



# Steeple Sounds    October 2011

The Newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church

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

**October 2011**

## **“THE CHALLENGE FOR THE TWENTY–FIRST CENTURY”**

### **CHANGE**

In his book, **“Moving Off the Map,”** Thomas G. Bandy is inviting us to confront a reality that the Christian churches are facing--the need for change. He presents four ways for change to take place in the local church that can be used as a “window of opportunity to transform the church into a new species of Christian Community that can flourish in the twenty-first century.”

#### **CHANGE MUST BE SYSTEMATIC.**

This change must alter the very nature of the species. It cannot simply change a single behavior pattern or personality trait. For example, it would not have helped the passenger pigeon to learn to roost only in maple trees, rather than elm trees, or to choose stool pigeons with pure white feathers and advanced academic degrees as their leaders, rather than stool pigeon with gray feathers and basic academic degrees. The problem lay in the nature of the species. *The whole sweep and flow of the system of congregational life and mission must change.*

#### **CHANGE MUST BE OWNED BY THE CONGREGATION.**

The fate of the congregation is independent of the fate of the denomination. Ultimately, the death of the denomination will not destroy the congregation, nor will the survival of the denomination rescue the congregation. Their fate is in their own hands. Denominations can only help or hinder; they cannot ultimately force or block congregational transformation. Ministers can be helped by mentoring colleagues who are similarly striving for transformation and by parachurch organizations that can provide guidance for planning and resources. *However, in the end, the local congregation alone must do it.*

#### **CHANGE MUST BE CONCENTRATED.**

Change cannot be diluted by irrelevant goals like the survival of a community, the preservation of a heritage, the maintenance of historic or sentimental property, the

perpetuation of an institutional polity, the observance of specific ceremonies or rituals or the guaranteed salaries of authoritative officers. When it comes to systematic change, all that matters is the Gospel. *Either the system helps people experience the transforming power of God and walk daily with Jesus, or it does not.* If it does not, then no matter how daring, fun intriguing, or socially beneficial it might be, it does not fulfill the New Testament purpose of the church. If it does, then congregations can flourish and bear fruit (spiritual, social, and economic) to benefit all humankind.

**CHANGE MUST BE ANCHORED IN THE EXPERIENCE OF THE CONG. WITH JESUS.**

The real issue before the church is not merely theological. It is Christological. The key question for church transformation is:

What is it about our experience with Jesus that this community cannot live without?

No enduring change can happen in the church, no matter how large or small, without its being linked to continuing spiritual growth in one's relationship with Jesus."

When a church takes ownership for its own growth, then and only then, it would be ready to customize its core values, beliefs, vision and mission. This continues to be my personal invitation to Central Square Congregational Church – UCC, as we move into the twenty-first century.

Blessings on the Journey!

Rev. Esther

**90% of hospitality issues are solved if you invite and bring a person with you!** - Growth



## **Sharing Our Blessings with Others**

The new church year is now underway. We are all caught up in the business of getting things in place so that the church school and the boards and committees will run smoothly and have the resources they need to do the jobs we have commissioned them to do. At this time of year, with all the activity, it is often easy to lose sight of the very reasons we have chosen Central Square Congregational Church, United Church of Christ as our church home. And yet our reasons, myriad as they might be, make up the fabric of our church family.

**Why have you chosen this particular church community at this time in your life? And why did some of you come for a visit many years ago and continue to be drawn back to this community week after week, year after year?**

Is this a place where you and your family can build a religious foundation, based on faith, compassion and hope? Is our church a place of spiritual nourishment, where you can feel the infinite love of our Lord Jesus?

Do you believe that our church is an oasis for individuals who are thirsting for hope, crying out for justice or longing for nurturing during a time when our world is experiencing hopelessness, injustice and ambivalence?

