



Steeple Sounds

The monthly newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
May 2023

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

CSCC Beloveds,

I love the wide variety of church music we hear each week in worship, as I know you do too! And I believe there is a place for all of it in our congregation. But please allow me today to “geek out” a bit about traditional hymns for just a moment - I promise there is a point.

Throughout the 15th and 16th centuries it was common for Christians to learn new hymns by singing new texts to familiar tunes with a matching meter. This is why we now have many hymns with different words but to the same melody. For example, the tune FINLANDIA provides the melody for both “Be Still My Soul” and “This is My Song” - both of which can be found in our hymnals at church (#488 and #591).

One of my favorite springtime hymns is actually a Christmas tune. “Now the Green Blade Rises” is set to the French NOEL NOUVELET from the 15th century. The original Christmas carol shouts “sing we now of Christmas!” and tells of shepherds in shock at the sight of angels, a virgin birth in a dusty barn, and stars that seemingly appear out of nowhere yet somehow light the night. One miraculous sight after another.

The words for “Now the Green Blade Rises” (#238 in our hymnal), on the other hand, tell of a much quieter and far more mundane miracle - that of a single stalk of wheat coming back to life after an impossibly long winter:

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

Bulbs have been bursting before our eyes, worms are turning over last year’s soil, blades of grass are waiting to spring back to their brightest greens. As witnesses to this, we experience hope.

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

The promise of resurrection is on display all around us, year after year after year. The persistent drumbeat of God’s “Yes” in a world of “No” never ceases. But empty tombs are quieter than full stables. I give thanks for the quiet persistence of resurrection, the promise born anew more often than grains of wheat sprout in dark soil, ready once again to offer food in a world that thirsts and hungers for justice.

My prayer for you this spring is that you are greeted by the amazing promise of resurrection wherever you are, and that you are reminded ours is a God of second chances, surprising springs, and new life.

In Christ,

Rev. Beth





Central Square Congregational Church, UCC, of Bridgewater, Massachusetts is an open and affirming church. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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**

Please note the office will be closed May 17-19, and possibly the week of May 22, as our office manager is having surgery.

Next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, May 17, 7pm

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

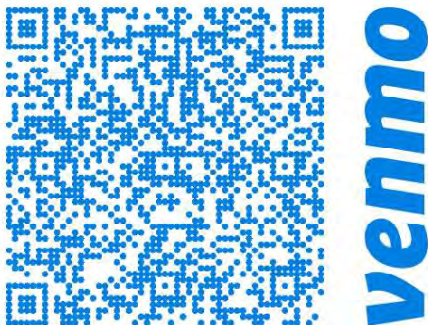
CSCC Junior Choir 2022-23!

**Rehearsals at 9:15am:
May 7 - May 14 - May 21**

**Performance at 10am:
May 21**

Venmo!

All types of donations to CSCC are welcome via Venmo. Aim your phone camera below, or use the Venmo app to send your donation to @cscucc



Kids Church

Kids Church will continue through Sunday, May 22, then will break for the summer. All kids are welcome!



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 holidays. 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.

See page 7 for an update on donations needed.



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
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Jae Stotts – jaestotts@gmail.com
Savannah Wells, Jr. Deacon

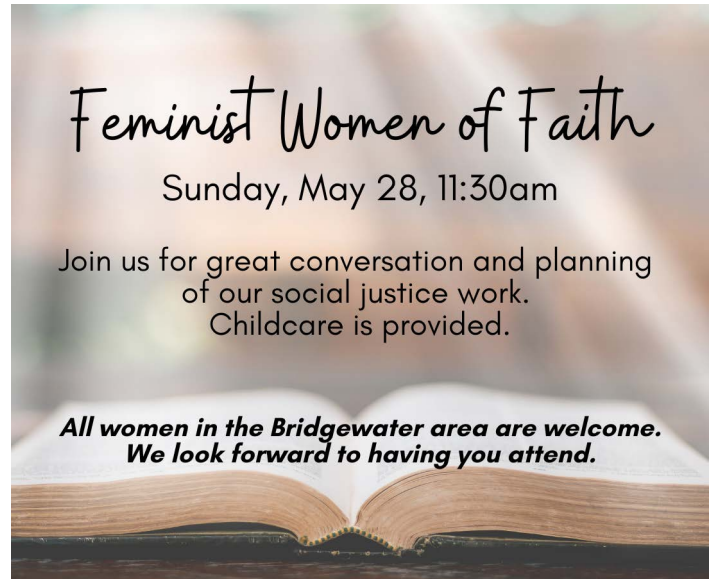
CSCC Care Team
Carol Chaffee
Bev Mitchell
Rev. Beth Stotts



