

Steeple Sounds

The monthly newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church, UCC

March 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

"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness"

-Luke 4:1

It's hard to believe we're about to enter the season of Lent. It seems like we just celebrated Jesus' birth and now we're about to join him in the desert for 40 days. Traditionally, Lent is a time of fasting, prayer, and penance, as we journey with Jesus through the wilderness. Many of us use this season to reflect on our lives. This year, we invite you to explore how this season can be an opportunity to nurture not just our spiritual health, but our mental health as well.

Mental wellness is an essential aspect of overall health. Just as we focus on the health of our bodies, it's important to take time to care for our minds and spirit. During Lent, we can reflect on the importance of mental health and commit to practices that promote peace, mindfulness, and emotional balance. This Lenten season our Board of Deacons will be introducing these kinds of practices to us in our weekly worship.

Here are a few ways to incorporate mental wellness into your Lenten journey:

1. Practice Mindful Prayer and Meditation:

Lent is a time to slow down and connect with God, but it's also an opportunity to cultivate mindfulness. Try setting aside time each day to not only pray but also to meditate on God's Love. This can help reduce stress and bring clarity to our thoughts. Taking moments of quiet, even for just a few minutes, can enhance our mental peace and provide a much-needed pause in a busy world.

2. Let Go of Perfectionism:

Many of us carry heavy mental burdens of striving for perfection in our personal lives, work, or relationships. During Lent, allow yourself the grace to let go of unrealistic expectations. The focus on Lent isn't about being perfect, but about turning toward God, recognizing our imperfections, and seeking spiritual renewal. Give yourself permission to embrace your humanity.

3. Self-Compassion and Reflection:

Treat yourself with kindness. Lent isn't just about giving things up; it's about transformation. Take time to reflect on your mental and emotional health. Are there areas where you've been too hard on yourself? Allow God's grace to fill you and extend that same grace to your mind, giving you peace.

4. Reach Out for Support:

Lent is a communal season. We are not meant to journey alone. If you find yourself struggling with mental health challenges, consider reaching out to me, a counselor, therapist, or trusted friend. Just as we support one another in faith, we should be there for each other in our mental and emotional journeys as well. Your church family is here to support you—never hesitate to share your needs.

As we walk through Lent together, let us remember that our physical, spiritual, and mental well-being are equally important. This season of reflection and renewal can be an opportunity to take intentional steps toward wholeness. May we find peace, strength, and hope in the journey ahead.

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.



**Until further notice, beginning 3/3:
Tue - Fri, 10-1
and by appointment**

Next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, March 19, 7pm

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

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

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



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
Cristi Ciaramitaro
Savannah Wells, Jr. Deacon
Liam O’Connell, 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!



Sunday, March 9

CSCC Junior Choir 2024-25!

Rehearsals at 9:20am:

Mar. 2 - Mar. 9 - Mar. 16 - Mar. 23

Performance at 10am:

March 23



Coffee Fellowship time is an opportunity to catch up with friends, meet someone new, find out what is going on in the church life that you may join or volunteer for, and talk about church and community topics. It is a time for old and new people to mix and mingle. Oh, and then there is the coffee and goodies.

In March, coffee time will be held on the 2nd, 9th, 23rd and 30th, providing there are volunteers of 2-3 people for each Sunday listed. There will be a sign-up sheet at coffee hour and it will be posted on the bulletin board nearest the kitchen as a reminder that coffee/fellowship time is a group effort and will be successful if we all help out. You may also contact the church office if you’d like to sign up to help for a Sunday.

Your continued participation and help are greatly appreciated.

Connie Chandler



Our March meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30pm, as the Ash Wednesday service will be on the first Wednesday. Since we will be at least thinking about spring and getting our hands dirty, we will learn about terrariums and will each be making one! Come and bring a friend!

Donna O’Neil and Diane Glass, co-Presidents



March 30

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.

This year's offering will be taken on Sunday, March 30. Donations will also be accepted via Venmo and on our website, www.cscucc.org.



