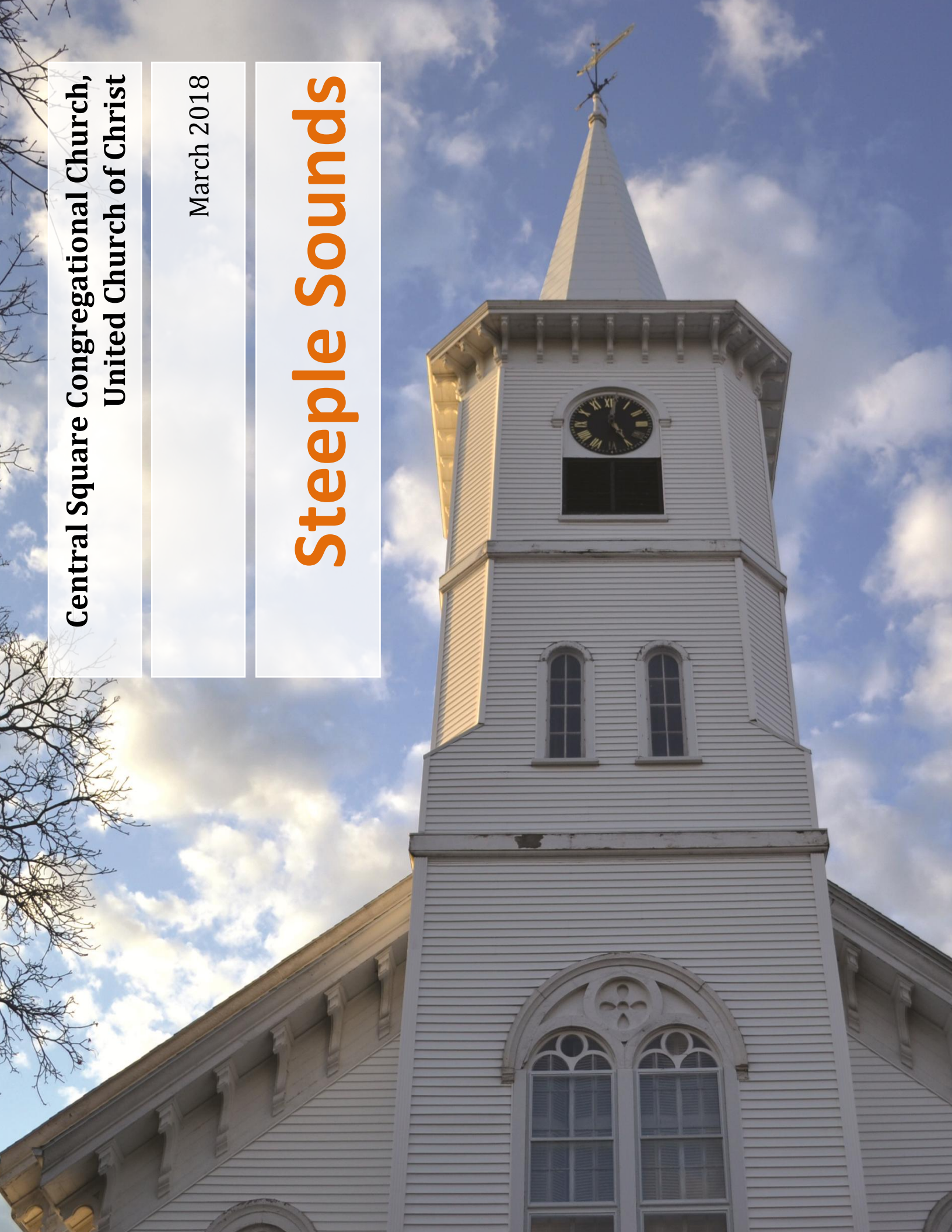


**Central Square Congregational Church,
United Church of Christ**

March 2018

Steeple Sounds



From The Desk of Rev. Beth



One of my favorite things about our community of faith is how we create worship together. Togetherness seems to be at the heart of what we do and how we serve. For example, every year when Lent comes around, I look forward to watching and listening to the spirit move through our community as we create meaningful worship together through our “Think-Tank” process.

