



# Steeple Sounds

June 2010

The Newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church

## From the Interim Pastor's Desk:

During the Interim time, we tend to be in 'curiosity-mode', and often ask ourselves: What is next for us here at CSCC-UCC in this process?

We have entered into what I like to call: **THE MOVEMENT TO TRANSFORMATION!**

Parallel to the work of the search committee, we have entered into what Robert Quinn (Harvard Business Review) calls:

### **"THE FUNDAMENTAL STATE OF BEING"**

'When we do our best work as a people, we don't imitate others. Rather, we draw on our own values and capabilities. The Fundamental State of Being is a frame of mind we tend to adopt when facing a significant challenge: like the Search Process.

Under everyday circumstances, people can remain in their normal state of being and do what they need to do. But a challenge like the one we have (to find a pastor for our church) requires a heightened perspective – what can be called the fundamental state of being. Here is how the two states differ.

To enter into this State of Being, we need to honestly ask and answer these four transformative statements / questions:

#### **In the Normal State...**

##### **Comfort centered**

I stick with what I know.

##### **Externally directed**

I comply with others' wishes in an effort to keep the peace.

##### **Self-focused**

I place my interests above those of the group.

##### **Internally closed**

I block out external stimuli in order

#### **In the Fundamental State...**

##### **Result centered**

I venture beyond familiar territory to pursue ambitious new outcomes.

##### **Internally directed**

I behave according to my values.

##### **Other focused**

I put the collective good first.

##### **Externally open**

I learn from my environment and

to stay on task and avoid risk.

recognize when there's a need for change.

**First**, we move from being comfort centered to being results centered. The former feels safe but eventually leads to a sense of languishing and meaninglessness.

**Result:** It leads us from problem solving to purpose finding.

**Second**, we move from being externally centered to being more internally directed. That means that we stop merely complying with others' expectations and conforming to the current culture.

**Result:** To become more internally directed is to clarify our core values and increase our integrity, confidence, and authenticity, as a person, as a church and as part of the larger community.

**Third**, we become less self-focused and more focused on others. We put the needs of the organization as a whole above our own. When we put the collective good first, others reward us with their trust and respect.

**Result:** We form tighter, more sensitive bonds. Empathy increases, and cohesion follows. We create an enriched sense of community.

**Fourth**, we become more open to outside signals or stimuli, including those that require us to do things we are not comfortable doing.

**Result:** We become more aware of what is unfolding, and we generate new images all the time. We are adaptive, credible, and unique. In this externally open state, no two people are alike.

## **PASTORAL INVITATION!**

By entering the Fundamental State of Being, we increase the likelihood of attracting others to an elevated level of community, a high-performance state that may continue even when we are not present.

Welcome to this Movement of Greatness!!

"Do not be conformed to this world,  
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,  
so that you may discern what is the will of God –  
what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12:2



## BOARD OF DEACONS

**“Summer is here and the living is easy.”**

But let us come together over the summer months to continue to build our road to the future of CSCC. Our Search Committee will be working over the summer, working behind the scenes, building a profile of “who we are”. Your Board of Deacons will aid in that work by hosting 3 very informal, casual, picnic-like potlucks offering a forum for discussion on the following topics: Membership, Covenant and Mission & Vision. We invite you to take an active role and participate in these forums as best you are able. These potlucks will be family-friendly; children are asked to take an active role and table-side activities will be provided for entertainment while our informal conversations happen. Please mark the following dates on your calendar: June 24 – Membership Forum Potluck, July 21 – Covenant Forum Potluck, August 18 – Mission & Vision Forum Potluck. Start time is 6PM. Bring dish to share – whatever is convenient! The Deacons will provide the beverages – a tall glass of lemonade or ice tea, an ice cold glass of milk(or chocolate milk). Nothing is better for the soul than some good food, some great people and a Wonderful Spirit to move through us!

Also, over the summer, the Deacons and the church clerk will reach out to members that we have not seen and also those who recently chose an inactive status, to invite them to be part of the future of CSCC. We have much to look forward to and want as many folk to climb on for the ride. We must all look to the same direction, looking in front of us instead of behind.

And lastly, the Chaffees will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Volleyball and Game Nights in their backyard throughout the summer. This has been a successful way for the Youth to keep in touch over the summer and also for the families, young and old, to come together for games; cribbage is very popular, ring toss, croquet, bananagram, etc. We will continue with our standard Tuesday nights, from 6 – 7:30 PM, starting on July 6 and continuing weekly through August 31.