Sunday, March 16

11am, immediately following worship

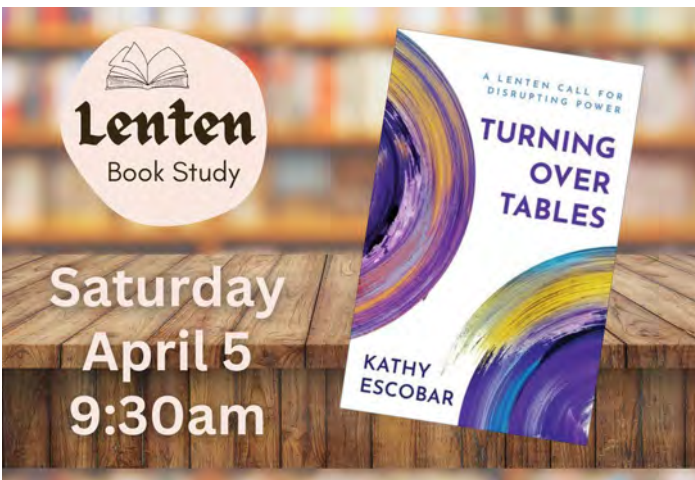


We will be holding another Membership Information Session during the church potluck on 3/16.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Peace,

Rev. Beth



Giving Statements

If you need a statement of your giving to CSCC for 2024, contact CSCC Financial Secretary Judy Pino at Judith.Pino@comcast.net.



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

Wed & Sat, 10-1 www.cscucc.org/thrift-shop

Ask about our Gift Certificates!

Central Closet Thrift Shop means so much to so many. We are open most every Wednesday and Saturday, from 10-1. Regular shoppers, occasional shoppers and first timers all enjoy our shop. Some come to purchase, others to donate, others to look, and some just come to visit. All are welcome.

To those who haven't been in yet, we have something for everyone. Clothing for men, women, and children, accessories, books, jewelry, toys, and our popular 25 cent table. So when in doubt shop us first and you might be pleasantly surprised with what you find.

Thanks to all that help us support the church.
Lynn, Connie, Sandy, Jane, and Gail

What brings us together, keeps us together!

Whether we join together for Sunday morning worship and fellowship time...

Whether we join together for Cabinet meetings once a month...

Whether we join together at the Food Pantry or the Thrift Shop...

Whether we join together in prayer, in person, online, on the phone...

We join together because we care.

We join together because we can see beyond our differences and embrace those differences with love.

We join together because WE ARE THE CHURCH and that is important.

We join together because of our belief in the Trinity - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost!

Happy Spring!!

Carol Chaffee



Easter Plants to Order

During the month of March, you may order your Easter plant to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may purchase a 6" potted Easter Lily, Tulip, or Daffodil for \$15 each. **Deadline to order is March 30.** Please start thinking about your order and your memorial message.

Name: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 How many:
 Easter Lily _____
 Tulip _____
 Daffodil _____

Your memorial message (Please print legibly): _____

You may forward your order with payment to the church office: office@cscucc.com, order on www.cscucc.org, or place your order at church and put in the offering plate. Any questions, please contact Carol Chaffee, galchaffee@gmail.com. Thank you!

Carol
 Congregational Spiritual Engagement Team

kids CHURCH

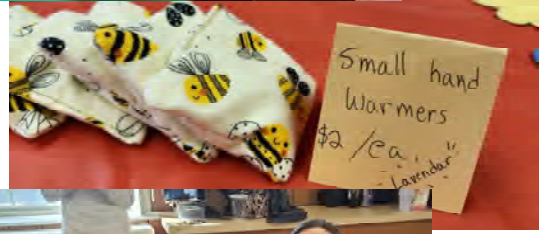
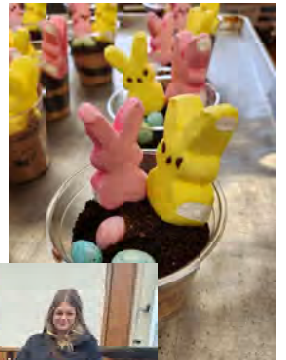
On February 23, after a two-week weather delay, Kids Church had its Living Gift Market for Heifer! As of this writing, we don't yet have a grand total, but as of now the kids raised over \$1,900! This money will go to providing impoverished people around the world with the

means to have sustainable food, water, and energy. This is one of the kids' favorite sections of the church year and we're really proud of all the hard work they put in to make this possible. A special thanks to Krissy Cannizzo for her amazing ministry and leadership to make Heifer such a success again this year.