This year, as we journey through the difficult concepts of the season of Lent (loneliness, betrayal, desertion, sacrifice, and mortality), we have so many opportunities for togetherness. We aren’t on this journey alone and our church community is a reminder that God’s presence is always with us.

If you’re looking to get involved this season, please take some time to engage in one (or more!) of the opportunities below:

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| Saturday, March 3rd: | Lenten Book Discussion (“Being Mortal” by Atul Gawande) 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, March 10th: | Lenten Book Discussion (“Being Mortal” by Atul Gawande) 9:00 AM |
| Sunday, March 11th: | Easter Think Tank (Help plan Easter Sunday Worship!) 11:30 AM |
| Saturday, March 17th: | Lenten Video/Book Discussion (Frontline Episode of Being Mortal) 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, March 24th: | Holy Week Bible Study (Reading of the Gospel of Mark 14 & 15) 9:00 AM |
| Thursday, March 29th: | Maundy Thursday Communion Worship 7:00 PM |
| Saturday, March 31st: | Mortality Discussion/End of Life Planning/Q&A 9:00 AM |
| Saturday, March 31st: | Easter Think Tank (to continue planning Easter Worship) 11:00 AM |
| Sunday, April 1st: | Easter Sunday Celebration in Worship! 10:00 AM |

I am continually grateful to travel through the seasons of the church year with this community. If you’re struggling this Lenten Season, I do hope you’ll reach out to me or one of the Deacons. Whether you have big faith questions, need a meal or a visit, or just a hug and a listening ear, we’re here for you. While Lent is a time of difficult struggle, we are comforted by the promise of Easter. The promise of New and Abundant Life. We find that life in all of God’s creation and blessed community.

Thanks be to God!
In Christ,
Rev. Beth

P.S. Nic Cannizzo preached a sermon on Scout Sunday that really moved a lot of people. I asked him if we could print it in our newsletter and he said yes! I hope you'll find his reflection on Psalm 147 to be enlightening.

When I was 6 I signed up to be a Cub Scout. The first rank of a Cub Scout is the Tiger. Now I am a Webelo 2 or Arrow of Light. As a Bear, I had to memorize the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. The Scout Oath is:

"On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty, to God and my Country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

I look at karate as a great way to live the Scout Oath. In Karate, I have to be strong, aware of what's going on around me, and I have to make good decisions quickly. Church is also a place where I live the Scout Oath. When I imagine the Bible Stories, I have to be mentally awake. In the stories we learn, we hear about people having to make decisions about right and wrong.

I have also done the God & Me Program and the God & Family Program. These programs were like a bridge between what we talk about being as a member of the congregation and how it's pretty much the same as being a good scout. These programs showed me how they both fit into my life.

This spring I am crossing over to Boy Scouts. In Boy Scouts, we have to obey the Scout Law. If you know the Scout Law, say it with me:

"A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent."

In Psalm 147, God and the Scout Law are similar. God is being Helpful by healing the brokenhearted and giving the animals food to eat. God is Kind by building people up and gathering people together. God is Cheerful by being with us when we are somber. God does all this stuff for us. What do we do? We are supposed to live our lives like this too.

In verse 11 of Psalm 147, it says that God takes pleasure in those who fear him. Fear does not mean to be afraid. Fear means to respect or be Reverent.

You do not have to be a Scout to live like a Scout.

From the Board of Deacons

Rev. Beth's Parental Leave

We, as your Board of Deacons, want to be intentional about communicating information and expectations about this time of Parental Leave for Rev. Beth as she and her family adjust to welcoming a new member.

What is parental leave? When will it start?

Parental leave is an important time for Rev. Beth to be with her baby, to care and bond with her. She will be taking a 12 week leave from her duties at Central Square Congregational Church, UCC. During parental leave, Rev. Beth will not be handling pastoral duties. She will not be replying to work calls or e-mails. She is hoping to work as late into her pregnancy as she can so that her leave will be with the baby. She is due April 15, and will be returning to ministry July 15.

Who will serve the church during the pastor's leave?

