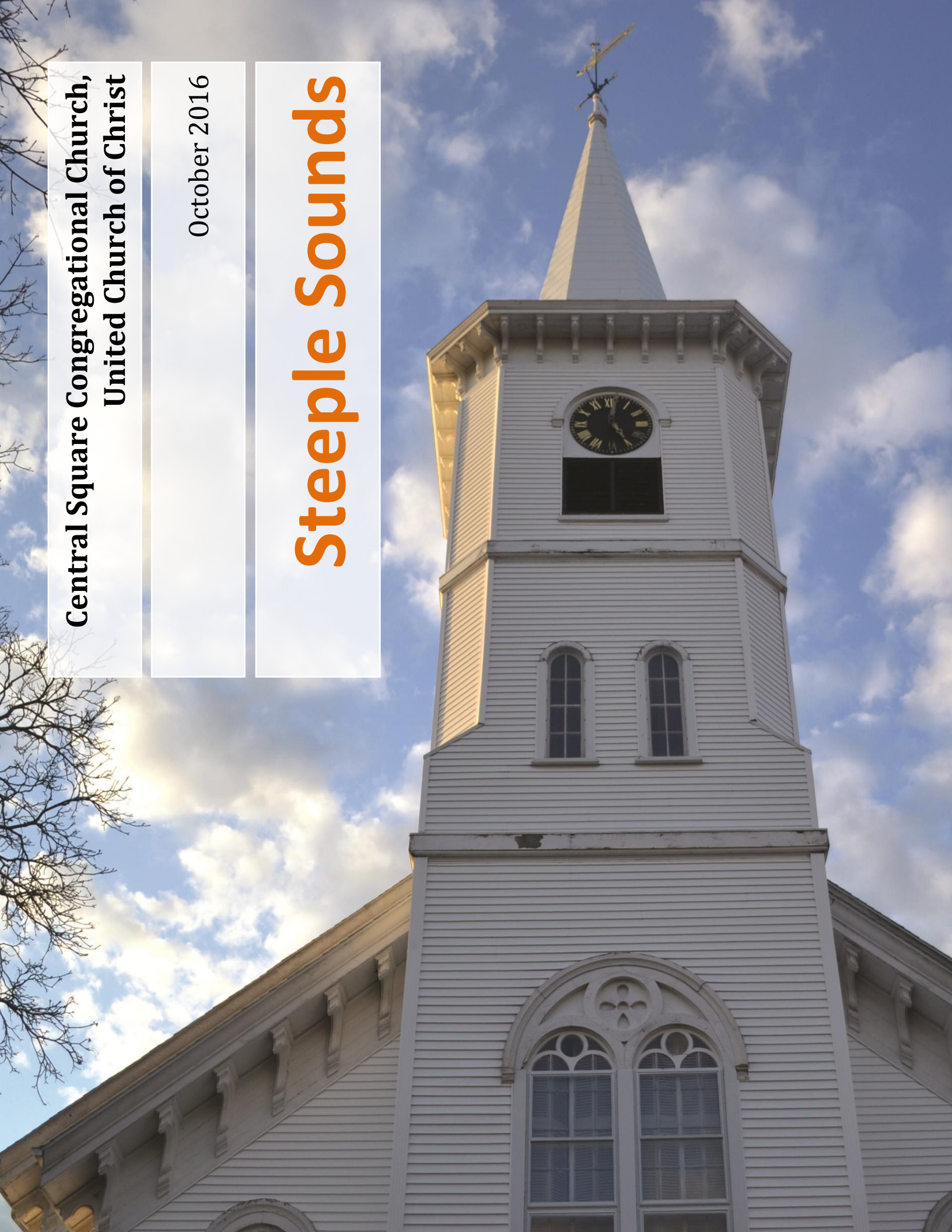


**Central Square Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ**

October 2016

# Steeple Sounds



## *From The Desk of Rev. Beth*



"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

Matthew 13:31b-32

In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus speaks of a man who planted mustard in a nearby field. The plants took root, and grew so big and so tall that the birds of the air came to build nests in the branches. It's a great story, but there's just one problem. Mustard doesn't grow that way. Mustard is a prolific plant that can quickly take over a field, but it only grows knee high, at best. Still, Jesus tells the parable, sparking us to ask, "what if?"

What if the things we tell ourselves would never happen, actually could?

What if the seeds we planted grew bigger and taller than we would ever imagine?

What if our ministries grew beyond our capacities?

