



# Steeple Sounds July and August 2011

The Newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church

**From the Interim Pastor's Desk:**

**July and August 2011**

## **The Massachusetts Conference**

Approved by 212th Annual Meeting (June 18, 2011)

Resolution Calling Churches to

Commit to Pro-Active Anti-Racism

WHEREAS, Scripture tells us that "... you are all one in union with Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28b); that Jesus prayed "... that they may all be one" (John 17:21a); and that God "requires" us "... to do justice..."(Micah 6:8b);

WHEREAS, Systemic and institutionalized racism remains deeply embedded in our society, and fosters division and inequality;

WHEREAS, Acts of racism and racist speech (both coded and explicit) have risen in frequency and intensity in recent years;

WHEREAS, Most people in this country have relatively segregated social lives, and an illusion of colorblindness and silence about racism characterize most white spaces;

WHEREAS, It is God's will to offer us the blessings that come from being whole as a multi-racial reflection of the Body of Christ, and;

WHEREAS, The General Synods of the United Church of Christ have since 1963 voted 12 resolutions, statements, and pronouncements denouncing racism, and in 2003 resolved "that the United Church of Christ is called to be an antiracist church"; and in 2008 the UCC Collegium of Officers called on all churches to inaugurate sacred conversations on race;

RESOLVED, That seeking to be faithful ministers of our God of love and justice, we, the delegates of the 2011 Annual Meeting, do affirm that the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC is committed to pro-active anti-racism – seeking with God’s help to actively work for the elimination of racism and white privilege in our communities, our nation and our world;

RESOLVED, That we call on all churches in the Conference to engage in sacred conversations on race and in on-going study, reflection, dialogue, and prayer about race, racism, white privilege and racial justice. We encourage congregations and individuals in the Conference to learn how to contribute more directly to the elimination of both personal and systemic/institutional racism throughout our society, and to take concrete action steps;

RESOLVED, That we call on all churches in the Conference to be actively welcoming to all people, and in particular, to people of all racial backgrounds, striving to fully recognize and include people of diverse racial backgrounds in the life and leadership of each church and of the Conference, prayerfully identifying and removing barriers in our practices and cultures to such inclusion, and building the Beloved Community both in, and beyond, our congregations;

RESOLVED, That following a period of learning, dialogue, and prayer we invite each church in the Conference to publicly declare itself to be a pro-active, anti-racism church – seeking with God’s help to be a force for the elimination of racism and white privilege in our world;

RESOLVED, That the Anti-Racism Task Force in cooperation with the appropriate commissions and other task forces will provide resources, support, and guidance to congregations, and/or small groups within congregations, that agree to undertake a process of thoughtful and prayerful examination of these issues; and

RESOLVED, That we approach this humbly, knowing we have a great deal to learn. We seek a prayerful openness to the truth, even when that truth may be uncomfortable and call us to repentance. We seek to reach for each other with mutual respect, love, patience, forgiveness, and a willingness to learn and change.

As followers of Jesus we are called “to love our neighbor as ourselves...” Mt. 22:39b.

If we do not love ourselves, how then can we love others?

As our world changes and our communities become more diverse, we are called as a people of God to break the barriers of separation, oppression and discrimination against other people. We are to advocate for fairness, equality, justice, mercy, compassion and love for all God’s people. Race, color, sexual orientation, place of birth, age, ethnic background, classism and other isms, should not be the reasons to separate us from each other and from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

“No matter who you are, or where you are in life’s journey you are welcome here!”

In Christ,

Rev. Esther

**Welcoming congregations see hospitality not as a task but as a spiritual attitude that expresses their faith.**



## Deacon's Article – Summer 2011

### Church: You're Amazing

This article was written by Tony Robinson, a U.C.C. minister and author.

*"These aren't easy times to be the church, are they? The financial bottom-line is nipping at your heels. Some group in the congregation is complaining of this or that. And you have to contend with headline-grabbers who attach the name of Christ and the church to their sorry, stupid schemes.*

*"So here's a word of encouragement and appreciation for you and your church. "I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance . . ." God is watching and God sees that you are amazing. Really.*

*"I get to work with all sorts of congregations all across the country. I am regularly stunned. Stunned at their incredible faithfulness, at the love I see, at the acts of service and the amazing perseverance of the church and people of the church. The media are blind to this. Worse, we too are often blind to the goodness and faithfulness unfolding week by week in our own congregation.*

*"But in every congregation I visit I see love and faith, service and perseverance. I see the poor fed, the children taught, adults seeking deeper lives, strangers welcomed, love lived and God praised. Church, you're amazing."*

Even though we are always striving to do more in the name of God, it's good to keep in mind all the wonderful things going on here at Central Square. Tony's piece could easily be describing our own church: imperfect but doing God's will in so many ways. Our church *is* an amazing church and I am sure that God appreciates us and will encourage us to find even more amazing ways for us to serve Him in the months and years ahead!

