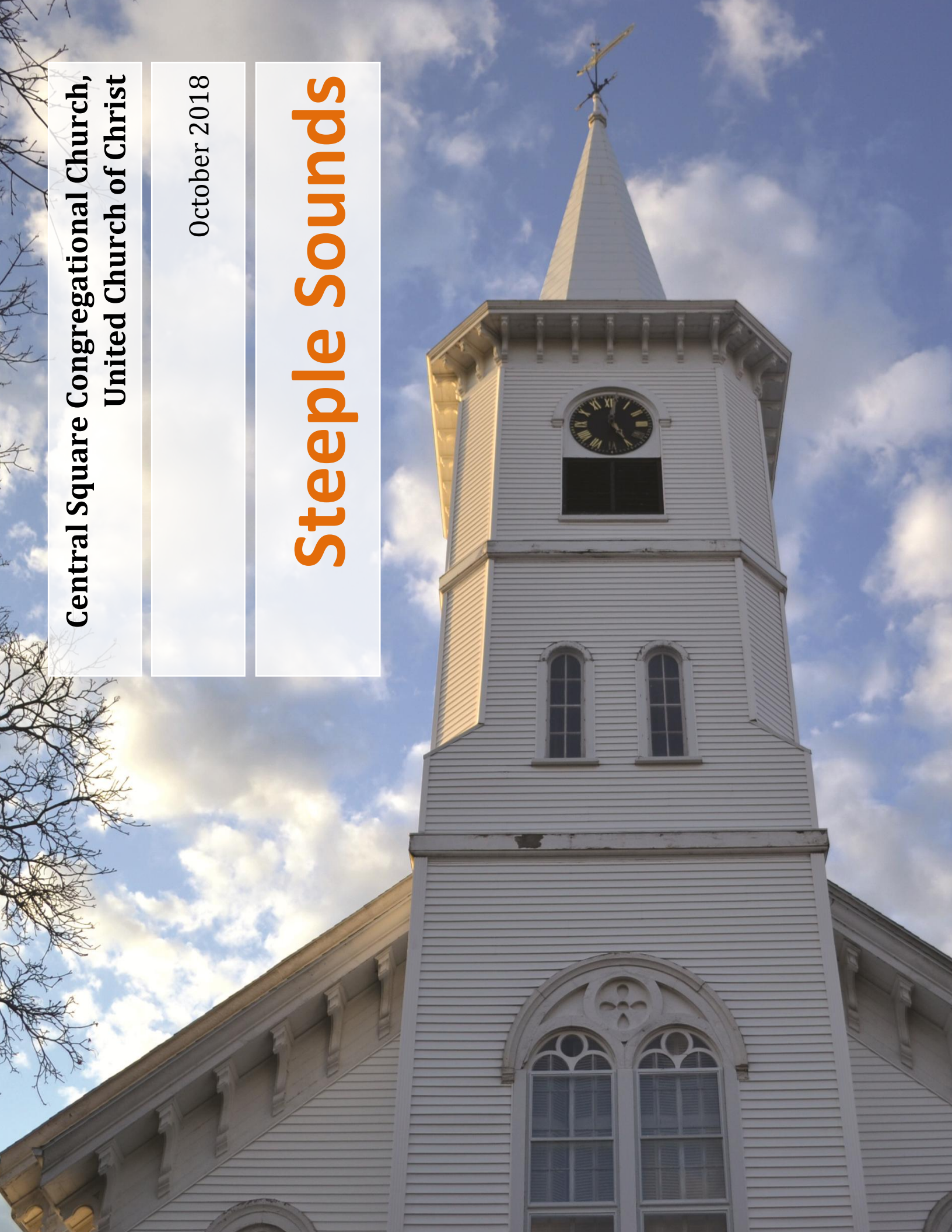


**Central Square Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ**

October 2018

# Steeple Sounds



## *From The Desk of Rev. Beth*



I was at the Better Bean last week (my “drop in hours” are on Wednesdays from 12-2pm) and a member of our church came in to see me. This member relayed to me a story where someone had been really unkind to them in front of a bunch of other people. It was humiliating. And it made me think of the book and movie “Wonder” and some of the wisdom we can gain from that story.

The story “Wonder” is about the difficulties a boy with facial deformities encounters as he enters public school for the first time (as a fifth grader) after being home schooled by his mother until this point. On a daily basis, the boy deals with humiliation in the form of stares, whispers, verbal and physical abuse, simply because he looks different. This story is both heart-wrenching and beautiful at the same time, with many life lessons and a happy ending. I think just about every

fifth grader in Bridgewater has had to read this book, and they have also probably had times in their lives already where people have treated them in a way that has been humiliating.

