



# Steeple Sounds September 2010

The Newsletter of Central Square Congregational Church

From the Interim Pastor's Desk:

September 2010

## Welcome Back!

September marks the start of our third year of Intentional Interim Time. I am looking forward to continuing with you in this journey as we support and walk together with the Search Committee towards the goal of finding the pastoral leader that God is preparing for CSCC in the near future.

Believe it or not, summer is almost over and our schedules begin to fill quickly with all the activities that our children and family members require for their lives, growth, learning and development.

A question to ponder as we get busy is: Where do we fit God in our lives?

How do we use these 24 hours God gives for us to live every day?

Michael W. Foss in his book "Real Faith for Real Life," invites us to consider the following suggestions on how to invite God into our daily lives through prayer.

### "An Invitation to Daily Prayer"

- Daily prayer is a special time with God.
- Set aside the best time for you to meet with God.
- Just start with a few minutes and slowly add more on to your time with God.
- Prayer is an opportunity to connect with God, early in the morning, at the end of the day, in the middle of the day, at your lunch break, as you walk, drive or wait in the car for your children. You pick the time and place!
- As you prepare for your prayer time, come with an expectant heart. Expect that God will meet you, and trust that God will bless this time.
- Share with God those things that are most important to you. What do you desire or need? Tell God about it. Be honest.
- Include others in your prayer, tell God your deepest hope and desire for them and their lives.
- At the end of your daily prayer time, sit in silence. Let your soul listen to God.
- Ask God to help you see the working of God's goodwill. Then be spiritually alert!

Throughout your day you will experience glimpses of God's grace!

I hope these ideas can help you as they help me to find God!

I am looking forward to a year guided by prayer, as we search for our pastor, define our vision for the future, look at our beliefs and core values, and as we revisit our mission statement.

Blessings on the Journey!

Rev. Esther

## **Deacons News!**

Over the summer, the Deacons hosted 3 Potluck supper discussions on the following topics: Membership, Covenant and Mission led by Vision. Attendance averaged around 15, the food was excellent and the discussion, good and valuable. The following is a summary of the three discussions.

### **Membership**

Points of our discussion were as follows:

Why do we have to vote on those who wish to become members of the church? Is this an outdated historical requirement that no longer seems pertinent to our lives today?

Those who express a desire to become members – do they realize that they are not just joining a local church, but the wider denomination of the UCC and that we support the UCC and the UCC supports us, both physically and fiscally?

Yes, we offer our time, talent and treasure, but with the understanding that individuals and families experience climbs and falls, just the like the church and sometimes you just can't contribute the way you would like to.

Our by-laws, our letterhead, our bulletins, our published documents, our mission statement need to declare PROUDLY that we are: **CENTRAL SQUARE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

Are the membership classes informative enough? Do we need a more elaborate "welcome packet" that should be reviewed at the sessions? Somewhere, or at some time is there a breakdown in communication?

Ways to join as a member –  
\*Confirmation – affirming Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and understanding what membership at the local church means; traditionally, a program for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> graders. \*Adult Affirmation of Faith – quick and easy way to become a member at CSCC, but should it be? \* Transfer of membership from another church, meaning you have

already affirmed your faith and just wanted to transfer to a new church home.

We acknowledged that there are those who do not want to be members because of the UCC beliefs and but also vice versa, because we, CSCC, have not totally embraced the UCC and its beliefs.

Is the significance of a signature, signing your name into the rolls of membership or signing the portion of the by-laws pertaining to membership something we should consider? This could easily be incorporated into the service of membership and could be very poignant for the new member.

Off the beaten track, a little, we shared thoughts on having an "extravagant welcome". How can we set ourselves apart from other churches? What can we do differently to reach out, to separate us from them, to make our light shine brighter? We have this ability with the calling of a new pastor, but we need to have the energy and the excitement and the boldness to go out into the community.