What if our actions here at Central Square Church had a reach farther than we've ever dreamed?

What seeds would we plant, if we believed we would have infinite success?

This past spring as we were creating the 2016/2017 budget, your ministry boards and committees were encouraged to dream big. As we dig into our program year, I'd like to ask you to prayerfully consider your dreams. Ask yourself what you are willing to share to help plant a dream here at Central Square Church. That our ministries might expand beyond our walls, and beyond our imagining. And please know that whatever you give, it is welcome, it is appreciated, and it will be used to the glory of God.

Dream big, brothers and sisters.

In Christ,

Rev. Beth

## *From the Music Committee*

Lin Schuller, our beloved Director of Music for the past 22 years, announced to the Music Committee that she will be retiring at the end of the year. Her last service will be on Christmas Eve. Lin's dedication to the music program and her spiritual guidance will truly be missed. The choir will continue with Julia Carey who will serve as both the accompanist and choir director for an interim period. The Music Committee will be making plans for a permanent director and will begin the search for a settled Minister of Music as the new year begins. Please keep Lin and the Music Program at Central Square Congregational Church, UCC in your prayers as we move through this transition period.

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## *From The Board of Deacons*

***Sacramental Surplus (An Excerpt from Daniel Hazard at <http://www.ucc.org/across-the-ucc-world>)***

**Pastor: Holy Communion calls us to universal solidarity**

"There's a surplus of meaning in the sacrament, and we don't want to nail it down to one thing," says the Rev. Mary Luti, one of the pastors at First Church in Cambridge (Mass.) UCC.

Luti says her congregation celebrates communion once monthly at the morning worship, besides special feast days. A Sunday afternoon service featuring gospel and jazz music serves weekly communion.

Luti feels there is a renewed interest in ritual action across the UCC, not only in the sacrament of communion, but also healing and anointing.

"It's a positive development," she says. "It recovers some of the most ancient traditions of the church that are neither Catholic nor Protestant. They are simply practices that help our bodies and our minds."

To Luti, making sure the communion service never loses its edge is the key to making the ritual meaningful and thought-provoking.

"Very often we repeat the line, 'Jesus sat down to supper with the one who would betray him and the one who would deny him.' That line refers to Judas and Peter," she says.

"There is a challenge there. How do we sit with our enemies? How do we sit with the people we don't agree with, or who don't love us?"

"On World Communion Sunday, a lot of churches are rediscovering the universal aspect of our communion," says Luti. "These rituals are among the ways we show forth and also ground our solidarity with people all over the world."

For Luti, communion has a meaning that transcends time and place. "During communion," she says, "we really link up with the church as it has been, as it is now, and as it will be ... we look forward to the day when everyone will be fed around this table with equal joy and equal justice."





There is a urgent need for specific items for the Food Pantry! It would be wonderful if we all could get one or two items and either bring them to church or drop them off at the church during business hours. The following is the list for much needed items (**although any and all donations are welcome**):

- Mayonnaise, ketchup, & mustard
- Boxes of cereal
- Cans of meat and pasta (like Franco American or Chef Boyardee spaghetti and meatballs)
- Cans of cream of mushroom, cream of chicken and broth (all used to make quick dinners)
- Rice or rice pilaf
- Cans of baked beans
- Dish soap
- Adult only toothbrushes
- Tissues
- Toilet paper & paper towels

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## Church Fair Holiday Crafters Needed!

With the church fair just around the corner, the Holiday crafters are well under way! We can always use an extra pair of hands to help on our craft nights. If you would like to join us, please contact Terry Reynolds, Gail Wright or Connie Chandler and we will let you know what our schedule is. You may attend each week or whenever you are available.

Some of you may like to help, but are unable to attend a weekly craft night. If you would like to make something to contribute to the Holiday Craft room please feel free to do so. We focus on the fall season, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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## *From the Board of Trustees*

The Board of Trustees has recently created a Property Donation Form so as to have good control over items that come into the church as donations. Please use this new form if you intend to donate an item. If you have any questions about what type of items require this form, just ask a Trustee. Copies of the form will be available in the church office. (Please see the contents of the form below.)



Central Square Congregational Church  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Bridgewater, MA

Sept. 2016

**DONATION FORM FOR OTHER THAN CASH DONATIONS**

The Board of Trustees needs to have good control over what types of donations (other than money and food for the Food Pantry) are given to the church. We appreciate your generosity, however, concerns include combustible loading, other fire hazards, environmental hazards and of course, just plain “is there room for it.” Examples would include large pieces of furniture, room air conditioners, tables, chairs, vacuum cleaners, etc. Our concern is for items that would not normally be brought in for a Rummage Sale, as these are all either sold that day or cleaned out and donated after the sale.

