



# Steeple Sounds

The monthly newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

January 2025

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

## From the Desk of Rev. Beth

*Rev. Elizabeth Stotts, Pastor*

I love that special moment at the end of the year where we celebrate the ways God moved through us in this past year, then begin to envision where God might be leading us in the coming year. January is one of my favorite months in the ministry cycle because it's where we pause to take a breath after a busy Advent & Christmas season. There is space to dream big because we have the gift of a new year.

As we dive into what 2025 might hold, I would like to encourage all of us to try something new and be open to the opportunities that present themselves to us. Maybe there is an area of ministry that piques your interest. Maybe there is a new person in church you could strike up a conversation with. Maybe you are on the verge of making a new lifelong friend but just don't know it yet. Let's greet each other with a spirit of adventure as we explore the realm of new possibilities because with God, ALL things are possible.

There's a passage of scripture that comes to mind when I think about the coming year.

"For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." –Esther 4:14

While we may not be facing the same kinds of challenges as Esther, we know that our world is full of uncertainties, fears, and pain. But because we are here, in this moment in time, we can make a difference. Maybe we are here for such a time as this—to witness for justice, to serve our neighbors in need, to offer a place of welcome and hospitality, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey.

The word *kairos* was an ancient Greek word meaning "opportunity," "season," or "fitting time." The Bible uses the word *kairos* and its cognates 86 times in the New Testament. The word often includes the idea of a suitable time for an action to take place. When we "seize the day," we are living out our faith and taking advantage of the *kairos* given to us; a precious gift from God.

Friends, you were born "for such a time as this". I'm so looking forward to hearing how you live into the *kairos* of 2025 in our church community and beyond!

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](http://www.cscucc.org) to access Sunday worship, or visit our Facebook page. Past worship services are also available in both places.



**New for 2025!**  
**Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 9am-1pm**  
**and by appointment**

## Next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7pm

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

**Please note: There are no Cabinet minutes included with this Steeple Sounds because there was no December meeting.**

## 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



## 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!



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](http://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  
Cristi Ciaramitaro  
Savannah Wells, Jr. Deacon

**CSCC Care Team**

Carol Chaffee  
Bev Mitchell  
Rev. Beth Stotts  
Nina Gabel-Jorgensen

## CSCC Junior Choir 2024-25!

Rehearsals at 9:20am:  
Jan. 5 - Jan. 12 - Jan. 19

Performance at 10am:  
January 19



### January Fellowship Time

As 2025 begins, I would like to thank everyone who has helped with coffee hour/fellowship time. Your monetary donations as well as your gifts of time are sincerely appreciated.

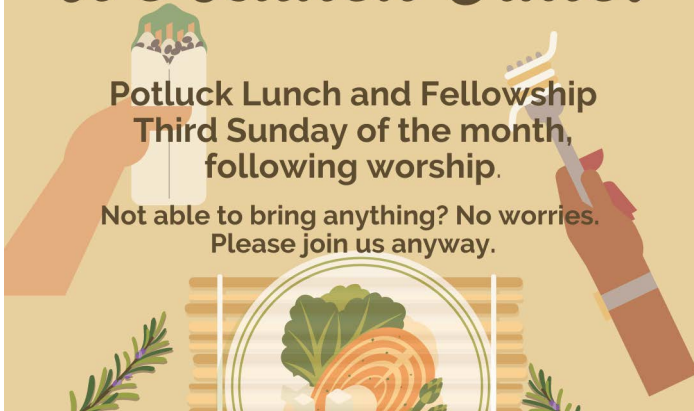
Please continue to join us on the second and fourth Sundays of the month as well as the first and sometimes the fifth Sundays of the month if there are volunteers to help out. Look for sign up sheets at coffee hour.

*Connie Chandler*

## It's Lunch Time!

Potluck Lunch and Fellowship  
Third Sunday of the month,  
following worship.

Not able to bring anything? No worries.  
Please join us anyway.



This month's potluck lunch will be held on Sunday, January 19th, at 11am.

