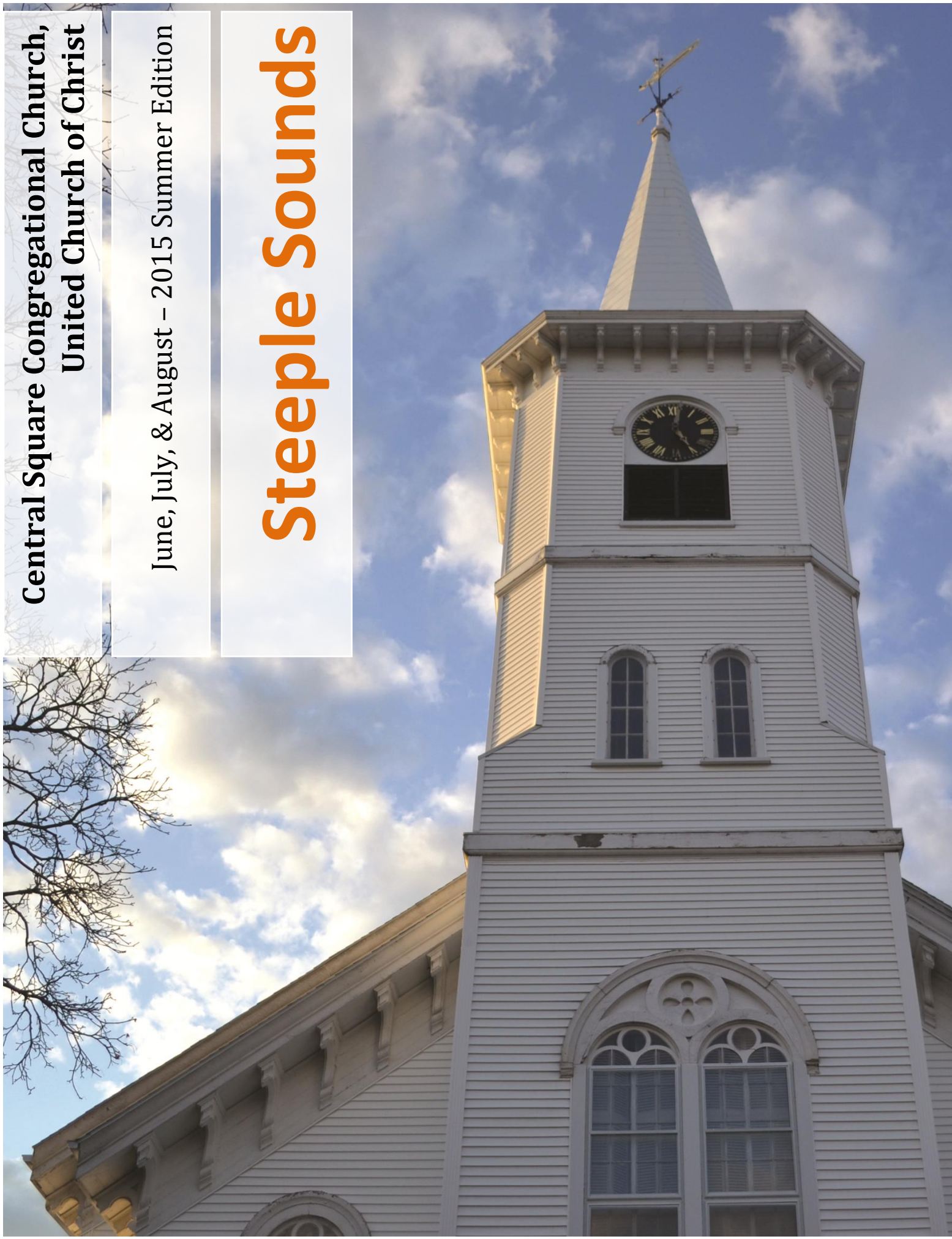


**Central Square Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

June, July, & August – 2015 Summer Edition

Steeple Sounds



From the Desk of Rev. Beth



"Miracles: You do not have to look for them. They are there, 24-7, beaming like radio waves all around you. Put up the antenna, turn up the volume - snap... crackle... this just in, every person you talk to is a chance to change the world."

