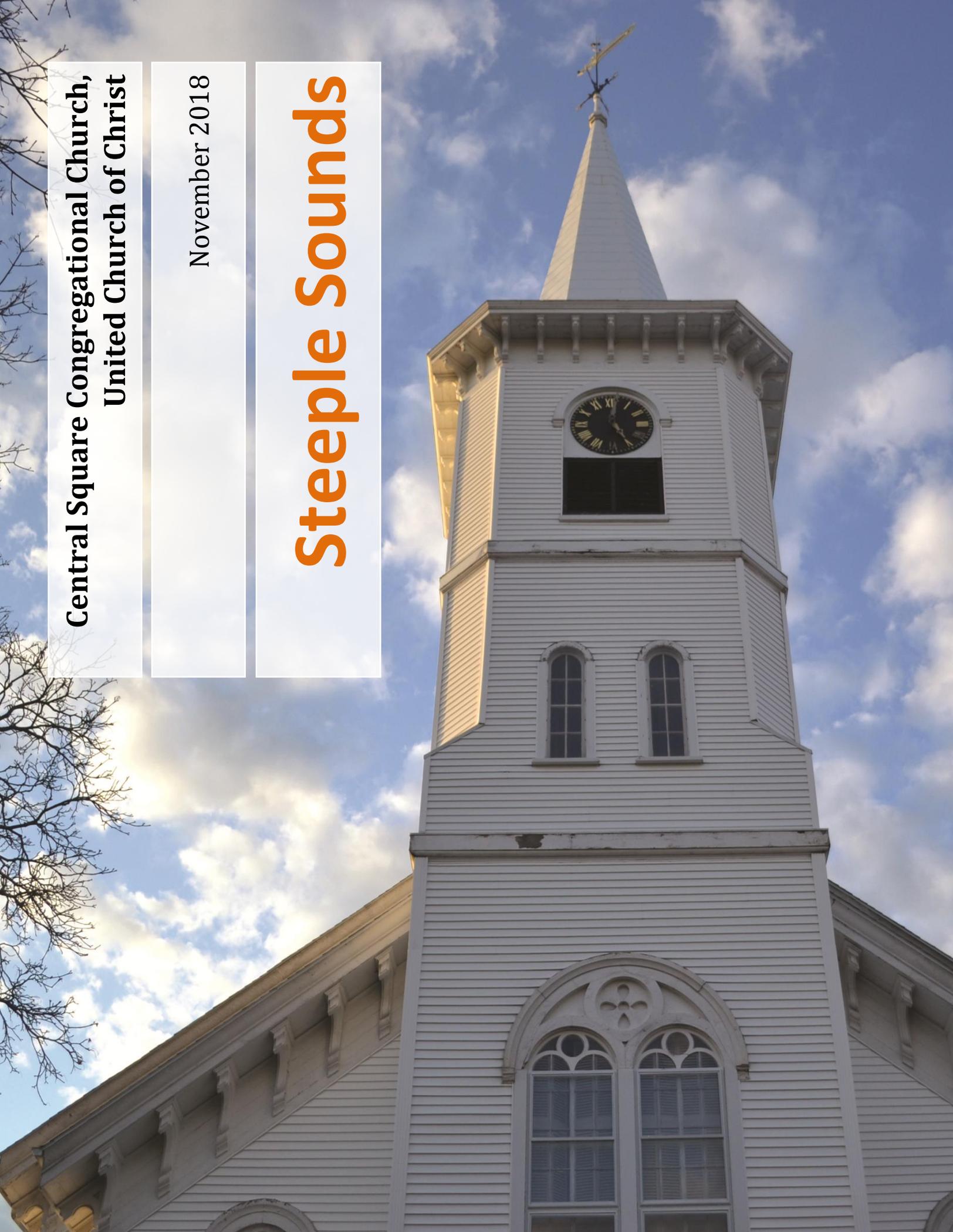


**Central Square Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

November 2018

Steeple Sounds



From The Desk of Rev. Beth



Thanksgiving is one of my very favorite holidays. I adore it for its simplicity. There are no gifts to be bought, no real decorating to be done, no parties to attend, no cards to get in the mail. Just one trip (if I'm lucky) to the grocery store and then a full day with nothing on the agenda but cooking and enjoying a meal with people I love.

Many of us grew up learning the about the "first Thanksgiving" that took place between Wampanoag people and English colonists in the early 1600s. But it turns out that wasn't the first Thanksgiving at all. The idea of a thanksgiving-oriented holy-day comes out of the English Protestant Reformation. And the practice of gathering around a table to celebrate the harvest goes back, I'm guessing, for as long as humans have been growing crops to harvest.

However it got started, the idea of pausing as the seasons change to give thanks is a wise practice. Too often, we forget how powerful it can be to give thanks. Gratitude turns us inward AND outward - pondering the gifts the Spirit has bestowed on each of us, while simultaneously noticing the goodness that surrounds us. Orienting ourselves in a posture of gratitude is helpful not only when things are going well but when life is hard. If we live our lives in such a way that the practice of gratitude becomes a habit, it is easier to find hope in the midst of challenging times.

