

From The Desk of Rev. Beth

"How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!" —Luke 13:34b



A friend of mine recently became the proud mama of several baby chicks. She spent months collecting information and supplies to prepare for their arrival. Her guest room is filled with waterers, bedding, feed, treats, and grit. One thing she chose not purchase, however, was a heat lamp traditionally used to warm day old chicks not being raised by an adult hen. Instead, she took a wire baking rack and strapped an electric heating pad to the bottom of it. Using bolts to create stable legs it sits in the back of their cage covered in towels. It was the closest thing to the underside of a mother hen she could provide.

She told me, "The chicks spend all day darting in and out from underneath the heating pad. They come out to eat and play and then head back in when they need to rest or warm up. My favorite part comes at the end of the day when the sun begins to set and they (without any prompting) file into their warm cave and one by one find a comfortable spot to spend the night. The smallest in the flock go first while the largest keep their heads out and their eyes peeled staring at the growing darkness. They twitter softly as they jockey for positions until finally the largest of the birds goes in and settles down. Once they are all safely under the heating pad we don't hear another peep until morning."

In Jesus' words quoted above he is addressing the people of Jerusalem who have found their security by paying into the unjust systems of oppression set up by the Roman Empire. He calls the ruling politicians and religious authorities "foxes" knowing that the security they offer is a false one. And here he cries out his desire for the people around him to live in a community of love and belonging. To be sheltered by love and belonging instead of the violence and fear put forward by the Roman Empire.

Writing on this text Rev. Karoline Lewis says "Communities of love and belonging are beautiful yet rare; necessary, yet elusive; desired, yet seem always met with stipulations... Communities of love and belonging are those places and spaces of gathered folks that give you life, that nourish your soul, that remind you of who you truly are. Because there is no love and belonging when there is no regard and respect. There is no love and belonging when you are overlooked and dismissed. There is no love and belonging when you are told you don't measure up, don't meet expectations, or that you are not enough."

I think that is the kind of community we seek to build when we gather in the warmth of our sanctuary on Sunday morning. My hope is that as we jockey for positions under the heating pad, we keep an eye out for those who are looking to enter in, to settle down, and to find safety and rest under the wide wings of love and belonging.

In the season of new life, of care and creation, may we be a source of warmth for that which is trying to emerge.

In Christ, Rev. Beth



UPCOMING WORSHIP AND LENTEN EVENTS

Sunday, April 7th: Worship at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

with communion and the reception of New Members

Sunday, April 14th: Palm Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

led by our children and youth

Sunday, April 14th: Journey through Jerusalem Presentation by Barbara Morey

at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall (with desserts)

Thursday April 18th: Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary

With Foot-washing beginning at 6:45PM.

Friday April 19th: Music and Meditation at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary

led by Minister of Music, Julia Scott Carey

Friday April 19th: Good Friday Pot-Luck and Craft Night at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday April 20th: Death & Coffee (End of Life Planning Discussion) with Rev. Beth

at 10:00AM in the Fireplace Room

Sunday April 21st: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM at Hanson Farm

Sunday April 21st: Easter Worship at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 28th: Worship at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary

with Earth Day reflections

From the Board of Deacons

The word **deacon** comes from the Greek word diakonos, which means **servant**. **Deacons** give leadership to the church's ministry of serving the physical and spiritual needs of members and people beyond the church. Please feel free to contact any of the D eacons. We are here to help and serve.

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Deb Sorgman – <u>DebSorgman@gmail.com</u>
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From the Board of Trustees

We all love breakfast Sundays except every now and then there is a bit too much smoke coming from the kitchen for the old stove hood to handle. Well, the Trustees have found a solution and a new, variable speed, wall exhaust fan has been installed to help keep our air clear.

The new exhaust fan has a louvered vent on the outside that automatically closes when the fan is not in use to reduce back draft and keep critters out. If you are working in the kitchen please help keep the top of the refrigerator clear to ensure there is nothing blocking the flow to this new fan.

The Trustees are dedicated to maintaining and upgrading our house of worship. During this nominating season, there is a need to find three people who are willing to join that effort, along with "running the budget." If you have any interest please speak with one of the Trustees to get more information on what this entails or if you would like to sit in on a meeting.

Current Board of Trustees Members: John Sharland, Ed Buckland, Ed MacIntosh, and Paul Christiansen

For The Trustees, Ed MacIntosh

News from Growth



Growth has undertaken some taste tests of various coffees on recent and a couple of future Sundays. We hope you will bear with us and give your rating to the person with the clipboard. We were listening (and reading) to the folks at breakfasts, the "second hour" of church and those who responded to the recent survey. We hope to come up with a mix that will keep most coffee mavens happy.

