



Steeple Sounds

The monthly newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
October 2022

We are a Christian community of people who are reaching out to our neighbors, at home and abroad, sharing our faith and our resources.

From the Desk of Rev. Beth

Rev. Elizabeth Stotts, Pastor

I was having a tough week last week trying to juggle everything. My schedule was super tight with meetings and work and driving my son to his new job and getting my daughter to school and her lessons and my husband was away and it was all just A LOT. I know I'm not alone and that everyone has weeks like that, but when it's rough, we can get really down on ourselves. Sometimes I beat myself up thinking that I should be able to do it all. When I get like this, I always have to remind myself of two things:

1.) *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

– Romans 8:38-39

2.) *"It's okay to fall apart sometimes. Tacos fall apart and we still love them."*

– internet meme

When I get overwhelmed, I have to remind myself that I am doing my best and that God is always with me and loves me... just as I am. Even when things get messy, I am loved.

Thanks be to God!

In Christ,

Rev. Beth

If you need a reminder of these two things too, join me at Fiesta Mexican Restaurant at 34 Bedford St in East Bridgewater on National Taco Day, (Tuesday, October 4) at 12noon.



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Remote Worship on Facebook and YouTube

Sunday Worship will continue to be livestreamed from the Sanctuary at 10 a.m.

Use the link on the homepage of www.cscucc.org to access Sunday worship, or visit our Facebook page. Past worship services are also available in both places.



**Tuesday thru Thursday, 9am - 1pm
and by appointment**
**Please note that the office will be closed
on Oct. 5, 6, and 11.**

Next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7pm

Monthly meetings of the church leadership are currently being held in the Fellowship Hall. All church members are also welcome to attend.



Amazon bonus "prime days" Oct. 11-12

Amazon has announced that they are holding two days in October that prime members can get some additional great deals. If you shop these prime days (or anytime on Amazon), be sure to use the link "smile.amazon.com" rather than just "amazon.com", and have your charity recipient set to Central Square Church. We automatically get a small percentage of your purchases, at no cost to you! If you need any help with this, contact Jenne in the church office.

Have You Joined?



Food Pantry

The Bridgewater Food Pantry, hosted and supported by CSCC, is open Thursdays, 10am-1pm, and the first Mondays of the month, 6-7:30pm. COVID protocols are in place and adhered to for the safety of all. All Bridgewater residents who are in need of food are welcome.

If you are a Bridgewater resident unable to come to the food pantry, but are in need of food, please contact the church office by email or phone (below) and arrangements will be made for you.



CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Do you need a meal, a call, spiritual care, or even just a prayer or a chat? Contact the Pastor, a Deacon, the church office, or a member of our Care Team.

To contact Rev. Beth, call the church office at 508-697-6016 or email her at csccpastor@hotmail.com

Deacons
Deb Sorgman
– debsorgman@gmail.com
Jae Stotts – jaestotts@gmail.com

CSCC Care Team
Carol Chaffee Bev Mitchell
Phoebe Hogg Rev. Beth Stotts



Please join us for Community Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 16, 9am

Beginning Sunday, Oct. 16, we will once again be hosting our community breakfasts on the first and third Sundays of the month. Come one, come all! All are welcome. A free will offering is welcome, but not required. Doing well? Consider giving a little extra. Not doing so well? Then breakfast is on us.

Under consideration for the breakfast on the 16th... poutine? breakfast sandwiches? waffles? smoothies? BACON? I guess you'll just have to come and see for yourself. And invite you!



Ever thought about joining our adult choir? We'd love to have you!

Our members have an inspiring love of music, and singers of all abilities are welcome. Many of our singers have sight-reading and some musicianship skills, but they are not required.

We rehearse on Sunday mornings before worship, performing in the service at 10am almost every week between Labor Day and Memorial Day. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact the Minister of Music, Julia Scott Carey at juliascottcarey@gmail.com or contact the church office at 508-697-6016 or office@cscucc.com.





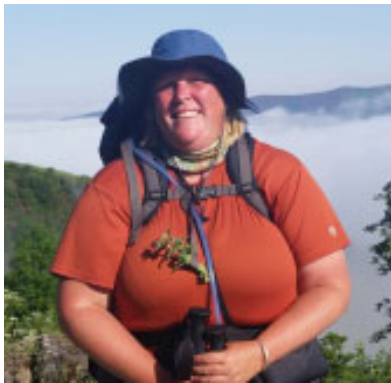
It's Women's Guild and Fellowship's 100th Anniversary!