We have actively been searching for an Auxiliary Pastor to serve us during that three month time period, and have secured a great candidate. The Auxiliary Pastor will have limited office hours and will preach/lead worship with the Deacons on Sundays.

What if I have a pastoral emergency?

If you have a pastoral emergency (including death in the family, hospitalization, or family crisis), you can call the church office at 508-697-6016, Monday-Friday, 9am-1pm. You can also email the Congregational Administrator at office@cscucc.com and she can get in contact with the Auxiliary Pastor for you. All other parish care needs will be taken care of by the Board of Deacons. You can call the office to schedule a visit, receive communion, or have a meal delivered, and the Congregational Administrator will arrange to have a Deacon visit you.

So we won't see Rev. Beth or her baby during her parental leave?

Rev. Beth loves her church family and may choose to participate in moments in the life of the church during her leave, but please honor this time in her family's life by allowing her to determine her own involvement. Her hope is to make it to worship during her leave (as a worshipper, not as worship leader) at some point.

What about Jae?

Jae will continue to attend church/Sunday School while his mom is on leave.

What can I do to help make these weeks go smoothly for our congregation?

Participate! Don't miss a beat in worship, Sunday School, special groups, events, or fellowship activities. Look out for others and let the office or any member of the Diaconate know when/if there is a special need or a concern of any type. Look out for each other and support one another as we always do as brothers and sisters in Christ!

We are excited for this upcoming time in the life of the congregation. We pray that the congregation continues to be present, active, encouraging, and generous disciples of Christ.

In Christ's Peace,

Your Board of Deacons

From the Board of Trustees

When Mark Paley from Historical Restorations was here working on the steeple, Gordon Brailsford and I went up into the bell tower at the same time Mark was on the outside of the bell tower in the lift he rented, and he was able to point out to me and Gordon some additional repairs we still need to do in order to preserve the steeple. There is so much more work we want to do. There were small piles of snow inside the bell tower. Rain comes in through the louvers. The louvers have rotted and need to be replaced with a material other than wood. Some of the clocks no longer work and the weather vane needs to be re-furbished again. I was told that the weather vane can be worked on in place and will not need to be taken off the tower. That was good news to hear, but also a little disappointing. Some of us were fortunate to see it up close when it was put on display on the altar during a church service in 1999.

Many years ago, one of the astrological objects fell off the weather vane and was found on the ground by the church. It was given to me to save to be put back on the weather vane the next time we hired a steeple jack. I labeled it and kept it in the historical cabinet to be replaced when the time came. Mark has promised me that he would get that back in place when he returns.

Trustees have compiled a work list of repairs and Mark Paley will present us with his work order for us to consider.

Take a look up when you come to church next Sunday. Mark did a really nice job in repairs. The steeple looks clean and a lot of the rotted wood is now gone. But, you'll still see areas we need to address, especially places where the paint has peeled away. Something to think about.

Barbara Morey
Co-Chair with Tom Struzik

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



The Women's Guild and Fellowship of CSCC will be holding its March meeting on **March 7th** at **6:30** in the *Fellowship Hall*. **All women of the church are welcome to join us for this special evening!** Our business meeting will be followed up with refreshments, and Barbara Morey will be presenting a slide show on Antarctica. Barbara travels, and brings back her memories of exotic places to share with us. She continues to amaze us with her photos!

Please join us on the 7th!

Co-Presidents
Gail Wright (508-697-7159)
Lynn Pietras (508-824-0855)

From the Board of Stewardship

Stewardship Sunday is March 4th, and the committee has been meeting for several months to come up with a theme and message for you all. The past few years we have talked about all the different things this church does for others... whether through Outreach or having the building available for the community. Just look at all the things they have talked about this morning... They do awesome work and it's all because of you!

We have stressed that this church needs your financial support thru pledging and giving. This year we tried to come up with a different message. One of the things we discussed was whether the congregation really knew what pledging was. Because of this, Rich Sullivan put together two mini talks earlier this year to give you the background on how the CSCC came to be as we know it today. His first talk focused on the early Mass Bay colony and the Plymouth colony, while his second talk covered how we became CSCC. During his research, he discovered that in the early life of the church the TOWN actually own the church & property and was financially responsible for it. It wasn't until around 1860 (when this church was built for the second time after a fire destroyed it) that the Church itself and the governing body – Polity – held the financial reins. He also found that through the history of the church it almost always struggled to make ends meet. The more things change the more they seem to be the same. So the idea of pledging isn't a new idea at all.