We are hoping to bring to you and the public in May a Praise/Gospel concert in Music Alley (with Fellowship Hall as rain location). Stay alert for the announcement.

In the meantime, if you love that music, take a look at the posters for Soul Fest, August 1-3 at the Gunstock Mountain Resort in New Hampshire. Invite a friend and enjoy either event. For more info about the August event, see Pat Lindsey.

About Coffee Hour: We need hosts and helpers for ten more Sundays, the most immediate being April 14. Then May and June. Check the Sign up Genius under Ministries on our church website (www.csccucc.org) under Ministries or go directly to the sign-up by clicking this: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a48afa82aa1fa7-coffee

In faith,

Gail Wershing (<u>wershing@ptd.net</u>) and Mike Bundock (<u>mm.bundock@yahoo.com</u>) Co-chairs, with valued members Tracey Doherty and Pat Lindsey

Women's Guild & Fellowship



The Women's Guild and Fellowship annual **Spring Rummage Sale** will take place on **Saturday, April 13**th from **9:00** a.m.— **1:00** p.m. *Two fun events are available during the Rummage Sale*. The first event is the **Blue Light Special**. Here is how it works: Listen for the announcement and watch for the blue light that indicates there is a bargain you may purchase! Move quickly to the blue light! Once the light is turned off, the bargain is no longer available. The second event is the **Bag Sale**, which will take place at 12:00 noon on Saturday. You may fill a paper bag for \$2.00, or a trash bag for \$5.00 with any items still available. Soup's on Luncheon will also be open from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

We need your help! Volunteers are needed for set-up, sales and clean-up. This is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to volunteer their time, as we will be sorting and arranging on Thursday, October 18 from 9 AM and 3 PM and Friday from 9 AM to 1 PM. Please contact Beth Basler or Terry Reynolds if you would like to help Thursday, Friday or Saturday. Items Needed: Small furniture – footstools, small end tables, etc., Books – paper backs and hardcover (please no textbooks, encyclopedias, or how-to manuals), Gently used clothing (washed), shoes, purses, jewelry, linens (if possible, please label sizes of bedding), household items, glassware and toys. Please be sensible regarding your donations. It is difficult to dispose of items deemed unusable. Items may be left at the church during regular office hours beginning Monday, April 8th. The church will also be open from 9AM to 3PM and 5 to 7PM on Thursday, October 18th and from 9AM to 3PM on Friday, October 19th. Watch the bulletin for possible adjustments to times. This semi-annual event is our primary fund-raiser, allowing us to support the church, charitable organizations, and members of the community, both local and beyond. Thanks so much for your support in the past as we look forward to another successful sale!

The Rummage sale Committee

Church World Services Hygiene Kit Collection: Due to the many disasters that have occurred around the world, the Women's Guild & Fellowship has chosen Church World Services Hygiene Kits as a project for the month of April. If you would like to help us with this project you will find a plastic bin to collect the following items: One hand towel measuring approximately 15" X 28" to 16" X 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber), One washcloth, One wide-tooth comb removed from the package, One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package, One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper, One toothbrush in the package, Ten standard size Band-aids. These 7 items will be placed in a gallon zip lock bag. Place your items in the bin and we will put the kits together in the zip lock bags. These kits will be sent to Church World Services to be distributed where needed. Thank you in advance for helping us with this project!

Co-presidents
Beth Basler and Terry Reynolds

News from Christian Education

This year, as we journey through the Lenten season, our Sunday School will be telling the stories of Holy Week in a presentation on Palm Sunday.

Family schedules are tight and calendars are full but your child's participation is essential!

Please make every effort to participate in the following dates:

<u>Sunday, March 31st</u>- Holy Week stories discussed. Palm Sunday Prep/Practice. <u>Sunday, April 7th</u>- Holy Week stories discussed. Palm Sunday Prep/Practice. <u>Sunday, April 14th</u>- Palm Sunday. Rehearsal at 9:15 AM.

If you know that there are particular weeks listed above where your child will be unable to attend, please let me know. It will help in our planning process.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Otherwise, I will see you Sunday!

Blessings,

Krissy Cannizzo, Sunday School Superintendent (maximus202@comcast.net)

Mission Youth News



The annual Mission Dinner and Auction was held at CSCC on Saturday, March 23rd. This primary fundraiser for the youth mission trip was a huge success! Thank you to all the supporters who came out to enjoy an evening of good food, fun and fellowship. Thank you to the many parents and volunteers who worked long hours to create a relaxing evening for guests at the 'Chincoteague Island Grill'.