**What makes us different from churches you have visited or attended in the past? Why do you keep coming back?**

For me, it's a sense of belonging to a community that cares about me and the members of my family. It's a strong feeling that love is alive within these walls. Every week that I attend worship and the coffee hour that follows, I am given another opportunity to watch, and feel, *God's Love in Action*. I watch people giving other hugs and words of support and encouragement. I watch people planning events that reach out to the homeless, the hungry and the poor in spirit. I listen as we all share the concerns that weigh heavy on our hearts and the celebrations that allow us opportunities to share our joys with one another.

I listen to the chatter of our children, as they share the stories they were taught in Sunday School with their parents, excited that Jesus loves them, forgives them and is always watching over them. I observe the ways we teach our children how they

can help those who are less fortunate and those who are going through hard times, through their Mission Trips, the Heifer Program or collecting food for the local pantry as they “Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat”. I listen as our minister preaches about God’s love and compassion and relates our struggles to those of our predecessors, who lived during the time when our Savior walked among us. I listen to the parables and the teachings, which remind me of the way I should live and treat others. I listen with joy to the promise of everlasting life if I put my faith in God.

*“And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who  
are called according to His purpose.” (Romans 8:28)*

I keep coming back to this, my church home, because I need to make sense of this world. I need to be part of a faith community that continues to support me in my Faith Journey, that continues to provide me with opportunities for service and spiritual growth. I know that this is a place I can turn to for hugs and support when I am confused, lonely or going through hard times. I keep coming back because I need to know that I am part of a larger community that reaches out to others in an effort to ease their pain and to offer them the Good News that God is Still Speaking, through his followers and his present day Disciples.

**So as our new church year begins, I challenge each of you to reflect upon your reasons for making THIS church YOUR church home, for making THIS church family YOUR church family.**

I challenge you to share your reasons with others who need a community like ours. Share the Good News with those who are struggling, those who are lost, and those who cannot make sense of the world around them. Invite them to join you at our Oasis of Hope.

*“I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.” (Psalm 27:13)*

Yours in Christ,  
Pat Lindsey, on behalf of the Board of Deacons



## **From the CSCCUCC Search Committee: Sept. 15, 2011**

We are very excited to be moving on the next phase of selecting our new minister. Please pray for us and keep in mind we must abide by our oath of confidentiality during this phase of the search. The committee decided to share a summary of the responded questions contained in the CSCC profile.

Summarizing the CSCCUCC Profile:

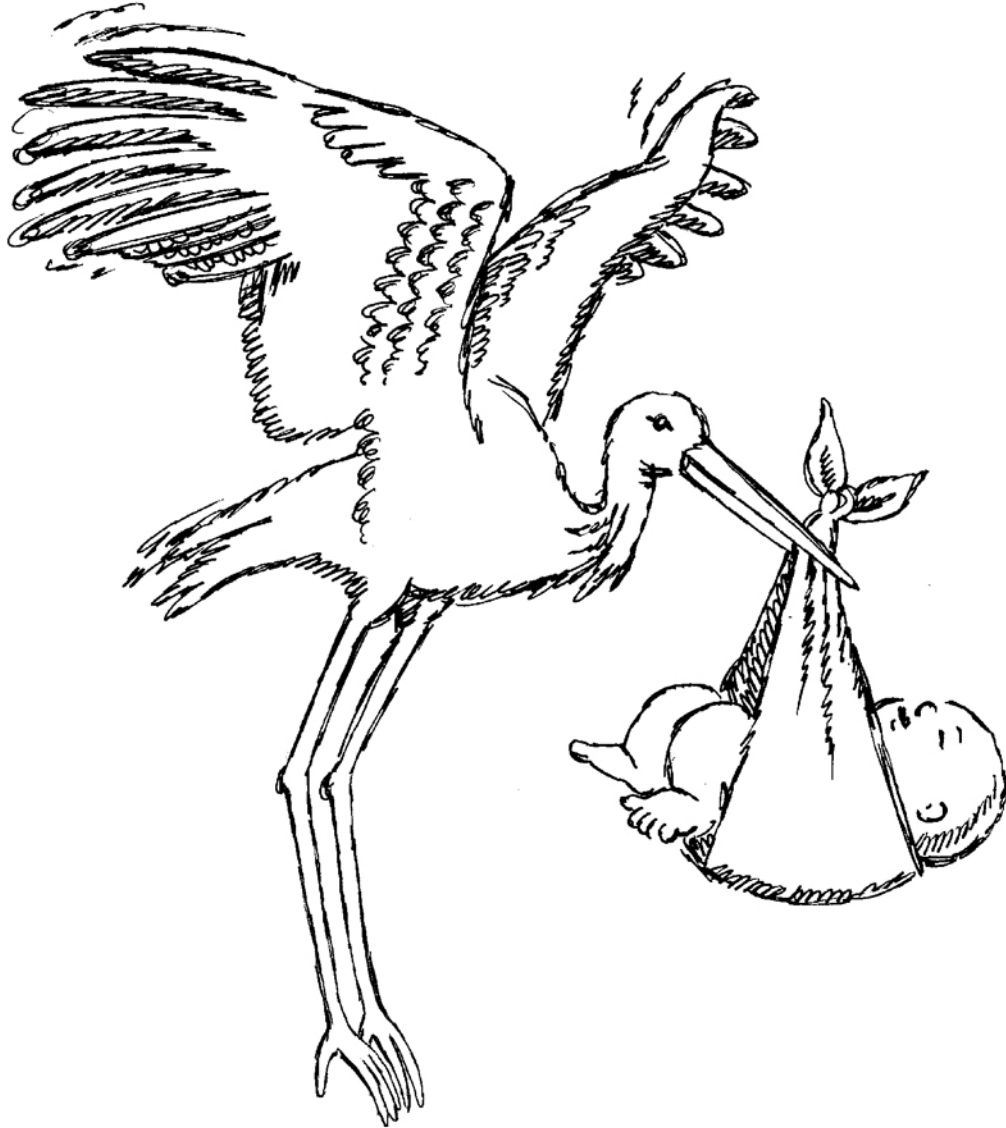
1. Membership information- As taken from the Massachusetts Conference. Church membership number; Average attendance etc
2. Profile of Congregation in percentage (taken from our church survey). Ages, Family units, Education and occupations.
3. Church Finances (from the church Treasurer)  
Income and expenses also found in our Annual report.  
Indebtedness and Stewardship information, Capital campaigns, assets and parsonage information.
4. Information about all of CSCCUCC mission/outreach projects.
5. Our compensation guidelines (which are based on the Conference guidelines) for the prospective minister and history of compensation packages.
6. Community characteristics- taken from 2010 state census ([bridgewaterma.gov](http://bridgewaterma.gov))  
Description of the community groups who use our facilities.
7. Congregational life  
What we envision for our congregation in the next five years. (from our survey and Committee / Board input).
8. General qualities expected of our future minister. (Taken from our church survey).
9. List of important faith experiences or events in the history of our Church.

10. How we learned from past problems/conflicts within our congregation.
11. Describes the theological/faith stance of your church. (From returned surveys-by percentage)
12. Described information relative to Christian Ed programs.
13. Listed Boards, committees, and groups of the church and how involved we wish the minister to be. (Information obtained from our church survey and our church committees)
14. Describe our worship service. (Based on our church survey)
15. Our current level of participation with the wider church.
16. Listed our relationships with our ministers in the last 15 years includes a fair/honest opinion of how we handled conflict as a congregation and what we learned.
17. The Search committee selected 12 leadership qualities which we expect our new minister to have. (The selections were based on responses from our church survey).
18. Open and Affirming issue. The committee responded that CSCC has not yet had a discernment discussion.
19. Listed the current staff with whom the new minister will interact.
20. Listed three non-member references.
21. A general statement of leadership expectations for our new minister. (Based on our church survey).

Thank you for commissioning us with this very important responsibility. We appreciate your continued trust, faith and confidence.

