



# Steeple Sounds

The monthly newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church, UCC  
July 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.*

**Rev. Beth is on sabbatical for the month of July.  
We are happy to introduce our sabbatical pastor, Rev. Andrew Heintz.**

Andrew Heintz is an ordained UCC minister and serves as a full time hospice chaplain and as associate pastor at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Newton Lower Falls. Andrew is passionate about helping people meet God in prayer and worship, entering the stories of our faith with creativity and imagination. Andrew received his Master of Divinity degree from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his Master of Sacred Theology at Chicago Theological Seminary. Andrew is an ordained UCC minister and serves in the community as a hospice chaplain. Originally from Oxford, North Carolina, Andrew loves living in Providence, and he enjoys spending time in nature and playing music.



## Rev. Beth's Recipe for Summer!





*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.



**Tue, Wed, Thu 9am-1pm**

## Next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, August 20, 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



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.

## CSCC Team Leadership 2025-26

Spiritual Engagement Team Leaders:  
Linda Chipman, Deb Sorgman, Eric Stotts

Congregational Team Leaders:  
Carol Chaffee, Natalie Muurisepp

Property & Finance Team Leaders:  
Patrick Donahue, David Hanson, John Sharland

Community Engagement Team Leaders:  
Heather Ciaramitaro, Stephanie Holmgren,  
Terry Reynolds



**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.**

**Please note:** Rev. Beth is on sabbatical for the month of July. Contact a Deacon or a member of the care team if you need help.

#### 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!



Summer time!! For the months of July and August, as was in June, the after-worship fellowship time will be on a volunteer basis. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board nearest the kitchen for those who may want to choose a Sunday to host fellowship time. It is summer so keep it simple. Lemonade, iced tea or coffee and water are all that is needed.

There may be some baked goods in the freezer marked for summer coffee hour so help yourself. Be spontaneous and if you choose to host fellowship time, please make an announcement in church so others will know to go downstairs or head out onto the lawn for catch up conversations.

*Connie Chandler*



## Congregational Meeting

**The annual meeting was held on Sunday, June 8. The following business was conducted:**

- The annual report was approved unanimously.
- The proposal to become a W.I.S.E. congregation was approved unanimously.
- The slate of nominees was approved unanimously.
- The 2025-26 budget was approved by majority vote.

Big shoutout to Carol Chaffee and all who contributed to the potluck lunch!





## Everyone Loves A Parade!

...including Central Square Congregational Church. We will have a tractor and wagon float again this year as we join the community to celebrate the Fourth of July. Please consider participating to exemplify WHO WE ARE!

More details to follow in our weekly blast as we get closer to the date but we meet at Harrington Hall on Grove Street between 9 - 9:30 AM to decorate the float. If you have extra decorations you would like to share, please let Carol Chaffee know. All ages are welcome as we can accommodate everyone.

Contact Carol Chaffee with questions,  
galchaffee@gmail.com.

*Congregational Engagement Team*

*Community Engagement Team*

*Spiritual Engagement Team*

*Property and Finance Team*



**The church building will also be open during the parade for the public's access to restrooms.**



## Just announced! FREE concert!

Local classical pianist Aaron Wonson will be presenting a FREE concert on **FRIDAY, AUGUST 1** at 7pm at Central Square Church. With degrees from the Oberlin Conservatory and the Jacobs School at Indiana University, Aaron is currently pursuing his DMA in piano performance and education at Boston University. He is a 26-year-old Bridgewater native, and will be presenting a program of Beethoven, Brahms, Debussy, and Ravel. Free will offering will be accepted but not required, and a basket raffle will also be held! Contact the church office or visit [www.cscucc.org/events](http://www.cscucc.org/events) for more information.



## Our Summer book study for July/August is the book "Good Soil" by Jeff Chu.

*About Jeff Chu and "Good Soil"*

Jeff Chu is a writer, reporter, and editor, including Editor-at-large at Travel+Leisure. He was a teacher in residence at Crosspointe Church in North Carolina, and a parish associate for storytelling and witness at the First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley in California.