On Sunday June 23rd, 12 youth and 3 adult leaders will travel by van to the Eastern Shore of Virginia for a week of mission service to a community in need. Our CSCC youth participants from grades 8-12 look forward to joining 45 other youth from churches around the country to clean yards, repair homes, stock food pantries, play with kids at camp, and visit with seniors. It's a transformative experience. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Marlene Beaudrault Jacobs, Christian Education/Mission Trip Coordinator

From Historical Restoration Committee

Our newly formed Historical Restoration Committee has met twice now and have highlighted the findings of Brian Pfeiffer, the Historical Preservationist we hired to make a complete study of our church and report to us what we need to do to completely restore our building to its original splendor.

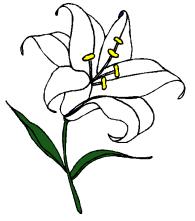
Together, we prioritized the order of work in addressing this needed project. The roof, chimneys, and steeple will be first to repair and restore. The gutters and the drainage system needs to be addressed next. The sanctuary ceiling and walls will then be addressed.

We want to have the stained glass windows looked at. We want to open up the area behind the choir loft, repair the walls and ceiling in that area, and display the beautiful arched windows behind that wall. Why are we hiding them?

So, we are making a list of prospective contractors. We have lots of homework to do and lots of energy between us. There is so much work we plan to do, that I have only given you a glimpse into our project.

Barbara Morey Carol Chaffee Gloria Weinrebe Dave Sheibley Terry Reynolds Rachel Lawson

From History and Memorials



Once again, the History and Memorials committee is offering flowers for Easter for you to purchase in memory of loved ones. During the season of lent 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 the following Sundays: March 31, April 7, and April 14. You will have a choice of lilies, tulips or daffodils. A list of the people you are honoring will be published in the bulletin. The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary for the Easter Sunday Service. You may take your flowers with you following the service.

The History and Memorials Committee, Barbara Morey Rachel Lawson Terry Reynolds

Nominating Committee Update



Are you ready to seek out new opportunities to grow, both emotionally and spiritually? Are you ready to share new adventures with caring, giving people who are part of this wonderful church community? Are you able to spare a couple of hours a month in order to share the gifts God has bestowed upon you with others?

If any of these questions speak to you then we encourage you to consider reaching out to members of the Nominating Committee to find ways that your needs can be met while becoming more involved with friends, new and old, who share similar needs and desires.

For instance, do you feel that you are called to reach out to the sick, the elderly or the homebound through a visit or delivering a meal? Or are you better suited to doing "behind the scenes" activities, like preparing the elements for communion or serving them during worship services? Or are you comfortable helping prepare +or facilitate a worship service when our pastor is unable to do so? These are just a couple of the ways that you can contribute as a member, or a helper, of the **Board of Deacons**.

Or, would you like to be part of the team that keeps our building running and in good physical condition? Are you more of a handyman(woman) or more of an organizer? Do you like to work with your hands or in making sure that the right people are being hired to address issues that arise regarding the building? Are you good at crunching numbers to make sure that we are living within our means? Or are you better at monitoring the community organizations that use our space to ensure they are adhering to our rules and policies? If you're only available for a couple of hours, here and there, and have either specific skills or a helping spirit the Board of Trustees would welcome your help.

Another opportunity involves helping the children of our church. Do you have some ideas about the Sunday School curriculum or group activities for the summer months or the days when Sunday School is not in session? Do you enjoy brainstorming with others about events that could benefit and be of interest to the Youth or Families in our church or community? Or are you better at organizing and helping to ensure that the curriculum materials or leaders are available to run the Sunday School classes, the nursery, or the Youth events that are so important to the life of our church and the spiritual and emotional well-being of our children? If this is where your interest lies, we welcome your becoming a helper, a teacher, or a member of the **Board of Christian Education**.

Or, do you have the gift of reaching out to others and asking for their support to keep our doors open and our programs running? Are you able to encourage pledging by educating our members about the benefits of belonging to this church community? Or are you comfortable soliciting donations or support from local businesses or organizations as you educate them about the ways that our church helps the community at large through offering space for meetings/events (i.e. AA/NA, the Scouts), through hosting the food pantry, ministering to the homeless, and providing opportunities for

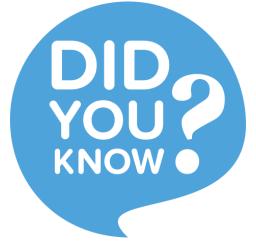
community connections through our breakfasts and various family and outreach ministries. If this is where your gifts lie, then your skills are in dire need. Please, prayerfully consider helping, becoming involved with fundraising, or joining the **Board of Stewardship.**

On the same note, all of our Boards and Committees, which include those listed above as well as Christian Outreach, Church Growth, the Music Committee, the History and Memorials Committee and our slate of Officers and Delegates can use help in numerous ways at various times. We always welcome your participation at events that we sponsor or have responsibility for.

