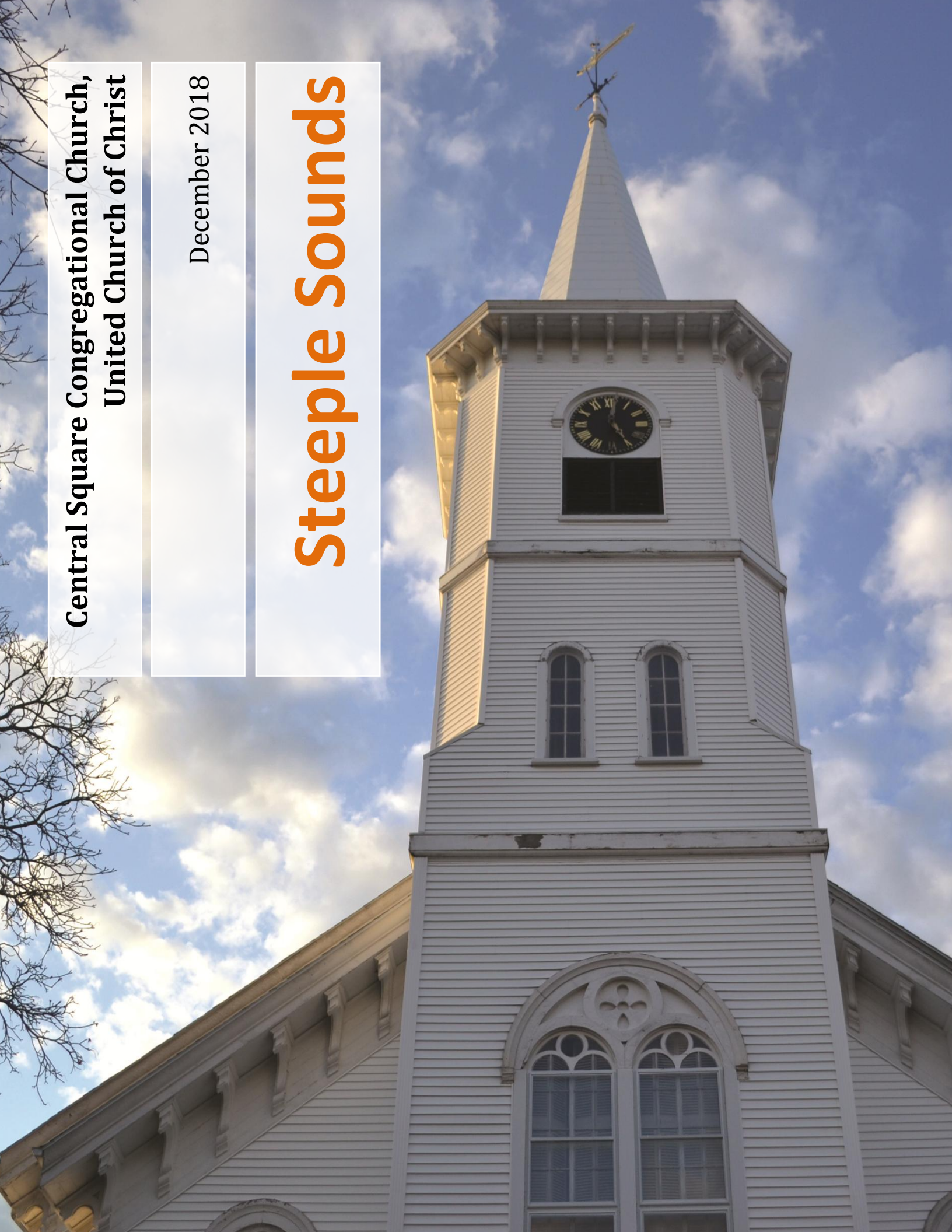


**Central Square Congregational Church,  
United Church of Christ**

December 2018

# Steeple Sounds



## *From The Desk of Rev. Beth*



Christmas: the story of God entering into this world as a vulnerable infant. We re-tell this story every year. We have many traditions that embody it and pass those traditions down from generation to generation. As we enter into the month of December, we enter into the season of Advent, the season of intentional preparation and waiting for the “grand” entry of our God.

This season is a mix of emotions for many. Including me. I love Advent and the practice of preparation and the practice of waiting that we are invited into. There is a bit of anxiety as a pastor, wanting the season to be relevant to every single person, and services “perfect” and filled with the Christmas Spirit. For some of us, Advent is filled with a plethora of emotions. Maybe it is filled with some emptiness, as we

recognize the absence of many loved ones who have died and have left voids in family gatherings and traditions. Or maybe it’s a melancholy time as we retell the stories of Christmases past, feeling as if something isn’t quite the same.