David Sheibley, Board of Deacons

Adult Music Camp

Presents

“Seeds of Faith”



A Free Concert with Choir, Handbells, Piano and  
Organ at the Tabernacle

Craigville Conference Center

Sunday July 24th

3:30 pm

# Sharing the Passion!

## MACUCC Annual Meeting – June 18, 2011

*(Focus spot presented the following day during worship, June 19, 2011)*

You know, going to Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to see people that you don't see often but naturally re-connect with a first glance. The Common Thread, of course, is Central Square Congregational Church. So, I got to see Paul, Sheri, Kim, Margie, Charlie, plus a whole lot of other folk that do tremendous work in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in the name of the United Church of Christ. Even the car ride wasn't so bad. It seemed like we were no sooner on the Mass Pike, then we were in Sturbridge. Esther, Kevin, Sherley and myself found plenty to talk about – some family, some Bruins, but mostly church stuff. It was all good. It will be hard to share a 9 – 5 day in just a few minutes, but I want to give you enough of a glimpse to spark your curiosity and to ask questions.

Throughout the UCC, on the local, state and national level each of us is facing challenges. We, the local church, struggle with our finances, but we are but a microcosm of the national church. As we strive to establish what our core values are, so does the national church strive to find its core values. The challenges for the church are everywhere, but many embrace these challenges as opportunity for new creation. Can we look at the challenge as an opportunity for change? Isn't this what our whole interim process has taught us? I believe so.

Think of the challenges of the communities struck by the tornadoes. The Brimfield UCC and Monson UCC churches have embraced the opportunity of the devastation to be beacons in their communities. There is hope alive and thriving even though they are only in the early stages of recovery. The Massachusetts Conference has set up a tornado fund to help these communities and our shortcake money will directly make an impact on the lives of many because it doesn't matter if they belong to either one of these churches, it only matters that they are part of this community of faith.

Even though this was called an Annual meeting, its content was in the form of worship. Even though we took care of business, God was the center of our focus. Most every speaker began their monologue with a responsive prayer for discernment: Not my will, but yours be done, O Lord, Not our will, but yours be done, O Lord.

So, I just wanted to give you an idea of the spectrum of topics that were part of this meeting and though at first some may seem politically motivated, as was my first instinct, but I realized that they are simply “Our Mission in the World”

Missions for:

Hispanic Ministries support in our conference – ever growing population

Homelessness among school age children and youth – bike team

Anti-racism-it is still an issue

Dream of Democracy –government for the people and by the people

Fair compensation for our clergy – ¾ time expectation full time

Pastoral Excellence Sustainment- greatness through support

The success and completion of state level women’s fellowship –  
empowering women- accomplishment

Bylaws and Constitution changes – more suited to the times

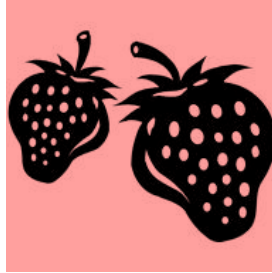
And of course, there was a budget to pass. We all recall how difficult it was to consider a budget two winters ago that cut our staff. Well, the conference has had to make some hard choices and cut staff. Now we may or may not be affected directly by this 2012 budget of the MACUCC, but just as we, as individuals covenant with CSCC by giving of our time, talent and treasure, so too does CSCC covenant with the MACUCC through our membership dues and Our Church’s Wider Mission, and the MACUCC covenants with the National church. – 47% of OCWM stays in state and 53% goes to the UCC. The state level retention rate has been shifting closer to an even split in recent years. I bring these facts to you because we need to be continually educated about what it means to be a United Church of Christ, but also, this is a challenge with so much opportunity wrapped up inside it and it is very exciting to ponder what new creations may be born from these challenges that we face.