We value you and your opinions and want to help meet the needs of members of your family and community.

So Please Let us know about Your Interests, Your talents, or Your Ideas. Contact a member of the Nominating Committee if there are ways that you, or members of your family or community, would like to help us become better able to minister to one another and to help those in need, spiritually and physically.

Yours in Christ,
The Nominating Committee
Ed MacIntosh, Pat Lindsey, Mike Bundock, Anne Malmquist,
Bill O'Neil, and Bev Mitchell



About that IRA distribution:

Come the year one hits age 70 and a half, **minimum annual distributions from your IRA are mandatory.** If you want to supplement your gifts to our church, or fulfil your pledge AND lower your tax bill, you may want to consider a qualified charitable distribution to our church. The payment (distribution) must come directly from the IRA manager to the qualified charity, our church.

A news clip is posted on a board in the hallway near our church office with a bit more info. **Short version: The**

portion of your iRA you contribute this way is not taxed as gross adjusted income. Check it out with your own finance quru!



Sign me/us up!

You know how people say, "everybody's got a backstory"?

Well, it's true. Did you ever wonder what the backstory is of the people sitting in the same pew as you? They could be former movie stars, they might have lived in a foreign country, they might make amazing things in their garage and sell them on Ebay...

Dine with Nine is a group of adults, both singles and couples, who agree as a group on a time to 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.

Maybe you can't host ... that's OK! – there are others who can host or a restaurant may be a fun option. Spring group sign-ups will be held in March and early April, and groups will be assigned in the few weeks following. Groups usually meet 2-3 times over a 2-3 month period. (This only signs you up for the Spring groupings.)

Please see Diane Sheibley to sign up, email her at diane@sheibley.net, or fill out this form and drop in the collection plate or leave in the Moderator mailbox. Who doesn't like an evening sitting around eating and drinking and telling stories from our lives? Why not give it a try and see if you like it...

Central Square Services are Available Live and On Demand!

Booth Video Productions and BTV Access Corporation team up weekly to bring you live stream productions of our weekly services. You can find live streams and replays by visiting the Booth Video Youtube Channel or search "Central Square

Congregational" at Youtube.com. Select services are also available on Demand at BTVAccess.Viebit.com. Coverage is produced weekly by Paul Holmes.

In 2019, our video coverage will be upgraded with a new switcher and additional state of the art production equipment. The Central Square studio features equipment that you will find in many traditional production facilities. If you'd like to help with coverage or seek additional information, please visit Paul Holmes on Sundays or email contact@booth-video.com.

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

From the Board of Stewardship

Dear Friends,

First and foremost, we would like to thank you for being a part of the Central Square Congregational Church UCC community, and the work that we do in Jesus' name. As our mission statement says, "We are a Christian community of people who are reaching out to our neighbors, at home and abroad, sharing our faith and our resources."

It is that time of year where we usually run our annual giving campaign, in preparation for building our next year's budget. And we depend on annual giving commitments to determine what level of resources we have to offer as a church community via our budget.

In other words, the annual giving <u>pledges</u> we receive (our revenue commitments) are what we use to determine what expenses we can incur, and what programs we can support. Expenses for such things as our Pastor and our small number of crucial part-time support staff; our music program; our Sunday school and youth programs; heat, water, lights, and other utilities; everyday repairs and maintenance; keeping our spaces clean; insurance; office supplies and expenses; and of course, our Christian Outreach.

And please note, the amount of our budget that is allocated to the work of our Board of Christian Outreach is solely dependent on the <u>pledge</u> commitments we receive. While any donation, any offering put into the collection plate, and funds raised by such events as the Fair and the Golf Tournament, are gratefully received by the church and put to good use, <u>the money that Christian Outreach has available to work with is a percentage of the pledged amounts for that fiscal year</u>. If you don't make a pledge, none of your contributions are used for the projects coordinated by the Board of Christian Outreach.

We are asking everyone who supports the work of our church, within our walls as well as in our community, to please make an annual giving pledge.

If you didn't pledge last year, we ask you to consider doing so this year -- for budget planning purposes, for the sake of our Christian Outreach budget, and to empower you with the knowledge that you have made not only a spiritual commitment to doing good in the world, but are actively and consciously helping to make that happen. Even if you are a regular giver, please consider putting your giving intentions on an annual giving pledge form.