The theme throughout “Wonder” is to choose kindness. Always. On the one hand, we don’t know the personal struggles that others are going through. On the other hand, we choose kindness because kindness breeds kindness.

To the person who came in to talk with me, I reminded them that “Hurt people hurt others; loved people love others.” With so much violence and bullying occurring in our society today, it tells me that a lot of people are hurting. It’s time for more kindness. Despite our struggles, how we may feel, or how we may be treated by others, we always have the ability to choose our response and to be kind.

My prayer for our community is that we will feel a sense of unity, acceptance, and kindness. May we all choose kindness even during our most difficult struggles, and may we shine light where there is darkness.

In Christ,  
Rev. Beth

*“For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”*

*– 2 Corinthians 4:6*

*“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”*

*– Maya Angelou*

*“Choose being kind over being right and you’ll be right every time.”*

*– Richard Carlson*

## *From the Board of Deacons*

Recently, I had the opportunity to share some of my childhood experiences with church. As the Pastor's Kid, I was not able to sit with my family in church, as my dad was leading the service and my mom sang in the choir. Because I didn't sit with them, I got to know several remarkable older ladies of the churches my father ministered to. Auntie Vera was one of the first women to attend Boston University's chemistry program, in the 1930s. She worked as a chemist in an all male business world and she was a force. She had endless energy, a boisterous laugh, and a deep faith. She had a huge impact on my faith and my life.

Since, it is not a practice of the UCC to tell congregants, or anyone, how to interpret scripture, but rather to offer context, both ancient and current and allow individuals to determine the meaning and the message. Some of the most meaningful messages, for me, have come not from the person delivering the sermon, but afterwards from the conversations the sermon inspired. With the new Sunday School schedule encouraging our children and youth to participate in worship more often, it is my hope that we will have even more conversations. And it is an even greater hope that our kids will find their Auntie Veras in us.

Peace and love in Christ,

Anne Malmquist  
Senior Deacon

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## *News from Growth*

CSCC Growth committee, Gail Wershing, Tracey Doherty, Pat Lindsey and I want to sincerely thank all Greeters for volunteering and being so diligent in this Ministry. We also would like to invite any congregant who might be interested in joining this ministry to approach any of the committee members for more information. The bottom line is new smiles are always encouraged and appreciated.

At some point this month, we are going to distribute incentive coupons to all interested members (adults and children) for the purpose of inviting new persons into our wonderful church family.

The Committee has some exciting news as Gail has offered to help the church advertise our events and community related activities through local media. As a committee, we feel there is much more we can do to draw people into our church.

If any committee has news to share, send the info to Gail or a Growth Committee member in a timely manner and we will see it gets its proper due.

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

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

## *From the Board of Trustees*

I have been thinking recently about what we do when we want to offer support to others. When someone is sick, injured, or having difficulties we often ask them “let me know if you need anything” or “let me know what I can do to help”. Unfortunately, it is often difficult for the person you are trying to assist to ask, even though you have offered. Some say that the person needing help should not feel bad about asking once the assistance has been offered and that those looking to help just don’t know what is needed. Others will say that if you want to offer someone assistance or comfort, to be specific in the hopes that will make it less awkward. In truth, we know it is difficult to ask for help and it is also very hard to know what someone else may need. I think the only way to work through this is to have deeper conversations and better communication around what is going on.

While our Church isn’t sick, help is needed to keep it running while providing support and comfort to our community. The Trustees are charged with the finances and maintenance of the Church and the congregation has offered support. Now, we need to ensure there is open communication on what support is needed and what is being offered.

Most already know from last month’s Steeple Sounds that we have a budget with a significant deficit. What many may not realize is what is included in the spending for the budget. Entering the building you may notice the peeling paint in the sanctuary but you won’t easily see the missing shingles on the roof or the crumbling mortar in the chimneys.

Please take some time to consider what you can offer in donations of time, talent, and funds to support your church.

Some ideas of items that are needed that you may be able to assist with:

Helping identify quality, reliable, contractors to bid on church repair projects:

Chimney Repairs

Roof Repairs

Countertop support repair in fellowship hall

Contact the 200th anniversary committee to assist in planning

Consider putting thought into including the church in your estate planning

Fill out a time and talent form and include specific things you feel you could assist with.

Ed MacIntosh

Vice Chair Board of Trustees

## *From Christian Outreach*

Happy Autumn! The Christian Outreach Committee would like to invite and welcome everyone to Central Square Congregational Church! It's been a very hot and humid summer. It still went by way too fast though!