The Core Values of the United Church of Christ are:

- God IS still speaking
- Extravagant Welcome
- Changing Lives

Carol Chaffee

Delegate



## **Strawberry Festival monies to go to Massachusetts Conference Tornado Fund.**

As you may know, on June 19 and 26, Anne Malmquist and I offered Strawberry Shortcake after church during coffee hour. Anne donated the whipped cream and homemade biscuits while I provided the fresh local strawberries and voila! We served up some tasty shortcake all for a good cause. At the Annual Meeting of MACUCC on June 18, I learned firsthand how the towns affected by the tornadoes of June 1st were coping and that a "tornado fund" was being set up for other churches to help our sister churches of Brimfield and Monson, Massachusetts. Their recovery will be long and difficult, so we are grateful that we can send some money their way to assist in the recovery efforts. Thank you all for participating in what is becoming an annual event for our church. Look to next June 17 for our Annual Strawberry Festival to return. We collected \$157 and all will go to the Tornado Fund.

**Thank you!**

**Carol Chaffee**



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## SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING

06/12/2011

### MINUTES

A Special Church Meeting was held on **June 12, 2011** in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on three motions:

- 1) To accept proposed new members
- 2) To approve nominations for 2011-2012
- 3) To authorize officers to refinance parsonage mortgage

Moderator Mark Sorgman called meeting to order at 11:21AM

A motion was made and seconded to accept the following people into membership: Miriam Theodore, Kim and Leon Jones, Tim and Lynn Druan, Christine Hoyt, Norris and Jessica Bailey. There was no discussion and vote to accept carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the list of nominations for open positions on Boards, Committees and Officers for 2012. Clerk: None, Treasurer: Larry Brown, Asst. Treasurer: Jeff Tufts, Asst. Financial Sec'y: None, Historian: None, Deacons(2): Lori Kelso & Miriam Theodore, Trustees(1): Leon Jones, Christian Ed(2): Mauree Bundock, Outreach(2): Debbie Rice, Jack Melcher, Stewardship(1): None, Growth(5): Christine Hoyt, Kimberly Jones, Jane O'Connell. Discussion followed regarding filling the still open positions. Vote to accept carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize officers to refinance the parsonage mortgage for not more than \$212,000 with Bridgewater Credit Union. Discussion included background of reasons why refinance is needed and about possibility of obtaining better terms. Vote to authorize approved unanimously.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM

Respectively Submitted,

**Darlene S Brown**  
Church Clerk

App/Corrected on

June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011



## CHURCH BREAKFAST!

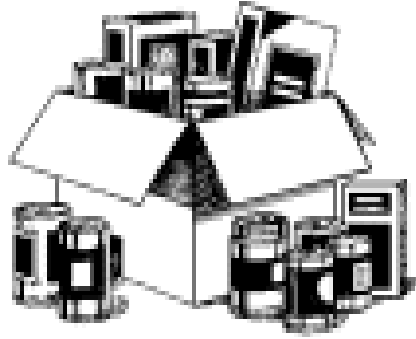
COME ONE, COME ALL

Public Welcome – Bring your friends!

1st and 3rd Sundays of every month...

8am – 9:30

(Donations welcome but not required)



## **Bridgewater Food Pantry**

Bridgewater Food Pantry is in need of specific items: ketchup, mayo, mustard, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, rice, rice pilaf, jelly, peanut butter, instant mashed potato, canned fruit, cake mix, crackers, juices (bottles and juice boxes), coffee, and tea. There are boxes provided in the narthex for this collection. Thank you!

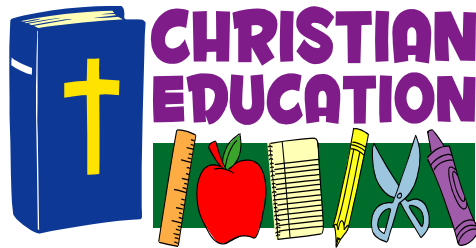


## **Liturgists/Lay Participants**

Upon invitation of our pastor, Rev. Esther and the Board of Deacons, if you would like to take part in worship, inclusive of reading scripture and/or leading the opening prayers, please sign up for a specific date at coffee hour in the next few weeks. The Deacons will organize a schedule for Rev. Esther so that she can just notify, via email, the scheduled person of what prayers and readings she would like you to deliver from the lectern.