To submit your pledge, fill out the form below, or go to www.csccucc.org/giving and use the online form. Remember, our fiscal year runs from July through June, so the budget we are building now would begin July 1. Your new annual giving amount would take effect at that time, unless you decide you are able to start it earlier.

And keep in mind a few things:

There is never a penalty for not meeting your pledge. Life is unpredictable. Circumstances
change. Sometimes for the better, sometimes not. Should it become unrealistic for you to

- contribute as you thought you might, we would always want you to do what is best for you and your family.
- Your pledged figure is kept confidential. The Financial Secretary is the only person who processes pledges in our church, with the support of our Treasurers (for electronic submissions).
- **Giving additional amounts above your pledge is always an option**. It seems odd to say, but you are not constrained to the amount you pledge should you find you have more to give, either on an ongoing basis, or on a one-time occasion. Your additional gifts will further help us meet our budget obligations and to support our ministries.
- You need not be a church member to commit to annual giving. Again, total pledged giving drives our annual budget, and allows us to plan our ministry. Commitments in the form of pledges are welcome from all.

CSCC is able to receive donations via check, cash, Paypal, through your bank's online bill-pay, or via "EFT" (automatically debited from your bank account on a weekly or monthly basis).

Please feel free to share the enclosed forms and the website link with family, friends, and neighbors, or anyone you know who wants to help support our work. Additional forms can be picked up at the church office.

Thank you again for your support of God's work in our world.

Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. (Luke 12:34)

Give, and it will be given to you. (Luke 6:38)

In peace and gratefulness,
The CSCC Board of Stewardship



Central Square Congregational Church, UCC 2019-20 Annual Giving Form

	☐ I am making a change to my pledge ☐ I am making a new pledge
Name(s):	
Address:	
City:	State: Zip:
Phone:	Email:
FOR CHANGES	<i>:</i>
I/we pl	edge to increase my/our annual giving to CSCC as follows:
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☐ Personal ch	eck/cash put in the offering plate (if cash, put in an envelope with your name for accurate recordkeeping)
Personal che	eck mailed or dropped off with the office
☐ Auto-payme	ent via my bank's online bill pay (I will go online and set this up)
☐ EFT (automa	atic bank account withdrawal by CSCC) please fill out the attached authorization form
Signed:	Date:

Please put this form (and EFT form if needed) in an envelope marked "Financial Secretary" and:

- Drop it in the offering plate on Sunday
- Put it in the "Treasurer" mailbox at the church
- Mail it to the church (CSCC, Attn: Financial Secretary, 71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324) Or email it to treasurer@csccucc.com

This form is also available at csccucc.com/giving.

United Church of Christ UCC300830 Authorization Agreement for Automatic Withdrawal of Funds Envelope # _____(leave blank if not applicable) Name on Bank Account (please print) Address: City: _____ State: ____ ZIP:____ Choose one: ☐ I would like to make the following new contribution: \$_____ ☐ Weekly - debited on Mondays) ☐ Semimonthly - debited on the 5th and the 20th) ☐ Monthly - debited on the 5th or the 20th (please circle one) ☐ I authorize an increase of my current contribution by \$_____ more ☐ I authorize a decrease of my current contribution by \$______less Please make these changes effective _____ (date) For new EFT contributions only: Please debit my contribution(s) from (check one): ☐ Checking Account (attach voided check) ☐ Savings Account (attach savings deposit slip) Routing Number: (Routing # is located at bottom of check between the symbols l: l:) Account Number: _____ 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 charged 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



Calling all Church Fair Crafters!

The Church Fair crafters are making some adjustments to our crafting routines this year and would like to include you in our plans. One adjustment is we are beginning crafting earlier this year creating a greater variety of items to sell. Another change is we are asking for your help. There are 3 different ways you may contribute.

- 1. One way you may help us is by making your own item(s) for the craft table. Whether you paint, sew, knit crochet, etc. whatever is your special talent. (The only suggestion is to create something with a fall, Thanksgiving, Christmas or winter theme.)
- 2. A second way to help us is to join us during a craft night. Our next craft night is on Monday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet at Terry Reynolds' home at 5 Beech St., Bridgewater.
- 3. The third way is to take home a kit and work on it when you have time. We may ask you to cut out, sew, paint etc. The kits will be distributed during coffee hour and need to be returned within 2 weeks as we will complete the project at a craft night.

