



# Steeple Sounds

The monthly newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church, UCC  
February 2026

*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*

Every year when I look at the February calendar, I'm in shock when I see February vacation. It always surprises me, and I shouldn't be surprised. That school vacation week pops up every year; you think I'd be used to it by now.

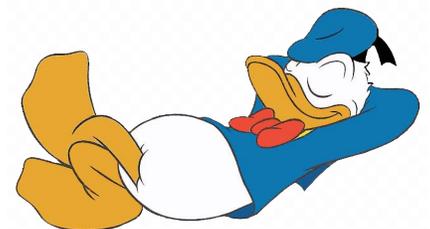
Vacation can feel indulgent—or even irresponsible. Yet throughout Scripture, God reminds us that rest is not a reward for faithfulness; it is part of faithfulness itself. In scripture God consistently invites us to pause, breathe, and remember who we are apart from what we do. And in a culture that often measures worth by productivity, it is good for us to remember that we are children of God first and foremost.

Children often understand the concept of vacation better than adults. Kids don't apologize for play. They can move seamlessly from learning to laughing, from effort to play. In play, kids are fully present—immersed in imagination, curiosity, and joy. They remind us that vacation is not wasted time; it is formative time. In play and vacation, children show us how to receive life as a gift rather than a task to complete.

Vacation—whether a trip away, a staycation, or simply stepping back from routine—is a spiritual practice. Remember that. When we rest, we declare with our bodies what we believe with our hearts: that our value is rooted in being God's beloved, not in how much we accomplish.

Whether we get a week of vacation in February or not, may we take cues from children who play freely. May we give ourselves permission to rest without guilt, to delight without justification, and to return renewed—ready to love God and our neighbor more fully. After all, even God rested, and called it good.

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.



**Tue, Thu, Fri, & Sun: 9am-1pm**

### Next Cabinet meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 25, 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-ucc



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

### CSCC Team Leadership 2025-26

Spiritual Engagement Team Leaders:  
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



**Inclement Weather Policy:** If it is deemed necessary to cancel Sunday morning worship, or a special event, due to weather concerns, remember that word will be put out in the following ways: Facebook post; blast email to all on the email list; blast text to those that have signed up for text notifications; a notice on the home page of the website ([www.cscucc.org](http://www.cscucc.org)); and the outgoing phone message on the church telephone line will note the closure.



**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

**CSCC Care Team**  
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**CSCC Junior Choir  
2025-26!**

**Rehearsals at 9:40am:  
Feb. 1 - Feb. 8 - Feb. 22**

**Performance at 10am:  
February 22**



Coffee Hour Fellowship Time will continue in February as long as there are volunteers to help with set up, hosting, and clean up. Thank you to everyone who pitches in to help, making the job easier for all of us. The sign-up sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall with dates of February 1st and 22nd needing coverage.

Several regular coffee hour volunteers will be away in February so even if you don’t normally volunteer but would be willing to help out, it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you,  
*Connie Chandler*



**Guest Artist Sara Heltzel**

We look forward to welcoming world-renowned opera singer Sara Heltzel to our worship service on Sunday, February 8.

*Women's*  
**Guild**  
*& Fellowship*

The Women’s Guild and Fellowship would like to invite the women in the church and friends to our next meeting, February 4, 2026 at 6:30 pm. Our program will be “Dress A Girl Around the World” with speakers Gloria Moran and Evelyn DeLutis. Come hear about this great program right here in Bridgewater that benefits young girls internationally. Refreshments will be served!

**For more information or to buy your tickets, visit [cscucc.org/events](http://cscucc.org/events)**



**"Community is the heartbeat of humanity, pulsing with love and support."**

• Longtime member Phoebe Hogg has moved. Her new address is Village at Willows Crossing, 25 Cobb St, Apt. L142, Mansfield, MA 02048. She would love to get cards and notes from her CSCC family!

• Welcome to new CSCC members Drew Sullivan and Diana Francis.

