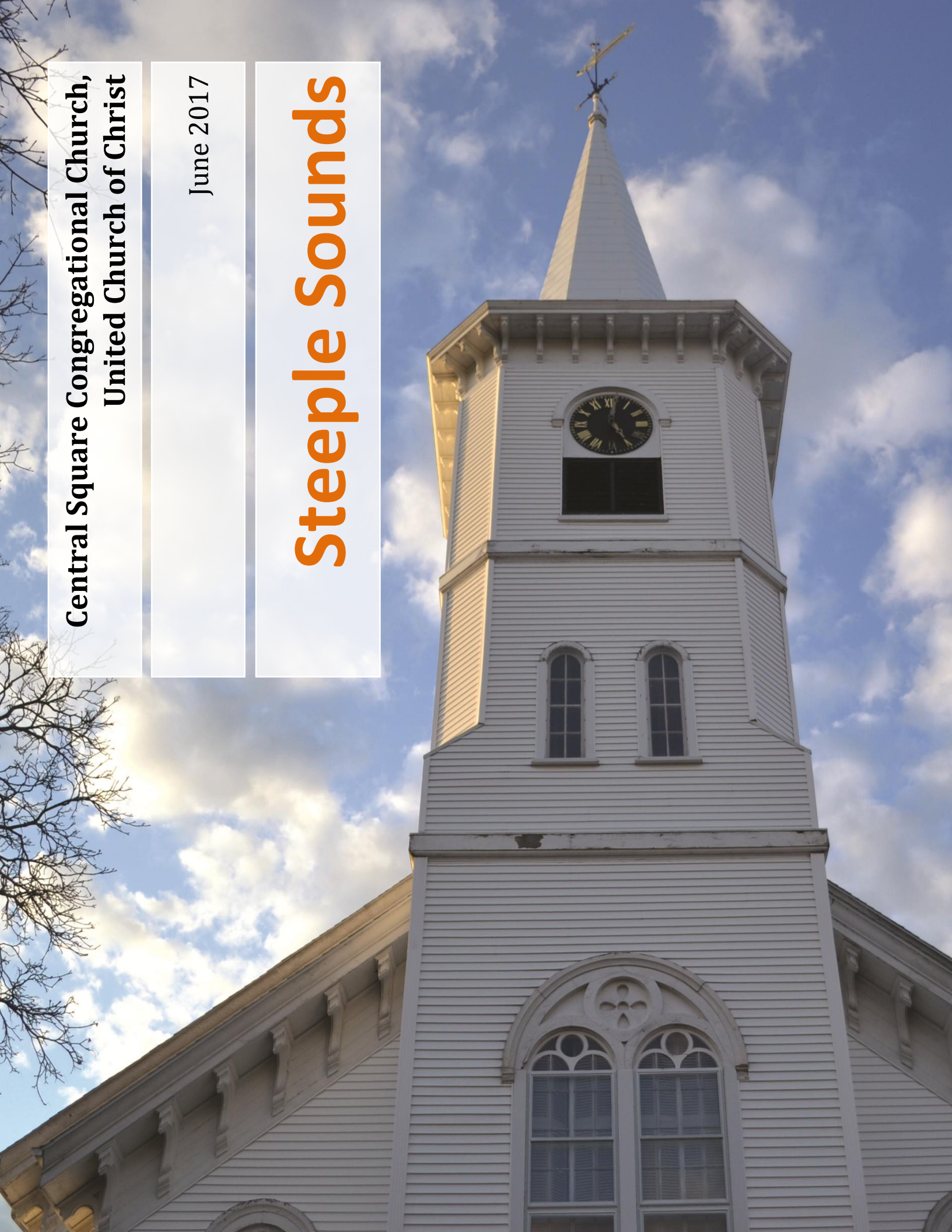


**Central Square Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

June 2017

Steeple Sounds



From The Desk of Rev. Beth



“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 4:4-7

In the Epistle to the Philippians, Paul is imprisoned and after having witnessed grave illness around him, has death on his mind. The Philippians had send a man, Epaphroditus, to journey with Paul in his evangelism. But Epaphroditus becomes gravely ill and upon getting better, Paul pens his letter to the Philippians sharing with them the news, and also his own impending sentencing in Rome. Yet, even with this difficult news, Paul remains optimistic. Even in the face of death. Paul urges the people of Philippi to “rejoice in the Lord” and “let your requests be made known to God”.

