



Steeple Sounds

The monthly newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
September 2024

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

If you are a craftsman . . . only look at your tools, your needle, your thimble, your beer barrel, your articles of trade, your scales, your measures, and you will find this saying written on them . . . "My dear, use me toward your neighbor, as you would want him to act toward you with that which is his."

-From Martin Luther, Weimarer Ausgabe 32, pp. 495–496 (The Sermon on the Mount).

Over the years, one of the markers of the beginning of the Fall program year has been the Blessing of the Backpacks. It is a rite that helps our faith community bless children as they return back to school, assures both children and adults that God is with them wherever they go, and reminds us, as Martin Luther wrote, that everything inside that backpack can be a means by which we can serve and bless our neighbors.

As schools and work become more digitally-integrated, and for us to be more inclusive of the cycles of school and work throughout the lifespan, why don't we try a Blessing of the Devices? Just as we bless the physical symbols and tools of our learning, we can also bless and mark the digital devices through which so much of schooling, work, and life are now mediated.

I offer you this blessing (inspired by Dr. Elizabeth Drescher) in the hope that you will incorporate it intentionally into the changing of seasons. Find a quiet moment, gather your devices, and pray the following blessing.

God, you call me to share your Good News of love, justice and peace with a world in need. You have gifted me with rich resources from scripture, tradition, reason, and experience which have allowed humans to develop new ways of listening to the voices of many others, attending to their interests and concerns, connecting with diverse peoples and groups, and engaging them as a people of faith. I ask your blessing on the many devices I use so that I may better love and serve my neighbors in a changing world. May they never become distractions from relationships, or an idol in my hands. May I always remember that your Son, Jesus Christ is the One, True mediator of your love and grace in the wired world. Amen.

Backpack blessings often include a tag or pin that is used to mark the backpack as "blessed." Stickers could play a similar role in a blessing of devices. They can be used on the back of cell phones, laptops, or tablets. I invite you to pick out a sticker to place on your devices as a reminder to use your devices to be a blessing in the world, through Jesus who teaches us LOVE.



May you bless the world with all that you are.
Happy September!

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 Resuming Sept. 8

Sunday Worship will continue to be livestreamed from the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. beginning on Sept. 8.

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.

Next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 18, 7pm

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

CSCC Team Leadership 2024-25

Spiritual/Congregational Engagement Team

Leaders:

Carol Chaffee, Linda Chipman,
Deb Sorgman, Eric Stotts

Property & Finance Team Leaders:

Dave Hanson, John Sharland, [one open seat]

Community Engagement Team Leaders:

Heather Ciaramitaro, Diane Glass, Terry Reynolds



Tues 11-3
Wed, Thu, Fri 9am-1pm
and by appointment

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-ucc



Did you know that Venmo has fewer fees to the church than Paypal? So if you can't decide which one to use, choose Venmo.



**Bridgewater
Food Pantry**
at Central Square
Congregational Church, UCC

**Open Thursdays, 10am-1pm and the
first Monday of the month, 6-7:30pm**

www.cscucc.org/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.



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

Anne Malmquist

— amalmquist@comcast.net

Savannah Wells, Jr. Deacon

CSCC Care Team

Carol Chaffee

Bev Mitchell

Rev. Beth Stotts

Nina Gabel-Jorgensen



September is the time we return from summer travels, or perhaps just a summer of relaxing close to home. Whether you attended summer worship or not, most likely you missed seeing some of your church family. So let us gather, converse, catch up, and support each other.

After worship fellowship time will take place on the second and fourth Sunday each month, beginning on **September 22nd**. Coffee hour involves a simple set up of starting the coffee and arranging a few goodies around 9:15, serving the coffee after worship, and cleaning up. Ideally it is best handled with 2-3 volunteers. This means we need a few hands on those Sundays — a small commitment of time for the gift of friendship and fellowship received.

Please consider helping out. We will have a sign-up sheet as the year progresses. Contact Connie Chandler (508-345-3744) or the church office with a date you would like to help out.



