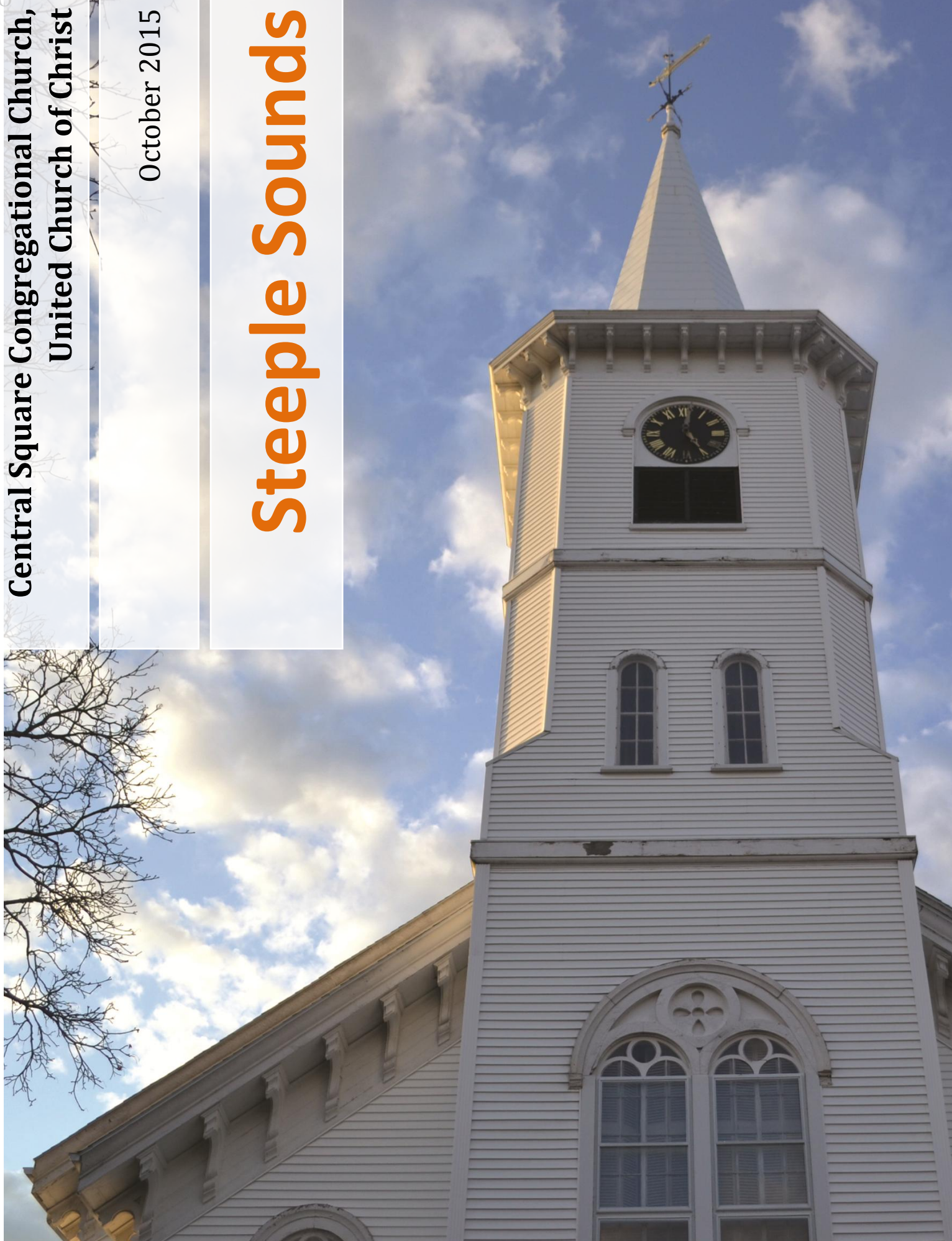


**Central Square Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ**

October 2015

# Steeple Sounds



## *From The Desk of Rev. Beth*



*“Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”*

-Psalm 100:2

Liturgy comes from the Greek word “liturgia,” which means “the work of the people.” Worship is not a spectator sport; it is a collaborative action, which requires all of us to participate, and it is manna for our lives. It provides the reminder that God is God and we are not. It offers the sustenance we need to follow the path of Jesus – which is so different from the paths our culture sets before us. It infuses us with the spirit of hope, forgiveness, and gratitude, which we then take back out into a hungry and hurting world. Worship is how we move from being story-tellers to story-dwellers; not just passive receivers, but people who live the continuing testament of God’s grace and mercy every day.