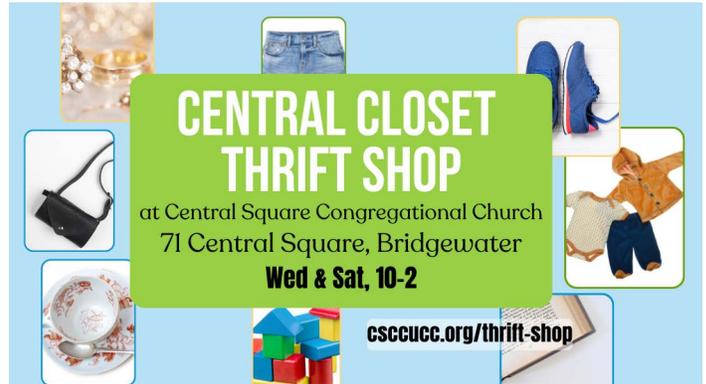
• Steve and Connie Chandler will be in Lahaina, Hawaii for two weeks where the 2023 fires caused extensive destruction. They will be joining a 6-7 member team of family and friends to build a house that was lost of a young family with Raynham roots.

• Congratulations to Karissa and Liam Marquis, as they welcome baby Elizabeth to their lives!

*Do you have an important milestone in your family you'd like to share with the CSCC community? Perhaps a retirement (yay!), a birth, a new job or house, a passing? Let us share in these important moments in the life of our community together.*

*Send your brief, one-line message to the church office at [office@cscucc.com](mailto:office@cscucc.com). If it's received by the 20th of the month, it'll be in the next Steeple Sounds. If it comes after, we'll save it for the next one.*

**What's new with you?**



**♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥**

Central Closet Thrift Shop is celebrating the cold weather we are having right now in New England! **We are offering all outer wear accessories at 50% off.** So come in and stock up on hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves. Stock up while the price is right.

Check out our Sale Closet and Sale Cabinet for even more bargains!

The 14th will be here soon. Be sure to purchase some of the Hilliards candy bars - 2 for \$5 - for the special people in your lives. We can't seem to keep them in stock, so don't wait too long.

We welcome new or gently used clothing and accessories for adults and children, household items, books, and toys. Please no electronics, broken items, torn or stained clothing. We do limit donations up to twenty items per visit. Donations are only accepted during shop hours (Wednesday and Saturday 10-2).

Thanks again for your continued support.

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



On February 15 we will honor UCC Blanket Sunday with a special offering. Every \$10 donation buys a blanket for someone in need. Please consider making a donation to this project.





*To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing. ~ Martin Luther*

Our Mustard Seed Prayer List is at the very center of our church, the heart of our church home. Our prayer list flourishes with ups, downs, highs, lows, concerns and celebrations. We ask for mercy, we offer gratitude, we share our love, with God and in community. WE PRAY TOGETHER for and with each other.

Here are some guidelines for the Mustard Seeds Prayer List:

♥ A prayer can be added at any time; during worship (if you write your request on the mustard-colored slips of paper in the pews and place it in the offering plate), or an email, phone call or verbal request through the church office. When your prayer is added to the list it will include the date of the request. Some prayers need to be ongoing and some do not.

♥ If you have a prayer request on the list and you update, or mention additional information at a later time, (by following the first guideline above) the prayer will continue and the date of the request will be updated.

♥ After approximately 6 months, if no updates have been given, your prayer request will be removed. But it can always be added back on, should the request be given.

This is a challenge for the keepers of the list and there will always be exceptions to these guidelines. We would prefer for you to manage your prayer requests, rather than the keepers of the list.

Should you have questions about our prayer list, please speak with a Care Team Member.

### What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day season of prayer and reflection. On this day, we receive ashes on our foreheads, usually in the shape of a cross, as a sign of our human mortality. The ashes remind us of the biblical words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," calling us to turn our hearts toward God, seek renewal, and walk more intentionally in faith and love during the Lenten journey.

**Ashes will be imposed during a 10am worship service on Wednesday, February 18.** All are welcome! Since it's also school vacation week... a reminder that kids are ALWAYS welcome, so bring them!





January was an amazing month in Kids Church! Krissy has been leading the kids this month, with the help of both Diana and Ashley, working on various projects in their learning journey of Heifer International. All the kids are so excited to show everyone what they've been working on at the Living Gift Market, our annual event that raises money for Heifer International to help them continue their worldwide work of making life better for all God's children.

Speaking of the Living Gift Market, it is right around the corner! Please join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 8th right after worship as the kids will showcase and sell what they've been working on. As always, we'll have no shortage of crafts, snacks, and treats for sale all for an amazing cause, so please come out and support the kids and this wonderful ministry. And tell your friends and neighbors! The event is open to the public, and kids of all ages love to see all the amazing things our kids have come up with.

