



Steeple Sounds

The monthly newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church, UCC
February 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

“Love is Patient, Love is Kind” **1 Corinthians 13:4**

Dear Beloved Church Family,

As we enter the month of February, a month often associated with love and affection, I’m reminded of the profound words from 1 Corinthians 13:4: *“Love is patient, love is kind.”* These words from scripture not only echo the heart of Christian teachings but also offer us a timeless framework for living out love in our daily lives and in our world.

—Love is Patient—

Patience is not always easy, especially in a world that thrives on instant gratification. Yet, scripture says that patience is a cornerstone of love. It calls us to be slow to anger, quick to forgive, and understanding of the imperfections in others. As we reflect on this quality this month, let us ask ourselves: how can we be more patient with our families, our neighbors, and even ourselves? How can we extend grace when things don’t go our way or go as planned? Patience in love teaches us that growth, whether spiritual or personal, often requires waiting and enduring challenges that come our way. It’s through patience that we learn to trust God and allow God’s love to shape our hearts.

—Love is Kind—

Kindness is the natural companion to patience. Love that is kind doesn’t keep score of wrongs or harbor bitterness. Instead, it offers understanding, a word of encouragement, or a simple act of service. In our busy, often stressful lives, it’s easy to overlook the small ways we can be kind. Yet, it’s in these small acts—whether it’s a smile to a stranger, a note of encouragement to a friend, or a prayer for someone in need—that’s when the love of Christ shines the brightest. As we consider kindness, let us also remember that it extends beyond just our closest circle. Kindness is a call to love our neighbors, our community, and even our enemies (which can be super difficult!). It is an invitation to mirror the love God has shown us, and to offer it freely to others.

—Living Out Love—

This month, let’s challenge ourselves to live out the qualities of patience and kindness in a deeper way. Whether through words or actions, let our lives reflect the love that is patient and kind. Let’s take time to listen without judgment, speak with compassion, and offer help without hesitation.

Let us also remember that our capacity to love comes from the greatest source of love—God. As we grow in our relationship with God, that love will overflow in us and through us, transforming our hearts and the world around us.

As we journey through February, let us be intentional about loving like Christ—patient, kind, and ever-ready to serve. May this month be filled with opportunities to share the love that we’ve so generously received.

With love and blessings,

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.



**Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri 9am-1pm
and by appointment**

**Please note that the office will be closed
February 4-6**

Next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 26, 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

CSCC Junior Choir 2024-25!

**Rehearsals at 9:20am:
Feb. 2 - Feb. 9 - Feb. 23**

**Performance at 10am:
February 23**



**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
Cristi Ciaramitaro
Savannah Wells, Jr. Deacon

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



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!



After worship fellowship time has become increasingly well attended and lively. It is wonderful to see everyone gathering and chatting while they enjoy a cup of coffee and some light refreshments. If you see someone at coffee hour that you don't know or recognize, please reach out to them by introducing yourself and welcoming them to CSCC.

February fellowship time will be held on the 2nd and the 23rd. Please sign up to help out on one of these Sundays. February 9th will be the Living Gift Market for Heifer.

Thank you in advance,

Connie Chandler



Women's Guild and Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. It will be a game night! All are welcome to attend and feel free to bring friends. We will also have refreshments and a meeting.

LET'S MAKE FISH CHOWDER!
Recipe by Anne Chaffee!

10am | Saturday, Feb. 8

Register Today!
Office@cscucc.com
508-697-6016



Chowder It Up!

Let's make some fish chowder with a recipe by Anne Chaffee (Philip's Mom). All are invited to participate on Saturday, February 8, at 10am in the church kitchen.

A \$5 donation towards cost is appreciated but not necessary. This is a free event.

Sign up via email to the church office - office@cscucc.com.

Your Congregational Engagement Team

Sunday, February 2 at 9am

WHAT IS COMMUNION?

Meet with the Deacons and explore what communion is and why we do it.