-Hugh Elliot

By the grace of God, we survived the hustle and bustle of the first part of this year.

We've had a series of major concerns and life-changing events in the lives of Central Square members and friends. The world, this country, our communities have been in disarray as a result of one thing or another; some things beyond human control, many others not. We also witnessed the baptism and dedication of two young members of our faith community, as well as the welcoming of a new adult member. We've ushered in the comforting gift of the Holy Spirit time and time again. We are renewed, refreshed, and open to the rustling winds of God, sometimes a gentle breeze, other times a whirlwind.

Through it all, there have been miracles at work in the highs and the lows of our lives. It's easy to see miracles that rescue us from impossible situations or those that stand out in big ways. It's a little harder to see those miracles that appear just barely above the surface and don't grab our attention until we look back and deeper reflect on our situations.

Even harder still is to see and experience the miracles that seem to live below the surface but are, in fact, everywhere and all around us, as Hugh Elliot mentions in the quote above. I challenge us all, as we delve into the beginning of our summer selves, to take a few moments and fine tune the dials, adjust our antennae, turn up the volume, and see how we might experience our Still-Speaking God from this point forth.

Wild, windy blessings!

- Rev. Beth

From the Deacons

June 14th we are celebrating our 1 year anniversary of being an Open and Affirming congregation!

Join us for cake during coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall!

From the Board of Trustees

Your Trustees are winding down for the summer, but not before we finish the front lawn and then tie up some loose ends!

Over the past year our Thursday Handymen (John Sharland, Bruce Maclay and Gordon Brailsford) have saved us a ton by donating their time* to the maintenance and upkeep of the church and the parsonage. They have plugged leaks and blocked out the cold; painted, patched and plumbed; and brought light into the darkness by way of fluorescent lamps. I'd also like to thank honorary Trustees

Bill Hall and David Hanson – these guys have been a huge help. From refinishing the floors to ensuring that the drains were working over the winter, we are very grateful for Bill's hard work. Without David and Lukas, there'd probably still be snow on the roof. David's also been very generous with his help with the front lawn. Every church should be so lucky to have help like this and we can't thank them enough.

We are still working on bringing more revenue streams into the church and I am happy to say that the effort to introduce games of chance has been fruitful. We are looking forward to a successful golf tournament that will help our mission and bring in the community.

We are applying for grants. This is not a simple process, but it will hopefully bring in needed funds to do things like refurbish the stained glass or repair the exterior.

We could use an air conditioner for the Fireplace Room. It gets hot in there and that room is used to plan funerals and for bride preparation before weddings. I think it was Plato who said, "Nobody likes a sweaty bride", so if you have one that you'd be willing to donate, please let us know.

Whatever you do, have a fun summer!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,

Tom Struzik, Chair

*YOUR help is always welcome. If you have a skill or a trade and would like to volunteer some time, your gift is encouraged and appreciated. Please send an email to csc.trustees@gmail.com if you'd like to help out.

From the Board of Stewardship



OK so summer is upon us. Summer in New England is truly a blessing from God. There can be no doubt that God wants each of us to make the most of this blessing and enjoy it to the fullest.

So enjoy every moment that summer offers, but please keep the following in mind.

- 1) God does not forget you during the summer months, so please don't forget God. Always keep God first in everything that you do.
- 2) People in need don't take the summer off. Find ways to help someone every day.

We hope these words of wisdom will guide you each day:

"You can't have a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you."

John Wooden

"It is more blessed to give than receive."

Jesus, In Acts 20:35

Have an awesome summer!!