I imagine the solitude of imprisonment. Was it just Paul and God? Did Paul pray unceasingly to God? What did he and God talk about? Forgive my nosiness, but I want to know.

Recently my husband and I were talking, I don't even remember about what, but he said to me, “I have a Person/God confidentiality agreement.” At first I laughed, thinking about the many TV shows I've seen where the serial killer has Attorney/Client privilege, or the doctor can't share that vital piece of information because of Doctor/Patient confidentiality, but after a moment, I really started to take my husband's statement in.

We really do have Person/God confidentiality.

Like the lawyer who has their client's back unflinchingly, God has our back.

Like the doctor who safeguards our personal information, God safeguards our hearts.

We can tell God anything and God keeps our secrets locked up.

I imagine Paul awaiting trial. I imagine Paul seeing the end of his life nearing. I imagine the confessions, the secrets, the insights, and the desires he must have shared with God during that time. While we don't know what Paul and God talked about, we benefit from Paul's experience. Through his experience, we learn to pray without ceasing and rejoice in God, even in our darkest times.

We are not alone. Even when we feel alone, we have God.

May we take full advantage of our Person/God confidentiality. Amen.

-Rev. Beth

From the Board of Stewardship

Greetings from the Stewardship Committee!

We wish to thank you for all of your pledges we have received for the 2017 - 2018 fiscal year. We believe that when all of your pledges are tallied, we will be able to pass a balanced budget this month at the Budget Meeting. As a reminder, pledging is a promise to the church, and our Trustees use these promises to put together the yearly budget. This allows for planning of things you, the congregation, want to see accomplished. If you have not had the opportunity to submit a pledge, it is not too late! All pledges are kept in confidence with only the elected financial staff having full knowledge. Also, the last time we had a pledging campaign it covered a year and a half, as we changed our fiscal year to run from July 1 to June 30. Please remember that if you did pledge for last year, your total pledge is due by the end of June 2017.

Stewardship is also ordering new 2017 pledge envelopes for the congregation. We are making some slight changes, in order to try and save some expenses. We recently found 1 box of envelopes for the past 3 years that each contained between 20 – 30 unused books. Since they had specific Sunday dates on them, they could not be used and will need to be recycled. In an effort to try and save on that waste, we will be ordering envelopes without Sunday dates. This way, regardless of how often you use them, you may use the envelopes until they run out. The books will have an envelope number and a space for any 'special designations' you need. Some people may be assigned a new number, but as these are primarily used by the office, we are hopeful this will not inconvenience anyone. The first envelope will still be for the yearly conference dues (\$20.30 per member).

Remember... the church doesn't function without you... so whenever you gift the church with your Time, Talent or Treasure... you ARE making a difference.

Thank you,

Brad Barnsley

Rich Sullivan

Jim Basler

Elaine Henriksen



What is your Vision for our Church?

For Church Records

Envelope # _____
(For office use)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to make the following contribution(s):

Regular pledge \$ _____ Special Designation: _____ \$ _____

** I authorize an increase of my contribution from \$ _____ to \$ _____.

Contribution Frequency (please check one):

☐ Weekly ☐ Semimonthly ☐ Monthly

Please make my ongoing contribution effective: Immediately or July 1 2017 (Please circle one)
Or _____ (Date of 1st contribution).

EFT:

I would like to Authorize Automatic Electronic Funds Transfer from My Bank Yes ____ No ____

**** If Yes Then Please Fill Out Attached Authorization Form. ****

☐ I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church related institution in my will.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Tear here -----

For Your Records

Date: _____

Regular pledge \$ _____ Special Designation: _____ \$ _____

*I authorize an increase of my contribution from \$ _____ to \$ _____.

Contribution Frequency (please check one):

☐ Weekly ☐ Semimonthly ☐ Monthly

Please make my ongoing contribution effective: Immediately or July 1 2017 (Please circle one)
Or _____ (Date of 1st contribution).

