



Steeple Sounds

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

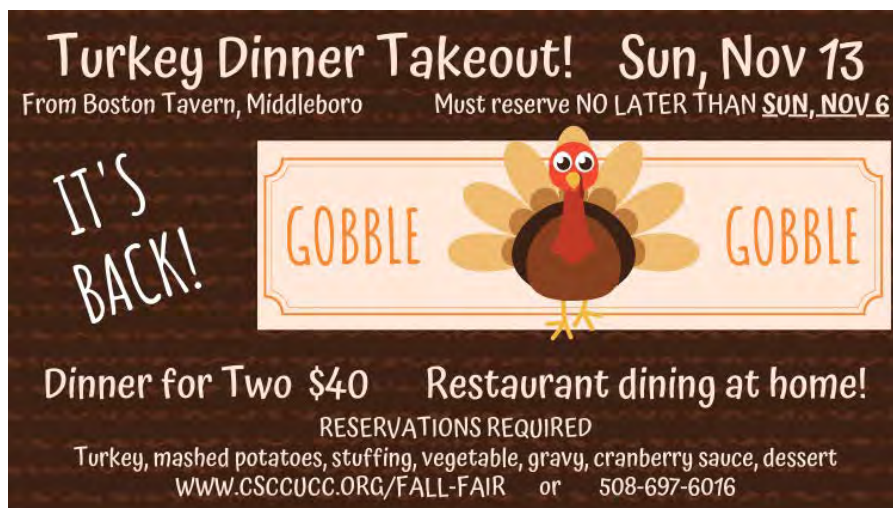
We are a Christian community of people who are reaching out to our neighbors, at home and abroad, sharing our faith and our resources.

Happy November!




Church Fair
Friday, Nov. 4 6:30-8:30pm
Pie & Coffee night!
Saturday, Nov. 5 9am - 1pm
Lunch 11-1

**Homemade pies, breads,
cookies, candy**
Harvest table Jewelry
Attic Treasures Rummage
Raffle baskets
Crafts & holiday items
Walking Tacos & Homemade Soups!



Turkey Dinner Takeout! Sun, Nov 13
From Boston Tavern, Middleboro Must reserve NO LATER THAN SUN, NOV 6

IT'S BACK!

GOBBLE  **GOBBLE**

Dinner for Two \$40 Restaurant dining at home!
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, gravy, cranberry sauce, dessert
WWW.CSCCUCC.ORG/FALL-FAIR or 508-697-6016

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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 Friday, 9am - 1pm
and by appointment**

Next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7pm

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

**Please note that the office will be closed
on Friday, Nov. 11, Thursday, Nov. 24, and
Friday, Nov. 25.**

Venmo!

We continue to make it easier than ever to contribute to CSCC. The church now accepts donations via Venmo! Aim your phone camera below, or use the Venmo app to send your donation to @cscucc-ucc



CSCC Junior Choir 2022-23!

**Rehearsals:
November 6, 13, and 20 (9:15)**

**Performance:
November 20**



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 (except major holidays). 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

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Community Breakfast at CSCC Sunday, Nov. 6 & Sunday, Nov. 20 9am-10am

Smoothies, breakfast sandwiches, different specials each time! Made-to-order as well as a buffet will be available.

Are you thinking you want to be a part of this awesome ministry? Volunteers are needed. More info at www.cscucc.org/time-talent, or contact the church office.

And invite your friends, and those that might like a meal and fellowship. All are welcome!



A Word from our Minister of Music

The music ministry at our church has had a wonderful fall so far. We are delighted to have a new Junior Choir. Their voices, artistry, and enthusiasm is such a blessing, and will add so much vibrancy to our church community. The children's first performance will be on **November 20th**.

Our adult choir has also performed every week this year and has graced us with some beautiful musical offerings. We have welcomed guest artists Mary Ruth Lown, Bob Richards, and Kelley Hollis, and we will look forward to having more guest artists join us soon.

But perhaps the most vital part of our church's musical life is the voices of our whole congregation, joining together on the hymns. It's such an honor to be your Minister of Music!

Julia Scott Carey

Calling All Decorators!

Want to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season? Come to the "Hanging of the Greens" on Saturday, Nov. 26 (time TBA). Watch your email and FB, or contact the church office for more details.



"Be still and know that I am God."