Your Search Committee

Peter Compton, Denise Molinari (Co Chairs), Mike Bundock (Stewardship), Terry Reynolds (CE), Cheri Sharland (Young Adult/Youth), Connie Chandler (Women's Guild), John Schuller (Music), Pat Lindsey (Deacons), Phoebe Hogg (Outreach), Scott Jackson (At Large)



Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and warm wishes regarding our daughter Jennifer's recent pregnancy. On August 26th she delivered twin boys. Jack Laurence was 5 lbs., and Greyson John was 7 lbs. 4 oz.

Thank you again for you continued support and blessings.

Darlene and Larry Brown



Our stewardship theme this year is *“Count Yourself Blessed.”*

What a powerful statement, compared to the one we all know - 'count your blessings.' “Count your blessings” is a work task, usually prescribed by someone in your presence who sees that you might be a bit miserable – so you sit down, think about all the ways that you are blessed, prepare a mental inventory and then hopefully you feel better. But should that be the end of it?

Think about the **not so subtle difference** between 'count your blessings' and “Count Yourself Blessed.” “Count Yourself Blessed” is God speaking to you! No inventory needed. Just open your heart to receive the blessings! But should that be the end of it?

In a recent edition of *The Parish Paper*, the Rev. Bill Couch, in a sermon, talks about diagnosing your own condition. I found that his thoughts and my thoughts above tie together. Bill wrote:

*“I want us to check and see if we have a heart disease...to ask a couple of questions that will reveal the condition of our heart. Is your heart spiritually healthy or is it sick? Do some diagnostics on your heart this week. The first diagnostic question is this: Am I taker or a giver?”*

*Many people are spiritual takers:*

- *They come to church and expect to be fed spiritually. They come on Sunday to get their spiritual tank filled to last them the rest of the week.*
- *They come to church to enjoy the spiritual and relational blessings it offers.*
- *They come to enjoy the beautiful music, to get an inspiring message, to feel good that they have given God an hour of their time, and to see some friends.*

*But they give very little back to God in terms of their time and money. A characteristic of their lives is that they are complainers—especially about sermons on giving. They are miserable people. The root word of miserable is “miser.”*

*They are self-centered with the use of their time and money. They have heart disease.*

*Then there are the spiritual givers:*

- These people come not to get fed, but to praise and thank God for all he has given them.*
- They come to worship God.*
- They give 5% or more of their income to God.*
- They have discovered their spiritual gift and are using it to serve God and others.*
- They are contributing to the work of the kingdom of God.*

*Their lives are characterized by joy. They come up to me and say things like ' I think God is going to do great things in our church. Greater than we imagine.'*

*They are already giving significantly. And they are looking for ways to do more. Why? Because they have experienced what Paul talks about in scripture. God rewards great generosity. So they are excited to see how God is going to bless them through their generosity. They know that they cannot out-give God.*

*When you first come to church, you are a taker. That's OK. You need to receive the blessings, forgiveness, and love of God. You need to sit back and soak up God's grace. But if you've been coming for several months and you are still just taking, I want to challenge you to become a giver. The minimum standard in the Bible for a financial giver is 10 percent of your income. That's the law of tithe. Now Christians are under grace, not law. Grace always goes beyond the law. Ask yourself: What percentage of my income am I giving to God? If it is less than a tithe, will you consider increasing your giving 1 percent or 2 percent per year for the next three years and give that to the Life Changing Encounters Building program?"*

Rev. Couch was talking about giving to a Capital Campaign at his church, but I found the message to be very directly related to our annual stewardship campaign. Do you?

John Sharland, Board of Stewardship



## 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)



**NESTER? REDECORATING? STRAIGHTENING CLOSETS?  
LOST WEIGHT? GAINED WEIGHT? LOVE A NEW SPORT?  
NO LONGER A FAN OF TRENDY JEWELRY?**

These are the perfect opportunities for you to gather those unused/ outgrown/ wrong color/ “why did I buy that?” items and donate them to the CSCC Annual Fall Rummage Sale. The event that so many area people (MEN love it, too) look forward to is coming on October 15, but the time to prepare for it is NOW.

Organized by the Women's Guild, this semi-annual sale features departments for all interests and needs--including new Fall and Winter wardrobes for all, lots of children's clothing, books for all interests, shoes and bags, cooking and household utensils, linens and things, jewelry, many surprise and unique items, and of course, FOOD.