Lastly, people who may want to join the church are looking at "what's in it for them" and we should be answering that question but also we should be declaring our expectations of them as members of the local church and the United Church of Christ. There is "VALUE" in membership. There should be enthusiasm overflowing with the idea of becoming member.

A member and his/her church is much like our relationship with the UCC. Each supports the other as we experience our life journey. It is a partnership, some times it is unbalanced and sometimes it is balanced. But overall, the benefits each receives are worthy and blessed gifts from God. Amen.

Faithfully yours,  
Carol Chaffee  
Board of Deacons

## **Covenant**

Our second meeting/potluck began with the attendees discussing their ideas about what it means to be "in covenant" with one another. Some of the definitions that were generated from the discussion included the following. Covenant is: an agreement, a promise, a commitment, made in faith, relational, not 'cast in stone,' The group also shared their ideas that stated "being in covenant with one another" meant that at least two parties were involved and that mutual accountability and follow through were components of that relationship. After this discussion, we read and briefly talked about our own Covenant, which is currently in our By Laws.

### **Central Square Congregational Church – UCC**

#### **By Law-Article 5 Covenant**

"We covenant with one with another to seek and respond to the Word and Will of God, and to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the gospel of Jesus the Christ in all the world, while worshipping God and striving for truth, justice, brotherhood, and peace. As did our forbearers, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We work and pray for the increase of the Kingdom of God, and we look with faith the triumph of righteousness and eternal life."

We talked briefly about this covenant and our need to revisit it again as a congregation once we have moved through this transition process and redefined ourselves as a church body.

We then began a discussion about the differences between a Contract and a Covenant.

We learned that in the United Church of Christ (UCC) – **We are our own Covenantal Partners!**

"Within the UCC, the various expressions of the church relate to each other in a covenantal manner. Each expression of the church has responsibilities and rights in relation to the others. To that end the whole church will seek God's will and be faithful to God's mission. Decisions are made in consultation and collaboration amongst the various parts of the structure. Therefore the balancing effort takes place amongst local churches, between local churches, Associations, Conferences and the national setting. ...For fifty years our UCC has been a fruitful instrument for God's mission.

Every expression of the wider UCC, beyond the local church, is governed by none other than local church folks. Conferences are made up of nothing more and nothing less than local churches and authorized ministers within those Conferences – **there is no one else, no "them."** The national setting is governed by representatives from those Conferences – lay folks and clergy from local churches. These representatives come together to make decisions for the wider church through General Synod and the covenanted Ministries boards."  
(Covenant by: Jane Fisler Hoffman, pg. 38-39).

Therefore the hierarchy of the United Church of Christ starts with the local churches and it is their decisions, their covenantal relationships that determine the social justice issues and the ministries of the UCC. Each church, however, continues to be autonomous in their decision making ability and continues to define their own covenantal relationship with one another and with the UCC. This will be one of our tasks in the months ahead as the search committee works towards calling our next settled minister.

From: The Board of Deacons and the Interim Pastor.

## Mission led by Vision

**Our Vision** is formed by our beliefs and core values and then carried out by its mission.

\***Vision** is a clear picture of the desired present and the preferred future.

\***Vision** is the ends towards which mission drives. \***Vision** is a compelling picture of what the community of faith would look like if it was truly effective in living out its beliefs and values through its mission.

\*Michael Foss' "Power Surge"

Some of the beliefs that we touched upon were as follows:

1. Church is extended family
2. supportive
3. welcoming to all – no matter what!
4. followers of Jesus' teachings
5. Feel the Word through sermons, music, scripture, dance, others – spiritual expressions and growth in many ways.
6. Love our neighbors
7. we believe in Christian Education for all
8. extension of ourselves into the community
9. we are UCC
10. social justice cause
11. mission focus
12. sense of faith among congregation
13. intergenerational

We briefly discussed if the building burned down tomorrow, what would happen?