We here rely on your pledge to give the Trustees an idea of what income might be expected for a coming year. They can then put together a budget and fund projects / events that the church would want to do. Now when we talk of pledging, we really are talking to the whole congregation ... pledgers and non-pledgers alike. In the next few days or so you will receive an envelope from the Stewardship committee containing a brief cover letter and 3 separate sheets.

The first sheet is the pledge form. Second is the EFT form. Third is the time & talent form.

So as we gather all of the pledges over the few Sundays we will turn them over to the Trustees to start working on the 2018-2019 church budget. Last Sunday Rich used the chart to demonstrate a few examples of the church's recent financial status. We took a couple of average week expenses and income and show how we are doing against our current budget.

On this year's Stewardship Sunday... will you prayerfully consider buy the church a cup of coffee??? Thank you for listening to me... The morning offering will now be collected.

With Gratitude,

Brad Barnsley (on behalf of the board of Stewardship)

Envelope # _____
(For office use)



What is your Vision for our Church?
Our 2018-19 CSCC Pledge

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

I/we pledge the following contribution for Central Square Congregational Church's 2018-19 fiscal year :

\$ _____ ☐ per week ☐ 2x per month ☐ per month

----- OR -----

I/we authorize an increase of our current contribution by:

\$ _____ ☐ per week ☐ 2x per month ☐ per month

→ Please make this ongoing contribution effective: Immediately or July 1, 2018 (Please circle one)
or other date: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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.

Tear here _____

For Your Records CSCC 2018-2019 Pledge Date: _____

Pledge Amount: \$ _____ ☐ per week ☐ 2x per month ☐ per month

-Or-

I'm increasing my contribution by \$ _____ ☐ per week ☐ 2x per month ☐ per month

Contribution effective: Immediately or July 1, 2018 (Please circle one)

Or other date: _____

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 I: I:)

Account Number: _____

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

Regular pledge: \$ _____

* 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# _____

Email: _____

I can offer my talents to (please check as many as apply!):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in parish care <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Visit someone in need<input type="checkbox"/> Give someone a ride<input type="checkbox"/> Send someone a card | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with an outreach ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Food pantry<input type="checkbox"/> Food donation sorting<input type="checkbox"/> Warmth in cold places<input type="checkbox"/> Brockton homeless ministry<input type="checkbox"/> Help man a table at an offsite event promoting the church<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with youth <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Help out in a Sunday school class<input type="checkbox"/> Go on a mission trip with youth<input type="checkbox"/> Participate in youth outings<input type="checkbox"/> Work in the nursery during service on occasion | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with worship service <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Be a greeter occasionally<input type="checkbox"/> Be an usher occasionally<input type="checkbox"/> Help lead worship<input type="checkbox"/> Help with a sermon<input type="checkbox"/> Help with a moment for all ages<input type="checkbox"/> Read scripture<input type="checkbox"/> Help with Advent planning<input type="checkbox"/> Help with Lenten planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with small projects around the church <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> I have experience in electrical, plumbing, painting, carpentry<input type="checkbox"/> I can help with cleanout projects<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with a fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Help with the annual fair (Oct/Nov)<input type="checkbox"/> Help with the rummage sale (Oct & Apr)<input type="checkbox"/> Help with the golf tournament (Jun/Jul)<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with a food-related event or task <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Help cook a group meal<input type="checkbox"/> Deliver a meal<input type="checkbox"/> Help clean up after a meal<input type="checkbox"/> Help with breakfast Sunday<input type="checkbox"/> Bake an item for coffee hour when needed | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with Advent Workshop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in the music ministry <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Sing in the choir<input type="checkbox"/> Perform during a worship service<input type="checkbox"/> Join the Holy Ukes ukulele group (no experience necessary!) | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure. Just want to be involved |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> I have additional ideas:

_____ |

Submit this form on Stewardship Sunday, put it in the collection plate any time, drop it off at the office, or email your selections to office@cscucc.com... any time, all year long!