So, if you enjoy working with a group of women come, join us for a craft night. If you have a special skill please feel free to make one or several of the same items to contribute to the Holiday table. That would be wonderful. If you prefer, we will create a craft for you to work on at your convenience in your own home. Looking forward to working in partnership with you.

The Church Fair Crafters:
Gail Wright
Lynn Pietras
Connie Chandler
Terry Reynolds

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE APRIL 21, 2019 6:30 AM

600 PLEASANT STREET, BRIDGEWATER, MA 02324

HANSON FARM/
SUGAR HILL DAIRY

A FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED, BLESSED AND GIVEN IN SUPPORT OF A NEED IN OUR WIDER COMMUNITY.

CSCC 2019 Golf Tournament!

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC



Date of event: Friday, June 21

Time: 8:00am

(registration opens at 7:00am)

The Back Nine Club 17 Heritage Hill Dr., Lakeville, MA

\$120 per person, \$450 per team of 4 (must register together) (\$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

Visit www.csccucc.org/events

Or email office@csccucc.com

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

In addition to benefitting the Bridgewater Food Pantry, funds raised benefit Central Square Congregational Church, UCC. We're proud that our building is home to many Bridgewater community group meetings (AÄ, NÄ, girl scouts, boy scouts, BSU Community Choir, 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 at minimal cost to them.

CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes March 20, 2019 ** DRAFT **

To be approved at the next Cabinet meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Cabinet members in attendance: Diane Sheibley, Moderator; Mark Sorgman, Vice-Moderator; Dave Sheibley, Treasurer; John Sharland, Board of Trustees; Brad Barnsley, Board of Stewardship; Lisa Masiello, Board of Christian Education; Bill O'Neil, Board of Christian Outreach; Ellen Crawford, Music Committee; Gail Wershing, Growth Committee; Terry Reynolds, History & Memorials Committee & Women's Guild and Fellowship; Ed MacIntosh, Nominating Committee

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Gail motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Lisa Masiello seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report- Rev. Beth Stotts

Rev. Beth had a family situation and was unable to attend.

Treasurer's Report - David Sheibley

Dave reported that we were on track with financials. We are 72% through the year. Offerings are at 74% of expected. Dave had to transfer \$5000 from endowments so far this year to cover cashflow needs. Investments are up in value by about \$25,000.

Board of Trustees - John Sharland

John noted that they will be using last year's revenue numbers as a basis for this year's budget, plus any pledge increases submitted. John handed out a copy of the budget requests for this year. Discussion ensued. John was wondering how the Cabinet felt about any budget requests given that if we included the same expenses as last year, we would be starting at a \$38,000 deficit, before new budget requests. It was noted that there are about \$17,000 in capital campaign funds from the last campaign, that can be used for capital expenses. It was noted that Rev. Beth requested funds for a permanent, outside nursery person, as we have several families with small children that may not be coming to church because we don't have a working, staffed nursery. If we did, those families may come to worship on Sundays more regularly.

Regarding Growth's budget requests, it was noted that the Music Committee might have some earmarked money in the non-operating account that might be authorized to be used for their praise concert.

John also noted that there was a bequest from a Bridgewater citizen who died that left an as-yet unknown sum of money to the church, specifically earmarked for the operating budget. We have het to hear from the estate attorney on this.

On other topics, the new fan has been installed in the kitchen. Mark suggested that Trustees put up a sign on the refrigerator (over which the fan was installed) reminding folks not to put anything on top of the refrigerator as it blocks the fan.

Board of Stewardship - Brad Barnsley

Brad reported that we're trying a new approach this year, in cultivating increases in pledges, and otherwise carrying over last year's pledges to this year unless we're told otherwise. 2018-19 pledges will be the starting point for 2019-20 pledges. Mailings went out this week to members and other pledgers. Brad noted that we might need to start to focus on money from outside the church.

Bill O'Neil mentioned again the opportunity for folks 70 or older to take advantage of the IRA rules and transfer funds directly from your IRA to the church, which makes it non-taxable on a personal level.

Board of Christian Education - Lisa Masiello

Two events are coming up for CE – Good Friday (4/19) there will be a potluck supper and "empty tomb" event. The event will be free to church members but at a fee to outside folks, to help pay for supplies, at \$30 per centerpiece.

May 4 is the taco bar and observatory night. Lisa noted that CE would love a few folks to step forward to help as Sunday school teachers, and the mission dinner is this Saturday.

Board of Christian Outreach - Bill O'Neil

Bill noted that another of the 5 for 5 church collections is coming up soon: One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes will be in the bulletins this week and next. Ellen noted that some people might not know what "5 for 5" means, and so Bill should explain what it means if he mentions it within the contest of an announcement.