Your cooperation is appreciated in filling out this brief form and submitting it to the Trustees **BEFORE** dropping of the item. Out of necessity, the Trustees will review the donation and advise you of it’s acceptability for a permanent home in the church building.

Your Name and Address:

Your Phone Number and/or email address:

Your Affiliation with our church:

Brief description of the item you wish to donate: (Pictures are appreciated – they can be emailed to the church office)

Your estimate of the value of the item, for possible Income Tax Charitable Deduction

## *From the Board of Outreach*

October 2, 2016  
Neighbors in Need  
Special Mission Offering

***The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 2, 2016, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.*** Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through [UCC.org/justice](http://UCC.org/justice), our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, and Hockick in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

We ask that you consider giving to this wider church ministry that is sponsored by the UCC, our greater denomination. The offering will be received during worship on October 2. Thank you in advance from your Board of Christian Outreach: Rob Basler – co-chair, Bill O'Neil – co-chair, Kim Wallace, Jack Melcher, David Hanson, Devon Basler and Carol Chaffee.

***Do you have a story to tell? We want to hear it! Share your story of how God has guided your daily tasks into a random act of Christian kindness.***

# *Women's Guild & Fellowship*

**Come Join Us!**



## **An Open Invitation to Women of CSCC-UCC:**

The Women's Guild and Fellowship of CSCC will hold its first meeting of the 2016/2017 year on **Wednesday, October 5th**, at 6:30PM, in our Fellowship Hall.

We begin each year with a potluck supper open to all women of the church. All members are reminded to bring an appetizer, a salad, a main meal, or a dessert. If you have not been before, please come, enjoy the meal, and see what we are all about. The food is fabulous, the fellowship is welcoming, and we have a lot of fun, while doing God's work of serving others in need in our church and our community!

At the first meeting, Secret Pals will be revealed, and we will have sign-ups for those interested in participating in the program this year. We will also be finalizing plans for the upcoming fall rummage sale, one of our two major fundraisers. (See below for more information on that!)

So mark your calendars and join us on October 5<sup>th</sup>!

And while you are jotting down dates, consider joining us on November 2nd for a program of "Charitable Giving", and on December 7th for our annual Christmas Communion Service with Rev. Beth!

Join us for any or all of our programs! You are always welcome!

Co-Presidents

Lynn Pietras 508-824-0855

Gail Wright 508-697-7159



## Fall Rummage Sale Time!

**DATE:** The date is **Saturday, October 22** for the Fall Rummage Sale and Lunch sponsored by the WG&F of CSCC, with hours between 9:00 AM and 1:30 PM. This semi-annual event is our primary fund-raiser, allowing us to support the church, charitable organizations, and members of the community, both local and beyond.

**CHANGES:** Please note the following changes for the Fall event.

1. We will no longer designate a space for furniture, nor will we accept large pieces such as couches, dining tables, overstuffed chairs. PLEASE ADHERE TO THIS—we have neither the manpower nor the space to accommodate such pieces. In the Spring, some large furniture was left on the side porch, which we unfortunately were unable to sell, or even give away. We then had to get someone to haul them away to the transfer station. Fortunately, the attendant waived the fee because of our non-profit status. Point being, while we appreciate your donations, not all work well for us. We SHALL accept small pieces, such as footstools and small end tables, and will place them throughout the sales areas.
2. We do expect to bring back the 50/50 Raffle in the Fall.

**HELP:** As always, we need lots of volunteers to help with set-up, sales, and clean-up. We look not only to members of the Guild, but to the congregation at-large for fellowship, as we will be sorting and arranging on Thursday, Oct. 20 and Fri, Oct 21

Between 9AM and 3PM. Please contact Marie Nelson (508-947-6920) or Bette deKoning (508-697-6912) if you would like to help out anytime on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

**BOOK REMINDER:** We can only accept paperback books. Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, how-to manuals, etc. This policy was initiated for the Spring sale and found to be quite successful. Thank you for your cooperation.

Gently used, clean clothing is the best seller; shoes, purses, jewelry, linens household items, and glassware are also popular.

We will again have our very popular soup and sandwich luncheon.

