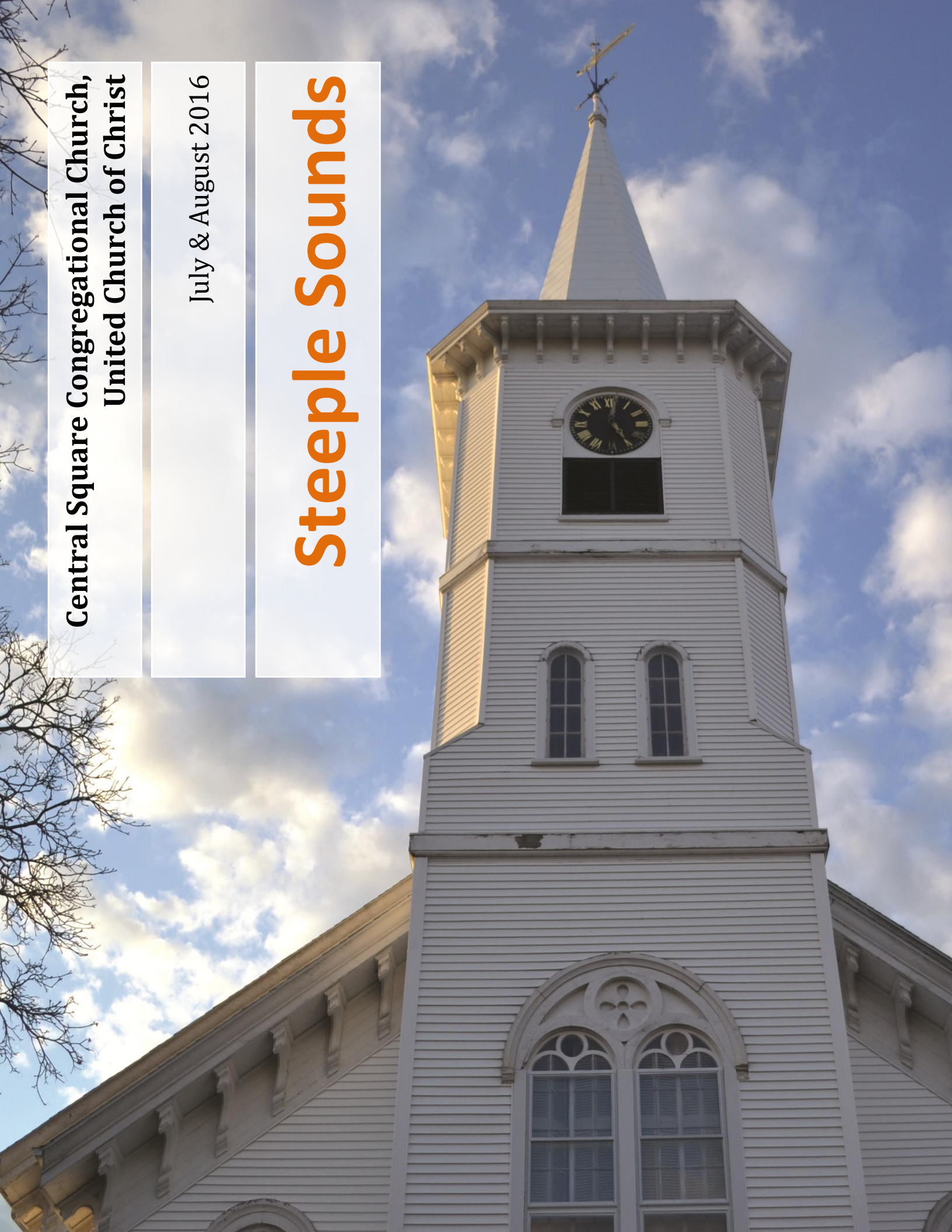


**Central Square Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

July & August 2016

Steeple Sounds



From The Desk of Rev. Beth

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.

Exodus 20:8-11

There is an ancient rabbinical teaching that says that when God created the world, it was incomplete, until on the 7th day, God created something called “menuha.” Menuha translates from Hebrew as serenity, peace, or repose. So on the first day, God separated light from the dark. On the second day, God created the sky. On the third and fourth days God created the dry land, the sun and the moon. On the fifth day God created all the animals, and on the sixth day, God created humanity. So God was pretty busy those first six days. Yet still, after all that, the ancient rabbis say, creation remained unfinished. Only when God created rest and repose was creation finally complete on the 7th day. This is where we get the idea for what we call Sabbath, and it is an integral part of our health and well-being.