Please join us on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30, for our annual potluck supper and a celebration of our 100-year anniversary, in the Fellowship Hall. It is our first meeting of the year and we welcome all women from the church and beyond. We are a wonderful group of women who meet at the church on the first Wednesday of the month from October to May for a program, meeting, and food fellowship. Our monthly programs this year include a local charity helping children, a special Christmas Service, an auction, a slide show, and fun with flowers. We also run 2 rummage sales to make money which we donate to those less fortunate. This is for all ages and we'd like to see some new people join us this year!

If you are coming to the potluck supper, please don't bring a dessert as we will be having a cake. You could bring a main dish, salad, vegetable, fruit, side dish, etc. Also, you could dress like it's 1922 or bring something from home that you think is about 100 years old!

Hope to see you there!

Jane O'Connell and Barbara Morey, Co-Presidents



Welcome, Rev. Mairaine

On October 16 we will be welcoming Rev. Mairaine Kettell to our worship as a guest preacher. Rev. Mairaine, who went to seminary with Rev. Beth, has served churches in New York, Pennsylvania, and the Metropolitan Boston area and is currently serving at Old South First Congregational Church, UCC in Farmington, Maine.

Rev. Mairaine is coming as a part of a pulpit swap. So while she's here at CSCC, Rev. Beth is preaching in Maine on the same day. This is a unique opportunity for our congregations to hear different perspectives and voices.

Welcome, Rev. Mairaine!



Annual Rummage Sale - Saturday, October 15, 2022

The Women's Guild and Fellowship will be holding their Annual Fall Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 15, at the church. We are looking for good, clean donations of fall/winter clothing for the entire family, shoes, hats, bags, linens, household items, Christmas/Fall decorations, glassware, jewelry, sporting goods, and toys. We do not accept electronics, hardcover books, and big furniture.

We appreciate your donations of clean, useful stuff. You can drop them off at the church during the week of Oct. 10 on Wed. or Thurs., 9am - 1pm, Fri. 9am - 5 pm, or any other time the church is open for meetings that week. Donations should be left in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you so much for your donations!

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CSCC Junior Choir 2022-23!

**October dates:
Rehearsal Oct. 2 & 9
9:15a.m.**



KID'S CHURCH

We would like to introduce the first team of Kid's Church teachers. There are three teachers: Eric Stotts, Krissy Cannizzo, and Terry Reynolds. Eric is teaching the pre-k/ kindergarten age group. He volunteered all summer during church, encouraging the children to participate in various activities such as drawing, coloring, and reading stories. Teaching the first and second grade students is Krissy. She works for the Children's Museum in Easton, exploring science with elementary age children with hands-on activities. Terry Reynolds is teaching grades three to six and has taught lower elementary school for many years. We are fortunate to also have two high school volunteers assisting in the classes, Maddie and Cass.

Kid's Church began with a special event to introduce our first quarter. Each class went on a treasure hunt. After following the clues, the children found the treasure and opened the box to discover a Bible inside. The focus this fall will be the Old Testament. The first lesson was in the book of Genesis and was the story of creation. The next few stories are also found in Genesis, then we will move onto the book of Exodus. The pictures in the pre-k to second grade are very enticing to look at. The language in the Bibles is engaging. The Bible that is being used in grades 3 to 6 has language that is easy to understand. They encourage children to memorize a different verse from each story. Questions are asked for discussion and suggestions are made for children to try different things to give them a better understanding of the Bible story. To help familiarize the older children with the stories, they will be presented with a Bible. This will occur in church on Bible Sunday, which is October 2nd.

A program is being presented to students in the 7th grade (or 12 years of age). They will be asked to write down where and how they would like to volunteer in the church, local community and/or their own home. This will give them an opportunity to explore their own interests and provide a service for other people.

When students reach 8th grade or above they will have the opportunity to enter the confirmation class. This is a time for learning, exploring, and deciding what they believe as they take their faith journey.

Hello everyone,

Fall is here and that means our Outreach funds are going to work as well as we are for projects and ministries.