The Christian Outreach Committee is co-chaired by Rob Basler and Bill O'Neil. Other members include Connie Chandler, Kim Wallace, Jasvir MacIntosh, and David Hanson.

As a UCC church, Central Square is dedicated to the Big 5 programs. October is Neighbors in Need month, and there will be a special collection offering on Sunday, October 7th.

I would guess that most everyone has signed up for the no-call list on their land line. And most likely you still get all kinds of sales calls and scan calls. I don't know many groups or organizations out there asking for donations. At Hanson Farm we get hundreds of fundraising calls being a business and not being on the no-call list. If you make a donation to just one of them, you get calls from a dozen more. Boy are they persistent! Sure as shooting they will call again next year.

Most of these people who are calling are being paid for their time. I've been told by the Bridgewater Police that it could be as much as 70%. This money never gets to the organization that hired the fundraiser. As I see it, there are several solutions for this:

The first is not to donate at all even if it is a deserving group.

The second is to donate directly to the organization. Locally most service groups can accept donations directly. The Police and Fire departments both have funds that benefit the community directly. Veterans groups and American Legion can take donations without going through a fundraiser. I'm sure there are others, too.

The third solution, and the one that makes Central Square so inviting, is volunteering. People giving of their time is so vital and a big part of our church. Sure, it takes time and sometimes it's hard to find that time, but once you see the results of your efforts - all the good that's being done - it makes you feel like a million bucks!

God is still speaking,  
David Hanson (on behalf of Christian Outreach)



## *Women's Guild & Fellowship*

### **Come Join Us!**



The Women's Guild and Fellowship will hold its first meeting of the 2018 – 2019 year on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome to attend. We begin each year with a pot-luck supper. All members are asked to please bring either an appetizer, a salad, main dish or a dessert. Hope to see you there!

Co-presidents

Beth Basler (508-468-0328) & Terry Reynolds (508-697-4666)

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### *News from Christian Education*

"Then Manoah entreated the Lord, and said, 'O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born'" ~Judges 13:8

I have begun reading a wonderful book, Praying for Boys: Asking God For the Things They Need Most by Brooke McGlothlin who breaks down the feelings I have most days as a parent of Nic and Aiden. I, too, want to raise my boys to know and serve the Lord. But like the author, there are days when I think I have this motherhood thing all figured out. And then suddenly, the tides turn and once again I'm searching for parental guidance so I pray.

Prayer. Why do we use it? How do we use it? Are we praying to talk to God? Are we asking God for help? Do we pray to listen to God? I pray because I am looking for answers. I pray for the bigger picture. I have begun a shift in my thinking that instead of praying to give me the knowledge to change my boys' behaviors, and instead praying for the things I need them to have: patience, acceptance of others, self-control, kindness, understanding and a strong relationship with God.

Krissy Cannizzo

Sunday School Superintendent

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Our Sunday school registration is open! You can sign up during coffee hour, in the church office or online ([https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NyBihKksDst82TvSSbGgQKQ5vStE68jeZK68Un5BULE/viewform?ts=5b6ae1&edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NyBihKksDst82TvSSbGgQKQ5vStE68jeZK68Un5BULE/viewform?ts=5b6ae1&edit_requested=true)). We are looking for people to volunteer just one Sunday a year to help with Sunday School programming, November - April. As for Adult Education, we would like to offer programs that people are interested in, and your feedback and suggestions are welcomed! My door is always open and would appreciate your comments, ideas, and concerns to be brought to me directly. Please reach out to Lisa Masiello at [lsmasiello@gmail.com](mailto:lsmasiello@gmail.com) or 508-245-4086.

Sincerely,

Lisa Masiello (CE Chair)

## Thank you to our Sunday Service Greeters:

Oct. 7: Gloria Weinrebe

Oct 14: TBD

Oct. 21: Mike B.

Oct. 28: TBD

## Thank you to our Sunday Worship Leaders:

Oct. 7: Rev. Beth

Oct 14: Diane Glass

Oct. 21: Denise Molinari

Oct. 28: Darlene Brown

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Join Rev. Beth and Pastor Alicia Velez Stewart (from Bridgewater UMC)  
for

# **Bible Study!** **Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM!** **Bridgewater Bagel**



## **You know how people say, “everybody’s got a backstory”?**

Well, it’s true. Did you ever wonder what the backstory is of the people sitting in the same pew as you? They could be former movie stars, they might have lived in a foreign country, they might make amazing things in their garage and sell them on Ebay...