Rev. Beth's September Sermon Series: "Living"

Sept. 8 (Communion Sunday): "Living Faith"

James 2:1-10, 14-17 and Mark 7:24-37

Sept. 15: "Living Kindness"

James 3:1-12 and Mark 8:27-38

Sept. 22: "Living Hospitality"

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a and Mark 9:30-37

Sept. 29: "Living Courage"

James 5:13-20 and Mark 9:38-50



The Spiritual and Congregational Engagement Team INVITES YOU!

September 8, 2024 after worship Hot dogs, corn on the cob, and more!

Let's join together again over a simple meal. We will set up on the front lawn, weather permitting, enjoy each other's company, and share the table and share a meal.

If you would like to bring a salad or a batch of cookies, that would be wonderful.

If you would like to help set up and/or clean up, please contact Carol at galchaffee@gmail.com, or the church office.

**Sneak peek: Rev. Dr. Patty Kogut
will be guest preaching at CSCC on
October 6, World Communion
Sunday!**



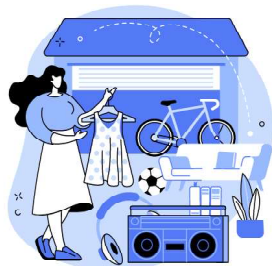
Get Ready for

Women's Guild & Fellowship '24-'25!

WG&F will be gathering for our first meeting of the year Wednesday, October 2! It is our annual potluck supper, and you will hear about the great programs we have planned for the year.

All women are invited and think about bringing a friend!

PS - Our fall Rummage Sale will be **Saturday, October 12** so mark your calendar and start cleaning out your closets, kitchens, and basement! All monies raised are used for local and worldwide charities.



Save the Date!

**Women's Guild
& Fellowship**

Rummage Sale

Saturday, Oct. 12



Care Team Corner Thought for September 2024

"Live your life in such a way that if you weren't you, and you were to meet you, that you would want to be you."

Mike Gillette



Thrift Shop Folks Come Through Again!

They had quite a day on Saturday, August 17, when they organized a multi-family yard sale on the church lawn, and opened the thrift shop for a bonus day. **They raised over \$1,000!**

In addition, they started a donation box for the furnace fund, and raised \$92.

Super shoutout to you, Lynn, Connie, Sandy, Jane, and Gail! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to CSCC!



**Have you ever thought about joining the choir?
Did you know that the only "commitment" needed is to
get to church a little bit earlier on Sunday mornings?**

Our senior choir consists of volunteer singers. We sing one anthem a week, in addition to an introit and a prayer response. We enjoy expressing our faith and spirituality through a variety of musical styles, from Renaissance to contemporary, spirituals to jazz. Our members have an inspiring love of music, often in addition to sight-reading and musicianship skills, but singers of all abilities are welcome. We rehearse on Sunday mornings before worship, performing in the worship 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.

**SENIOR CHOIR STARTS UP AGAIN FOR THE NEW PROGRAM YEAR
ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8!**

(New choir members are welcome at any time!)



Kids Church Kicks Off on Sunday, Sept. 8

We are very excited for the start Kids Church which will be starting on Sunday, September 8th, Kickoff Sunday! We have a multi-week series planned to start the year off right, and I'm excited to see how everyone has grown and how everyone spent their summer!

Additionally, this year in keeping with our congregation's commitment to being WISE to mental health, we're going to be implementing a "Handle With Care" program. So to the care givers of children attending Kids Church:

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at Kids Church. I understand that you may not always be able to share details, and that's okay. If your child is coming to Kids Church after a difficult night, morning, or weekend, please just text me "Handle with Care" and your child's name. Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience, or help during Kids Church.

Looking forward to seeing everyone really soon!!

Eric Stotts

Director of Kids Church
Phone/Text: (508) 280-9369



Coins for Kids Church

Don't forget to bring your spare change for the Coins for Kids Church collection! This helps to

pay for Kids Church supplies and teaching materials.

We normally collect it on the first Sunday of the month, but feel free to bring it on any Sunday!