In the church, we retell the story of God entering the world because we must not forget it. We retell this story to remind ourselves that God is present, always. God was in that manger and continues to be present all around us in this world. We retell this story to remind ourselves that God is present in every emotion we might experience this season. We retell this story, in the hope that we will be open to the ways that God is entering into the world around us in unexpected ways.

Because this season brings a lot of different emotions and because of the times when it can be filled with busy-ness, gatherings, and running around, we need to be intentional if we want to experience all that God has in store for us and the church this season. This year, let’s commit to open ourselves up to the presence of God around us and open ourselves to the unexpected ways God is entering into the world around us as well.

If you have a hard time being present to God around you, here’s a little homework:

Find a notebook or make a folder on your phone or on your computer. Label it “God Sightings.” Each morning throughout the season of Advent, pray that you may see God entering into this world in unexpected ways. Pray that you may notice ways that God has always been present but may have missed. As you go throughout your day, make notes, or take pictures on your phone of ways that God has revealed God’s self to you. And then reflect on the ways that God is encouraging you to respond to these “God Sightings.” It is incredible the things we miss. It is incredible how much of God we miss. And it is amazing the ways lives are changed when we recognize God and respond.

In all that you experience this Advent and Christmas season, I pray that the presence of God is felt and experienced around and within you. May God’s blessing on you, overflow to the world around you.

In Christ,  
Rev. Beth

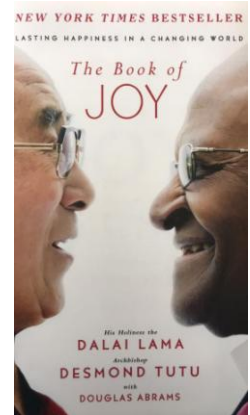
## Upcoming Advent Opportunities

**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Join Rev. Beth for an **Advent Book Study** at 10 AM on *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* in the Fireplace Room!

*“Two spiritual giants. Five Days. One Timeless Question.”*

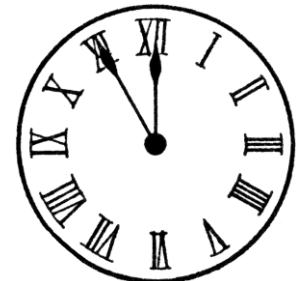
Dive deeper into a week with his Holiness the Dalai Lama, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

*Book available via Amazon, or through your local library.*



**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve**  
**Worship** Services at 5 PM and 10 PM!  
Come to be reminded of the story of love,  
through word and song, being born into  
the world!

**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>** – Come to **Worship** at 10 AM in your pajamas for carols and bell ringing before welcoming a new year!





## *From Christian Outreach*

The holiday season is always a hectic time for Christian Outreach and the Food Pantry. On Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> the Food Pantry and volunteers sorted tons of food donations in preparation for Thanksgiving. Then, Monday the 19<sup>th</sup>, they put the bags together for those in need. On Tuesday they add the turkeys to the bags of food and families pick them up. This is all done in the Fellowship Hall of CSCC. In total, they will have put together and given out between 85-90 Thanksgiving meals for families in need. This is the fifth or sixth year that they've done this, and each year they are able to assist more families.

December is also busy. It is the **Warmth in Cold Places** offering collection. Christian Outreach is collecting clothing to take over to a church in Taunton to be given out at their soup kitchen. Outreach is asking for donations of warm clothing – hats, sweatshirts, hoodies and warm socks. Also gloves, mittens, and long underwear are needed. Shoes and boots as well as given out. Members of Christian Outreach will also be purchasing socks and sweatshirts from Christian Outreach funds. Any extra clothing goes to the Brockton homeless.

Two other projects that Christian Outreach is involved with are:

**The Christmas Fund** – This is a fund setup to help retired clergy and other people involved with the UCC that are having a difficult time.

**Operation Santa** – Christian Outreach contributes to this fund each year. This fund is run by the Bridgewater Fire department.

Merry Christmas from Christian Outreach!

God is still speaking,  
David Hanson

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## *News from Growth*

“Season’s Greetings!” How often we hear this term during this time of the year. It’s told the term originated around 1534. Even for me that’s a long time ago, but I digress.

Here at Central Square we strive to have a season of greeting every week- that is our recognizable effort to appreciate everyone entering our doors. The Growth committee appreciates the thoughtfulness and energy of all our congregants.

This season please make an effort to seek out those people who ask or appear to be lonely or in need of help. Sometimes listening is all it takes! Perhaps an invitation to breakfast or our service can make a person’s day.

On another note Growth will be offering hot chocolate to anyone visiting at Christmas on the Common December 2, stop by and say hello. We’d love to see you!