Food pantry - there is an increase in people coming to the pantry; more than 20 per week. Perhaps it is because we have become known in the community. Journey house people have also become aware of us. Bill noted that Aldi's has become a great contributor, and the food bank in Boston has become a great resource.

History & Memorials Committee - Terry Reynolds

H&M will once again be selling flowers at Easter. The committee handling the CPA grant application has met twice recently. They have the preliminary report from Brian Pfeiffer, and are currently researching contractors to get quotes for the grant application. They are also speaking to potential grant writers.

Growth Committee – Gail Wershing

Gail noted that they have put their video project on hold for now. They are trying to pull off a Praise concert in May. Coffee hour this Sunday needs volunteers. There will be no coffee hour on Easter Sunday.

Women's Guild and Fellowship-Terry Reynolds

The semi-annual rummage sale is April 13. Donations can come in the week prior. The WG&F is collecting items for Church World Service. Items can be left in the box in the Narthex, per the list of needed items, and the WG&F will put together the kits. They will benefit disaster victims. It was requested that the lists of needed items should be given to Ellen in the office to post on the website/FB page.

Nominating Committee – Ed MacIntosh

Ed reported that the committee is still looking for new members for Deacons, Trustees, and Christian Education. While they are waiting for some confirmations on whether some members will continue for another term, new faces are needed as well.

Other Business

- Diane reminded folks that this year's golf tournament will be held on Friday, 6/21, at 8am, and will be held at the Back Nine Club in Lakeville.
- Diane reminded all to be sure Steeple Sounds articles list what you are doing, what is coming up, and has contact information.
- March Steeple Sounds articles are due to the office Monday, 3/25, 10am
- Next Cabinet meeting is April 17.

Treasurer's Report March 20, 2019 Fiscal Year July 2018 - June 2019 72% thru Fiscal Year

	YTD	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
Regular Pledges	94,857	123,000	77%
Unpledged Offerings	13,295	24,000	55%
Plate Offering	1,970	3,000	66%
Youth Minister Funding	1,500		
Total · Pledges / Offerings	111,622	150,000	74%
Special Collections			
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	806		
Total · Special Collections	806		
Fundraisers/Events Revenue			
Golf Tournament	(300)	7,200	-4%
Breakfasts	289		
Church Fair	7,969	7,000	114%
Misc Fundraisers	700		
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	8,658	14,200	61%
Facility Usage Income			
Non Profit Bldg Use	3,295	3,600	92%
Private Bldg Use	400	1,700	24%
Total · Facility Usage Income	3,695	5,300	70%
Miscellaneous Income	111		
Total Income	124,893	169,500	74%
Expenses			
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	70,122	91,479	77%
Total · Support Staff Expenses	35,749	66,558	54%
Total · Office Expenses	6,281	8,000	79%
Total · Church Building Costs	19,718	29,800	66%
Operating Committees			
Christian Education	248	1,500	17%
Church Growth	1,851	1,570	118%
Deacons	717	1,500	48%
Music (Materials/Substitutes)	528	600	88%
Stewardship	42	350	12%
Outreach	3,368	3,910	86%
Total · Operating Committees	6,754	9,430	72%
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	2,700	0%
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	200	0%
Total Expenses	138,625	208,167	67%
et income (loss)	(13,732)	(38,667)	36%
Transfer from Investments	5,000		
	(8,732)		

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Cash balances			
Operating account		6.182	
Money Market		•	
Restricted	26,917		
Unrestricted	619		
		27,536	
Fair account		16	
Minister's Discretionary account		322	
Outreach account			
Includes paid pledge set-aside	2,236		
Food Pantry	15,456		
		17,450	
Capital Campaign account		17,021	
Total cash balances		68,527	
Endowments investment fund			
Protected principal	134,513		
Unrestricted funds	96,622		
Income YTD FY 2019	(14,021)		
Total value 12/31/2018		231,135	253,280 Current value
Parsonage investment fund			
Principal parsonage sale	151,677		
Profit (Loss)	(10,858)		
Total value 12/31/2018		140,819	153,657 Current value
Total investments		371,954	406,937

Daily Lectionary Scripture References April 2019 (Year C)

Mon., Apr. 1 Psalm 53 Leviticus 23:26-41 Revelation 19:1-8

Tues., Apr. 2 Psalm 53 Leviticus 25:1-19 Revelation 19:9-10

Wed., Apr. 3 Psalm 53 2 Kings 4:1-7 Luke 9:10-17

Thurs., Apr. 4 Psalm 126 Isaiah 43:1-7 Philippians 2:19-24

Fri., Apr. 5 Psalm 126 Isaiah 43:8-15 Philippians 2:25—3:1

Sat., Apr. 6 Psalm 126 Exodus 12:21-27 John 11:45-57

Sun., Apr. 7 Fifth Sunday in Lent Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