I recognize that Sabbath keeping in the 21st century has it’s challenges. Our employers may ask us to work on Sundays. Our kids have soccer games and dance recitals that sometimes get in the way of Sunday morning worship times. We no longer live in a world where the Christian Sabbath is privileged or given special status. Which means that is increasingly up to us to be intentional about prioritizing and setting aside Sabbath time. No one is going to enforce that rest upon us. We have to decide for ourselves that it’s worth making it a priority to devote at least some part of our week to the things that are eternal and everlasting over things that are temporal and temporary— to find a time each week to step away from the endless pattern of consumption and production that rules our society--and in the words of Walter Brueggemann—to “break the pattern of our divided hearts in order to embrace our true created nature.”

This summer, I hope that all of you will be able to make time for Sabbath rest. Whether it’s taking time off from work for a family vacation, or taking time out of the week for worship and prayer here at Central Square Church, may you find ways to experience “menuha”—true serenity and rest. Come and join us on Sunday mornings for spiritual rest and renewal—worship is at 10:00am in July and August. While there is no Sunday School during the summer, all are truly welcome in worship. I hope to see you this summer! Sabbath blessings to all!

In Christ,

Rev. Beth

From the Board of Outreach

At our last meeting on June 14th we welcomed three new members; Carol Chaffee, Rob Basler, and Devon Basler. We said thank you to Carla Jackson, who has been co-chair for the past two years and is moving on. So, currently the Outreach committee is made up of Kim Wallace, Carol Chaffee, Rob Basler, Jack Melcher, Bill O'Neil, Devon Basler, and David Hanson. Rob Basler and Bill O'Neil will be co-chairs. Rev. Beth attends all of the Outreach meetings as well.

This year the Outreach budget is at 3.1% of the total pledges, which figures out to just over \$4000.00. We pray for more pledges so we can continue to do all of the great things we've been doing.

The Bridgewater Food Pantry at Central Square Congregational Church is a well oiled machine. Run by Jack Melcher, with the help of Pat Conn and lots of donations, it is helping a lot of Bridgewater families. Recently, some Bridgewater-Raynham students wrote and performed a play at the high school. At the suggestion of Devon Basler, who was involved with the play, all the money they raised (\$491.00) was donated to the Bridgewater Food Pantry.

On June 27th the church will be having a Golf Tournament at the Olde Scotland Links to raise money. The members of Outreach have sponsored a hole for the event.

The next Outreach meeting will be on Monday, September 12th 2016. Most Outreach meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from September through June.

Hope everyone has a great summer! And remember, God is still speaking!

- David Hanson

From CE



The Board of Christian Ed. would like to thank the students, teachers and parents for another successful year of Sunday school. Our new curriculum was received with great enthusiasm and the children seem to really know the Bible stories they studied. This summer the board will be exploring Bible stories for next year. Stay tuned to find out more.

