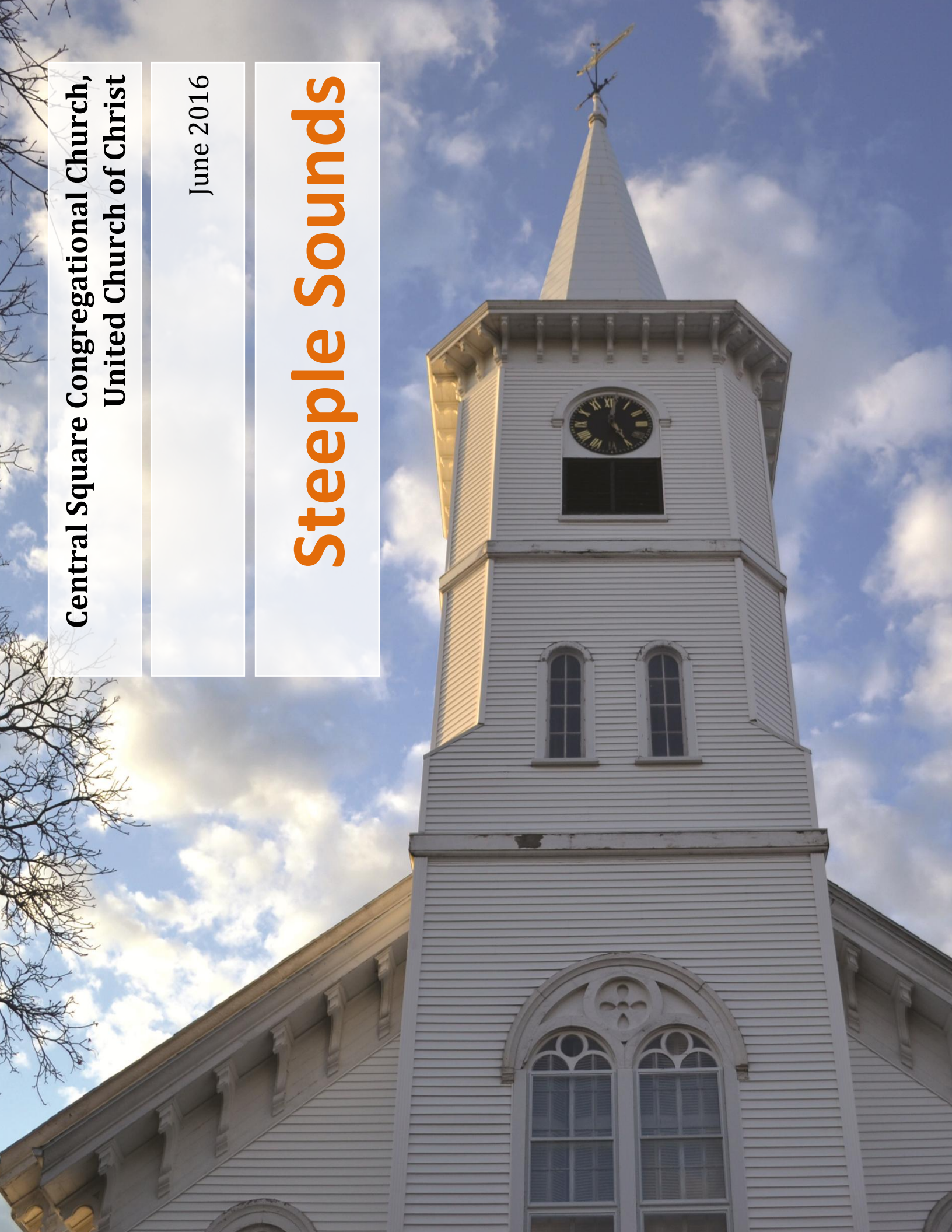


**Central Square Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

June 2016

Steeple Sounds



From The Desk of Rev. Beth



Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live." --Proverbs 8:1-4

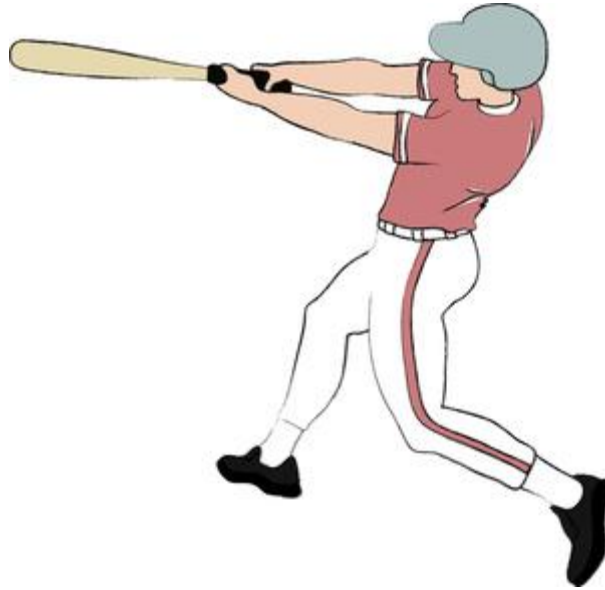
After a long season of presidential primaries, contentious debates, and brutal attack ads, I can't help but wonder, where do we hear the voice of wisdom in our world today? It certainly hasn't been coming from the mouths of those seeking to win the highest office in the land. Yet according to our text from Proverbs, wisdom is calling out in the public square, crying out to all who will listen with instruction that is better than silver or gold. So how do we parse out the voice of God's holy wisdom from all the other voices clamoring for our attention?

Taking time to quiet one's soul is the first step. In my yoga class my instructor begins every class with a time of quiet meditation. The first few minutes are always hard—clearing my mind of all the day's business and stress, the tasks and to-do lists—but eventually I get into a rhythm with my breath and all the other voices begin to melt away. What I am left with is the still small voice of God—the voice of Wisdom telling me that I and every other person I encounter is a beloved child of God.

In the midst of such a contentious political climate, it is perhaps more important than ever that we find time to quiet our souls and listen for the voice of true Wisdom in our world. And here's how we can recognize it—the voice of true Wisdom is free of all arrogance and rudeness. It is compassionate and kind. It is gentle and places no heavy burdens upon us. It speaks of the belovedness of all creation. Last but not least, it is not exclusive, and it speaks freely to all who will listen.