To be truthful, I can see someone I know and not feel like saying "hi". But it sits heavy on my heart, after the fact. For some, it is so easy to say hello to a stranger, or just make eye contact and smile. For others, it is out of their comfort zone. We are who we are and changing our ways is not easy.

God is in all of us and stepping out of our comfort zone to say hello or smile is letting God's love shine forth in a world changed by the pandemic.

Truly,

Carol Chaffee



WG&F Celebrates 100 Years

On Wednesday October 5th the Women's Guild & Fellowship celebrated 100 years of organization at its first gathering of the new year. Members were asked to wear clothing to mimic the dress of the old days and to bring a dish of food to share in a potluck supper which followed an old family recipe or similar dish from years past. All this to add to the theme of the night.

Anne Chaffee has been a Guild member for many years, and we honored her with a corsage, recognizing her as our oldest member.

Beth Basler & Rachel Lawson put together a slide show of members from years past, with some shots of the town of Bridgewater back then, along with some old photos of the church.

The Women's Guild & Fellowship meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. After pastries and beverages, we hold a business meeting before presenting our guest speaker and program.

On November 2nd, we have invited Mel Lambert from the Sunshine Farm Sanctuary in Bridgewater to speak about how this local charity helps children post-trauma and other issues. So many of us have never heard of this charity and we look forward to learning about it.

All women of the church, neighbors, and friends are invited to join us. We would love to have you come.

Jane O'Connell & Barbara Morey, Co-Presidents



NEW! Volunteer Page On Website

The church office is often asked the question, "Are there any community service or other types of volunteer opportunities at CSCC?" And of course, the answer is YES. So we've put all of the current opportunities on their own page on the website, so anyone and everyone can see what chances they have to give of their time and talent. If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering, refer them to www.cscucc.org. Just click on the "Time & Talent Opps" item on the menu at the very top, and you'll see the current list.

Do you have a volunteer opportunity for our church family or for students looking for community service, for a project here at CSCC? Please send all the specifics to the church office so we can include it!

What will you volunteer for next? Take a peek — you might be surprised at what fun things we've got going on for volunteers...

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
71 Central Square, Bridgewater

FALL FAIR

Friday, Nov. 4 6:30-8:30pm
Pie & coffee night!

Saturday, Nov. 5 9am-1pm

Baked goods, pies, homemade candy,
holiday crafts, raffle baskets, attic
treasures, jewelry, harvest table,
homemade soups to go & walking tacos

www.cscucc.org/fallfair

**Tell your friends!
Share our
Facebook posts!**

The Fair is coming!

*(Remember, this is the
church's biggest
fundraiser of the year
-- let's make it the best
ever!)*



Coins for Kids Church

The first quarter of the year has come to a conclusion. The older children have begun to learn how to explore the Bible while learning about God's promises to his people. They have learned about covenants through the story of Noah and Abraham's call. The creation story told us that we have a responsibility to take care of God's earth the plants, animals, and his people. The children laughed with Sarah and Abraham when they discovered how old they were when they had their son Isaac. In the story of Isaac's Blessing, the children learned that God's love is bigger than sibling rivalry. These are just some of the stories covered during the first quarter.

Now the children will be moving onto a new topic which is Advent. At this writing we are still at the planning stages for the Advent season, and will let you know what will be occurring in November in the Monday emails, "This Week at CSCC".

We will soon begin involving the children in the worship service in a new mini-ministry. The first Sunday of each month, two children will be present at the end of the service to collect any loose change you would like to contribute to Kids Church. The money will be used for curriculum, leaflets that go along with the curriculum, bibles, Advent materials, material for costumes, Lenten information, and more. It is an easy Sunday to remember for it is Communion Sunday. We hope you are able to help the children with your loose change!

The Kid's Church Staff



GRIEF & THE HOLIDAYS CARE CIRCLE

Tuesdays @ 10am Starting Nov.1

For more info, contact:
 Central Square Church, UCC
 71 Central Sq. Bridgewater, MA
 508-697-6016

cscucc.org

We're entering that time of year where words like "grateful", "together", "merry", "jolly", and "celebrate" swirl all around us. And while it's vital to experience all of that, sometimes we're just not feeling it. The holidays may actually bring on a sadness that we don't know what to do with.

One of the blessings of community is knowing that we're not alone. Starting November 1st, we will be hosting an 8-week Grief & the Holidays Care Circle. Each Tuesday at 10am we'll meet to share our stories and support one another during this holiday season.