**THE CONFIRMATION  
PROGRAM FOR  
HIGH SCHOOL  
STUDENTS  
STARTS  
ON  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2011  
SAVE THE DATE!**

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE, REV. ESTHER,  
CAROL CHAFFEE OR DEB SORGMAN  
FOR MORE INFORMATION**



## **Christian Education**

### **Summer Sunday School**

New and engaging activities have been added to the Summer Sunday school lessons. 2 Sundays ago the creation story from the book of Genesis was shared with interaction from the children. As the story was told, the children illustrated it by adding the sun, moon, and stars, plants and animals, fish in the sea and birds in the sky. At the conclusion of the story the children added a picture of themselves to the mural. You can view the mural on a bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

At the beginning of each lesson the children will have an opportunity to experience the ritual of assembling the altar. As each piece (cloth, Bible, offering basket, and Christ candle) is brought forth by a child a phrase is read signifying their importance. Following the offering the same prayer will be repeated each Sunday for familiarity and understanding.

The second week the lesson began with the children demonstrating ways to help new children to the church feel welcome through a smile, a wave, a hello etc. A concentric square was constructed on the floor for the children to engage in a game. As various articles of clothing were named the children advanced or retreated so many squares until some children reached the center. If they had not reached the center as yet the children were asked how they felt to be left out. Through these activities they all understood the concept of feeling welcome or not welcome. Later the children were observed demonstrating the game to their parents.

If you would like to share a summer Sunday school lesson with the children please sign-up on the back hall bulletin board or see Terry Reynolds. Each week we would like one person to teach the lesson and a second person to assist. Which would you like to do?

### Summer Giving

We, as adults, give because we care about the cause whether it is this church or a favorite charity or because there has been a natural disaster. Whatever the reason it is usually something we really care about. The children will learn about giving this summer. To establish the idea of giving, an offering will be taken each Sunday and the monies will be given to a cause of the children's choosing. One idea the children have suggested is the food pantry. We will continue to explore ideas for giving, but need your help in encouraging the children to give. You might suggest your child give a portion of monies earned for a chore to the offering. Give your child the gift of giving.



### Flowers for the Church Altar

Would you like to see fresh flowers more often on the altar? You can donate flowers for display on Sunday mornings for celebrations such as birthdays or anniversaries, or in memory of loved ones, and then take them home or have them delivered to a shut-in. Please see Jane O'Connell after church or call her at 508-697-3602.



July 2011: Striving for Peace

July 1, 2011

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.  
Mathew 5: 9*

Kingston, Jamaica, was the host city for the World Council of Churches' (WCC) International Ecumenical Peace Convocation in May. The theme was "Glory to God and peace on earth". It was the culmination of the WCC's Decade to Overcome Violence, which has sought to network and bring attention to the peacemaking initiatives of its various member churches. More than 2,000 participated.

The convocation leaders took time to recognize the work done during the decade to overcome violence, and also invited churches to "renew their commitment to nonviolence, peace and just peace," through a variety of events including the planting of peace trees, a peace Sunday and a peace concert in Kingston.

Churches around the world joined convocation participants in prayers, special events and worship services including the use of a Caribbean prayer for peace which was translated into more than 20 languages, and singing the convocation theme song, "Glory to God, Peace on Earth," written by Jamaican musician Grub Cooper.

A series of consultations on a variety of peace and reconciliation-related topics took place in the years prior to the convocation, which built significant momentum. One group travelled to the United States last fall to dialogue about gun violence. Another group met with Kenyans struggling with post-election violence. The Rev Dr Jayasiri Peiris, general secretary of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka said the consultation visits represented the church striving "to be the living body of Christ".

The International Ecumenical Peace Convocation participants heard many stories of transformative peace efforts, but also honestly studied where differences and suffering still exist. The convocation became a milestone in ecumenical deliberations on peace and justice.

Today we pray that each one of us will be peacemakers in our world.



August 2011: Bearing Good Fruits

August 1, 2011

*By this God is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples. John 15:8*

When school is in session there is a church service on Sunday mornings for the boarding students. About once a month or so students lead the service and this month our Scripture Union group led the order of worship and hymn-singing, offered prayers, read the scripture, received the offering, and shared a message during the sermon time.

