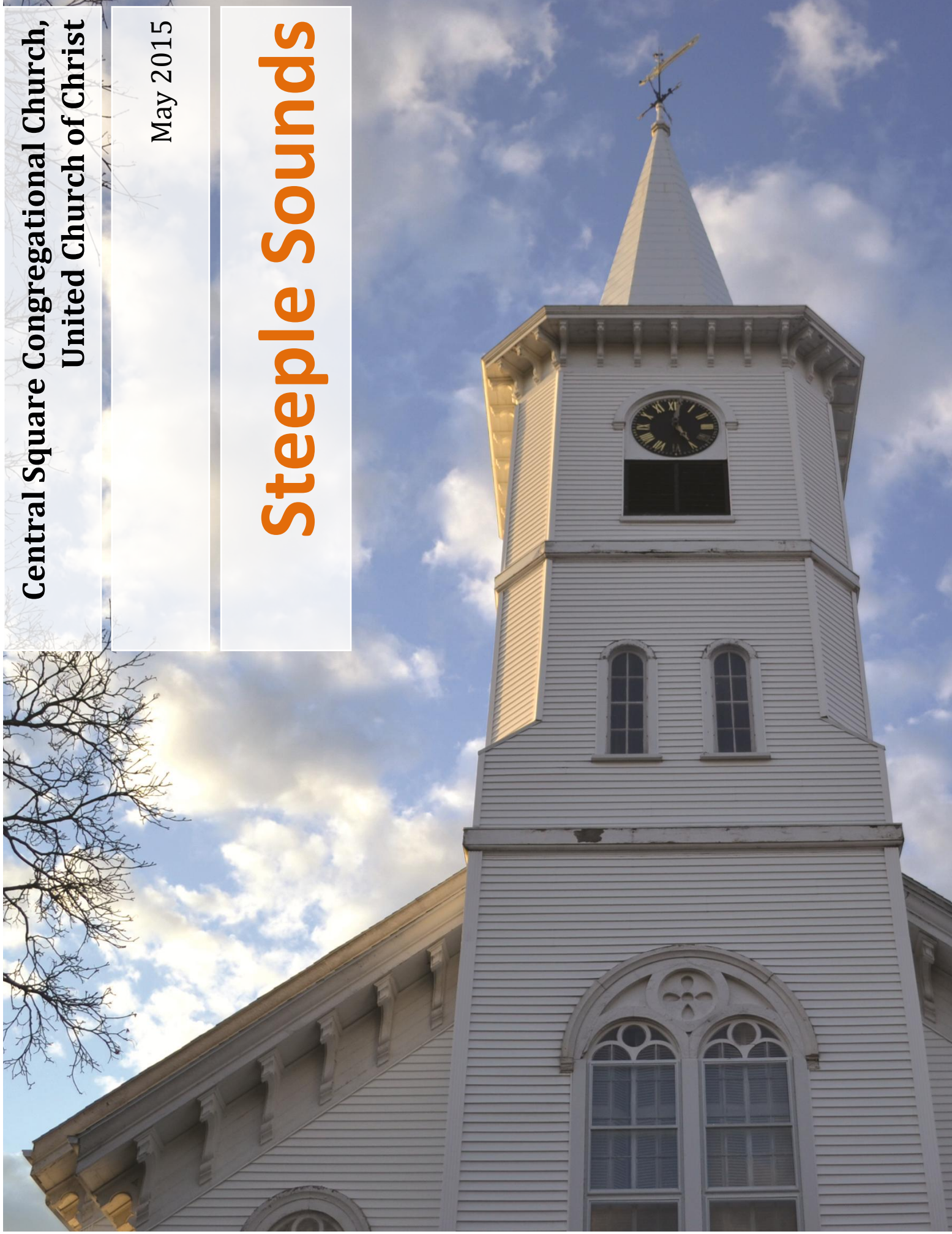


**Central Square Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ**

**May 2015**

# **Steeple Sounds**



*"So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another."*

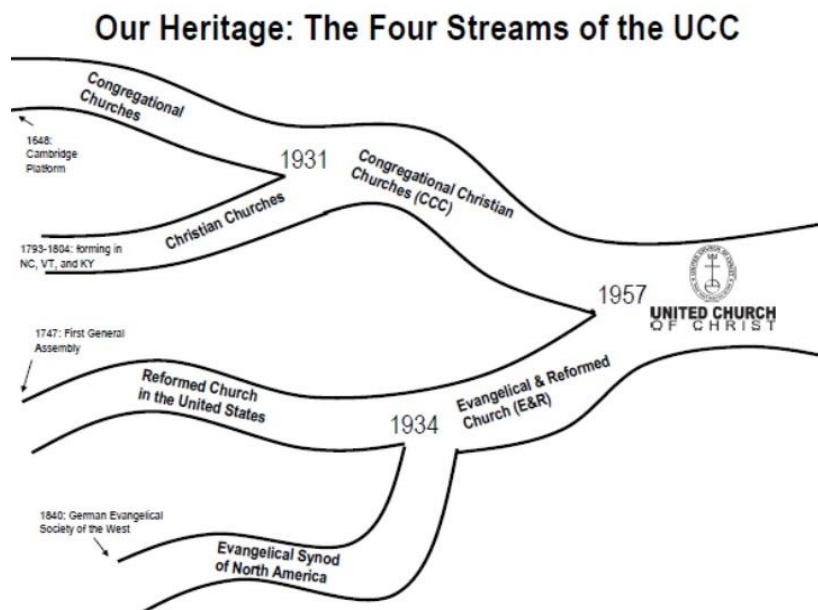
*-Romans 12:5*

Dear Friends,

With the Season of Pentecost quickly approaching, I find myself thinking about our tradition and how we got to where we are. Are you familiar with how the United Church of Christ was formed?

Christians have a history of divisiveness. Orthodoxy, orthopraxy, general disagreements in doctrine, all of these have caused splits in the church, separation.

But God calls us to be one people in Christ. The United Church of Christ is one group of Christians who have found ways to gather together, rather than separate.



During the month of May we will be holding Membership Information Sessions for individuals and families who have been attending our church and have an interest in joining in our covenant. Upon culmination of the Membership Information Sessions, New Member Sunday will be on Pentecost, May 24. If you have any questions, please give me a call! Peace to you as we continue our journey in Eastertide toward Pentecost, a season of growth, transformation, and togetherness.

-Rev. Beth & The Board of Deacons

The Membership Information Sessions will be held in the Fireplace Room:

**Sunday, May 3**

**11:30am-1pm**

**And**

**Sunday, May 17**

**11:30am-1pm**

## *From the Board of Trustees*

In addition to the normal maintenance, your Trustees have several major projects underway including obtaining grants for capital improvements and landscaping the entrance to the