All are welcome. Join us Tuesday at 10am in the Fireplace Room at Central Square Church, UCC.

**Do you like to brainstorm?
Do you have creative ideas that you want to share?**

Thanksgiving Worship Think Tank meeting, 11/6, 11am

Advent Think Tank meeting, 11/13, 11:30am

All are welcome!





In October, your Outreach Ministry reached out to those in need of advocacy and material items. We collected funds and donated to the UCC *Neighbors in Need* fund, which supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the US. We also sent money to Church World Service to help those in Puerto Rico and Florida as they deal with the aftermath of historic hurricanes.

The Bridgewater Food Pantry at CSCC has been very busy each week and every week has seen new clients coming to the pantry for their needed groceries. We have been approved to receive more pounds of food from the Greater Boston Food bank, which will help our Bridgewater community food needs.

Looking forward, our next project will be assembling and distributing Thanksgiving dinner baskets to Bridgewater residents in need of a complete holiday dinner. Local organizations often run food drives at this time of year to stock our pantry shelves and we encourage your help to sort and box the many items that come to us. See the article below about volunteering to help with the food sorting.



Please keep in mind new and gently used winter clothing that you may have, as we will be collecting hooded sweatshirts, hats, gloves, mittens, and socks for our Warmth in Cold Places clothing drive the first part of December. Details to follow next month.

Thank you for your continued generosity as we reach out near and far to those in need.



Nic Cannizzo's Eagle Scout Project

We are so proud of our eagle scout, Nic Cannizzo, and his team. And the side (Church St.) entrance has never looked so good, and so functional! There will be a small dedication ceremony following worship on November 13.

Saturday, Nov. 19

9am-2pm

Food Pantry Food Sorting!

The Bridgewater Food Pantry at Central Square Church is in need of volunteers to help sort food before the Thanksgiving holiday. If you are able to come, please do. All are welcome! It will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Jack Melcher or the church office if you have questions.





Are We Teaching Stewardship?

My earliest memories of Sundays involve fresh hot “sticky buns,” Sunday School and church service. Probably a special dinner was involved but that memory has faded.

Every Sunday, my father drove me and two sister-cousins who were part of our household to town, up the hill to the Presbyterian church. Maybe I was five when this started. I knew many of the folks there. The school nurse sang in the choir. Some of my friends from school were there. And so on.

After Sunday School, we three met in church. Not my dad. He had issues with God that kept him outside the doors. He took us there and back home but he used the weekly trip to visit the town bakery. He made sure we had some money to put in the collection plate when it was passed. Later, I had my own box of envelopes and was expected to fill an envelope weekly with funds from my allowance or my teenage parttime wages.

Most of this could not happen today. Maybe you have donuts from DD instead of buns. We have given up the boxes of pledge envelopes (though I believe they can be had if requested). Money passes invisibly through credit cards, banks, PayPal, QR codes, Venmo and other electronic and digital means. Adults don’t see the money move unless they check their statements. Children certainly don’t see the financial donations until they participate in a wonderful effort like the Heifer Project. That Fair produces tangible results for tangible aid in the form of animals for those in need. Actual cash is still involved.

Did we as children know what our offerings in the collection plates were paying for? Certainly not specifically. But we did know that we were being Stewards, looking after a place and time together that we valued. How do we do that today for our adult selves, for the children?

Could we place a Stewardship jar in the corner of the family room, placed where it is visible to all? Where we can drop a spare bill or change that others will see? Then gather the contents to take to church to the collection plate?

Let us know how you teach Stewardship.

Gail Wershing for the Stewardship team



Have you joined?

The **40 for \$40k** Project

Visit www.cscucc.org/giving for details



"The Heart That Grew Three Sizes" All-Church Advent Study

We don't know why the Grinch hated Christmas. We just know he did. In our All-Church Advent Study beginning on November 27, we will explore the faith themes of the Christmas classic, “How the Grinch Stole Christmas!” including, how did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives?

Worship and Kids Church on the 4 Sundays of Advent will explore all of this and more!

A limited number of copies of the book *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes* by Matt Rawle will be available for purchase from the church office, or you can pick a copy up on your own. The book is four chapters and we will be looking at one chapter on each of the four weeks of Advent.