News from Outreach

A few weeks ago, Rob and I were talking at coffee hour about the work he does with the Brockton homeless, and he told me a story that stuck with me. It was about a homeless man who broke into the church and stole some warm clothes. It was during that time a few weeks ago when it was so cold, and even though I am sure this man knew he shouldn't have done it, he must have really needed these items. This man was caught on camera, and he was told that, if he ever needed anything in the future, he didn't need to steal, he just needed to ask.

Later that day, I saw my parents for lunch. My dad was very excited to pass along some "basement treasures," some records from my childhood. Among the Care Bears and Rainbow Brite records was a particular Scooby Doo record that looked very familiar.

When we got home that night, we thought it would be fun to listen to this Scooby Doo record while we ate dinner. Each side of the record was its own story. The story on side two was titled "Scooby Doo and the Cookie Caper." It's funny, when you listen to a story you haven't heard since you were a kid, how it all comes back to you.

The mystery was about a bakery where bread and cookies had been mysteriously going missing for a few weeks. The owner was convinced that his baker, a nice man named Tom, was the one responsible for the thefts, but the kids investigated, and they quickly discovered that the thefts were actually committed by a former employee, a young boy named Billy. When the kids, Tom, and the owner went to speak to Billy, they overheard Billy confessing to his mom about where all the food was coming from. Billy was handicapped, and his family was very poor, and he was so concerned about feeding his mother and sister that he stole even though he knew it was wrong. The owner of the bakery is so moved by what he hears that hires Billy back and decides not to press charges for the stolen food.

Later that evening, I was thinking about what a funny coincidence it was to hear these two very similar stories on the same day. The lesson of both stories is one of compassion, which I think is the first step of outreach.

One of my more inspiring students, who is working to be his best in spite of some personal challenges, has this quote that I love pasted to the front of his notebook:

Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always.

This can mean different things to different people. Maybe it means donating to the food pantry or doing volunteer work. Maybe it means helping your neighbor with yard work because you know it's hard for him. Maybe it's as simple as giving a stranger a compliment or paying for the car behind you at the drive-thru. Whatever it is, having compassion and helping others is something the world could always use more of.

Jasvir MacIntosh
Board of Outreach

News from Growth

If you were in church this past Sunday, you heard Brad Barnsley very eloquently say that anyone can be a Greeter - all you have to do is show up a little early, and say hello!

One of the best ways to help us make the church a welcoming place for newcomers is to always have a friendly face in the entry-way before service. Please be on the lookout for the time & talent sheets coming with your pledge forms this week, and consider signing up as a Greeter as yourself, or a family.



Dine with Nine Sign Ups!

Dine with Nine is a group of people, both singles and couples, who gather together for Food and Fellowship. You'll be put together with 5-7 other folks into a group, then the group decides where and when to meet to share a meal. Think about joining the fun! Join as an alternate; maybe you can only attend one dinner or if the date worked for you would like to join. Maybe you can't host, still join – there are others who can host or a restaurant may be a fun option. Sign-ups will continue throughout the month of March, and groups will be assigned at the beginning of April. Groups usually meet 2-3 times over a 2-3 month period.

Please see Diane Sheibley on Sundays, email her at diane@sheibley.net, or leave your information with the church office if you want to sign up.

News from Christian Education

I've had a hard parenting week. I've struggled to make sense of the senseless acts in Florida and, ways to shield my boys of such a horrifying reality, that unfortunately has become a new norm in their short lives.

It's not easy. I'd love to shelter my boys from all of this but the reality is they know what's happening. It's talked about on the playground and on the bus, they've practiced the "special" safety drills in school where the lights go out, the door is locked and they hide in silence. They see bits of news feeds on the tv. It's their reality.

This causes me anxiety. I recognize that my children are like me in many ways so if I'm feeling anxious, they may be too. Along with talking to their physician, there are thousands of blogs and articles with strategies on how to talk to children about what is happening in our world and how to identify anxiety in children. One that I like is Understood.com that helps to identify behavioral, emotional and physical signs if we have concerns. Even if you don't right now, it may be helpful to see.