CSCC Junior Choir 2024-25!

All children and youth welcome -
no experience necessary!



Interested
in more
info?
Contact
the church
office

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
Bridgewater, MA www.cscucc.org 508-697-6016



Monthly Potluck Lunches Begin Sept. 15

Eating together is important. Christians have always enjoyed sharing a meal because of the rich biblical symbolism. It is a tangible expression of service, love, and unity; and it affords opportunity for true fellowship and genuine community. Sharing a meal nourishes our need to know and to be known, because it facilitates face-to-face conversation.

Our church utilizes food in many ways to join us together and provide intergenerational fellowship. For the past few years, volunteers have supported a community breakfast on the first and third Sundays of the month. For this year we'd like to try something a little different with the hopes of lightening the volunteer burden and engaging other members of the community.

For this church year, breakfast will be held on the first Sunday of the month as usual and the third Sunday will move to a potluck lunch immediately following church. We'd love if folks can plan on bringing a dish to share to church on the third Sundays starting September 15th, and look out for details about first breakfast. Plan to join us because...BACON!



Remember to mark your calendar for November 1 and 2, these are dates for our annual church fair.

Introducing your 2024 Church Fair Committee, in no particular order: Carol Chaffee, Connie Chandler, Gail Wright, Lynn Pietras, Sandy Kuipers, and Mary Barnsley.

We are meeting in the coming week. Please share your ideas if you have some.

Thank you!



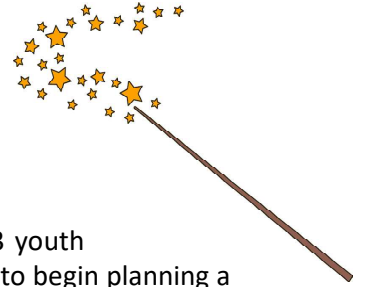
Food Pantry Volunteer Needed

If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer here is something that may interest you. **The Bridgewater Food Pantry is looking for a volunteer for the Thursday position. The responsibilities would be asked to help in one of these areas:**

1. Greet and send patrons to the pantry.
2. Wheel the grocery carts outside and unload them into the patrons' cars.
3. Help sort food when large donations arrive.
4. Help patrons select which food items they need.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer at the food pantry, please contact one of the following people: Connie Chandler, 508-697-3405, or Diane Glass, member of The Community Engagement Team, 508-697-9004, or the church office.

**A MAGICAL NIGHT
Or
A WIZARDING
EVENT
Or?**



A team of 9 adults and 3 youth gathered during the summer to begin planning a "magical event" to be enjoyed by both children and adults. We are in the planning stage and are still determining what events we will include in the evening. We can share with you that the date is on **Saturday, November, 16th**, and it will take place at the church. Food is involved, as well as costumes. **This event is a fundraiser for the church.** More information will be shared next month. We may even ask some of you to help us.

For further information, or to volunteer to help, contact Terry Reynolds at TerryR0647@hotmail.com, or the church office.

CAN YOU HELP?

Central Square Church, UCC
has an emergency fund for
those experiencing hardship.
Currently, the fund is empty.
Can you help?



CSCCUCC.ORG

Donate to the Emergency Aid Fund by visiting:
<https://cscucc.org/giving/>



The older I get the more I love the month of September. Life just seems to get back to normal. Kids go back to school, church services are back in the sanctuary, and the hours for Central Closet Thrift Shop at CSCC are back to Wednesday

and Saturday. Yes, as of September we are back to Saturdays. (On occasion we may open on a Friday for a special promotion.)

If you have not yet signed up for our special email or text message notifications, be sure to do so now. Below is the form for you to fill out. Drop off at the shop or at the church office, or go to our website and fill out the form on the home page.

Donations are always welcome during shop hours, (Wednesday 10-1 and Saturday 10-1). Currently we are accepting new or gently used Fall clothing, holiday decorations, footwear, pocketbooks, jewelry, household items, glassware, linens, books, and toys. Please no electronics, and limit donations to 20 items per visit.