Thank you very much for all of your donations for the rummage sale. We also appreciate all the shoppers that came and bought stuff. We raised over \$2,300 for our service work!

We are holding our annual banquet on Wednesday, May 3, at Boston Tavern Middleboro.

Jane O'Connell, Co-President



Feminist Women of Faith

Sunday, May 28, 11:30am

Join us for great conversation and planning of our social justice work.
Childcare is provided.

*All women in the Bridgewater area are welcome.
We look forward to having you attend.*



Coins for Kids Church : May 7

Don't forget to bring your spare change for the Coins for Kids Church collection on the first

Sunday of each month! This helps to pay for Kids Church supplies and teaching materials.



BREAKFAST SUNDAY!

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 9-10AM
This event is open to the public ALL ARE WELCOME

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
An open and affirming church
Bridgewater, MA www.cscucc.org

**Join us for breakfast on
Sunday, May 7 and Sunday, May 21**



BHBW Give Back Night Thursday, 5/18

to benefit Central Square Church

Come on by Black Hat Brew Works at 25 Scotland Blvd, Suite 1 in Bridgewater on Thursday, 5/18, between 3pm and 8pm, and a portion of your purchases will be donated to the CSCC ministries.

SPREAD THE WORD!



Recognizing our Gifts, our Offering, our Offertory, our Blessing of Gifts

Up until our Stewardship Sunday on March 26, our recognition of gifts, offering, offertory and blessing had been pretty much absent from worship since the pandemic. Common sense told us that we should not be passing an offering plate and sharing germs with one another. But it's time to bring back this act of worship and we have, but it is different. How is the collection of money an act of worship?

From Lifeway.com – "How Giving is an Act of Worship"

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21). Our giving should be viewed as a part of our worship to the Lord. If we are just giving to mark off a line on our spiritual checklist, we are merely involved in charity and we are missing out on the great joy of being a cheerful giver. This idea of our giving being a part of our worship is expanded upon in 2 Corinthians 8-9 as the apostle Paul makes the following points.

1. Those who follow Jesus should excel in the grace of giving.
2. Giving is an expression of the love one has for Jesus.
3. God loves willing and cheerful givers.
4. A willingness to be generous in giving is more important than the amount given.
5. Our giving will result in praise and thanksgiving to God.
6. Our giving should be a natural response to God's gracious gift to mankind.

As we move through worship –

- We prepare ourselves
- We invite the Spirit to join us
- We sing praise to God
- We ask for mercy
- We learn lessons
- We offer grateful praise
- We ask for prayers
- We share our gifts
- We share Communion
- We serve each other
- We go forth to serve the world

So, in conclusion, we may not physically pass an offering plate, but we do experience our giving as an Act of Worship. We are given this time to reflect on what we are able to give to God and give thanks for that ability to do so.

Carol Chaffee
Stewardship|Care Team



Lawn Mowing Needed

The church is in need of someone to mow the lawn weekly this spring and summer. **Do you know someone** who would do this as a donation to the church? **Do you know a youth** who needs community service hours who might be willing? Maybe you would be willing to **sponsor the "lawn ministry"** by contributing to the cost of the lawnmowing service? Please contact the church office or a Trustee if you have any information that can help.



Pentecost Sunday!
Join us for Worship
Sunday, May 28
10am (eastern time)
New Member Sunday, too!

