
Matthew 11:20-24

### **Thurs., July 6**

Psalm 45:10-17  
Genesis 25:19-27  
Romans 7:1-6

### **Fri., July 7**

Psalm 45:10-17  
Genesis 27:1-17  
Romans 7:7-20

### **Sat., July 8**

Psalm 45:10-17  
Genesis 27:18-29  
Luke 10:21-24

### **Sun., July 9**

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### **Mon., July 10**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Genesis 27:30-46  
Romans 1:18-25

### **Tues., July 11**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Genesis 29:1-14  
Romans 3:1-8

### **Wed., July 12**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Genesis 29:31-35  
John 13:1-17

### **Thurs., July 13**

Psalm 119:105-112  
Exodus 3:1-6  
Romans 2:12-16

### **Fri., July 14**

Psalm 119:105-112  
Deuteronomy 32:1-10  
Romans 15:14-21

### **Sat., July 15**

Psalm 119:105-112  
Isaiah 2:1-4  
John 12:44-50

### **Sun., July 16**

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### **Mon., July 17**

Psalm 142  
Micah 1:1-5  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

### **Tues., July 18**

Psalm 142  
Jeremiah 49:7-11  
Ephesians 4:17-5:2

### **Wed., July 19**

Psalm 142  
Obadiah 15-21  
Matthew 13:10-17

### **Thurs., July 20**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Isaiah 44:1-5  
Hebrews 2:1-9

### **Fri., July 21**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Ezekiel 39:21-29  
Hebrews 6:13-20

### **Sat., July 22**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Exodus 14:9-25  
Matthew 7:15-20

### **Sun., July 23**

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### **Mon., July 24**

Psalm 139:13-18  
Genesis 32:3-21  
Revelation 14:12-20

### **Tues., July 25**

Psalm 139:13-18  
Genesis 33:1-17  
Galatians 4:21-5:1

### **Wed., July 26**

Psalm 139:13-18  
Genesis 35:16-29  
Matthew 12:15-21

### **Thurs., July 27**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Genesis 29:1-8  
1 Corinthians 4:14-20

### **Fri., July 28**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Genesis 29:9-14  
Acts 7:44-53

### **Sat., July 29**

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Genesis 29:31-30:24  
Matthew 12:38-42

### **Sun., July 30**

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### **Mon., July 31**

Psalm 65:8-13  
Genesis 30:25-36  
James 3:13-18



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**Tues., Aug. 1**  
Psalm 65:8-13  
Genesis 30:37-43  
Ephesians 6:10-18

**Wed., Aug. 2**  
Psalm 65:8-13  
Genesis 46:2-47:12  
Mark 4:30-34

**Thurs., Aug. 3**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Isaiah 14:1-2  
Philippians 4:10-15

**Fri., Aug. 4**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Isaiah 41:8-10  
Romans 9:6-13

**Sat., Aug. 5**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Genesis 31:1-21  
Matthew 7:7-11

**Sun., Aug. 6**  
*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

**Mon., Aug. 7**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Genesis 31:22-42  
Romans 1:8-15

**Tues., Aug. 8**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Genesis 32:3-21  
Acts 2:37-47

**Wed., Aug. 9**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Matthew 15:32-39

**Thurs., Aug. 10**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Genesis 35:22b-29  
Acts 17:10-15

**Fri., Aug. 11**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Genesis 36:1-8  
Acts 18:24-28

**Sat., Aug. 12**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Genesis 37:5-11  
Matthew 16:1-4

**Sun., Aug. 13**  
*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

**Mon., Aug. 14**  
Psalm 28  
Genesis 37:29-36  
2 Peter 2:4-10

**Tues., Aug. 15**  
Psalm 28  
Genesis 39:1-23  
Romans 9:14-29

**Wed., Aug. 16**  
Psalm 28  
Genesis 40:1-23  
Matthew 8:23-27

**Thurs., Aug. 17**  
Psalm 133  
Genesis 41:14-36  
Revelation 15:1-4

**Fri., Aug. 18**  
Psalm 133  
Genesis 41:37-57  
Acts 14:19-28

**Sat., Aug. 19**  
Psalm 133  
Genesis 42:1-28  
Matthew 14:34-36

**Sun., Aug. 20**  
*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

**Mon., Aug. 21**  
Psalm 130  
Genesis 43:1-34  
Acts 15:1-21

**Tues., Aug. 22**  
Psalm 130  
Genesis 44:1-34  
Romans 11:13-29

**Wed., Aug. 23**  
Psalm 130  
Genesis 45:16-28  
Matthew 8:1-13

**Thurs., Aug. 24**  
Psalm 124  
Genesis 49:1-33  
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

**Fri., Aug. 25**  
Psalm 124  
Genesis 49:29-50:14  
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

**Sat., Aug. 26**  
Psalm 124  
Genesis 50:15-26  
Matthew 16:5-12

**Sun., Aug. 27**  
*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

**Mon., Aug. 28**  
Psalm 8  
Exodus 1:1-7  
Romans 2:1-11

**Tues., Aug. 29**  
Psalm 8  
Exodus 2:11-15a  
Romans 11:33-36

**Wed., Aug. 30**  
Psalm 8  
Exodus 2:15b-22  
Matthew 26:6-13

**Thurs., Aug. 31**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Exodus 2:23-24  
Ephesians 5:1-6



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# July Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Youth Mission Trip	26	27	28	29	30	Jul 1
10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	7p NA-FH		7p Trustees-FR	10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH		
2 10 Communion 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	3 6p Food Pantry - LL 7p NA-FH	4 Independence Day	5	6 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	7	8
9 10 Worship 11:30 Growth - FR 7:30p AA-FH	10 7p NA-FH	11	12	13 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	14	15
16 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	17 7p NA-FH	18	19	20 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	21	22
23 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	24 7p NA-FH	25	26	27 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	28	29
30 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	31 6:30p Uke Camp - FR 7p NA-FH	Aug 1 6:30p Uke Camp - FR	2 6:30p Uke Camp - FR	3 10 Food Pantry - LL 6:30p Uke Camp - FR 7p Al-Anon - FH	4	5

\*This calendar is subject to change at any time. For the most up to date calendar at all times, please visit [cscucc.org](http://cscucc.org).

# August Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	31 6:30p Uke Camp - FR 7p NA-FH	Aug 1 6:30p Uke Camp - FR	2 6:30p Uke Camp - FR	3 10 Food Pantry - LL 10 Staff Mtg - FR 6:30p Uke Camp - FR 7p Al-Anon - FH	4	5
6 10 Communion 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	7 6p Food Pantry - LL 7p NA-FH	8 7:30p Outreach - FR	9	10 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	11	12
13 10 Worship @ Music Alley 7:30p AA-FH	14 7p NA-FH	15	16	17 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	18	19
20 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	21 7p NA-FH	22	23	24 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	25	26
27 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	28 7p NA-FH	29	30 7p Trustees - FR	31 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	Sep 1	2



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