It's Official: The Kids Church Room

The open room behind the sanctuary has been many things over the years. It's been the "Upstairs Meeting Room", a classroom, Attic Treasures, the Blue Room, and others. This past summer we welcomed an alternative school into half of that space, and our Kids Church occupies the other half of the room. Over the last few years we've seen tremendous growth in our Kids Church and with the addition of the alternative school, the space needs to be treated differently than in the past. The room is now officially going to be called the "Kids Church Room", honoring its primary purpose: the growing role of ministering to children and youth. So you may see that designation on the church calendar, or in other references to where an event or a meeting will be held. The term "upstairs meeting room" is officially being retired.

Because it has come to be the home of our youth ministry as well as the alternative school, and is utilized as such on a daily basis, if the tables, chairs, and/or space needs to be used by other groups, we kindly ask that everything be put back into place so that the Kids Church and the alternative school programs can continue to run smoothly.

From the CSCC Cabinet



Won't You Be Our Valentine?

Pop by the church office on Valentines Day from 10am-12noon for candy and crafts with Jenne and Rev. Beth!

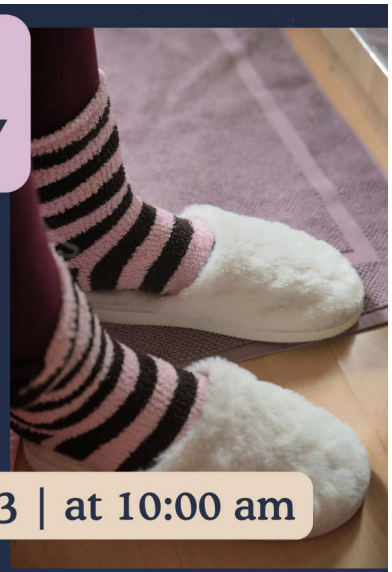


Due to the mid-month holiday, and school vacation week, this month's potluck lunch will not be taking place. See you in March!

PAJAMA SUNDAY

(Because sometimes you just don't want to have to think about what you're going to wear to church.)

February 23 | at 10:00 am



Blanketing the World with LOVE: On January 12, we celebrated Blanket Sunday at CSCC and we learned about the history and work of Church World Service. Many thanks for the support of this vital non-

profit organization that has made a difference in the lives of many and will make a difference in the years to come because of your generosity and support.

Truly,
Carol Chaffee

Feb. special: all RED clothing 50% off!

CENTRAL CLOSET THRIFT SHOP

AT CENTRAL SQUARE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
71 CENTRAL SQUARE, BRIDGEWATER

www.cscucc.org/thrift-shop

Wed & Sat, 10-1

We have Gift Certificates!

Happy Valentine's Day to All!

February is here, and so is the cold weather! Central Closet Thrift Shop is offering **50% off** outerwear accessories (hats, scarfs, mittens and gloves). We want everyone to stay warm.

We are celebrating the month with lots of candy. Central Closet Thrift Shop might not have the big boxes of chocolates, but we do have Hilliard's candy bars 2/\$5.

And we are also offering **50% off** red clothing for the month!

Starting Feb 1st we are accepting new and gently used spring 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: Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10-1.

Thanks again for your continued support.

Lynn, Connie, Sandy, Jane, and Gail

Saturday, Feb. 22, 6pm- Feb. 23 9am

Worship at 10am

Church Sleepover

Central Square Church Kids and their friends are invited to a February Vacation Sleepover at the church!

Call 508-697-6016 to sign up

"A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle." James Keller

This quote by Keller conveys the idea that helping others doesn't cost anything, and in fact, it can bring more light into the world.

Share YOUR Light!