### 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



This advent season, Kids Church worked on a Christmas Pageant showing the birth story and performed it during worship on December 22. All of the kids were really excited to do it and I'm glad we could bring it back this year, and

perform for the congregation! We also had our Christmas Tree in the Kids Church room, and our own advent candles that we lit and discussed every week - the meaning of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

We took up a Christmas collection for the Bridgewater Senior Center for their fellowship space so that they could have things like cookies, coffee, sudoku, and other puzzle books, and we will be delivering it to them early in the new year. Krissy will talk about Heifer (see below), but I'm looking forward to it personally as I know that it's one the kids' favorite sections of the year.

From all of us at Kids Church, we hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and we're looking forward to seeing everyone in 2025!

*Eric Stotts*

Director of Kids Church



January begins our Heifer International Program at CSCC when our Kids Church focuses on the importance of helping others abroad and at home through sustainability and kindness. For five weeks, children will explore the Heifer curriculum while preparing items to be sold at our Living Gift Market on February 9th. All the proceeds from the market go toward funding animals, plants, and projects of Heifer International.

**Please mark your calendars for February 9th** as it is the culmination of their hard work and commitment to spread kindness and love by raising money for those in need around the world! Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

*Krissy Cannizzo*

Krissycannizzo@gmail.com



*The kids working on Advent curriculum with the amazing help of Ashley Earp.*

## Getting to Know the Liturgical Calendar

January 5 at 11:15am



All are welcome to join Rev. Beth in this exploration of the seasons of the church!

**CENTRAL CLOSET THRIFT SHOP**  
 at Central Square Congregational Church, UCC  
 71 Central Square, Bridgewater

Wed & Sat, 10-1 [www.cscucc.org/thrift-shop](http://www.cscucc.org/thrift-shop)

**Ask about our Gift Certificates!**

Another great year. Thank you, thank you!!  
 Our sales bypassed last years by nearly \$5000!. We were also able to collect \$400 for the furnace fund.  
 We are still in need of more volunteers. Pick your day Wednesday or Saturday. Work 1 day or 4 days a month. Whatever works for you, will definitely work for us. We usually arrive at 9 and leave at 1:30.

**A few dates to note this month:**

- We will be closed Wednesday, January 1st.
- Saturday January 4th and Wednesday January 8th, all Christmas merchandise will be 75% off.
- We will be closed Saturday, January 11th. Back to regular hours January 15th.
- In addition to Wednesdays and Saturdays we will be open on **Sunday, January 26th** from 11 - 2. Join us after worship for coffee and some shopping.

We are still accepting new and gently used winter clothing, footwear, pocketbooks, jewelry, household items, glassware, linens, books, and toys. Please no electronics and limit donations to 20 items per visit. Donations are accepted during shop hours: Wednesday 10-1 and Saturday 10 - 1.

Thanks to all for supporting us in our mission to help the church. We couldn't have done it without you.

*Lynn, together with Connie, Sandy, Jane and Gail*

**Book Study**

**BLESSED are the crazy**  
 breaking the silence about mental illness, family & church  
 SARAH GRIFFITH LUND

**January 25 at 10am**

**Book Study:  
 Blessed Are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family and Church**

“When do you learn that ‘normal’ doesn't include lots of yelling, lots of sleeping, lots of beating? In *Blessed Are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family, and Church*, Sarah Griffith Lund looks back at her father's battle with bipolar disorder, and the helpless sense of déjà vu as her brother and cousin endure mental illness, as well. *Blessed Are the Crazy* is more than a memoir-it's a resource for churches and other faith-based groups to provide healing and comfort. Part of The Young Clergy Women Project.”

Bring your coffee and join Rev. Beth in this important discussion.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

LED BY REV. BETH STOTTS AND AISLYN PLATH, PSYCHOTHERAPIST

**JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28**  
**1:00 PM**

Bridgewater Senior Center ~ 10 Wally Krueger Way  
 Sponsored by Central Square Cong'l Church, Praxis Integrated Counseling, and the Bridgewater Senior Center



Thank you to all who donated clothing and/or cash for the Warmth in Cold Places program! The Chandlers, Canizzos, and O'Neils distributed these items to the homeless at the Taunton Soup Kitchen last month.

On Sunday, January 12 we will be receiving an offering for Blanket Sunday. These monies will purchase blankets through Church World Service for the needy in our own country and around the world. Please give generously! Donations may be made during Sunday worship, by mailing a check to the church office, or by visiting the 'giving' page of the church website (cscucc.org).

Every \$10 provides a blanket to someone in need. Thank you for your generosity.



