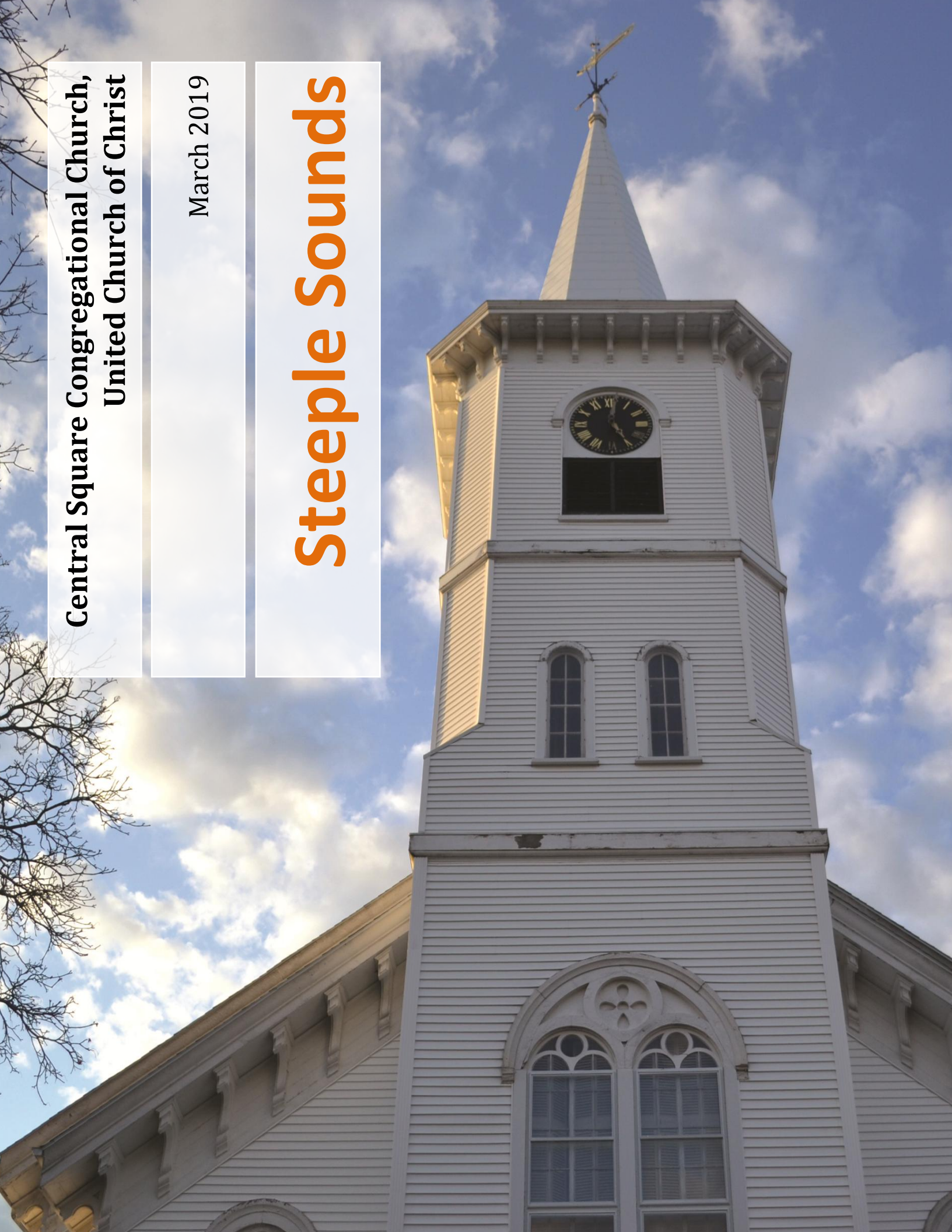


**Central Square Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

March 2019

Steeple Sounds



From The Desk of Rev. Beth



"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

-Matthew 11:28

Last week we closed the office for a couple of days to do some much-needed housekeeping. Mostly, it was an exercise in putting papers in piles. Recycling some, filing others, gifting our historical committee with tattered letters from years past. There's something really special and sacred about going through papers. While filing, I reconnected with my binder from my time as a hospital chaplain. While I was going through the binder, I came upon this:

I FEEL:

afraid 	sad 	angry 	happy
worried 	lonely 	annoyed 	relieved
uneasy 	guilty 	disappointed 	excited
terrified 	embarrassed 	overwhelmed 	loved
shocked 	hopeless 	frustrated 	comfortable
nervous 	helpless 	betrayed 	peaceful