United Church of Christ UCC300830

Authorization Agreement for Automatic Withdrawal of Funds

Envelope # _____ (leave blank if not applicable)

Name on Bank Account _____ (print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Please debit my contribution(s) from (check one)

☐ Checking Account (If new-attach voided check)

Routing Number: _____

☐ Savings Account (If new - attach savings deposit slip)

(Routing # is located at bottom of check between the symbols | : | :)

Account Number: _____

I would like to make the following contribution(s):

Regular pledge \$ _____ Capital Campaign \$ _____

*** I authorize an increase of my contribution from \$ _____ to \$ _____**

Contribution Frequency (please check one):

☐ Weekly - Debited on Mondays

☐ Semimonthly - Debited on the 5th and the 20th

☐ Monthly - Debited on the 5th or the 20th (please circle one)

Please make my ongoing contribution effective _____

(Date of 1st contribution).

I authorize Central Square Congregational Church, UCC and Vanco Services, LLC to process debit entries from my account. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization. I understand there will be a \$5.00 fee automatically charge to my account for any insufficient fund (NSF) transactions. I have attached a voided check or savings deposit slip.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

*Return form to office along with your pledge card.
EFT REQUESTED BUT NOT REQUIRED*

Stewardship Time/Talent Pledge

NAME: _____

Phone# _____

I would like to help with (please check next to):

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help teach children | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with building maintenance and repair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Join a committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Help in the food pantry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sing in the choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with an outreach ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Give a ride to someone in need | <input type="checkbox"/> Be a greeter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visit someone in need | <input type="checkbox"/> Be an usher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help Cook a meal | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with a fund raiser |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver a meal | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure. Just want to be involved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help clean after a meal | <input type="checkbox"/> I have additional ideas - I would like to help: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help lead worship | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with a sermon | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with a moments for all ages | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Go on a mission trip with youth | |

From Christian Education



A Message to the Congregation

It has been a joy to serve as your Sunday school superintendent for the past eight years. I have had the pleasure to play with your children, to learn from the Sunday school teachers, to be guided by Christian Ed and of course to create and plan with Rev. Beth. So many more of you have also supported the Sunday school over the years in so many ways. You have volunteered occasionally to teach, build props and participate in the different productions at Christmas and Easter. You have faithfully provided supplies for the Advent workshop, Heifer and Children's Sunday. Heifer has not only become the children's mission, but truly an event lovingly supported by all of you. Singing is becoming a part of the Sunday school curriculum due to the musical talents of people within the church. The Central Office Staff has leant support and suggestions that has enhanced programs and made my job easier. The willingness to help and the loving spirit in this church is alive and well and I thank you all for the time you have given to the children of our church. The wonderful memories you have helped create for the children will go with them always. Our church is truly a joyful community and I celebrate all of you as I move on to other callings within the church.

Faithfully yours,

Terry Reynolds, Sunday School Superintendent

Children's Sunday

The teacher's and children have created a church service to celebrate the end of the Sunday School church year. The theme this year is built around the final curriculum the children experienced "The House on the Rock" based on the parable from Matthew 7:24-28. Following the service we will once again celebrate with make your own ice cream sundae!

Sunday School Assistance

CE is looking for some help this fall. Unable to make a weekly commitment? We get it, we are all so busy balancing our lives. We would love some help with teaching and coordinating Sunday School. You can teach just once, or job share. We are looking for an administrative assistant for Krissy C., who will be our new Superintendent. If interested please contact Lisa Masiello at 508-245-4086 or Lsmasiello@gmail.com.

Classifieds



Sally Burke is interested in caring for people in the home on an “as needed” basis. She is retired from a nursing career of 35 years as a RN in a hospital setting and have other varied experiences. She’s been a Bridgewater resident for 48 years. Fee is negotiable. If interested, please call her at 508-697-2832 first, or 508-932-6317.

Our local coffee supplier, Mike Shea’s Coffee, is currently seeking someone to work in their roastery from 9 AM to 1 PM, 2 or 3 days a week. They are also seeking someone to do local deliveries 830 AM to 1230 PM, a couple of days for now. If interested, contact John Shea at 774-929-5234 or email him at john@mikesheas.com!

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***Do you have a service or a job opportunity that you’d like to offer to the congregation?
Submit your classified ad by emailing office@cscucc.com!***

SUNDAY, JUNE 11
CSCC BUDGET MEETING
2017-18 FISCAL YEAR
11:30am

One item of business will be conducted on this day: To present, discuss, and vote on the 2017-18 fiscal year operating budget for Central Square Congregational Church, UCC.

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.