Till next month.  
Your Growth Committee,  
Mike Bundock, Gail Wershing (Co-chairs)  
Pat Lindsey, Tracey Doherty (valued members)

## *From the Board of Trustees*

In a recent edition of the Massachusetts Conference *Spotlight*, Charlie Kuchenrod spoke some of my favorite thoughts about stewardship. **(Why would a Trustee like me be interested in stewardship? You can't spend what you don't have.)**

Charlie is the Executive Associate Conference Minister for the Connecticut Conference, UCC

Here are some of the things he loves to say when he is invited to "preach" at churches and other events on the subject of Stewardship:

-The job of the stewardship committee is not to get people to give more money; it is to get people to be more faithful givers.

-The stewardship committee often is placed in the church trustee/finance & budget constellation of people. It belongs in the deacon/faith formation constellation of people.

-What would Jesus drive? Jesus wouldn't drive; he would take the bus.

And he gets to quote some great stuff and preach on it:

"Fundraising is always a call to conversion." – Henri Nouwen

"It is pastoral malpractice not to know what parishioners give to the church." – J. Clif Christopher

"Everyone who saw this grumbled..." Luke 19:7 (Common Era Bible)

"Religious fundraising is more about ministry than it is about money." William Enright

He gets excited talking about the transformational impact of giving on the giver. He gets amped up talking (preaching!) about a right relationship with money – not just for individuals, but for congregations. "Stop talking about paying the bills and balancing the budget, for God's sake!" He sees how deep engagement with stewardship can be a source of energy within a congregation.

Personal witness about growing in stewardship is powerful. I am willing to share our family's story, which started about 20 years ago. Just ask.

John Sharland, for the Board of Trustees

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**A reminder from Stewardship** that CSCC is obligated to submit yearly membership dues to the MACUCC conference in the amount of \$20.33 per individual member (i.e., a 2-person household would owe \$40.66). We ask that each family please make this contribution – in addition to your pledge and other giving – each year so that it doesn't need to come out of church funds. If you receive pledge envelopes, the first envelope in your booklet is for the conference dues (\$17.30 is currently printed on it but dues have increased since the last envelopes were ordered). Feel free to put a check in the collection plate marked "dues", mail in or drop off a check to the office, use the Paypal link on the website, or use your online banking billpay option to have a payment sent in. Thank you for your help!

-- *The Stewardship Committee*

# *Women's Guild & Fellowship*

## **December**

December's gifts – custom, ceremony, celebration, consecration-come to us wrapped up, not in tissue and ribbons, but in cherished memories. This is the month of miracles. The oil that burns for eight days, the royal son born in a stable, the inexplicable return of Light on the longest, darkest night of the year. Where there is Love, there are always miracles. And where there are miracles, there is great joy. Gratefully we weave the golden thread of the sixth principle of Simple Abundance-Joy-into our tapestry of contentment. At last we embrace the miracle of authenticity, changing forever how we view ourselves. Our daily round. Our dreams, our destinies. Days we once called common, we now call holy. (From the book Simple Abundance by Sarah Ban Breathnach)

## **A Successful Partnership**



The youth, Women's Guild, Christian Ed, and Outreach teamed up Sunday, Nov. 18 to give back to area homeless by putting together two different Blessing Bags. The first was a bagged lunch and the second was a toiletry bag. The contents of the bags were donated by members of Outreach, Christian Ed and the Women's Guild. Each bag contained a personal message from the youth. Some of the messages the children created were "Rock on", "Believe", and "Never give up"! At the end of the church service the youth proudly entered the sanctuary carrying the filled Blessing Bags. Rob Basler from Outreach and Judy Pino, a

longtime champion of the homeless spoke to the youth. This was a partnership of various groups joining together, crossing age barriers to produce gifts of love for the homeless.

## **Guild Meeting**

The December meeting of The Women's Guild and Fellowship will be held on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The evening will begin with the Christmas service conducted by Rev. Beth and music by Cameron Shave. A business meeting and refreshments will follow the service. All the women are welcome.

Co-presidents

Beth Basler – 508-468-0328

Terry Reynolds 508-942-9531

## *News from Christian Education*

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" - Heb. 13:16.

I'm so proud of our children and youth! November 18th was an amazing day as the youngest members of our congregation worked together to pack much needed personal items and sandwiches for homeless men and women in our community. These incredible children also packed each bag with notes of inspiration. Their kindness, empathy and positive attitude for people they have never met was astounding to me.

I'm so excited to continue the mission work of our church with our children and youth in 2019! Wishing you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas!