Ph.D. student in theology at the University of Stellenbosch. Minister of Word and sacrament in the Reformed Church in America (RCA). Cook. Gardener. Author of "Does Jesus Really Love Me?: A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America", and co-author, with the late Rachel Held Evans, of the New York Times best-seller "Wholehearted Faith". He has also served as co-curator, with Sarah Bessey, of Evolving Faith. He is a resident of Grand Rapids, Michigan, where his husband and he moved in 2020.

Prior to that, while a seminarian at Princeton Theological Seminary, he worked as a farmhand at PTS's Farminary. Don't be deceived: when he got to the Farminary, a 21-acre experiment in sustainable agriculture that doubles as the world's best classroom, he notes: "I didn't know anything about farming and I had more experience killing plants than nurturing them. But my work there changed me. That land taught me about the story of life, death, and new life that God has written into creation."

"Good Soil: The Education of an Accidental Farmhand," is his memoir about his time at the Farminary, and was published earlier this year.

*This item does not appear in the printed copy of the July Steeple Sounds.*



*A colleague of mine recently retired and she shared this excerpt from Robert Fulgham's book as a farewell to all of us in the company. I felt it more than worthy to share with all of you.*  
*Carol Chaffee*

"All I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

Share Everything.

Play Fair.

Don't hit people.

Put things back where you find them.

Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt someone.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Flush.

Warm cookies and milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life- learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap every afternoon.

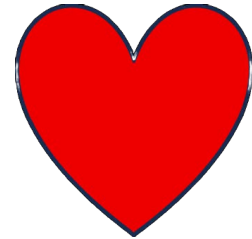
When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.

Wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup – the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup – they all die. So do we.

And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned – the biggest word of all – LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.



Take any one of those items and extrapolate it into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if we all – the whole world – had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankies for a nap. Or if all governments had as a basic policy to always put things back where they found them and to clean up their own mess.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are – when you go out into the world,  
 it is best to hold hands and stick together." *Robert Fulgham*



### **Saturday, July 12, 9-2**

On Saturday, July 12th there will be a community yard sale at CSCC, from 9am to 2pm!

Tables are available to rent at \$25 each and are limited. All proceeds from rentals will be donated to CSCC. If you are interested you can reach out to Jenne Foronjy in the church office or email at [jenneforonjy@gmail.com](mailto:jenneforonjy@gmail.com). We are planning on having a bake/snack sale if anyone would want to donate and/or help sell those, too!

*(Rain date: July 26)*



**Just a reminder!**  
**SUMMER HOURS start on July 1st!**

We will be open 10 -2 on Wednesdays!  
(closed on Saturdays)

We will go back to our regular hours on September 3rd.

In addition to our clothing, housewares, craft supplies and books, we now have a kids corner. Come in and check it out. Lots of toys and books. Something for most every age.

We greatly appreciate all donations and they will be accepted on Wednesdays 10-2 during shop's summer openings. We are currently accepting up to 20 summer items per visit. Please do not leave bags in random places elsewhere in the church. We keep our prices low and have half price sale items monthly.

Lots going on this summer! If you could spare an hour or two we can always use an extra pair of hands. Doesn't matter whether you come to shop, donate, volunteer, or visit, all are welcome at Central Closet Thrift Shop.

As always thanks for all you do to help make the shop so successful.

*Connie, Sandy, Jane, Lynn and Gail*



*Stop by and see the Kids  
Corner at the thrift shop!*



Central Square Congregational Church, UCC, joyfully welcomes the newest (and hottest!) member of our church family: Boiler Grace.

Installed on May 22, Boiler Grace joins our family weighing in at a heavenly ton and measuring just the right size to keep us all warm with love and steam!

Proudly delivered by the dedicated team at Forni Brothers Inc., Boiler Grace will begin her ministry—faithfully providing warmth, comfort, and well-regulated heat to our sacred space this coming fall.

Please join us in giving thanks for this much-needed addition to our congregation's infrastructure. She may be made of metal, but her warmth is divine!