WISE Welcoming • Inclusive
Supportive • Engaged
for Mental Health

**BEYOND THE BLUES:
PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL, AND BEHAVIORAL
APPROACHES TO COPING WITH
DEPRESSION**

February 2 5:30pm

**Rev. Dr. Tracy Mehr-
Muska**

*Building Resilience in the
Face of Depression or
Difficulty*

February 16 5:30pm

Dr. Jim DeGiovanni

*The Everyday Guide for
Understanding and Living
with Depression*

As a part of becoming WISE for Mental Health, we are invited to a series of lectures and discussions to address depression and anxiety, body, spirit and mind! These learned presenters include an MD, D.Min and Ph.D., each with valuable perspectives.

Please share this opportunity. ALL ARE WELCOME! Attend via zoom. Meeting link is available in the online version of this Steeple Sounds (www.cscucc.org/events), or in the emails sent from the church on 1/30 and 2/3.

For more information, contact Rev. Beth.

The Living Gift Market is coming Sunday, February 9!



The children of Kids Church have been working hard exploring the Heifer International program. Heifer at CSCC is a six week hands-on, interactive educational program, designed to teach our children about the importance of helping others through sustainable giving.

During Kids Church, children learn about those in need around the world, the work of Dan West, founder of Heifer International, and how to work together to meet a class goal. They also craft together, creating items sold during our Living Gift Market!

Our Living Gift Market will be held in the Fellowship Hall on February 9th directly after worship and is a CSCC tradition loved by our congregation. It's a time when the children sell their craft items and baked goods to the congregation while celebrating all of their hard work during the Heifer program. It's a great day to invite family and friends too!

This year, our children have a hefty fundraising goal of \$2,270, so they'll definitely need your support! Our children have chosen to fundraise for the "Joy to the World" package (Heifer, goats, sheep, seeds, training and education), "Dream Basket" package (Sheep, heifer, rabbits, chickens, training and education), honeybees, a pig, a family solar panel kit, and a water buffalo. WOW!

Thank you in advance your all of your support!



Join Rev. Beth for this book study on "Blessed are the Crazy". The original date in January needed to be rescheduled due to illness.



Concert Fundraiser a Success!

The concert event, "An Evening with Julia," held on January 24, was a great fundraising success. The event raised over \$1500 for CSCC! Huge thanks to all the volunteers that helped organize it, helped with setup and cleanup, and spread the word on its behalf. And of course the evening would not have been possible without the generosity and amazing talent of our Minister of Music, Julia Scott Carey.

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness by Sheri Turner

Luke 6:21 tells us “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.” These words are encouraging to me. They tell me that our efforts to find answers will be rewarded. For those of us who have lost beloved family members to a congenital heart defect, or those of us who fear what is ahead for our loved ones living with heart defects, have faith God says, for you will be rewarded for that faith.

February is widely recognized as being a month about love and romance. What you may not know is that this month is also a month dedicated to raising awareness of congenital heart defects and their impacts. In fact, in many states across the nation (including Massachusetts) February 14th is annually recognized as Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day. Some even recognize the week of February 7-14 as “Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week.”

As many of you know, my husband and I lost our firstborn son Thomas William Turner to a congenital heart defect in November of 1997. He had surgery to correct his defect that was unsuccessful. When Thomas died, no one could answer any of our questions. Science had yet to discover anything significant about why Thomas’ heart had not developed properly.

In the United States, about 40,000 babies are born every year with a congenital heart defect according to the Centers for Disease Control. That means one infant is born with a congenital heart defect every fifteen minutes. It is the most common birth defect in the United States. Hospital costs can exceed \$9.8 billion dollars annually. In a study of neonatal deaths, 4.2% of all neonatal deaths were due to a heart defect.

This can sound like pretty bleak news. So many lives are affected. Many people with congenital heart defects undergo open heart surgery, yet their heart issues are not cured. They may face additional surgeries or even a heart transplant at a

future date. Congenital heart defects can often mean further complications like breathing challenges, liver and kidney issues, and even learning problems.

The good news is despite these issues, our understanding of why these defects develop and the treatments for these conditions are improving. In 2010, 1 million children and 1.4 million adults were living with heart defects in the United States. Researchers have found some possible causes for CHDs, which is encouraging news because previously the causes were completely unknown.

During Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week many things happen. There are podcasts by the H.U.G (Hearts Unite the Globe) network dedicated to this topic to inform others of what resources and support are available, there are scholarships awarded, research

is conducted, there are competitions such as the “Rock My Scar” competition (aimed at helping children and adults with CHD feel less ashamed of their scars), and many volunteer opportunities through organizations like H.U.G and It’s My Heart New England, as well as others.

Do you have it in your heart to contribute in any way to raising awareness of congenital heart defects? You may be affected by congenital heart defects in some way. Maybe you know someone who is or has been. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to show your love for those in your community by helping to inform others of the need for research and treatments of congenital heart defects? Maybe you can help someone affected by connecting them with one of the groups out there who aim to make living with a congenital heart defect just a little bit easier and less isolating?

If this interests you, please contact me at Turnermom97@gmail.com and I will be happy to point you in a direction you feel comfortable to help us inform others about CHD Awareness Day 2025 in Massachusetts.



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



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References - February 2025 (Year C)

Sat., Feb. 1

Psalm 71:1-6
2 Chronicles 36:11-21
John 1:43-51

Sun., Feb. 2

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Mon., Feb. 3

Psalm 56
1 Kings 17:8-16
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Tues., Feb. 4

Psalm 56
2 Kings 5:1-14
1 Corinthians 14:13-25

Wed., Feb. 5

Psalm 56
Jeremiah 1:11-19
Luke 19:41-44

Thurs., Feb. 6

Psalm 138
Numbers 20:22-29
Acts 9:19b-25

Fri., Feb. 7

Psalm 138
Numbers 27:12-23
Acts 9:26-31

Sat., Feb. 8

Psalm 138
Judges 3:7-11
Luke 4:42-44

Sun., Feb. 9

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Mon., Feb. 10

Psalm 115
Judges 5:1-11
1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Tues., Feb. 11

Psalm 115
1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b
1 Timothy 3:1-9

Wed., Feb. 12

Psalm 115
Isaiah 8:1-15
Luke 5:27-32

Thurs., Feb. 13

Psalm 1
Jeremiah 13:12-19
Acts 13:26-34

Fri., Feb. 14

Psalm 1
Jeremiah 13:20-27
1 Peter 1:17—2:1

Sat., Feb. 15

Psalm 1
Jeremiah 17:1-4
Luke 11:24-28

Sun., Feb. 16

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 17:5-10
J Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

Mon., Feb. 17

Psalm 120
2 Kings 24:18—25:21
1 Corinthians 15:20-34

Tues., Feb. 18

Psalm 120
Ezra 1:1-11
2 Corinthians 1:12-19

Wed., Feb. 19

Psalm 120
Jeremiah 22:11-17
Luke 11:37-52

Thurs., Feb. 20

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 43:16-34
Romans 8:1-11

Fri., Feb. 21

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 44:1-17
1 John 2:12-17

Sat., Feb. 22

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Genesis 44:18-34
Luke 12:57-59

Sun., Feb. 23

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Mon., Feb. 24

Psalm 38
Genesis 33:1-11
1 Corinthians 11:2-16

Tues., Feb. 25

Psalm 38
1 Samuel 24:1-22
1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33

Wed., Feb. 26

Psalm 38
Leviticus 5:1-13
Luke 17:1-4

Thurs., Feb. 27

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Proverbs 13:1-12
Romans 5:12—6:2

