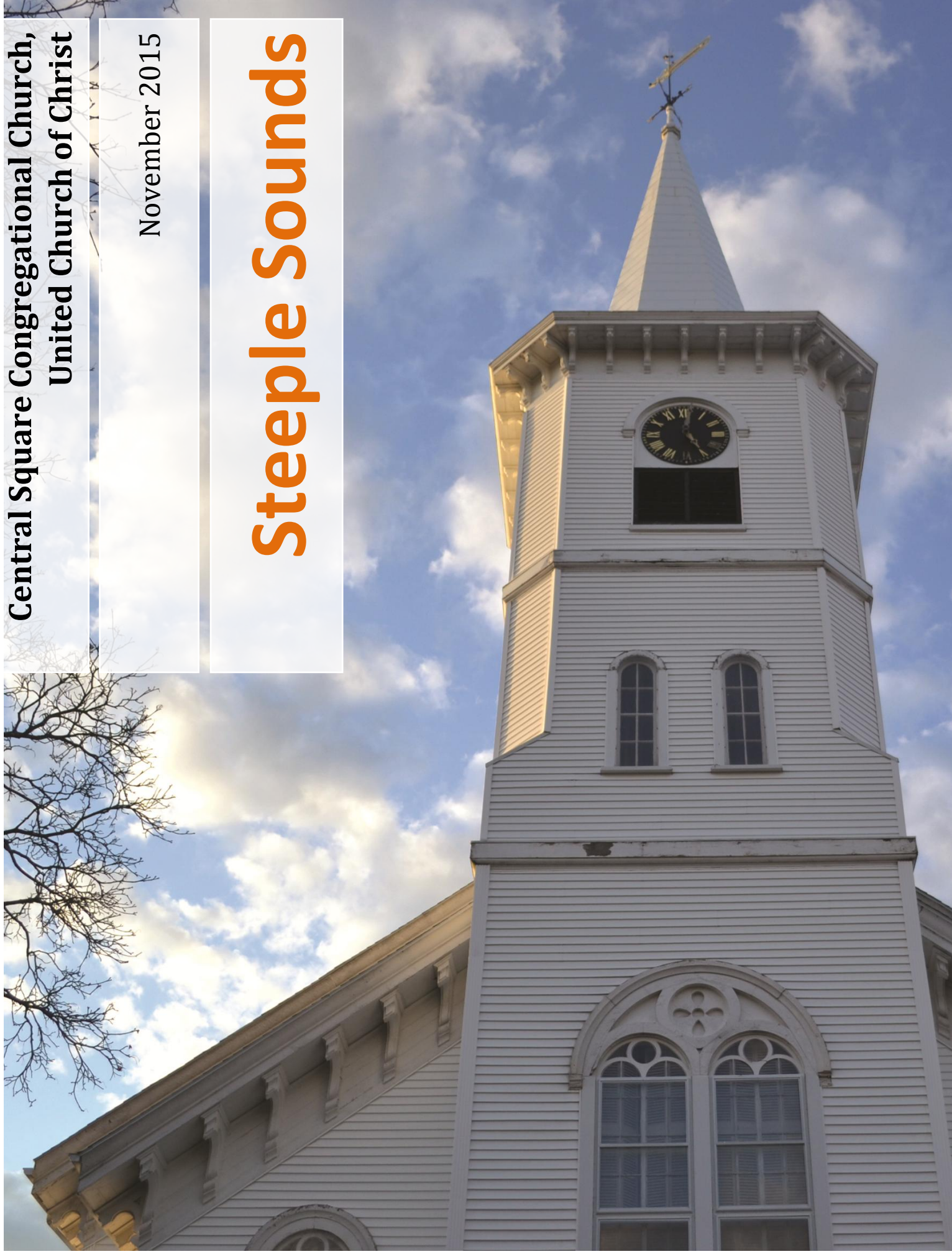


**Central Square Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

November 2015

Steeple Sounds



From The Desk of Rev. Beth



"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

-Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

The Church is one of the few places in our culture where we talk openly and frankly about death. Our sacred texts are full of stories about death. We gather each month to commemorate the last meal of Jesus just before he died. We pray and sing at deathbeds. We gather to remember those who have passed. We shiver in the cold as we watch coffins lowered into frozen ground. We hear the story of the women who went to the tomb seeking Jesus's body only to find an incomprehensible surprise.