In person or livestreaming on
YouTube and Facebook.
Visit www.cscucc.org for the YouTube link.

**Pentecost Sunday is
New Member Sunday!**

If you think you might be interested in becoming a member of Central Square Church, contact Rev. Beth or the church office for more info.



As part of implementing the newly adopted Constitution, a Nominating Committee has been appointed to develop a slate of officers and elected team members of the four new teams. If you feel called by God to serve, please contact **Connie Chandler, Denise Molinari, or Deb Sorgman** with the position you feel called to. All positions will be newly elected.

If you are still talking it over with God, here are some things to consider:

- Positions are one-year terms.
- All elected team members are not required to attend cabinet meetings, only one from each team.
- As an elected team member, you are a conduit between the projects and the cabinet. You do not have to organize or be responsible for all of the projects of the team.

The following officers will be elected:

- Moderator
- Clerk
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer
- Financial Secretary

The following team leaders will be elected:

- Spiritual Engagement Team (3)
- Property and Finance Team (3)
- Congregational Engagement Team (3)
- Community Engagement Team (3)

As a reminder, here are summaries of each team's role:

Spiritual Engagement Team: The responsibilities of the Spiritual Engagement Team will include such things as assisting in creating worship, administering sacraments, and developing and maintaining Christian education programs.

Property and Finance Team: The responsibilities of the Property and Finance Team will include such things as assisting in fiscal management, maintaining church properties, fundraising, and conducting business affairs of the church.

Congregational Engagement Team: The responsibilities of the Congregational Engagement team will include such things as fellowship, parish care, talent cultivation, and nominating elected members of the standing Teams.

Community Engagement Team: The responsibilities of the Community Engagement Team will include things such as developing Christian outreach both locally and globally, developing programs for community outreach and connections, and strengthening our bond with the Wider Church.

For more detail on each team, refer to the team handbooks available on the website at www.cscucc.org/new-con, or contact the church office.

The elections will be held at the Annual Meeting on the second Sunday in June, **June 11th**. This is also the budget meeting.



Do you have a graduating senior in the family? Or perhaps someone completing a certificate program? Let us know so we can recognize them in next month's Steeple Sounds!

Please send the following info to the office:

Graduate's name

School/program graduating from

Plans for after graduation (short term, long term, or both)

Youth Group Nature Walk

All ages are invited to this Youth Group-hosted nature walk at Camp Titicut Reservation Trail in Bridgewater.

Snacks will be provided. The event will last about 1.5 hours. Parents are welcome to drop off their youth, or stay and participate. Please plan on meeting at the entrance to Camp Titicut (not at the church) at 11:30am. The entrance is on Beech Street in Bridgewater.

Youth -- feel free to invite your friends!

For more information, contact the church office or Rev. Beth at office@cscucc.com, 508-697-6016, or csccpastor@hotmail.com.



SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Save The Date

This is the date of our new annual meeting, at which time we will elect our officers and team leaders under the new Constitution, as well as approve our budget. In future years, this will also be the meeting where we share our annual reports and celebrate our accomplishments. Please plan on attending this important congregational meeting, immediately following worship.



New Nametags Are Here!

New nametags for anyone who turned in a pronoun form are done and now available and hanging in the entryway of the church. Even if you think you know that everyone knows what your pronouns are, please fill out a form so that we can make a new badge for you, with not only your chosen pronoun(s), but they're also two-sided, so when it flips around (as they always do), people will still be able to see your name! And we have new cords to replace the ribbons that were on the old nametags. **The pronoun form is below. It can be emailed to the office or put in the Sunday collection plate.**

Please share your pronouns. Pronouns are the part of speech used to refer to someone in the third person. We want to know how to respectfully refer to you!