Blessings,

Krissy Cannizzo  
Sunday School Superintendent

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Although Mother Nature snowed on our November leaf raking fundraiser, the youth are making plans to raise funds for our June 2019 trip to the Eastern Shore of Virginia with a new event that is sure to become a CSCC holiday favorite!

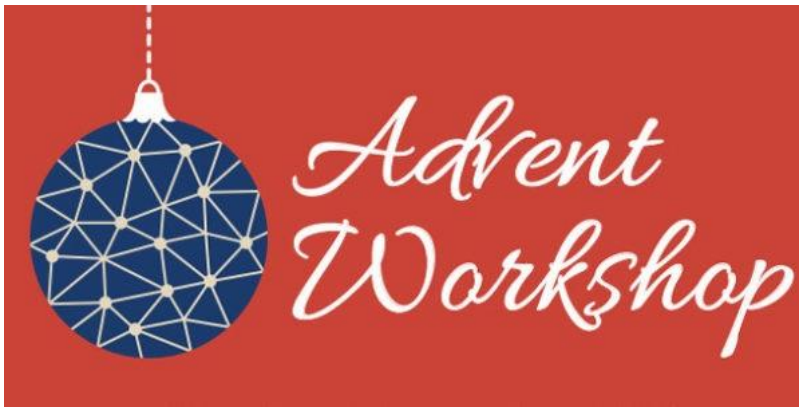
A '**Christmas Cookie Overnight**' will be held on **December 15th** for students currently in grades 8-12.

The youth and mission trip leaders will bake with Chef Beth Basler, play games, eat, worship and sleep at the church! After the service on Sunday morning December 16th, we'll sell festive tasty Christmas cookies to raise money for our mission trip. Almond spritzers, Madeleines, holiday bark and more treats will be wrapped in ribbon and ready for sale.

**Save the date and bring your Christmas cookie appetite!**

Thank you all for supporting our youth!

Marlene Beaudrault Jacobs  
Mission Youth Coordinator



The Board of Christian Education is also hosting an **Advent Workshop** on **December 1st at 5:30 P.M!**

The event will begin with a potluck supper. CE is providing salad, lasagna, meatballs, mac n cheese, and brownies along with a hot chocolate bar. Please feel free to bring something else to

share!

Crafts include Advent Wreaths, Bird feeders, foam crafts for the little ones, candy Christmas trees, & Alcohol Ink ornaments. Come share in community and crafts. Come alone or bring friends. ALL are welcome!

**Sunday School Season** has finally started and we will be preparing the youth to perform our annual pageant this season. *Please be sure to have filled out the registration paperwork and a CORI form if you plan on volunteering.*

**CE is always looking for a few good volunteers**, even one Sunday would be gratefully appreciated! We have all of the lessons and activities planned to make it easy. Please reach out to Lisa Masiello (508)-245-4086 or email [lsmasiello@gmail.com](mailto:lsmasiello@gmail.com) if interested.

**CE would also like to express our gratitude to the Women's Guild** for helping with their generous donation of supplies and time to help the youth make Blessing Bags for the Brockton Homeless. We would also like to thank Rob Basler and Judy Pino for sharing their experiences with working with the homeless.

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### **Shopping on Amazon?**



CSCC is now on **AmazonSmile!** Use the same Amazon you know and love while helping to support the church! Spread the awesome news please, and be sure to bookmark this link!:

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2254876>





Once again, the **History and Memorials** committee is offering **poinsettias** for you to purchase in memory of loved ones!

**During the Advent season, a member of the committee will be at coffee hour to take your order.** Look for either Barbara Morey, Rachel Lawson or Terry Reynolds on Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. A list of the people you are honoring will be published in the bulletin.

The flowers will be placed in the Sanctuary for the Christmas Eve services, then you may take your poinsettia with you following the Christmas Eve service.

The History and Memorials Committee,  
Barbara Morey 508-697-4239  
Rachel Lawson 508-378-7960  
Terry Reynolds 508-942-9531

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### **Did you know that you can give IRA money to charity?**

Once you're 70 ½ or older and you want to give money to charity, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per person per year directly from a traditional IRA to a public charity you want to support (such as CSCC), and the money is completely excluded from income taxes!

Even better: It's deemed part or all of your minimum mandatory withdrawal for the year. You won't even have to itemize your deductions to gain the tax benefit, since the funds come out of your IRA without any tax consequence.

All it takes is a phone call! Contact your IRA provider today.