MY SPIRITUAL PAIN IS:

none	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	extreme
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PLEASE:

prayer 	blessing 	song 	poetry 	talk with me
Siddur סידור	Tanakh תנ"ך	Tefillin תפילין	candles 	help me with a decision
Christian Bible 	Quran القرآن	make an altar 	chanting 	visualization / meditation
Communion 	Anointing 	Confession 	Rosary 	read to me
leave me alone 	get my nurse 	get my family 	hold my hand 	sit with me

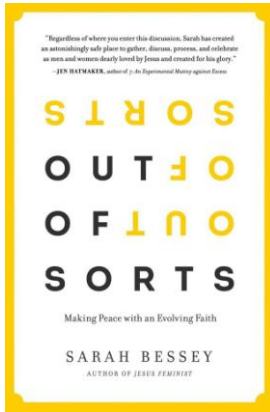
This is called a "Spiritual Care Board". We used it in the hospital for those who weren't able to communicate verbally, or those who just weren't in a place to "name" what they were going through.

As I looked over this board last week, I couldn't help but think about how important it is to not only name what we're feeling, but also to discern what our needs are. With the season of Lent approaching (Ash Wednesday is March 6), the season of wandering, of introspection, of discernment, of challenge, it's of vital importance that we take the time to "name" our feelings and our needs.

I hope you will find some time over the next several weeks to get into this practice. Please let me know if I can help you out with this in any way. You are in my prayers.

In Christ,

Rev. Beth (csccpastor@hotmail.com)



Lenten Book Study!

"Out of Sorts: Making Peace with an Evolving Faith" by Sarah Bessey
Saturday, March 30th in the Fireplace Room at 10:00 AM!
Book available through your local library or Amazon.

In this book, Sarah Bessey—award-winning blogger and author-- helps us grapple with core Christian issues using a mixture of beautiful storytelling and biblical teaching, a style well described as "narrative theology."

In the process of gently helping us sort things out, Bessey teaches us how to be as comfortable with uncertainty as we are with solid answers. And as we learn to hold questions in one hand and answers in the other, we discover new depths of faith that will remain secure even through the storms of life.

Come to an open discussion on these topics and more!



Come to Ash Wednesday Worship!

March 6th
7:00 PM



UPCOMING HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Sunday, April 14th: Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 14th: Journey through Jerusalem Presentation by Barbara Morey

Thursday April 18th: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Friday April 19th: Music and Meditation at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Friday April 19th: Good Friday Pot-Luck at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday April 20th: Death & Coffee (End of Life Planning Discussion) at 10:00 AM in the Fireplace Room

Sunday April 21st: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM at Hanson Farm

Sunday April 21st: Easter Worship at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

From the Board of Deacons



The word **deacon** comes from the Greek word diakonos, which means **servant**. **Deacons** give leadership to the church's ministry of serving the physical and spiritual needs of members and people beyond the church.

Please feel free to contact any of the Deacons. We are here to help and serve.

Anne Malmquist – amalmquist@comcast.net

Deb Sorgman – DebSorgman@gmail.com

Darlene Brown – darlingsb@verizon.net

Denise Molanari – denmol@comcast.net

Diane Glass – dglass260@gmail.com

From the Board of Trustees

Recently, the door handle and lock on the front door gave up the ghost. It broke inside. It didn't have a name, that we know of, but we do know that it had led a good life, probably over 100 years worth.

It was a mortise lock. A mortise lock is a lock which is set within the body of a door in a recess or mortise, as opposed to one attached to the door surface. Apparently, they were the "high security" lock of the day. And a bit complicated. More than the "average Joe do it yourselfer" might want to take on. Anticipating an expensive locksmith visit, we were elated to find out that this kind of thing is right up Ed Buckland's sleeve. Thank you Ed!!

The new mortise lock and door handle is "up to code" and easier to use than the old door knob. And it gleams, whereas the old one was tarnished.

Oh, that we wouldn't need a lock at all, but those days are gone. But now, those who might be broke inside, can lay a hand on it, open it easily, come inside and maybe find a place to heal their brokenness. Maybe this place can be their mortise – a new spirit set inside.

The Trustees are dedicated to maintaining and upgrading our house of worship. During this nominating season, there is a need to find three people who are willing to join that effort, along with "running the budget." Please consider!!

With my heart locked on Jesus, I am,

Respectfully yours,
John Sharland, Chair



MARCH is CSCC's Month of Giving!

This year instead of doing a “Stewardship campaign” to help determine the 2019-20 budget, we are embarking on a MONTH OF GIVING. It’s time to update your pledges, help the community understand our financial needs, and otherwise promote support for all the great work that we do.

One notable change to what we’ve done in recent years is that ***you will not be asked to make a pledge for your 2019-20 annual giving.*** Rather than starting at zero for budgetary purposes, and spending valuable resources on collecting that information – that often turns out to be similar or identical to the prior year – we are asking, instead, that you take a little time, and prayerfully consider whether you are able to increase your giving for this next year. If we do not hear from you, your prior year pledged amount will be carried over to the new year.