The gift of the church community is that each of us models different ways of living out our faith in the world. Each of us offers perspectives and ideas that we may have never thought of. Each of us uses language and metaphors that are not part of our individual repertoire. There are as many paths to the Holy as there are people in the world. My prayer for each of us is that we will make an effort to be co-journeymen with those who join us in worship, and in doing so, find new ways to hear God speaking in our lives.





*From the Board of Trustees*

**WE'RE  
HIRING!**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank Dave for his all his hard work and dedication to the church and wish him the best of luck with the Hockomock Handyman.

While we search for Dave's permanent replacement, Bill Hall has graciously agreed to fill in.

**If you know of anyone who may be interested in becoming our next Sexton, please let any of the trustees know or send an email to [csc.trustees@gmail.com](mailto:csc.trustees@gmail.com).**

Good luck, Dave!

-Tom Struzik  
Chair of Trustees

# *Women's Guild & Fellowship*

## Come Join Us!



This year we have some exciting and interesting programs to enjoy along with friendship and fellowship!

October: Our annual potluck supper will take place on October 7th – a great time to meet and greet old and new friends and have a delicious pot luck meal! Our annual fall rummage sale will also take place on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

November: On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Barbara Balboni will entertain us with a fascinating tale of her trip around the world!

December: On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Christmas Communion Service led by Rev. Beth Walden will start in the Sanctuary at 6:30 PM. Always moving and inspiring!

January: On January 6<sup>th</sup>, Genealogy with Kathy Lockhard.

February: On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be making a bracelet featuring the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm with Janice Reynolds.

March: On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Diane Sears will speak about the Bridgewater Lions Club.

April: On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Gina Savignano will present a program on the Oils of the Bible. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> we will also have our Spring Rummage Sale.

May: We will enjoy our end of the year banquet!

Hope you see some programs that interest you! Would love to see you at all of them!

*Our meetings begin at 6:30 PM and our featured program begins at 7:30 PM unless otherwise noted.*

## *Growth Committee*

Welcome to our congregation! Fall is in the air and there are lots of great things that our church is involved in with the community. You are welcome to join us and contribute any talent or resource you feel you can. We'd love to have you!

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 contribute time, talent or resources to our group.

Here are some of the ideas 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!
- 2.) Dine with Nine. If you would like to get together with other families and enjoy some great food and conversation, this is the group for you! **DINE with WHO???**  
Yup, it's time for **Dine with Nine**, or Eight, or Seven! These are potluck suppers enjoyed in each others' homes. **Dine When?** The get-togethers happen usually three times over a period of four months and at a time that's convenient for everyone in the group. **Dine on What?** The host provides the entree and the others provide salad, wine, bread, appetizer and dessert. The host does not have to provide a meat and potatoes kind of meal. A meal of soup, tacos, casserole, or even a lot of appetizers are just as much fun. **What for?** It's a great opportunity to get to know others in a social setting and you don't even have to talk about church. So, **sign up** any Sunday in September or October and groups will be distributed in October. You may also email Sheri Turner at [ssturner@mindspring.com](mailto:ssturner@mindspring.com). There will be one group for people who would like to bring their children and one group for people wishing for an "adults only" experience. Please let us know which you prefer when you sign up.
- 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.
- 4.) Plans for our Living Nativity in December. If you would like to assist us with costuming, planning, performing or the set, please contact one of the members of the Growth Committee.

This month's committee meeting is on October 11, 2015 in the Fireplace Room after church. We will be joining the Stewardship Committee and together we hope to brainstorm some great ideas to develop our community!