This November, I'd like to invite you into four simple and easy practices of gratitude....one for each week of the month:

Week One: All Saints Practice - take time to remember a saint in your life. Lift up their memory to God. Consider sharing a memory of them with other people in your life.
(Note: we will observe All Saints Day in worship on Nov. 4. Bring a memento of your saint(s) to share in worship.)

Week Two: Election Gratitude - so often we complain when we think about our elected officials. During election week, consider turning that on its head. Take a moment and learn about something good an elected official has done. Consider writing them a note or calling them to tell them about your gratitude.

Week Three: Harvest Meditation - it's easy to rush through our meals, barely even noticing the food we are consuming. Sometime this week, enjoy a meal by yourself, in silence. With each bite, truly taste the food. Give thanks for the earth and all those who labored to bring the food to your table.

Week Four: Preparing for Advent - with November coming to a close, we turn to Advent. Before rushing into the consumer frenzy of December, take stock of what you have that brings you deep and abiding joy. Set some boundaries and intentions for the month of December that will enable you to seek those things of joy and simplicity, with an eye on the message of the season of Advent.

Thanks for going on this journey of gratitude with me. If you try any of these, I'd love to hear how they go!

In peace...and thanksgiving...
Rev. Beth

From the Board of Trustees

In the New Testament the word Church never refers to a building or meeting place, but always to people, the ones “called out” of the world’s society by God calling them into His service. The Church of the Bible is not some cold stone building, but a group of warm loving people specially chosen by God.

So why do our church Trustee’s expend so much effort to maintain and run our beautiful, historic building here on Central Square in Bridgewater? Well, these days our Sanctuary on Sunday could be your only respite from all your daily thoughts and cares for the short span of about an hour a week. During our Sunday church service you might well find it easier to concentrate on reflecting, praying for family, friends, coworkers and those in need, and really listening to the celebrations, worries and woes of others. Now, we can do all these things anytime we like, but in a world of text and instant messages, emails, community, sporting and work activities, it is so easy to forget or compartmentalize our part in communicating with God. And this same church building is so much more than just our worship space, it serves as meeting space to Al-Anon, Narcotics Anonymous, multiple Girl Scout troops, Bridgewater State University Choir, various ukulele groups, piano recitals, the Bridgewater Business Association Christmas on the Common and other community groups. Our church building is a reminder of God involved in the midst of our community. To keep and maintain a structure that is so essential to our church and community life here is an honor for the Trustees.

So, if you’re leaving a meeting after 8pm and you have a church key, please lock that back, Church Street door so the next person or group coming out doesn’t have to... and Thank You.

Ed Buckland

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

Raffle for

4 RED SOX 2019 TICKETS!

Loge box 137, Row MM, Seats 1,2,3,4

RAFFLE TICKETS: \$2 Each / Book of 6: \$10

*Game to be named after 2019 schedule is announced.
One Winner. Drawing 12-5-18. Need not be present to win.*

We are selling raffle tickets for a **2019 RED SOX TICKETS!** \$2 per ticket, or \$10 for 6. This is an important part of the fair/supper fundraiser. You are welcome to buy as many tickets as you’d like, but equally important is to **TELL YOUR FRIENDS**, mention it on FB, take tickets to your club, parent, and social meetings, and do whatever you can to help sell tickets. Drawing is 12/5/18. Tickets will be available at the fair on Nov 2-3, at the turkey supper Nov 10, and at Christmas on the Common on Dec. 2. They are also available from the church office and online at www.cscucc.org/events. If each CSCC member would sell just 2 or 3 books of tickets, **WOW** would we be doing great!

News from Growth

Growth Notes I November 2018

It's more than a Notebook!

Every Sunday we have an available mechanism to communicate our concerns, pass information to our church administrators, our Deacons, our Minister. We can request nametags, pastoral visits and special prayers. We can share our special news with our church family. We can invite a visitor to share their contact information with us by signing this item. Yes our Fellowship pad is more than a notebook, it is a source of welcoming!

Growth Notes II November 2018

CSCC Growth committee, Gail Wershing, Tracey Doherty, Pat Lindsey and I want to thank all of our October coffee hour volunteers. John Sharland, Rob Basler, Bill O'Neil and Brad Barnsley.

Just a reminder, we are looking for coffee hour support this year and have created a signup genius to that end purpose. If you find yourself inspired some Sunday, please do signup. If you are not computer savvy, please contact one of the Growth committee members-Gail, Pat, Tracey or I and we will hook you up. Here is the link. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A48AFA82AA1FA7-coffee>

We had a wonderful time representing our Church at Autumnfest this year. The weather was beautiful which brought many people to the event. They were exposed to the many opportunities our Church offers. We had raffled off "Celebrity Frog" donated by J & W Wicked Puppet Factory and won by Destiny Morgan of Charlestown, MA. In addition we handed out 180 invitation packets to interested people whom we hope will visit our church family in the near future.