After the Heifer chapter, we'll quickly be jumping into Lent on February 22nd. This year we will be using the Illustrated Ministries Lenten

curriculum. One of my reservations about teaching Lent to kids in the past has always been that the focus is so much on the death of Jesus. While that was certainly part of the story, if you stop there you miss the most important part! Since Easter will be a multi-generational worship service as always, we will fast track the events that lead up to Jesus's death, and use the Sunday before (March 29) to focus on Jesus' resurrection and what that means to all of us.

I'm really looking forward to working with the kids this Lenten season, and just as a reminder, there is no barrier to entry in Kids Church. As it is with our regular worship, whether your kids come every week, or this is the first time they are here all year, all are welcome.

Kids Church Director,

*Eric Stotts*



### Sleepover Feb. 14!

All youth are invited to gather at 6pm for pizza and fellowship, followed by games, a movie ("The Peanuts Movie"), and vespers. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, stuffie/lovey, toiletries, a favorite game, and a water bottle with your name on it. Contact Rev. Beth or the church office to sign up or with questions.

### February 15 is Pajama Sunday, because God meets us just as we are, even before coffee.

Feel free to roll out of bed and straight into worship in your coziest pajamas, fluffiest slippers, or most faithful sweatpants. No judgment, no fashion police—just a relaxed, joyful time of worship together.

Whether you're rocking plaid PJs, superhero jams, or that old T-shirt you refuse to part with, you are warmly (and casually) invited. Come comfy, come sleepy, come as you are.

Then, meet us at the Providence Bruins game (puck drops at 3:05pm) for a Peanuts themed afternoon of Hockey!



## It was a Magical Success!

On Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup> we had this wonderful event at the church called "A Magical Adventure." We welcomed approximately 70-80 children and adults to participate in the fun. This event happened because of all the volunteers who gave of their time or donated food items. It could not have happened without your help. And best of all, it raised almost \$1300 for the church!

Diane Sheibley, the constant advertising brought the crowds in for us to entertain. And your creative map-making was a wonderful addition to the event.

The children were all engaged and loved the activities. Potions was very popular as usual, and Sandra Davis your eye for decorating is amazing. The children loved making the owls with Anne Malmquist, and Krissy Cannizzo, I saw the children waving their magic wands and casting spells.

Carol Chaffee, the boys and girls were very involved with potato printing, and creating their forests. You were brave to tackle this project.

Stephanie Holmgren, you are our anchor pulling together the decorations up front and creating the balloon photo shoot. This area sets the tone for everyone as they enter the Magical Adventure. Paul Holmes, the help you gave us while decorating the hall was enormous. You helped in so many ways – and the creature sounds brought the Enchanted Forest to life.

So many people donated ice cream cones, chocolate cookies, and frosting. Connie Chandler, Jane O'Connell, and I were able to create witches' hats, that, when opened by the children, M&M's were revealed and the children knew by color which tent to enter first. We also asked for chocolate bits which were used to make all kinds of yummy candy such as frogs, roaches on a log, and pine trees. Yum!

We were blessed with lots of donated food, and a magical feast was created by Sara Terpeny, Jenne Foronjy, and their crew. Any unopened food that was extra was donated to the food pantry.



And I don't want to forget the trees out front. They added to our theme and the atmosphere of the event, and the faces we adorned them with were an added bonus. Thank you all who donated their Christmas trees and thank you to Philip Chaffee for gathering all those trees and setting them up along the walkway in front of the church.

A special guest at our event was the "Bat Lady," Maria Armour, who shared how bats help us, while Christine Hoyt read bat stories to the children.

Sue Corcoran, you and your daughter were wonderful to jump in and run the store for us, and help in so many ways!

Thanks, too, to Rachel Lawson, several members of Sandra Davis' friends and family, and Judy, mother of the Bat Lady, who created our enchanted forest snake.

The decorating by everyone was truly amazing. When people came down from church the next morning and saw all the creativity from each of you they were surprised and impressed.

I cannot thank you all enough for your hard work this year. So many people helped in some way and the team thanks you all for your donations and your time.

*Terry Reynolds and the Magical Committee:*

Anne Malmquist, Stephanie Holmgren, Sandra Davis, Paul Holmes, Jenne Foronjy, Sara Terpeny, Diane Sheibley, Krissy Cannizzo, Carol Chaffee



you have taken the time and taken a different route.