Please tell us how you want your name to appear on your new name badge:

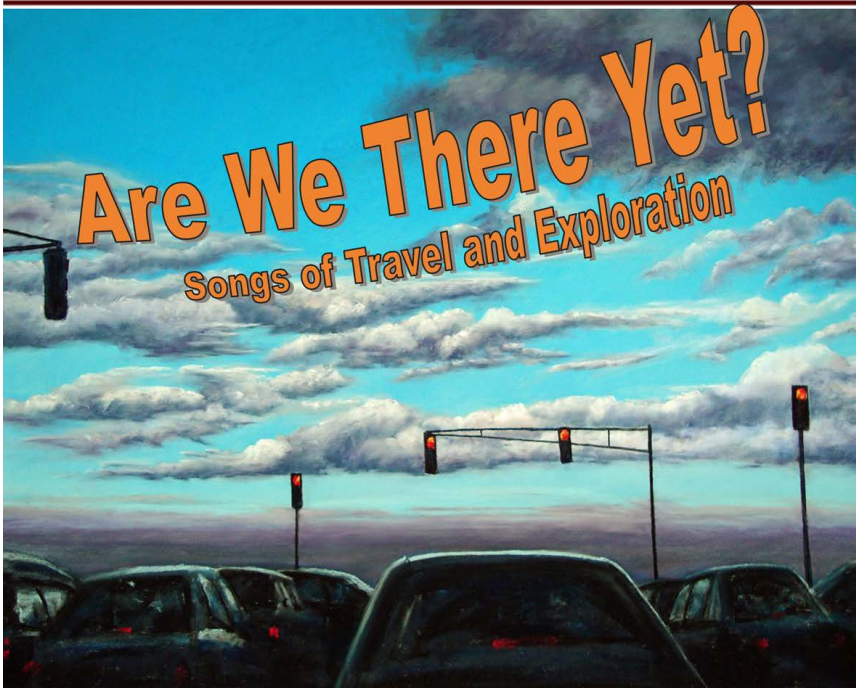
Please choose one of the options below or write in if you do not see an example of your pronouns.

She/Her/Hers	He/Him/His	They/Them/Theirs	Ze/Zir/Zirs
Other:			

Thank you so much for participating and helping everyone in our congregation feel comfortable and respected.



BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI CHAMBER CHOIR



Are We There Yet?
Songs of Travel and Exploration

Saturday, May 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Central Square Congregational Church (on the common)
Bridgewater, MA

Charles A. Dillingham, Director

Derelyn Baker Kahler, Accompanist

Tickets at the door | \$15 general | \$10 Seniors/Students | Children under 10 free

New! Choir Fundraiser BIG Travel Gift Basket Raffle at intermission

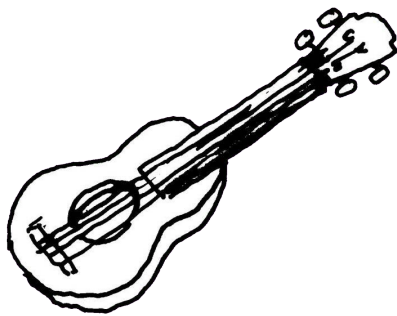
Handicapped Accessible | for info 781-888-4490

alumnichamberchoirBSU@gmail.com

The BSU Alumni Chamber Choir is a nonprofit organization

<https://alumni.bridgewater.edu/get-involved/alumni-chamber-choir>

Image: "P.M." original pastel painting by A Haywood, East Bridgewater, MA, 30" x 41"



Calling all uke-ers, or uke-er wannabes!

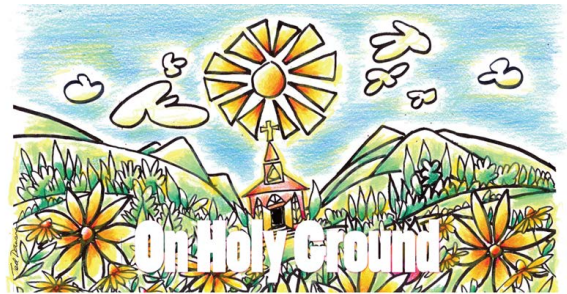
Rev. Beth will likely be bringing back her ukelele camp this summer, tentatively scheduled for the week of July 31, in the evening. All ages - all ability levels! Stay tuned!