Thank you to all who made donations to the staff Christmas gifts! Because of you, we were able to give our hard working staff nice little bonus checks to make the season a bit merrier.

## Adult Mental Health First Aid Training

### Saturday, Jan. 11 RSVP by Jan. 5

Location: CSCC  
9:30am registration  
10am – 5pm training (lunch provided)

There is no charge for this training session.  
To register please contact: Jennie M Babcock at  
508.254.9320, jbabcock13@comcast.net

For more info on mental health first aid, visit [www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org](http://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org).  
For more info on this workshop, visit [cscucc.org/events](http://cscucc.org/events).  
This workshop is open to the public.

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~ Plymouth County ~  
**SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION**

**There is NO COST for this training, which is valued over \$170, and it is open to the public.**

Trainers: Jennie Babcock & Laura Rosenthal

### Why Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a 7 1/2-hour course that teaches how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The training helps an individual to learn to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders.

### Continuing Education Credits

This program has been approved for 7.0 Social Work Continuing Education hours for relicensure, in accordance with 258 CMR. NASW-MA Chapter CE Approving Program, Authorization Number D91551.

There is a flat fee of \$50 for CEUs (must attend entire 7.5-hour class for credit).

## The Living Gift Market is coming Sunday, February 9!









## Women's Guild & Fellowship

Our December program was a meaningful Christmas service led by Rev. Beth with a sermon highlighting four women in the Bible. Communion was served by intinction and songs of the season were sung and played by Bob Richard on the piano. Under the guidance of our Sally Stewart, several members of the Guild met in early December and packed 15 boxes with toiletries, snacks, crossword/puzzle books, batteries and more donated by the Women's Guild members. They were shipped to service men and women from the Bridgewater area to be shared with their units of 250-300 people in the countries of Jordan, Iraq, and Qatar. The items are for their backpacks when they go in the field. WG&F paid \$364 in shipping costs from the proceeds of our fall rummage sale.

In our second giving opportunity this season, Guild members donated 42 sets of bath, hand and wash cloth sets at the December meeting. They were given to two sober houses (one women, one men) in Bridgewater as part of a Christmas service they participated in within their respective houses. Beth and Rob Basler delivered the wrapped Christmas gifts at the service and they were well received.

Our next program will be on Wednesday, January 8 at 6:30pm. Barbara Morey will entertain us with a travelogue on hunting jaguars in Brazil. Yes, she really did go there! All women in the Bridgewater community are welcome to attend! Invite a friend to arm chair travel with us for a night!

*Donna O'Neil & Diane Glass*  
*Co-Presidents*



**An Evening  
with Julia Scott Carey**  
**A CSCC Fundraiser**

**Friday, January 24**  
**7 p.m.**

**Central Square  
Congregational Church, UCC**  
**[www.cscucc.org](http://www.cscucc.org)**



### Sign up for TEXT ALERTS...

...for special event reminders, weather cancellations, kids church info, thrift shop news, and more!

**You pick which alert lists you wish to be on.** You may stop

receiving text alerts at any time. We recommend you add 833-829-1668 to your contact list as "CSCC Texts" - that will be the number the texts come from.

Visit [cscucc.org](http://cscucc.org), and click on the link on the home page to sign up.

## GROUP OUTING

**to the Providence Bruins!**

**Sunday, Jan. 26 • 3:05pm • Amica Mutual Pavilion**

**Great seats together and a P-Bruins Hat for all! \$25 per person**

**Purchase online at: [www.Providencebruins.com/centralsquarechurch](http://www.Providencebruins.com/centralsquarechurch)**

Once you purchase your tickets online, you will receive an email on how to access your mobile tickets through your mobile device.  
If you have questions, contact Nick D'Amico with the Providence Bruins at 401-680-4740 or [damico@pseagency.com](mailto:damico@pseagency.com).

## Christmas Poinsettia Memorial List

*The following people bought memorial poinsettias to decorate the church sanctuary during Christmas.*



### Given by:

### In Loving Memory Of:

Kay Wheeler

Julie Marie Lybarger

The Sheibley Family

Loved Ones

Mindi Shave

Rev. Gene Langevin

Bev Mitchell

George Mitchell-we love you

Rev. Beth Stotts

Jon Lybarger – miss you Dad

Bruce Maclay

Mom & Dad, love Deb & Bruce

The Ciaramitaro Family

Honoring Aunt Carmen & Remembering Uncle Adam

Gordon and Connie Brailsford

Our Loved Ones

Ellen Crawford & Troy Hubbell

Loved Ones

Nina Gabel-Jorgensen

“May we find the courage to do the hard and right thing.”