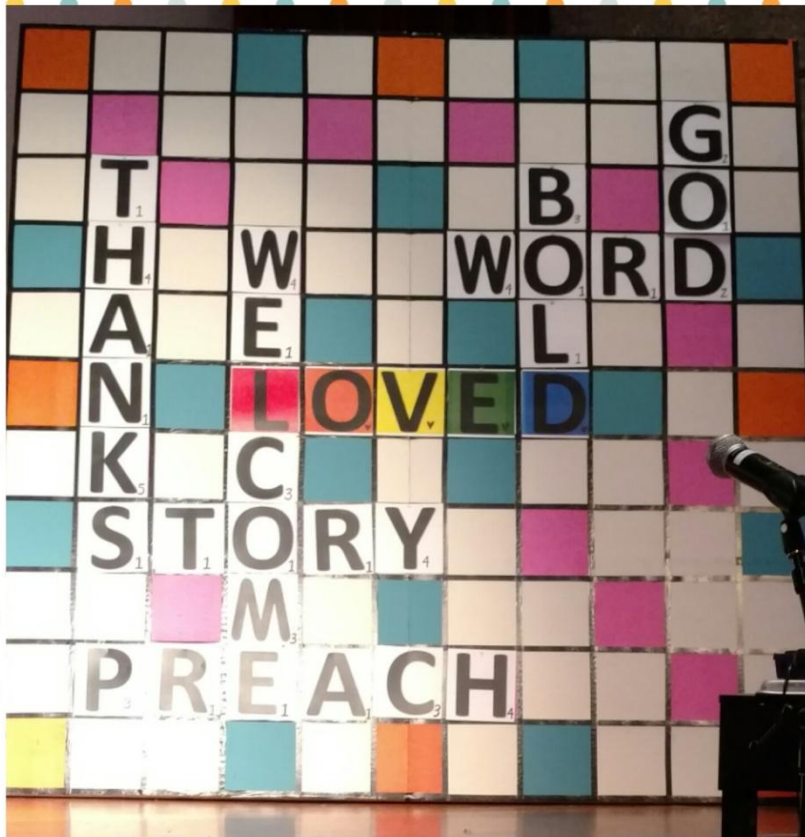
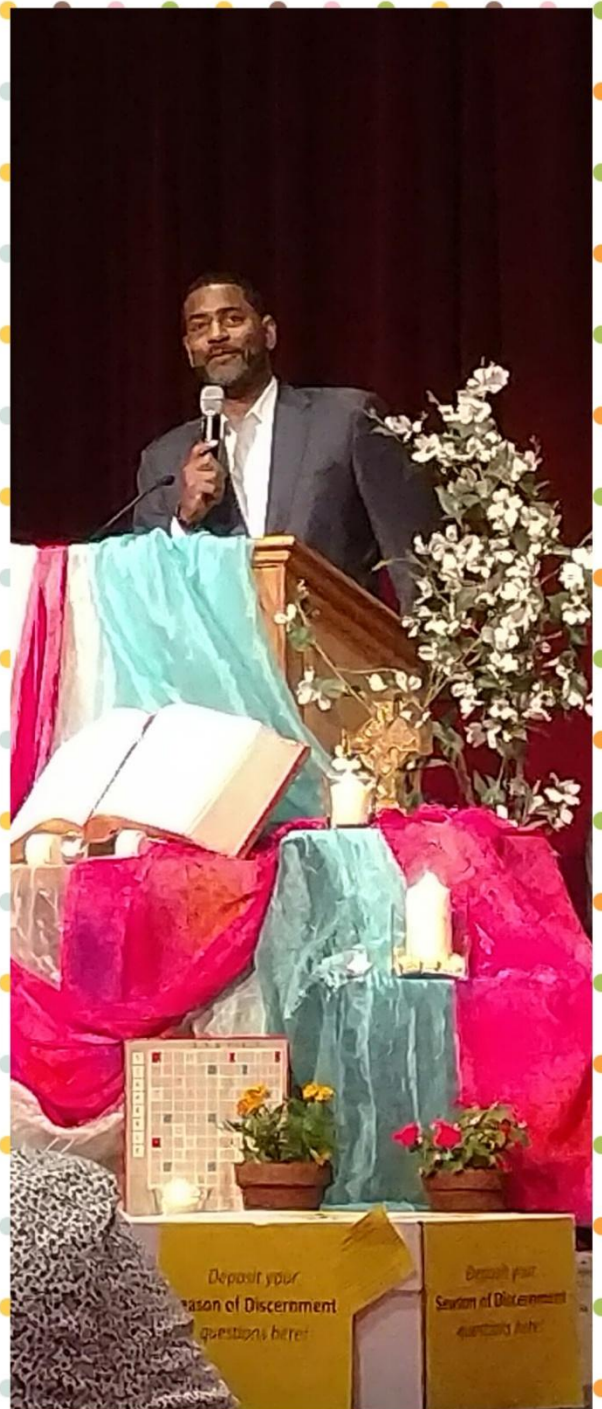
The Board of Christian Education welcomes new committee members Lisa Masiello and Shane Abboud. We would like to thank Meg McDermott, Mauree Bundock and Denise Molinari for their service on this board. Good luck on your new adventures.

We are always looking for new ways to explore our faith for both young and old. If you have an educational idea or read a good book that you'd love to share with others please share your ideas with a board member.

Happy summer!