Fri., Feb. 28

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Proverbs 15:1-9
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>*Unless otherwise noted, worship services are both online and in-person</i></p>						1 10-1 Thrift Shop open
<p>2 8:30am Sr. choir 9am What is Communion Discussion 9:20am Jr choir 10am Communion Worship*, Kids Church 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>3 6-7:30pm Food Pantry Open</p>	<p>4 <i>Church office closed</i> 7pm Women's NA</p>	<p>5 <i>Church office closed</i> 10-1 Thrift Shop open 6:30pm Women's Guild & Fellowship</p>	<p>6 <i>Church office closed</i> 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>7 9-1 Church office open</p>	<p>8 10-1 Thrift Shop open 10am Let's Make Fish Chowder!</p>
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<p>23 Pajama Sunday! 8:30am Sr. choir 9:20am Jr choir 10am Worship*, Kids Church, Jr. Choir Performance 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 11-3 Church office open 7pm Women's NA</p>	<p>26 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Thrift Shop open 7pm Cabinet Meeting</p>	<p>27 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>28 9-1 Church office open</p>	

Please note: The full calendar of all building uses is available on cscucc.org or by contacting the church office.

CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes January 15, 2025 at 7pm

Location: Fellowship Hall, CSCC

Moderator Anne Malmquist called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Members in attendance: Rev. Beth Stotts (Pastor), Anne Malmquist (Moderator), Carol Chaffee and Eric Stotts (Congregational/Spiritual Engagement), David Hanson (Property & Finance), David Sheibley (Treasurer), Heather Ciaramitaro (Community Engagement)

Also present: Judy Pino, Financial Secretary; Josephine Stotts, Kids Church Member

The Clerk is out sick so Rev. Beth is taking meeting minutes.

Pastor's report: Busy December but very exciting events, January Grief group, taking study leave at the end of the month. Confirmation classes are being opened up to the whole church. The Liturgical Year class was a huge success. 23 people came. Book Study meeting next week on the WISE book, "Blessed are the Crazy".

Treasurer's report: Pretty good last month. Our giving is pretty consistent for past years. We're changing banks to Harbor One due to Bridgewater Credit Union's many mistakes.

Kids Church: The following statement was read and discussed: *The open room behind the sanctuary has been many things over the years. It's been a Meeting Room, a Classroom, Attic Treasures, The Blue Room, and others. This past summer we welcomed an alternative school into half of that space. Our Kids Church occupies the other half of the room. Over the last few years we've seen tremendous growth in our Kids Church and with the addition of the alternative school, the space needs to be treated differently than in the past. If the tables, chairs, and space needs to be used by other groups, we kindly ask that everything be put back into place so that the Kids Church and the alternative school programs can continue to run smoothly.* It was decided that the name of the space will be changed to "the Kids Church room". It was also brought up that many in the congregation have never been in the space before. On Palm Sunday the Kids Church will be holding a "Walking Tour of Lent" through the Kids Church room and other classrooms.

Congregational/Spiritual Engagement: Poinsettias looked beautiful but people need to take theirs home after Epiphany. Carol found a new vender and they are going to do the Easter lilies as well. Chowder making fellowship to come in February.

Community Engagement: Christmas on the Common caused an issue with our Sunday morning worship. We have written a letter to the Bridgewater Business Association and requested to be on their February agenda. We need help/volunteers for Julia's concert. We also need raffle baskets. Ticket sales are live. Potluck lunch coming up this Sunday. Skipping February potluck and having coffee hour that day instead.

Property & Finance: Update on the building coming down next door. Street parking will not be affected. The church has still not received notice. Someone was supposed to check out the flat roof and put on a rubber roof patch. Sidewalk won't be fixed until the spring. Forni Brothers will put the new boiler in around March. Carol Chaffee has a friend (Arthur Sharpe) in who works in linoleum and vinyl flooring and is willing to redo our floors.

From the Moderator: Starting to put together a Church Gala as a fundraiser. Looking at a May date.

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CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes

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From the Financial Secretary: Judy came to tell us how old she is. She has a birthday on Friday and she will be 87 years old. In October she was in the hospital twice with A-Fib. She's fine but is concerned that no one is trained to do her job at the church. She's been doing this job for 30 years which is more than the 3 years she signed on to do. She believes the job needs to be revamped because there are too many incoming points of financial giving. Some weeks she works for 3 or 4 hours in one sitting, but other times it's 10 minutes at a time, 20 times a week. Anne recommends making an announcement about expanding the Office of the Treasurer and asking for folks who would like to serve as Financial Secretary. Judy is available Thursday –Saturday for training. Also, Judy reports that Father Bills is exceeding capacity to shelter the homeless.