Long before it became a holiday about adult costume parties and kids eating sweets, Halloween had its roots in the Christian calendar. It was (and is) the first of a three-day holiday known as the Triduum of Allhallowtide. Halloween is a time to prepare for the celebration of All Saints' and All Souls' days. It is the time of the year when Christians around the world are meant to remember those who have died. The frivolity of Halloween itself is meant to be a break from the very serious and difficult work of remembering our mortality. As we dress up as ghouls and devils, monsters and zombies, we laugh in the face of Death, remembering the promise of Resurrection and the ultimate power of Goodness and Love that cannot be stopped.

This year on All Saints' Day, we will pause and remember those who have been saints in our own lives. And then we will rush headlong into the holiday season...filled with family gatherings, which are often difficult for those who are missing faces around the table for the first time. And so we remember... As the days grow shorter and the light dies, we notice the leaves dying around us. Some turn a brilliant orange overnight and fly to the ground. Others slowly, slowly turn brown and hang on for weeks before finally succumbing to the inevitability of gravity. And in every instance, we know that deep within the tree lies the promise and possibility of new life. Whether those leaves die loudly or disappear with a whisper, they are only gone for a time. When spring comes, the leaves will return once again. To everything there is a season...and God goes with us throughout it all.

Thanks be to God.

From the Board of Stewardship



Matthew 25:40: *“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*”

And so here is one of the ways we are being good stewards:

We are providing food for those who hunger.

The sad fact is that many local people and families have too little to eat. When people find themselves unable to afford enough to eat they come to our church. They leave with encouragement from our people, and food from our pantry. There are also people who live on the streets and are too far away from our food pantry. Our church is reaching out to them with love, kind words, and a hot meal.

None of this happens without all of your support. Thank you for your time, talents, and treasures.

Nice job everyone!!!

CSCC Stewardship Committee

Women's Guild & Fellowship

Come Join Us!



Come join Women's Guild and Fellowship on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:30 to hear Barbara Balboni tell us of her trip around the world! *Business meeting at 6:30.*

Phoebe and Sandy



TEAM RUMMAGE HAS A CLEAN SWEEP!!

Houses, sheds, garages, and closets were cleaned. We set up, sorted, cleaned up, baked, and made soup and sandwiches. We marveled at the mountain of goods donated by family and friends of CSCC.

And on Saturday, October 24, as a result of the efforts of many, Fall Rummage, including the Soup's On Luncheon, an unbelievably gratifying (and exhausting) day was realized.

Bette, Lori, and I would like you to know how much your help and generosity of spirit IS appreciated, and WILL BE appreciated by those proceeds being put to use to help families in need. There were so many heartfelt moments--we hope that each of you will take time to reflect on your own special memory.

Thanks to Darlene, Doreen, Carol, Mary, Gail, Terry P, Shirley, Jane and Bill, Janet C., Janet B., Sally S. and friend Amy, Sally B., Ally, Bobbie, Marge and Herb, Bev, Sas, Sandi, Deb, Beth, Phoebe, Ginny, Barbara, Selma, Donna and Carl, Ruthie and Bill and friend Holly, Diane, Lynn, Connie and Calleigh, Connie B., Nancy, the Garrity family, Hailey and Audrey, as well as our many other friends who contributed to the day's success.