## *Outreach Committee*

### Is CSCC 5 for 5?

Are you asking yourself 'what does 5 for 5 mean?' Being a 5 for 5 UCC church means that we are one of many churches, who are providing leadership at the national level, by supporting **Our Church's Wider Mission**, as well as supporting the special mission offerings throughout the year. The four special mission offerings are: **One great Hour of Sharing**, **Strengthen the Church**, **Neighbors in Need**, and **The Christmas Fund**. We participate in these special offerings in order to assist our church at the national level with operational costs, as well as the missions.

Through our gifts to **Our Church's Wider Mission**, we are supporting four Covenanted Ministry partners, who operate at the national level, seeking to work towards improving and changing lives! Those four partners include **The Office of General Ministries**, **Local Church Ministries**, **Wider Church Ministries**, as well as the **Justice and Witness Ministries**. If you're interested in learning more about these ministries check out the Outreach Committee's board down in the fellowship hall. There will be a printout posted that describes in detail the work of these ministries.

Our **One Great Hour of Sharing** offerings provide support to our ministries in other countries, such as health, agricultural development, refugee assistance, emergency relief and education.

As stated on the UCC website, **Strengthen the Church** "Supports church growth, pastoral and lay leadership development, youth and young adult ministries within conferences and administered by Local Church Ministries."

**Neighbors in Need** provides support to the Council of American Indian Ministry, as well as provide financial support in the efforts of the Justice and Witness Ministries through direct service projects, advocacy efforts, and justice initiatives. The inserts in the weekly bulletins recently, all help us develop a better understanding of how **NIN** assists the Council of American Indian Ministry on a personal level. Take the time to read those inserts, as they are very informative! Our **NIN** offering will be collected on October 4<sup>th</sup>, World Communion Sunday.

The **Christmas Fund** "provides direct financial assistance to retired and active United Church of Christ authorized ministers and lay employees and their spouses, including pension and health premium supplementation, emergency assistance and Christmas thank you checks. A ministry of the Pension Boards, the offering is received annually on the Sunday before Christmas". On a personal note, I think back to my childhood when my father (a former UCC Pastor) would visit with retired clergy throughout the state of N.H., as well as his time serving on the national Pension Board. The Christmas Fund was a vital part of his ministry to retired clergy!

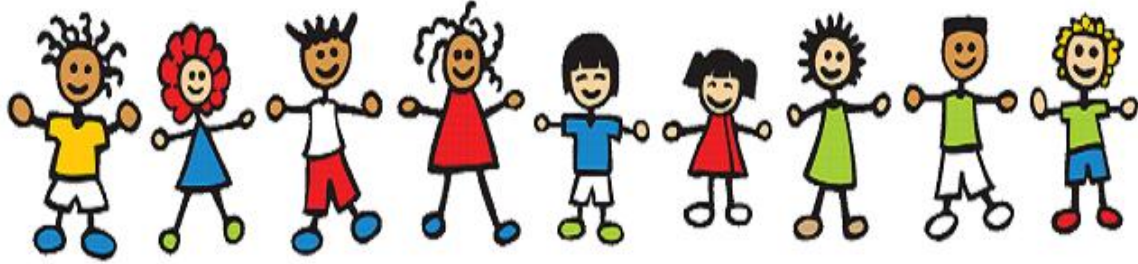
We are proud to be a '5 for 5' church, as it clearly shows that Central Square Congregational Church understands the need to help all of God's people. Let's continue our tradition of 'reaching out to our neighbors both at home and abroad'!

Submitted by,

Carla Jackson

Outreach Committee Co-chair

## Christian Education



### **Teachers**

As you know we are implementing a new curriculum this year with the assistance of our very capable and dedicated team of teachers. Christian Ed would like to introduce you to our Sunday school team for this coming church year. After assisting and serving as substitute teachers in the pre-k/ kindergarten classroom Shandra Payne and Meghan Sikora will teach that class. Christine Compton brings many years of experience teaching first and second grade students as well as serving on Christian Ed. Krissy Cannizzo expertly organized the nursery team, graduated to teaching pre-k and kindergarten for 2 years and is joining Christian Ed. This year she is teaming up with Christine to teach the first, second and third grade boys and girls. Krsiten Struzik taught 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students for many years and co-taught with Mindy Shave last year. This year they will team teach grades 4 and 5. Meg McDermott brings many years of experience teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. A long time Christian Ed member she will be teaming up with Christine Hoyt formerly a substitute teacher. They will be teaching the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Bethany Gibault will once again return as music teacher for the Sunday school. She will teach the children the hymns sung in church. We are so blessed to have such an experienced group of teachers. If you would like to know more about our Sunday school team please check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship hall.