For some, an increase is simply not possible. And we understand. But what about for you? Whether it be small or large, we ask that you prayerfully consider what increase you may be able to give this next year.

Remember that we do not receive any money from “the greater church” – that all of the money that we can spend on the work that we do and the services we provide, comes from what we can generate. And the most significant number in the “revenue” section of our budget is ***what we know to be pledged by our church community.*** It is for this reason that it is so very important that we all think about what we are able to give, and make a commitment in the form of an annual giving pledge. The number that you submit goes directly to next year’s budget, and ***tells us what we can spend on our ministries.***

A “pledge” is simply the amount of money you feel you are able to give the church for your annual giving. It might be a weekly amount, a monthly amount, or an annual amount. And remember a few things:

- **There is never a penalty for not meeting your pledge.** Life is unpredictable. Circumstances change. Sometimes for the better, sometimes not. Should it become unrealistic for you to contribute as you thought you might, we would always want you to do what is best for you and your family.
- **Your pledged figure is kept confidential.** The Financial Secretary is the only person who processes pledges in our church. And while the Treasurers always have their eyes on where

we stand as a church regarding revenues, and comparing what was budgeted versus what actually has come in to the church, they are looking at total figures, not individual people.

- **Giving additional amounts above your pledge is always an option.** It seems odd to say, but you are not constrained to the amount you pledge should you find you have more to give, either on an ongoing basis, or on a one-time occasion. Your additional gifts will further help us meet our budget obligations and to support our ministries.
- **You need not be a church member to commit to annual giving.** Again, total pledged giving drives our annual budget, and allows us to plan our ministry. Commitments in the form of pledges are welcome from all.

Watch for more information coming soon regarding pledging and your annual giving, including website pledge forms, Paypal payments, EFT (electronic funds transfer) options, and more.

News from Growth



Hard to believe in a few short weeks we will be entering spring. Spring is always a good time to reflect and think about what new opportunities are at your personal doorstep!

We at Growth are hoping to stimulate a few ideas for the congregation to contemplate and perhaps participate. In the works we are working on a contemporary Christian music event for our community sometime in the spring, which we hope will give our church family and neighborhood friends an opportunity to participate. Also,

we are planning on distributing information about Soulfest 2019 which is a 3 day Christian event which people will bond mindful of the Holy Spirit. The details will be coming shortly.

In other news, Growth has mailed postcard flyers to our local neighbors, just in time for our Easter events. Be on the lookout for them. Don't forget to talk to your friends and neighbors about the great things that are happening at CSCC. The more the merrier I say! We also appreciate contribution of ideas and help from all.

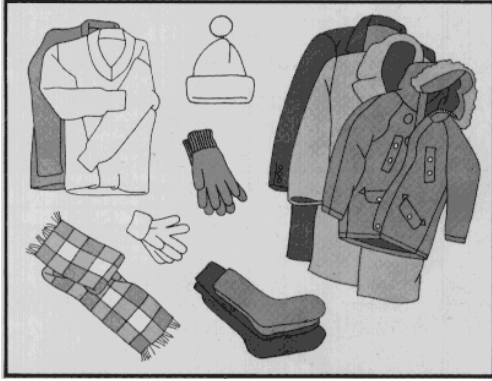
Your Growth committee appreciates your past or future commitment to the coffee hour Program. Feel free to be a host. Check out the Sign Up Genius at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a48afa82aa1fa7-coffee>

Greeters are always welcome as usual, and thanks to our faithful group, too! Please continue to wear your nametag as visitors attend CSCC frequently and it is a great conversation starter.

Remember: *"In a growth mindset, challenges are exciting rather than threatening. So rather than thinking, oh, I'm going to reveal my weaknesses, you say, wow, here's a chance to grow."* - Carol S. Dweck

Mike Bundock (mm.bundock@comcast.net); Gail Wershing (wershing@ptd.net) - Co-chairs
Tracy Doherty (traceyld32@yahoo.com); Pat Lindsay (lindsepa@aol.com) - Valued members

From Christian Outreach



It will soon be March! A lot of great things coincide with this time of the year: warmer weather, more daylight, the first day of spring, and St. Patrick's Day. Spring bulbs – tulips, snow drops and daffodils all pop out of the ground regardless of the snow still on the ground. We get out and do yard work and start planting our gardens.

Things are busy here at Central Square as well in March. The Mission Dinner is the first and foremost event. This dinner is a fundraiser for the Mission Trip. Also, with CSCC being a 5 for 5 church, March 31st is time for One Great Hour of Sharing. This is a part of the churches

wider mission. Ash Wednesday is March 6th, and Lent begins! One Great Hour of Sharing is the fourth Sunday in Lent, which is again March 31st. Donations received for One Great Hour of Sharing go towards a wide range of programs. These include: worldwide programs in health, education, agricultural development, disaster relief, and much more.