Our sincerest thanks to those members and friends who contributed their time (and friendly faces) to this effort. Krissy Cannizzo and children, Heather Ciaramitaro and children, Brad Barnsley and Pat Lindsey's friend Maddie Pittore (student community service, Yippee). Special thanks also to Dave and Diane Sheibley for the use of their popup canopy and setting up.

We are participating in some capacity at Christmas on the Common. This promises to be a fun time for all. As part of the Bridgewater Business Association, we have offered limited vendor spaces in Fellowship hall. This will indeed create further exposure for Our Church.

This is just the start of what we hope to bring as a committee this year. Till next month.

Your Growth Committee,
Mike Bundock, Gail Wershing (Co-chairs)
Pat Lindsey, Tracey Doherty (valued members)

From Christian Outreach

The Bridgewater Food Pantry has been helping Bridgewater families make ends meet at Central Square Congregational Church since March of 2013. The charge of running the Food Pantry was given to the Christian Outreach Committee of CSCC. The pantry is located in the basement of the church, accessible from the Church Street door. There is a ramp and an elevator for easy access. The Food Pantry is open on every Thursday from 10 AM to 1 PM, and the first Monday night of every month from 6 to 8 PM.

When the church started the Food Pantry, Jack Melcher was the chair of the Christian Outreach Committee. He took the ball and ran with it, and the Food Pantry runs like a well-oiled machine! They help out close to 80 families from Bridgewater each month.

Jack is assisted by Bill O'Neil, who is currently a co-chair of the Christian Outreach Committee. Together they are a pair that beats a full house!

The pantry receives lots of donations of food and money right at the church. Donations can be dropped off during office hours on Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM (and whenever the Church Street door is open for meetings or Worship on Sundays). There is also a collection box in the Narthex. Donations come from food drives that local businesses, organizations and schools have.

Every month Jack and Bill go to the Greater Boston Food Bank or the New Bedford Food Bank to get tons of food, which is paid for with monetary donations to the Food Pantry. They also have a collection box at Roche Brothers in Bridgewater for people to drop off items. Two times per month, they also go to Aldi in Raynham for donations. Cumberland Farms in town also donates sandwiches and bread. Some of the cash donations are used to buy eggs and butter at either Roche Brothers or Market Basket.

So, who organizes the Food Pantry in the church? This is mostly done by Pay Conn, who has been with the Food Pantry since it opened. Pat helps people who come to the Food Pantry find what they need. She'll tell them what's available on that day. Watching Pat, Bill and Jack work and interact is amazing and entertaining. They get a lot done!

During the next few weeks, Jack, Bill and Pat, with some help from the rest of the Christian Outreach committee and other volunteers, will be putting together Thanksgiving meals of turkey and all the fixin's for about 80 families. The turkeys are donated to the Food Pantry.

We have much to be thankful for in our local area. Our thoughts, prayers, and donations go out to people on the Gulf Coast and Southeast Coast of our country, where the two hurricanes hit, as they put their lives back together.

God is still speaking.
For Christian Outreach,
David Hanson

Women's Guild & Fellowship

Come Join Us!



As co-presidents Beth and I had the opportunity to be fully involved in one of the biggest events and fundraisers of the year, the Fall Rummage Sale. In the past we have participated, but mostly on the fringe. This year the bi-yearly event provided an education for both of us and as a result we feel such pride in the group in which we are members, The Women's Guild & Fellowship. We watched the women of the guild gather at the church over a period of several days prior to the event to sort, organize, fold, label etc. an enormous amount of donations generously given by you, the parishioners of the church. The buzz and camaraderie were evident as the women went about their work. Order came from chaos.

When Friday night arrived we were concerned there would not be enough women to cover all the tables. Not to worry for there were more than enough hands to help. It was a busy and hectic week, but Saturday dawned with the women returning with the same enthusiasm that was demonstrated all week long. The bake sale, "Soups On" luncheon, and Bag Sale, all popular events of the Rummage sale moved forward with great success. The doors closed at one, but our work was not complete. All the remaining items were to be boxed up and distributed where needed such as the Salvation Army. We were amazed how quickly people set to packing up, moving things out for delivery and putting the Fellowship Hall back in order.

On Sunday morning we discovered wonderful moments had occurred during the Rummage sale. A group of Hattian women had come and purchased several items to be sent home to family and friends. We had the opportunity to speak to another woman who had been at the Rummage sale and was already involved helping at the breakfast. She told us our church was a good fit for her and that she was quite interested in helping with the Brockton Mission work. Another family that attended the Rummage Sale luncheon heard about the Mission Youth Program and wanted more information.

The Rummage Sale is a well, organized event that offers much more than items to be purchased. This is a group of women cheerfully working to be able to give to others monetarily, and at the same time touching each other spiritually through their work and friendship.

We could not have completed our work without the help of so many wonderful people. Some of the Mission Youth were able to help both Friday night and Saturday by assisting to sell items at some of the tables, waiting tables at the luncheon, carrying out purchases to waiting cars, and boxing up and cleaning the hall. We thank you for the time you were able to give us and a job well done. Student volunteers from the High School helped in many ways also. Rich Sullivan helped with the set-up, answering questions and making suggestions. People appeared at 1:00 on Saturday to help with clean-up and truck delivery to the Salvation Army. We appreciated all the help you gave to the event especially after such an exhausting but, rewarding week. A great big thanks to all!