Dine with Nine is a group of adults, both singles and couples, who agree as a group on a time to gather together for Food and Fellowship. You’ll be put together with 5-7 other folks into a group, then the group decides where and when to meet to share a meal. Maybe you can’t host. It’s OK, still consider joining – there are others who can host or a restaurant may be a fun option. Fall group sign-ups are underway, and groups will be assigned around mid-October. Groups usually meet 2-3 times over a 2-3 month period. (This only signs you up for the Fall groupings.) Please see Diane Sheibley to sign up, or **email her at [diane@sheibley.net](mailto:diane@sheibley.net)**. Why not give it a try and see if you like it? Who knows what you might find out!

Fall at Central Square Congregational, UCC Bridgewater!

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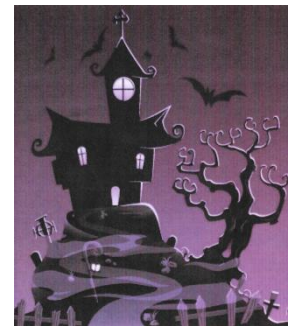
**Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** – Join Rev. Alicia Velez Stewart (minister of Bridgewater UMC) and Rev. Beth Stotts in a **Bible Study** at Bridgewater Bagel at 10 AM

**Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** – Junior High Youth Group meeting in the Fireplace Room from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Lunch will be provided.



**Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – Our Fall Rummage Sale** will begin in the Fellowship Hall on Friday from 6 PM – 8 PM, and continue into Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 1 PM! Don't forget the famous Soup's On Lunch in the Fireplace Room, too! 11 AM on Saturday!

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** – Join **Pack 35** for their annual **Halloween Haunted House** from 6 PM – 8 PM!



**Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> – Bring Your Own Pumpkin Decorating** in the Fellowship Hall (Presented by CE)! Have your pumpkin blessed during Worship, then come during coffee hour and show off your carving know how! Supplies for carving (and some ded.



**Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Join us as our **Church Fair** kicks off for **Coffee & Pie Night** from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM! Featuring vendor tables, and of course, coffee and pie!



**Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Our **Annual Church Fair** from 9 AM – 2 PM! Featuring a candy table, bake table (with “cookie walk”), Hanson Farm harvest table, silent auction baskets & pick-a-prize raffles, jewelry table, Christmas & holiday craft room, Attic Treasures rummage, outside vendor tables (new this year!) AND homemade lunch service from 11 AM – 1 PM!

**Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Our **Annual Turkey Supper!** Featuring silent auction items, pick-a-prize raffles, and 50/50 raffle. With 4:30 PM reservations, 6:30 PM reservations, or takeout options available!



**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** – Junior High Youth Group meeting in the Fireplace Room from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome. Lunch will be provided.



**for the  
2018-2019 Church Year  
(All 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Graders Welcome!)**

*Please mark your calendars with these dates!*

**September 23**

**October 14**

**November 18**

**December 16**

**January 13**

**February 24**

**March 31**

**April 28**

**May 19**

All Youth Group meetings will be  
from **11:30am – 1pm on Sundays**  
and lunch will be provided.

## **FALL RUMMAGE SALE**

**OPEN FRIDAY NIGHT 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. 50/50 RAFFLE BLUE LIGHT SPECIALS**

**Dates:** The Women's Guild and Fellowship is now offering **2 opportunities** to make purchases at the Fall Rummage Sale, **Friday night October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** and **Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m!**

**Events:** Three fun events are available during the Rummage Sale. We will once again have a **50/50 Raffle**. All you need to do is purchase a ticket to have the opportunity to win. The second event is the **Blue Light Special**. Here is how it works. Listen for the announcement and watch for the blue light that indicates there is a bargain you may purchase. Move quickly to the blue light! Once the light is turned off the bargain is no longer available. Lastly, the **Bag Sale** will take place at 12:00 noon on Saturday. You may fill a paper bag for \$2.00 or a trash bag for \$5.00 with any items still available.

**Soup's on Luncheon** will be open from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

**Help:** We need your help! Volunteers are needed for set-up, sales and clean-up. This is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to volunteer their time, as we will be sorting and arranging on Thursday, October 18 from 9 AM and 3 PM and Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please contact Beth Basler 508-468-0328 or Terry Reynolds 508-697-4666 if you would like to help Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

**Items Needed:** Small furniture – footstools, small end tables, etc., Books – paper backs and hardcover (please no textbooks, encyclopedias, or how-to manuals), Gently used clothing (washed), shoes, purses, jewelry, linens (if possible please label sizes of bedding), household items, glassware and toys. Items may be left at the church during regular office hours **beginning Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. The church will also be open from 9AM to 3PM and 5 to 7PM on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and from 9AM to 1PM on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Watch the bulletin for possible adjustments to times. **This semi-annual event is our primary fund-raiser, allowing us to support the church, charitable organizations, and members of the community, both local and beyond. Thanks so much for your support in the past as we look forward to another successful sale!**