- ⇒ Would we be strong enough to rebuild?
- ⇒ Would we have the support of the community because we are a historic landmark?
- ⇒ Would we move somewhere else?
- ⇒ Could we start anew?
- ⇒ The church is the **People!**

We did not talk about our values. This whole discussion was just a primer of what is to come with our new pastor. We need to look at our current mission statement, which is about 20 years old, to see if it needs to change. Currently it reads as follows: "We are a Christian community of people who are

reaching out to our neighbors, at home and abroad, sharing our faith and our resources."

"Powerful mission statements emerge from the clarity you have gained about the core values, essential beliefs, and motivating vision of the congregation."

~from Tom Bandy's book – "Moving Off the Map"

What a good mission statement does... It keeps us thinking about who we are, why we are here, and where we are going."

~Michael Foss' "Power Surge"

Our congregation should be described with action verbs such as the following:  
~ participating, teaching, belonging, acting and loving one another

All in all, the potlucks were successful, yes, more people could have attended, but the Deacons went forth with the idea despite the fact that it was summer because we knew that we as a board would benefit from the discussions even if we were the only ones there. The fact that there were others and the fellowship and sharing took place, strengthened us as a church in knowing we have to come up with a vision of what kind of church God is calling us to be. Some things will change to bring us into the 21<sup>st</sup> century as other churches are finding out such as the UCC Stoughton and UCC Halifax. *"Life can be understood backwards: but it must be lived forward."*

~Soren Kierkegaard

Summary written by Carol Chaffee

## Christian Education News

As September begins, the Board of Christian Education looks forward to a new church school year full of opportunities for CSCC families.

**Summer Sunday school** was a big success with many children enjoying the new vestry quiet area for prayerful reflection. Stories were shared, crafts were completed and new friends were made. Many children gave back to the community by bringing in non-perishable items for donation to the

food pantry. Thank you to the adults who volunteered to teach lessons and older children who were class helpers.

**Sunday school teachers** are invited to meet on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for a potluck dinner at Denise Molinari's house for fellowship and planning for the new year ahead. Members of the Christian Education Board will lead a discussion and activities.

**Rally Sunday** kicks off on September 12<sup>th</sup> with children attending their first school-year Sunday school classes. All parents/guardians are asked to fill out 2010-2011 registration forms for their children. The completed forms should be left with your children's teachers.

Children in grade 3 will be presented with Bibles during the church service on the upcoming **Bible Sunday**. If your 4<sup>th</sup> grader didn't receive a Bible last year, please let his/her teacher know so that he/she may be included as well.

**Teen Forum**, the Sunday school class for students in high school, will begin on September 12<sup>th</sup>. The class meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday each month.

**Kids of the Kingdom**, our youth group for kids in grades 4 – 6, will have its first monthly gathering on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. This group meets for fun, snacks, crafts, and games from 6:00 – 7:30pm. Come join in!

Watch for information coming soon about our **Fall Family Games Night** on Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are welcome to enjoy this fun evening of fellowship, board games and more!

Faithfully yours,  
Marlene Beaudrault Jacobs  
Christine Compton  
Med McDermott  
Denise Molinari  
Terry Reynolds

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL *Reflection*

This summer, I had the wonderful opportunity to experience the Group Sunday School Curriculum along with the children. The curriculum followed the same lectionary on which each Sunday's service was based. During the month of June, the children heard the stories of the prophets; Elijah and Elisha.

They learned that God cares about them. They learned to listen for God by being still in the tent in the vestry, while walking the labyrinth which was also in the vestry, or in their own special place at home. As they moved into the month of July, the children learned about caring for others and how to be with and talk to Jesus. As the month progressed the children began writing group prayers to Jesus. As they moved into the month of August they learned to understand the teachings of Jesus through His parables found in the book of Luke. They heard the stories of The Rich Farmer who spent his life growing grain and building barns to store the grain. The children constructed the Giving Barn which they used to collect canned goods for the needy. They experienced the difficult life of the Bent Woman as they listened to her story while bent over. They were very uncomfortable and had difficulty staying in the bent position. Another parable was the story of The Good Samaritan where the children learned how to care for others. They concluded the summer by learning about feeling welcomed and included, but more importantly making others feel welcomed.