The specialty of the day is the "Soups On" lunch, featuring approximately 6 varieties of home-made soups (ahhhh, comfort food to calm the souls of the stressed-out shoppers), sandwiches, and baked goods. In addition to the lunch, there will be a Gourmet Food Table, with delectable goodies for all tastes, as well as hot aromatic coffee!

You may leave your bagged items in the vestry anytime during the week of October 10-14, so that the worker bees can sort and display them for Saturday, Oct. 15. (We'll remind you several times before the date.) If you wish items to be picked up at your home, please leave a message at the church office (697-6016), and Jan will see to it that Ruthie, Marie, or Diane make the arrangements for transporting them.

Watch for more info about this event, but start now to think about relocating your unused "stuff" to someone who will treasure it.



## **Women's Guild and Fellowship**

A big welcome is extended to all the women of Central Square Congregational Church to join in the Faith, Fellowship and Fun of "WG&F", held the first Wednesday evening of every month.

Our first meeting on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:30 PM, is our annual Potluck Supper. Bring an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert, and we'll meet you in the Fellowship Hall (FH)! Everyone will receive a booklet outlining all the meetings and great programs we have planned through May when we conclude our season with our annual banquet. Also, for those who would enjoy having a "Secret Pal", we draw names in October and send cards and/or gifts to our "Pal" on holidays and her birthday. All "Secret Pals" are revealed the following October. It's a lot of fun to learn who has been so good to you all year long!

We have such great times----please join us for one, two, three or more of our great get-togethers. We do so many wonderful things for our church and our community. We welcome you with open arms and our whole hearts!

Ruthie LaBonte, President WG&F



**THE CANDY TABLE FOR THE FAIR  
NEEDS DONATIONS.....please!**

It is time to start making candy again. We are looking for cash donations to assist us in purchasing the costly ingredients needed for the fudge and specialty confections that make our table such a “sweet treat”! Some of you have made some wonderful batches of fudge and other candy for our table and we hope you will again. We are also asking for leftover, packaged Halloween candy to both sell at the Fair and pack in boxes for our troops overseas.

If you would like to make fudge or candy for the Fair or plan to help us with a cash donation, please contact Debbie Golob @ 508 947-2798 or Ruthie LaBonte @ 508 697-7122 as soon as possible and at least by Saturday, October 29th. Anyone with leftover Halloween candy may bring it to our table on Friday, November 4th or Saturday, November 5th. We greatly appreciate any and all assistance.



## Coffee Hour Schedule

October:	Outreach
November:	Women's Guild
December:	Stewardship
January:	Trustees
February:	Memorials
March:	Growth
April:	Deacons
May:	Christian Education
June:	Music
July & August:	volunteers (punch only)

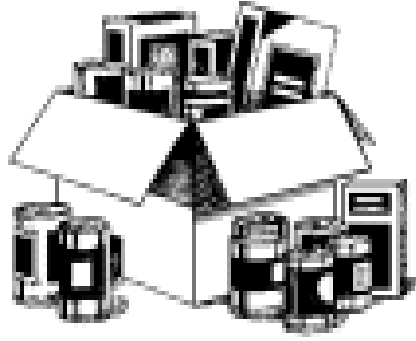


If you happen to have a key to the side door of the church and are no longer a member of a Board or a Committee, please return the key to the office as soon as possible. Thanks!



### **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.



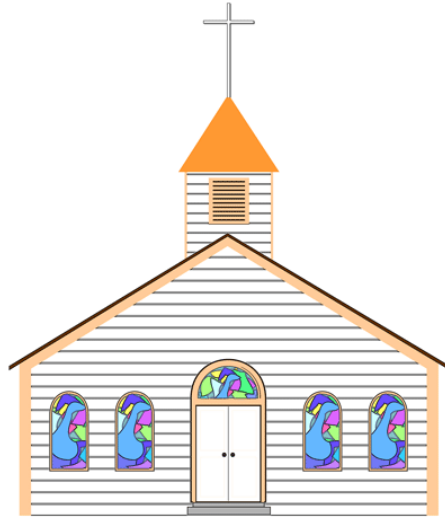
### **Bridgewater Food Pantry**

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!