## **CSCC ANNUAL FAIR!**

**Friday (6:30-8:30) and Saturday (9-2), Nov 2 – 3**

## **CSCC ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER!**

**Saturday, Nov 10, 4:30 and 6:30 seatings, plus takeout**

At the fair:

- \* Candy table, bake table (with “cookie walk”), Hanson Farm harvest table, silent auction baskets & pick-a-prize raffles, jewelry table, Christmas & holiday craft room, Attic Treasures rummage, outside vendor tables (new this year!)

- \* Homemade lunch service 11-1

- \* Friday night pie night! (with fair tables, too)

*(Please note... we will not be having our gift table this year, but please visit our vendor tables!)*

At the turkey supper (a week after the fair):

- \* Silent auction items, pick-a-prize raffles, and 50/50 raffle

- \* 4:30 and 6:30 reservations accepted

- \* Takeout available

As you can imagine, these events can only happen with lots of help! The “folks in charge” of each area are ready to roll, but need your help – if you are willing to bake, cook a turkey, serve lunch or dinner, or just about anything else, please let us know. Any and all time and talent is much appreciated!

We will also again be accepting any high school (or college) students that wish to earn community service hours by working at the fair and/or turkey supper. Anyone interested should contact Diane Sheibley at [diane@sheibley.net](mailto:diane@sheibley.net), or 508-207-2524 (call or text).

If you wish to participate in any way, or have any questions, please contact “My Fair Ladies”! Denise Molinari ([denmol@comcast.net](mailto:denmol@comcast.net), 508-279-6322), Carla Jackson ([carlafivejacs@gmail.com](mailto:carlafivejacs@gmail.com), 508-279-3375), Deb Rucker ([motherucker@gmail.com](mailto:motherucker@gmail.com)), or Diane Sheibley ([diane@sheibley.net](mailto:diane@sheibley.net))

### **VENDOR TABLE OPPORTUNITY:**

*At this year’s church fair, we will have a limited number of tables available for rent to outside vendors. If you are interested in more information, please contact Diane Sheibley at [diane@sheibley.net](mailto:diane@sheibley.net) or 50-207-2524. Table reservations are first come, first serve.*

## CSCC Cabinet Meeting -- Minutes

September 19, 2018

\*\*\* DRAFT\*\*\*

To be reviewed and approved at the next cabinet meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:08

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

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. Anne Malmquist motioned that they be accepted. Mike Bundock seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Pastor's Report - Rev. Beth Stotts**

Reverend Beth distributed her written report. She returned from parental leave (7/14/18) and met with the Auxiliary Pastor to debrief. Met with families to discuss baptisms, funerals, etc. Prepared fall book study book "Inspired" by Rachel Held Evans. Organized 3rd Annual Music Alley Worship. Worked with Moderator to begin think-tanking ideas around the need for Youth Ministry. Visited similar congregations in our conference with vibrant youth programs, and interviewed youth ministers and leaders on their organizational structure. Report was submitted to Board of Christian Education. Rev Beth will be meeting with 5th to 8th grade youth on a monthly basis for youth group activities.

Rev. Beth read letter that will be sent out to congregation about changes in worship format to include children in worship on a more regular basis. Focus to be on more intergenerational worship services. Sunday school classes will be seasonal.

Diane met with Mass Conference Youth Minister Coordinator and members of CE, mission trip, and interested congregants.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Treasurer did not arrive at meeting until later)

Noted by Diane that the format was different. Rev Beth questioned why "Our Church's Wider Mission" collection was not taken allowing CSCC to not qualify for "5 for 5 Giving" to the Conference. After discussion, it was determined that the Board of Christian Outreach missed this collection because it is not assigned a specific date. Outreach will coordinate with the Treasurers to see how it was done in the past. John Sharland mentioned his attempt to combine conference dues with OCWM that may have made this process easier. Budget deficit was mentioned. We will not revisit redoing the budget. How can we make up the deficit?

### **Deacons – Anne Malmquist**

Parish care deacon is getting a group together for visitation. Pastor Erin led a workshop. Deacons are working to get the program up and running. What does it mean to be a member of CSCC (such as paying conference dues) was discussed at Deacons' meeting. Also discussed how worship will look different with changes of more intergenerational services.