The church is also gearing up in anticipation of Easter, which is in April this year. Why is Easter not the same every year? To begin with, the first day of spring is known as the vernal equinox. This means that there's 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of darkness. This year the vernal equinox is on March 20th. Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon, following the vernal equinox. This year Easter Sunday is the latest it can be. This is due to the coincidence that the full moon is also on March 20th – vernal equinox. So, the first full moon after the vernal equinox is not until April 19th, which is Good Friday, thus Sunday, April 21st is Easter.

Please excuse the previous digression. The Food Pantry had more and more people coming every week. Some food items are now in short supply. If you would like to donate to the pantry, we could use mac and cheese, peanut butter, jelly/jam, relish, ketchup, mayo, mustard, salad dressing, salsa, and other condiments, as well as oatmeal, cereal, tuna, and pasta. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the church, and has just recently started to have clothing available for people who may be in need when they come to get food. Seasonally appropriate clothing donations are very welcome. Taking time to donate to the Food Pantry and doing things for others are Holy moments. They start a chain reaction that leads to more good things.

God is still speaking,
For Christian Outreach
David Hanson

From Our Minister of Music

On Sunday, February 24th, we had a lovely worship service honoring Heifer International and our Living Gift Market, with music describing all the creatures of the world and their unique ways of praising God. We have one more service before we begin the season of Lent. During this final service before Lent, "Bring a Friend Sunday," we encourage all the members of our congregation to bring a guest with them and listen to the lovely friendship-themed music our choir will be performing. We are delighted to announce that our Lenten season will begin with our very own Cameron Shave leading the choir in our Ash Wednesday service. Cameron is an extremely talented young musician, and our choir is excited to have the chance to work with him.

Women's Guild & Fellowship



Guild Meeting

Wednesday, March 6th is the date for the next Women's Guild & Fellowship meeting. All women of the church are invited! It will begin at 6:30 PM, and end promptly at 7:00 PM just in time to attend the Ash Wednesday Service. Following the service, we invite everyone attending to join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments provided by women of the Guild. Visiting you at the refreshment tables will be some of the Mission Youth. They will be there to talk to you about past and present Mission trips, sharing their stories, and ready to answer your questions.

Giving

Giving takes two paths for the Women's Guild members. Each month our Material Aids representative, Gail Wright suggests a group that is in need such as Penelope's Place, Perishable or Non-Perishable Blessing Bags for the homeless of Brockton, or The Animal Collection Center also in Brockton. There are other times when a cause speaks to our hearts and we feel the need to support it. In the fall we learned of the flood that devastated South Carolina and we were able to help our longtime friends Butch and Barbara Alden who sustained a great deal of damage to their home. Recently we gave a donation to another former member of our church Kurt Walker supporting a cause near and dear to him. We are able to support these causes with funds raised through our Fall and Spring Rummage Sales.

Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale is approaching rapidly. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 13th. As you begin going through your cabinets and drawers, please set aside any items you no longer need and think we could use for the upcoming sale.

Co-Presidents,
Beth Basler
Terry Reynolds

News from Christian Education

For the past two years, I have had the privilege to serve as your Sunday School Superintendent.

I am always searching for balance in my life...mind, body and spirit. After thirteen months of tests and doctor appointments, I have finally accepted my diagnosis of Fibromyalgia with the understanding that I would need to make some major lifestyle changes. This includes slowing down my hectic daily schedule and decreasing stress in my life.

Being the Superintendent has been an amazing learning experience for me but it has also come with stress. It has been a struggle to get volunteers and children to participate in Sunday School. Being the kind of person I am, it manifests into stress that goes beyond our church doors. Therefore, I feel it will be best for me to resign at the end of this school year.

It has taken a lot for me to accept that the Sunday School I once knew, the model that I was raised with in this church, is different than what my boys will experience...and that's ok as times have changed. I'm excited to see where our church is headed and truly feel blessed to have served as your Superintendent. I look forward to helping the congregation in different ways and thank you for all of your support over the last two years!

Sincerely,

Krissy Cannizzo

CE would like to thank everyone who has helped the children during our Heifer International project. The children picked animals and a well this year! The children and youth learned how these sustainable gifts, not just help one person, but make an impact on an entire village. A special thank you to Dave Hanson who provided our live chickens to display and those fabulous pies. They worked hard on crafts and tasty treats. Your support helped raise \$1142 toward their collective goals. We had fun decorating heart shaped cookies and had two people share in the experience from the community.