I think the most important thing we can do as parents and as a congregation is to love and support our children and let them know we are here for them to talk with or just to listen.

In faith,
Krissy Cannizzo
Sunday School Superintendent



CE has been busy working with the Youth this Lenten season and preparing for Palm Sunday. We have seen more people with little ones and we want to be able to offer the Nursery staffed with volunteers so that parents can experience our services uninterrupted. The nursery is equipped with a TV so you will not miss the service either. If you are willing to volunteer just once in awhile, we can all give our newest parents and visitors that much needed break. You can contact the church office for more details or see Lisa Masiello (lsmasiello@gmail.com) or Krissy Cannizzo (maximus202@comcast.net) for more details. A CORI needs to be submitted before working with any Youth. If a 8th -12th grade student is interested in volunteering with an adult we welcome the help (you can even use the time for community service hours). A Sign-Up Genius has been created to make it easier to see where the needs are and sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4daea728a6f94-nursery>. We are also looking for volunteers to help with Sunday School Activities on one time basis.. Please let us know if you would like to help by contacting Lisa Masiello or Krissy Cannizzo.

CE will be having several openings this year on the committee. If you are interested in joining us or have some questions about what CE does, we would love to hear from you!

From the Director of Youth Ministry

In my short time here at Central Square UCC, I've had the opportunity to see our community's innermost workings. There is a lot of heart in this building, so much so it's bursting at the seams into the many communities around us! With all these dynamic workings around us, we see the Youth who are just as individually spirited and unique as our work. Working with the high school Youth in particular has made me more than nostalgic. Remembering just how fast not only that time went by, but how much time there really wasn't at the end of the day. Getting to know them individually and seeing their passions honestly inspires me! **It is with this inspiration, I am expanding my personal mission here at Central Square to our middle school group.** On the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, I'll be meeting with the middle school Youth during Sunday School, creating a curriculum that follows with the lectionary for that week. Every other month, as we end our curriculum subject we will be hosting a middle school event that will run into Coffee Hour from Sunday School. **Our Youth Group will be switching gears as well.** I invite those Youth interested in assisting with the Sunday School/Toddler/Nursery room during Worship to please seek me out. As for our high school specific events, we will be focusing on two meetings a month, as every Sunday has been a bit of a stretch with their very hectic schedules. With these meetings, we will be focusing on our community and outreach. This will be an opportunity to obtain extra community service hours. As the high school Youth near their Mission Trip, our absolute focus will be giving back to those who allow us these opportunities. Our Lenten Season calendar below will be shared on the Mission Youth Facebook page and updated monthly.

In gratitude,
Larissa

Lenten Season Youth Group Meetings

Lent is a time in which we prep for Easter and reflect on Jesus' journey and our journey with him. It is during this season our Youth prep further for their Mission Trip. Reflection is a focal point throughout the Lenten season. For the Youth the hope is to be reflective for all the work done with them in mind and their journeys this year to Pennsylvania. Our ministry will be focusing on giving back to our congregation and their communities.

March 11: During Coffee Hour, we will be working on the different creative aspects that go into the Mission Dinner. Come down to the Youth Room to help out with some of the decorations to go along with our Hershey Bar and Grill. We will also be working on an extra special auction item for the night! (Our meeting will take place in the Lower Level during Coffee Hour.)

March 17: The Youth will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall starting at 8:30AM to help clean up the area for the Mission Dinner. As we prepare for the Mission Trip, we keep in mind the goal of community service we meet while we are away and applying it to our congregation. Following assisting with the pantry, we will be adventuring down to Emma's for some \$.99 cheese pizza!

April 8: During our meeting, we will be focusing on those who make the Mission Trip possible for us. Recognizing the inner workings of the Mission Dinner, auction, leaf raking, right down to the trip itself. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour.