A few summer items are still available for \$1 each! As always, thanks to all for supporting the thrift shop, *Lynn, together with Connie, Sandy, Jane, and Gail*

If you would like to get occasional text and/or email alerts with Thrift Shop news, or other church-related activities, fill out this form and submit to the church office, drop it in the Sunday collection plate, or drop it off at the Thrift Shop. Or you can fill out the form on the home page of the website (www.cscucc.org).

Name: _____

Date: _____

Cell number: _____

☐ Yes! Send me occasional text notifications of special events and news

Email address: _____

☐ Yes! Send me occasional emails of special events and news

I would like to receive the following types of alerts:

- ☐ worship/event cancellations
- ☐ event reminders

- ☐ volunteer opportunities
- ☐ kids church info
- ☐ thrift shop news

Worship Readers!

Worship Greeters!

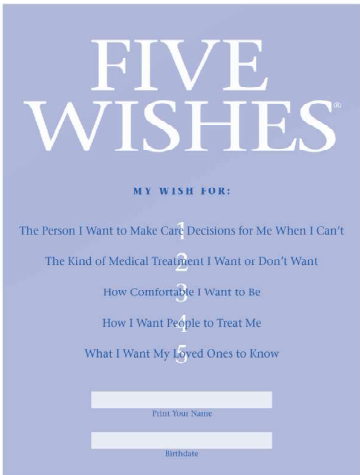
Worship Ushers!

Kids Church Volunteers!

Contact the church office to sign up for a Sunday, or to be put on the list for occasional service.



No longterm commitments!



FIVE WISHES®

MY WISH FOR:

1 The Person I Want to Make Care Decisions for Me When I Can't

2 The Kind of Medical Treatment I Want or Don't Want

3 How Comfortable I Want to Be

4 How I Want People to Treat Me

5 What I Want My Loved Ones to Know

Print Your Name _____

Birthdate _____

Advanced Care Planning Drop-In

Bridgewater Senior Center
10 Wally Krueger Way

Sept 17, Oct 22
Nov 12, Dec 10

11:00AM - Noon

About Five Wishes

Five Wishes is an end of life planning document combining a living will and health care power of attorney in addition to addressing matters of comfort care and spirituality. Wishes 1 and 2 are both legal documents. Once signed, they meet the legal requirements for an advance directive. Wishes 3, 4, and 5 address matters of comfort care, spirituality, forgiveness, and final wishes.

Led by
Rev. Beth Stotts
Certified Five Wishes Facilitator



September means the end of Summer and the beginning of Fall, a wonderful time of the year. The hot, muggy summer has disappeared and the warm comfortable days of Fall arrive. What better way to spend a beautiful Fall day than to attend Autumn-Fest on the quadrangle at Bridgewater State University.

On September 29th you will find hundreds of vendors and thousands of people wandering around collecting information from businesses, organizations, and churches like ours. You will find the Community Engagement Team passing out information regarding events occurring at our church. We will also be selling Fall decorations created by the church crafters, and a goody bag will be given to the children.

If you would like to assist us by volunteering an hour or two, please contact Terry Reynolds at 508-942-9531.

REIKI I *Class*

Class offered in person at Central Square Congregational Church
71 Central Square, Bridgewater, MA 02324



Saturday, 9:30 am–3:30 pm

Reiki I for Mothers

Learn to practice the healing art of Reiki with an emphasis on self-care and co-regulation for mothers. Once attuned, you will be able to use Reiki to care for yourself, your children and anyone else who may benefit.

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All classes include a Reiki I manual, Reiki-infused token and Reiki I certificate of completion. Lunch will be provided.