*Advent begins
Sunday, November 27*



DONATIONS NEEDED!

To sign up to help with any of the items below, or to volunteer your time to help at the fair itself, visit www.cscucc.org/time-talent

GIFT BASKET AND GIFT CARD DONATIONS NEEDED!

Please consider donating — or asking a local business to donate — a gift basket or gift card to our fair raffles. People love raffle items! Food-related and holiday-related baskets and gift cards are our favorite!



CROCKPOT SOUPS NEEDED!

We will be selling to-go containers of homemade soups on Saturday, 11-1. Please consider making a crockpot of soup for us to sell. We loooooove the wonderful, creative soups our church family makes! Soups should be dropped off hot on Saturday, 11/5, 8-10am. Crockpots will be cleaned and available for pickup 1-3pm, or during regular church office hours. **PLEASE let us know in advance** that you will be making soup, so we know how much is coming.



PIES, COOKIES, BREADS!

We will be selling all types of cookies, breads, and any other baked good you'd like to contribute, and of course serving pieces of pie on Pie Night. Please bag cookies and note key ingredients. Deliver pies in non-returnable pans. Drop off items to the church Fellowship Hall on:

- Thursday 11/3, 9-1 and 6-8pm
- Friday, 11/4, 9-1
- Saturday, 11/5, 8-9am



ATTIC TREASURES!

The Church Fair is coming!! The Attic Treasures tables need your items to sell.

We are looking for lots of **Christmas items** (that includes sweaters, jerseys, socks, Christmas jewelry, etc.). Everyone enjoys looking at these things.

People are always looking for dishes, glasses, pictures, writing paper, games, puzzles, small lamps and small toys. What we **DON'T** want - **please** no computers, large appliances, or clothing (other than Christmas).

Drop off items to the church in the FIREPLACE ROOM on:

- Tues-Wed, 11/1-2, 9am-1pm
- Thursday 11/3, 9-1 and that evening at 6-8pm
- Friday, 11/4, 9-1

We also need helpers to sell and for clean up. It's a fun table and we have lots of laughs! Please call Bev at 508-697-2949 if you have any questions.

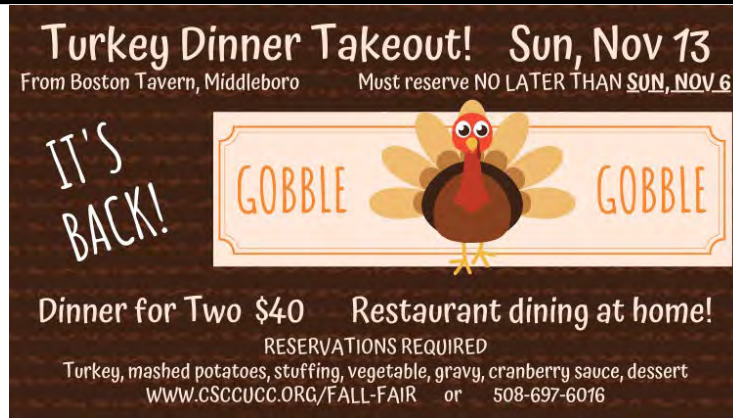
Debbie Golob and Bev Mitchell



FUDGE AND CANDY!

Let's face it, people love homemade fudge. Make your favorite recipe to donate to the fair. Other candy creations gladly accepted as well. Drop off donations:

- Thursday 11/3, 9-1 and 6-8pm
- Friday, 11/4, 9-1
- Saturday, 11/5, 8-9am



Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetable, gravy, cranberry sauce, and dessert, for TWO!

Catered by Boston Tavern, Middleboro

Pay at pickup -- cash or check only, OR by Venmo in advance (@cscucc).

Fill out the form below and return to the church office, or register online using the link at www.cscucc.org/events

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Each dinner is a dinner-for-two for \$40. How many dinners-for-two do you want to order? _____

Questions? Contact the church office at 508-697-6016 or office@cscucc.com.

PICKUP is Sunday, November 13 between 5:15 - 5:45pm

RESERVATIONS DUE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOV. 6



The Bridgewater community is coming together to light the Common with the town's first "Winter Wonderland" lighting display! Lights will be up November through January. CSCC will be decorating and lighting the front of the church in participation, and we need volunteers to help accomplish that. Please consider lending an hour or two! Visit the "time & talent" page of the website (www.cscucc.org), or contact Rev. Beth or the church office for more information or if you're interested in helping. 508-697-6016 or office@cscucc.com.