November Program

On Wednesday, November 7th The Women's Guild and Fellowship will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30. Following a business meeting and refreshments we will learn about a program called "Dress a Girl Around the World" with Evelyn Delutis, Gloria Moran and Sue Ladd. All women are welcome to attend.

From the Co-presidents, Beth Basler & Terry Reynolds

News from Christian Education



I love autumn! It's my favorite time of year. For me, it's a season of change filled with many traditions which makes me think of our Sunday School program. There have been some recent changes over the last few months, but I'm reminded that our wonderful Christian Education program still remains. And so, I have a little story to share with you...

About six years ago, I volunteered to clean out the church's preschool and nursery classrooms, cleaning and organizing the toys and supplies. At the time, we had puzzles missing pieces, torn books, etc. that needed to be recycled or thrown away. As I was cleaning, I stumbled upon a lonely piece of play food (made in 1972) that instantly brought me back to playing at CSCC with my sister in the early 80's.

Instead of recycling it, I decided to keep the lonely piece. In fact, it's in my car and drives with me everywhere I go. It might sound silly to some but it's like a security blanket for me, knowing the traditions I grew up with at CSCC are now being passed through my boys. For me, the changes our CE program takes, merely affect the shape of our programming. The values and traditions of our amazing church continue to be passed on generation after generation. Happy Fall!

Krissy Cannizzo
Superintendent of Sunday School

Christian Education is looking for your opinion!

We have created a Survey Monkey- an easy 9 question survey for parents and youth for grades 5-12 to better understand how to develop a stronger youth program. Your input is vital to its success, Parents please fill out the survey and encourage your youth to as well. The Survey deadline is November 11th- so please do not delay. The survey link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DJ9SNZX>

We are looking for youth and adult input to shape this program. We will also be forming a committee of people(youth included) on helping develope this youth program and select leadership. If you are interested in joining this committee please reach out to Lisa Masiello

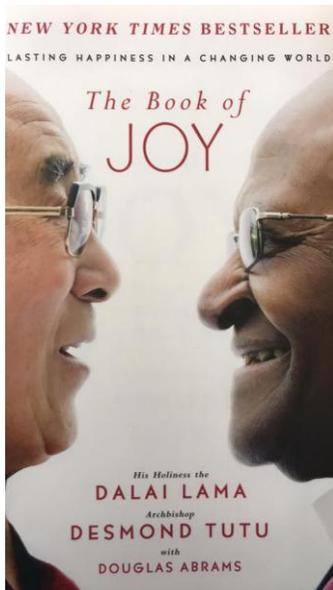
CE is still looking for a few volunteers for November 25th, December 16th. This is surrounding pageant prep. If interested please contact Lisa Masiello at 508-245-4086, or email smasiello@gmail.com

Mission Youth News – Leaf Raking Fundraising Event

The CSCC Mission Youth will be traveling to the Eastern Shore of Virginia on June 23, 2019 for a week of mission service and fellowship. In support of their trip, the youth in grades 8-12 along with their parents and trip leaders will be raking yards on November 17, 2018. Sign-ups will take place after the church service on October 28 and November 4. Reservation spaces are limited. The mission youth appreciate your support of this fundraising event. Hard working volunteers are welcome to join our raking crews on November 17. We'll meet at the church early that Saturday morning for raking team assignments. If you'd like to join us, contact Marlene Beaudrault Jacobs (508-378-8326 or embjacobs@comcast.net) prior to the event for specifics and plan to bring a rake, gloves, water/snacks - leaf blowers and riding mowers are helpful too. Thank you for your support!

Many hands make light work!

Marlene Beaudrault Jacobs
Board of Christian Education
Youth Mission Trip Coordinator



Get ready for our Advent Book Study!

The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World
December 15th at 10 AM in the Fireplace Room!

Book available via Amazon, or through your local library.

Shopping on Amazon?



CSCC is now on **AmazonSmile!** Use the same Amazon you know and love while helping to support the church! Spread the awesome news please, and be sure to bookmark this link!:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2254876>

Annual Church Fair!

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
(on the common) 71 Central Square • Bridgewater, MA
www.cscucc.org • 508-697-6016

Friday, Nov. 2

6:30pm – 8:30pm : PIE NIGHT!

Saturday, Nov. 3

9:00am – 2:00pm

NEW THIS YEAR : VENDOR TABLES

Scheduled to appear: Mary Kay, Touchstone
Crystal by Swarovski, 31, Color Street,
Tupperware, Life Expressions

Attic treasures rummage • Homemade Lunch
Walking Tacos & Meatball Subs!



Homemade candy and fudge
Bake table with our famous cookie walk
Holiday Crafts room
Silent auction gift baskets
Hanson Farm harvest table



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Annual Turkey Supper!

