



# Steeple Sounds July- August 2010

## The Newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church

### From the Interim Pastor's Desk:

July and August, 2010

On June 19<sup>th</sup> Kevin and I had the opportunity to go to the MACUCC Annual Meeting in Worcester at the DCU Center, where we represent you the Church. Through the years, we actually have enjoyed going to Annual meetings, it's what we do. What else do we do? Business meetings, worship and fellowship, we visit with other pastors and church representatives, some come every year, others we get to know every year due to the seating arrangements. We wanted to share with you what we have learned and things that are happening throughout the Massachusetts Conference.

### Notes from the Annual Report:

We are a gathering of 386 churches with over, 73,000 members, making us the largest Protestant denomination in the state. Our roots go back to the Puritans and Pilgrims who founded this country; making us the Commonwealth's oldest denomination. During the past two years we have established new congregations and worked to revive existing ones. We have provided programs of pastoral excellence to aid in ministerial leadership and spiritual practices. We have guided local churches to learn from each other in a Still More Excellent Way. And we will continue to be a good steward to God's green earth, to change the culture of money in these economic times and beyond, to work with different faiths and the unchurched, and to nurture the vitality of our churches. As we look at 2010 and beyond, the Massachusetts Conference is committed to providing all of our members with the tools they need to continue building their churches as well as God's spirit within their communities and beyond. Our churches are large and small, urban, suburban and rural. As a Conference, we support one another in spreading the Word and doing the work of Jesus Christ.

### The Massachusetts Conference takes a Stance on Science-Based Climate Change!

The Conference continues to make mission and justice a priority... On October 24, 2009, Minister and President, Jim Antal was the key speaker at a rally held at Minuteman National Historical Park in Concord. The event was one of over 5,000 actions held around the world that day to raise awareness of the need limit the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere to 350 parts per million.

Other churches have embraced stewardship of the environment in creative endeavors...

And proudly we are one of those churches supporting the need to protect and advocate for the environment!

### Mission Partnership with the Pentecostal Church of Chile, since 1995!

The Conference Mission Partnership has made a commitment to raise funds to build 150 "Casitas de Bendicion" or Blessing Cabins to provide shelter for homeless Chileans, who have been devastated by the recent earthquake. This commitment comes from the Conference long friendship with the (PCC), they have received more than 150 people as delegates from Mass. since the beginning of the Mission Partnership covenant in 1995...

We are supporting our brothers and sisters in Chile... Over \$43,000 has been raised so far by local churches for the Blessing cabins. A "Casita de Bendicion" costs \$1,500.

Can this be an opportunity for us here at Central Square to help our Chilean Partners?

We hope you get excited by our sharing! There's always more to come from our MACUCC, and please ask us about "Super Saturdays." Gatherings for local church pastors, interims and leaders!

In Christ, your pastor and your representative  
Esther and Kevin Thompson

## *Hello and Welcome to Worship!*

*CSCC Highlights July and August  
Worship Time 10 AM – \*all summer*



Tuesdays, July and August 6 PM – 7:30 PM

*Volleyball and Games Night at the Chaffee's. Every Tuesday: July and August weather permitting*



Sunday, July 11 – Worship, Communion by Intinction and Baptism

Sunday, July 18 - Worship and Baptism

Wednesday, July 21 – 6 PM - Potluck supper

*and informal forum of discussion on Covenant, led by the Board of Deacons. Child friendly event – so come and join us as we share our thoughts on what Covenant means to each of us.*



Sunday, July 25 – Worship

Sunday, August 1 – Worship and Communion by Intinction

Sunday, August 8 – Worship

Sunday, August 15 – Worship

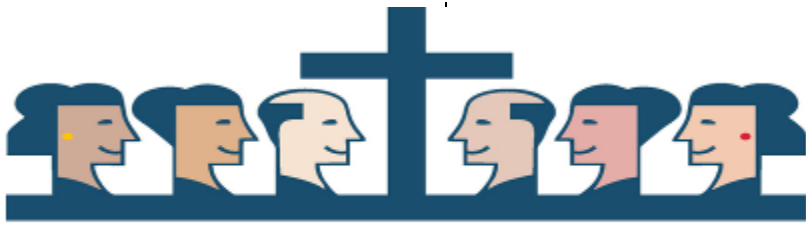
Wednesday, August 18 6 PM - Potluck supper...