## **CSCC Cabinet Meeting -- Minutes**

November 14, 2018

\*\*\* DRAFT \*\*\*

*To be presented for approval at the next Cabinet meeting*

Meeting called to order at 7:05

**Cabinet members in attendance:** Reverend Beth Stotts, Pastor; Diane Sheibley, Moderator; Mark Sorgman, Vice Moderator; Dave Sheibley, Treasurer; Anne Malmquist, Board of Deacons; John Sharland, Board of Trustees; Brad Barnsley, Board of Stewardship; Bill O'Neil, Board of Christian Outreach; Rob Basler, Board of Christian Outreach; Lisa Masiello, Board of Christian Education; Gail Wershing, Growth Committee; Barbara Morey, History & Memorials Committee; Terry Reynolds, Women's Guild and Fellowship

Rev. Beth led the group in a devotional.

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Rev. Beth motioned that they be accepted. Gail Wershing seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Board of Christian Education Report – Lisa Masiello**

The blessing and decorating of the pumpkins went well last month. Sunday School starts this Sunday (11/18) – the children and youth will be working on assembling blessing bags for the homeless in Brockton with the help of Women's Guild members, and Rob Basler and Judy Pino will talk to them about this mission. This Saturday (11/17) is the leaf raking event by the youth to raise money for the June mission trip. The Advent Workshop is Saturday 12/1 at 5:30pm. Exploration of a youth minister is still being worked on. The church in Weymouth is trying to work out a date that we (and other churches) can visit to observe their very successful youth group program, and there is a survey that youth and their parents are asked to complete. Sunday School is still looking for teacher volunteers.

[Lisa needed to leave after her report to attend the CE meeting happening concurrently.]

### **Pastor's Report - Rev. Beth Stotts**

Rev. Beth provided a printed copy of her report. She called attention to the upcoming events: 11/20, Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship; 12/1, Advent workshop; 12/15, Advent book study. There will be two services on Christmas eve, 5pm and 10pm. Please note that the office will be closed Christmas week through new year's, 12/25-1/1.

### **Treasurer's Report - David Sheibley**

A printed copy of the Treasurer's Report was handed out, and Dave reviewed it. At 37% through the fiscal year, revenue is at 39% and expenses are at 35%. A discussion followed about the conference annual dues. We should make an effort to make members aware that the church must pay this amount on their behalf, and it would be good if members could make their individual dues contributions. Dues this year are \$20.33 per person (not per pledging unit, but per individual member). Perhaps a notice could be put in with the quarterly statements next time they go out, reminding them of the dues amount. A notification would have to go out in addition to nonpledging members.

### **Board of Deacons' Report - Anne Malmquist**

Anne reported that the Deacons are going to a new meeting format: they will have one quarterly evening meeting, and a short meeting every Sunday after service to touch base on current projects. John asked if we are still doing the Deacons Fund. Anne said yes, but it hasn't been promoted in a while. It was discussed that perhaps we should have financial presentations on periodic Sundays, reviewing all the different ways our church collects money, and what they are used for. Possibly talk about it on Thanksgiving Sunday? Perhaps review it in Steeple Sounds?

### **Board of Trustees' Report - John Sharland**

The dishwasher seemed to work just fine for the fair and the turkey supper, so no need to take any action on it at the moment. The hutch that's in the fellowship hall needs to come upstairs; John will recruit help to make that happen. There is a new table in the sanctuary donated by the Women's Guild that will be dedicated this Sunday. It will be the new table used for people to write cards. It was recently discovered through the new water meter that there is a gallon per minute leak in the building, and it was traced to one of the toilets on the first floor. John has let Rich Sullivan know, and has marked the bathroom as out of order.

Rev. Beth noted that there has been a request by the youth – they would like a tour of the bells and how the music happens. Check with Gordon as to access and information – could be a dangerous climb to reach them.

### **Board of Stewardship Report - Brad Barnsley**

Brad reported that Stewardship this year is still a work in progress. It would be ideal if they had more people.

Bill O'Neil mentioned that if you are 70.5 and have an IRA, there is a required distribution that you must take. If you donate that distribution to a charity, it's not taxed. People could use this distribution to help meet their annual pledge. Diane asked Bill if he would write that up and provide the resource he has for more information, for the next Steeple Sounds. Anne noted that this could be another topic discussed as part of the 'financial presentation' previously discussed.

[Rev. Beth needed to leave to attend the CE meeting happening concurrently.]

### **Board of Christian Outreach Report – Bill O'Neil**

Bill reported that he and Jack Melcher picked up 1400 pounds for the food pantry today. The Whitman food pantry also brought in a donation today, and Aldi's donated fish and chicken. This Saturday at 9am, food will be sorted following the local schools' food drives. Then on Monday night, the Thanksgiving packages will be assembled for Tuesday distribution. Thank you to Hanson Farm for storing the donated turkeys in their freezers.