To find this Lectionary online, visit www.macucc.org/Lectionary



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – November 2022 (Year C)

Tues., Nov. 1

Psalm 142
Habakkuk 3:1-16
Jude 5-21

Wed., Nov. 2

Psalm 142
Habakkuk 3:17-19
Luke 19:11-27

Thurs., Nov. 3

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Zechariah 1:1-17
Acts 22:22-23:11

Fri., Nov. 4

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Zechariah 6:9-15
Acts 24:10-23

Sat., Nov. 5

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
Haggai 1:1-15a
Luke 20:1-8

Sun., Nov. 6

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,
13-17 Luke 20:27-38

Mon., Nov. 7

Psalm 98
Haggai 2:10-19
2 Peter 1:16-21

Tues., Nov. 8

Psalm 98
Haggai 2:20-23
2 John 1-13

Wed., Nov. 9

Psalm 98
Zechariah 8:1-17
John 5:19-29

Thurs., Nov. 10

Isaiah 12
Isaiah 57:14-21
Romans 1:18-25

Fri., Nov. 11

Isaiah 12
Isaiah 59:1-15a
2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

Sat., Nov. 12

Isaiah 12
Isaiah 59:15b-21
Luke 17:20-37

Sun., Nov. 13

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Mon., Nov. 14

Psalm 76
Isaiah 60:17-22 Ephesians
4:25-5:2

Tues., Nov. 15

Psalm 76
Isaiah 66:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1

Wed., Nov. 16

Psalm 76
Isaiah 66:14-24
Matthew 23:37-24:14

Thurs., Nov. 17

Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 21:1-14 Hebrews
9:23-28

Fri., Nov. 18

Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 22:1-17
1 Peter 1:3-9

Sat., Nov. 19

Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 22:18-30
Luke 18:15-17

Sun., Nov. 20

Reign of Christ
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Mon., Nov. 21

Psalm 117
Jeremiah 30:1-17
Revelation 21:5-27

Tues., Nov. 22

Psalm 117
Revelation 21:5-27
Revelation 22:8-21

Wed., Nov. 23

Psalm 117
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Luke 1:1-4

Thurs., Nov. 24

Thanksgiving
Psalm 122
Daniel 9:15-19
James 4:1-10

Fri., Nov. 25

Psalm 122
Genesis 6:1-10
Hebrews 11:1-7

Sat., Nov. 26

Psalm 122
Genesis 6:11-22
Matthew 24:1-22

Sun., Nov. 27

First Sunday in Advent Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

Mon., Nov. 28

Psalm 124
Genesis 8:1-19
Romans 6:1-11

Tues., Nov. 29

Psalm 124
Genesis 9:1-17
Hebrews 11:32-40

Wed., Nov. 30

Psalm 124
Isaiah 54:1-10
Matthew 24:23-35

NOVEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9-1 Church office open 10am Grief & The Holidays Care Circle 7pm Women's NA	2 9-1 Church office open 6pm Girl Scout #69063 6:30pm Women's Guild & Fellowship 7:30pm BSU Alumni Choir	3 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 5pm Girl Scouts #64997 & #62521 7pm AI-Anon	4 9-1 Church office open 2:30 Girl Scout #66212 6:30-8:30 Church Fair/ Pie Night	5 9-1 Church Fair
6 9am Breakfast! 9:15am Jr. Choir Rehearsal 10am Communion Worship (in person and online) 10am Kids Church 11am T'giving Worship Think Tank 5pm Girl Scout #82722 6:45pm AA Meeting	7 6-7:30pm Food Pantry Open 6:30pm Women's AA	8 9-1 Church office open 10am Grief & The Holidays Care Circle 7pm Outreach Meeting 7pm Women's NA	9 9-1 Church office open 7pm Trustees Meeting 7:30pm BSU Alumni Choir	10 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 5:30 Girl Scout #70833 7pm AI-Anon	11 OFFICE CLOSED VETERANS' DAY	12
13 9:15am Jr. Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship/Kids Church 11am Eagle Scout project dedication 11:30 Advent Think Tank 5:15 Turkey Takeout Pick-up 6:45pm AA Meeting	14 4:30pm Daisies #64998 6:30pm Women's AA	15 Steeple Sounds submissions due 9-1 Church office open 10am Grief & The Holidays Care Circle 6pm BALC meeting 7pm Women's NA	16 9-1 Church office open 6pm Girl Scout #69063 7pm Cabinet Meeting 7:30pm BSU Alumni Choir	17 9-1 Church office open 10am CSCC Staff Mtg 10-1 Food Pantry Open 5pm Girl Scouts #64997 & #62521 7pm AI-Anon	18 9-1 Church office open 2:30 Girl Scout #66212	19 9-2 Food Pantry Food Sorting
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27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10am Worship (in person and online) 10am Kids Church 6:45pm AA Meeting	28 4:30pm Daisies #64998 6:30pm Women's AA	29 9-1 Church office open 10am Grief & The Holidays Care Circle 7pm Women's NA	30 9-1 Church office open 6pm Girl Scout #69063 7:30pm BSU Alumni Choir			

CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes October 19, 2022 at 7pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Anne Malmquist, Moderator.

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

Rev. Beth opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

September Minutes

The meeting minutes from the September meeting were presented and reviewed. Ellen Crawford motioned to accept them; Terry Reynolds seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

Pastor’s Report – Rev. Beth Stotts [also see written report]

Rev. Beth highlighted the following events from her report: We welcomed three new CSCC members this month; Lukas Hanson’s wedding; continued work on the Advent book study (“The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch”). She discussed her pulpit swap of Oct. 16, and observed the way the other church does things a bit differently. At least one of those things she’ll be incorporating into our worship services. It was a very good experience. Rev. Beth also noted that worship service on 10/30 will be All Saints Worship, and will also feature a Halloween costume parade.

Treasurer’s Report – David Sheibley [also see written report]

Dave reported that we are doing OK, although last month wasn’t a great month. We took \$10,000 out of endowments to supplement cashflow, which we expected. We’ve gotten another couple 40-for-\$40k pledges, so we’re up to 18.

Food Pantry – Bill O’Neil [also see written report]

Bill noted that 88 households were served in September. The report from the food pantry shows that donations last month were \$900, and expenses were \$5450. Today they started picking up items for the Thanksgiving baskets, including turkeys, some of which are being kept at Hanson Farm. Coupons were given out to food pantry patrons that allowed them to get \$5 off at the Women’s Guild rummage sale, and the WG&F reported that people did, indeed, come to cash them in.

Board of Christian Outreach – Bill O’Neil

The Warmth in Cold Places annual drive will be coming up in December, and distribution will tentatively be done on December 12. Outreach allocated some money to a few outside projects and charities. Bill also noted that Ocean State Job Lot is running their “crazy deal” promotion to get money back on purchases, so he and Krissy will be heading over there to buy some items, and then be able to buy more.

Historical Church Building Committee – Anne Malmquist for Barbara Morey

Barbara was not able to attend the meeting, so Anne delivered her emailed report.

The president and vice president of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) met with the HCRC in September. Rachel Lawson, Terry Reynolds, Gordon Brailsford, and Barbara Morey were in attendance. Barbara informed them that we will not sign a deed restriction for just the Phase 1 award of \$200,000. Decisions on Phases 2 & 3 along with approximate dollar amounts will have to be provided first.

The CPC wants to go ahead with the deed restriction paperwork process and have it approved by their committee and the town lawyer. It will next come to CSCC to be approved by the HCRC, Trustees, our lawyer, and Cabinet. If we approve

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CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes

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of it, it can be signed after Phase 2&3 awards have been approved. Point of interest: there are 3 other buildings in Bridgewater that were given grants by the CPC and they each have a deed restriction on their property.

Terry added that they think everything will be in place and decided by December. Gordon noted that it looks like we might not have to remove the siding. The CPC advised us to review the Phase 2&3 requests to see if they can be reduced.

Governance Committee – Anne Malmquist

Anne reported that the committee to review and rewrite the Constitution and Bylaws has been meeting, and they are hoping to have a first draft at the beginning of the year. They are meeting again this Sunday after worship.

Church Fair – Diane Sheibley

Diane reminded all that the church fair is Friday, Nov. 4 (pie & coffee night), 6:30-8:30 and Saturday, Nov. 5, 9-1. Lunch on Saturday will be homemade soups and walking tacos. She noted that they are in need of: attic treasures donations, especially Christmas items; crockpots of soups; baked goods, pies, and candy; raffle baskets and gift cards, either donated by individuals, or from local businesses; and help on pie night.