The scripture the students chose was the story of the birth of Jesus in Matthew 1:18-25. Mphonyana and Bokang both spoke on these verses. Their names are quite appropriate for the text as they mean “Small Gift” and “Praise! Give thanks!” respectively. As God was with both Joseph and Mary during their difficult time, so God is with us even today in the problems we face. Mphonyana, in particular, could testify to this as she was hospitalized after falling and suffering burns from hot water she was carrying. She has made a full recovery and although small in stature, she has a big heart for Jesus!

Later that afternoon our SU meeting was blessed by the presence of Mr. Waza. Ntate Waza is the high school coordinator for Scripture Union in Lesotho and he was spending a week visiting schools in the southern part of the country. He organized and led the SU Camp in December and is greatly loved by the SU kids. The group members were delighted to see him again and he will be leading a training session here for student leaders at the end of the month. He has borne much fruit through his labors in reaching out to the young people of Lesotho.

Jesus says in the remaining words of John 15:8 that by bearing fruit you will be “showing yourselves to be my disciples.” While telling others we are disciples is well and good, I’m always mindful of that old adage, “Actions speak louder than words.” Even better, we could remember that old grade school tradition of “Show and Tell”!

*Mark Behle is a missionary with the Lesotho Evangelical Church. He is a mathematics teacher at Masitise High School, Lesotho, Africa.*

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References July 2011 (Year A)

**Fri., July 1**  
Psalm 45:10-17  
Genesis 27:1-17  
Romans 7:7-20

**Sat., July 2**  
Psalm 45:10-17  
Genesis 27:18-29  
Luke 10:21-24

**Sun., July 3**  
*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45:10-17  
or Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**Mon., July 4**  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Genesis 27:30-46  
Romans 1:18-25

**Tues., July 5**  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Genesis 29:1-14  
Romans 3:1-8

**Wed., July 6**  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Genesis 29:31-35  
John 13:1-17

**Thurs., July 7**  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Exodus 3:1-6  
Romans 2:12-16

**Fri., July 8**  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Deuteronomy 32:1-10  
Romans 15:14-21

**Sat., July 9**  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Isaiah 2:1-4  
John 12:44-50

**Sun., July 10**  
*15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Mon., July 11**  
Psalm 142  
Micah 1:1-5  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

**Tues., July 12**  
Psalm 142  
Jeremiah 49:7-11  
Ephesians 4:17-5:2

**Wed., July 13**  
Psalm 142  
Obadiah 15-21  
Matthew 13:10-17

**Thurs., July 14**  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Isaiah 44:1-5  
Hebrews 2:1-9

**Fri., July 15**  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Ezekiel 39:21-29  
Hebrews 6:13-20

**Sat., July 16**  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Exodus 14:9-25  
Matthew 7:15-20

**Sun., July 17**  
*16th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Mon., July 18**  
Psalm 139:13-18  
Genesis 32:3-21  
Revelation 14:12-20

**Tues., July 19**  
Psalm 139:13-18  
Genesis 33:1-17  
Galatians 4:21-5:1

**Wed., July 20**  
Psalm 139:13-18  
Genesis 35:16-29  
Matthew 12:15-21

**Thurs., July 21**  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Genesis 29:1-8  
Corinthians 4:14-20

**Fri., July 22**  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Genesis 29:9-14  
Acts 7:44-53

**Sat., July 23**  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Genesis 29:31-30:24  
Matthew 12:38-42

**Sun., July 24**  
*17th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Mon., July 25**  
Psalm 65:8-13  
Genesis 30:25-36  
James 3:13-18

**Tues., July 26**  
Psalm 65:8-13  
Genesis 30:37-43  
Ephesians 6:10-18

**Wed., July 27**  
Psalm 65:8-13  
Genesis 46:2-47:12  
Mark 4:30-34

**Thurs., July 28**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Isaiah 14:1-2  
Philippians 4:10-15

**Fri., July 29**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Isaiah 41:8-10  
Romans 9:6-13

**Sat., July 30**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Genesis 31:1-21  
Matthew 7:7-11

**Sun., July 31**  
*18th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21



Note: During the period of Ordinary Time, which comes after Trinity Sunday, the Revised Common Lectionary provides two parallel tracks: the complementary and the semicontinuous. The semicontinuous, which allows for a more sequential reading through the major themes of certain biblical books, is offered here. The other sequence can be found at [commontexts.org](http://commontexts.org)

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**Mon., Aug. 1**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Genesis 31:22-42  
Romans 1:8-15