CE is still going strong with activities this spring! **March 30th at 10 AM** is our **Lenten Book Study**. April 19th is our Good Friday Pot-Luck Dinner at 5:30 PM, join us for dinner and make a empty tomb gardenscape to accent your Easter table (one centerpiece per family) RSVP greatly appreciated to ensure supplies. For more information on all CE events or to RSVP contact Lisa Masiello at LSMasiello@gmail.com.. May 4th 8:15 PM join us at the BSU Observatory do some star gazing. more details will be coming soon.

Have you enjoyed our CE programs? Want something offered? We are always looking for fresh ideas! We also have a few spots open our committee; let us know if you are interested in joining. Afraid to make a total commitment? We'd love help for single events as well!

Sunday School could use some help with teachers! We use a Sparkhouse curriculum, and much of the lesson is planned. Have a favorite part of the Bible you would like to share? We can work with you to develop a program.

Please reach out to Lisa Masiello at LSMasiello@gmail.com to get involved with any of these ongoing projects with the board of Christian Education!

Youth News: Mission Dinner and Auction

The **Chincoteague Island Grill** will be serving up a delicious evening of food and fun on **Saturday March 23 at 6:00pm**. Don't miss the biggest event of the year in support of the Mission Youth as they prepare for their June trip to the Eastern Shore of Virginia! The Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a coastal backdrop where the youth will expertly wait on you. Chef Beth Basler will head up our kitchen crew as they serve up regional favorites including smoked ham, grilled sirloin tips and crab-stuffed flounder. There will be silent and pic-a-prize auctions with donated goods and services from local businesses as well as many popular handmade items. Reservations will be accepted during coffee hour after the church service on March 3rd and 10th or call Marlene at 508-378-8326. Thank you for supporting our Youth!

Marlene Beaudrault Jacobs
Mission Trip Coordinator

Mission dinner 2019 * Saturday, March 23



Sunset Sampler Plate \$20 (Serves 4)

Smoked Country Style Spare Ribs on a Stick, BBQ Dipping Sauce, Smoked Fish Spread, Crusty Crab Spread, Sweet Corn Hush Puppies, Assorted Crackers, Carrot and Celery Sticks

Entrees \$22

Newport News Smokehouse Ham with Apple Chutney GF

Tangier Island Charcoal Grilled Sirloin Tips with BBQ Sauce GF

Chesapeake Bay Baked Flounder with Homemade Crabmeat Topping

All Entrées include

Brunswick Stew, Carrot and Corn Combo,
Roasted Parsley Potatoes, Virginia Clise Bread

Vegetarian Dish \$10

Creole Veggie Rice and Bean Bowl, House Salad with White Balsamic Honey Vinaigrette GF

Desserts \$5

Cherry Pie Topped With Vanilla Ice Cream

Bananas Foster Cake

Rice Pudding Topped With Cinnamon Apples and Whipped Cream GF

Drinks \$2

Coffee, Tea, Pink Lemonade Spritzer, Diet Coke, Sweet Tea

Reservations required. Contact the office, 508-697-6016, office@cscucc.com

GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Benefitting
Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
and the
Bridgewater Food Pantry**

Your registration includes:

**Golf * Cart * Lunch buffet with cash bar
Raffle Prizes * Course Contests**

**Back Nine Club, Lakeville
June 21, 2019 8am**

*Mark your calendars, tell your friends, polish
your golf clubs, and watch Facebook,
cscucc.org, and Steeple Sounds for more details
coming soon!*

Nominating Committee Update - March 2019



We are very excited to represent the church as the 2019 Nominating Committee. Members are Mike Bundock, Bev Mitchell, Anne Malmquist, Bill O'Neil, Lisa Masiello, and co chairs Pat Lindsey and Ed Macintosh.

We are thankful to Diane Sheibley for organizing this team and identifying the needs of the Boards and committees.

We are blessed to have a giving and talented congregation. We hope people will seriously consider volunteering for a suitable ministry for them. Each of the nominating committee members has available a Board or committee responsibility description for candidates to read before deciding. These are also found on our website. You may also speak with someone currently on the Board/ Committee of interest. Please keep in mind the description of responsibilities are a guideline and may change with the talents of the current members. (and the will of the Holy Spirit).

Current openings of Ministries at Central Square:

Board of Deacons 3 open positions, 1 available for reelection

Board of Trustees 3 open positions

Board of Christian Ed -3 open

Board of Christian Outreach – 1 open position accepted

Board of Stewardship- 4 open positions

Fortunately all committees' positions are currently satisfied.

There are always opportunities for people to help out with the Golf and Fair church events, ushering, greeting, joining the choir and kitchen crew to name a few.

When approached by a nominating committee member, please consider your valued talents and skills when choosing a position.