In September funds were allocated for the minister's Emergency Aid Fund and for the Southern New England Conference "Strengthen The Church" fund, one of the 5 for 5 funds that we participate in through the UCC.

On October 2nd we will be accepting donations for the second 5 for 5 fund which is titled "Neighbors in Need." This collection supports justice and advocacy ministries throughout the United States.

Please consider giving generously to this important fund. Thank you for your continued support.

CSCC Board of Christian Outreach

We'll be collecting food pantry donations for members of our community! Bridgewater Police Department and the faith organizations of Bridgewater will be hosting this great event to benefit the community!

Join us for an open house with s'mores, apple cider and the opportunity to meet with our department Chaplain and members of all our faith organizations here in Bridgewater. We encourage you to donate *non-expired*:

Canned items (veggies, soups, beans, fruits), PB & J, condiments, baking goods, muffin/cake mix, juice boxes, pasta/sauce, mac&cheese, paper goods, TP, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, laundry/dish detergent.



Community Give Back Night

25 Scotland Blvd
Bridgewater, MA

Thursday, October 6
3pm-8pm

Ukulele Singalong at 5pm!!

Food Truck!



An evening of support for the Central Square Church, UCC ministries which include the Bridgewater Food Pantry, Emergency Assistance Grants for those struggling to pay bills, meeting space to community groups, and spiritual support and resources to the greater Bridgewater Community.

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FALL RUMMAGE SALE
(inside and outside)

Saturday, October 15, 2022 9 am - 2 pm
at Central Square Congregational Church, Bridgewater, at the rotary
proceeds benefit local non-profits

Clothing, Shoes, Linens, Books, Household and Holiday items, Toys, China, Glassware, Jewelry
Bag Sale at 1pm

Homemade Soup "to go", Hot Dogs, Bake Sale

FALL FAIR

Friday, Nov. 4 : PIE NIGHT IS BACK!

Pie & shopping

6:30-8:30pm

Saturday, Nov. 5

Shopping and lunch (11-1)

9am - 1pm

We're very excited about this year's fair. Many of your favorites will be there:

Bake Table (cakes, cookies, breads)

Raffle baskets

Harvest table

To-go homemade soups for lunch

Walking Tacos!

Homemade fudge

Attic Treasures

Holiday crafts and gifts

Jewelry



Attic Treasures Needs Your Gently Used Christmas Treasures

Bev and Debbie are looking for Christmas items & clothing for the holiday section of the Attic Treasures sale. Lights, decorations, party items, sweaters, ties... and anything else Christmas! Put them aside and bring them to the church a day or two before the fair, or contact Bev to make other arrangements.

This is the **BIGGEST FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHURCH OF THE YEAR**. Many hands make this event a successful event. What can you do? (Read on...)

We need:

- Pie, cookie, and bread **bakers**
- **Soup makers!** One crockpot of soup from half a dozen or so folks will make for a GREAT take-out lunch event!
- **Volunteers** the day of the fair to help out around and about
- **Gift basket donations!** Do you know a local business that would donate a gift basket in return for some publicity? Or maybe your family would put together a fun basket! Baskets and gift cards gratefully accepted.
- **Community service**-seeking students.
- Folks to distribute **flyers** at their favorite public places.

Contact the church office if you are able to contribute any of the above, or if you have another idea!



CSCC Annual Turkey Dinner Takeout Style! • Sunday, Nov. 13

Last year's Turkey Takeout Dinner was a HUGE success, so we're going to do it again this year. Watch your email, Facebook, the website, and next month's Steeple Sounds for final details and to place your order.

Place your order beginning **NOVEMBER 1**.