Annual Planning Cabinet Meeting

The annual Cabinet meeting where we put everything we possibly can on the next church year's calendar will be taking place WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, AT 7PM. If you have anything calendar-related for our church that will be taking place during the 2017-18 year, please come to the meeting, let the appropriate board or committee know to bring it to the meeting, or contact Ellen Atherton in the church office.

Also, it is crucial that all Boards and Committees have their representative present at the meeting and armed with all the dates you need to have put on the calendar.

Thank you!

Please Note:

If you host Coffee Hour, or events where dairy products are used, please discard or take home unused product.

Thank you from the Board of Trustees



Relationship Building with the Elderly: A Course in Community Faith and Action

Offering Hope Through Sacred Listening

Thursday, June 22, 2017

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

&

Thursday, June 29, 2017

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Lakeville Congregational Church

1 Precinct Street

Lakeville, MA 02347

Everyone, at some point in his or her life, will need to hear a word of hope, of encouragement. Everyone, at some time in their life, will need to feel as though they still matter, that they belong, that they are not forgotten.

Everyone, at some time, will feel this way.

This retreat is for people who want to learn how to visit with others, deepen their relationship with God, and engage in the practice of “holy listening.” This free course is geared to train persons called to care, called to be that word of hope and encouragement, to be that spiritual presence of remembrance.



**A Stillspeaking Journey Through the Holy Land
A Two Week Trip to Israel, Palestine, and Jordan
Led by Rev. Carol Hallman, United Church of Christ**

December 29 to January 11, 2018

\$3,992 per person

Deadline to register July 14, 2017

On this adventure we will not only have the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and many other ancestors of faith but also see how God is still speaking in the Holy Land today. We will meet with Rev. Naim Ateek with Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in East Jerusalem, politicians from various points on the political spectrum, and meet others who are actively involved in peacemaking. On our journey we will be shepherded by two guides, one Israeli and the other Palestinian, which will make this a unique opportunity for a continuing and deeper experience of our still speaking God.

For more information, or to register for the trip,
visit <https://www.mejditours.com/open-tour/a-stillspeaking-journey-through-the-holy-land/>.



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As part of Prophett-Chapman, Cole & Gleason's
series; "Bringing Our Community Together"

We are hosting a
night at the Rox!

Come see the Brockton Rox
play the Bristol Blues
Thursday June 29th at 7:00.

Bring the kids.

Fun for the whole family!

Tickets can be picked up at will call
the night of the game.

R.S.V.P. by June 22th 508-697-4332

Thank you

Mark, Bill, Shane, Sharon

CSCC Golf Tournament!



Date of event: Friday, July 28

***Time: 8:00am
(registration opens at 7:00am)
Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine St., Bridgewater***

Scramble Shot Gun Start

\$115 (\$100, 18 and under)

*Includes golf, cart, buffet lunch banquet
with door prizes • Raffles*

Prizes for closest to the pin & longest drives

Teams of four players

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 508-697-6016

Or email office@cscucc.com

*A portion of the proceeds will be donated to
the Bridgewater Food Pantry.*

The fundraiser is for the general fund at Central Square Congregational Church, which pays all the building expenses for the church buildings. We're proud that our building is home to many Bridgewater community group meetings (AA, NA, girl scouts, boy scouts, BSU Community Choir, Mommy & toddler playgroups) as well as the Bridgewater Food Pantry. The general fund pays for the electricity, heat, janitorial, maintenance, repairs, and other expenses that allow us to offer the building for those uses.



Central Square Congregational Church
2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 28
Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine St., Bridgewater
8:00am (registration opens at 7:00am)
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.

\$115 per person registration (\$100, 18 and under) 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: July 15, 2017

Make checks payable to: CSCC

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

508-697-6016 ▪ office@cscucc.com

Registrations accepted for individual players or foursomes.

Player name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____ ☐ under 18?

Player name: _____ Phone # _____

Email: _____ ☐ under 18?

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Email: _____ ☐ under 18?

Player name: _____ Phone # _____

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Central Square Congregational Church

2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

HOLE SPONSORSHIP

Friday, July 28
Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine St., Bridgewater



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.

\$100 per hole



Registration deadline: July 1, 2017
Make checks payable to: CSCC
Mail to CSCC, 71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324
508-697-6016 ▪ office@cscucc.com

**YES! We would like to support the Central Square Congregational Church
2017 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: _____

Central Square Congregational Church 2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT RAFFLE PRIZE DONATION

Friday, July 28
Olde Scotland Links
695 Pine St., Bridgewater



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.