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

(on the common) 71 Central Square • Bridgewater, MA

www.cscucc.org • 508-697-6016

Saturday, Nov. 10



Reservations Required

Seatings at 4:30 & 6:30

Also available for Takeout

ADULTS \$12

SENIORS/STUDENTS \$10

Family max (*up to 2 adults
and the children who live with them*) \$35

**Call or email for your reservation
or takeout order:**

508-697-6016 • office@cscucc.com

50/50 raffle! Pick-a-prize raffle items!

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Celebration of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Nov. 20th @ 7:00 pm

**Bridgewater New Jerusalem
Church**

2 Bedford Street



*The Bridgewater Council of
churches welcomes everyone as we gather together and share
our blessings with one another.*

“Unity not Uniformity”

"One bread, one body." So often we speak of being "one," but what does that really mean? As a people of faith in such a polarizing time, are we being called to be a *uniform* people or are we called to be *united* as beloveds with God, with creation, and with one another? How does our faith lead us to be unified in love while still celebrating our differences and gifts?

Preacher ~ Rev. Alicia Velez-Stewart ~ United Methodist Church

- *Participation by many in the Bridgewater Community*
- *Time of Fellowship and food following the service*
- *Join the Community Choir ~ rehearsals are on Wednesdays, October 24 & November 14, 5 - 6PM at the New Jerusalem Church*
- *Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food to be shared with The Bridgewater Food Pantry*

*For more information call 508-443-1688 or email
pastor@bridgewaternewchurch.org*

Help wanted – Help *needed*

Dear CSCC Family...

As you know, our church is dedicated to service. Service to our community, service to those in need, service to each other, service to our elders, service to our youth. Service to all, from Jesus' example.

As you also know, the financial blessings of our church don't always keep pace with the opportunities that we have to offer service. This fiscal year, we as a congregation agreed to pass a budget that spends \$38,000 more than we had commitments and projections in revenues. Some of that was an investment in our youth program. But the rest is what it takes to run our church without extravagance, provide our music, modestly support our education programs, and keep up with our financial tradition in Christian outreach aid.

We all give as we are able, of our time, of our talent, and of our "treasure". And we all hold our church community dear. But still we fall short in the worldly reality – finances.

Fundraising is, therefore, a crucial factor in our longterm survival. One of the cool parts of that is we have a few traditional fundraisers that not only bring in money from outside the congregation, but are bonding experiences, and downright fun:

→ Our annual mission dinner, hosted by the youth of the church and a group of dedicated adults, transforms the fellowship hall into a themed restaurant experience and raffle item marketplace, and raises much of the money needed to send our youth out into the world to learn the value of service via a weeklong mission trip.

→ Our fair and turkey supper bring together bakers, cooks, crafters, organizers, and all-around hardworking "worker bees" to offer the greater Bridgewater community an open door, an evening of pie and coffee, homemade gifts and treats, and a full blown Thanksgiving-style home cooked meal.

→ Our Golf Tournament brings together 50-60 (or more!) golfers of all levels for a few hours of summer fun and a meal following. Did you know that most of our golfers are not members of the church? But they are willing to spend a few hours indulging in their passion to support the work that we do at CSCC.

And the list goes on.

I bring all this to your attention because Central Square Congregational Church is in need. We are in need of people like you. At a recent Cabinet meeting, there was great discussion of ways we can help to raise the needed funds, above our traditional fundraising events. Fun ideas – great ideas – practical ideas. But the challenge is – we need a coordinator. NOT a person to *do* all of these fundraisers, but someone to coordinate the teams that will, to check in and make sure the ball is rolling on projects, someone to direct energies of all the ideas into the best uses of our time and talent. A cheerleader, a sounding board, a bit of a recruiter. Someone to "champion" the fundraising efforts of CSCC – to lead a team effort.

In addition, of course, to a coordinator, we need the "worker bees". Folks who may not be able to take on a whole project, but can take on a piece of it. A few people to take on a few pieces, and all of a sudden you've got a team and you've got a result. The Fair is an amazing example – a few people head up the coordination of the event as a whole, but there are no fewer than 12 people that each head up their own special areas. And 15 other people each cook a turkey. And 8-10 other people make apple crisps and other desserts for the supper. And 8-10 BR students volunteer to set up tables, serve coffee, and prep and serve food. And the list of bakers, candy-makers, crafters, raffle donors, and so many more goes on and on. It's really a humbling experience.

Fundraising can also come in the form of grants, corporation and individual donations, and more. The possibilities are almost endless.

So I ask you to consider lending your time and talent to one of the following roles:

- * Fundraising Coordinator, or Co-Coordinator
- * Fundraising Project Team Captain, or Co-Captain (for individual fundraising projects)
- * Golf Tournament Coordinator, or Co-Coordinator
- * Golf Tournament Team member
- * A You-pick-your-role role

CSCC needs you. But only you know how best your talents can be put to use. Perhaps find a partner, and volunteer to take something on together. Or step forward and say, "I can do this." And you won't have to go it alone – there are folks to offer support and guidance.