Rob noted that between donations collected for hurricane relief, and Christian Outreach's contribution, \$1,317 was sent to help in the affected areas down south. This Sunday, the blessing bags will be assembled and blessed. Rob reported that he met with the "Soupman" in Bridgewater, and he has requested to cook his soups in our kitchen on most Saturday mornings. (He distributes soup and backpacks of essentials to the homeless in Brockton.) He promised to 'not leave any evidence behind him' in the kitchen. It was decided that he could have a key, and Rob would work with Ellen to make that happen and have him sign the proper associated documents. The key deposit would be waived. Rob will also work with Ellen regarding scheduling his days and times in the kitchen so she can put it on the calendar. The Board of Christian Outreach would be the liaison between the Soupman and the church.

One other item that Rob noted... the breakfast team does not want to do breakfast on Easter Sunday. It starts too early and lasts too long, and people are away from their families to do it.

Christian Outreach is also working on their Warmth in Cold Places drive, and will be heading up the Heifer project this year in association with CE. Brad suggested for Warmth in Cold Places to contact places like LL Bean, Ocean State Job Lot, and other places for donations from overstock, returns, or other surpluses. It

was also noted that we should make the community at large aware of this drive to make it more than just our church members donating. Bill will get PR info to Ellen to write it up, and she can send it to Gail Wershing on Growth and they will get it to the press.

### **History and Memorials Committee Report – Barbara Morey**

A while back H&M distributed an extensive list of documents they found all around the church building. They have not had much feedback, so everyone is asked to please let them know if there are things on the list that should be kept. They especially want to hear from the Treasurers. There is a recommendation list that is available through the conference that Diane sent to Barbara. She will resend it to use as a guide.

Brian Pfeiffer, the historical building consultant, has been in the building doing his assessment. His preliminary report shows that while there are many items that can and should be fixed up, the structure is quite sound. He will write up all of this recommendations for items to address. He has also already told us it is OK to keep the aluminum siding up since the original wood is underneath it. Barbara will be organizing the grant committee in January after Brian's report comes in.

### **Growth Committee Report - Gail Wershing**

A few breakfast coupons that were handed out at Autumnfest have been used, showing that folks have come to check us out. There will be no living nativity this year due to lack of volunteers to assume the roles and costumes. Growth will be giving out hot chocolate at Christmas on the Common, at a table in our Narthex. The committee is working on developing the mass mailing postcards previously discussed, which will feature Easter as well as mention a few other events we do.

Although some members of the boards and committees have stepped up to sign up as coffee hour host, many have not, and there are many holes in the schedule. If a host doesn't sign up, it could be that there is no coffee service on some Sundays.

### **Women's Guild & Fellowship Report – Terry Reynolds**

Women's Guild is a sponsor of, and is helping with, the blessing bags that will be prepared by the children and youth this Sunday. The rummage sale netted \$2658. A desk and chair in memory of Selma Fisher will be dedicated this Sunday. The October WG&F meeting had a presentation on "Dress around the world". Using the same pattern, many dresses are made and distributed to those that need them. There are local workshops as well where volunteers gather to make dresses. The WG&F Christmas service will be on Wednesday, Dec. 5. Rob Basler thanked the WG&F for their monetary donations to mainspring meals, as well as for organizing and collecting the items for the blessing bags.

### **Other Business-**

- \* Remember that Christmas on the Common is on Sunday, Dec. 2, so coffee hour will be in the fireplace room.
- \* Steeple Sounds submissions for the December issue is Monday, Nov. 19, at 10am.
- \* Please remember to include contact information with your Steeple Sounds articles.
- \* John Sharland, delegate to the conference, reported that there would be an Ecclesiastic council on 11/15 where candidates will be approved for ordination upon call. He also reminded people that Erin Reardon's ordination is 11/25 in Brockton.



Treasurer's Report  
Cabinet Meeting - November 14, 2018  
Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019  
37% thru Fiscal Year