In the coming months, we will all be called to make important decisions about who we will choose to lead our country into the future. May our discernment process be guided not by the wisdom of this world, but by the wisdom of God's Holy Spirit. May our hearts be open to the still small voice of God. And may the choices we make reflect our most heartfelt beliefs about the belovedness of all creation.

From the Board of Deacons



There are many ways in which you can engage your religion over the summer. Some may think that coming to church makes all the difference. Some may think that a long walk in the park might help you connect with God. I play baseball and I imagine that God is the announcer with his voice booming over the field but also a player that reminds us that it is just a game. Whatever way that you think you can connect to God is what you should do.

However, if you do not know what you can do to practice religion, think of your favorite thing to do. For example, when its summer and you're on your porch or in your backyard soaking up some sun, think about what your religion has to do with the sun. Remind yourself of your religion. You can also go to church. Stay active with your neighbors and talk to them about how God is with them during their summer.

So think about it. Stay connected with your religion over the summer.

- Jr. Deacon Dave Berard

From the Board of Stewardship



Proverbs 11:24 English Standard Version (ESV) : “One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.”

God is a happy giver. God provides us all with abundance. I have never heard of God restricting his blessings, or feeling that he has blessed us with too much. God wants us all to follow his lead and be a happy giver. Understand what God wants to do, and then be a cheerful contributor to his plans. When you do this, you will see God open the doors of his blessings for you.