church. You may have noticed that the bushes have been removed along the front walkway. Many thanks to Dave Hanson for providing the heavy equipment, and John Sharland for facilitating this. The front pavement is also getting a makeover and will be sealed and refinished.

There are many other projects that need funding and we are working with a grants coordinator to hopefully help offset some of the cost. These projects include work on the steeple, an exhaust hood for the stove, painting, roofing, amongst others.

Several projects have recently been finished including installation of the new fire panel, the removal of the curtain divider, and the replacement of several light fixtures. Thank you to our "Thursday Handymen" for their continuous efforts.



Finally on May 16<sup>th</sup> the Scouts who use the church will be providing a work day. If your son or daughter would like to participate, please send an email to [csc.trustees@gmail.com](mailto:csc.trustees@gmail.com).

Respectfully,

Tom Struzik on behalf of the Board of Trustees



## *From the Board of Stewardship*



As I near the end of my Stewardship term, it is quite easy to reflect on my personal journey with Christ. I know the amount of information relative to being a good steward that I acquired during the past 6 years just scratched the surface, but I do know that I am already on my way to being one.

We are all stewards at different stages of our journey. I'd like to offer some tips to becoming a better Steward.

Give cheerfully, let love of God motivate your giving financial and talent.

Work with all your heart for the Lord- Colossians 3:23-24

Give first to God after all He gives us everything!