### **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.



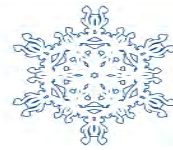
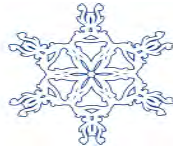
## **News from the Bridgewater Council of Churches**

What's going on around the faith communities in Bridgewater, you might wonder.

Here are some highlights:

- The Town of Bridgewater, Bridgewater State University and the Bridgewater Council of Churches successfully coordinated a town-wide observance on the 10th anniversary of 9/11.
- Many in the community celebrated the International Day of Peace, September 17 - 21, which is hosted by the BSU and First Parish Unitarian Church.
- Several churches raise additional funds for their ministries by hosting a Recycling Day, where the church accepts metals and/or electronics/appliances from the community, some with disposal fees, and then they receive monies from the vendor who collects the items to be recycled. The Scotland Church will host one such day on October 15, from 9 AM - 1 PM.
- Thanksgiving is approaching and the Council will again sponsor the distribution of food baskets to those in need. Time and location have yet to be determined. An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held on the Tuesday, November 22, before Thanksgiving at one of our local churches.

If you have any questions about the Bridgewater Council of Churches, ask Carol Chaffee or check out our website: [www.bridgewatercouncilofchurches.org](http://www.bridgewatercouncilofchurches.org)



## **It's A Winter Wonderland!**

The Central Square Congregational Fair is coming, and it's a Winter Wonderland! Mark your calendars for Friday and Saturday, November 4-5.

All of your favorites will be there:

- \* Pie! (Friday evening pie & coffee)
- \* The cookie walk
- \* Homemade candy and goodies
- \* Hand-made gift items
- \* Holiday items
- \* Jewelry
- \* Attic treasures
- \* Silent auction gift baskets
- \* Beth Basler's amazing luncheon soups
- \* And of course, fun and games for the kids while you shop

Then to top it all off, our traditional turkey supper: two seatings, and generous portions at a great price. "You can't stay home for that price!"

Oh, no! Can't stay for supper? Treat the family (and yourself) to the pre-order take-out option... BEST take out in town, and an unbeatable value. Also makes for an inexpensive dinner gift for shut-ins, students, or just your favorite neighbor!

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors, tell people on the street. It's a perfect shopping and eating opportunity.

"How can I help?", we hear you say. If you'd like to lend a hand, serve some pie, sell some dinner tickets, play with the kids, cook a turkey, or if you just have questions, feel free to contact any of our fair chairs:

Carla Jackson, 508-279-3375, [fourjacs@comcast.net](mailto:fourjacs@comcast.net)

Denise Molinari, 508-279-6322, [denmol@comcast.net](mailto:denmol@comcast.net)

Deb Rucker, 508-279-0772, [motherucker@myway.com](mailto:motherucker@myway.com)

Diane Sheibley, 508-697-7262, [diane@despop.com](mailto:diane@despop.com)

We'll be selling turkey dinner tickets during the month of October – look for us, or contact the church office at 508-697-6016. **Remember... November 4 & 5!**

## Teen Challenge

Teen Challenge of Brockton, MA, will lead worship with Rev. Esther on October 9, 2011. Our church has invited the Teen Challenge Ministry to Bridgewater many times, but maybe you have not been fortunate enough to attend worship on those previous Sundays, so HERE'S YOUR CHANCE.

The excerpt below is taken from their Website – [www.tcnewengland.org](http://www.tcnewengland.org)

- Teen Challenge is a Christian residential drug recovery program that is part of a network of ten Teen Challenge centers across new England and New Jersey
- The program has a strong faith-based approach and offers spiritual, academic, and vocational training that equips individuals to return to society as responsible citizens. A number of our graduates have experienced complete recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. They have told us that the key to their success was developing a personal relationship with God and putting into practice all that they had learned while in our program.
- We are here to help you do the same. We believe that God has a great purpose for your life and we are thankful for every opportunity to help you and others discover that purpose – and live it to the fullest. From the beginning, Teen Challenge has operated based on the concept that a person with life controlling problems can change – if that person wants help.