Yours with trust in God,

Mike Bundock

On behalf of the Nominating Committee



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 ... that’s OK! – there are others who can host or a restaurant may be a fun option. Spring group sign-ups will be held in March and early April, and groups will be assigned in the few weeks following. Groups usually meet 2-3 times over a 2-3 month period. (This only signs you up for the Spring groupings.)

Please see Diane Sheibley to sign up, email her at diane@sheibley.net, or fill out this form and drop in the collection plate or leave in the Moderator mailbox. Who doesn’t like an evening sitting around eating and drinking and telling stories from our lives? Why not give it a try and see if you like it...

Sign me/us up!

Name: _____

1 or 2 people? _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



Central Square Services are Available Live and On Demand!

Booth Video Productions and BTV Access Corporation team up weekly to bring you live stream productions of our weekly services. You can find live streams and replays by visiting the Booth Video Youtube Channel or search “Central Square Congregational” at

Youtube.com. Select services are also available on Demand at BTVAccess.Viebit.com. Coverage is produced weekly by Paul Holmes.

In 2019, our video coverage will be upgraded with a new switcher and additional state of the art production equipment. The Central Square studio features equipment that you will find in many traditional production facilities. If you’d like to help with coverage or seek additional information, please visit Paul Holmes on Sundays or email contact@booth-video.com.

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>

CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes
February 20, 2019
*** DRAFT ***
To be reviewed at the next Cabinet meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:10

Cabinet members in attendance: 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; Lisa Masiello, Board of Christian Education; Bill O'Neil, Board of Christian Outreach; Barbara Morey, History & Memorials Committee; Terry Reynolds, Women's Guild and Fellowship

Reverend Beth and Anne Malmquist opened the meeting with a devotional.

Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Dave Sheibley motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Rev. Beth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report- Rev. Beth Stotts

Rev. Beth distributed her printed report. She highlighted the work with the scouts on the God & Me and God & Church programs. The confirmation classes finished up and we had 4 youth confirmed on Confirmation Sunday. There are 2 new confirmands beginning their journeys. She is working on Lenten and Holy Week plans, including the "Death & Coffee" (end of life) session. She is working with local clergy and Susan McCombe from BSU Office of University & Community Partnerships to try and bridge the gap between the local churches and the college. Many upcoming worship-related dates on her report between now and Easter (4/21). In addition to the usual Holy Week services, there will be a 3:00 Good Friday music and meditation service. She also noted that she is going to ask Barbara Morey to do her Jerusalem trip slide show during the week.

Treasurer's Report - David Sheibley

We are at 64% of the way through the year. Pledged offerings are running about 5% ahead of pace and expenses are at 61% of budget. The endowments have come back up by \$30,000 since 12/31, after experiencing some loss in value in the last quarter of 2018.

Board of Deacons - Anne Malmquist

Nothing significant to report. They have been doing their work, and discussing who might be approached to join their Board next year.

Board of Trustees - John Sharland

John reminded boards and committees that budget requests for next year are due 3/15. He requests that all budget requests be in by that date including, for example, if an expense such as the \$15,000 that was requested last year for a youth minister is to be requested again, which John reported came in last year after the deadline and well into the budgeting process. John noted that timely submission of requests helps Trustees to develop the budget to be able to submit it to Stewardship for them to use to know how much they should be trying to raise. Also, there is a new front door knob – read Steeple Sounds for more.

[Rev. Beth needed to leave the meeting for a prior commitment.]

Board of Stewardship - Brad Barnsley

Nothing to report. Still ongoing work with the Moderator and Pastor on how to structure the Stewardship process this year.

Board of Christian Education - Lisa Masiello

Superbowl Sunday appetizer fundraiser raised \$700 for the youth mission trip. There is a possibility that they will do this fundraiser again next year. There was a meeting last Sunday of the youth and parents to plan the upcoming Mission Dinner (3/23). There is a silent auction at the event, and auction items are now being requested and accepted. Diane noted that John Sharland has been in touch with the Bridgewater Town Clerk

to get the proper permitting to hold a raffle event. Lisa made a motion to approve a 50/50 raffle and a pick-a-prize raffle at the Mission Dinner. Anne Malmquist seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Diane will handle the permitting process for the mission dinner, as she is in charge of organizing the auction and raffles for the event.

The Mission Dinner menu was read by Diane, which includes smokehouse ham with apple chutney, charcoal grilled sirloin tips with BBQ sauce, and baked flounder with homemade crabmeat topping. Reservations will be accepted over the next few weeks after Sunday service, or by contacting the church office. There were also auction item donation forms available at the meeting.

There is a cookie decorating event this Friday sponsored by CE. There is a Good Friday potluck on 4/19. There is also an "Empty Tomb" event coming up, for which Lisa would like to get RSVPs so that they know how many supplies to buy.