- Denise Molinari

Report of the Delegates to the 217th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts
Conference of the United Church of Christ



On Friday evening, June 17th over 400 delegates, clergy and guests gathered at UMass, Amherst for worship, a presentation on the conference budget for 2017 and for Stories of Boldness. There were several men from Uganda present and they told their stories of seeking asylum in the United States because of how gays are treating in Uganda once they are “out” – life in jail or execution.

After dinner, we heard the keynote address by the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, senior pastor at the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago. Trinity is the largest UCC church in the country. As in the past two years, our keynote addresses at annual meeting have emphasized “doing church differently or in bold new ways” lest we wither on the vine. A reception followed on the 11th floor of the Campus Center Hotel, with beautiful views of the UMass campus and surroundings.

On Saturday morning, we had our choice of going to one of six forums or hearings on two resolutions, or on United Church Mission/Conference Budget or with the Rev. Moss or Ken Medema, who was our musical performer for the entire annual meeting.

After the hearings and forums, we went back into Plenary Session for the annual address of our Conference Minister and President, actions (votes) on resolutions, action (votes) on the Budget and establishing an Investment Committee (to replace the Congregational Fund) and then some storytelling and music and reflections before lunch.

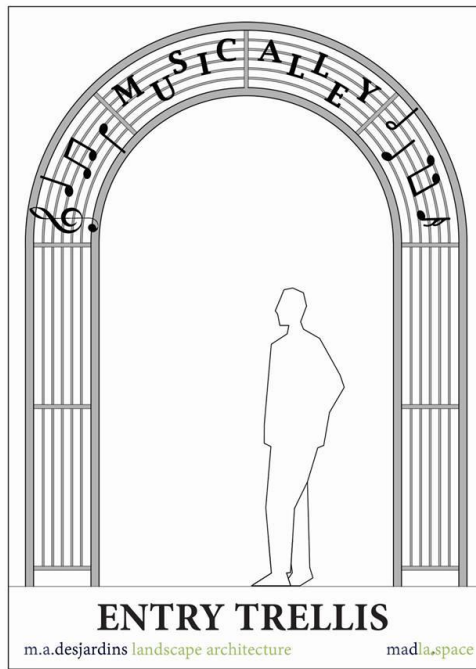
There were three choices for lunch – The Recognition Lunch (50 Year Ordinands, Green Churches, C.E Certifications, etc.), a new Networking Lunch or a free for all lunch in the dining services area of the Campus Center with a voucher.

After lunch we had a worship service with communion and Rev. Moss preaching. The final Plenary Session of the meeting was to hear from the Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts Conference Ministers and Presidents and Board Members of each conference on the possibility of a merger, federation or collaboration of the three conferences. We now enter a year of discernment on this matter. Also, for voting on updated Clergy Compensation Guidelines.

All of the votes on all of the matters before the delegates passed, with just a handful of “no” votes on some of the matters involving money. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

In Christ and filled with new enthusiasm for doing bold things,

Deb Sorgman and John Sharland



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

The lineup:

July 7th: Kristen Long

July 14th: John Balutis

July 21st: Andy & Judy

July 28th: Tim & Kerry Campbell

August 4th: Dark Horse

August 11th: Pumpkin Head Ted

August 18th: Faded Halo

August 25th: In Spirit

September 1st: Boxwood Saxophone Quartet

Meet us in the alley! (50 Central Square, Located next to Town Hall)

Daily Lectionary Scripture References July 2016 (Year C)

Fri., July 1
Psalm 30
2 Kings 4:18-31
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

Sat., July 2
Psalm 30
2 Kings 4:32-37
Luke 9:1-6

Sun., July 3
2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Mon., July 4
Psalm 6
2 Kings 5:15-19a
Acts 19:21-27

Tues., July 5
Psalm 6
2 Kings 5:19b-27
Acts 19:28-41

Wed., July 6
Psalm 6
2 Kings 6:1-7
Luke 10:13-16

Thurs., July 7
Psalm 82
Amos 1:1—2:3
James 2:14-26

Fri., July 8
Psalm 82
Amos 2:4-11
Acts 7:9-16

Sat., July 9
Psalm 82
Amos 2:12—3:8
John 3:16-21

Sun., July 10
Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

Mon., July 11
Psalm 7
Amos 3:9—4:5
James 2:1-7

Tues., July 12
Psalm 7
Amos 4:6-13
1 John 3:11-17

Wed., July 13
Psalm 7
Amos 5:1-9
Matthew 25:31-46

Thurs., July 14
Psalm 52
Amos 5:10-17
Hebrews 5:1-6

Fri., July 15
Psalm 52
Amos 5:18-27
Ephesians 3:14-21

Sat., July 16
Psalm 52
Amos 6:1-14
Luke 8:4-10

Sun., July 17
Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Mon., July 18
Psalm 119:17-32
Amos 7:1-6
Colossians 1:27—2:7