*"Behold, I make all things new." – Revelation 21:5*

If you'd like to contribute a baby gift, please see our Amazon wishlist! ([www.cscucc.org/giving](http://www.cscucc.org/giving))





## Needing Help is Nothing to Be Ashamed Of by Sheri Turner

*Romans 5:5 (NIV)*

*And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

Every time I fail at something I try to do, I need to remember this verse from the Bible. I fail a lot too, and I have a deeply self-critical streak that often brings me down. Reading this verse reminds me that there is no shame in failing. God loves me whether I fail or not. He pours his love into me so I can share that love with others; love is why we were created. We are imbued with God's love in our very souls. Our job as lovers of God, is to find a way to share that love in as many ways as possible with as many people as possible, so they too can share God's love.

My latest failure? Teaching my dogs to get along. Some of you may know that I have three dogs. Cosmo, Wanda, and Bitsy. Cosmo and Wanda get along famously. They love to wrestle, they both love to chase squirrels (although they have no idea what to do with them when they catch them). Cosmo and Bitsy get along together. They will cuddle from time to time and understand and respect each others' boundaries. Wanda and Bitsy? They would kill each other on sight if they could.

Recently, for the second time since they both joined our family, Bitsy and Wanda attacked each other. Both dogs needed veterinary attention. I have been trying since 2022 to broker a peace between the two girls, with no success. It's doubly frustrating because I work with dogs. I am a dog sitter and dog walker. When I can, I offer suggestions to pet owners about ways they can get their furry companions to cooperate and behave appropriately. I don't feel I am an expert by any means, but I have had dogs for years and know what has worked with mine. I am always trying to learn more about their behavior and what I can do to make families who have dogs lives better. Acting humanely and with love is key.

Part of acting humanely is setting your ego aside. Accepting your limitations and admitting you need help when you hit a dead end. I am trying to do just that. I love my dogs very much, and that is why I have to admit I can't help them alone. My failure (this time) was thinking I didn't

need help. I have hired an expert who is scheduled to start working with us soon. I should have done this a long time ago, but I thought I could manage it on my own. I struggled for two years trying to manage. We tried muzzles, but the dogs hated them so much they rubbed their faces on the ground enough to make themselves bleed. We tried managing their encounters with leashes, but that just meant they couldn't reach each other to do harm; they would still try though.

Neither of them would approach each other calmly or even just walk by and ignore each other. No, they were out to kill each other when they thought they might reach one another. So we crate and rotate them. One dog spends 2 hours in the kennel while the other dog is out free. We switch them approximately every two hours so no one is locked up for long. They both have time to roam in the yard, they both have access to water. They are fed in their kennels to avoid fights over food. Toys like lick mats are provided for mental and tactile stimulation. Despite that they still don't get along.

God allows us the time, grace, and space to make decisions about when we have failed and when we are ready to accept the help we need; when we are ready to set our egos aside and admit we don't know how things work as well as He does. When something is not working the way you had hoped it would, are you ready to accept His outstretched hand? Are you willing to admit He knows better and is there when you need Him? This time I am. Hopefully next time I will be too, but only time will tell that.



***Do you get text alerts for important event changes and event reminders? No? Visit [www.cscucc.org](http://www.cscucc.org), and click on the link on the home page.***

***PS - you can also sign up for text alerts for Kids Church, Volunteer opportunities, and thrift shop news!***

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



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

### **Tues., July 1**

Psalm 75  
2 Kings 3:4-20  
Ephesians 5:6-20

### **Wed., July 2**

Psalm 75; 2 Kings 4:1-7  
Matthew 10:16-25

### **Thurs., July 3**

Psalm 30  
2 Kings 4:8-17  
Romans 7:14-25

### **Fri., July 4**

Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:18-31  
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

### **Sat., July 5**

Psalm 30  
2 Kings 4:32-37  
Luke 9:1-6

### **Sun., July 6**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### **Mon., July 7**

Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:15-19a  
Acts 19:21-27

### **Tues., July 8**

Psalm 6  
2 Kings 5:19b-27  
Acts 19:28-41

### **Wed., July 9**

Psalm 6  
2 Kings 6:1-7  
Luke 10:13-16

### **Thurs., July 10**

Psalm 82  
Amos 1:1—2:3  
James 2:14-26

### **Fri., July 11**

Psalm 82  
Amos 2:4-11  
Acts 7:9-16

### **Sat., July 12**

Psalm 82  
Amos 2:12—3:8  
John 3:16-21

### **Sun., July 13**

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
Amos 7:7-17  
Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