We welcome your children back to the 2010-2011 Sunday School year on **September 12<sup>th</sup>** which is also Rally Sunday. Your children will have an opportunity to meet their teachers and classmates. Each family is asked to complete an enrollment form in order to update all information on your children.

Faithfully yours,  
Terry Reynolds – Supt. of Sunday school

Thank you to the following people for keeping our Summer Sunday School Program going all summer long – Christine Compton, Kevin Thompson, Donna Russano, Meg McDermott, Terry Reynolds, Carla Jackson, Pat Lindsey, Denise Molinari, Marlene Jacobs

### Teen Forum

All youths are invited to join Teen Forum, the Sunday school class for students in grades 9-12, as we kick-off the Church school year on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. We'll meet to discuss plans for the upcoming year, play a

game and share some breakfast snacks. Registration forms for parents/guardians to fill out will be available.

Teen Forum meets on the 2nd and 4th Sunday each month during the school year. We will attend the worship service as a group on September 26<sup>th</sup> in support of Mission Youth Sunday but will return to our regular class schedule in October.

Come check Teen Forum out!

## **A Word from Stewardship**

***From Matthew 25:31-40 (New International Version)***

### ***The Sheep and the Goats***

<sup>31</sup>"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup>"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>**For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'**

<sup>37</sup>"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

<sup>40</sup>"The King will reply, **'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'**

That passage is so cool! It is what our church community is all about. We cannot do what we do without your continued giving. We have a lot of work to do. People need us now more than ever. We must stay strong so we never have to turn anyone away. Thank you for your giving.

God Bless You!

## **Trustees News!**

### **CSCC on the Internet and on Facebook**

In the interest of enabling better communication among our members, as well as being more accessible and welcoming to the community at large, Central Square Congregational Church has stepped up its internet presence.

First, we've created a Facebook page! If you're on Facebook, search for Central Square Congregational Church, or click through the CSCC website ([www.cscuccbridgewaterma.org](http://www.cscuccbridgewaterma.org)) and "like" the page. You'll get periodic announcements and reminders of meetings, gatherings, special events, and items of interest to our church community. It can be a great way of making members aware of timely information, and a way of staying closer in touch with each other. Encourage your fellow church members, as well as your other community friends and family that may not be active church members, to "like" us on Facebook.

Second, our website (again, [www.cscuccbridgewaterma.org](http://www.cscuccbridgewaterma.org)) is updated regularly with Rev. Esther's sermons, Steeple Sounds newsletters, church calendars of events, and more. Bookmark it today! We'll also use it, and the Facebook page, to alert members of severe weather situations that might affect church events, and other news that needs to be communicated to members outside of Sunday service, and in a more urgent format than Steeple Sounds.

Third, please let us know if you have any suggestions or comments on how we, as a church community, can utilize electronic media to better serve your needs. We grow closer and we grow stronger through communication, and the opportunities that electronic media provide us open doors for that continued growth and fellowship.

If you are a committee chair, or have any information – especially scheduling information – that you would like put on the website or could be appropriate for a Facebook post, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Yours in Faith,  
Diane Sheibley, Trustee  
[diane@despop.com](mailto:diane@despop.com)

# Board of Christian Outreach News!

## What is Fair Trade?

For several years now, CSCC-UCC has been serving Fair Trade coffee during our fellowship hour. You may have noticed the posters near the kitchen, or the sign proclaiming, “Now serving...a cup of justice.” Several times throughout the past year, we have also made Fair trade items such as coffee, chocolate, tea, hot cocoa, almonds and cranberries available for purchase after church. Many of you have bought these items, and may have picked up a flyer or brochure about Fair Trade, Equal Exchange and/or the UCC Coffee Project. However, many more of you may still be wondering what exactly Fair Trade means, and why we as members of CSCC-UCC should care about it or support it. If you are one of these people, please read on!