Please consider contributing 10% of your tax refund to the church, perhaps that will be what is needed to close our budget gap!

*With the guidance of God,*

*Mike Bundock*

*Your Board of Stewardship Mike, Rob and Jim*

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*Do I and my congregation welcome strangers as I like  
to be welcomed? - Growth*

## *An Update from Cabinet*

“What’s the latest from Cabinet?”

- Membership information sessions are planned for May 3 and 17
- The Deacons wish to acknowledge the tireless, year-round work of Carol Daiker Howe on the flowers and decorations in our church!
- Children’s Sunday is June 14
- The mission supper raised over \$5,000 for our youth!
- The Women’s Guild rummage sale took in just over \$2,000!
- The Women’s Guild is also donating plants for the children for Children’s Sunday
- The Growth Committee is selling Central Square CC t-shirts!
- CSCC is marching in the Bridgewater 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
- On Sunday, May 3 we will be celebrating our fire and police departments
- There is growing concern that the sound system in the sanctuary is not serving all of our population very well. Frankly, some folks have trouble clearly hearing what is being said. We’ll be looking at that situation, and seeing what options we might have for replacing it.
- Our schedule of annual church events is being changed to fit the new fiscal year dates – see elsewhere in this newsletter for specific changes.
- We are hosting a vendor fair on May 9<sup>th</sup> as a fundraiser – free reusable shopping bag to the first 50 in attendance!
- Our golf tournament fundraiser is Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Rev. Beth offered to contact the high schools where our mission youth are attending – because of all the snow days, the last day of school for many falls during the mission trip week. We will see what we can work out with the school administrations, since it is a community service project.
- Mark Sorgman announced that this is his last year going on a mission trip. This is his 17<sup>th</sup> year! So... who’s next? Is chaperoning a mission trip in your future?

SUNDAY, MAY 17  
CSCC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SERVICE  
(approximately 11:15am)

Several items of business will be conducted on this day, although it is not expected to be a long meeting.

1. THE SLATE OF 2015-16 NOMINEES FOR BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND OFFICERS WILL BE VOTED ON.

The nominating committee has done admirable work this season and has the Cabinet's approval to put forth the following slate of nominees:

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

Kathleen Mosher, Growth Committee  
Kim Ramsdell, Growth Committee (re-election)

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

Ellen Crawford, Music Committee

Diane Sheibley, Church Moderator, would like to thank the Nominating Committee for their efficient work:  
Rob Basler, Chair; Anne Malmquist, Denise Molinari, Barbara Morey, Brad Barnsley, and John Schuller.

2. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS ARE PROPOSED AND WILL BE SEEKING THE CONGREGATION'S APPROVAL.

Due to the change in fiscal year from the calendar year to July 1-June 30, the Cabinet has determined that 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.

No other business matters will be voted on, unless presented in writing to the Moderator prior to the meeting. That business will be added to the agenda ONLY after an affirmative vote by 2/3 of the attending-voting members.



**Upcoming important dates!**

- \* Sunday, May 3 : Membership Information Session 1 (New Member Class), 11:30 AM in the Fireplace Room
- \* Saturday, May 9 : VENDOR FAIR! Visit vendors, buy some baked goods, and have some lunch! 10 AM to 2 PM in the CSCC Fellowship Hall.
- \* Saturday, May 16 : All-church cleanup day!
- \* Sunday, May 17 : Congregational Meeting immediately following service (see details above). Also Membership Information Session 2 (New Member Class), 11:30 AM in the Fireplace Room
- \* Wednesday, May 20 : Cabinet meeting, 7 PM
- \* Sunday, May 24 : New Member Sunday/Pentecost

*Women's Guild & Fellowship*  
**Come Join Us!**



All ladies of the Women's Guild - our **Annual Banquet** will be held at the **Monponsett Inn in Halifax on May 6<sup>th</sup>!**

If you are interested in attending, please contact Phoebe Hogg for more information!

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*Sunday School/Christian Education*



**Children's Sunday is June 14<sup>th</sup>!**

Children's Sunday is an annual day of Worship led by the children of our congregation. They will be spending the next two months preparing their special parts of worship for that day. It is important for all children to be in Sunday School between now and June 14th to learn and explore the important lessons that will be shared in worship on that day.