*...and informal forum of discussion on Mission/Vision, led by the Board of Deacons. Child friendly event – so come and join us as we share our thoughts on what Mission/Vision means to each of us*



Sunday, August 22 – Worship

Sunday, August 29 – Worship



## 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*



## BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

Here are just a few questions for you to consider this summer. This summer the Stewardship committee hopes that you will consider how important our church is to all of our community who worship and volunteer their time, talents, and treasures to make CSCC strong.

**What is it about our church that is special to you?** In a world where poverty, crime, corruption, hate, and tragedy constantly bears down on us, how important is the work that we do as a church? How valuable are the lessons that Jesus teaches our youth (and our adults) at CSCC. How important is our mission work. Are we blessed to have such a fine place to worship? How great is the music at CSCC? Should we be stronger as a church? Can we do more? What kind of a church will we pass on to the next generation? God blesses us all with rich and busy lives. Within all that we do in our life, where do we place our church on our priority list? Have a great summer!!!

God Bless You

CSCC Stewardship Committee



The summer is still busy for Christian Education with a very active Group Sunday School Program. We have a new format for Group Sunday School including lessons reflective of the week's sermon followed by time and activities in the various zones. There is a Quiet zone for quiet prayer and reflection, an art zone for crafts related to the day's lesson, a music zone and even a game zone. We have received wonderful feedback on this new approach and look forward to continuing it throughout the summer. As always, we welcome volunteers. If you would like to teach Group Sunday School or be an

assistant, please contact Terry Reynolds, 508-697-4666.

Also, as the summer progresses, we will be making announcements regarding Rally Day and a fall family Fun Night. Keep your eyes and ears open!

Yours in Faith,

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



## News from Outreach

### 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.



## **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.*

#### **For More Info.:**

Sandra Gourdet  
Area Executive, Africa

## **REMINDER!**



**Wednesday,  
August 18th – 6 PM -  
Potluck supper**

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**Daily Lectionary Scripture References**  
**July 2010 (Year C)**

**Thurs., July 1**

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

**Fri., July 2**

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

**Sat., July 3**

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

**Sun., July 4**

14th Sunday – Ordinary Time  
2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16  
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

**Mon., July 5**

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

**Tues., July 6**

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

**Wed., July 7**

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

**Thurs., July 8**

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

**Fri., July 9**

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

**Sat., July 10**

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

**Sun., July 11**

15th Sunday – Ordinary Time  
Amos 7:7-17, Psalm 82  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Luke 10:25-37

**Mon., July 12**

Psalm 7, Amos 3:9—4:5  
James 2:1-7

**Tues., July 13**

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

**Wed., July 14**

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

**Thurs., July 15**

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

**Fri., July 16**

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

**Sat., July 17**

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

**Sun., July 18**

16th Sunday – Ordinary Time  
Amos 8:1-12  
Psalm 52  
Colossians 1:15-28  
Luke 10:3  
8-42

**Mon., July 19**

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

**Tues., July 20**

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

**Wed., July 21**

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

**Thurs., July 22**

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

**Fri., July 23**

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

**Sat., July 24**

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

**Sun., July 25**

Hosea 1:2-10 . Psalm 85  
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]  
Luke 11:1-13

**Mon., July 26**

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

**Tues., July 27**

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

**Wed., July 28**

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

**Thurs., July 29**

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

**Fri., July 30**

Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Hosea 9:1-17  
Ephesians 4:17-24

**Sat., July 31**

Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Hosea 10:1-15  
Mark 10:17-22

**Daily Lectionary Scripture References**  
**August 2010 (Year C)**

**Sun., Aug. 1**

*18th Sunday – Ordinary Time* Hosea  
11:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
Colossians 3:1-11  
Luke 12:13-21

**Mon., Aug. 2**

Psalm 60  
Hosea 11:12—12:14  
Colossians 3:18—4:1

**Tues., Aug. 3**

Psalm 60  
Hosea 13:1-16  
Colossians 4:2-6

**Wed., Aug. 4**

Psalm 60  
Hosea 14:1-9  
Luke 12:22-31

**Thurs., Aug. 5**

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Isaiah 9:8-17  
Romans 9:1-9

**Fri., Aug. 6**

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Isaiah 9:18—10:4  
Acts 7:1-8

**Sat., Aug. 7**

Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23  
Matthew 6:19-24

**Sun., Aug. 8**

*19th Sunday – Ordinary Time* Isaiah  
1:1, 10-20  
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