**Fair Trade** is a way of doing business that ultimately aims to keep small farmers an active part of the world marketplace, and aims to empower consumers to make purchases that support their values. Fair Trade is a set of business practices voluntarily adopted by the producers and buyers of agricultural commodities and hand-made crafts that are designed to advance many economic, social and environmental goals, including:

- Raising and stabilizing the incomes of small-scale farmers, farm workers, and artisans
- More equitably distributing the economic gains, opportunities and risks associated with the production and sale of these goods
- Increasing the organizational and commercial capacities of producer groups
- Supporting democratically owned and controlled producer organizations
- Promoting labor rights and the right of workers to organize
- Promoting safe and sustainable farming methods and working conditions
- Connecting consumers and producers
- Increasing consumer awareness and engagement with issues affecting producers

The Fair Trade practices that advance these goals typically, but not always, include:

- Direct trade relationships and long term contracts between importers and producer groups
- Sourcing from small-farmer or artisan co-operatives
- Higher than conventional market prices, either through above-market premiums and/or price floors
- The provision of affordable credit
- Adherence to the policies of the International Labor Organization, especially those concerning child and forced labor and the right to collective bargaining
- The prohibition of the use of the more dangerous pesticides and herbicides
- Substantial price premiums for the production of certified organic crops
- External monitoring, auditing, and certification of these practices by independent third-parties

In a nutshell, buying Fair Trade products is a way for us, as Christians, to act on our values. How many times have you felt overwhelmed by all of the poverty and injustice in the world, and thought, “I’m just one person, what can I do about it?” Well, buying Fair Trade products is a simple, concrete thing we can all do to make the world a better place.

In pursuit of justice,

*Charlie Brandes*

Board of Christian Outreach

## Growth News!

**Did you know . . . 87%** of the people who come to church and stay, do so because someone invites them?

You may be thinking this is a time of transition and not a good time to invite someone, but think about this: Is it possible that the words of a prayer, a line of a hymn, the message of a sermon, the warm handshake and friendly smile of a parishioner, or the feeling of community may be just what

someone needs in their life at this moment?

Think of someone you might invite to church - a friend, coworker, relative or a new neighbor.

Invite them to come and share in God's love.

## Dine with Nine Sign-ups

Guess what? It's time for our fall Dine with Nine! YEAH!!!

What's Dine with Nine, you say? It's groups of nine people who get together in each other's homes for potluck suppers. The get-togethers happen three times, each about a month apart.

Do you like to eat??? Do you like to get to know people better or get to know someone new?

Then sign up any Sunday in September and groups will be assigned and distributed the first Sunday of October. You may also sign up by calling Diane Glass at 508 697-9004.

## Music News!

*You Are Invited!*

The Senior Choir will be having coffee, conversation and practice on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 – 11:00 AM at the church. We will start with coffee, etc. in the parlor downstairs and to the sanctuary for rehearsal. As usual, I am excited about beginning our new season of worshipping with music. This will be the beginning of my sixteenth year with our wonderful choir and God has blessed us with talented, dedicated musicians.

We always welcome people who are interested in joining our choir. We will be signing on September 12<sup>th</sup> in worship and Ed Buckland will be singing a solo.

Peace and Blessings,  
Lin Schuller  
Minister of Music

## Women's Guild and Fellowship (WG & F)

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 6 at 6:30 PM, is our annual Potluck Supper. Bring an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert, and we'll meet you in the vestry! 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 all 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

QUESTION: WHEN IS THERE ONE-STOP, TAX-FREE SHOPPING, AS WELL AS A FOUR-HOUR SUPER SALE?