So just this once, write a note to someone. It doesn't matter if you mail it or just hand it to the person and walk away. You may be surprised. You may feel awkward, but sometimes making ourselves vulnerable by reaching out makes us stronger in our Christian life.

*The Care Team*

## Sharing of Ourselves

Here's a challenge for you - write a note to a fellow parishioner, not a "thinking of you" card where you sign your name, put it in an envelope and mail. Make it personal, share something about you: a story, a favorite place, a favorite food, etc. and then entwine it with a question to the person you are writing to. Do they have a favorite place, food, story? Do they like to shop during the week or on the weekend? Open the door to a new friendship. The art of letter writing is disappearing. It is much quicker to text or email. Correspondence via mail provides anticipation and a true feeling of care and love for one another, because

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



**Southern New England Conference**  
 United Church of Christ  
*Living the Love & Justice of Jesus*

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References – February 2026 (Year A)

### Sun., Feb. 1

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
 Micah 6:1-8  
 Psalm 15  
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
 Matthew 5:1-12

### Mon., Feb. 2

Psalm 37:1-17  
 Ruth 1:1-18  
 Philemon 1-25

### Tues., Feb. 3

Psalm 37:1-17  
 Ruth 2:1-16  
 James 5:1-6

### Wed., Feb. 4

Psalm 37:1-17  
 Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22  
 Luke 6:17-26

### Thurs., Feb. 5

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]  
 Deuteronomy 4:1-14  
 1 John 5:1-5

### Fri., Feb. 6

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]  
 Isaiah 29:1-12  
 James 3:13-18

### Sat., Feb. 7

Psalm 112:1-9 [10]  
 Isaiah 29:13-16  
 Mark 7:1-8

### Sun., Feb. 8

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
 Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]  
 Psalm 112:1-9 [10]  
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]  
 Matthew 5:13-20

### Mon., Feb. 9

Psalm 119:105-112  
 2 Kings 22:3-20  
 Romans 11:2-10

### Tues., Feb. 10

Psalm 119:105-112  
 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25  
 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

### Wed., Feb. 11

Psalm 119:105-112  
 Proverbs 6:6-23  
 John 8:12-30

### Thurs., Feb. 12

Psalm 2  
 Exodus 6:2-9  
 Hebrews 8:1-7

### Fri., Feb. 13

Psalm 2  
 Exodus 19:9b-25  
 Hebrews 11:23-28

### Sat., Feb. 14

Psalm 2  
 1 Kings 21:20-29  
 Mark 9:9-13

### Sun., Feb. 15

Transfiguration of the Lord  
 Exodus 24:12-18  
 Psalm 2 or Psalm 99  
 2 Peter 1:16-21  
 Matthew 17:1-9

### Mon., Feb. 16

Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55  
 Exodus 33:7-23  
 Acts 7:30-34

### Tues., Feb. 17

Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55  
 1 Kings 19:9-18  
 Romans 11:1-6

### Wed., Feb. 18

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., Feb. 19

Psalm 51  
 Jonah 3:1-10  
 Romans 1:1-7

### Fri., Feb. 20

Psalm 51  
 Jonah 4:1-11  
 Romans 1:8-17

### Sat., Feb. 21

Psalm 51  
 Isaiah 58:1-12  
 Matthew 18:1-7

### Sun., Feb. 22

First Sunday in Lent  
 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
 Psalm 32  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11

### Mon., Feb. 23

Psalm 32  
 1 Kings 19:1-8  
 Hebrews 2:10-18

### Tues., Feb. 24

Psalm 32  
 Genesis 4:1-16  
 Hebrews 4:14—5:10

### Wed., Feb. 25

Psalm 32  
 Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28  
 Matthew 18:10-14