Coming up we are jumping right into Lent! We have a great curriculum planned that is from Illustrated Ministry / Mini-Revolution. This is a progressive Christian curriculum focused on the idea that "Revolution" (great change), doesn't happen overnight but by noticing and acting to implement small practices or changes, we can have a larger effect down the road. The lessons taught will also mirror some of the themes of the WISE training that the adult congregation is doing such as "naming your feelings and practice responding to God through creativity".

I'll have more updates about what the kids are doing for Palm Sunday in April's newsletter but until then, I hope everyone is looking forward to the start of Spring as much as I am!

Eric Stotts
Kids Church Director



When It Feels Pointless by Sheri Turner

I have wrestled for the better part of my life with depression. I have been on and off various medications aimed at giving me some relief. Some medications worked for a little while, and some have not worked at all. Some have had some intense side effects, and some have seemed to do absolutely nothing (Tic tac anyone?). Professionals, friends, family members and others have all offered advice, guidance, and support. I have been told to “hang in there,” to “pray harder,” and to “be more open to God’s voice” in my life. I have tried talk therapy, journaling, yoga, meditation, hiking, gardening, having a gratefulness practice, changing jobs and volunteer work (you know, to shift the focus off myself as I tend to get too much in my head) and joining community organizations. I have been a part of outpatient partial hospitalization programs and group therapy.

I try to practice self care. Sometimes I get my nails done as part of my self care. At other times I get my hair done to feel better about myself. I get a massage once a month as part of my self care practice. I have three goofy but loveable dogs to cuddle with, three beautiful children that I am so proud of, a husband that would do practically anything to help me. I have developed some truly extraordinary friendships with individuals who give deeply of themselves. I have learned to set boundaries and to limit contact with some of the toxic people in my life. Despite taking all of these measures my depression persists. It feels like I am failing my family.

Sometimes I am convinced that I will NEVER overcome this depression. It really makes me wonder what the point of it all is. It can feel so hopeless. Recently I have been thinking about a proverb I have seen floating around on the internet. I’m not really sure of the origins of it, but it goes

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life.

PSALM 138:7

something like this, “Blessed is he who plants trees in whose shade he will never sit.”

I can see what the author is saying there. Maybe I won’t overcome MY depression, but maybe something about the way I endure or talk about my depression will help others overcome theirs somehow. If so, then what I am enduring is worth it. Is that maybe what Christ’s sacrifice is about? In no way am I trying to compare myself to Christ by the way. I would of course fall very short there. All I am suggesting is that he is perhaps trying to teach us that we can take a bad

situation and use it to bring good out of it. Maybe we can use our pain to help others. How could someone suggest such a thing unless they had been through something awful themselves? I believe that in my deepest bouts of depression I can forget that is what God is trying to tell me. In Psalm 138, I believe God is trying to draw my attention to the fact that I am not as alone as I feel. Psalm 138:7 states, “Though I walk in the midst

of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.”

God never promises us that there will not be trouble in this life, only that he will be there with us while we go through it. He encourages us to not give up the work of helping our community in the midst of our troubles. I will continue to try to remember he is there with us feeling the pain too. Psalm 138:8 “The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.”

There are no Cabinet minutes in this Steeple Sounds.

In the printed version of the March Steeple Sounds, there are no February Cabinet meeting minutes as the meeting took place on February 26. That was too late to make it into the issue. They will appear in the printed version of the April issue, along with the March minutes. The online versions of the March issue will contain the minutes.