|                                    | YTD     | Budget   | % of Budget |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------|
| Income                             |         |          |             |
| Regular Pledges                    | 47,086  | 123,000  | 38%         |
| Unpledged Offerings                | 7,183   | 24,000   | 30%         |
| Plate Offering                     | 891     | 3,000    | 30%         |
| Youth Minister Funding             | 1,500   |          |             |
| Total - Pledges / Offerings        | 56,660  | 150,000  | 38%         |
| Special Collections                |         |          |             |
| MACUCC Fellowship Dues             | 433     |          |             |
| Total - Special Collections        | 433     |          |             |
| Fundraisers/Events Revenue         |         |          |             |
| Golf Tournament                    | 5,973   | 7,200    | 83%         |
| Breakfasts                         | 35      |          |             |
| Church Fair                        | 166     | 7,000    | 2%          |
| Misc Fundraisers                   | 700     |          |             |
| Total - Fundraisers/Events Revenue | 6,874   | 14,200   | 48%         |
| Facility Usage Income              |         |          |             |
| Non Profit Bldg Use                | 1,350   | 3,600    | 38%         |
| Private Bldg Use                   | 400     | 1,700    | 24%         |
| Total - Facility Usage Income      | 1,750   | 5,300    | 33%         |
| Miscellaneous Income               | 60      |          |             |
| Total Income                       | 65,778  | 169,500  | 39%         |
| Expenses                           |         |          |             |
| Total - Senior Minister Expenses   | 38,397  | 91,479   | 42%         |
| Total - Support Staff Expenses     | 20,354  | 66,558   | 31%         |
| Total - Office Expenses            | 3,356   | 8,000    | 42%         |
| Total - Church Building Costs      | 8,875   | 29,800   | 30%         |
| Operating Committees               |         |          |             |
| Christian Education                | 112     | 1,500    | 7%          |
| Church Growth                      | 407     | 1,570    | 26%         |
| Deacons                            | 60      | 1,500    | 4%          |
| Music (Materials/Substitutes)      | 62      | 600      | 10%         |
| Stewardship                        |         | 350      | 0%          |
| Outreach                           | 1,779   | 3,910    | 45%         |
| Total - Operating Committees       | 2,420   | 9,430    | 26%         |
| MACUCC Fellowship Dues             | 0       | 2,700    | 0%          |
| Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues       | 0       | 200      | 0%          |
| Total Expenses                     | 73,403  | 208,167  | 35%         |
| Net income (loss)                  | (7,625) | (38,667) | 20%         |
| Transfer from Investments          | 5,000   |          |             |
|                                    | (2,625) |          |             |

Treasurer's Report  
Cabinet Meeting - November 14, 2018  
Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019  
37% thru Fiscal Year

|                                  |         |         |               |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------------|
| Cash balances                    |         |         |               |
| Operating account                | 7,332   |         |               |
| Money Market                     |         |         |               |
| Restricted                       | 27,677  |         |               |
| Unrestricted                     | 596     |         |               |
|                                  |         | 28,273  |               |
| Fair account                     |         | 16      |               |
| Minister's Discretionary account |         | 171     |               |
| Outreach account                 |         |         |               |
| Includes paid pledge set-aside   | 3,567   |         |               |
| Food Pantry                      | 17,345  |         |               |
|                                  |         | 20,912  |               |
| Capital Campaign account         |         | 16,541  |               |
| Total cash balances              |         | 65,913  |               |
|                                  |         |         |               |
| Endowments investment fund       |         |         |               |
| Protected principal              | 134,513 |         |               |
| Unrestricted funds               | 118,902 |         |               |
| Income YTD FY 2019               | 8,259   |         |               |
| Total value 9/30                 |         | 253,415 | 241,058 11/12 |
| Parsonage investment fund        |         |         |               |
| Principal parsonage sale         | 151,677 |         |               |
| Profit (Loss)                    | 1,757   |         |               |
| Total value 9/30                 |         | 153,434 | 146,547 11/12 |
| Total investments                |         | 406,849 | 387,605       |

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References December 2018 (Year C)

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

**Sun., Dec. 2**  
*First Sunday of Advent*  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Romans 3:21-31  
Luke 21:25-36

**Mon., Dec. 3**  
Psalm 90  
Numbers 17:1-11  
2 Peter 3:1-18

**Tues., Dec. 4**  
Psalm 90  
2 Samuel 7:18-29  
Revelation 22:12-16

**Wed., Dec. 5**  
Psalm 90  
Isaiah 1:24-31  
Luke 11:29-32

**Thurs., Dec. 6**  
Luke 1:68-79  
Malachi 3:5-12  
Philippians 1:12-18a

**Fri., Dec. 7**  
Luke 1:68-79  
Malachi 3:13-18  
Philippians 1:18b-26

**Sat., Dec. 8**  
Luke 1:68-79  
Malachi 4:1-6  
Luke 9:1-6

**Sun., Dec. 9**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

**Mon., Dec. 10**  
Psalm 126  
Isaiah 40:1-11  
Romans 8:22-25

**Tues., Dec. 11**  
Psalm 126  
Isaiah 19:18-25  
2 Peter 1:2-15

**Wed., Dec. 12**  
Psalm 126  
Isaiah 35:3-7  
Luke 7:18-30

**Thurs., Dec. 13**  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Amos 6:1-8  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15