CHEERS FOR THE BR FRESHMAN SOCCER PLAYERS-- Brendan, Jack, Jake, and Zack-- WHO PERFORMED YEOMEN'S DUTY, LIFTING, HAULING, CARRYING, as well as to GARRETT, AUDREY, ALY, and HAILEY, who graciously gave of themselves in so many ways.

We also value your input and would be appreciative of suggestions you might have for future sales. Thanks again one and all!

Growth Committee

Welcome to our congregation! The holidays are quickly approaching and there are lots of great opportunities for you to contribute your time, talent and/or your resources to. Members of the Growth Committee include Christine Hoyt (Chair), Sheri Turner (Secretary), Jane O'Connell, Ashley Hoyt and Sara Terpeny. Please seek one of these committee members if you have questions, concerns, or if you would like to participate in something that we are doing.

Here are some of the things that we are working on:

- 1.) **Breaking Bread** with new attendees and visitors! If you would please let us know by using the fellowship pad in your pew that you are new here or are visiting and would like a visit, our Growth Committee would love to bring you a tasty treat! If you would like to help the Growth Committee by baking a tasty treat to deliver to one of our new visitors, please see Sheri Turner or sign up in the Fellowship Hall. Signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board.
- 2.) Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after church on **November 1, 2015** to welcome our **new members**. There will be cake (and who doesn't like cake?!)
- 3.) Join us for **Christmas on the Common!** This wonderful town event is scheduled for December 6, 2015. We hope to be caroling. Please seek out Growth Committee members to sign up or look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- 4.) We will have our **Living Nativity** on December 22, 2015 from 5 pm – 8 pm. Luminaries will be for sale at this event. The proceeds will support our efforts to endorse a Little League baseball team in the spring. See Christine Hoyt if you would like to purchase one. If you would like to assist us with costuming, planning, performing or the set, please see one of us after church. Signups for casting will be in the Fellowship Hall or you can talk to a Growth Committee member.

This month's committee meeting is on November 15, 2015 in the Fireplace Room after church. Please join us – we welcome your ideas and input!



CSCC Annual Fair : Winter Wonderland!
Friday, November 13, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Saturday, November 14, 9:00am-2:00pm
With turkey supper following (2 seatings)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

All of your favorites will be there: Pie! (Friday evening pie & coffee) * The cookie walk (how many different cookies can you fit in your tin?) and other baked goods * Homemade candy and goodies * Hand-made gift items * Holiday items * Jewelry * Attic treasures rummage * Silent auction gift baskets * Beth Basler's amazing luncheon soups * WALKING TACOS! * Hanson Farm harvest table * Turkey supper, to eat in or take out.

"How can I help?" If you'd like to lend a hand, bake some cookies, cook a turkey, make an apple crisp, serve some pie, or if you just have questions, feel free to contact any of our fair chairs. If everybody did just one thing, BOY!, would it be a fair to remember. And we thank you in advance for your time and talent.

Another important way you can help: **bring your friends!** Invite your neighbors! Tell them about the food items and they won't be able to resist... The cookie walk? Chef Basler's fabulous bisque? A turkey supper with generous portions? **Walking tacos???**

Please also note: we encourage anyone coming to the fair to bring one nonperishable food item to contribute to the Bridgewater Food Pantry if they are able. Spread the word!

Contact one of the Fair Chairs with questions:

Carla Jackson, 508-279-3375, carlafivejacs@gmail.com

Denise Molinari, 508-279-6322, denmol@comcast.net

Deb Rucker, 508-279-0772, motherucker40@gmail.com

Diane Sheibley, 508-697-7262, diane@sheibley.net

We'll be taking turkey supper reservations during coffee hours – look for us, or contact the church office at 508-697-6016. Seating is limited, so make your reservations sooner rather than later. Reservations required for eat-in or takeout.



Attic Treasures Table!

The Rummage Sale is over - it's time to think about the Church Fair!

Please drop off your items to the church on Thursday, November 12th before 1:00 PM. I will be at the church upstairs setting up at 4:00 PM (until 7:30 PM) that night.