Our outreach this month will focus on our local community. The Bridgewater Food Pantry housed here continues to be very busy supplementing Bridgewater residents with needed groceries. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Here are a few suggestions to help out the Food Pantry this month if you are able buy any of the following items. These are goods that leave the shelves as fast as we can stock them: vegetable oil, cereal, spaghetti sauce, pasta other than spaghetti noodles, canned fruit, juice, shelf stable milk, coffee, and tuna.

We would also like to thank all of the generous attendees of the Hanson Farm Easter sunrise service for their donations to the Bridgewater Food Pantry, which totalled more than \$750.



**Strengthen the Church Offering:
May 28**

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to *be the church* in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. We will be receiving the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, or your contribution can be sent to the church via US mail, through the donation link on the website, or via Venmo.

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



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – May 2023 (Year A)

Mon., May 1

Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:17-23
1 Peter 5:1-5

Tues., May 2

Psalm 100
Ezekiel 34:23-31
Hebrews 13:20-21

Wed., May 3

Psalm 100
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Matthew 20:17-28

Thurs., May 4

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 6:8-15

Fri., May 5

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Exodus 3:1-12
Acts 7:1-16

Sat., May 6

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Jeremiah 26:20-24
John 8:48-59

Sun., May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Mon., May 8

Psalm 102:1-17
Exodus 13:17-22 Acts
7:17-40

Tues., May 9

Psalm 102:1-17
Proverbs 3:5-12 Acts
7:44-56

Wed., May 10

Psalm 102:1-17 Proverbs
3:13-18 John
8:31-38

Thurs., May 11

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 6:5-22
Acts 27:1-12

Fri., May 12

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 7:1-24
Acts 27:13-38

Sat., May 13

Psalm 66:8-20
Genesis 8:13-19
John 14:27-29

Sun., May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

Mon., May 15

Psalm 93
Genesis 9:8-17
Acts 27:39-44

Tues., May 16

Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 5:22-33
1 Peter 3:8-12

Wed., May 17

Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 31:1-13
John 16:16-24

Thurs., May 18

Ascension Day
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 *or* Psalm 93
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Fri., May 19

Psalm 93
2 Kings 2:1-12
Ephesians 2:1-7

Sat., May 20

Psalm 93
2 Kings 2:13-15
John 8:21-30

Sun., May 21

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Mon., May 22

Psalm 99
Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24
1 Peter 4:1-6

Tues., May 23

Psalm 99
Numbers 16:41-50
1 Peter 4:7-11

Wed., May 24

Psalm 99
1 Kings 8:54-65
John 3:31-36

Thurs., May 25

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:1-9a
Acts 2:1-11

Fri., May 26

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:16-25
Romans 8:14-17

Sat., May 27

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 20:1-21
Matthew 5:1-12

Sun., May 28

Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers
11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 *or*
Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 *or* John
7:37-39

Mon., May 29

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Joel 2:18-29
Romans 8:18-24

Tues., May 30

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29
Romans 8:26-27

Wed., May 31

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Numbers 11:24-30
John 7:37-39

MAY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 4:30pm Daisy Troop #67998 6-7:30pm Food Pantry Open 6:30pm Women's AA	2 9-1 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	3 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Thrift Shop open 6:30pm Women's Guild & Fellowship Annual Banquet (offsite) 7:30pm BSU Alumni Choir	4 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 5:30pm Girl Scout Troop #70833 7pm AI-Anon	5 9-1 Church office open	6 10-1 Thrift Shop open 7pm BSU Alumni Chamber Choir Concert
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CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes April 19, 2023 at 7pm

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Anne Malmquist, Moderator.

Cabinet members in attendance: 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; Barbara Morey, History & Memorials Committee; Jane O’Connell, Women’s Guild & Fellowship
Additional attendees: Connie Chandler, Lynn Pietras

Anne Malmquist opened the meeting with a devotion.