Natalie Muurisepp

Koidula Muurisepp & “Sunny” George Moore

Terry & Bill Reynolds

Loved Ones

Rachel Lawson

The Lawson Family & The Holmberg Family

Jane O’Connell

Loved Ones

Gail Wright

Scott and Judy

Lynn Pietras

Mum and Dad

Carol Chaffee

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love Grows

Steve & Connie Chandler

Mabel & Joseph Filipek & Chet & Mary Chandler

Ashley Earp

From Ashley Earp and Family

Darcy Britton

Jean & Ralph Parker, Lester & Lois Sprague, Wendy Jean Britton, & Barbara Britton



## The Path to Victory by Sheri Turner

*Zephania 3:17 "The Lord Your God is in your midst; a warrior who gives victory; He will rejoice over you with gladness; he will renew you in His love; He will exult over you with loud singing."*

I am trying to remember this. I often feel overwhelmed by all that needs to be done in our world. Those that need to be fed and clothed. Those who have no shelter. Those who are wronged or coping with injustice of some kind. The research to cure illness and deformity that needs to be done. The pollution, the poisoning of our world that needs to be stopped. All kinds of moral imperatives to wade through.

This morning I found myself getting depressed about the enormity of what needs to be done. Every day I receive another flyer or envelope pleading with me to help some organization with their cause. Five dollars isn't that much, these pleas state. Can you spare just five dollars? Many of them are for causes I want to support. Some of them I do. But there is still so much that needs to be done. How and when do you decide you can do no more? If I allow it I will drown in the need that exists.

The other issue I face when thinking about these things is which issues are legitimate? The way to find out is to do your research and put some thought into what you read and see.

Using your judgement to discern what is honestly a good place to direct your resources requires that you educate yourself on the cause, the way the organization uses the resources donated to them, and the integrity of those who are serving those organizations. I don't know about everyone else, but frequently I think to myself that I just cannot devote the kind of time necessary to research each and every cause that is out there. I feel inadequate. I wind up feeling not good enough. Not up to the task of helping.

Thank God for my husband Steve. When I am feeling overwhelmed with all the good that the world needs and my shortage of resources - not just money, but talent and time - I often discuss this with my husband and pray upon our discussions. He often has good advice. His advice today was to think about what I am passionate about and do what I can to help there. He also suggested that I not forget about what I AM doing. He reminds me of good things that I have done and the good I can continue to do.

When I sat down and looked at the lectionary for Sunday, December 15, (when I was writing this), Zephania 3:17

jumped at me. It was a reminder that we are a community and need to work together to do all the good that needs doing. This passage states that God is there in our midst. This reminds me that I am not alone. God rejoices when we work together as a community to do good. It renews his love for us when he sees our cooperation and purpose aimed at helping others. While I may not have the time, talent, or treasure to do a lot of the good that needs to be done, we do. We as a community can pull together and direct our resources in such a way that more need is met. As a community we can accomplish more than we can as individuals.

I believe that when we pool our resources and work to meet the very deep need that exists in our world, God "exults over us with loud singing." So what is your passion? Do you have a heart for helping abused and abandoned animals? Work with those who share your passion to do all the good you can for as many of those abused and abandoned animals as you can. Does your heart ache when you see the struggle of

those souls at the border fleeing from the violence or lack of resources in their home countries? Band together with others that share your empathy and kindness and do what you can to help. Whether you feel drawn to help those who are food insecure, homeless, or fighting addiction, there is *something* you can contribute. Maybe your strength is organizing. Perhaps you have been blessed with the ability to advocate. Is it possible your ability to network could be used to help people connect with agencies, people, or other resources to meet a need? Maybe you can use your expertise in cooking to make a difference? My point is that each of us has something they can contribute to helping others. Don't hesitate to offer what you have to contribute. That wheelchair sitting in your garage gathering dust might help someone else who cannot afford one.

When I think of the possibilities that exist as a community, the **potential** for doing the most good we can for the most people we can, my heart sings. I think that is the part of God that is in all of us. That is God exulting over us with loud singing. Can you hear it?