I thank you for reading this to the end. I thank you for contemplating how you can make a difference. And I look forward to working with you.

I am open to all of your thoughts, input, and questions. And offers to help. Individually, we are awesome. And together, we can be amazing. 😊

Diane Sheibley

Moderator

dianesheibley@gmail.com, 508-207-2524 (call or text)

CSCC Cabinet Meeting -- Minutes

October 17, 2018

*** DRAFT***

To be reviewed and approved at the next cabinet meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Cabinet members in attendance: Reverend Beth Stotts, Pastor; Diane Sheibley, Moderator; Mark Sorgman, Vice Moderator; Dave Sheibley, Treasurer; Kathleen Mosher, Clerk; Anne Malmquist, Board of Deacons; John Sharland, Board of Trustees; Brad Barnsley, Board of Stewardship; Bill O'Neil, Board of Christian Outreach; Lisa Masiello, Board of Christian Education; Gail Wershing, Growth Committee; Ellen Crawford, Music Committee; Beth Basler, Women's Guild and Fellowship

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Anne Malmquist motioned that they be accepted. Gail Wershing seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report - Rev. Beth Stotts

The transition continues with Sunday School students and the Junior Youth group. Work is being done to maximize the database and keep the membership list updated. Rev. Beth, Pastor Alicia Velez Stewart, Pamela Hayes-Bahanan, Sue McCombe and Marilee Hunt sent a letter to the Bridgewater Improvement Association to ask to use the Flora T. Little Park as a community altar space. A 5k is being planned for (tentatively) December 2nd for a church fundraiser, pending approval by the police department. It will be the same day as breakfast Sunday and Christmas on the Common.

Treasurer's Report - David Sheibley

We are 27% through the budget year and are 28% of budget pledges and funds. We have a budget deficit of \$4656. Money from investments was transferred to cover this. We are staying afloat.

Board of Deacons' Report - Anne Malmquist

The last meeting involved cleaning up loose ends, the nuts and bolts of the service including the ushers and acolytes. The visitation ministry meeting is this Sunday. Super Saturday is this Saturday. Many of the Deacons will be going.

Board of Trustees' Report - John Sharland

Chimney Chap came and looked at the chimneys. Both chimneys need to be rebuilt and relined. It will cost \$30,000. The dishwasher is acting up again. A call will be made to get it fixed. Lisa Masiello's Dad tinkers with things like this, and he will come and check it out as well. The original hutch in the fireplace room will be coming up here, and out of the Fellowship Hall where it got moved to not long ago. The memorial book will have a desk now. They are working on coffee hour signups for their Board members.

Board of Stewardship Report - Brad Barnsley

A new approach is being looked at for Stewardship Sunday. The next meeting will be on the 24th. Stewardship is still a committee of two. If anyone has time or talent requests let Brad know.

Board of Christian Education Report - Lisa Masiello

The blessing of the pumpkins will be on Sunday the 28th, with a pumpkin carving/decorating event following service. Advent Workshop will be on December 1st. The new Sunday School signups are underway. The Comptons have signed up to do a Sunday School lesson as a family. The new welcome letter and an e-mail blast will be going out soon. The mission trip planning is underway: 20 slots have been reserved and 9 youth have committed to go already. They are going to the eastern shore of Virginia. The leaf raking fundraiser by the youth will be on Saturday, November 17th and sign up will start this Sunday.

Board of Christian Outreach Report – Bill O'Neil

The Brockton homeless ministry continues. Mainspring meal is next week (10/23). Help will be needed for the overnights for the Brockton homeless as the weather gets colder. The food pantry is getting a new freezer and a stand-alone fridge delivered on Saturday. A donation was made to the hurricane relief. Contributions to the Minister's Discretionary Fund continue as needed. A donation will be made to Mitchell's Monsters. Ninety four families were served by the food pantry in recent weeks. That is the most ever. There aren't any current foods the pantry is short of. Diane Sheibley asked about 5 for 5 qualifying donations, specifically Our Church's Wider Mission. Outreach added it to the list of giving before December 31st.

Music Committee - Ellen Crawford

No Report

History and Memorials Committee Report – Diane Sheibley for Barbara Morey

There is an inventory list of all of the paperwork and records found in the church by the H&M Committee -- 38 pages -- that needs review. A copy of the records and documents found was distributed to all Boards and Committees for review. The Congregational Library out of Boston provides a list with guidelines of what should be kept and for how long. They can also digitize items for us. Rev. Beth will be checking with them as to their services. The first site visit to build the church renovation list, with Brian Pfeiffer, Architectural Preservationist, will be on November 7th.

Growth Committee Report - Gail Wershing

Autumnfest was a success. Coffee Hour responsibility assignments are being worked on, with special attention being paid to November and December. Since the Living Nativity has been hard to find volunteers for, they are thinking of doing a hot chocolate stand instead outside on the day of Christmas on the Common (12/2). Mailers are being looked into to promote church events between the first of the year and Easter. The idea is to have one event on the front (possibly Easter) and three on the back. The mailings will be done for specific zones in Bridgewater. A survey through Survey Monkey is being planned.