Tues., July 19
Psalm 119:17-32
Amos 8:13—9:4
1 John 2:1-6

Wed., July 20
Psalm 119:17-32
Amos 9:5-15
John 6:41-51

Thurs., July 21
Psalm 85
Hosea 4:1-19
Acts 1:15-20

Fri., July 22
Psalm 85
Hosea 5:1-15
Acts 2:22-36

Sat., July 23
Psalm 85
Hosea 1:11—2:15
Luke 8:22-25

Sun., July 24
Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

Mon., July 25
Psalm 44
Hosea 2:14—3:5
Colossians 2:16—3:1

Tues., July 26
Psalm 44
Hosea 6:1-10
Romans 9:30—10:4

Wed., July 27
Psalm 44
Hosea 6:11—7:16
Matthew 5:43-48

Thurs., July 28
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Hosea 8:1-14
Romans 11:33-36

Fri., July 29
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Hosea 9:1-17
Ephesians 4:17-24

Sat., July 30
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Hosea 10:1-15
Mark 10:17-22

Sun., July 31
Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21



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Mon., Aug. 1
Psalm 60
Hosea 11:12—12:14
Colossians 3:18—4:1

Tues., Aug. 2
Psalm 60
Hosea 13:1-16
Colossians 4:2-6

Wed., Aug. 3
Psalm 60
Hosea 14:1-9
Luke 12:22-31

Thurs., Aug. 4
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Isaiah 9:8-17
Romans 9:1-9

Fri., Aug. 5
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Isaiah 9:18—10:4
Acts 7:1-8

Sat., Aug. 6
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23
Matthew 6:19-24

Sun., Aug. 7
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Mon., Aug. 8
Psalm 11
Isaiah 2:1-4
Hebrews 11:1-7

Tues., Aug. 9
Psalm 11
Isaiah 24:1-13
Hebrews 11:17-28

Wed., Aug. 10
Psalm 11
Isaiah 24:14-23
Luke 12:41-48

Thurs., Aug. 11
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Isaiah 2:5-11
Hebrews 10:26-31

Fri., Aug. 12
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Isaiah 3:1-17
Hebrews 10:32-39

Sat., Aug. 13
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Isaiah 3:18—4:6
Matthew 24:15-27

Sun., Aug. 14
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Mon., Aug. 15
Psalm 74
Isaiah 5:8-23
1 John 4:1-6

Tues., Aug. 16
Psalm 74
Isaiah 5:24-30
Acts 7:44-53

Wed., Aug. 17
Psalm 74
Isaiah 27:1-13
Luke 19:45-48

Thurs., Aug. 18
Psalm 71:1-6
Jeremiah 6:1-19
Hebrews 12:3-17

Fri., Aug. 19
Psalm 71:1-6
Jeremiah 6:20-30
Acts 17:1-9

Sat., Aug. 20
Psalm 71:1-6
Jeremiah 1:1-3, 11-19
Luke 6:1-5

Sun., Aug. 21
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Mon., Aug. 22
Psalm 10
Jeremiah 7:1-15
Hebrews 3:7—4:11

Tues., Aug. 23
Psalm 10
Jeremiah 7:16-26
Revelation 3:7-13

Wed., Aug. 24
Psalm 10
Jeremiah 7:27-34
Luke 6:6-11

Thurs., Aug. 25
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Jeremiah 11:1-17
1 Peter 3:8-12

Fri., Aug. 26
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Jeremiah 12:1-13
1 Peter 4:7-11

Sat., Aug. 27
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Jeremiah 2:1-3, 14-22
Matthew 20:20-28

Sun., Aug. 28
Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Mon., Aug. 29
Psalm 58
Jeremiah 2:23-37
Hebrews 13:7-21

Tues., Aug. 30
Psalm 58
Jeremiah 3:1-14
Titus 1:1-9

Wed., Aug. 31
Psalm 58
Jeremiah 3:15-25
Luke 14:15-24



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July calendar

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

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

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