Women's Guild & Fellowship – Jane O'Connell

Jane reported that the rummage sale made \$2,294. Ellen Crawford shared a story of someone who she works with who is new in town, and she came to the rummage sale and commented that everyone was so nice.

Board of Christian Education – Terry Reynolds

Terry reported that Kids Church is growing slowly, but growing! She announced a new project, "Coins for Kids Church". Once a month, on communion Sunday, two kids will be in the sanctuary at the end of worship to collect people's loose change to support Kids Church, for supplies, etc. Also, the Advent curriculum is coming up next.

New Business

- Rev. Beth noted that the side (Church St.) entrance will be closed this Friday and Saturday for Nic Cannizzo's eagle scout project to renovate the side entrance area.
 - There will be a dedication of the project after worship on November 13.
- Rev. Beth also reported that we've been contacted by the committee who is organizing festive lighting the Common for the holiday season to do some lighting on our front lawn. Volunteers are needed. Contact Rev. Beth or the church office.
- Diane reported that there is a new page on the website listing time and talent opportunities at the church.
- Trustees noted that the furnace people are coming tomorrow for routine maintenance.

Rev. Beth closed the meeting in prayer at 7:40pm.

Treasurer's Report
September 30, 2022
Fiscal Year July 2022 - June 2023

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Income				
Regular Pledges	29,886	34,027	(4,141)	135,000
Unpledged Offerings	5,550	2,521	3,029	10,000
Plate Offering	155	630	(475)	2,500
Total · Pledges / Offerings	35,591	37,178	(1,587)	147,500
Special Collections				
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	60	504	(444)	2,000
Total · Special Collections	60	504	(444)	2,000
Fundraisers/Events Revenue				
Golf Tournament	0	0	0	0
Breakfasts	0			
Church Fair	0	1,890	(1,890)	7,500
Misc Fundraisers	438	1,260	(822)	5,000
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	438	3,151	(2,713)	12,500
Facility Usage Income				
Non Profit Bldg Use	360	756	(396)	3,000
Private Bldg Use		126	(126)	500
Total · Facility Usage Income	360	882	(522)	3,500
Miscellaneous Income	69	252	(183)	1,000
Total Income	36,518	41,967	(5,449)	166,500
Expenses				
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	26,262	27,764	1,502	110,150
Total · Support Staff Expenses	9,255	12,593	3,337	49,960
Total · Office Expenses	2,836	2,243	(593)	8,900
Total · Church Building Costs	2,005	8,037	6,032	31,884
Operating Committees				
Christian Education	330	189	(141)	750
Church Growth	295	252	(43)	1,000
Deacons	348	252	(95)	1,000
Music (Materials/Substitutes)		151	151	600
Stewardship	0	88	88	350
Outreach	434	510	77	2,025
Total · Operating Committees	1,406	1,443	37	5,725
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	681	681	2,700
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	50	50	200
Miscellaneous Expenses				
Total Expenses	41,764	52,810	11,046	209,519
Net income (loss)	(5,246)	(10,843)	5,597	(43,019)
Transfer from Investments	10,000	10,843	843	43,019
	4,754	0		0

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Cash balances	
Operating account	5,595
Money Market	30,668
Minister's Discretionary account	1,048
PayPal account	0
Outreach account	1,455
Capital Campaign account	1,384
Total cash balances	<u>40,150</u>

Endowments investment fund	
Protected principal	135,513
Unrestricted funds, beginning	41,040
Deposits (withdrawals)	0
Gain (loss) for month	(12,928)
Unrestricted funds, ending	<u>28,113</u>
Total value 9/30/2022	163,626
Parsonage investment fund	
Beginning balance	80,435
Deposits (withdrawals)	(10,000)
Gain (loss) for month	(5,746)
Total value 9/30/2022	<u>64,689</u>
Total investments 9/30/2022	<u>228,315</u>

Food Pantry account balance August 31, 2022	28,345
Donations	310
Expenses	<u>(4,393)</u>
Food Pantry account balance September 30, 2022	<u>24,262</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	9,379.22	104,567.84	108,430.33	103,007.94
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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Steeple Sounds submissions deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication.

Amazon Shopping!

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