### **Trustees – John Sharland**

Two trustees (Gordon Brailsford and Tom Struzik) resigned. Reorganizational meeting was held August 29. John Sharland is Chair; Ed MacIntosh is Vice Chair; Ed Buckland is secretary; Paul Christiansen, member.



Regarding portfolios, John and Ed M are buildings and grounds; Paul works with finances and treasurers; Ed B deals with contracts.

**Roof:** Kevin Bean did estimate on steeple area; estimate is needed on shingle area near peak. Does not appear to be water damage.

**Chimneys:** one has bad top (\$6500 repair est) neither is lined; limestone mortar which crumbles. "Chimney Chap" will give estimate to rebuild from flashing up

No info on status of grant application (Brian Pfeifer.)

Ceiling in closet near basement area appears to be water damaged. Ceiling will be taken down and observed for a few months to see exactly where water is coming in. John noted that our insurance company expects us to maintain the property.

Discussion of furniture being brought into building. Trustees created a form for donations other than cash. This should be submitted and approved before item is brought into building.

Rev Beth noted that Rich Sullivan has ordered mini ramps to be installed over thresholds entering sanctuary to make for smoother mobility.

### **Stewardship – Brad Barnsley**

The committee of two would like to invite Rev Beth and Diane to their October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for input as to how to move forward.

Reminder that new pledge season has started. EFT giving is preferred over envelopes.

Asked for additions to "time and talent" form.

No dates on envelopes so that they can be used any time; may make special offerings confusing. Members like to know in advance of special offerings.

### **Christian Education – Lisa Masiello**

In the process of church school registration. Only 4 or 5 families participated. In light of registration being low and the volunteer situation, offerings will be more seasonal. For example, December focuses on pageant; January on Heifer. Support is needed for nursery. Revamping "busy bags" for sanctuary. Designing a flyer for new families with small children. CE will be hosting more "Friends and Family Fun Nights," such as game night (Sept 22), Pumpkin carving (Oct 28), and Advent workshop (Dec 1). A meeting about the mission trip is coming up on Sept 30. Possible flashlight corn maze on October 20. Anne noted that the youth mission trip chaperones have some ideas from the youth as to activities they are interested in. Next board meeting is October 10.

### **Christian Outreach – Bill O'Neil and Rob Basler**

Five thousand pounds of food were picked up from New Bedford. Volunteers will be helping out with distribution and sorting, as Jack Melcher is recuperating from surgery. Roche Bros and Cumberland Farms continue to make donations, as well as Dave Hanson and Bridgewater Prison. The Saturday Brockton homeless mission is seeking folks to volunteer at the shelter for overnights as the weather gets colder. Will coordinate with CE and youth group for other ways for youth to be involved.

### **Music – Ellen Crawford**

Senior choir began rehearsal and singing in worship September 9<sup>th</sup>. Children's choir has started rehearsals and will sing in worship September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Growth – Mike Bundock and Gail Wershing**

Growth will represent CSCC at Bridgewater Autumnfest being held September 29. They will hand out coupons for free breakfast and will raffle a large, hand-made puppet. Also plans to include coupon for free breakfast with welcome packet.

Growth committee designed a plan to handle Coffee Hour responsibility in a different way. The plan teams up two committees or boards for 2 months. The idea is for one individual to sign up and be responsible for one Sunday between October 7 and June 30, calling upon others on their “team” for help as needed. There was a long discussion around this suggestion. Mark Sorgman reminded us that the Deacons had been relieved of coffee Hour responsibilities at the June cabinet meeting due to their heavy responsibilities with each worship service. Other questions were raised as to numbers of people on each team, etc. Anne suggested a voluntary sign-up like had been used in the summer months, but Gail said it was difficult to fill all the Sundays. It was also mentioned that “Breakfast Sundays” are easier to host since the coffee is already made and there are left over goodies. Without completely resolving the issue, the sign-up sheet was sent around, and the Sundays through October have been covered.

Diane suggested that we take the board and committee designations out of the process altogether, and just ask everyone on all the boards and committees (except Deacons) to sign up for one Sunday to chair the coffee hour process. Mission youth families could be used to possibly fill in the holes in the schedule, and the groups that use our church (boy scouts, girl scouts, BSU Choir, Masons—who have hosted before) have been approached to also participate.

### **Women’s Guild and Fellowship – Gail Wright**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> is the welcome back and welcome new members pot luck meeting. October 20<sup>th</sup> is the Fall rummage sale. Gail Wright motioned to have a 50/50 raffle at both the fall and the spring rummage sales, and it was approved unanimously. November’s meeting will be a demonstration from the “Dressing a Girl Around the World” organization.