To find this Lectionary online, visit [www.sneucc.org/Lectionary](http://www.sneucc.org/Lectionary)



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*Living the Love & Justice of Jesus*

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References – January 2025 (Year C)

**Wed., Jan. 1**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Psalm 8  
Revelation 21:1-6a, Matthew 25:31-46

**Thurs., Jan. 2**

Psalm 147:12-20, Proverbs 1:1-7  
James 3:13-18

**Fri., Jan. 3**

Psalm 72, Job 42:10-17  
Luke 8:16-21

**Sat., Jan. 4**

Psalm 72, Isaiah 6:1-5  
Acts 7:44-53

**Sun., Jan. 5**

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12  
Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom 10:15-21  
Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:[1-9] 10-18

**Mon., Jan. 6**

Epiphany of the Lord  
Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

**Tues., Jan. 7**

Psalm 72, Daniel 2:1-19  
Ephesians 4:17—5:1

**Wed., Jan. 8**

Psalm 72, Daniel 2:24-49  
Ephesians 5:15-20

**Thurs., Jan. 9**

Psalm 29, Ecclesiastes 1:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**Fri., Jan. 10**

Psalm 29, Ecclesiastes 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 2:1-10

**Sat., Jan. 11**

Psalm 29, Ecclesiastes 3:1-15  
1 Corinthians 2:11-16

**Sun., Jan. 12**

Baptism of the Lord  
Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

**Mon., Jan. 13**

Psalm 106:1-12, Judges 4:1-16  
Ephesians 6:10-17

**Tues., Jan. 14**

Psalm 106:1-12, Judges 5:12-21  
1 John 5:13-21

**Wed., Jan. 15**

Psalm 106:1-12, Numbers 27:1-11  
Luke 11:33-36

**Thurs., Jan. 16**

Psalm 36:5-10, Jeremiah 3:1-5  
Acts 8:18-24

**Fri., Jan. 17**

Psalm 36:5-10, Jeremiah 3:19-25  
1 Corinthians 7:1-7

**Sat., Jan. 18**

Psalm 36:5-10, Jeremiah 4:1-4  
Luke 11:14-23

**Sun., Jan. 19**

Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

**Mon., Jan. 20**

Psalm 145, Isaiah 54:1-8  
Romans 12:9-21

**Tues., Jan. 21**

Psalm 145, Song of Solomon 4:1-8  
1 Corinthians 1:3-17

**Wed., Jan. 22**

Psalm 145, Song of Solomon 4:9—5:1  
Luke 5:33-39

**Thurs., Jan. 23**

Psalm 19, Isaiah 61:1-7  
Romans 7:1-6

**Fri., Jan. 24**

Psalm 19, Nehemiah 2:1-10  
Romans 12:1-8

**Sat., Jan. 25**

Psalm 19, Nehemiah 5:1-13  
Luke 2:39-52

**Sun., Jan. 26**

Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
Psalm 19, Luke 4:14-21

**Mon., Jan. 27**

Psalm 119:89-96, Jeremiah 36:1-10  
1 Corinthians 14:1-12

**Tues., Jan. 28**

Psalm 119:89-96, Jeremiah 36:11-26  
2 Corinthians 7:2-12

**Wed., Jan. 29**

Psalm 119:89-96, Jeremiah 36:27-32  
Luke 4:38-44

**Thurs., Jan. 30**

Psalm 71:1-6, 2 Chronicles 34:1-7  
Acts 10:44-48

**Fri., Jan. 31**

Psalm 71:1-6, 2 Chronicles 35:20-27  
Acts 19:1-10

# JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>*Unless otherwise noted, worship services are both online and in-person</i></p>	<p>Please note: The full calendar of all building uses is available on <a href="http://cscucc.org">cscucc.org</a> or by contacting the church office.</p>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<p>Epiphany 8:30am Sr. choir 9:20am Jr choir 10am Communion Worship*, Kids Church 11:15 Getting to Know the Liturgical Calendar 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>6-7:30pm Food Pantry Open</p>	<p>9-1 Church office open 1pm Grief Support Group at Sr. Ctr 7pm Women's NA</p>	<p>9-1 Church office open 10-1 Thrift Shop open 6:30pm Women's Guild &amp; Fellowship 7pm Property &amp; Finance Meeting</p>	<p>9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>9-1 Church office open</p>	<p>10-1 Thrift Shop open</p>
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Treasurer's Report  