### **Nursery**

There is a growing need to staff the nursery as there are several young families attending church. We are looking for people who would enjoy playing with toddlers and babies and are willing to staff the nursery on an occasional Sunday. If you are interested please see Terry Reynolds or any member of Christian Ed.

### **October Dates to Remember**

October 4 <sup>th</sup>	World Communion Sunday, Bible Sunday and Multigenerational Worship. Children will stay In worship with their families.
October 11, 18, & 25	Regular Sunday school classes.



## WHAT DO DENIM, FURNITURE, AND FOOD ALL HAVE IN COMMON?

Autumn is almost here, and the event so many trendy people look forward to at CSCC is approaching!

Organized by the WG&F, the semi-annual Rummage Sale and Soup's On Lunch is scheduled for Saturday, October 24 from 9:00-1:30.

But we need YOU to gather your gently used items for donation to our project--including books, clothing, jewelry, household goods, shoes and bags.

**!! BREAKING NEWS!!**

Our new shop this Fall is the "DENIM DEN", which will include all things denim for the family. Fall fashion in all of the stores and ads is featuring jeans clothing, but at exorbitant prices!

But not us-- we will have a "one price fits all" policy for the DENIM DEN--unbelievable, but true--no false advertising here.

So, as you are cleaning and re-organizing please keep us in your thoughts for donation of used denim items--imperfect (aka torn) is fine.

Recent NYTimes and on-line ads refer to them as "boyfriend", "seventy's", "skinnies", and "open air" styles.

Of course, all items (except tvs and electronics) are welcomed for donation, and we will again feature the "Fellowship Furniture" area, which was extremely successful last Spring, including tables, chairs, desks, lamps, mirrors, accessories. We will again plan to have the lawn set up for "outdoor living", thanks to your donations.

Goods may be donated at any time (beginning NOW), but the bulk of donations may be left at the church beginning on Monday, October 20.

Please start now to think about "relocating" your unused goods to our sale, ultimately to someone who will treasure them.

You may contact the event co-chairs for further information:

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and our Publicity guru, Lori Kelso 508-697-1587 [lorikels@msn.com](mailto:lorikels@msn.com)





# **The Fair is COMing! The Fair is COMing!**

Whether you're going to bake up a storm for the cookie walk and dessert table, knit some baby booties and throw blankets, or just look forward to some holiday shopping and a delicious turkey supper, **SAVE THE DATE** for the Central Square annual Fair!

## **FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AND 14!**

If you are interested in volunteering with baking, turkey serving, pie night, publicity, or just about any other capacity, contact one of "My Fair Ladies": Denise Molinari ([denmol@comcast.net](mailto:denmol@comcast.net), 508-279-6322), Carla Jackson ([fourjacs@comcast.net](mailto:fourjacs@comcast.net), 508-279-3375), Deb Rucker ([motherucker@gmail.com](mailto:motherucker@gmail.com), 508-279-0772), or Diane Sheibley ([diane@sheibley.net](mailto:diane@sheibley.net), 508-697-7262).

Also, if you know any BR students who want community service hours by working at the fair, have them contact one of My Fair Ladies as well!

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

**Thurs., Oct. 1**  
Psalm 26  
Job 2:11—3:26  
Galatians 3:23-29

**Fri., Oct. 2**  
Psalm 26  
Job 4:1-21  
Romans 8:1-11

**Sat., Oct. 3**  
Psalm 26  
Job 7:1-21  
Luke 16:14-18

**Sun., Oct. 4**  
*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalm 26  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

**Mon., Oct. 5**  
Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 8:1-22  
1 Corinthians 7:1-9

**Tues., Oct. 6**  
Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 11:1-20  
1 Corinthians 7:10-16

**Wed., Oct. 7**  
Psalm 55:1-15  
Job 15:1-35  
Matthew 5:27-36

**Thurs., Oct. 8**  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 17:1-16  
Hebrews 3:7-19

**Fri., Oct. 9**  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 18:1-21  
Hebrews 4:1-11

**Sat., Oct. 10**  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Job 20:1-29  
Matthew 15:1-9

**Sun., Oct. 11**  
*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Job 23:1-9, 16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