We are looking for dishes, books, Christmas items, toys, candles, and small furniture. Please no clothes or computers.

This is a fun table with lots of bargains!

If you would like to help out, please call Bev Mitchell at 508-697-2949.

We need turkey cooks for the fair!

Our turkey supper on **Saturday, November 14** is still in need of a few folks to cook turkeys. It's easy – cook a turkey (the larger the better) and stuffing (either inside the bird or in a casserole dish), cut up the turkey, and bring it, the stuffing, and gravy (either homemade or jarred) to the church around 2:00 PM. **If you're willing to cook one but buying it is problematic**, we have a few donated turkeys that we can provide to turkey cooks. Just contact me.

Help us feed the +/- 200 folks who partake in this eat-in and takeout food event! Remember, it's the biggest fundraiser the church does all year, and we need your help!

Thank you – and see you at the fair! (Contact Diane Sheibley at diane@sheibley.net or 508-697-7262 with questions.

We need baked goods for the fair!

We are also in need of baked goods. Please consider making a pie, cookies or bread, as we need a variety of both for pie night and the cookie walk. All baked goods are welcome!

Please label all baked goods and drop them at the church any time on Friday, November 13th before 6:00 p.m. Cookies should be two dozen or more in a ziplock bag. Please contact Darlene Brown at 508 822 6743 or darlingsb@verizon.net and let her know what you can make. We need your help to make the fair a success!

Celebration of Thanksgiving

Tuesday, Nov. 24th @ 7:30

Central Square

Congregational Church, UCC

71 Central Square



The Bridgewater Council of churches welcomes everyone as we gather together and share our blessings with one another.

We're celebrating the support, nurture, love, and sharing of resources that makes us

BRIDGEWATER STRONG

Thanksgiving Message will be delivered by Rev. Paul Sprecher from First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church

- *Participation by many in the Bridgewater Community*
- *Time of Fellowship and food following the service*
- *Join the Community Choir - rehearsal, Tuesdays, November 17 & 24 @ 6:00 PM @ Central Square Congregational Church*
- *Circle Dance Rehearsal, Sunday, November 22 @ Central Square Congregational church @ 11:45*
- *Donations to be shared with local food pantries*
- *Please bring a donation of a non-perishable food*

For more information call 508-697-6016 or email cscppastor@hotmail.com



South Shore Hospital

in partnership with

Old South Union Church

*Will be holding a community memorial
service for anyone grieving the loss of a loved
one*

A Time to Remember

Tuesday, November 17th 2015, 5:30 p.m.

Old South Union Church

25 Columbian Street, South Weymouth

Light refreshments provided

Daily Lectionary Scripture References November 2015 (Year B)

Sun., Nov. 1
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

Mon., Nov. 2
Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 2:15-23
Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10

Tues., Nov. 3
Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 3:1-7
Acts 7:17-29

Wed., Nov. 4
Psalm 18:20-30
Ruth 3:8-18
John 13:31-35

Thurs., Nov. 5
Psalm 127
Ruth 4:1-10
Romans 5:6-11

Fri., Nov. 6
Psalm 127
Ruth 4:11-17
Hebrews 9:15-24

Sat., Nov. 7
Psalm 127
Ruth 4:18-22
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

Sun., Nov. 8
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

Mon., Nov. 9
Psalm 113
Genesis 24:1-10
1 Timothy 5:1-8

Tues., Nov. 10
Psalm 113
Genesis 24:11-27
1 Timothy 5:9-16

Wed., Nov. 11
Psalm 113
Genesis 24:28-42
Luke 4:16-30

Thurs., Nov. 12
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 1:21-28
1 Timothy 6:11-21

Fri., Nov. 13
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 2:18-21
Colossians 2:6-15