Board of Christian Outreach - Bill O'Neil

Bill reported that they haven't had a meeting lately because of people's schedules. There is a meeting tomorrow night. This Sunday is Outreach Sunday and the Board will be conducting the service. The food pantry is in need of everything except pasta and canned vegetables (peanut butter & jelly, condiments and salad dressings, "whatever you like to eat, we'll take"). They recently picked up donations from the Mitchell school from a food drive they held. Bill also mentioned that there are a few regular volunteers from the Kingswood apartment complex that are a big help each week.

Music Committee

No news to report.

History & Memorials Committee-Barbara Morey

The year-long study of the church building is done. Barbara has the detailed report from consultant Brian Pfeiffer, including pictures. The H&M Committee will be meeting next Tuesday with him to review the report. After that, the CPA grant committee will be meeting to determine the next step and get to work preparing the application and procuring estimates for work to be done. Possibly will contact contractor who handled the last expansion of the church. All of this is getting ready for our 200th anniversary in 2021.

Growth Committee

Diane delivered the Growth Committee report relayed from Gail Wershing. Growth continues work on a small video focusing on asking "Why do you like/love our church?" They completed the mailer for the Easter season (Diane showed samples). Extra copies are in the Narthex. Growth is looking into finding a low/no cost method of producing a new church directory, in print or online. All suggestions are welcome. Also, CSCC will be hosting the monthly Bridgewater Business Association meeting on 3/21.

Women's Guild and Fellowship-Terry Reynolds

The Women's Guild is working next on a project collecting for the Animal Protection Center. Their next meeting is on Ash Wednesday, and will include refreshments for those attending the service.

Other Business

- The Nominating Committee has had their first meeting and has embarked on its work. The committee is comprised of: Ed MacIntosh, Anne Malmquist, Lisa Masiello, Bill O'Neil, Pat Lindsey, Mike Bundock, Bev Mitchell.
- Diane announced that this year's golf tournament will be held on Friday, 6/21, at 8am, and will be held at the Back Nine Club in Lakeville.
- Diane reminded all to be sure Steeple Sounds articles list what you are doing, what is coming up, and has contact information.
- March Steeple Sounds articles are due to the office Monday, 2/25, 10am
- Next Cabinet meeting is March 20.

Treasurer's Report
February 19, 2019
Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019
64% thru Fiscal Year

	YTD	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
Regular Pledges	84,534	123,000	69%
Unpledged Offerings	11,963	24,000	50%
Plate Offering	1,758	3,000	59%
Youth Minister Funding	1,500		
Total · Pledges / Offerings	99,755	150,000	67%
Special Collections			
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	806		
Total · Special Collections	806		
Fundraisers/Events Revenue			
Golf Tournament	0	7,200	0%
Breakfasts	255		
Church Fair	7,969	7,000	114%
Misc Fundraisers	700		
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	8,924	14,200	63%
Facility Usage Income			
Non Profit Bldg Use	2,790	3,600	78%
Private Bldg Use	400	1,700	24%
Total · Facility Usage Income	3,190	5,300	60%
Miscellaneous Income	64		
Total Income	112,738	169,500	67%
Expenses			
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	64,478	91,479	70%
Total · Support Staff Expenses	32,204	66,558	48%
Total · Office Expenses	6,090	8,000	76%
Total · Church Building Costs	18,407	29,800	62%
Operating Committees			
Christian Education	248	1,500	17%
Church Growth	1,806	1,570	115%
Deacons	548	1,500	37%
Music (Materials/Substitutes)	528	600	88%
Stewardship	42	350	12%
Outreach	2,876	3,910	74%
Total · Operating Committees	6,047	9,430	64%
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	2,700	0%
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	200	0%
Total Expenses	127,226	208,167	61%
Net income (loss)	(14,488)	(38,667)	37%
Transfer from Investments	5,000		
	(9,488)		

Treasurer's Report
February 19, 2019
Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019
64% thru Fiscal Year

Cash balances			
Operating account		6,876	
Money Market			
Restricted	26,737		
Unrestricted	614		
		<u>27,351</u>	
Fair account		16	
Minister's Discretionary account		748	
Outreach account			
Includes paid pledge set-aside	1,994		
Food Pantry	15,456		
		<u>17,450</u>	
Capital Campaign account		16,911	
Total cash balances		<u>69,352</u>	
Endowments investment fund			
Protected principal	134,513		
Unrestricted funds	96,622		
Income YTD FY 2019	(14,021)		
Total value 12/31		<u>231,135</u>	<u>249,694</u> Current value
Parsonage investment fund			
Principal parsonage sale	151,677		
Profit (Loss)	(10,858)		
Total value 12/31		<u>140,819</u>	<u>151,601</u> Current value
Total investments		<u>371,954</u>	<u>401,295</u>