Next meeting: Wed., Feb. 26

Super Saturday, March 8 – William Barber is the keynote speaker. Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.



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

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Income				
Regular Pledges	55,974	62,842	(6,867)	125,000
Unpledged Offerings	8,507	6,033	2,475	12,000
Plate Offering	359	503	(144)	1,000
Kid's Church	354	251	102	500
Total · Pledges / Offerings	<u>65,194</u>	<u>69,628</u>	<u>(4,434)</u>	<u>138,500</u>
Special Collections				
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	123	1,005	(882)	2,000
Total · Special Collections	<u>123</u>	<u>1,005</u>	<u>(882)</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Fundraisers/Events Revenue				
Church Fair	7,065	4,022	3,043	8,000
Central Closet Thrift Shop	10,288	7,541	2,747	15,000
Furnace fundraiser	33,453	0	33,453	0
Misc Fundraisers	(97)	0	(97)	0
Magical Evening	1,558	0	1,558	0
Paint Night	219	0	219	0
Total Misc Fundraisers	1,680	1,508	172	3,000
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	<u>52,486</u>	<u>11,563</u>	<u>39,146</u>	<u>23,000</u>
Facility Usage Income				
Non Profit Bldg Use	1,590	2,011	(421)	4,000
North River Collaborative	7,500	7,541	(41)	15,000
Private Bldg Use	0	251	(251)	500
Food Pantry support	700	603	97	1,200
Total · Facility Usage Income	<u>9,790</u>	<u>10,407</u>	<u>(617)</u>	<u>20,700</u>
Miscellaneous Income	162	503	(340)	1,000
Total Income	<u>127,756</u>	<u>93,106</u>	<u>34,650</u>	<u>185,200</u>
Expenses				
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	62,253	60,176	(2,077)	119,698
Total · Support Staff Expenses	23,093	25,389	2,296	50,503
Total · Office Expenses	4,307	4,474	167	8,900
Total · Church Building Costs	14,701	16,389	1,688	32,600
Teams				
Spiritual Engagement	1,101	754	(347)	1,500
Kid's Church	262	0	(262)	
Congregational Engagement	191	452	261	900
Community Engagement	763	503	(260)	1,000
Breakfasts/Lunches	(86)	0	86	0
Property and Finance		151	151	300
Community Engagement Reserve	811	943	132	1,875
Total · Teams	<u>3,042</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>(239)</u>	<u>5,575</u>
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	1,005	1,005	2,000
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	101	101	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	<u>107,396</u>	<u>110,338</u>	<u>2,942</u>	<u>219,476</u>
Net income (loss)	20,360	(17,232)	37,592	(34,276)
Transfer from Investments	20,000		(20,000)	31,276
	<u>40,360</u>	<u>(17,232)</u>		<u>(3,000)</u>

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

Cash balances	
Operating account	19,289
Money Market	23,163
Minister's Discretionary account	581
Community Engagement Reserve	2,925
Building fund/Capital Improvements account	35,111
PayPal account	0
Venmo account	49
Total cash balances	<u>81,117</u>

Vanguard investment funds	
Protected principal	135,513
Unrestricted funds, beginning	90,849
Deposits (withdrawals)	
Gain (loss) for month	<u>(5,368)</u>
Unrestricted funds, ending	<u>85,480</u>
Total investments 12/31/2024	220,993

Food Pantry account balance November 30, 2024	<u>20,136</u>
Donations	7,902
Expenses	<u>(2,421)</u>
Food Pantry account balance December 31, 2024	<u>25,617</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	14,193.23	143,410.96	143,795.47	142,910.71



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