Sat., Nov. 14
1 Samuel 2:1-10
1 Samuel 3:1-18
Mark 12:1-12

Sun., Nov. 15
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

Mon., Nov. 16
Psalm 3
1 Samuel 3:19-4:2
Hebrews 10:26-31

Tues., Nov. 17
Psalm 3
Deuteronomy 26:5-10
Hebrews 10:32-39

Wed., Nov. 18
Psalm 3
1 Kings 8:22-30
Mark 13:9-23

Thurs., Nov. 19
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 22:1-10
Acts 7:54-8:1a

Fri., Nov. 20
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 22:11-20
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Sat., Nov. 21
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
2 Kings 23:1-14
John 3:31-36

Sun., Nov. 22
Reign of Christ
2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-12 [13-18]
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Mon., Nov. 23
Psalm 63
2 Kings 23:15-25
Revelation 11:1-14

Tues., Nov. 24
Psalm 63
1 Samuel 17:55-18:5
Revelation 11:15-19

Wed., Nov. 25
Psalm 63
2 Samuel 2:1-7
John 16:25-33

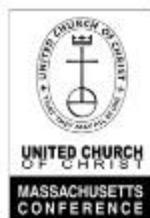
Thurs., Nov. 26
Thanksgiving
Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:6-15
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Or
Joel 2:21-27
Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Matthew 6:25-33

Fri., Nov. 27
Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:16-25
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Sat., Nov. 28
Psalm 25:1-10
Nehemiah 9:26-31
Luke 21:20-24

Sun., Nov. 29
First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

Mon., Nov. 30
Psalm 90
Numbers 17:1-11
2 Peter 3:1-18



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November Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Nov 1 Daylight Saving Time end 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Communion 10 Worship 2p Webelos 2 - FH 7p AA-FH | 2 6p Food Pantry - LL 6:30p Girl Scouts - MR 7p NA-FH | 3 8:30 Play Groups - MR 6:15p Brownies - FH 7:30p Stewardship - MR | 4 6p Girl Scouts - LL 6:30p BSU Choir - ST 6:30p WG&F - FH | 5 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH | 6 7p Al-Anon- MR | 7 |
| 8 10 Worship 11:30 Growth - FR 4p Webelos 2 - FH 7p AA-FH | 9 7p NA-FH | 10 8:30 Play Groups - MR 7p Outreach - FR | 11 Veterans Day 6:30p BSU Choir - ST 7p Deacons - FR | 12 Church Fair Prep - FH 9 Staff Mtg - FR 10 Food Pantry - LL 7:30p Pack Com Mtg - LL | 13 Church Fair Prep - ALL 6:30p Church Fair - FH | 14 9 Church Fair - FH 5p Turkey Supper #1 - FH 6:30p Turkey Supper #2 - F |
| 15 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Worship 11:30 CE Event - LL 7p AA-FH | 16 6:30p Girl Scouts - MR 7p NA-FH | 17 8:30 Play Groups - MR 6:15p Brownies - FH | 18 6p Girl Scouts - LL 6:30p BSU Choir - ST 7p Cabinet-MR | 19 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH | 20 6p Apple Pie Overnight - Ki 7p Al-Anon- MR 7p Pack 35 - FH | 21 9 Thanksgiving Food Sortir |
| 22 10 Worship 11:45 Dance Rehearsal - S 7p AA-FH | 23 7p NA-FH | 24 2p Food Distro - FH 7p CE - MR 7p Trustees-FR 7:30p Bridgewater Thanks | 25 10 Food Pantry - LL | 26 Thanksgiving Day 7p Al-Anon - FH | 27 7p Al-Anon- MR | 28 4:30p Advent Workshop - F |
| 29 10 Worship 7p AA-FH | 30 6:30p Girl Scouts - MR 7p NA-FH | Dec 1 8:30 Play Groups - MR 6:15p Brownies - FH 7:30p Stewardship - MR | 2 6p Girl Scouts - LL 6:30p WG&F - ST 8p BSU Choir - ST | 3 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH | 4 7p Al-Anon- MR | 5 |

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