Daily Lectionary Scripture References March 2019 (Year C)

Fri., Mar. 1
Psalm 99
Deuteronomy 9:6-14
Acts 10:1-8

Sat., Mar. 2
Psalm 99
Deuteronomy 9:15-24
Luke 10:21-24

Sun., Mar. 3
Transfiguration of the Lord
Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

Mon., Mar. 4
Psalm 35:11-28
Exodus 35:1-29
Acts 10:9-23a

Tues., Mar. 5
Psalm 35:11-28
Ezekiel 1:1-2:1
Acts 10:23b-33

Wed., Mar. 6
Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thurs., Mar. 7
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 5:10-23
Acts 7:30-34

Fri., Mar. 8
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 6:1-13
Acts 7:35-42

Sat., Mar. 9
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
John 12:27-36

Sun., Mar. 10
First Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Mon., Mar. 11
Psalm 17
1 Chronicles 21:1-17
1 John 2:1-6

Tues., Mar. 12
Psalm 17
Zechariah 3:1-10
2 Peter 2:4-21

Wed., Mar. 13
Psalm 17
Job 1:1-22
Luke 21:34-22:6

Thurs., Mar. 14
Psalm 27
Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18
Philippians 3:2-12

Fri., Mar. 15
Psalm 27
Genesis 14:17-24
Philippians 3:17-20

Sat., Mar. 16
Psalm 27
Psalm 118:26-29
Matthew 23:37-39

Sun., Mar. 17
Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

Mon., Mar. 18
Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
Exodus 33:1-6
Romans 4:1-12

Tues., Mar. 19
Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
Numbers 14:10b-24
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wed., Mar. 20
Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
2 Chronicles 20:1-22
Luke 13:22-31

Thurs., Mar. 21
Psalm 63:1-8
Daniel 3:19-30
Revelation 2:8-11

Fri., Mar. 22
Psalm 63:1-8
Daniel 12:1-4
Revelation 3:1-6

Sat., Mar. 23
Psalm 63:1-8
Isaiah 5:1-7
Luke 6:43-45

Sun., Mar. 24
Third Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

Mon., Mar. 25
Psalm 39
Jeremiah 11:1-17
Romans 2:1-11

Tues., Mar. 26
Psalm 39
Ezekiel 17:1-10
Romans 2:12-16

Wed., Mar. 27
Psalm 39
Numbers 13:17-27
Luke 13:18-21

Thurs., Mar. 28
Psalm 32
Joshua 4:1-13
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

Fri., Mar. 29
Psalm 32
Joshua 4:14-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Sat., Mar. 30
Psalm 32
Exodus 32:7-14
Luke 15:1-10

Sun., Mar. 31
Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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March Calendar

SUN 24	MON 25	TUE 26	WED 27	THU 28	FRI Mar 1	SAT 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Choir Reh - ST 10am Worship 11:15am Heifer Living Gift Market - F 2 more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Girl Scouts - LL 6:15pm Girl Scouts - MR 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Confirmation Class - FR 4:15pm Girl Scouts - MR 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 3 more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 7pm AI-Anon - FH 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm Pack 35 Derby - FH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Breakfast Prep - FH/KT 8am Choir Reh - ST 9am Breakfast - FH/KT 4 more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Food Pantry - LL 7pm CPA Grant Mtg - FR 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 	Ash Wednesday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm WG&F - FH 7pm Worship - ST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 7pm AI-Anon - FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9
Daylight Saving Time starts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Choir Reh - ST 9:30am Jr Choir Reh - ST 2 more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Girl Scouts - LL 6:15pm Girl Scouts - MR 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:15pm Girl Scouts - MR 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 6pm Girl Scouts - MR 2 more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 6:30pm Growth - FR 7pm AI-Anon - FH 7:30pm Christian Outreach - MR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm Youth Group - 99 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16
St. Patrick's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Breakfast Prep - FH/KT 8am Choir Reh - ST 4 more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Cabinet-MR 7:30pm BSU Choir - ST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 6:30pm BBA - MR 7pm AI-Anon - FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23 6pm Mission Dinner - FH/KT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Choir Reh - ST 10am Worship 7:30pm AA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Girl Scouts - LL 6:15pm Girl Scouts - MR 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 26 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:15pm Girl Scouts - MR 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 6pm Girl Scouts - MR 2 more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 7pm AI-Anon - FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 10am Lenten Book Study - FR 1pm Private Event - FH 2pm Girl Scouts - MR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Choir Reh - ST 10am Worship 11:30am 5th-8th Grade Youth Group 7:30pm AA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 1 6pm Food Pantry - LL 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 6:30pm WG&F - FH 7:30pm BSU Choir - ST 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 10am Food Pantry - LL 7pm AI-Anon - FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6

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