CSCC Stewardship Committee

An Update from Cabinet

Congratulations to the newly elected CSCC officials:

Brian Maxfield, Assistant Financial Secretary
Deb Sorgman, CSCC Church Delegate

Deb Sorgman, Board of Deacons
Peter Compton, Board of Deacons
Natalie Mosher, Jr. Deacon, Board of Deacons

Greg Rucker, Board of Trustees (re-election)
Barbara Morey, Board of Trustees (re-election)

Christine Compton, Board of Christian Education (re-election)

Rich Sullivan, Board of Stewardship

Sheri Turner, Growth Committee
Kim Ramsdell, Growth Committee (re-election)

Beth Basler, History & Memorials Committee
Dave Terpeny, History & Memorials Committee

Ellen Crawford, Music Committee

In addition, the Cabinet is pleased to relay to you that it has exercised its right to fill some vacancies on our boards and committees with some 'late additions' to our newly elected slate of board and committee members. The following people were unanimously approved and appointed to the following roles:

Sara Terpeny – Growth Committee
Ashley Hoyt – Growth Committee youth member
John Scott – Board of Outreach
Krissy Cannizzo – Board of Christian Education

Thank you all for your commitment! [More volunteers are still being sought, so if you feel called to serve, please contact me.]

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CONSTITUTION & BYLAW CHANGES

Due to the change in fiscal year from the calendar year to July 1-June 30, the Congregation approved at its meeting on May 17 the following adjustments in annual occurrences that are financial in nature are necessary [changes are noted in ***BOLD ITALIC***]:

Constitution, Article VIII, Section 3, Paragraph A [The Board of Deacons]

6. Before ~~*October 15*~~ ***March 15*** of each year they shall carefully review the Pastor's salary and allowances and make an appropriate recommendation to the Board of Trustees regarding those items along with budget requests to cover all the financial needs of their work for the coming year.

Constitution, Article VIII, Section 3, Paragraph B [The Board of Trustees]

11. Shall be responsible for preparing and administering the Annual Budget:

- * Prior to the ~~*October*~~ ***March*** Cabinet meeting, boards and committees shall present to the Trustees their budget requests

and

- * The proposed budget shall then be presented to Cabinet no later than the ~~*December*~~ ***May*** meeting

Constitution, Article VIII, Section 4, Paragraph A [The Music Committee]

5. Annually, prior to the ~~*June*~~ ***November*** Cabinet meeting, shall review the performance of the Choir Director and Accompanist. Annually, before ~~*October*~~ ***March*** 15, shall review the salaries of both and make a recommendation to the Trustees.

Constitution, Article X, Section 1

Section 1: The Budget Review Meeting shall be held on the ~~*third*~~ ***second*** Sunday in ~~*January*~~ ***June***, for the express purpose of approving the recommended budget, as presented by the Trustees for that year.

By-laws, Article III, Section 3

Section 3. On or before the ~~*October*~~ ***March*** Cabinet meeting of each year, each of the boards and permanent committees shall present to the Board of Trustees an itemized budget request to cover the expense of the work charged to it for the coming year.

The updated document is available on our website, www.cscucc.org. Or if you wish to have a copy emailed to you directly, simply request your copy by contacting Ellen at office@cscucc.com.



Did someone say GOLF TOURNAMENT??

YES! Friday, June 26, 8am, 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 use of a beautiful vacation home in Maine – 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 26 after worship on Sundays, or feel free to contact one of the Golf Committee members directly:

Barbara Morey
Jack Melcher
Bill O'Neil
Mike Bundock
Bruce Maclay

Gordon Brailsford
Rich Sullivan
Diane Sheibley
Gail Wright
Lynn Pietras



Central Square Congregational Church

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 26

Olde Scotland Links

695 Pine St., Bridgewater

8:00am (registration opens at 7am)

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, 2015

Make checks payable to: CSCC

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

508-697-6016 ▪ office@cscucc.com

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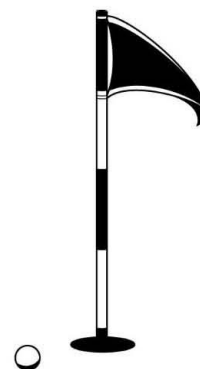
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GOLF TOURNAMENT HOLE SPONSORSHIP

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\$100 per hole



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**YES! We would like to support the Central Square Congregational Church
2015 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: _____



Did I hear correctly? Are we really going to be in the July 4th town parade?