### **Mon., July 14**

Psalm 7  
Amos 3:9—4:5  
James 2:1-7

### **Tues., July 15**

Psalm 7  
Amos 4:6-13  
1 John 3:11-17

### **Wed., July 16**

Psalm 7  
Amos 5:1-9  
Matthew 25:31-46

### **Thurs., July 17**

Psalm 52  
Amos 5:10-17  
Hebrews 5:1-6

### **Fri., July 18**

Psalm 52  
Amos 5:18-27  
Ephesians 3:14-21

### **Sat., July 19**

Psalm 52  
Amos 6:1-14  
Luke 8:4-10

### **Sun., July 20**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
Amos 8:1-12  
Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:38-42

### **Mon., July 21**

Psalm 119:17-32  
Amos 7:1-6  
Colossians 1:27—2:7

### **Tues., July 22**

Psalm 119:17-32  
Amos 8:13—9:4  
1 John 2:1-6

### **Wed., July 23**

Psalm 119:17-32  
Amos 9:5-15  
John 6:41-51

### **Thurs., July 24**

Psalm 85  
Hosea 4:1-19  
Acts 1:15-20

### **Fri., July 25**

Psalm 85  
Hosea 5:1-15  
Acts 2:22-36

### **Sat., July 26**

Psalm 85  
Hosea 1:11—2:15  
Luke 8:22-25

### **Sun., July 27**

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
Hosea 1:2-10  
Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]  
Luke 11:1-13

### **Mon., July 28**

Psalm 44  
Hosea 2:14—3:5  
Colossians 2:16—3:1

### **Tues., July 29**

Psalm 44  
Hosea 6:1-10  
Romans 9:30—10:4

### **Wed., July 30**

Psalm 44  
Hosea 6:11—7:16  
Matthew 5:43-48

### **Thurs., July 31**

Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Hosea 8:1-14  
Romans 11:33-36



# JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Unless otherwise noted, worship services are both online and in-person		<b>1</b> 9-1 Church office open 6pm Magical Event mtg 7pm Women's NA	<b>2</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-2 Thrift Shop open	<b>3</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	<b>4</b> Happy 4th of July! (Church building will be open to the public during the parade)	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10am Communion Worship* 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>7</b> 6-7:30pm Food Pantry Open	<b>8</b> 9-1 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	<b>9</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-2 Thrift Shop open 6:30pm Church crafters	<b>10</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9-2 CSCCC Yard Sale!
<b>13</b> 10am Worship* 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> * Steeple Sounds submissions due * 9-1 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	<b>16</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-2 Thrift Shop open	<b>17</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10am Worship* 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9-1 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	<b>23</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-2 Thrift Shop open	<b>24</b> (office closed) 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> (9-2 CSCCC Yard Sale rain date)
<b>27</b> 10am Worship* 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9-1 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	<b>30</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-2 Thrift Shop open	<b>31</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	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.	

## **CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes June 18, 2025 at 7pm**

### **Location:** Fellowship hall, Church

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

Pastor Beth Devotional - Read "Jesus gave Peter a job". Who loves us? How can we help other people?

Note on behalf of Reverend Beth regarding the Calendaring meeting: We NEED a SCRIBE to do the calendaring. Need a separate person to make the updates to the Church calendar.

### **Cabinet members in attendance:**

Anne Malmquist, Moderator; David Sheibley, Treasurer; Nina Gabel-Jorgensen, Clerk; Terry Reynolds, Community Engagement; Pastor, Beth Stotts

- Property and Finance missing, Spiritual Engagement missing, Congregational Engagement missing

### **Other**

Connie Chandler; Gail Wright; Jenne Foronjy - taking notes for Google calendar

### **May minutes**

Not enough for a quorum to vote on the May Minutes

### **Update on Pastor's report**

- WISE went through
- Major cleanout of the classroom with Dylan, the amazing high school student. Dylan texts Pastor Beth twice a week requesting volunteer hours for school.
- Donation of paint to repaint the room. Paint has arrived. Taking a picture of the mural so we can make a poster of it and move it around as needed.
- Still working on playground. Wedding coming up.
- Reverend Andrew coming on the 29th to help smooth transition.