Blessings for a happy and healthy summer for all,

*Carol Chaffee*

*Chair of Board of Deacons*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE !!

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Worship Time has been changed to 9:00 A.M. (from 10:00 A.M.)**

**Exciting News!**

**July 4<sup>th</sup> is coming to Central Square, along with the annual parade, which will be occurring right outside our doors!**

**Bad News! It's occurring on SUNDAY, currently scheduled for 11:00 A.M. !**

Clearly the July 4<sup>th</sup> committee was not thinking of the local churches when it was planning their parade festivities.

**Good News!** We can be flexible – the spirit can fill us at 9:00 as easily as it can fill us at 10:00. And we can follow our worship time and our fellowship time with a rousing parade celebrating our country's birth! **A Win – Win Situation!**

**Even Better News! TEEN CHALLENGE** will be conducting the worship service on that day! What a great way to welcome them to our church and our community.

**July 4th Worship Time has been moved to 9:00 A.M.** (from 10:00) due to the July 4th parade which is currently scheduled to take place at 11:00 on that day. The 9:00 start will allow us easier access to Church Street and our parking areas, which are often closed off close to the start time of the parade.

We do hope you will all make a special effort to join us on that Sunday as we have TEEN CHALLENGE conducting the worship service on that day! It would be wonderful to support their wonderful ministry by greeting them with a full house.

***And, what a great morning this could be for you and/or your kids or grandkids - an upbeat worship service and fellowship followed by a celebration of our country's birth, complete with marching bands, our uniformed service men and women and everything that makes our country great!***

So Don't forget to put the time and date on your calendar - July 4th, 9:00 A.M. - We'll see you then!

*Pat Lindsey* Co-Chair of Board of Deacons



## Summer Sunday School

As I look over the lessons for the Summer Sunday School I find I am excited and impressed with the Seasons of the Spirit Curriculum. It is a time of exploration, questioning, and learning about God. I want to share with you some of the ideas CE would like to present to your children during the month of June. We, as a church, are entering the period after Pentecost, also known as ordinary time. The color for this season is green. It is a period of growth, but it is also a slow growing time. Some of the topics the children will be exploring are **caring**, where the children will learn about and are asked to participate in mission. The children will learn that **God wants to help us bring more joy and happiness into the world**. The children will be invited to **turn their bodies, minds and spirits towards God**. They will do this in an exciting new quiet area created for the children so they

may listen to God as well as hear God's word. Another area the children will explore is **being still to listen for God**. This they will experience through the use of a Labyrinth, a place they may journey through, calm themselves, and sense the nearness of God. Four zones will be available each Sunday in which the children may participate; art, music, quiet and mission. Other zones will be added as needed. This summer season may be a slow growing time, but the children will have various new ways to learn and explore God's message to them. We are looking forward to the summer journey with your child. Come join us for summer Sunday School. Terry Reynolds

## Summer Sunday School Volunteers

Many people have already begun to volunteer for Summer Sunday School, but there are still Sundays available. The curriculum is fun and exciting. Come and journey with your child and be a volunteer. We need at least 2 adults for each Sunday. One can be the lead teacher while the other is the assistant. Or both can lead different parts of the lesson. Lessons are available and we are setting up zones where the children will have opportunities to choose which areas they would like to visit each Sunday. The sign up sheet is located beside the back door outside the Minister's office. If you have any questions please ask a Christian Ed team member.

Yours in Faith,  
Christine Compton, Marlene Jacobs,  
Meg McDermott, Denise Molinari  
Ben Sorgman, & Terry Reynolds



## Mission Opportunities

We are quickly entering the summer season which is typically a quiet time in the church. It may be a quiet time, but Mission opportunities are present everywhere, we just need to know where to look. Outreach has a few suggestions for you that you may want to explore.

**Overlook Farm** – Visit Overlook Farm located in Rutland Ma. Learn more about Heifer through hands on experiences. It is a wonderful place to take the children.

**Horizons for Homeless Children** – You will be trained to play games, make crafts, sing, read stories etc. with children of all ages. These Children have temporarily been displaced from their homes. Check the bulletin board in the vestry for more information or speak to Terry Reynolds.

**Habitat for Humanity** – There are weekly meetings where you may learn how you can participate in helping to build a home for a family in need. Please see the Outreach Board in the Vestry.