On Sunday October 9th, a free will offering will be taken for the Teen Challenge Ministry.



October 2011

: Living and **Learning** in a Troubled World

Written by Alison Stendahl

October 1, 2011

***Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1***

Uskudar American Academy in Uskudar, Turkey is an historic mission school founded by missionaries in 1873 during the Ottoman Empire. Today it is a secular private school that strives to prepare students for a rapidly changing multicultural, multilingual, and religiously diverse world. Missionary Alison Stendahl has been working with the school for a number of years. She reflects: any school is a subset of its surrounding world, where its diverse community members learn to understand one another even in the face of conflict and disagreement. When a community truly and sincerely cares for its members, it can be a nurturing place where one should feel safe. Turkey borders a region caught up in strong social and political forces. The more the region destabilizes, the greater the effects on Turkey as it **braces** itself for an influx of refugees. We are particularly aware of how immense social pressure can eventually focus people on their differences rather than their commonalities. We focus on those who strive to build bridges of understanding rather than to construct walls of fear.

Uskudar American Academy has one of the most respected Model United Nations conferences where 500 high school students from various countries come together in a forum to seriously examine the major issues facing this geographic region. Dedicated to preparing students for an increasingly intertwined and complex world, Uskudar American has a strong vision for the future and is also a supportive and caring community. Though the vast number of teachers and students are Muslim, several are also from Christian and Jewish backgrounds. Together this diverse community models how a common vision can give its members energy to strive for a better and more positive future.

We pray for students, who through social service projects, do what they can to help those who have needs beyond their imagining. We pray for teachers who work with the youth, as they explore what it truly means to be a global citizen in today's world.

*Alison Stendahl serves the Near East Mission in Istanbul. She works as academic dean and math teacher at Uskudar American Academy.*

**Daily Lectionary Scripture References**  
**October 2011 (Year A)**

**Sat., Oct. 1**  
Psalm 19  
Exodus 23:10-13  
John 7:40-52

**Sun., Oct. 2**  
*27th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

**Mon., Oct. 3**  
Psalm 119:49-56  
Deuteronomy 5:1-21  
1 Peter 2:4-10

**Tues., Oct. 4**  
Psalm 119:49-56  
Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3  
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Wed., Oct. 5**  
Psalm 119:49-56  
Deuteronomy 6:10-25  
John 11:45-57

**Thurs., Oct. 6**  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Exodus 24:1-8  
1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

**Fri., Oct. 7**  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Exodus 24:9-11  
James 4:4-10

**Sat., Oct. 8**  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Exodus 24:12-18  
Mark 2:18-22

**Sun., Oct. 9**  
*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Mon., Oct. 10**  
Psalm 97  
Exodus 32:15-35  
Jude 17-25

**Tues., Oct. 11**  
Psalm 97  
Exodus 33:1-6  
Philippians 3:13-4:1

**Wed., Oct. 12**  
Psalm 97  
2 Kings 17:7-20  
John 6:25-35

**Thurs., Oct. 13**  
Psalm 99  
Exodus 33:7-11  
3 John 9-12

**Fri., Oct. 14**  
Psalm 99  
Exodus 31:1-11  
1 Peter 5:1-5

**Sat., Oct. 15**  
Psalm 99  
Exodus 39:32-43  
Matthew 14:1-12

**Sun., Oct. 16**  
*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

**Mon., Oct. 17**  
Psalm 63:1-8  
Exodus 40:34-38  
Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

**Tues., Oct. 18**  
Psalm 63:1-8  
Numbers 12:1-9  
Revelation 18:21-24

**Wed., Oct. 19**  
Psalm 63:1-8  
Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9  
Matthew 17:22-27

**Thurs., Oct. 20**  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
Deuteronomy 31:14-22  
Titus 1:5-16

**Fri., Oct. 21**  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18  
Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