November 30, 2024  
Fiscal Year July 2024 - June 2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Regular Pledges	46,519	52,254	(5,735)	125,000
Unpledged Offerings	4,153	5,016	(863)	12,000
Plate Offering	122	418	(296)	1,000
Kid's Church	206	209	(3)	500
Total · Pledges / Offerings	<u>51,001</u>	<u>57,898</u>	<u>(6,897)</u>	<u>138,500</u>
<b>Special Collections</b>				
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	20	836	(816)	2,000
Total · Special Collections	<u>20</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>(816)</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Fundraisers/Events Revenue</b>				
Church Fair	6,622	3,344	3,277	8,000
Central Closet Thrift Shop	8,298	6,270	2,028	15,000
Furnace fundraiser	33,257	0	33,257	0
Misc Fundraisers	(100)	0	(100)	0
Magical Evening	1,558	0	1,558	0
Paint Night	250	0	250	0
Total Misc Fundraisers	1,708	1,254	454	3,000
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	<u>49,885</u>	<u>9,615</u>	<u>38,462</u>	<u>23,000</u>
<b>Facility Usage Income</b>				
Non Profit Bldg Use	1,450	1,672	(222)	4,000
North River Collaborative	6,000	6,270	(270)	15,000
Private Bldg Use		209	(209)	500
Food Pantry support	550	502	48	1,200
Total · Facility Usage Income	<u>8,000</u>	<u>8,653</u>	<u>(653)</u>	<u>20,700</u>
Miscellaneous Income	156	418	(262)	1,000
Total Income	<u>109,061</u>	<u>77,420</u>	<u>31,641</u>	<u>185,200</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	52,100	50,038	(2,062)	119,698
Total · Support Staff Expenses	19,377	21,112	1,735	50,503
Total · Office Expenses	3,321	3,720	399	8,900
Total · Church Building Costs	10,983	13,628	2,644	32,600
<b>Teams</b>				
Spiritual Engagement	522	627	105	1,500
Kid's Church	70	0	(70)	
Congregational Engagement	0	376	376	900
Community Engagement	322	418	96	1,000
Breakfasts	(56)	0	56	0
Property and Finance	0	125	125	300
Community Engagement Reserve	684	784	99	1,875
Total · Teams	<u>1,542</u>	<u>2,331</u>	<u>789</u>	<u>5,575</u>
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	836	836	2,000
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	84	84	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	<u>87,322</u>	<u>91,748</u>	<u>4,426</u>	<u>219,476</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>21,739</u>	<u>(14,328)</u>	<u>36,067</u>	<u>(34,276)</u>
Transfer from Investments	20,000		(20,000)	31,276
	<u>41,739</u>	<u>(14,328)</u>		<u>(3,000)</u>

Treasurer's Report  
November 30, 2024  
Fiscal Year July 2024 - June 2025

Cash balances	
Operating account	17,860
Money Market	23,068
Minister's Discretionary account	151
Community Engagement Reserve	2,796
Furnace fund/Capital Improvements account	34,601
PayPal account	0
Venmo account	292
Total cash balances	<u><u>78,769</u></u>

Vanguard investment funds	
Protected principal	135,513
Unrestricted funds, beginning	83,016
Deposits (withdrawals)	
Gain (loss) for month	<u>7,833</u>
Unrestricted funds, ending	<u>90,849</u>
Total investments 11/30/2024	<u><u>226,361</u></u>

Food Pantry account balance October 31, 2024	19,887
Donations	2,520
Expenses	<u>(2,270)</u>
Food Pantry account balance November 30, 2024	<u><u>20,136</u></u>

	Giving Comparison					
	<u>2022 Month</u>	<u>2023 Month</u>	<u>2024 Month</u>	<u>2022 YTD</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>
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	7,908.21	93,628.72	98,693.62	94,440.18
Sept.	9,379.22	10,587.06	13,892.94	103,007.94	109,280.68	108,333.12
Oct.	15,615.55	12,608.01	9,569.39	118,623.49	121,888.69	117,902.51
Nov.	9,164.75	8,281.58	10,814.97	127,788.24	130,170.27	128,717.48
Dec.	15,622.72	13,625.20		143,410.96	143,795.47	



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