**Mon., Aug. 9**

Psalm 11  
Isaiah 2:1-4  
Hebrews 11:1-7

**Tues., Aug. 10**

Psalm 11  
Isaiah 24:1-13  
Hebrews 11:17-28

**Wed., Aug. 11**

Psalm 11 ●  
Isaiah 24:14-23  
Luke 12:41-48

**Thurs., Aug. 12**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Isaiah 2:5-11  
Hebrews 10:26-31

**Fri., Aug. 13**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Isaiah 3:1-17  
Hebrews 10:32-39

**Sat., Aug. 14**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Isaiah 3:18—4:6  
Matthew 24:15-27

**Sun., Aug. 15**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
Hebrews 11:29—12:2  
Luke 12:49-56

**Mon., Aug. 16**

Psalm 74  
Isaiah 5:8-23  
1 John 4:1-6

**Tues., Aug. 17**

Psalm 74 ●  
Isaiah 5:24-30  
Acts 7:44-53

**Wed., Aug. 18**

Psalm 74 Isaiah 27:1-13  
Luke 19:45-48

**Thurs., Aug. 19**

Psalm 71:1-6  
Jeremiah 6:1-19  
Hebrews 12:3-17

**Fri., Aug. 20**

Psalm 71:1-6  
Jeremiah 6:20-30  
Acts 17:1-9

**Sat., Aug. 21**

Psalm 71:1-6  
Jeremiah 1:1-3, 11-19  
Luke 6:1-5

**Sun., Aug. 22**

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

**Mon., Aug. 23**

Psalm 10 Jeremiah 7:1-15 Hebrews  
3:7—4:11

**Tues., Aug. 24**

Psalm 10  
Jeremiah 7:16-26  
Revelation 3:7-13

**Wed., Aug. 25**

Psalm 10  
Jeremiah 7:27-34  
Luke 6:6-11

**Thurs., Aug. 26**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Jeremiah 11:1-17 1  
Peter 3:8-12

**Fri., Aug. 27**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Jeremiah 12:1-13 1  
Peter 4:7-11

**Sat., Aug. 28**

Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Jeremiah 2:1-3, 14-22  
Matthew 20:20-28

**Sun., Aug. 29**

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

**Mon., Aug. 30**

Psalm 58  
Jeremiah 2:23-37  
Hebrews 13:7-21

**Tues., Aug. 31**

Psalm 58  
Jeremiah 3:1-14  
Titus 1:1-9

# July 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  Al-Anon-vestry	2  Al-Anon –conf.	3
4 Teen Challenge  AA	5  <b>Holiday</b>  Narc-Anon - vestry	6  Chaffee's Game Night 6PM	7  Search Committee	8  Al-Anon-vestry	9  Al-Anon –conf.	10  Bridal Shower-vestry 10AM-4PM
11 Communion  Baptism  AA	12  Deacons  Narc-Anon - vestry	13  Chaffee's Game Night 6PM	14	15  Al-Anon-vestry	16  Al-Anon –conf.	17
18  Baptism  AA	19  Narc-Anon - vestry	20  Stewardship  Chaffee's Game Night 6PM	21  Pot Luck – 6PM “Covenant”	22  Nominating Committee 7PM  Al-Anon-vestry	23  Al-Anon –conf.	24
25  AA	26  Narc-Anon - vestry	27  Chaffee's Game Night 6PM	28	29  Al-Anon-vestry	30  Al-Anon –conf.	31

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1 Communion  AA	2  Search 7PM  Narc-Anon - vestry	3  Chaffee's Game Night 6PM	4	5  Al-Anon-vestry	6  Al-Anon -conf.	7
8 Baptism  AA	9  Narc-Anon - vestry	10  Chaffee's Game Night 6PM	11  Stewardship 7:30PM	12  Al-Anon-vestry	13  Al-Anon -conf.	14
15  Rental – 2-5PM Sanctuary and vestry  AA	16  Deacons 7:30pm  Narc-Anon - vestry	17  Chaffee's Game Night 6PM  Beacon Hospice 6 PM parlor	18  Pot Luck – 6PM “Mission & Vision”	19  Al-Anon-vestry	20  Al-Anon -conf.	21
22  AA	23  Narc-Anon - vestry	24  Chaffee's Game Night 6PM	25  Cabinet 7PM	26  Al-Anon-vestry	27  Al-Anon -conf.	28
29  AA	30  Narc-Anon - vestry	31  Chaffee's Game Night 6PM				