**Thank you! From your Fair Committee:
Denise Molinari, Carla Jackson,
David Hanson, and Diane Sheibley**



Southern New England Conference
 United Church of Christ
Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

Daily Lectionary Scripture References – October 2022 (Year C)

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

Sun., Oct. 2^S
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Lamentations 1:1-6
 Lamentations 3:19-26 or
 Psalm 137
 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Luke 17:5-10

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sun., Oct. 9
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
 Psalm 66:1-12
 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Luke 17:11-19

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sun., Oct. 16
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Jeremiah 31:27-34
 Psalm 119:97-104
 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
 Luke 18:1-8

Mon., Oct. 17
 Psalm 129
 Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11
 Mark 12:41-44

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

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

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

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

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

Sun., Oct. 23
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
 Joel 2:23-32
 Psalm 65
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18:9-14

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sun., Oct. 30
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
 Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
 Psalm 119:137-144
 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
 Luke 19:1-10

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

OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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* Indicates church office open, 9am-1pm						
2 World Communion Sunday Neighbors in Need offering 9:15am Jr Choir Rehearsal 10am Communion Worship 10am Kids Church 5pm Girl Scouts #82722 6:45pm AA Meeting	3 4:30pm Daisies #64998 6-7:30pm Food Pantry Open 6:30pm Women's AA	4* 9-1 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	5 5pm Girl Scouts #69063 6:30pm Women's Guild & Fellowship 7:30pm BSU Choir	6 10-1 Food Pantry Open 3-8pm Fundraiser at Black Hat 5pm Girl Scouts #64997 & 62521 6:30pm Crafters 7pm AI-Anon	7	8
9 9:15am Jr Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10am Kids Church 5pm Girl Scouts #827 6:45pm AA Meeting	10 10am Church crafters 6:30pm Women's AA	11 7pm Christian Outreach 7pm Women's NA	12* 9-1 Church office open 5pm Girl Scouts (Daisies #64997 and Juniors #62521) 7pm Trustees 7:30pm BSU Choir	13* 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	14 2:30pm Girl Scouts #66212	15 9-2 WG&F Rummage Sale November Steeple Sounds Submissions Due
16 9am Breakfast 10am Worship - guest preacher Rev. Mairaine Kettel 10am Kids Church 5pm Girl Scouts #82722 6:45pm AA Meeting	17 4:30pm Daisies #64998 6:30pm Women's AA	18* 9-1 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	19* 9-1 Church office open 5pm Girl Scouts #69063 7pm Cabinet 7:30pm BSU Choir	20* 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 5pm Girl Scouts #64997 & 62521 6:30pm Crafters 7pm AI-Anon	21	22
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30 Reformation Sunday All Saints Sunday 10am Worship 10am Kids Church 6:45pm AA Meeting	31 4:30pm Daisies #64998 6:30pm Women's AA				THE FAIR IS COMING! NOV. 4-5! PIE NIGHT IS BACK!	

CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes September 21, 2022 at 7pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by Denise Molinari, Vice Moderator.

Cabinet members in attendance: Rev. Beth Stotts, Pastor; Denise Molinari, Vice Moderator; David Sheibley, Treasurer; Diane Sheibley, Clerk; Gordon Brailsford and Ed Buckland, Board of Trustees; Bill O’Neil, Board of Christian Outreach; Barbara Morey, History & Memorials Committee; Terry Reynolds, Board of Christian Education; Jane O’Connell, Women’s Guild & Fellowship.

Also present: Lynn Pietras, Gail Wright

Rev. Beth opened the meeting with a devotional

Diane Sheibley took attendance and verified that a quorum was present.

August Minutes

The meeting minutes from the August meeting were presented and reviewed. Dave Sheibley motioned to accept them; Rev. Beth seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

Pastor’s Report – Rev. Beth Stotts

Rev. Beth reported that she is working with the senior center for a Nov. 3 All Saints/Dia de los Muertos event, to memorialize people who have passed. She attended an “Endemic Church” workshop, where they discussed a 5-year study of congregations, which began in pre-pandemic times and continued through the pandemic. They found that pre-pandemic, there was a 40% volunteer rate among congregations; and during the pandemic, it was 16%. It’s now trending back up. She noted that we need to focus on what’s inspiring us and giving us hope; the study showed that churches that do that are doing better than those that are not.

She started working on a membership packet. She reminded us that the Community Give Back fundraiser at Black Hat Brew Works is Oct. 6. On Sunday, Oct. 9, new members will be joining.

There was a question about having the American flag in the sanctuary, and whether there is objection to bringing it back. It was noted that it was discussed at length a few years ago. Perhaps on Deacons? Perhaps it should be brought to Deacons, and then to the congregation for discussion after that. Diane will look into past Cabinet minutes to see if it

was discussed there. [EDIT: it was not discussed in Cabinet - ds] It may be brought up at the October cabinet meeting.