Items may be left at the church during regular office hours beginning Monday, Oct 17. The church will also be open from 9-3 and 5-7 on Thursday, Oct. 20 and from 9-3 on Friday, Oct. 21. Adjustments may be made to those times, so be sure to watch for updates on September and October bulletins and emails.

Thanks so much for your support in the past as we look forward to another successful sale.

Bette, Lori, and Marie—Co- Chairs for Team Rummage



## *From Christian Education*

### **Wanted**

This fall we are once again exploring the Old Testament in the Spark Curriculum. We have some openings in our teaching staff, and in order to present the curriculum in the way it is intended we need your help. We have two teaching openings in pre-k and Kindergarten, one in grades 1, 2, and 3 and one in the fourth and fifth grade class. You have an opportunity to set up the teaching schedule with your teaching partner. This allows you to attend church or meet your family's needs each week and have the opportunity to teach the children about God and God's way. You do not need to have previous teaching experience to become a Sunday school teacher. You will be trained in how to present the curriculum and I assure you it is very easy to follow. We hope you will consider this rewarding experience of working with our children. Contact Terry Reynolds at 508-697-4666 for more information.

### **Our Teaching Staff**

Presently we have a wonderful teaching staff dedicated to presenting the stories of the Bible to the children and youth. Krissy Cannizzo and Christine Compton are the first, second and third grade teachers. They are experienced Sunday school teachers having worked with the children for several years. They also work with children in different capacities outside of church. Kristen Struzik is the fourth, fifth grade teacher. Kristen has taught this age group for several years and teaches in the public school. Sharing the teaching of the sixth, seventh and eighth grade class are Meg McDermott and Christine Hoyt. Meg was a member of the Christian Ed committee for the past 6 years and has taught different age groups over the years. Christine Hoyt is a Kindergarten teacher in a public school and has been a girl scout leader of various age groups.

### **Spark Curriculum**

This fall we are exploring the Old Testament in the Bible, but different stories from last year. The Curriculum is set up in an easy way to present to the children. The pictures in the children's Bible are engaging and colorful. The Bible for the children in grades three and up has words in the margins that explain various passages. Questions are also present to help the children think about what they are reading. Third and fourth grade students spend time learning how to explore the Bible. The lessons are divided into four parts. When the children arrive in class they participate in an activity that introduces the lesson. The activity may be to play a game, sing songs, make a craft, play with specific toys etc. The next step is to read the story in the Bible. Part three is to use the pamphlets included in the curriculum. This serves to help the children understand the lesson through various activities. The pamphlets also share interesting facts that relate to the past and the present. The final part of the lesson is a quick review and a prayer. As the year progresses we will keep you informed concerning the events of the year and the format of the lessons.



# **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 11 AND 12!**

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 high school students who want community service hours by working at the fair, have them contact one of My Fair Ladies as well! Hours are flexible.

# **Coffee Hour Schedule for 2016 - 2017**

**September:** Growth

**October:** Outreach

**November:** Deacons

**December:** Memorials/Stewardship

**January:** Mission Youth

**February:** Christian Ed

**March:** Woman's Guild & Fellowship

**April:** Growth

**May:** Trustees

**June:** Music

**July & August** - volunteers (punch)

- \* Please remember to offer a Gluten Free option for our GF friends.
- \* Please label gluten free items and peanut /nut items.
- \* Please be sure to always set up the coffee and snack table in the middle of Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References October 2016 (Year C)

**Sat., Oct. 1**  
Lamentations 3:19-26  
Lamentations 1:7-15  
Matthew 20:29-34

**Sun., Oct. 2**  
*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Lamentations 1:1-6  
Lamentations 3:19-26 or 2  
Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

**Mon., Oct. 3**  
Psalm 137  
Lamentations 1:16-22  
James 1:2-11

**Tues., Oct. 4**  
Psalm 137  
Lamentations 2:13-22  
1 John 5:1-5, 13-21

**Wed., Oct. 5**  
Psalm 137  
Lamentations 5:1-22  
Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

**Thurs., Oct. 6**  
Psalm 66:1-12  
Jeremiah 25:1-14  
2 Timothy 1:13-18

**Fri., Oct. 7**  
Psalm 66:1-12  
Jeremiah 27:1-22  
2 Timothy 2:1-7

**Sat., Oct. 8**  
Psalm 66:1-12  
Jeremiah 28:1-17  
Luke 5:12-16

**Sun., Oct. 9**  
*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7  
Psalm 66:1-12  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