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

March Minutes

The meeting minutes from the March meeting were presented and reviewed. Dave Sheibley motioned to accept the minutes as written; Anne Malmquist seconded. The minutes were approved.

Pastor’s Report – Anne Malmquist from Rev. Beth’s written report

Anne noted that Lin Schuller’s memorial service was meaningful for the family and everyone in attendance. Rev. Beth had recently been in Nashville and participated in several rallies on gun violence, including a multi generational clergy event. It was very inspiring, and a meaningful cause to be behind.

Treasurer’s Report – David Sheibley

Dave reported that we had an OK month, not stellar. He had to take more money out of investments: \$10k for operating funds, and \$2,700 to fix the windows from the parsonage fund. He reported that we are on track with last year’s giving, although that’s a little disappointing since we had the 40 for \$40k campaign and received pledges for about \$20k in additional funds. The recent stewardship campaign has prompted some modest increases for the coming year.

Bridgewater Food Pantry – Bill O’Neil and Jack Melcher’s written report

The report shows the food pantry received \$2600 in donations in the first quarter. The Easter sunrise service at Hanson Farm collected \$762 for the food pantry. Bill noted that he picked up 25-30 bags of food from the Roche Bros. donation bins today. There has been an uptick in the number of food pantry patrons lately. There are a couple of new volunteers working at the pantry as well.

Historical Church Building Committee – Barbara Morey

They still have not heard anything from the town or Virginia Adams in RI. Barbara is going to ask Gina at the town to set up a meeting with Adams, Gina, Carlton Hunt, and our representatives, here at the church. If Gina doesn’t set it up, Barbara will. We need to know what the holdup is and be able to move past it.

Nominating Committee – Anne Malmquist

Anne announced that the Nominating Committee will be comprised of Connie Chandler, Deb Sorgman, and Denise Molinari. Anne will convene the first meeting. She will also announce in church that if anyone is interested in being an elected team leader, they can contact the committee. Some points to remember: * Elected team leaders do not need to do all the work of the team – they are to keep all the projects and missions organized, and report to Cabinet; * only one team leader from each team need attend cabinet, not all three; * team leader terms are only one year long.

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CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes

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Board of Christian Education – Terry Reynolds

Kids church will continue through May 22. Eric Stotts will be there every week for the little kids. Terry will be there for the older kids, along with various teachers.

History & Memorials Committee

Anne Malmquist noted to the H&M Committee that there have been several gifts in Lin Schuller's memory, so they might be thinking of how best to honor her.

Board of Trustees – Ed Buckland

The biggest issue at the moment is who will be mowing the lawn this summer. Bruce Maclay did it for many years, but is stepping down from the role. We might have to pay someone to do it, unless anyone knows someone who will volunteer. Please contact the Trustees if you do.

Women's Guild & Fellowship – Jane O'Connell

May 3 is their annual end-of-year banquet, at Boston Tavern Middleboro. The rummage sale and to-go soups made \$2,336. The guild recently voted that they will not be cleaning the church kitchen each month, but rather will do an extensive cleaning every September and March. They will create a list of the guidelines they use, and recommend to others, of what and how to clean it.

Central Closet Thrift Shop – Lynn Pietras and Connie Chandler

The thrift shop opened again on April 19 after being closed for two weeks. They have developed more efficient donation processing procedures, and will not be storing items they can't use for the rummage sale (too much issue with finding storage space in the church). They are limiting what comes in. For the summer months, they aren't sure what their schedule will be; it depends on what help they can get, and what they think the traffic will be.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