Treasurer’s Report – Dave Sheibley

Dave reported that last month’s giving was not as good as the prior month. We have gotten 16 40-for-\$40k pledges to date. Expenses seem a little low because we’re not yet paying for oil for heat, etc. This month he will be taking \$10,000 out of investments for cash flow. We are running close to budget.

Food Pantry – Bill O’Neil

They purchased more gift cards today to distribute to food pantry patrons. One of the Bridgewater Dunkins gave a \$500 donation. Bill noted that local businesses have been very generous. There was a sizable food donation from Father Bill’s, as they get donations but can’t use the small sized cans for their own food service. Jane O’Connell noted that the Women’s Guild would once again like to provide \$5 gift certificates for the rummage sale to be distributed to food pantry patrons.

Historical Church Building Committee – Barbara Morey

It’s been about 2 years since the town approved the \$200k grant, and they are still working on the grant agreement. They’re finalizing a couple of changes to the deed restriction. The still need: (a) a site plan showing the building; (b) the title and property boundary docs; and (c) the names of the town council people. The next meeting of the CPC is next Wednesday. When the deed restriction comes in, will go to the Trustees for review. Barbara wants them to confirm what they’re giving us for phase 2 & 3 before signing the deed restriction. It’s still unresolved whether the town will require us to remove all the siding or not (big question). The committee feels that they can get a less expensive construction company to do the work than the original one we used for the assessment. It was noted that we spent \$62,000 to put the application in to the CPC.

Church Fair – Diane Sheibley

Diane noted that the fair committee is comprised of herself, Denise Molinari, Carla Jackson, and David Hanson. The dates of the fair are Friday, 11/4 and Saturday 11/5. Pie night is back! The hours on Friday are 6:30-8:30, and the hours for Saturday are 9-1 (formerly 9-2). Barbara Morey noted that Jewelry would like as many tables as possible. Diane asked

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the Trustees if the dishwasher was working, and said they don't need an answer now, but they will need the dishwasher for pie night (11/4).

Diane asked Cabinet for permission to conduct a pick-a-prize raffle at the fair. Denise made the motion, and Dave Sheibley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Autumnfest – Diane Sheibley

Diane noted that the church would be hosting a booth at Autumnfest this Saturday (9/24). We will be selling walking tacos and baked goods. Baked goods are needed! Anyone willing to bake should bring their goods to the booth Saturday morning.

Stewardship – Diane Sheibley for Kathleen Mosher

Works continues on the 40-for-\$40k campaign. They are also creating a poster with a QR code on it, which can be displayed to the public when we have the fair, rummage sale, scouts, and other groups in the building, and when the local schoolchildren are doing their historical building tour. The poster will list the various charities and projects we are involved with, and by showing all the good things we do we may inspire people to donate.

Christian Education – Terry Reynolds

Sunday school / Kids Church began last Sunday, and the kids did a treasure hunt. Bible Sunday is World Communion Sunday, Oct 2. 3rd-6th graders will be receiving bibles. Terry has teachers lined up for all of the quarters of Kids Church this year. There are also some 7th grade "tweeners", and Terry is working with them to see where they'd like to help out in the church. Also, 9 kids have already signed up for the Junior Choir.

Board of Christian Outreach – Bill O'Neil

Outreach is focusing on the 5 for 5 collections until their Warmth in Cold Places drive later this Fall.

Music Committee

Choir is back! Julia is off this Sunday, and Bob Richards will be substituting.

Women's Guild & Fellowship – Jane O'Connell

Jane also asked about the dishwasher. The WG rummage sale is Saturday, Oct. 15. They are in need of student volunteers, and Jane asked Diane if she's still in touch with the high school about community service projects. Diane said she'd look into it, as well as posting it on facebook and in steeple sounds. Hours would be 9-3. Jane would be the contact. The first Guild meeting of the year is a potluck on Oct. 5, and will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Guild.

Thrift Shop – Lynn Pietras and Gail Wright

Lynn reported that they have obtained a business permit for the thrift shop, and plans are moving along.

Rev. Beth thanked everyone for the party celebrating her 10th anniversary last Sunday.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 8:10pm.