**Fri., Dec. 14**  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Amos 8:4-12  
2 Corinthians 9:1-15

**Sat., Dec. 15**  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Amos 9:8-15  
Luke 1:57-66

**Sun., Dec. 16**  
*Third Sunday of Advent*  
Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

**Mon., Dec. 17**  
Isaiah 11:1-9  
Numbers 16:1-19  
Hebrews 13:7-17

**Tues., Dec. 18**  
Isaiah 11:1-9  
Numbers 16:20-35  
Acts 28:23-31

**Wed., Dec. 19**  
Isaiah 11:1-9  
Micah 4:8-13  
Luke 7:31-35

**Thurs., Dec. 20**  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Hebrews 10:10-18

**Fri., Dec. 21**  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Isaiah 42:10-18  
Hebrews 10:32-39

**Sat., Dec. 22**  
Psalm 80:1-7  
Isaiah 66:7-11  
Luke 13:31-35

**Sun., Dec. 23**  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

**Mon., Dec. 24**  
*Christmas Eve*  
Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:1-7 [8-20]

**Tues., Dec. 25**  
*Christmas Day*  
Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

**Wed., Dec. 26**  
Psalm 148  
2 Chronicles 24:17-24  
Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60

**Thurs., Dec. 27**  
Psalm 148  
Proverbs 8:32-36  
John 21:19b-24

**Fri., Dec. 28**  
Psalm 148  
Isaiah 54:1-13  
Revelation 21:1-7

**Sat., Dec. 29**  
Psalm 147:12-20  
1 Chronicles 28:1-10  
1 Corinthians 3:10-17


**Sun., Dec. 30**  
1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

**Mon., Dec. 31**  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Psalm 8  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
Matthew 25:31-46



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# December Calendar

| Sun<br>25   | Mon<br>26   | Tue<br>27  | Wed<br>28  | Thu<br>29   | Fri<br>30  | Sat<br>Dec 1   |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Choir Reh - ST</li> <li>10am Worship</li> <li>11:30am Choir Adv</li> <li>7:30pm AA-FH</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>6:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>                               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Holiday Stress I</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>7pm Trustees-FR</li> <li>7:30pm BSU Choir - t</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Girl Scout Party</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30pm CE Advent W</li> </ul>   |
| <b>2</b><br><b>Christmas on the Corn</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7am Breakfast Prep</li> <li>8am Choir Reh - ST</li> </ul> 5 more       | <b>3</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Food Pantry - LL</li> <li>6:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>                   | <b>4</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>7:30pm Stewardship</li> </ul> | <b>5</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Staff Meeting -</li> <li>4:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> </ul> 3 more                       | <b>6</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> </ul>  | <b>7</b><br>   | <b>8</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm BSU Concert - S</li> </ul>  |
| <b>9</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Choir Reh - ST</li> <li>9:30am Jr Choir Reh</li> <li>10am Worship</li> <li>7:30pm AA-FH</li> </ul> | <b>10</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>  | <b>11</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Deacons - FR</li> </ul>                                | <b>12</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>6pm Girl Scout Gam</li> <li>7pm CE - FR</li> </ul>                                       | <b>13</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>6:30pm Growth - Bet</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> <li>7:30pm Christian Ou</li> </ul> | <b>14</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30pm Pack 35 - FH</li> </ul> | <b>15</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Advent Book C</li> <li>6pm Youth Christma</li> </ul>  |
| <b>16</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7am Breakfast Prep</li> <li>8am Choir Reh - ST</li> <li>9am Breakfast - FH</li> </ul> 4 more          | <b>17</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>6:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>                  | <b>18</b><br>  | <b>19</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - MF</li> <li>7pm Cabinet-MR</li> </ul>                                  | <b>20</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> </ul>   | <b>21</b><br>  | <b>22</b><br>  |
| <b>23</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8am Choir Reh - ST</li> <li>10am Worship</li> <li>7:30pm AA-FH</li> </ul>                             | <b>24</b><br><b>Christmas Eve</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5pm Worship - ST</li> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> <li>10pm Worship - ST</li> </ul> | <b>25</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><b>Christmas Day</b>  | <b>26</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Trustees-FR</li> </ul>   | <b>27</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> </ul>                                   | <b>28</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>  | <b>29</b><br>  |
| <b>30</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Worship</li> <li>7:30pm AA-FH</li> </ul>   | <b>31</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><b>New Year's Eve</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm NA-FH</li> </ul>                             | <b>Jan 1</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br><b>New Year's Day</b>  | <b>2</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:15pm Girl Scouts -</li> <li>6pm Girl Scouts - LL</li> <li>6:30pm WG&amp;F - FH</li> <li>7:30pm Stewardship</li> </ul> | <b>3</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Food Pantry - I</li> <li>7pm Al-Anon - FH</li> </ul>  | <b>4</b><br>   | <b>5</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5pm Girl Scout Event</li> </ul>  |

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