### **Other Business**

\* **Opportunity Fair:** Is the Opportunity Fair still relevant? Most boards and committees said yes! Diane suggested having hand-outs, and making their presentations interactive. Opportunity Fair scheduled for 9/23 and 9/30.

\* Reminder that boards and committees are charged with coordinating certain tasks, but are encouraged to ask others to help out. Bring people in for “bits and pieces.”

\* Diane, on behalf of the Fair Committee, asked for approval for a “Big Ticket” raffle item, pick-a-prize raffles, and 50/50 raffle at this year’s fair in November. Motion to accept by Bill O’Neil, seconded by Rev Beth. Approved unanimously.

\* Diane noted that the meeting had gone long and we had yet to get into a discussion about the budget / youth minister / fundraising, but said it would be taken up next month. In the meantime, all are asked to give that topic some thought and how to make some inroads into making up the approved budget deficit for the year.

**October Steeple Sounds article due: Monday, 9/24, 10 AM**

**Next Cabinet meeting: October 17**

Treasurer's Report  
Cabinet Meeting - September 19, 2018  
Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019  
17% thru Fiscal Year

	YTD	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
4010 · Regular Pledges	19,515	123,000	16%
4015 · Unpledged Offerings	2,603	24,000	11%
4030 · Plate Offering	393	3,000	13%
4045 · Youth Minister Funding	1,500		
Total 4000* · Pledges / Offerings	24,011	150,000	16%
4200* · Special Collections			
4235 · MACUCC Fellowship Dues	165		
Total 4200* · Special Collections	165		
4300* · Fundraisers/Events Revenue			
4312 · 4312 Golf Tournament	4,892	7,200	
4320 · Church Fair	0	7,000	
4370 · Misc Fundraisers	700		
Total 4300* · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	5,592	14,200	39%
4400* · Facility Usage Income			
4410 · Non Profit Bldg Use	575	3,600	
4430 · Private Bldg Use	340	1,700	
Total 4400* · Facility Usage Income	915	5,300	17%
Total Income	30,683	169,500	18%
Expenses			
Total 6000* · Senior Minister Expenses	18,952	91,479	21%
Total 6200* · Support Staff Expenses	8,895	66,558	13%
Total 6400* · Office Expenses	1,992	8,000	25%
Total 6600* · Church Building Costs	2,575	29,800	9%
6850* · Operating Committees			
6860 · Christian Education	94	1,500	6%
6865 · Church Growth	195	1,570	12%
6875 · Deacons	60	1,500	4%
6910 · Music (Materials/Substitutes)	0	600	0%
6950 · Stewardship	0	350	0%
7155 · Outreach	618	3,910	16%
Total 6850* · Operating Committees	967	9,430	10%
7150* · MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	2,700	0%
7154* · Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	200	0%
Total Expenses	33,381	208,167	16%
Net income (loss)	(2,697)	(38,667)	7%

Treasurer's Report  
Cabinet Meeting - September 19, 2018  
Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019  
17% thru Fiscal Year

Cash balances		
Operating account		8,364
Money Market		
Restricted	29,771	
Unrestricted	566	
		<u>30,336</u>
Fair account		16
Minister's Discretionary account		466
Outreach account		
Includes paid pledge set-aside	2,950	
Food Pantry	19,241	
		<u>22,191</u>
Capital Campaign account		<u>21,300</u>
Total cash balances		<u><u>82,673</u></u>
Endowments investment fund		
Protected principal	134,513	
Unrestricted funds	110,643	
Income YTD FY 2019	8,303	
Total value 8/31		<u>253,459</u>
Parsonage investment fund		
Principal parsonage sale	151,677	
Income YTD FY 2019	1,811	
Total value 8/31		<u>153,488</u>
Total investments		<u><u>406,947</u></u>

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References October 2018 (Year B)