Women's Guild Report - Beth Basler

The rummage sale is this weekend and there is a lot of great stuff. There will be different specials during the sale. The next meeting will be a slide show about Dress A Girl Around the World. \$75 was given for the lunches for the Blessings Bags event. The Women's Guild want to become more hands on with the youth. Diane Sheibley gave flyers for the Turkey Supper and Annual Fair to give out at the rummage sale.

New Business-

*** Budget/Youth Minister/Fundraising**

After the last meeting with Debbie Gline Allen (from the Mass Conference) about hiring a youth minister, it will be hard to find a person for the job with our budget. We also need to figure out what kind of program we want and where we want it to go. We need to meet with the youth to see what they want as well. We have some connections we can use to help guide us through this process.

We have a budget deficit already without the youth minister. We need to find ways to raise more money like the 5k, grants, a gala, putting the church on people's Christmas gift list. We need to find volunteers to run some of the fund raisers, but more importantly we need someone to be a coordinator or point person for all fundraising. People could do help with just one fundraiser or they could do more. Maybe we could have a committee. We have great ideas but now we need to get them in motion.

*** Annual Fair**

Brad Barnsley noted that there have been some concerns about the vendor tables and separating the turkey supper from the annual fair. Diane clarified that the vendors are paying for their tables (\$50), have to donate a raffle item worth at least \$25, and they must send out a blast e-mail to their customer/prospect list. Special attention was paid to make sure they will not be selling any food or craft items that will compete with the items we sell at the fair. Diane also noted that the reason for the change is that the gift table has had declining revenue over the years, and that the inclusion of vendor tables will (a) just about equal the revenue of last year's gift table just from the vendor fees; (b) will net us 6 more raffle prizes; and (c) will bring in new attendees as the vendors are required to promote the event to their customer list. The fair committee will also be able to promote the presence of the specific vendors' product lines.

The supper and fair were separated so the events won't so rushed and stressful for the organizers, and since there was always a 3 hour break in between the two events, it shouldn't have any impact on the customer base. It will give the people who set up for it more time, and will allow the turkey supper to start ½ hour earlier so that the attendees won't feel so rushed to leave (to set up for the 2nd seating). It was suggested that cabinet vote to allow these changes. Diane recused herself from the vote as she is on the fair committee. Mark Sorgman motioned to allow the Fair Committee to have vendor tables at the fair and to separate out the turkey supper from the fair itself. Bill O'Neil seconded. Discussion ensued. Gail Wershing moved to call the question. Rev. Beth seconded. The move to call the question was approved, and the motion to allow the vendors and the separation was approved with a majority vote.

The fair's raffle is for 4 really nice Red Sox seats for next season. Tickets will be sold at the fair and Christmas on the Common. The drawing will be on December 5th. Scott Jackson's company, Yusen Associates, has generously donated the tickets.

Donations are needed for raffle baskets, raffle items, and gift cards. Volunteer signup for cooking the turkeys for the supper have begun. Volunteers are needed for the turkey supper day and evening.

* Christmas on the Common is on December 2nd. It is also a breakfast Sunday. Coffee Hour will be in Fireplace room that day.

* November 14th will be the next cabinet meeting as the usual third Wednesday is the night before Thanksgiving.

* Steeple Sounds items are due on Monday at 10 am. Each board and committee is urged to submit something to be published.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:
CABINET MEETING FOR NOVEMBER IS ON
Wednesday, November 14th!

Treasurer's Report
Cabinet Meeting - October 17, 2018
Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019
27% thru Fiscal Year

	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income			
Regular Pledges	34,858	123,000	28%
Unpledged Offerings	5,452	24,000	23%
Plate Offering	718	3,000	24%
Youth Minister Funding	1,500		
Total · Pledges / Offerings	<u>42,529</u>	<u>150,000</u>	28%
Special Collections			
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	376		
Total · Special Collections	<u>376</u>		
Fundraisers/Events Revenue			
Golf Tournament	5,973	7,200	83%
Church Fair	0	7,000	
Misc Fundraisers	700		
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	<u>6,673</u>	<u>14,200</u>	47%
Facility Usage Income			
Non Profit Bldg Use	1,070	3,600	
Private Bldg Use	340	1,700	
Total · Facility Usage Income	<u>1,410</u>	<u>5,300</u>	27%
Total Income	<u>50,988</u>	<u>169,500</u>	30%
Expenses			
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	30,352	91,479	33%
Total · Support Staff Expenses	14,954	66,558	22%
Total · Office Expenses	2,635	8,000	33%
Total · Church Building Costs	6,147	29,800	21%
Operating Committees			
Christian Education	112	1,500	7%
Church Growth	372	1,570	24%
Deacons	60	1,500	4%
Music (Materials/Substitutes)	0	600	0%
Stewardship	0	350	0%
Outreach	1,011	3,910	26%
Total · Operating Committees	<u>1,555</u>	<u>9,430</u>	16%
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	2,700	0%
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	200	0%
Total Expenses	<u>55,643</u>	<u>208,167</u>	27%
Net income (loss)	<u>(4,656)</u>	<u>(38,667)</u>	12%
Transfer from Investments	5,000		
	<u>344</u>		