**Tues., Aug. 2**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Genesis 32:3-21  
Acts 2:37-47

**Wed., Aug. 3**  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Isaiah 43:1-7  
Matthew 15:32-39

**Thurs., Aug. 4**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Genesis 35:22b-29  
Acts 17:10-15

**Fri., Aug. 5**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Genesis 36:1-8  
Acts 18:24-28

**Sat., Aug. 6**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Genesis 37:5-11  
Matthew 16:1-4

**Sun., Aug. 7**  
*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

**Mon., Aug. 8**  
Psalm 28  
Genesis 37:29-36  
2 Peter 2:4-10

**Tues., Aug. 9**  
Psalm 28  
Genesis 39:1-23  
Romans 9:14-29

**Wed., Aug. 10**  
Psalm 28  
Genesis 40:1-23  
Matthew 8:23-27

**Thurs., Aug. 11**  
Psalm 133  
Genesis 41:14-36  
Revelation 15:1-4

**Fri., Aug. 12**  
Psalm 133  
Genesis 41:37-57  
Acts 14:19-28

**Sat., Aug. 13**  
Psalm 133  
Genesis 42:1-28  
Matthew 14:34-36

**Sun., Aug. 14**  
*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

**Mon., Aug. 15**  
Psalm 130  
Genesis 43:1-34  
Acts 15:1-21

**Tues., Aug. 16**  
Psalm 130  
Genesis 44:1-34  
Romans 11:13-29

**Wed., Aug. 17**  
Psalm 130  
Genesis 45:16-28  
Matthew 8:1-13

**Thurs., Aug. 18**  
Psalm 124  
Genesis 49:1-33  
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

**Fri., Aug. 19**  
Psalm 124  
Genesis 49:29-50:14  
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

**Sat., Aug. 20**  
Psalm 124  
Genesis 50:15-26  
Matthew 16:5-12

**Sun., Aug. 21**  
*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Exodus 1:8-2:10  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

**Mon., Aug. 22**  
Psalm 8  
Exodus 1:1-7  
Romans 2:1-11

**Tues., Aug. 23**  
Psalm 8  
Exodus 2:11-15a  
Romans 11:33-36

**Wed., Aug. 24**  
Psalm 8  
Exodus 2:15b-22  
Matthew 26:6-13

**Thurs., Aug. 25**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Exodus 2:23-24  
Ephesians 5:1-6

**Fri., Aug. 26**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Exodus 3:16-25  
2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

**Sat., Aug. 27**  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Exodus 4:1-9  
Matthew 8:14-17

**Sun., Aug. 28**  
*22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

**Mon., Aug. 29**  
Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18  
Exodus 4:10-31  
Revelation 3:1-6

**Tues., Aug. 30**  
Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18  
Exodus 5:1-6:13  
Revelation 3:7-13

**Wed., Aug. 31**  
Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18  
Exodus 7:14-25  
Matthew 12:22-32



Note: During the period of Ordinary Time, which comes after Trinity Sunday, the Revised Common Lectionary provides two parallel tracks: the complementary and the semicontinuous. The semicontinuous, which allows for a more sequential reading through the major themes of certain biblical books, is offered here. The other sequence can be found at [commontexts.org](http://commontexts.org)

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# July 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Mission trip returns Al-Anon	2
3 Church Breakfast AA	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY  NAnon	5	6	7 Bereavement Group 6-7:30 Parlor  Al-Anon	8 Al-Anon	9
10 Teen Challenge AA	11  NAnon	12	13	14 Bereavement Group 6-7:30 Parlor  Al-Anon	15 Al-Anon	16
17 Church Breakfast AA	18  NAnon	19	20	21 Bereavement Group 6-7:30 Parlor  Al-Anon	22 Al-Anon	23
24 AA	25 Mothers' Club 9:30  NAnon	26	27	28 Al-Anon	29 Al-Anon	30
31 AA						

# August 2011

	1 Hospice 6-7:30  NAnon	2	3	4 Al-Anon	5 Al-Anon	6
7 AA	8 NAnon	9	10	11 Al-Anon	12 Al-Anon	13
14 AA	15 NAnon	16	17	18 Al-Anon	19 Al-Anon	20
21 AA	22 NAnon	23	24	25 Al Anon	26 Al Anon	27
28 AA	29 Mother's Club 9:30 am NAnon	30	31			