Investment: \$222

*Central Square Congregational Church Member Discounted Rate: \$180
Members contact Beth Stotts for Discount Code*

www.AlyssaJohnsonWellness.com

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



Southern New England Conference

United Church of Christ

Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

Daily Lectionary Scripture References –September 2024 (Year B)

Sun., Sept. 1

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mon., Sept. 2

Psalm 144:9-15
Song of Solomon 3:6-11
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Tues., Sept. 3

Psalm 144:9-15
Song of Solomon 5:2—6:3
1 Peter 2:19-25

Wed., Sept. 4

Psalm 144:9-15
Song of Solomon 8:5-7
Mark 7:9-23

Thurs., Sept. 5

Psalm 125
Proverbs 1:1-19
Romans 2:1-11

Fri., Sept. 6

Psalm 125
Proverbs 4:10-27
Romans 2:12-16

Sat., Sept. 7

Psalm 125
Proverbs 8:1-31
Matthew 15:21-31

Sun., Sept. 8

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 7:24-37

Mon., Sept. 9

Psalm 73:1-20
Proverbs 8:32—9:6
Hebrews 11:29—12:2

Tues., Sept. 10

Psalm 73:1-20
Proverbs 11:1-31
Hebrews 12:3-13

Wed., Sept. 11

Psalm 73:1-20
Proverbs 14:1-9
Matthew 17:14-21

Thurs., Sept. 12

Psalm 19
Proverbs 15:1-17
Hebrews 11:17-22

Fri., Sept. 13

Psalm 19
Proverbs 19:24-29
James 2:17-26

Sat., Sept. 14

Psalm 19
Proverbs 21:1-17
Matthew 21:23-32

Sun., Sept. 15

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19 or Wisdom 7:26—8:1
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Mon., Sept. 16

Psalm 73:21-28
Proverbs 22:1-21
Romans 3:9-20

Tues., Sept. 17

Psalm 73:21-28
Proverbs 25:1-28
Colossians 3:1-11

Wed., Sept. 18

Psalm 73:21-28
Proverbs 29:1-27
John 7:25-36

Thurs., Sept. 19

Psalm 1
Proverbs 30:1-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Fri., Sept. 20

Psalm 1
Proverbs 30:18-33
Romans 11:25-32

Sat., Sept. 21

Psalm 1
Ecclesiastes 1:1-18
Matthew 23:29-39

Sun., Sept. 22

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Mon., Sept. 23

Psalm 128
Proverbs 27:1-27
James 4:8-17

Tues., Sept. 24

Psalm 128
Ecclesiastes 4:9-16
James 5:1-6

Wed., Sept. 25

Psalm 128
Ecclesiastes 5:1-20
John 8:21-38

Thurs., Sept. 26

Psalm 124
Esther 1:1-21
Acts 4:13-31

Fri., Sept. 27

Psalm 124
Esther 2:1-23
Acts 12:20-25

Sat., Sept. 28

Psalm 124
Esther 3:1-15
Matthew 5:13-20

Sun., Sept. 29

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Mon., Sept. 30

Psalm 140
Esther 4:1-17
1 Peter 1:3-9

SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9am Outdoor worship at the Turquoise Table (in person only) 7:30pm AA Meeting	2 LABOR DAY	3 11-3 Church office open 2PM Church crafters 7pm Women's NA	4 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Thrift Shop open	5 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	6 9-1 Church office open	7 10-1 Thrift Shop open
8 8:30am Sr. choir 10am Communion Worship*, Kids Church 11am Kickoff Sunday Picnic 7:30pm AA Meeting	9	10 11-3 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	11 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Thrift Shop open 6:30pm Church crafters	12 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	13 9-1 Church office open	14 10-1 Thrift Shop open
15 Steeple Sounds duel! 8:30am Sr. choir 10am Worship*, Kids Church 11am Potluck lunch 7:30pm AA Meeting	16	17 11-3 Church office open 11-12 Rev. Beth's "Advanced Care Planning Drop-in" at the Senior Center 7pm Women's NA	18 9-1 Church office open 10am CSCC Staff mtg 10-1 Thrift Shop open 7pm Cabinet meeting	19 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 2pm Church crafters 7pm AI-Anon	20 9-1 Church office open	21 10-1 Thrift Shop open
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29 8:30am Sr. choir 10am Worship*, Kids Church 7:30pm AA Meeting	30	<i>*Unless otherwise noted, worship services are both online and in-person</i>	Please note: The full calendar of all building uses is available on cscucc.org or by contacting the church office.			

CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes August 21, 2024 at 7pm

Date: August 21, 2024 at 7pm

Location: Fellowship hall, Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Anne Malmquist, Moderator.

Cabinet members in attendance:

Anne Malmquist, Moderator

David Sheibley, Treasurer

Nina Gabel-Jorgensen, Clerk

John Sharland, Property and Finance Team

Terry Reynolds, Community Engagement Team

Carol Chaffee, Congregational Engagement Team

Others in Attendance:

Dave Hanson

Lynn Pietras

Gail Wright

Nina Gabel-Jorgensen took attendance. Quorum was met.

Anne Malmquist opened the meeting with a devotion and a prayer.

June Minutes

The meeting minutes from the June meeting were presented and reviewed. Anne Malmquist motioned to accept the minutes as written. Nina Gabel-Jorgensen and Carol Chaffee seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Beth Stotts - not in attendance

Pastor was on Sabbatical.

Treasurer's Report – Dave Sheibley

1. July mediocre month for giving. Past years' July numbers have been better.
2. Calendar YTD down 4k from where we were last year.
3. Investments are doing well. Up to 225k. Vanguard combined the two accounts.

Community Engagement Team – Terry Reynolds

1. Food pantry got a 10k donation. Anonymous donor.
2. Number of people needing resources is going up.
3. Connie needs a replacement for the food pantry once a month.
4. "Harry Potter" activity group brainstormed ideas. 12 people are in the planning group. Moving along well.
5. Registered for Autumn Fest. Need volunteers to assist with activities. Autumn Fest September 28th, last Saturday in September.

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CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes

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Congregational and Spiritual Engagement Team – Carol Chaffee

1. After-church picnic will happen this Fall. Hopefully will be outside of Church weather permitting. Hot dogs and Corn on the menu. Salads and Desserts from Steeple Sounds. Will swap out coffee hour Sunday for the picnic. Hopefully coffee hour personnel will assist.
2. Fair committee (6 people). Meeting September 10th at Carol's house.

Property & Finance Team – John Sharland

1. Request from Lynn - Thrift Shop. There may be a possibility that a collation from a funeral might conflict with Thrift Shop hours. Proposed a policy that the Thrift Shop can close on the day of the collation and reconvene on the alternate Thrift Shop day which is Friday. John will follow up with policy and put it in the book.
2. NRC has 2 students so far. Lara Courage (sp?) will be the teacher for the two students. 18-22 year olds.
3. Energy Kinetics met with John. Energy Kinetics 26k quote for a high efficiency boiler. Recommended a chimney liner. Efficiency comes from the configuration with the hot water heater. That heat is used to heat the hot water. The top of the boiler lets out spare heat. Not useful in the boiler room as that heat will not go anywhere other than the boiler room. Forni (current oil provider) came up with a 21k quote. Peerless boiler made in Philadelphia with a Beckett burner (also made in the USA). 10% less in fuel costs.

Funding for the 21k ideas: mailing, Autumn Fest, GoFundMe, leveraging relationship with Bridgewater Business Association in service organization capacity. Took a consensus vote to make arrangements with Forni. Terry Reynolds made the motion. Carol Chaffee and Anne Malmquist seconded. All said aye. No opposed.

4. Rich Sullivan will be around for a while however will still need to be replaced. He is going to Europe in September. Steve Chandler agreed to substitute for the month but is not available as a permanent replacement. John Sharland is taking suggestions for replacement.
5. Dave Hanson - the front of the church walk will be repaired in September.

John Sharland moved we adjourn. Carol Chaffee and Anne Malmquist seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting September 18th.