**Please consider making a donation of a raffle prize
or gift basket to our event!**

Contact us at

508-697-6016 ▪ office@cscucc.com

to arrange pick up, or drop it off at the church office M-F, 9am-1pm no later than
Wednesday July 26

**YES! We would like to support the Central Square Congregational Church
2017 Golf Tournament as a Raffle Prize Donor.**

Sponsor Name: _____

as it should appear on our thank you list – please print clearly

Item: _____ Value: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Email: _____

Daily Lectionary Scripture References June 2017 (Year A)

Thurs., June 1
Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:1-9a
Acts 2:1-11

Fri., June 2
Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:16-25
Romans 8:14-17

Sat., June 3
Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 20:1-21
Matthew 5:1-12

Sun., June 4
Day of Pentecost
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Mon., June 5
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Joel 2:18-29
Romans 8:18-24

Tues., June 6
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29
Romans 8:26-27

Wed., June 7
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Numbers 11:24-30
John 7:37-39

Thurs., June 8
Psalm 8
Job 38:1-11
2 Timothy 1:8-12a

Fri., June 9
Psalm 8
Job 38:12-21
2 Timothy 1:12b-14

Sat., June 10
Psalm 8
Job 38:22-38
John 14:15-17

Sun., June 11
Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1:1—2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

Mon., June 12
Psalm 29
Job 38:39—39:12
1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Tues., June 13
Psalm 29
Job 39:13-25
1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Wed., June 14
Psalm 29
Job 39:26—40:5
John 14:25-26

Thurs., June 15
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Genesis 21:1-7
Hebrews 3:1-6

Fri., June 16
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Genesis 24:1-9
Acts 7:35-43

Sat., June 17
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Genesis 24:10-52
Mark 7:1-13

Sun., June 18
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18:1-15 [21:1-7]
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

Mon., June 19
Psalm 126
Genesis 23:1-19
1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Tues., June 20
Psalm 126
Genesis 25:7-11
2 Thessalonians 2:13—3:5

Wed., June 21
Psalm 126
Nehemiah 9:1-8
Luke 6:12-19

Thurs., June 22
Psalm 86:1-10
Exodus 12:43-49
Hebrews 2:5-9

Fri., June 23
Psalm 86:1-10
Genesis 35:1-4
Acts 5:17-26

Sat., June 24
Psalm 86:1-10
Ezekiel 29:3-7
Luke 11:53—12:3

Sun., June 25
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Mon., June 26
Psalm 86:11-17
Genesis 16:1-15
Revelation 2:1-7

Tues., June 27
Psalm 86:11-17
Genesis 25:12-18
Revelation 2:8-11

Wed., June 28
Psalm 86:11-17
Jeremiah 42:18-22
Matthew 10:5-23

Thurs., June 29
Psalm 13
Micah 7:18-20
Galatians 5:2-6

Fri., June 30
Psalm 13
2 Chronicles 20:5-12
Galatians 5:7-12



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June Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	29 Office Closed Memorial Day 7p NA-FH	30	31 7p Trustees-FR	Jun 1 10 Food Pantry - LL 10 Staff Mtg - FR 7p Al-Anon - FH	2	3
4 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Communion 10 Worship 1:30p Piano Recital - ST 7:30p AA-FH	5 6p Food Pantry - LL 6p Girl Scouts - MR 7p NA-FH	6 7:30p Stewardship - MR	7 6p Girl Scouts - LL	8 10 Food Pantry - LL 5p Piano Concert - ST 7p Al-Anon - FH	9	10 11 Piano Recital - ST
11 10 Worship 11:30 Budget Mtg - FH 11:30 Growth - FR 7:30p AA-FH	12 7p NA-FH	13 7p Deacons - FR 7p Outreach - MR	14 6p Girl Scouts - LL 7p CE - FR	15 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	16	17 3p Pack 35 - FH
18 Father's Day 9 Breakfast - FH 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	19 6p Girl Scouts - MR 7p NA-FH	20	21 7p Cabinet-MR	22 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	23	24
25 Youth Mission Trip 10 Worship 7:30p AA-FH	26 7p NA-FH	27	28 7p Trustees-FR	29 10 Food Pantry - LL 7p Al-Anon - FH	30	Jul 1

*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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