**Mainspring House** – There are 2 opportunities to help with Mainspring House, in Brockton during the summer. We will be cooking and serving a meal to people in need during the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday's in June and August. If you are not able to participate you may make a donation to help defray the cost of the meal. We generally serve approximately 80 people. If you have any questions please see Rob Basler.

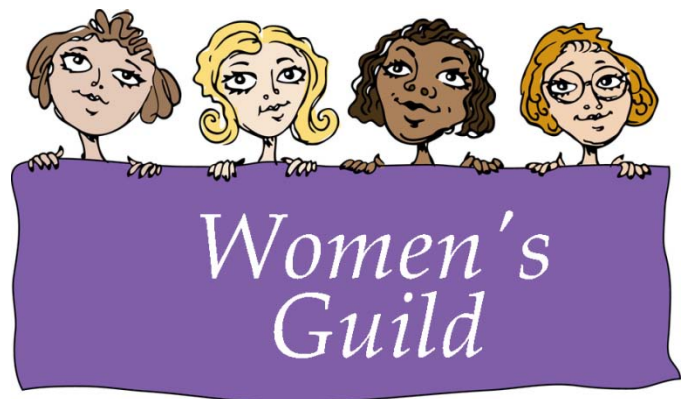
**Food Pantry** – The summer is a difficult time for people in need so Please keep those donations of

non-perishable food coming during the months of June, July, and August. The children will also be asked to participate as a part of their Sunday School mission experience this summer.

These are some of the mission opportunities that are available to you.

Your Outreach Mission Team

Rob Basler, Sally Burke, Phoebe Hogg,  
Cheri Sharland, Linda Sharland, & Terry  
Reynolds



## Bridgewater Food Pantry

Please remember our needy families in Bridgewater, through the spring and summer months by bringing canned goods and non perishable foods and paper goods to the church. The boxes will remain in our church's entry hall (Narthex) all summer. Thank you for your generosity.



## The Shaw's Community Rewards Program has been discontinued!

To all of you who participated in this program over the years—thank you! The church has received several checks from Shaw's rewarding your patronage!



Dear Church Family:

Thank you for your prayers, cards and thoughtful support during this difficult time of grieving the loss of my brother Daniel Rendon Cintora.

You have overwhelmed me and my family with your support and for that I am grateful.

In Christ's love,  
Rev. Esther

## A Story from your Global Ministries

June 2010: Expanding Our Vision

Written by Donna Dudley  
May 1, 2010



*All things are possible to those who believe. Mark 9: 23*

Eva Chipenda challenged and inspired me to go to Angola. Let me tell you a little about her: As Eva closes in on 80 years of age, she has pushed with all her considerable might to open the Canata Preschool Program which currently enrolls nearly 100 children between the ages of 3 and 5. When you walk in the courtyard door, the children run to greet and embrace you – but, not with the same fervor that occurs when they see Dona Eva enter. They cry out her name and last week practically knocked her off her feet in their enthusiasm to hug her!

Creating a better life for herself, her family, and others, has been the story of Eva's life. Of twelve children, she was one of only three in her family who survived to adulthood. Frequently uprooted, Eva often felt herself to be an outsider, but never let the changes that distanced her from family and peers stop her quest for education and training. As her husband, José became internationally known as head of the All Africa Conference of Churches, Eva often lived in his shadow, not uncommon for Angolan women. But, in her own way, Eva always managed to emerge from that shadow to shed her own bright light. Everywhere they went – from New York to Geneva to Nairobi to Lobito – Eva availed herself of opportunities to learn and developed her vision to start projects in Angola – including dressmaking, culinary arts, and children's programs. Now these many projects have improved the lives of hundreds of women and children.

Eva has encouraged me and stretched my own vision of what is possible for women to achieve. The challenge is for each of us to step out of any shadow that can hide our light and become our best selves.