God Bless You!!

CSCC Stewardship Committee

From the Board of Outreach

As our church year winds down we at Outreach would like to remind everyone that there continue to be ongoing projects to carry us through the summer months and beyond. We would like to call your attention to the list of items (new or gently used) needed for Penelope's Place, a refuge for battered women and their children. We also continue to need seasonal clothing items (new or gently used) for Rob & Jim Basler's Brockton Homeless Mission, especially socks. As you know, they, along with other neighborhood volunteers, prepare and serve a Saturday noon-time meal at a local Brockton church.

We are also going to be updating the Church Street entrance where we collect food and other donations with shelving and bins to make the area look more professional and permanent. We feel that this will make the area more noticeable and attractive to all who enter the church from that entrance and may increase donations. If you could see the looks of gratitude and hope that appear on the people's faces when they receive these items you would recognize that we are serving a much needed under-served ministry in our community.

If anyone has the time, talent, and/or treasure in terms of design, construction, or material/money donations, please see any member of the Outreach Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill O'Neil, Carla Jackson, Jack Melcher, Kim Wallace,
Dave Hanson, Rob Basler, Devon Basler, Carol Chaffee

From Mission Youth

The Mission Trip to Mingo County, West Virginia is almost here!

On Saturday June 25, fourteen youth and three adult leaders from CSCC UCC will head south to Appalachian Mountain coal mining country in two vans for a week of mission service through the YouthWorks organization. They'll stay overnight in volunteer churches as they travel two days to and from their destination on the W.V./Kentucky border. While there, they'll sleep on the floor of a host church for five nights and spend their days working hard to serve the impoverished community of Williamson. The group will put their work gloves to good use as they repair homes, build sheds or ramps, or paint houses for those in need. Each evening they will join in reflection with mission youth from other churches on the theme "First Love - We love because God first loved us". They'll get to know the local Hatfield McCoy community through visits to the Matewan Train Depot, the Delbarton Opry House and other sites. On their last night in Mingo County, the youth will host a free cookout for the community. It is sure to be a transformative experience for our mission youth and leaders. Be sure to ask them about the trip upon their return to Bridgewater on July 2.

A heartfelt thank you to all the members of the CSCC UCC community who have supported the mission youth as they've planned and worked to raise funds for this year's adventure!

Marlene, Mission Trip Coordinator
"Many hands make light work."

From CE



Children's Sunday

On June 12th the children and Sunday school teaching staff will celebrate the year by creating and participating in the church service. The theme of the service will be the parable The Sower. Following the service everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall to make your own Sunday, a long time tradition and favorite of Children's Sunday.

Calendar

Sunday, May 29th
Sunday, June 5
Sunday, June 12th

Multigenerational Service (All children are invited to Attend worship)
Sunday School
Children's Sunday

Congregational Meeting!

BUDGET REVIEW TIME

Due to the change in our fiscal year, the budget meeting previously held in January each year will be held on the second Tuesday in June.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR: June 12 is the budget meeting.

Since it is also Children's Sunday, there will be make-your-own sundaes immediately after service. What better way to prepare for the budget meeting? The meeting will follow the sundae making, in the Fellowship Hall.

Please note that due to the sundaes, as well as the time of year, lunch will not be served in conjunction with the meeting.

Please do plan on being there to help understand and approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget!

If you have any questions, contact Diane Sheibley at diane@sheibley.net or 508-207-2524.

Heartsaver CPR and AED Certification Class

Friday, June 10th

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Conant Community Health Center

(Building before Senior Center off Route 18)

Park on right of building and come in front door

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our churches Emergency Team, please contact Ruthie Labonte (ruthie.labonte@comcast.net) to register for the class. 17 members of Women's Guild & Fellowship have already signed up at our annual banquet!

Final date to register is Friday, June 3rd. You will be notified by email that your registration has been received.