Writer's Group

Craft Your Story, Ignite Your Creativity All are welcome

Third Friday of the month
7:00PM-9:00PM
Central Square Church

Friday, 3/21, 7pm

Open to the public! Come write amongst other writers. Contact Sheri Turner at turnermom97@gmail.com with questions.

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



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Daily Lectionary Scripture References – March 2025 (Year C)

Sat., Mar. 1

Psalm 99
Deuteronomy 9:15-24
Luke 10:21-24

Sun., Mar. 2

Transfiguration of the Lord
Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2
Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

Mon., Mar. 3

Psalm 35:11-28
Exodus 35:1-29
Acts 10:9-23a

Tues., Mar. 4

Psalm 35:11-28
Ezekiel 1:1—2:1
Acts 10:23b-33

Wed., Mar. 5

Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thurs., Mar. 6

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 5:10-23, Acts 7:30-34

Fri., Mar. 7

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Exodus 6:1-13, Acts 7:35-42

Sat., Mar. 8

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, John 12:27-36

Sun., Mar. 9

First Sunday in Lent
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13
Luke 4:1-13

Mon., Mar. 10

Psalm 17
1 Chronicles 21:1-17
1 John 2:1-6

Tues., Mar. 11

Psalm 17
Zechariah 3:1-10
2 Peter 2:4-21

Wed., Mar. 12

Psalm 17, Job 1:1-22
Luke 21:34—22:6

Thurs., Mar. 13

Psalm 27
Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18
Philippians 3:2-12

Fri., Mar. 14

Psalm 27, Genesis 14:17-24
Philippians 3:17-20

Sat., Mar. 15

Psalm 27
Psalm 118:26-29
Matthew 23:37-39

Sun., Mar. 16

Second Sunday in Lent
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17—4:1
Luke 13:31-35 or Luke 9:28-36

Mon., Mar. 17

Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
Exodus 33:1-6, Romans 4:1-12

Tues., Mar. 18

Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
Ezra 1:1-11
1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Wed., Mar. 19

Psalm 105:1-15 [16-41] 42
2 Chronicles 20:1-22
Luke 13:22-31

Thurs., Mar. 20

Psalm 63:1-8, Daniel 3:19-30
Revelation 2:8-11

Fri., Mar. 21

Psalm 63:1-8
Daniel 12:1-4
Revelation 3:1-6

Sat., Mar. 22

Psalm 63:1-8, Isaiah 5:1-7
Luke 6:43-45

Sun., Mar. 23

Third Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

Mon., Mar. 24

Psalm 39
Jeremiah 11:1-17
Romans 2:1-11

Tues., Mar. 25

Psalm 39, Ezekiel 17:1-10
Romans 2:12-16

Wed., Mar. 26

Psalm 39
Numbers 13:17-27
Luke 13:18-21

Thurs., Mar. 27

Psalm 32
Joshua 4:1-13
2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5

Fri., Mar. 28

Psalm 32
Joshua 4:14-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-15

Sat., Mar. 29

Psalm 32
Exodus 32:7-14
Luke 15:1-10

Sun., Mar. 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Mon., Mar. 31

Psalm 53
Leviticus 23:26-41
Revelation 19:1-8

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Unless otherwise noted, worship services are both online and in-person						1 10-1 Thrift Shop open
2 Easter Plant Sales begin! 8:30am Sr. choir 9:20am Jr choir 10am Communion Worship*, Kids Church 7:30pm AA Meeting	3 6-7:30pm Food Pantry Open	4 9-1 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	5 ASH WEDNESDAY 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Thrift Shop open 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	6 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm Al-Anon	7 9-1 Church office open	8 10-1 Thrift Shop open
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30 4th Sunday of Lent One Great Hour of Sharing offering 8:30am Sr. choir 10am Worship*, Kids Church 7:30pm AA Meeting	31					

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

Central Square Congregational Church, UCC Cabinet Meeting

Date: February 26, 2025 at 7pm

Location: Fellowship hall, Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Anne Malmquist, Moderator.