**Mon., Oct. 1**  
Psalm 140  
Esther 4:1-17  
1 Peter 1:3-9

**Tues., Oct. 2**  
Psalm 140  
Esther 5:1-14  
1 John 2:18-25

**Wed., Oct. 3**  
Psalm 140  
Esther 8:1-17  
Matthew 18:6-9

**Thurs., Oct. 4**  
Psalm 26  
Job 2:11-3:26  
Galatians 3:23-29

**Fri., Oct. 5**  
Psalm 26  
Job 4:1-21  
Romans 8:1-11

**Sat., Oct. 6**  
Psalm 26  
Job 7:1-21  
Luke 16:14-18

**Sun., Oct. 7**  
Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

**Mon., Oct. 8**  
Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 8:1-22  
1 Corinthians 7:1-9

**Tues., Oct. 9**  
Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 11:1-20  
1 Corinthians 7:10-16

**Wed., Oct. 10**  
Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 15:1-35  
Matthew 5:27-36

**Thurs., Oct. 11**  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 17:1-16  
Hebrews 3:7-1

**Fri., Oct. 12**  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 18:1-21  
Hebrews 4:1-11

**Sat., Oct. 13**  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 20:1-29  
Matthew 15:1-9

**Sun., Oct. 14**  
Job 23:1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

**Mon., Oct. 15**  
Psalm 39  
Job 26:1-14  
Revelation 7:9-17

**Tues., Oct. 16**  
Psalm 39  
Job 28:12-29:10  
Revelation 8:1-5

**Wed., Oct. 17**  
Psalm 39  
Job 32:1-22  
Luke 16:19-31

**Thurs., Oct. 18**  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Job 36:1-16  
Romans 15:7-13

**Fri., Oct. 19**  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Job 37:1-24  
Revelation 17:1-18

**Sat., Oct. 20**  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Job 39:1-30  
Luke 22:24-30

**Sun., Oct. 21**  
Job 38:1-7 [34-41]  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

**Mon., Oct. 22**  
Psalm 75  
Job 40:1-24  
Hebrews 6:1-12

**Tues., Oct. 23**  
Psalm 75  
Job 41:1-11  
Hebrews 6:13-20

**Wed., Oct. 24**  
Psalm 75  
Job 41:12-34  
John 13:1-17

**Thurs., Oct. 25**  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
2 Kings 20:12-19  
Hebrews 7:1-10

**Fri., Oct. 26**  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Nehemiah 1:1-11  
Hebrews 7:11-22

**Sat., Oct. 27**  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Job 42:7-9  
Mark 8:22-26

**Sun., Oct. 28**  
Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

**Mon., Oct. 29**  
Psalm 28  
Isaiah 59:9-19  
1 Peter 2:1-10

**Tues., Oct. 30**  
Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 18:1-32  
Acts 9:32-35

**Wed., Oct. 31**  
Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 14:12-23  
Matthew 20:29-34



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# October Calendar

Sun 30	Mon Oct 1	Tue 2	Wed 3	Thu 4	Fri 5	Sat 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Choir Reh - ST</li> <li>10am Worship</li> <li>11:30am Mission Yo</li> <li>11:30am Opportunity</li> <li>7:30pm AA-FH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Food Pantry - LI</li> <li>6:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30pm Stewardship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Staff Mtg - FR</li> <li>6:30pm WG&amp;F - FH</li> <li>7:30pm BSU Choir - t</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> </ul>		
7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7am Breakfast - FH/I</li> <li>7am Breakfast Prep</li> <li>8am Choir Reh - ST</li> <li>9:15am Jr Choir Reh</li> </ul> 3 more	8 <div>Office Closed</div> <div>Columbus Day (region)</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>7pm Deacons - FR</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - MF</li> <li>7pm CE - FR</li> <li>7:30pm BSU Choir - t</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> <li>7pm Growth - FR</li> <li>7:30pm Christian Ou</li> </ul>	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2pm BSU Choir- ST</li> </ul>
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Choir Reh - ST</li> <li>9:15am Jr Choir Reh</li> <li>10am Worship</li> <li>11:30am 5th-8th Gra</li> <li>7:30pm AA-FH</li> </ul>	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>	16	17 <div>Rummage Sale Prep</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Cabinet-MR</li> <li>7:30pm BSU Choir - t</li> </ul>	18 <div>Rummage Sale Prep</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - ST</li> </ul>	19 <div>Rummage Sale Prep</div>	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Rummage Sale</li> <li>11am Soups On Lun</li> </ul>
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7am Breakfast Prep</li> <li>8am Choir Reh - ST</li> <li>9am Breakfast - FH/I</li> <li>9:15am Jr Choir Reh</li> </ul> 2 more	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> </ul>	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - MF</li> <li>7pm Trustees-FR</li> <li>7:30pm BSU Choir - t</li> </ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> </ul>	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Pack 35 Part</li> </ul>	27 <div>Pack 35 Haunted Hou</div>
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Choir Reh - ST</li> <li>10am Worship</li> <li>11:30am Bring Your</li> <li>7:30pm AA-FH</li> </ul>	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>	30	31 <div>Halloween</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:30pm BSU Choir - t</li> </ul>	Nov 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> </ul>	2 <div>Church Fair</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Pie Night - Fi</li> </ul>	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Fair - FH/KT/Mf</li> </ul> <div>+</div>

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