At the conclusion of the class all successful participants will receive a 2 year certification card from the American Heart Association. There may be a \$5.00 fee for the certification credential.

Congratulations to the new and returning officers, board members, and committee members elected at the May 15 Congregational Meeting:

Kathleen Mosher, Clerk (re-election)
Larry Brown, Treasurer (re-election)
Dave Sheibley, Assistant Treasurer (re-election)

Deb Sorgman, Delegate (re-election)
John Sharland, Delegate (re-election)

Anne Malmquist, Board of Deacons (re-election)
Darlene Brown, Board of Deacons (re-election)
Denise Molinari, Board of Deacons
David Berard, Jr. Deacon

John Sharland, Board of Trustees (re-election)
Jae Walden, Jr. Trustee

Marlene Jacobs, Board of Christian Education (re-election)
Shane Abboud, Board of Christian Education
Lisa Masiello, Board of Christian Education

David Hanson, Board of Outreach (re-election)
Carol Chaffee, Board of Outreach
Rob Basler, Board of Outreach
Devon Basler, Board of Outreach

Elaine Henriksen, Board of Stewardship

Meg McDermott, Growth Committee (1 year term)

Peter Glass, Music Committee (re-election)
Lynne Bates, Music Committee
Sherley Phillips, Music Committee

Diane Sheibley, Church Moderator, would like to offer her heartfelt thanks to this year's Nominating Committee for their efficient work: Deb Sorgman (chair), John Sharland, Denise Molinari, Carla Jackson, Rich Sullivan, and Nancy Winter.



Did someone say GOLF TOURNAMENT??

YES! Monday, June 27, 8:30am, at Olde Scotland Links!

REGISTRATION of golfers now being accepted! See the forms in this Steeple Sounds below. **TELL YOUR FRIENDS!**

This golf outing is a major fundraiser for our church. A portion of the proceeds will directly benefit the Bridgewater Food Pantry, with the rest going toward the church operating budget, which, as you know, benefits not only all of our board and committee work, and our music program, and our Sunday School, but also benefits all of the community groups and events that share our building.

HOW CAN I HELP?

- * gather friends and register to play golf
- * buy raffle tickets – you could win the the use of a beautiful vacation home in Wellfleet – tickets only \$10 for a book of 6 chances!
- * Sell raffle tickets!
- * do you own a business or have the ear of someone who does? Sponsor a hole!

The forms for golf registration and hole sponsorship are here in this Steeple Sounds. They are also available on our website, www.cscucc.org.

Raffle tickets will be sold between now and June 27 after worship on Sundays, or feel free to contact one of the Golf Committee members directly:

Barbara Morey
Jack Melcher
Mike Bundock
Gordon Brailsford
Diane Sheibley
Gail Wright
Lynn Pietras



Central Square Congregational Church

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, June 27

Olde Scotland Links

695 Pine St., Bridgewater

8:30am (registration opens at 7:30am)

Scramble Shot Gun Start

A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Bridgewater Food Pantry.

Additional proceeds to fund support costs for Bridgewater area outreach efforts of
Central Square Congregational Church.

\$110 per person registration fee includes:

Greens fees, golf cart, buffet lunch, range balls

Contests: M/F Longest Drive, M/F Closest to the Pin, 50/50 on the Green

Lunch-only tickets are available for \$35 each.

Registration Form

Registration deadline: June 15, 2016

Make checks payable to: CSCC

Mail to CSCC, 71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324

508-697-6016 ▪ office@cscucc.com

Registrations accepted for individual players or foursomes.

Player name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____

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Central Square Congregational Church

GOLF TOURNAMENT HOLE SPONSORSHIP

**Monday, June 27
Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine St., Bridgewater**



A portion of the proceeds to benefit the Bridgewater Food Pantry.
Additional proceeds to fund support costs for Bridgewater area outreach efforts of
Central Square Congregational Church.