Treasurer's Report
August 31, 2022
Fiscal Year July 2022 - June 2023

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Income				
Regular Pledges	20,907	22,932	(2,024)	135,000
Unpledged Offerings	5,200	1,699	3,501	10,000
Plate Offering	105	425	(320)	2,500
Total · Pledges / Offerings	<u>26,212</u>	<u>25,055</u>	<u>1,157</u>	<u>147,500</u>
Special Collections				
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	60	340	(280)	2,000
Total · Special Collections	<u>60</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>(280)</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Fundraisers/Events Revenue				
Golf Tournament	0	0	0	0
Breakfasts	0			
Church Fair	0	1,274	(1,274)	7,500
Misc Fundraisers	147	849	(702)	5,000
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	<u>147</u>	<u>2,123</u>	<u>(1,976)</u>	<u>12,500</u>
Facility Usage Income				
Non Profit Bldg Use	250	510	(260)	3,000
Private Bldg Use		85	(85)	500
Total · Facility Usage Income	<u>250</u>	<u>595</u>	<u>(345)</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Miscellaneous Income	10	170	(160)	1,000
Total Income	<u>26,679</u>	<u>28,282</u>	<u>(1,603)</u>	<u>166,500</u>
Expenses				
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	17,498	18,710	1,213	110,150
Total · Support Staff Expenses	5,195	8,486	3,292	49,960
Total · Office Expenses	1,990	1,512	(478)	8,900
Total · Church Building Costs	1,555	5,416	3,861	31,884
Operating Committees				
Christian Education	0	127	127	750
Church Growth	220	170	(50)	1,000
Deacons	0	170	170	1,000
Music (Materials/Substitutes)	0	102	102	600
Stewardship	0	59	59	350
Outreach	299	344	45	2,025
Total · Operating Committees	<u>519</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>5,725</u>
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	459	459	2,700
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	34	34	200
Miscellaneous Expenses				
Total Expenses	<u>26,756</u>	<u>35,590</u>	<u>8,833</u>	<u>209,519</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>(77)</u>	<u>(7,307)</u>	<u>7,231</u>	<u>(43,019)</u>
Transfer from Investments	0	7,307	7,307	43,019
	<u>(77)</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>

Treasurer's Report
August 31, 2022
Fiscal Year July 2022 - June 2023

Cash balances	
Operating account	3,880
Money Market	30,575
Minister's Discretionary account	648
PayPal account	353
Outreach account	2,218
Capital Campaign account	1,314
Total cash balances	<u>38,989</u>

Endowments investment fund	
Protected principal	135,513
Unrestricted funds, beginning	47,051
Deposits (withdrawals)	0
Gain (loss) for month	(6,011)
Unrestricted funds, ending	<u>41,040</u>
Total value 8/31/2022	176,553
Parsonage investment fund	
Beginning balance	83,629
Deposits (withdrawals)	0
Gain (loss) for month	(3,194)
Total value 8/31/2022	<u>80,435</u>
Total investments 8/31/2022	<u>256,988</u>

Food Pantry account balance July 31, 2022	28,709
Donations	1,099
Expenses	(1,463)
Food Pantry account balance August 31, 2022	<u>28,345</u>

	Giving Comparison					
	2020 Month	2021 Month	2022 Month	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	2022 YTD
Jan.	10,230.00	13,532.33	10,029.82	10,230.00	13,532.33	10,029.82
Feb.	10,030.33	11,754.66	6,562.91	20,260.33	25,286.99	16,592.73
March	10,672.86	11,538.00	13,355.24	30,933.19	36,824.99	29,947.97
April	14,962.00	13,129.33	11,808.31	45,895.19	49,954.32	41,756.28
May	13,017.66	11,279.57	14,476.24	58,912.85	61,233.89	56,232.52
June	16,806.33	13,469.24	11,304.13	75,719.18	74,703.13	67,536.65
July	9,191.00	13,048.91	16,505.70	84,910.18	87,752.04	84,042.35
Aug.	8,192.66	10,053.72	9,586.37	93,102.84	97,805.76	93,628.72
Sept.	11,465.00	10,624.57		104,567.84	108,430.33	
Oct.	8,213.83	15,581.54		112,781.67	124,011.87	
Nov.	8,571.66	12,400.72		121,353.33	136,412.59	
Dec.	14,686.00	10,377.35		136,039.33	146,789.94	



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