**Sat., Oct. 22**  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
Deuteronomy 32:44-47  
John 5:39-47

**Sun., Oct. 23**  
*30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

**Mon., Oct. 24**  
Psalm 119:41-48  
Numbers 33:38-39  
James 2:8-13

**Tues., Oct. 25**  
Psalm 119:41-48  
Exodus 34:29-35  
James 2:14-26

**Wed., Oct. 26**  
Psalm 119:41-48  
Deuteronomy 26:16-27:7  
Matthew 19:16-22

**Thurs., Oct. 27**  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
Joshua 1:1-11  
Romans 2:17-29

**Fri., Oct. 28**  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
Joshua 2:1-14  
2 Peter 2:1-3

**Sat., Oct. 29**  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
Joshua 2:15-24  
Matthew 23:13-28

**Sun., Oct. 30**  
*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

**Mon., Oct. 31**  
Psalm 128  
Joshua 4:1-24  
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20



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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 10am - Pack 35 LL 5:30pm - Christian
2 10am - World 6pm - AA 6:30pm - Youth 7pm - AA - Vestrv	3 7pm - Christian Ed. 7pm - NA - Vestrv 7:30pm - Deacons 9pm - NarcAnon	4 9:30am - NRC 11am - NRC 7pm - NA - Vestrv	5 6:30pm - WG&F 7pm - Soci. Cabinet	6 7pm - AI-Anon 7pm - AIAnon-Vestrv	7 6pm - GS 73502 LL 7pm - AIAnon-	8
9 10am - Teen Forum 7pm - AA - Vestrv	10 <b>Columbus Day</b> 7pm - NA - Vestrv 7pm - Outreach Mtd.	11 9:30am - NRC 11am - NRC 7pm - Growth Mtd. 7pm - NA - Vestrv	12 6pm - Trustees Mtd. 7pm - Search Mtd.	13 6:30pm - Pack 35 7pm - AIAnon-Vestrv 7:30pm - Stewardshp	14 <b>Rummage Sale</b> 6pm - Kids of the 7pm - AIAnon-	15 <b>Rummage Sale</b>
16 6:30pm - Youth 7pm - AA - Vestrv	17 7pm - NA - Vestrv	18 9:30am - NRC 11am - NRC 12pm - Council of 7pm - NA - Vestrv	19 7pm - Cabinet Mtd. 8pm - Den 2 LL	20 7pm - AIAnon-Vestrv	21 4:30pm - Wedding 6pm - GS 73502 LL 6:30pm - Pack #35 7pm - AIAnon-	22 9am - NRC
23 10am - Teen Forum 7pm - AA - Vestrv	24 7pm - NA - Vestrv	25 9:30am - NRC 11am - NRC 7pm - NA - Vestrv	26	27 6:30pm - Pack 35 7pm - AIAnon-Vestrv	28 7pm - AIAnon-	29 10am - Pack 35 LL
30 7pm - AA - Vestrv	31 <b>Halloween</b> 9:30am - Mothers' 7pm - NA - Vestrv	1	2	3	4	5

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Bring a Friend Daylight Saving 7pm - AA - Vestrv	7pm - Christian Ed. 7pm - NA - Vestrv 7:30am - Deacons	Election Day 9:30am - NRC 11am - NRC 7pm - Growth Mtg. 7pm - NA - Vestrv	6pm - Trustees Mta. 7pm - Search Mtg.	6:30pm - Pack 35 7pm - AIAnon-Vestrv 7:30pm - Stewardshi	Veterans Day 6pm - #73502 LL 6pm - Kids of the 7pm - AIAnon-	
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Choir Appreciation 7pm - AA - Vestrv	6pm - Hospice - 7pm - NA - Vestrv	9:30am - NRC 11am - NRC 7pm - NA - Vestrv		Thanksgiving 7pm - AIAnon-Vestrv	7pm - AIAnon-	Advent Workshop - 9:30am - Wedding
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