Mission Dinner News

Have you made your reservations yet for the annual **Mission Dinner and Auction** at our very own CSCC **Hershey's Bar and Grille**? Seats are filling fast! Join the Youth, their leaders and our volunteer event team at 6:00PM on Saturday, **March 24** for an amazing evening of tasty food and creative auction items. Superb service will be provided by the 13 Youth in grades 8-12 who are attending this June's trip to Harrisburg PA. Reservations may be made by March 16 during Coffee Hour, or contact the church office at 508-697-6016, or by contacting Marlene Beaudrault Jacobs at 508-414-0537. **Don't miss out!**

A Heifer Goodbye

For the past 24 years Heifer Project has held a special place in my heart. I am a very practical person and the whole premise of Heifer seems so logical to me. Feed a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for life. Evidently you seem to feel the same way, for you have supported Heifer right along with me. I cannot begin to tell you how much money you have helped the children raise over the years, or the number of animals we have sent to needy families around the world through Heifer sponsorship. What a wonderful lesson the children reinforce each year, the gift of giving of themselves for Heifer Project! The memory of this yearly event will influence them for the rest of their lives!

Once again Heifer Project has brought us all together in this cold month of January with the children inviting you to come support them in their fundraising efforts. You answered the call in many ways. Gift cards were sold in December, the cows (Faith, Hope, and Charity) traveled around the cold streets and neighborhoods of families from our church community. The children returned Heifer banks and planned the Living Gift Market. Many wonderful items were available for purchase such as baked goods, candles from crayons, animal cookies, friendship bracelets, The Lord's Prayer bracelets for children and adults, sand art in a jar using rainbow colors and terrariums. The year, all of us working together have raised over \$2400! The Heifer Project was so successful that we are able to purchase 2 beehives, 3 schools of fish, 8 flocks of chicks, 3 trio of rabbits, a pig, a llama, a flock of hope (ducks, geese, and chicks), a goat, a gardener's basket (trees, bees, rabbits and chicks), a water buffalo and a heifer.

As I compose this article for Steeple Sounds, I can't help but feel a little sad, for Heifer has been a part of my life for such a long time. I always look forward to planning Heifer each year and helping to teach the children about mission. It is time, though, to let other people create new ideas and new plans for Heifer in the church. Thank you for letting me share Heifer Project with the children over the years. I look forward, in the future, to being a supporter of Heifer in a different way.

Faithfully yours,
Terry Reynolds

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is beginning their work to find those of you that are called to serve on a board or committee. Some committees are seasonal; some operate all year round. Some have many small projects; some have larger ones.

There are many skills and talents needed to keep our church doing all that our church does. If you think you can make a contribution, however small, or however large, feel free to talk to one of this year's Nominating Committee members. They'll be able to find you the perfect niche.

This year's committee is: Carol Chaffee, Tracey Doherty, Jas MacIntosh, Lisa Masiello, Meg McDermott, Denise Molinari, John Sharland, and Rich Sullivan.

Thank you to our March Acolytes!

March 4: Jae Stotts
March 11: Daniel Turner
March 18: Jae Stotts
March 25: Franco Ciaramitaro

Thank you to our March Worship Leaders/Deacons!

March 4: Deb Sorgman
March 11: Denise Molinari
March 18: Darlene Brown
March 25: Rev. Beth Stotts

Thank you to our March Sunday Service Greeters!

March 4: Connie Chandler
March 11: Bev Mitchell & Mike Bundock
March 18: TBD
March 25: TBD

If you're available to usher on a "TBD" Sunday, please email diane@sheibley.net.

Important Upcoming Dates:

March 21: Next Cabinet meeting at 7 PM in the Meeting Room. *All are welcome!*

Daily Lectionary Scripture References March 2018 (Year B)

Thurs., Mar. 1

Psalm 19
Exodus 19:1-9a
1 Peter 2:4-10

Fri., Mar. 2

Psalm 19
Exodus 19:9b-15
Acts 7:30-40

Sat., Mar. 3

Psalm 19
Exodus 19:16-25
Mark 9:2-8

Sun., Mar. 4

Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Mon., Mar. 5

Psalm 84
1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22
1 Corinthians 3:10-23

Tues., Mar. 6

Psalm 84
2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19
Hebrews 9:23-28