\$100 per hole



Registration deadline: June 15, 2016

Make checks payable to: CSCC

Mail to CSCC, 71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324
508-697-6016 ▪ office@cscucc.com

**YES! We would like to support the Central Square Congregational Church
2016 Golf Tournament as a Hole Sponsor.**

Sponsor Name: _____
as it should appear on course signage – please print clearly

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Daily Lectionary Scripture References June 2016 (Year C)

Wed., June 1
Psalm 135
Ezekiel 14:12-23
Mark 7:24-30

Thurs., June 2
Psalm 146
Exodus 29:1-9
Acts 22:6-21

Fri., June 3
Psalm 146
Numbers 15:17-26
Acts 26:1-11

Sat., June 4
Psalm 146
Joshua 9:1-27
Matthew 9:2-8

Sun., June 5
1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24]
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

Mon., June 6
Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
Job 22:1-20
Galatians 2:1-10

Tues., June 7
Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
Job 24:9-25
Galatians 2:11-14

Wed., June 8
Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
Job 31:16-23
Luke 8:40-56

Thurs., June 9
Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:1-22
James 4:1-7

Fri., June 10
Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:23-34
Romans 11:1-10

Sat., June 11
Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:35-43
Luke 5:17-26

Sun., June 12
1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

Mon., June 13
Psalm 83
Genesis 31:17-35
Galatians 3:1-9

Tues., June 14
Psalm 83
2 Samuel 19:31-43
Galatians 3:10-14

Wed., June 15
Psalm 83
Malachi 3:5-12
Mark 2:1-12

Thurs., June 16
Psalm 42 and 43
Genesis 24:1-21
Romans 2:17-29

Fri., June 17
Psalm 42 and 43
Job 6:14-30
Galatians 3:15-22

Sat., June 18
Psalm 42 and 43
Proverbs 11:3-13
Matthew 9:27-34

Sun., June 19
1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Mon., June 20
Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:1-13
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Tues., June 21
Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:14-26
Ephesians 2:11-22

Wed., June 22
Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:30-37
Luke 9:37-43a

Thurs., June 23
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Fri., June 24
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
2 Kings 1:1-12
Galatians 4:8-20

Sat., June 25
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5
Luke 9:21-27

Sun., June 26
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

Mon., June 27
Psalm 75
2 Kings 2:15-22
1 John 2:7-11

Tues., June 28
Psalm 75
2 Kings 3:4-20
Ephesians 5:6-20

Wed., June 29
Psalm 75
2 Kings 4:1-7
Matthew 10:16-25

Thurs., June 30
Psalm 30
2 Kings 4:8-17
Romans 7:14-25



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June Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	30 Memorial Day 7p NA-FH	31 8:30 Play Groups - MR	Jun 1 6p Girl Scouts - LL	2 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	3	4
5 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Communion 10 Worship 2p Piano Recital - ST 7:30p AA-FH	6 6p Food Pantry - LL 6:30p Girl Scouts - MR 7p Golf Com Mtg - FR 7p NA-FH	7 7:30p Stewardship - MR	8 7p Deacons - FR	9 10 Food Pantry - LL 6p Piano Recital - ST 7p Al-Anon - FH 7:30p Pack Com - MR	10	11
12 10 Worship 11:30 Budget Mtg - FH 11:30 Growth - FR 7:30p AA-FH	13 6p Girl Scouts - MR 7p Golf Com Mtg - FR 7p NA-FH	14 7p Outreach - FR	15 6p Girl Scouts - LL 7p Cabinet-MR	16 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	17	18
19 Father's Day 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	20 7p Golf Com Mtg - FR 7p NA-FH	21	22	23 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	24	25
26 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	27 12p Golf Tournament 7p NA-FH	28	29 7p CE - MR 7p Trustees-FR	30 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	Jul 1	2

*This calendar is subject to change at any time. For the most up to date calendar at all times, please visit cscucc.org.

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