**Mon., Oct. 12**  
Psalm 39  
Job 26:1-14  
Revelation 7:9-17

**Tues., Oct. 13**  
Psalm 39  
Job 28:12—29:10  
Revelation 8:1-5

**Wed., Oct. 14**  
Psalm 39  
Job 32:1-22  
Luke 16:19-31

**Thurs., Oct. 15**  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Job 36:1-16  
Romans 15:7-13

**Fri., Oct. 16**  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Job 37:1-24  
Revelation 17:1-18

**Sat., Oct. 17**  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Job 39:1-30  
Luke 22:24-30

**Sun., Oct. 18**  
*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Job 38:1-7 [34-41]  
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

**Mon., Oct. 19**  
Psalm 75  
Job 40:1-24  
Hebrews 6:1-12

**Tues., Oct. 20**  
Psalm 75  
Job 41:1-11  
Hebrews 6:13-20

**Wed., Oct. 21**  
Psalm 75  
Job 41:12-34  
John 13:1-17

**Thurs., Oct. 22**  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
2 Kings 20:12-19  
Hebrews 7:1-10

**Fri., Oct. 23**  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Nehemiah 1:1-11  
Hebrews 7:11-22

**Sat., Oct. 24**  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Job 42:7-9  
Mark 8:22-26

**Sun., Oct. 25**  
*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalm 34:1-8 [19-22]  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

**Mon., Oct. 26**  
Psalm 28  
Isaiah 59:9-19  
1 Peter 2:1-10

**Tues., Oct. 27**  
Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 18:1-32  
Acts 9:32-35

**Wed., Oct. 28**  
Psalm 28  
Ezekiel 14:12-23  
Matthew 20:29-34

**Thurs., Oct. 29**  
Psalm 146  
Ruth 1:18-22  
Hebrews 9:1-12

**Fri., Oct. 30**  
Psalm 146  
Ruth 2:1-9  
Romans 3:21-31

**Sat., Oct. 31**  
Psalm 146  
Ruth 2:10-14  
Luke 10:25-37



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# October Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>27</b> 10 Worship 11:30 Opportunity Fair - FH 2:30p Wolf Den - LL 7p AA-FH	<b>28</b> 7p NA-FH	<b>29</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR	<b>30</b> 7p CE - MR 7p Trustees-FR 7:30p BSU Choir - ST	<b>Oct 1</b> 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	<b>2</b> 6p Pack 35 Open House - 7p Al-Anon- MR	<b>3</b> 2p Reception - FH
<b>4</b> 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Communion 10 Worship 2p Bear Den - FH 2p Webelos 2 - FH 7p AA-FH	<b>5</b> 6p Food Pantry - LL 7p NA-FH	<b>6</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR 6:15p Brownies - FH 7:30p Stewardship - MR	<b>7</b> 6p Girl Scouts - LL 6:30p BSU Choir - ST 6:30p WG&F - FH	<b>8</b> 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH 7:30p Pack Com Mtg - MR	<b>9</b> 7p Al-Anon- MR	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10 Worship 11:30 Growth - FR 2:30p Wolf Den - LL 7p AA-FH	<b>12</b> Columbus Day (regional) 7p NA-FH	<b>13</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR 7p Outreach - FR	<b>14</b> 7p Deacons - FR 7:30p BSU Choir - ST	<b>15</b> 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	<b>16</b> 3p Wedding - ST 7p Al-Anon- MR 7p Pack 35 - FH	<b>17</b> Super Saturday Workshop
<b>18</b> 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Worship 11:30 CE Event - LL 2:30p Wolf Den - LL 7p AA-FH	<b>19</b> 7p NA-FH	<b>20</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR 6:15p Brownies - LL	<b>21</b> 6p Girl Scouts - LL 7p Cabinet-MR 7:30p BSU Choir - ST	<b>22</b> 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	<b>23</b> 8 Rummage Prep - FH 7p Al-Anon- MR	<b>24</b> 9 Rummage Sale - FH
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