Cabinet members in attendance:

Anne Malmquist, Moderator David Sheibley, Treasurer

Diane Glass, Community Engagement Team Carol Chaffee, Spiritual Engagement Team

Carol Chaffee, Congregational Engagement Team Nina Gabel-Jorgensen, Clerk

John Sharland, Property and Finance

Others in Attendance:

Aidan Cannizzo

Reverend Beth opened the meeting with a devotion and a prayer.

January minutes

The meeting minutes from the January meeting were presented and reviewed.

Anne Malmquist motioned to accept the minutes as written, Rev Beth seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

Aidan Canizzo

Eagle Scout candidate. Working towards Eagle scout rank. Community service project request. At Southeastern Vocational Tech for carpentry. He is 15 now and needs to complete his Eagle Scout project by 18. Carol is asking for assistance with public trails for the Farm. Work still to be determined. 4 different groups have to approve the project. 1) the cabinet (the beneficiary), 2) Scoutmaster 3) Mayflower Council and 4) another member - Liaison approves it. Other suggestions - Food pantry and the Thrift shop shelving. Aidan will reach out when he is ready to start the project.

Update on Jenne/Pastor's report

She is on the Med/Surg unit at Brockton Hospital. She will be there a while. There is a need for a temporary placement. Rev Beth has a proposal and a possible temporary replacement until Jenne is well enough to come back. Twelve hours per week. 10-1 Tuesday through Friday. Took a vote. Anne motioned, unanimous Ayes.

Sabbatical pastor for July is a Hospice Chaplain. On April 6th he will come to worship. It has been very busy. Preparing for Lent. Lent starts next week. Group support at senior center to continue. Rev Beth and Praxis therapist are trading off weeks to work. Focus of Lent will be wellness and Mental health. Junior Deacons will be teaching wellness during Lent. Rev Beth and Carol Chaffee made fish chowder. Next reading materials will be "Turning over Tables" for Lent and "Mary Magdalene" in May.

Treasurer's Report Dave

1. Nothing unusual
2. Same as before
3. \$10k in January, a little less than the previous two years.
4. Julia's concert brought in \$1500.
5. Switched to HarborOnebank.

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Cabinet minutes continued...**Congregational and Spiritual Engagement Team – Carol Chaffee**

1. Made Fish Chowder - where did it go? They took it home! Shared with folks at the church and anyone who was around.
2. Assisted Community team with the concert
3. Easter events
4. Arthur Sharp has a quote for the hallway and kitchen flooring
5. Kid's church all set with Lent

Community Engagement Report

1. One great hour of sharing is coming up, 27th and 30th of March will have meetings to discuss.
2. Bridgewater Business Association - parking and driving issue. Put off until July and/or August
3. Need more advance notice for when concerts are happening due to the amount of planning needed.
4. Gala planning meeting coming up on March 11th.

Property and Finance

1. All the problems with the flat roof have been fixed. The roofer gifted the repair for the obvious leak. The issues were due to the 8 vent pipes - there were problems with all of them. \$2500 total repair.
2. Main roof by steeple - halfway down - missing shingles. Leak inside sanctuary. The roofer is going to get back in touch with Dave Hanson about repair pricing.
3. Boiler install - Forni wants to schedule in March. Dave says that it could be up to a week without heat. See if we can do it during School Vacation so as to not inconvenience anyone.
4. Folding chairs. Rich S. says we can get rid of the chairs without padding. We sold them \$1 a chair. AA needs them. Connie talked to AA - we do have enough after all.

Reducing Reverend Beth's time to $\frac{3}{4}$ time.