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

### **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Breakfast Club**

**9:00 AM to 9:50 AM**

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

#### **Worship**

**10:00 AM**

Worship with participation from  
Children & Youth

### **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Youth Sunday School**

**10:20 AM – 11:15 AM**

Youth will begin in Worship at 10:00 AM,  
then proceed to Sunday School around  
10:20 AM.

### **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Worship**

**10:00 AM**

#### **Mission Meeting**

**11:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

Youth will meet in the Youth Room after  
Worship to discuss the Mission Trip!

### **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Youth Sunday School**

**10:20 AM – 11:15 AM**

Youth will begin in Worship at 10:00 AM,  
then proceed to Sunday School around  
10:20 AM.

### **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

#### **Worship**

**10:00 AM**

Worship with Youth participation.

#### **Youth Adventure**

**11:30 AM to 2:00 PM**

Youth will have a spiritual scavenger hunt!



## VENDOR FAIR!

Saturday, May 9 ▪ 10am-2pm  
CSCC Fellowship Hall

Baked goods for sale!  
Lunch service available!

Just a few of the vendors scheduled:  
Mary Kay, homemade doll clothes, Jamberry, 31, a  
makeup artist, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware

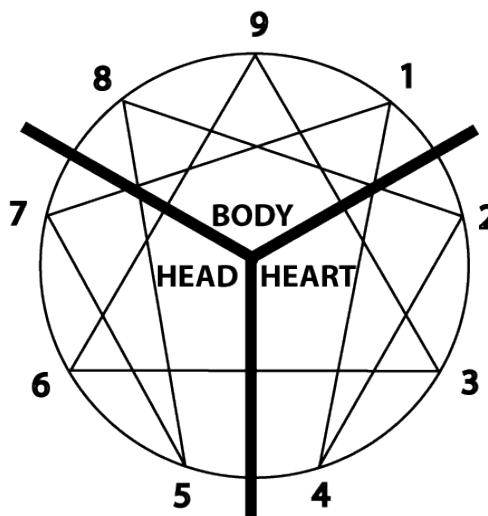
**FREE REUSABLE SHOPPING BAG TO  
THE FIRST 50 IN ATTENDANCE!**

*Please bring one non-perishable food item for the Bridgewater Food Pantry if you are able.*

# *An Introduction to the Enneagram*

**Saturday, May 16**  
**1:00PM – 3:30PM**

*Central Square Church*  
*71 Central Square*  
*Bridgewater, MA*



The Enneagram Personality Theory is a 2,000 year old theory that focuses on finding one's self as one of nine distinct enneagramic types. Through the study of the Enneagram, people can discover a wealth of information about themselves and others, reducing unnecessary personal stress and concern, and coming to the recognition that people are alike in many ways, and not so in others. The Enneagram is a useful tool that provides beneficial insights for you, co-workers, and family members.

**Space is limited to 12 participants, so please pre-register by calling the church office at: 508-697-6016. Registration will close at noon on Friday, May 15. A suggested donation of \$15 to benefit the Minister's Outreach Fund is appreciated, but not required.**



**Kay Wheeler** is a registered nurse and holistic nurse practitioner. She received her degrees from St Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Indiana, and Indiana University. Kay has worked her entire career in the area of women and children's health as a nurse manager and health consultant. Community health is her specialty, having worked in hospitals, doctor's offices, schools, prison and in teen and adult addictions agencies for over 40 years. Kay has been the guest speaker at many national events addressing her experience in Holistic Health. She worked for the State of North Carolina prior to her retirement.

Kay has a passion for the Enneagram, and has studied and taught the Enneagram for over 25 years. She implements this philosophy in her practice on a daily basis. You may expect to gain a better understanding of the basics of the Enneagram and gain insight into the journey of self discovery as well as an appreciation for other's journeys.