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Cash balances	
Operating account	11,553
Money Market	
Restricted	28,070
Unrestricted	590
	28,660
Fair account	16
Minister's Discretionary account	171
Outreach account	
Includes paid pledge set-aside	2,904
Food Pantry	17,345
	20,249
Capital Campaign account	16,451
Total cash balances	77,100
Endowments investment fund	
Protected principal	134,513
Unrestricted funds	110,643
Income YTD FY 2019	8,259
Total value 9/30	253,415
Parsonage investment fund	
Principal parsonage sale	151,677
Income YTD FY 2019	1,757
Total value 9/30	153,434
Total investments	406,849

Daily Lectionary Scripture References November 2018 (Year B)

Thurs., Nov. 1
All Saint's Day
Solomon 3:1-9 or Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 24
Rev 21:1-6a
Jn 11:32-44

Fri., Nov. 2
Psalm 146
Ruth 2:1-9
Romans 3:21-31

Sat., Nov. 3
Psalm 146
Ruth 2:10-14
Luke 10:25-37

Sun., Nov. 4
Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Mon., Nov. 5
Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 2:15-23
Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10

Tues., Nov. 6
Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 3:1-7
Acts 7:17-29

Wed., Nov. 7
Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 3:8-18
John 13:31-35

Thurs., Nov. 8
Psalm 127
Ruth 4:1-10
Romans 5:6-11

Fri., Nov. 9
Psalm 127
Ruth 4:11-17
Hebrews 9:15-24

Sat., Nov. 10
Psalm 127
Ruth 4:18-22
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Sun., Nov. 11
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Mon., Nov. 12
Psalm 113
Genesis 24:1-10
1 Timothy 5:1-8

Tues., Nov. 13
Psalm 113
Genesis 24:11-27
1 Timothy 5:9-16

Wed., Nov. 14
Psalm 113
Genesis 24:28-42
Luke 4:16-30

Thurs., Nov. 15
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 1:21-28
1 Timothy 6:11-21

Fri., Nov. 16
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 2:18-21
Colossians 2:6-15

Sat., Nov. 17
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 3:1-18
Mark 12:1-12

Sun., Nov. 18
1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18]
19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Mon., Nov. 19
Psalm 3
1 Samuel 3:19-4:2
Hebrews 10:26-31

Tues., Nov. 20
Psalm 3
Deuteronomy 26:5-10
Hebrews 10:32-39

Wed., Nov. 21
Psalm 3
1 Kings 8:22-30
Mark 13:9-23

Thurs., Nov. 22
Thanksgiving
Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

Fri., Nov. 23
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 22:11-20
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Sat., Nov. 24
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 23:1-14
John 3:31-36

Sun., Nov. 25
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Mon., Nov. 26
Psalm 63
2 Kings 23:15-25
Revelation 11:1-14

Tues., Nov. 27
Psalm 63
1 Samuel 17:55-18:5
Revelation 11:15-19

Wed., Nov. 28
Psalm 63
2 Samuel 2:1-7
John 16:25-33

Thurs., Nov. 29
Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:6-15
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Fri., Nov. 30
Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:16-25
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22



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November Calendar

Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31	Thu Nov 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Choir Reh - ST 10am Worship 11:30am Bring Your 11:30am Score Club 7:30pm AA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15pm Girl Scouts - 7pm NA-FH 		Halloween <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm BSU Choir - S 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - I 7pm Al-Anon - LL 	Church Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Pie Night - F 9am Fair - FH/KT/MF 	
Daylight Saving Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Breakfast Prep 8am Choir Reh - ST 9am Breakfast - FH/I 4 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Food Pantry - LI 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 7:30pm Stewardship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Staff Mtg - FR 4:15pm Girl Scouts - 6pm Girl Scouts - MF 6:30pm WG&F - FH 7:30pm BSU Choir - S 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - I 6:30pm Growth - Bet 7pm Al-Anon - FH 7:30pm Christian Ou 	Church Fair Prep <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey Supper Prep 	Church Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Turkey Supp 6:30pm Turkey Supp
Veterans Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Worship 12pm Confirmation C 7:30pm AA-FH 	Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Veterans Day observe 6:15pm Girl Scouts - 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Deacons - FR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 7pm Cabinet-MR 7pm CE - FR 7:30pm BSU Choir - S 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - I 7pm Al-Anon - FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Pack 35 - FH 	Youth Leaf Raking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Ingathering Sor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Breakfast Prep 8am Choir Reh - ST 9am Breakfast - FH/I 9:30am Jr Choir Reh 3 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Ingathering I 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:15pm Girl Scouts - 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 	Office Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanksgiving Day 7pm Al-Anon - FH 	Black Friday	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Worship 7:30pm AA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15pm Girl Scouts - 7pm NA-FH 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 7pm Trustees-FR 7:30pm BSU Choir - S 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - I 7pm Al-Anon - FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scout Party 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm CE Advent W



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