Need to discuss if it reduces the budget issues enough - is it worth doing? It's a difference of approximately 18,000. Proposal to have breakout groups to discuss with the congregation. Also pull in our online congregants. Anne Malmquist as moderator of the breakout groups. Discussed need for an impact analysis - Financial, Spiritual, operational, etc. to share with the break out sessions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Income				
Regular Pledges	63,928	73,429	(9,501)	125,000
Unpledged Offerings	10,419	7,049	3,370	12,000
Plate Offering	369	587	(219)	1,000
Kid's Church	415	294	122	500
Total · Pledges / Offerings	75,131	81,359	(6,229)	138,500
Special Collections				
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	123	1,175	(1,051)	2,000
Total · Special Collections	123	1,175	(1,051)	2,000
Fundraisers/Events Revenue				
Church Fair	7,065	4,699	2,365	8,000
Central Closet Thrift Shop	11,103	8,811	2,291	15,000
Furnace fundraiser	33,453	0	33,453	0
Misc Fundraisers	22	0	22	0
Julia Concert	780	0	780	0
Magical Evening	1,558	0	1,558	0
Total Misc Fundraisers	2,360	1,762	598	3,000
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	53,981	13,511	38,132	23,000
Facility Usage Income				
Non Profit Bldg Use	2,405	2,350	55	4,000
North River Collaborative	7,500	8,811	(1,311)	15,000
Private Bldg Use	0	294	(294)	500
Food Pantry support	850	705	145	1,200
Total · Facility Usage Income	10,755	12,160	(1,405)	20,700
Miscellaneous Income	169	587	(418)	1,000
Total Income	140,159	108,792	31,367	185,200
Expenses				
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	72,776	70,314	(2,461)	119,698
Total · Support Staff Expenses	26,791	29,667	2,876	50,503
Total · Office Expenses	6,304	5,228	(1,076)	8,900
Total · Church Building Costs	18,950	19,150	201	32,600
Teams				
Spiritual Engagement	1,370	881	(489)	1,500
Kid's Church	262	0	(262)	
Congregational Engagement	191	529	338	900
Community Engagement	940	587	(353)	1,000
Breakfasts/Lunches	(148)	0	148	0
Property and Finance	0	176	176	300
Community Engagement Reserve	930	1,101	171	1,875
Total · Teams	3,546	3,275	(271)	5,575
MACUCC Fellowship Dues	0	1,175	1,175	2,000
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	117	117	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	128,366	128,927	561	219,476
Net income (loss)	11,793	(20,135)	31,928	(34,276)
Transfer from Investments	20,000		(20,000)	31,276
	31,793	(20,135)	(3,000)	

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

Cash balances	
Operating account	13,405
Money Market	23,258
Minister's Discretionary account	453
Community Engagement Reserve	2,746
Building fund/Capital Improvements account	35,111
PayPal account	0
Venmo account	49
Total cash balances	<u><u>75,022</u></u>

Vanguard investment funds	
Protected principal	135,513
Unrestricted funds, beginning	85,480
Deposits (withdrawals)	
Gain (loss) for month	<u>4,588</u>
Unrestricted funds, ending	<u>90,068</u>
Total investments 1/31/2025	<u>225,581</u>

Food Pantry account balance December 31, 2024	<u>25,617</u>
Donations	1,909
Expenses	<u>(1,361)</u>
Food Pantry account balance January 31, 2025	<u><u>26,166</u></u>

	Giving Comparison					
	<u>2023 Month</u>	<u>2024 Month</u>	<u>2025 Month</u>	<u>2023 YTD</u>	<u>2024 YTD</u>	<u>2025 YTD</u>
Jan.	10,307.95	10,226.11	9,936.61	10,307.95	10,226.11	9,936.61
Feb.	9,713.95	7,168.42		20,021.90	17,394.53	
March	9,535.31	11,414.05		29,557.21	28,808.58	
April	15,149.70	21,591.08		44,706.91	50,399.66	
May	21,938.88	18,534.50		66,645.79	68,934.16	
June	8,696.40	9,079.51		75,342.19	78,013.67	
July	15,290.21	8,518.30		90,632.40	86,531.97	
Aug.	8,061.22	7,908.21		98,693.62	94,440.18	
Sept.	10,587.06	13,892.94		109,280.68	108,333.12	
Oct.	12,608.01	9,569.39		121,888.69	117,902.51	
Nov.	8,281.58	10,814.97		130,170.27	128,717.48	
Dec.	13,625.20	14,193.23		143,795.47	142,910.71	



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