### **Treasurer's Report - Dave Sheibley**

1. A couple of nice donations in the last month.
2. 5k over budget in May!!
3. June is better than normal as well
4. \$600 in dues
5. In pretty good shape

### **Community Engagement Report - Terry Reynolds**

1. Partnership opportunity with Catholic Charities - refugees placed in this area. Eventually they will be placed in Brockton. In the meantime they will need clothing, etc.
2. BBA - Christmas on the common.
3. Yard Sale in the Fall - September 13th? Discussion regarding July 12th Yard Sale in addition to September. Terry will let us know. September 13th is open. October has a rummage sale.
4. Magical event planning is underway.
5. September 27th harvest fair discussion.
6. Doors open on July 4th for restroom use.

### **Calendering**

1. Spiritual Engagement - nothing quite yet for the calendar.
- Overarching dates - Lent, Easter, etc.

Highlights:

### **JULY**

1. Thrift shop open until 2pm on S
2. Yard Sale
3. No cabinet meeting

### **AUGUST**

1. All Sundays in August will start at 9am

### **SEPTEMBER**

1. Food pantry on 9/1 needs follow up
2. 9/5 community meal
3. Thrift shop back to regular hours
4. Back in the sanctuary
5. 20th Kid friendly event (hoe down)
6. 26th Adult event maybe swap with the 20th (line dancing)
7. 27th Harvest Fest

### **OCTOBER**

1. 10/3 Community Meal
2. Neighbors in need offering
3. Adult fundraising event 10/17
4. Rummage sale 10/18
5. Worship World Communion Sunday 10/5
6. Magical event on the 25th

### **NOVEMBER**

1. Zoom five wishes on 11/2 DST worship
2. 11/7 Church fair
3. 11/8 Tukey supper
4. 11/15 fundraising kid friendly
5. 11/22 Food sorting of donations
6. 11/30 first Sunday of Advent

### **DECEMBER**

1. Christmas on the common on 12/7
2. Wedding on 12/6 in the church.
3. 12/13 adult fund raising event
4. Kid friendly fundraiser on 12/20 (grinch??)
5. Third Advent - Music Sunday
6. Fourth Advent - Christmas pageant
7. Thrift shop closed last week of December

### **JANUARY**

1. Community meal fund
2. Window Poutine 1/12
3. Kid friendly fundraiser 1/17
4. Changing Gala to January

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## CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes

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### **FEBRUARY**

1. Heifer Sunday 2/8
2. Community meal 2/6 Pizza competition
3. Sleepover 2/21
4. Ash Wednesday 2/18
5. 2/22 First sunday of lent

### **MARCH**

1. Community meal on 3/6
2. 3/21 kid friendly
3. 3/27 adult friendly
4. 3/29 Palm Sunday
5. 3/8 Daylight Savings time

### **APRIL**

1. 4/11 Rummage sale
2. No Thrift shop on 4/11 and 4/8th
3. Five wishes on 4/4 - Holy Saturday
4. Sunrise service 4/5/2025 630am
5. National Burrito Day on 4/4 Holy Burrito
6. 4/25 second Kid sleepover
7. 4/24 Adult activity
8. 4/18 Alice in Wonderland High Tea

### **MAY**

1. Community Meal
2. Guild Banquet
3. Annual Reports due on 5/15
4. Kid friendly funding gardening
5. 5/24 is Pentecost
6. 5/31 Ashley is getting married

### **JUNE**

1. Annual meeting on 6/14
2. Jenne is graduating!!!!
3. Calendaring date 6/17

### **Other business**

Capital campaigns going on.