ANSWER: THE CSCC WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE WITH "SOUP'S ON" LUNCH AND A GOURMET BAKE SALE WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16 FROM 9-1. Turn to next page for details.

During the week of Monday, Oct. 11 through Friday, Oct. 15, we will be accepting donations (in the Fellowship Hall) of clean items in good working condition. We accept clothing (there is a special need for children's clothing), household items, linens, books, CDs, shoes, and toys. No computers or other electronic items!

Don't forget to tell your friends about this project when they are cleaning closets, attics, and basements. On that Friday, from morning into the early evening, the gals will be sorting and placing goods on display for the Saturday super-sale.

This is always a popular event, and we hope that you can join us in anyway.

Event Co-Chairs: Diane Glass and Marie Nelson

"Soup's On" Chair: Sandra Alley

### Coffee Hour Schedule

September 5: Volunteers  
September 12: All Church Picnic  
September 19: Volunteers  
September 26: Mission Youth Families

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)

## Memorials Committee News!

The Memorial Committee presently consists of four members. Our responsibility is to use the money contributed in memory of a person or persons in the church for memorials of any kind, but never for defraying current operating expenses of the church unless specified by the donor. Requests are usually made by the various boards and committees for specific items. The Memorial Committee reviews the requests and determines whether to follow through or deny the request. Three of the more recent gifts include the parlor meeting table and chairs pad for with moneys from the Johnson Fund, the glass top for the Communion Table purchased with funds given in memory of Doris Hanson, and the pew bibles purchased with money from a general collective memorial fund. Your Memorial Committee – Mary Damon, Dot Hull, Gloria Weinrebe, Gail Wright; chair

## Church News in our Community

### Ecumenical News!

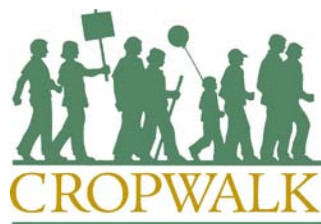
Join Us for Bridgewater's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Peace, held in concert with the annual United Nations International Peace Day.

A 24-hour Community Event – Saturday, September 18 to September 19, School Street, Bridgewater. For more information:

[www.firstparishbridgewater.org](http://www.firstparishbridgewater.org) or call (508) 697-9099

See flyer posted on bulletin board outside of office door.

Carol Chaffee and Kevin Thompson are your delegates to the council, Pilgrim Association and Massachusetts Conference. Rev. Esther also attends many of the events. If you ever have any questions, please seek us out.



Dear Pilgrim Association Friends,

Plans for the 2010 South Shore CROP\* Walk are underway! This year's walk will take place on Sunday, October 24; Christ Congregational Church in Brockton is hosting, and we will walk a four-mile route near the church.

Your support is critical to the success of this walk. We ask that you please do the following:

- 1) Designate a Team Recruiter from your church who will enlist volunteers to participate in the October 24 event.
- 2) Send a representative from your church to our next planning meeting, which will take place next on Wednesday, September 15, beginning at 7 pm at the UCC Stoughton, 76 Pierce Street, Stoughton (for directions, log on to [uccstoughton.org](http://uccstoughton.org)). Bert Marshall, New England Director of Church World Service, will be joining us to help us in our planning.
- 3) Please spread the word, announce the meeting at Sunday morning worship, and come yourself!

Thanks -- and see you Wednesday, September 15, in Stoughton! Join Charlie and Carol in this event.

The Council of Churches is hoping to revive the Good Friday Walk year 2011, so keep your eyes and ears open for more details to come.

Southeast Fall Fellowship – Barnstable, Old Colony and Pilgrim Associations of the MACUCC. November 7, 2010 from 2 – 6 PM at the First Cong. Church in Marion, MA. Dinner is \$7.00/per meal. Contact your association if interested.

