



The Spire

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Picture is from our last day of full choir led by Marshunda

Thank you for all the music.

- WHERE WORDS FAIL.

MUSIC SPEAKS

—Hans Christian Anderson

**Second Congregational
United Church of Christ
Sunday – 9:30 a.m.**

June 1: Ascension Sunday

9:30 am Worship with Communion at SCC

Gospel According to Luke 24:36-53

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-12

Rev. Adam preaching, "Returning to the Scene of the Crime"

Liturgist: Cheri Marquart

June 8: Pentecost

10:00 am Worship with First Church in Ipswich, UCC

Rev. Dr. Rebecca Pugh preaching

1 Meetinghouse Green, Ipswich, MA 01938, no online option

Worship will be followed by a special reception lunch to welcome us!

June 15: First Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Worship at SCC

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-2

Rev. Adam preaching, "No Small Parts"

Liturgist: Peggie Morris

June 22: ONA Sunday

9:30 am Worship at SCC

The Prophet Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-8

Reading of our ONA Covenant

Rev. Adam preaching, "The Paradox of Tolerance"

Liturgist: Dale Miller Bouton

June 29: Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship with communion with St. Peter's Episcopal Church

Rev. Christopher Whiteman preaching

4 Ocean Street, Beverly, Massachusetts 01915

Worship is streamed live on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StPetersBeverly>

A Facebook account not required to view the live stream, but required if you want to comment. Weather permitting, the service may be held outside in their labyrinth.

TREE OF LIFE

*Congratulations & God's Blessings are extended to members of the **Class of 2025**. Second Church lifts you up in prayer and asks for God's continued guidance and care for you as you travel along life's way.*



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

During June the Church Spire is being illumined in loving memory of **Jean & Stanley Holiday** by daughter Jan (Holiday) Allen.

Looking Ahead at Summer Worship

As announced at the Special Congregational meeting on April 27, beginning in June we will be worshipping 3 Sundays a month in our sanctuary and the other 1 or 2 Sundays with other congregations.

In July & August, we will be worshipping in our sanctuary & on Zoom on July 6, 20 & 27 and August 3, 17 & 31. We will be visiting other churches on the other Sundays, see details below:



July 13, 10:00 am

Worship with First Baptist Church of Beverly

221 Cabot St, Beverly

or online at: [YouTube.com/@FirstBaptistChurchBeverly](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstBaptistChurchBeverly)

August 10, time TBD

Beverly Homecoming Multifaith Coalition Worship

Lynch Park Rose Garden

no online option

August 24, 10:00 am

Worship with First Church in Wenham

1 Arbor St, Wenham

or online at: [YouTube.com/@1stChurchInWenham297](https://www.youtube.com/@1stChurchInWenham297)

or [facebook.com/FirstChurchWenham](https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchWenham)

Central Board News and Notes:

The Central Board met May 12th as announced in church and weekly E-news.



Rev. Adam provided upcoming dates of interest: 1) Rev. Adam would attend General Synod training on May 18; 2) from May 18 through May 25 he would be attending Preaching Camp in Connecticut; 3) May 26 the office would be closed for the holiday; 4) he will be on vacation June 8 through June 14; 5) we will have our first visit to another church on June 8. The schedule follows. ; and 6) July 11 through July 15 is the UCC General Synod.

The list of church visitations will be posted in the Spire and the Sunday Bulletin.

- June 8, 10:00 am – First Church Ipswich, 1 Meetinghouse Green, Ipswich
- June 29 9:00 am – St Peter's Episcopal Church, 4 Ocean Street, Beverly
- July 13, 10:00 am – First Baptist Church, 221 Cabot Street, Beverly
- August 10 – Beverly Homecoming Multifaith Coalition Worship, Lynch Park Rose Garden
- August 24, 10:00 am – First Church in Wenham, 1 Arbor Street, Wenham

The board then discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting which will include 1) receiving and acting upon the Annual Reports for 2024-2025; 2) Vote on the slate of church officers; 3) report on the election to the Central Board of two members; and 4) vote of proposed changes to the church bylaws. A late change to the agenda is that Abby Battis, Director of Historic Beverly will present on their plans for archiving our church records.

The Legacy Team briefed the board on the status of the package going to the Attorney General's Office. There are still negotiations going on over the judgment document in the package which is preventing it from going forward. The Team also reported that the Historic Beverly Memorandum of Understanding, which had been approved at the April 27 Congregational Meeting, had been signed and we were waiting to hear when work would begin.

As the bylaws are reviewed and changes proposed, Dale asked the board to review the various church policies to determine if changes were needed. The Finance Team will review the finance policies as well.

The report from the Mission and Social Action Team indicated that the \$20,000 additional funds for the Team approved at the Congregational Meeting will be the subject of a meeting the following week to determine how they would be spent.

The next Central Board meeting will be on Wednesday, June 25 at 7pm via Zoom.

Contact Dale Earl or another board member if you would like to attend.



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Sun. 6/1 after worship: Annual
Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary & Zoom)

Sat 6/7, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm: SNEUCC
Annual Meeting (online)

Sun 6/8–Sat 6/14: Rev. Adam vacation

Tue 6/24, 7:00 pm: Legacy Team (Zoom)

Wed 6/24, 6:00 pm: Finance Team (Zoom)

Wed 6/24, 7:00 pm: Central Board (Zoom)