Pastor Beth ending prayer

Meeting ended at 8:15 PM

Next meeting is August 20th, 2025



## MEETING SPACE AVAILABLE

**Central Square Church, UCC  
has an industrial kitchen,  
nursery and preschool  
rooms, meeting rooms, and  
large halls available for  
multipurpose use.**

Call the Office at  
508-697-6016  
to reserve space  
for your next  
meeting or  
event.

Playgroups, book clubs, office/study space,  
cooking parties, family gatherings, meetup groups



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

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
Income				
Regular Pledges	123,012	114,413	8,599	125,000
Unpledged Offerings	18,689	10,984	7,705	12,000
Plate Offering	740	915	(176)	1,000
Kid's Church	533	458	75	500
Total · Pledges / Offerings	142,973	126,769	16,204	138,500
Special Collections				
SNEUCC Fellowship Dues	251	1,831	(1,579)	2,000
Total · Special Collections	251	1,831	(1,579)	2,000
Fundraisers/Events Revenue				
Church Fair	7,065	7,322	(258)	8,000
Central Closet Thrift Shop	16,224	13,730	2,494	15,000
Furnace fundraiser	33,453	0	33,453	0
Misc Fundraisers	690	0	690	0
Julia Concert	1,555	0	1,555	0
Magical Evening	1,558	0	1,558	0
Total Misc Fundraisers	3,803	2,746	1,057	3,000
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	60,545	21,052	36,380	26,000
Facility Usage Income				
Non Profit Bldg Use	3,751	3,661	90	4,000
North River Collaborative	15,000	13,730	1,270	15,000
Private Bldg Use	100	458	(358)	500
Food Pantry support	1,450	1,098	352	1,200
Total · Facility Usage Income	20,301	18,947	1,354	20,700
Miscellaneous Income	706	915	(210)	1,000
Total Income	224,776	172,260	52,516	188,200
Expenses				
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	113,383	109,560	(3,824)	119,698
Total · Support Staff Expenses	42,922	46,225	3,303	50,503
Total · Office Expenses	10,519	8,146	(2,373)	8,900
Total · Church Building Costs	37,740	29,839	(7,901)	32,600
Teams				
Spiritual Engagement	1,942	1,373	(569)	1,500
Kid's Church	596	0	(596)	
Congregational Engagement	67	824	757	900
Coffee Hour Donations	(254)			
Community Engagement	1,107	915	(191)	1,000
Breakfasts/Lunches	(240)	0	240	0
Property and Finance	119	275	156	300
Community Engagement Reserve	1,793	1,716	(76)	1,875
Total · Teams	5,128	5,103	(25)	5,575
SNEUCC Fellowship Dues	0	1,831	1,831	2,000
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	0	183	183	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	209,693	200,887	(8,806)	219,476
Net income (loss)	15,083	(28,627)	43,710	(31,276)
Transfer from Investments	20,000		(20,000)	31,276
	35,083	(28,627)		0

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

Cash balances	
Operating account	16,025
Money Market	27,765
Minister's Discretionary account	623
Community Engagement Reserve	3,210
Building fund/Capital Improvements account	25,192
PayPal account	187
Venmo account	867
Total cash balances	<u>73,868</u>

Vanguard investment funds	
Protected principal	135,513
Unrestricted funds, beginning	86,275
Deposits (withdrawals)	
Gain (loss) for month	<u>4,249</u>
Unrestricted funds, ending	<u>90,524</u>
Total investments 5/31/2025	<u>226,037</u>

Food Pantry account balance 4/30/2025	21,412
Donations	166
Expenses	<u>(1,373)</u>
Food Pantry account balance 5/31/2025	<u>20,205</u>

Giving Comparison						
	2023 Month	2024 Month	2025 Month	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	2025 YTD
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	14,385.21	20,021.90	17,394.53	24,321.82
March	9,535.31	11,414.05	10,897.26	29,557.21	28,808.58	35,219.08
April	15,149.70	21,591.08	16,246.75	44,706.91	50,399.66	51,465.83
May	21,938.88	18,534.50	24,662.86	66,645.79	68,934.16	76,128.69
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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