Christ Congregational Church (UCC)  
1350 Pleasant Street,  
Brockton MA 02301  
Tel 508 586 3022  
Contact - Philip Jones  
Easy disable access, ample parking

## **ARTS Series – fall events**

### **Saturday October 2 Autumn Harvest Tea**

**2PM till 4.30PM** Tickets \$15 to benefit 'The Table' Soup kitchen outreach. Music by the String Quartet of Brockton Symphony Orchestra.

### **Sunday October 3 3PM Anniversary Concert**

Philip Jones (organ) Patty Crooker (Soprano) Patricia Hayes (violin) Admission free, reception to follow.

### **Saturday October 30 5.30PM Spooktacular.**

Phantom of the organ loft, spooky songs, haunted corridor, Halloween crafts and gifts. For all ages. Admission free.

### **Sunday November 21 3PM**

**Odaiko New England.** Japanese drumming spectacular. Tickets \$15 and \$7.

### **Sunday December 12 2.30PM Annual Christmas Concert**

Choirs, handbells and brass. Admission free, reception to follow.

Our Rally Sunday All Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 12 from 12 - 4 PM at Camp Yomechas in Middleboro, MA. The swimming pool is not available for our use, but we will have our usual picnic area and game area. Everyone is invited to bring their own complete picnic lunch, drinks, tablecloths, paper goods, etc. You can also bring a dessert to share if you would like. Come and enjoy some fellowship and catching up with everyone after your summer vacation.

## **Daily Lectionary Scripture References September 2010 (Year C)**

Wed., Sept. 1  
Psalm 58  
Jeremiah 3:15-25  
Luke 14:15-24

Thurs., Sept. 2  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Jeremiah 15:10-21  
Philippians 2:25-30

Fri., Sept. 3  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Jeremiah 16:14—17:4  
Colossians 4:7-17

Sat., Sept. 4  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Jeremiah 17:14-27  
Matthew 10:34-42

Sun., Sept. 5  
23rd Sunday – Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 18:1-1  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

Mon., Sept. 6  
Psalm 2  
Jeremiah 18:12-23  
1 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Tues., Sept. 7  
Psalm 2  
Jeremiah 19:1-15  
1 Timothy 4:6-16

Wed., Sept. 8  
Psalm 2  
Jeremiah 20:1-18  
Luke 18:18-30

Thurs., Sept. 9  
Psalm 14  
Jeremiah 13:20-27  
1 Timothy 1:1-11

Fri., Sept. 10  
Psalm 14  
Jeremiah 4:1-10  
2 Peter 2:1-10a

Sat., Sept. 11  
Psalm 14  
Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31  
John 10:11-21

Sun., Sept. 12  
24th Sunday – Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

Mon., Sept. 13  
Psalm 94  
Jeremiah 5:1-17  
1 Timothy 1:18-20

Tues., Sept. 14  
Psalm 94  
Jeremiah 5:18-31  
2 Peter 3:8-13

Wed., Sept. 15  
Psalm 94  
Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22  
Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Thurs., Sept. 16  
Psalm 79:1-9  
Jeremiah 12:14—13:11  
Romans 3:1-8

Fri., Sept. 17  
Psalm 79:1-9  
Jeremiah 8:1-13  
Romans 8:31-39

Sat., Sept. 18  
Psalm 79:1-9  
Jeremiah 8:14-17; 9:2-11  
Mark 12:41-44

Sun., Sept. 19  
25th Sunday – Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 8:18—9:1  
Psalm 79:1-9  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

Mon., Sept. 20  
Psalm 106:40-48  
Jeremiah 9:12-26 (continued)

Acts 4:1-12  
Tues., Sept. 21  
Psalm 106:40-48  
Jeremiah 10:1-16  
1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Wed., Sept. 22  
Psalm 106:40-48  
Jeremiah 10:17-25  
Luke 20:45—21:4

Thurs., Sept. 23  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
Jeremiah 23:9-22  
2 Corinthians 8:8-15