Treasurer's Report
July 31, 2024
Fiscal Year July 2024 - June 2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Income				
Regular Pledges	8,402	10,587	(2,185)	125,000
Unpledged Offerings	400	1,016	(617)	12,000
Plate Offering	0	85	(85)	1,000
Kid's Church	13	42	(29)	500
Total · Pledges / Offerings	8,815	11,731	(2,916)	138,500
Special Collections				
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	169	(169)	2,000
Total · Special Collections	0	169	(169)	2,000
Fundraisers/Events Revenue				
Church Fair	0	678	(678)	8,000
Central Closet Thrift Shop	831	1,270	(440)	15,000
Concert/Special Event	0	0	0	0
Misc Fundraisers	0	254	(254)	3,000
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	831	2,202	(1,371)	26,000
Facility Usage Income				
Non Profit Bldg Use	375	339	36	4,000
North River Collaborative	0	1,270	(1,270)	15,000
Private Bldg Use	0	42	(42)	500
Food Pantry support	100	102	(2)	1,200
Total · Facility Usage Income	475	1,753	(1,278)	20,700
Miscellaneous Income	130	85	45	1,000
Total Income	10,251	15,940	(5,689)	188,200
Expenses				
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	9,597	10,138	542	119,698
Total · Support Staff Expenses	2,838	4,278	1,439	50,503
Total · Office Expenses	498	754	255	8,900
Total · Church Building Costs	666	2,761	2,096	32,600
Teams				
Spiritual Engagement	0	127	127	1,500
Kid's Church	0	0	0	
Congregational Engagement	0	76	76	900
Community Engagement	0	85	85	1,000
Breakfasts	0	0	0	0
Property and Finance	0	25	25	300
Community Engagement Reserve	126	159	33	1,875
Total · Teams	126	472	346	5,575
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	169	169	2,000
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	17	17	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	13,725	18,589	4,865	219,476
Net income (loss)	(3,474)	(2,649)	(825)	(31,276)
Transfer from Investments	10,000		(10,000)	31,276
	6,526	(2,649)		0

Treasurer's Report
July 31, 2024
Fiscal Year July 2024 - June 2025

Cash balances	
Operating account	14,131
Money Market	22,689
Minister's Discretionary account	97
Community Engagement Reserve	2,232
Capital Campaign account	1,279
PayPal account	348
Venmo account	141
Total cash balances	<u>40,916</u>

Endowments investment fund	
Protected principal	135,513
Unrestricted funds, beginning	71,259
Deposits (withdrawals)	10,687
Gain (loss) for month	5,144
Unrestricted funds, ending	<u>87,090</u>
Total value 7/31/2024	<u>222,602</u>
Parsonage investment fund	
Beginning balance	20,687
Deposits (withdrawals)	(20,687)
Gain (loss) for month	0
Total value 7/31/2024	<u>(0)</u>
Total investments 7/31/2024	<u>222,602</u>

** Note: Vanguard combined old and new accounts so there is now only one. **

Food Pantry account balance June 30, 2024	8,805
Donations	10,020
Expenses	<u>(1,203)</u>
Food Pantry account balance July 31, 2024	<u>17,622</u>

	Giving Comparison					
	2022 Month	2023 Month	2024 Month	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	2024 YTD
Jan.	10,029.82	10,307.95	10,226.11	10,029.82	10,307.95	10,226.11
Feb.	6,562.91	9,713.95	7,168.42	16,592.73	20,021.90	17,394.53
March	13,355.24	9,535.31	11,414.05	29,947.97	29,557.21	28,808.58
April	11,808.31	15,149.70	21,591.08	41,756.28	44,706.91	50,399.66
May	14,476.24	21,938.88	18,534.50	56,232.52	66,645.79	68,934.16
June	11,304.13	8,696.40	9,079.51	67,536.65	75,342.19	78,013.67
July	16,505.70	15,290.21	8,518.30	84,042.35	90,632.40	86,531.97
Aug.	9,586.37	8,061.22		93,628.72	98,693.62	
Sept.	9,379.22	10,587.06		103,007.94	109,280.68	
Oct.	15,615.55	12,608.01		118,623.49	121,888.69	
Nov.	9,164.75	8,281.58		127,788.24	130,170.27	
Dec.	15,622.72	13,625.20		143,410.96	143,795.47	



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