**Mon., Oct. 10**  
Psalm 102:1-17  
Jeremiah 29:8-23  
Acts 26:24-29

**Tues., Oct. 11**  
Psalm 102:1-17  
Jeremiah 29:24-32  
Ephesians 6:10-20

**Wed., Oct. 12**  
Psalm 102:1-17  
Jeremiah 25:15-32  
Matthew 10:5-15

**Thurs., Oct. 13**  
Psalm 119:97-104  
Jeremiah 26:1-15  
Acts 17:22-34

**Fri., Oct. 14**  
Psalm 119:97-104  
Jeremiah 26:16-24  
2 Timothy 2:14-26

**Sat., Oct. 15**  
Psalm 119:97-104  
Jeremiah 31:15-26  
Mark 10:46-52

**Sun., Oct. 16**  
*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 119:97-104  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

**Mon., Oct. 17**  
Psalm 129  
Jeremiah 38:14-28  
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

**Tues., Oct. 18**  
Psalm 129  
Jeremiah 39:1-18  
James 5:7-12

**Wed., Oct. 19**  
Psalm 129  
Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20  
Luke 22:39-46

**Thurs., Oct. 20**  
Psalm 65  
Joel 1:1-20  
2 Timothy 3:1-9

**Fri., Oct. 21**  
Psalm 65  
Joel 2:1-11  
2 Timothy 3:10-15

**Sat., Oct. 22**  
Psalm 65  
Joel 2:12-22  
Luke 1:46-55

**Sun., Oct. 23**  
*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 65  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

**Mon., Oct. 24**  
Psalm 87  
Joel 3:1-8  
1 Peter 4:12-19

**Tues., Oct. 25**  
Psalm 87  
Joel 3:9-16  
1 Peter 5:1-11

**Wed., Oct. 26**  
Psalm 87  
Joel 3:17-20  
Matthew 21:28-32

**Thurs., Oct. 27**  
Psalm 119:137-144  
Jeremiah 33:14-26  
2 Corinthians 1:1-11

**Fri., Oct. 28**  
Psalm 119:137-144  
Habakkuk 1:5-17  
2 Peter 1:1-11

**Sat., Oct. 29**  
Psalm 119:137-144  
Habakkuk 2:5-11  
John 8:39-47

**Sun., Oct. 30**  
*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
Psalm 119:137-144  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

**Mon., Oct. 31**  
Psalm 142  
Habakkuk 2:12-20  
1 Corinthians 5:9-13



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# October Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>25</b> 10 Worship 11:30 Opportunity Fair - FH 2:30p Bear Den - LL 7:30p AA-FH	<b>26</b> 7p NA-FH	<b>27</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR 11 Colford Service - ST 4p Brownies - LL 6:30p Clip File & Save - FH	<b>28</b> 6p Girl Scouts - LL 7p CE - MR 7p Trustees-FR 7:30p BSU Choir - ST	<b>29</b> 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p AI-Anon - FH	<b>30</b>	<b>Oct 1</b> 11 Funeral - ST
<b>2</b> 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Communion 10 Worship 11:30 Opportunity Fair - FH 7:30p AA-FH	<b>3</b> 6p Food Pantry - LL 7p NA-FH	<b>4</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR 6:15p Girl Scouts - FH 7:30p Stewardship - MR	<b>5</b> 6p Girl Scouts - LL 6:30p WG&F - FH 7:30p BSU Choir - ST	<b>6</b> 9 Staff Mtg - FR 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p AI-Anon - FH	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 10 Worship 11:30 Growth - FR 4p Tiger Den - LL 7:30p AA-FH	<b>10</b> Office Closed Columbus Day (regional) 7p NA-FH	<b>11</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR 4p Brownies - LL 7p Deacons - MR 7p Outreach - FR	<b>12</b> 6p Girl Scouts - LL 7:30p BSU Choir - ST	<b>13</b> 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p AI-Anon - FH	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Super Saturday - Framing 12p BSU Choir - ST
<b>16</b> 10 Worship 11:30 M-Uke-Sicians - FR 7:30p AA-FH	<b>17</b> 7p NA-FH	<b>18</b> 8:30 Play Groups - MR	<b>19</b> 7p Cabinet-MR 7p Pack Com Mtg - FR 7:30p BSU Choir - ST	<b>20</b> 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p AI-Anon - FH	<b>21</b> Rummage Sale Prep	<b>22</b> 9 Rummage Sale - FH
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