YES!!! The Growth Committee has heard a number of times that we have to move out beyond our own walls in order to help foster growth. So, why not be IN the parade! We're working on a big banner and we can sport our new t-shirts (or not...they're not required) and wear our smiles, maybe carry a few balloons and help our community to know that we're a happening church :) This is for all ages, from strollers to wheelchairs and everyone in between. The more the merrier...bring your friends!

The parade will begin at 10am.

Parade participants and floats are to meet at Harrington Hall. Vehicle parking is NOT available at Harrington Hall, please refer to BSU maps for other available parking locations. Grove Street will ONLY be open between Cedar and Bedford to allow for drop-offs. We recommend entering School St from the center, taking a right onto Cedar St, follow to the end and drop-off, then right back towards Bedford Street.

Parade Route

Start at Grove St.

Onto Summer St

Right onto Dean St.

Right onto Worcester St.

Right onto Rte. 18

Through the center

take a right at Lucky Gas Station

Then a right onto Summer St.

*God is still speaking, through you and through me! -
Growth*



All Youth programs are open to all youth in grades 7 through 12. Please join us!
View the Youth Calendar at cscuccyouth.wordpress.com. And follow us on Facebook for the latest news.

Sunday, June 7th

Breakfast Club

9:00 AM to 9:50 AM

All Youth will get breakfast in the Kitchen,
then come down to the Youth Room!

Saturday, June 20th

Mission Trip Leaves!

2:00 PM

Saturday, June 27th

Mission Trip Returns!

Time to Be Determined

Mission Forms are due by June 7th!

Sunday, June 14th

Worship

10:00 AM

Youth Commissioning during Worship.

Women's Guild & Fellowship

Come Join Us!



Best wishes for a safe and happy summer!

If you have any ideas for future programs, please contact Phoebe or Sandy before August
(when we will have our first executive board meeting).

Sunday School News

Kids of the Kingdom

The last Kids of the Kingdom of this church year took place on a May Sunday, after church. Sixteen children enjoyed an early Pentecost celebration or more importantly the beginning of the Christian Church. The children relived that exciting day by going back to Jerusalem 2000 years. They closed their eyes listening to the story of the people that day hearing the sounds and envisioning the smells of the day as people arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost or the gathering of the harvest. The people also knew that something special would happen as they were promised the Holy Spirit would be there also. As Jesus' followers gathered in a room the wind rose and fire flashed over their heads. No one was burned, but next an amazing event occurred for all the people were speaking in different languages and they understood each other. (Fans were turned on, red, yellow and orange streamers flew overhead and each child shouted a word or phrase they knew in a different language simulating that moment in time.) Were they all drunk? No! The Holy Spirit had visited each and every one of them. To celebrate this moment the boys and girls made a wind catcher using an embroidery hoop, crepe paper and or ribbons of red, yellow and orange. They also challenged each other to see which team could blow crepe paper streamers across the room using a straw. They ended the afternoon by making their own tacos for lunch. It was a grand Pentecost celebration that afternoon with the children working together in community.

Children's Sunday

Please save the date Sunday, June 14th, for it is Children's Sunday. The girls and boys will end the Sunday school church year in worship with songs, prayers, kids' moment etc. The theme this year is symbols which help the children remember the stories of Jesus. Come and celebrate the Sunday school year with the children. You are all invited to stay after church and make your own Sundae, a longtime favorite tradition of the children and their church family.

From the Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education has been in the process of developing portfolios in order to better carry out our work. The three main focus areas for our Board are Sunday School, Faith Growth and Special Events. Two members of the Board will be in charge of each portfolio area. The Board is looking forward to getting started with fresh ideas and enthusiasm.

We also welcome new board member Krissy Cannizzo and say good-bye to Deb Sorgman. Deb has been a valuable member of the Youth team for many years. We thank her for her years of dedication to the youth and wish her well on the Board of Deacons.