Fri., Sept. 24  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
Jeremiah 23:23-32  
Ephesians 2:1-10

Sat., Sept. 25  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
Jeremiah 24:1-10  
Luke 9:43b-48

Sun., Sept. 26  
26th Sunday – Ordinary Time  
Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

Mon., Sept. 27  
Psalm 119:49-56  
Jeremiah 32:16-35  
Revelation 3:14-22

Tues., Sept. 28  
Psalm 119:49-56  
Jeremiah 32:36-44  
James 5:1-6

Wed., Sept. 29  
Psalm 119:49-56  
Jeremiah 33:1-13  
Matthew 19:16-22

Thurs., Sept. 30  
Lamentations 3:19-26  
Jeremiah 52:1-11  
Revelation 2:8-11

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 CE 7 PM	2  Deacons 7:30 PM  Al Anon	3   Al Anon	4
5  Communion by Intinction  AA	6  Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day Narc Anon	7	8 Den 2 LL	9 Stewardship 7:30 PM SS Teachers Potluck 6 PM @ Molinari's Dens 1 & 5 6 PM LL Al Anon	10 Beacon Hospice 2- 3 PM in parlor  Al Anon	11 Choir retreat 9:30 – 11 AM in parlor and sanctuary
12 Rally Sunday Choir Sunday School All Church Picnic AA	13  CE 7 PM  Narc Anon	14 Outreach 7 PM Growth 7 PM	15 Trustees 7 PM CROP Hunger Walk Mtg 7 PM UCC Stoughton	16   Al Anon	17 Pack #35 6:30 – 9 V   Al Anon	18 Celebration of Peace 24 Hour Community Event starting at 1 PM ( see article )
19 Special Church Meeting/New members and Nomin. Opportunity Fair AA	20  Deacons 7:30 PM  Narc Anon	21 NRC 9:30 & 11:00	22  Cabinet 7 PM Den 2 LL	23 Dens 1 & 5 6 PM LL  Al Anon	24 Pack #35 8 – 9:30 LL   Al Anon	25 Autumnfest 10 AM – 4 PM
26 Mission Youth Service Opportunity Fair AA	27   Narc Anon	28 NRC 9:30 & 11:00	29	30   Al Anon		

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					1 Beacon Hospice 2 - 2:30 PM Parlor Al- Anon GS 73502 LL 6 -7:30	2
3 World Communion Sunday/Intergenerational /NIN offering Bible Presentations Dine w/9 AA	4 CE 7 PM  Narc Anon	5 NRC 9:30 & 11	6 Den 2 LL WG & F 6:30 PM Beacon Hospice 2 – 3:30 Parlor	7  Al- Anon	8 Kids of the Kingdom 6 – 7:30 PM Al- Anon	9
10 Worship/Group Sunday school/Teen Forum  AA	11 Beacon Hospice 2 – 3:30 PM parlor  Narc Anon	12 NRC 9:30 & 11 Outreach 7 PM Growth 7 PM	13 Trustees 7 PM	14 Dens 1 & 5 LL Stewardship 7:30 PM  Al- Anon	15 Set-up for Rummage sale – all day – V Al-Anon GS 73502 LL 6 – 7:30	16 WG & F Rummage Sale
17 Worship/Baptism  AA	18  Narc Anon	19 NRC 9:30 & 11 Beacon Hospice 2 – 3:30 PM Parlor	20 Cabinet 7 PM Den 2 LL	21  Al-Anon	22 Pack #35 V 6:30 – 9  Al-Anon	23 Family Fun Night 6 PM
24 Worship/Teen Forum  Crop Hunger Walk AA	25  Narc Anon	26 NRC 9:30 & 11	27	28 Dens 1 & 5 LL  Al-Anon	29  GS 73502 LL 6 – 7:30	30
31 Worship/Going Green/350 Bells Trick/treat so others can eat AA						