### Thurs., Feb. 26

Psalm 121  
 Isaiah 51:1-3  
 2 Timothy 1:3-7

### Fri., Feb. 27

Psalm 121  
 Micah 7:18-20  
 Romans 3:21-31

### Sat., Feb. 28

Psalm 121  
 Isaiah 51:4-8  
 Luke 7:1-10

# FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:30am Sr. choir 9-1 Church office open 9:40am Jr choir 10am Worship*, Kids Church 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>2</b> 6-7:30pm Food Pantry Open	<b>3</b> 9-1 Church office open 7pm Women's NA	<b>4</b> 10-2 Thrift Shop open 6:30pm Women's Guild & Fellowship	<b>5</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	<b>6</b> 9-1 Church office open	<b>7</b> 10-2 Thrift Shop open
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<b>15</b> <b>PJ Sunday!</b> <b>Blanket Sunday!</b> Steeple Sounds submissions due 8:30am Sr. choir 9-1 Church office open 10am Worship*, Kids Church 3pm CSCC at the Providence Bruins! 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9-1 Church office open 10am CSCC Staff Mtg 7pm Women's NA	<b>18</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 9-1 Church office open 10am Ash Wednesday service 10-2 Thrift Shop open	<b>19</b> 9-1 Church office open 10-1 Food Pantry Open 7pm AI-Anon	<b>20</b> 9-1 Church office open	<b>21</b> 10-2 Thrift Shop open
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<i>*Unless otherwise noted, worship services are both online and in-person</i>	Please note: The full calendar of all building uses is available on <a href="http://cscucc.org">cscucc.org</a> or by contacting the church office.					

## **CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes November 19, 2025 at 7pm**

*These minutes were approved by Cabinet on 1/21/26*

**Location:** Fellowship hall, Church Pastor Beth Devotional 7:02 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Anne Malmquist, Moderator.

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

Anne Malmquist, Moderator

Nina Gabel-Jorgensen, Clerk

Natalie Muurisepp, Congregational Engagement

Carol Chaffee, Congregational Engagement

Stephanie Holmgren, Community Engagement

Patrick Donahue, Property and Finance

Dave Sheibley, Treasurer

Pastor Beth Stotts

Guests

(none)

### **October minutes**

Minutes approved with these amendments - Carol Chaffee suggested that maybe the “Lord’s prayer” section being discussed in Children’s church could incorporate movement. Minutes should be put in Steeple Sounds two months after the meeting (so we can approve them first).

### **Pastor report**

See Pastor’s report for dates and activities.

A Haitian family visited our church. After church - members from our congregation reached out. They were interested in having their baby baptised. They are catholic and were hoping for a Catholic baptism. Members of the congregation reached out to the Catholic church to assist. There will be a wedding on December 6th.

### **Treasurer’s report**

Last month’s giving was the best so far. The church’s umbrella insurance bill came in and increased \$3000 year over year. No money has been withdrawn out of investments.

Fundraising is still behind budget until the Fair revenue is accounted for.

### **Fair**

The two top money makers were pie night and the turkey dinner. They came in within \$10 of each other. Crafts and Baked Goods were within \$1 of each other. There was a Fair recap meeting held. The committee reviewed what went well and what didn’t. Volunteerism was down. The committee did not get any response from the High School even after connecting with the Assistant Principal. A lot of generous people in the committee covered expenses. It was important to note what was successful vs. what was not successful. The members of the Fair committee are resigning and hoping that others will step up. Discussion whether the idea of a Fair is necessary.

### **Spiritual Engagement**

Preparation for the Christmas Pageant is underway.

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## **CSCC Cabinet Meeting – Minutes**

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### **Community Engagement Report - Stephanie**

December - Cookies, Cocoa and Carols. December 5th. Cookie swap. 530p to 730p. The Wedding rehearsal is at 5p.

### **Food Pantry**

Food sorter event cancelled without notification. Questions regarding why it was cancelled. Requesting follow up with Food Pantry volunteers. Discussion about what the lines of accountability are for the Food Pantry. The new phone set up was slow to get off the ground. Pastor Beth will come up with a one sheet list of Food Pantry points for discussion at the next Cabinet meeting. She will send the list to the cabinet email list.

### **Congregational Team - Natalie**

Came up with an email for Younger generation outreach. Poinsettias will be in church on the 14th. Please take them after Christmas.

### **Property and Finance - Patrick Donahue**

The committee met last week. Dave Hanson hopes to still get together to fix the sidewalk. The front walk will probably have to wait until next Spring. Welcome input on kitchen floor replacement and if there is enough money the back hallway floor will also be replaced.

Maintenance - hoping to find someone who can help with painting in the stairwell.