Daily Lectionary Scripture References June 2015 (Year B)

Mon., June 1
Psalm 20
Numbers 9:15-23
Revelation 4:1-8

Tues., June 2
Psalm 20
Exodus 25:1-22
1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Wed., June 3
Psalm 20
Numbers 6:22-27
Mark 4:21-25

Thurs., June 4
Psalm 138
1 Samuel 4:1-22
1 Peter 4:7-19

Fri., June 5
Psalm 138
1 Samuel 5:1-12
2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Sat., June 6
Psalm 138
1 Samuel 6:1-18
Luke 8:4-15

Sun., June 7
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 8:4-11 [12-15] 16-20
[11:14-15]
Psalm 138
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

Mon., June 8
Psalm 108
1 Samuel 7:3-15
Revelation 20:1-6

Tues., June 9
Psalm 108
1 Samuel 8:1-22
Revelation 20:7-15

Wed., June 10
Psalm 108
1 Samuel 9:1-14
Luke 11:14-28

Thurs., June 11
Psalm 20
1 Samuel 9:15-27
Hebrews 2:5-9

Fri., June 12
Psalm 20
1 Samuel 10:1-8
Hebrews 11:4-7

Sat., June 13
Psalm 20
1 Samuel 13:1-15a
Mark 4:1-20

Sun., June 14
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

Mon., June 15
Psalm 53
1 Samuel 13:23-14:23
Galatians 6:11-18

Tues., June 16
Psalm 53
1 Samuel 15:10-23
Revelation 21:22-22:5

Wed., June 17
Psalm 53
1 Samuel 15:24-31
Luke 6:43-45

Thurs., June 18
Psalm 9:9-20
1 Samuel 16:14-23
Acts 20:1-16

Fri., June 19
Psalm 9:9-20
1 Samuel 17:55-18:5
Acts 21:1-16

Sat., June 20
Psalm 9:9-20
1 Samuel 18:1-4
Luke 21:25-28

Sun., June 21
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 17:[1a, 4-11, 19-23] 32-49
or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16
Psalm 9:9-20 or Psalm 133
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

Mon., June 22
Psalm 119:113-128
1 Samuel 18:6-30
Acts 27:13-38

Tues., June 23
Psalm 119:113-128
1 Samuel 19:1-7
Acts 27:39-44

Wed., June 24
Psalm 119:113-128
1 Samuel 19:8-17
Mark 6:45-52

Thurs., June 25
Psalm 130
1 Samuel 19:18-24
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Fri., June 26
Psalm 130
1 Samuel 20:1-25
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Sat., June 27
Psalm 130
1 Samuel 20:27-42
Luke 4:31-37

Sun., June 28
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

Mon., June 29
Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50
1 Samuel 23:14-18
2 Corinthians 8:16-24

Tues., June 30
Psalm 18:1-6, 43-50
1 Samuel 31:1-13
2 Corinthians 9:1-5



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June calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 10 Worship 11:30 Youth Adventure! 7p AA-FH	Jun 1 6p Food Pantry - LL 7p NA-FH	2 7p CE - MR 7:30p Stewardship - FR	3 6p Girl Scouts - FH	4 9 Staff Mtg - FR 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Mens AWOL - LL 7p Pack Com - MR 7p Al-Anon - FH	5 7p Al-Anon- MR	6
7 9 Breakfast- FH 9 Com Ed Workshop - FR 10 Communion 10 Worship 1:30p Piano Recital - ST 7p AA-FH	8 7p NA-FH	9 7p Outreach - FR	10 6:15p Daisys - LL 7p Deacons - FR	11 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Mens AWOL - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	12 6p Kids of the Kingdom - L 7p Al-Anon- MR	13
14 10 Worship 11:30 Growth - FR 7p AA-FH	15 7p NA-FH	16	17 7p Cabinet-MR	18 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Mens AWOL - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	19 7p Al-Anon- MR	20 (10:00am) Youth Missior
21 Youth Mission Trip!	22	23	24	25	26	27
Fathers' Day 10 Worship 7p Golf Com Mtg - FR 7p AA-FH	7p NA-FH		7p Trustees-FR	10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Mens AWOL - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	8 Golf Tournament! 7p Al-Anon- MR	
28 10 Worship 7p AA-FH	29 7p NA-FH	30	Jul 1 6:30p WG&F - FH	2 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Mens AWOL - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	3 Independence Day obser 7p Al-Anon- MR	4 Independence Day

*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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