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

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Income				
Regular Pledges	96,306	101,342	(5,036)	135,000
Unpledged Offerings	8,494	7,507	987	10,000
Plate Offering	544	1,877	(1,332)	2,500
Kid's Church	207	0	207	0
Total · Pledges / Offerings	<u>105,552</u>	<u>110,726</u>	<u>(5,175)</u>	<u>147,500</u>
Special Collections				
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	100	1,501	(1,401)	2,000
Total · Special Collections	<u>100</u>	<u>1,501</u>	<u>(1,401)</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Fundraisers/Events Revenue				
Golf Tournament	0	0	0	0
Breakfasts	299	0	299	0
Church Fair	9,416	5,630	3,786	7,500
Central Closet Thrift Shop	3,724	0	3,724	0
Concert/Special Event	1,969	0	1,969	0
Misc Fundraisers	950	3,753	(2,803)	5,000
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	<u>16,359</u>	<u>9,384</u>	<u>6,975</u>	<u>12,500</u>
Facility Usage Income				
Non Profit Bldg Use	2,461	2,252	209	3,000
Private Bldg Use	0	375	(375)	500
Food Pantry support	400	0	400	0
Total · Facility Usage Income	<u>2,861</u>	<u>2,627</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Miscellaneous Income	176	751	(574)	1,000
Total Income	<u>125,048</u>	<u>124,989</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>166,500</u>
Expenses				
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	82,651	82,688	37	110,150
Total · Support Staff Expenses	32,932	37,504	4,572	49,960
Total · Office Expenses	7,762	6,681	(1,081)	8,900
Total · Church Building Costs	28,922	23,935	(4,987)	31,884
Operating Committees				
Christian Education	864	563	(301)	750
Church Growth	505	751	246	1,000
Deacons	1,001	751	(250)	1,000
Music (Materials/Substitutes)	385	450	65	600
Stewardship	0	263	263	350
Outreach	1,415	1,520	106	2,025
Total · Operating Committees	<u>4,170</u>	<u>4,298</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>5,725</u>
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	2,027	2,027	2,700
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	150	150	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	27	0	(27)	0
Total Expenses	<u>156,464</u>	<u>157,283</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>209,519</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>(31,417)</u>	<u>(32,294)</u>	<u>877</u>	<u>(43,019)</u>
Transfer from Investments	<u>32,741</u>	<u>32,294</u>	<u>(447)</u>	<u>43,019</u>
	<u>1,324</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>

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

Cash balances	
Operating account	7,283
Money Market	25,367
Minister's Discretionary account	418
Outreach account	674
Capital Campaign account	1,964
PayPal account	232
Venmo account	10
Total cash balances	<u>35,947</u>

Endowments investment fund	
Protected principal	135,513
Unrestricted funds, beginning	44,018
Deposits (withdrawals)	0
Gain (loss) for month	3,744
Unrestricted funds, ending	<u>47,763</u>
Total value 3/31/2023	<u>183,276</u>
Parsonage investment fund	
Beginning balance	60,812
Deposits (withdrawals)	(12,741)
Gain (loss) for month	794
Total value 3/31/2023	<u>48,865</u>
Total investments 3/31/2023	<u>232,140</u>

Food Pantry account balance February 28, 2023	18,962
Donations	20
Expenses	<u>(2,285)</u>
Food Pantry account balance March 31, 2023	<u>16,698</u>

Giving Comparison

	<u>2021 Month</u>	<u>2022 Month</u>	<u>2023 Month</u>	<u>2021 YTD</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>
Jan.	13,532.33	10,029.82	10,307.95	13,532.33	10,029.82	10,307.95
Feb.	11,754.66	6,562.91	9,713.95	25,286.99	16,592.73	20,021.90
March	11,538.00	13,355.24	9,535.31	36,824.99	29,947.97	29,557.21
April	13,129.33	11,808.31		49,954.32	41,756.28	
May	11,279.57	14,476.24		61,233.89	56,232.52	
June	13,469.24	11,304.13		74,703.13	67,536.65	
July	13,048.91	16,505.70		87,752.04	84,042.35	
Aug.	10,053.72	9,586.37		97,805.76	93,628.72	
Sept.	10,624.57	9,379.22		108,430.33	103,007.94	
Oct.	15,581.54	15,615.55		124,011.87	118,623.49	
Nov.	12,400.72	9,164.75		136,412.59	127,788.24	
Dec.	10,377.35	15,622.72		146,789.94	143,410.96	



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