Closing prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

No December cabinet meeting. Next meeting will be January 21, 2026

Treasurer's Report  
December 31, 2025  
Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Difference	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Regular Pledges	65,844	65,534	310	130,000
Unpledged Offerings	3,598	6,049	(2,451)	12,000
Plate Offering	472	504	(32)	1,000
Kid's Church	250	252	(2)	500
Total · Pledges / Offerings	<u>70,165</u>	<u>72,340</u>	<u>(2,175)</u>	<u>143,500</u>
<b>Special Collections</b>				
SNEUCC Fellowship Dues	248	1,008	(760)	2,000
Total · Special Collections	<u>248</u>	<u>1,008</u>	<u>(760)</u>	<u>2,000</u>
<b>Fundraisers/Events Revenue</b>				
Church Fair	7,613	4,033	3,580	8,000
Central Closet Thrift Shop	9,419	7,562	1,858	15,000
Misc Fundraisers	702	4,033	(3,331)	8,000
Total · Fundraisers/Events Revenue	<u>17,734</u>	<u>15,627</u>	<u>2,107</u>	<u>31,000</u>
<b>Facility Usage Income</b>				
Non Profit Bldg Use	2,155	2,016	139	4,000
North River Collaborative	10,540	9,074	1,466	18,000
Private Bldg Use	400	252	148	500
Food Pantry support	900	907	(7)	1,800
Total · Facility Usage Income	<u>13,995</u>	<u>12,250</u>	<u>1,745</u>	<u>24,300</u>
Miscellaneous Income	1,100	504	596	1,000
Total Income	<u>103,242</u>	<u>101,729</u>	<u>1,513</u>	<u>201,800</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Total · Senior Minister Expenses	54,710	50,830	(3,879)	100,832
Total · Support Staff Expenses	25,864	27,349	1,486	54,253
Total · Office Expenses	4,978	4,083	(895)	8,100
Total · Church Building Costs	20,246	18,904	(1,342)	37,500
<b>Teams</b>				
Spiritual Engagement	795	756	(39)	1,500
Kid's Church	320	0	(320)	
Congregational Engagement	184	403	219	800
Coffee Hour Donations	(80)	0		
Community Engagement	310	504	194	1,000
Breakfasts/Lunches	(152)	0	152	0
Property and Finance	0	151	151	300
Community Engagement Reserve	988	983	(5)	1,950
Total · Teams	<u>2,365</u>	<u>2,798</u>	<u>433</u>	<u>5,550</u>
SNEUCC Fellowship Dues	0	1,008	1,008	2,000
Pilgrim Assn Fellowship Dues	215	101	(114)	200
Miscellaneous Expenses	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	<u>108,378</u>	<u>105,074</u>	<u>(3,304)</u>	<u>208,435</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>(5,136)</u>	<u>(3,345)</u>	<u>(1,791)</u>	<u>(6,635)</u>
Transfer from Investments				6,635
	<u>(5,136)</u>	<u>(3,345)</u>		<u>0</u>

Treasurer's Report  
December 31, 2025  
Fiscal Year July 2025 - June 2026

Cash balances	
Operating account	10,012
Money Market	27,630
Minister's Discretionary account	1,922
Community Engagement Reserve	3,233
Building fund/Capital Improvements account	7,100
PayPal account	309
Venmo account	0
Total cash balances	50,206

Vanguard investment funds	
Protected principal	135,513
Unrestricted funds, beginning	108,085
Deposits (withdrawals)	
Gain (loss) for month	209
Unrestricted funds, ending	108,293
Total investments 12/31/2025	243,806

Food Pantry account balance 11/30/2025	27,673
Donations	7,744
Expenses	(2,614)
Food Pantry account balance 12/31/2025	32,803

Giving Comparison

	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2024 YTD	FY 2025 YTD	FY 2026 YTD
July	15,290.21	8,815.30	10,755.61	15,290.21	8,815.30	10,755.61
Aug.	8,061.22	7,908.21	10,774.61	23,351.43	16,723.51	21,530.22
Sept.	10,587.06	13,892.94	9,193.84	33,938.49	30,616.45	30,724.06
Oct.	12,608.01	9,569.39	15,637.07	46,546.50	40,185.84	46,361.13
Nov.	8,281.58	10,814.97	10,784.47	54,828.08	51,000.81	57,145.60
Dec.	13,625.20	14,193.23	13,019.00	68,453.28	65,194.04	70,164.60
Jan.	10,226.11	9,936.61		78,679.39	75,130.65	
Feb.	7,168.42	14,385.21		85,847.81	89,515.86	
March	11,414.05	10,867.26		97,261.86	100,383.12	
April	21,591.08	16,246.75		118,852.94	116,629.87	
May	18,534.50	24,662.86		137,387.44	141,292.73	
June	9,079.51	13,336.04		146,466.95	154,628.77	



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