*Donna Dudley serves with the Evangelical Congregational Church of Angola. She assists with development projects and staff leadership training programs.*

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## Daily Lectionary Scripture References June 2010 (Year C)

### Tues., June 1

Psalm 124 Proverbs 8:4-21  
Ephesians 5:15-20

### Wed., June 2

Psalm 124 Daniel 1:1-21 Luke  
1:46b-55

### Thurs., June 3

Psalm 146 Exodus 29:1-9 Acts  
22:6-21

### Fri., June 4

Psalm 146 Numbers 15:17-26 Acts  
26:1-11

### Sat., June 5

Psalm 146 Joshua 9:1-27 Matthew  
9:2-8

### Sun., June 6

*10th Sunday – Ordinary Time 1*  
Kings 17:8-16 [17-24] Psalm 146  
Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17

### Mon., June 7

Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20 Job 22:1-20  
Galatians 2:1-10

### Tues., June 8

Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20 Job 24:9-25  
Galatians 2:11-14

### Wed., June 9

Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20 Job 31:16-23  
Luke 8:40-56

### Thurs., June 10

Psalm 5:1-8 1 Kings 20:1-22 James  
4:1-7

### Fri., June 11

Psalm 5:1-8 1 Kings 20:23-34  
Romans 11:1-10

### Sat., June 12

Psalm 5:1-8 1 Kings 20:35-43 Luke  
5:17-26

### Sun., June 13

*11th Sunday – Ordinary Time 1*  
Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a  
Psalm 5:1-8 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke  
7:36-8:3

### Mon., June 14

Psalm 83 Genesis 31:17-35  
Galatians 3:1-9

### Tues., June 15

Psalm 83 2 Samuel 19:31-43  
Galatians 3:10-14

### Wed., June 16

Psalm 83 Malachi 3:5-12 Mark 2:1-  
12

### Thurs., June 17

Psalm 42 and 43 Genesis 24:1-21  
Romans 2:17-29

### Fri., June 18

Psalm 42 and 43 Job 6:14-30  
Galatians 3:15-22

### Sat., June 19

Psalm 42 and 43 Proverbs 11:3-13  
Matthew 9:27-34

### Sun., June 20

*12th Sunday – Ordinary Time 1*  
Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a Psalm 42  
and 43 Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

### Mon., June 21

Psalm 59 2 Kings 9:1-13 1  
Corinthians 1:18-31

### Tues., June 22

Psalm 59 2 Kings 9:14-26  
Ephesians 2:11-22

### Wed., June 23

Psalm 59 2 Kings 9:30-37 Luke  
9:37-43a

### Thurs., June 24

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 1 Kings  
22:29-40, 51-53 2 Corinthians  
13:5-10

### Fri., June 25

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 2 Kings 1:1-  
12 Galatians 4:8-20

### Sat., June 26

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 2 Kings 1:13-  
18; 2:3-5 Luke 9:21-27

### Sun., June 27

*13th Sunday – Ordinary Time 2*  
Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2,  
11-20 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke  
9:51-62

### Mon., June 28

Psalm 75 2 Kings 2:15-22 1 John  
2:7-11

### Tues., June 29

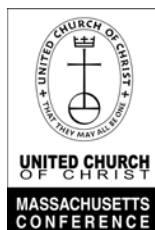
Psalm 75 2 Kings 3:4-20 Ephesians  
5:6-20

### Wed., June 30

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Parish Care Deacons: Pat Lindsey (508) 821-5911 &amp; Carol Chaffee (508) 697-3728</b>  <b>Coffee Hour Hosts: Christian Education</b>						
		1  CE 7[PM	2  Search committee. 7pm	3 Beacon Hospice 6-7:30 Parlor  Al-Anon - vestry	4 Trp. 306 6-7:30PM  Al-Anon upstairs	5  Recital 12-3PM
6 Communion Sunday  AA	7  Narc-Anon- vestry	8 Trp. #600 3:30-6PM Pack 35 5-10pm Growth 7:00PM Outreach 7:30PM	9  Search committee. 7pm Trustees 7:00PM	10  Beacon Hospice 6-7:30 Parlor Al-Anon vestry	11  Trp 306 6-7:30PM  Al-Anon	12  Lin Recitals 1-9PM
13 Graduate Recognition Sunday  AA	14 Deacons 7:30PM  Narc-Anon vestry	15  Trp. #600 3:30-6PM	16 Beacon Hospice 6-7:30 Parlor Cabinet 7:00PM Church Calander	17  Al-Anon vestry	18 Trp. 306 6-7:30PM  Al-Anon upstairs	19
20 Mission Youth Commissioning Youth Grp. 5-7:30PM AA	21 Bridgewater Moms  Narc-Anon vestry	22 Mainspring meal  Beacon Hospice 6-7:30 Parlor	23	24 Beacon Hospice 6-7:30 Parlor Membership forum pot luck 6PM Al-Anon vestry	25 Trp. 306 6-7:30PM  Al-Anon upstairs	26  Mission Youth Leave
27  AA	28  Narc-Anon vestry	29	30			