Wed., Mar. 7

Psalm 84; Ezra 6:1-16
Mark 11:15-19

Thurs., Mar. 8

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 1:3-6

Fri., Mar. 9

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Daniel 12:5-13
Ephesians 1:7-14

Sat., Mar. 10

Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Numbers 20:22-29
John 3:1-13

Sun., Mar. 11

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Mon., Mar. 12

Psalm 107:1-16
Exodus 15:22-27
Hebrews 3:1-6

Tues., Mar. 13

Psalm 107:1-16
Numbers 20:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:6-13

Wed., Mar. 14

Psalm 107:1-16
Isaiah 60:15-22
John 8:12-20

Thurs., Mar. 15

Psalm 51:1-12
Isaiah 30:15-18
Hebrews 4:1-13

Fri., Mar. 16

Psalm 51:1-12
Exodus 30:1-10
Hebrews 4:14-5:4

Sat., Mar. 17

Psalm 51:1-12
Habakkuk 3:2-13
John 12:1-11

Sun., Mar. 18

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm
119:9-16; Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Mon., Mar. 19

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 43:8-13
2 Corinthians 3:4-11

Tues., Mar. 20

Psalm 119:9-16
Isaiah 44:1-8
Acts 2:14-24

Wed., Mar. 21

Psalm 119:9-16
Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23
John 12:34-50

Thurs., Mar. 22

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Deuteronomy 16:1-8
Philippians 2:1-11

Fri., Mar. 23

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:1-9
Philippians 2:12-18

Sat., Mar. 24

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Jeremiah 33:10-16
Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

Sun., Mar. 25

Passion Sunday or Palm Sunday
Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark
15:1-39 [40-47]

Mon., Mar. 26

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11
Hebrews 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Tues., Mar. 27

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36

Wed., Mar. 28

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Thurs., Mar. 29

Maundy Thursday
Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Fri., Mar. 30

Good Friday
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews
4:14-16; John 18:1-19:42

Sat., Mar. 31

Holy Saturday
Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations
3:1-9, 19-24
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16
Psalm 148
1 Peter 4:1-8
Matthew 27:57-66 or John
19:38-42



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March Calendar

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu Mar 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Worship 7:30pm AA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm Holy Ukes - FR 6:15pm Girl Scouts - N 7pm NA-FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scouts - FH 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Girl Scouts - L 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 7pm Trustees-FR 7:30pm BSU Choir - S1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 7pm Growth - FR 7pm Al-Anon - FH 7:30pm Stewardship - 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Guiding Eyes - MI 9am Lenten Book Disc 1pm Scouts Pinewooc
4 Stewardship Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Breakfast - FH 9am Confirmation Cla 10am Communion 3 more	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Food Pantry - LL 7pm NA-FH 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:30pm Stewardship - 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 6:30pm WG&F - FH 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 7pm Al-Anon - FH 	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Lenten Book Disc
11 Daylight Saving Time st <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Worship 11:30am Youth Group 1pm Langevin Party - I 7:30pm AA-FH 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15pm Girl Scouts - N 7pm NA-FH 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scouts - FH 7pm Deacons - FR 7:30pm Outreach - MR 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Girl Scouts - L 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 7pm CE - FR 7:30pm BSU Choir - S1 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 6:30pm BBA - MR 7pm Al-Anon - FH 	16	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Youth Group - 9am Lenten Book Disc
18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Breakfast - FH 10am Worship 11:30am Confirmation 7:30pm AA-FH 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm NA-FH 	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 7pm Cabinet-MR 7:30pm BSU Choir - S1 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 7pm Al-Anon - FH 	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Holy Week Bible : 5pm Mission Supper - 6:30pm Mission Supp
25 Palm Sunday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Worship 7:30pm AA-FH 	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15pm Girl Scouts - N 7pm NA-FH 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Girl Scouts - FH 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Girl Scouts - L 6pm Girl Scouts - LL 7pm Trustees-FR 7:30pm BSU Choir - S1 	29 Maundy Thursday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Food Pantry - LL 7pm Al-Anon - LL 7pm Worship - ST 	30 Good Friday	31 Holy Saturday <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Mortality Discuss



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