Mon., Apr. 8 Psalm 20 Exodus 40:1-15 Hebrews 10:19-25

Tues., Apr. 9 Psalm 20 Judges 9:7-15 1 John 2:18-28

Wed., Apr. 10 Psalm 20 Habakkuk 3:2-15 Luke 18:31-34

Thurs., Apr. 11 Psalm 31:9-16 Isaiah 53:10-12 Hebrews 2:1-9 Fri., Apr. 12 Psalm 31:9-16 Isaiah 54:9-10 Hebrews 2:10-18

Sat., Apr. 13 Psalm 31:9-16 Leviticus 23:1-8 Luke 22:1-13

Sun., Apr. 14
Passion or Palm Sunday
Palms: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40
Passion: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Mon., Apr. 15 Isaiah 42:1-9;Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15;John 12:1-11

Tues., Apr. 16 Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36

Wed., Apr. 17 Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Thurs., Apr. 18 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., Apr. 19 Good Friday Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42

Sat., Apr. 20 Holy Saturday Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24 Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16 1 Peter 4:1-8 Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42 Sun., Apr. 21 Easter Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

Mon., Apr. 22 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Joshua 10:16-27 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Tues., Apr. 23 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a Revelation 12:1-12

Wed., Apr. 24 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 2 Samuel 6:1-15 Luke 24:1-12

Thurs., Apr. 25 Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:1-23 Acts 5:12-16

Fri., Apr. 26 Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:19-32 Acts 5:17-26

Sat., Apr. 27 Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:32-51 Luke 24:36-40

Sun., Apr. 28 Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

Mon., Apr. 29 Psalm 122 Esther 7:1-10 Revelation 1:9-20

Tues., Apr. 30 Psalm 122 Esther 8:1-17 Revelation 2:8-11



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
8am Choir Reh - ST	6pm Food Pantry - LL		 6:30pm WG&F - FH 	 10am Food Pantry - LL 		12pm Funeral - Prophett
9am Storytime - FR	7pm Historical Church Building Com		• 7:30pm BSU Choir - ST	7pm Al-Anon - FH		2pm Funeral - ST
10am Worship	7pm NA-FH					
• 11:30am 5th-8th Grade Youth Group						
 7:30pm AA-FH 						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
 7am Breakfast Prep - FH/KT 	5pm Girl Scouts - LL	6pm Girl Scouts - LL	Rummage Sale Prep	Rummage Sale Prep	Rummage Sale Prep	9am Rummage Sale - FH/KT/FR
8am Choir Reh - ST	6:15pm Girl Scouts - MR		4:15pm Girl Scouts - MR	10am Food Pantry - LL		11am Soups on Lunch - FR
9am Breakfast - FH/KT	7pm Historic Renovation Com - FR		6pm Girl Scouts - LL	6:30pm Growth - FR		
9:30am Jr Choir Reh - ST	7pm NA-FH		6pm Girl Scouts - MR	7pm Al-Anon - ST		
3 more			2 more	7:30pm Christian Outreach - MR		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Palm Sunday	School Vacation Week					Holy Saturday
8am Choir Reh - ST	Tax Day		7pm Cabinet-MR	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	10am Death & Coffee - FR
9:30am Jr Choir Reh - ST	7pm NA-FH		• 7:30pm BSU Choir - ST	10am Food Pantry - LL	3pm Music & Meditation - ST	
10am Worship				7pm Worship - ST	5:30pm Good Friday Pot-Luck - FH	
7pm Jerusalem Presentation - FH						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday		4:15pm Girl Scouts - MR	10am Food Pantry - LL	4pm Youth Group - 99	
8am Choir Reh - ST	6:15pm Girl Scouts - MR		6pm Girl Scouts - LL	7pm Al-Anon - FH	 6:30pm Pack 35 - FH 	
9:30am Jr Choir Reh - ST	• 7pm NA-FH		6pm Girl Scouts - MR			
10am Worship			7pm Trustees-FR			
2 more			7:30pm BSU Choir - ST			
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
8am Choir Reh - ST	5pm Girl Scouts - LL		6:30pm WG&F - Fireside Grill	10am Food Pantry - LL		
10am Worship	• 7pm NA-FH			7pm Al-Anon - FH		
11:30am 5th-8th Grade Youth Group						
4pm BSU Concert - ST						
 7:30pm AA-FH 						

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