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References May 2015 (Year B)

**Fri., May 1**  
Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 8:11-13  
Acts 8:9-25

**Sat., May 2**  
Psalm 22:25-31  
Amos 9:7-15  
Mark 4:30-32

**Sun., May 3**  
*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

**Mon., May 4**  
Psalm 80  
Isaiah 5:1-7  
Galatians 5:16-26

**Tues., May 5**  
Psalm 80  
Isaiah 32:9-20  
James 3:17-18

**Wed., May 6**  
Psalm 80  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
John 14:18-31

**Thurs., May 7**  
Psalm 98  
Isaiah 49:5-6  
Acts 10:1-34

**Fri., May 8**  
Psalm 98  
Isaiah 42:5-9  
Acts 10:34-43

**Sat., May 9**  
Psalm 98  
Deuteronomy 32:44-47  
Mark 10:42-45

**Sun., May 10**  
Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17

**Mon., May 11**  
Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 7:1-11  
1 Timothy 6:11-12

**Tues., May 12**  
Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:1-17  
1 Timothy 6:13-16

**Wed., May 13**  
Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 11:18-21  
Mark 16:19-20

**Thurs., May 14**  
*Ascension of the Lord*  
Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

**Fri., May 15**  
Psalm 47  
Exodus 24:15-18  
Revelation 1:9-18

**Sat., May 16**  
Psalm 47  
Deuteronomy 34:1-7  
John 16:4-11

**Sun., May 17**  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

**Mon., May 18**  
Psalm 115  
Exodus 28:29-38  
Philippians 1:3-11

**Tues., May 19**  
Psalm 115  
Numbers 8:5-22  
Titus 1:1-9

**Wed., May 20**  
Psalm 115  
Ezra 9:5-15  
John 16:16-24

**Thurs., May 21**  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Genesis 2:4b-7  
1 Corinthians 15:42b-49

**Fri., May 22**  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Job 37:1-13  
1 Corinthians 15:50-57

**Sat., May 23**  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Exodus 15:6-11  
John 7:37-39

**Sun., May 24**  
*Pentecost Sunday*  
Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

**Mon., May 25**  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Joel 2:18-29  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

**Tues., May 26**  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Genesis 11:1-9  
1 Corinthians 12:12-27

**Wed., May 27**  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
John 20:19-23

**Thurs., May 28**  
Psalm 29  
Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20  
Romans 8:1-8

**Fri., May 29**  
Psalm 29  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 8:9-11

**Sat., May 30**  
Psalm 29  
Isaiah 5:15-24  
John 15:18-20, 26-27

**Sun., May 31**  
*Trinity Sunday*  
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17



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# May calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>26</b> 10 Worship 4p Daisys - LL 4p Wolf Den - MR 7p AA-FH	<b>27</b> 7p NA-FH	<b>28</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR 6p Daisys - FH 6:30p Couponing Group - I	<b>29</b> 7p Trustees-FR 7:30p BSU - ST	<b>30</b> 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Mens AWOL - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	<b>May 1</b> 7p Al-Anon- MR	<b>2</b> 9 CE - FR 12p Red Hat Group - FH
<b>3</b> 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Communion 10 Worship 11:30 New Member Class 1p BSU Concert - ST <a href="#">+3 more</a>	<b>4</b> 6p Food Pantry - LL 7p NA-FH	<b>5</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR 7p CE - MR 7:30p Stewardship - FR	<b>6</b> 6p Girl Scouts - Nursery 6:15p Daisys - LL 6:30p WG&F - Off Site	<b>7</b> 9 Staff Mtg - FR 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Mens AWOL - LL 7p Pack Com - MR 7p Al-Anon - FH	<b>8</b> 6p Kids of the Kingdom - L 7p Al-Anon- MR	<b>9</b> 10 Merchant Fair - FH/FR
<b>10</b> <b>Mothers' Day</b> 10 Worship 11 Annual Election Mtg - ST 11:30 Growth - FR 7p AA-FH	<b>11</b> 7p NA-FH	<b>12</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR 6p Daisys - FH 7p Outreach - FR	<b>13</b> 7p Deacons - FR	<b>14</b> 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Mens AWOL - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	<b>15</b> 7p Al-Anon- MR	<b>16</b>
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