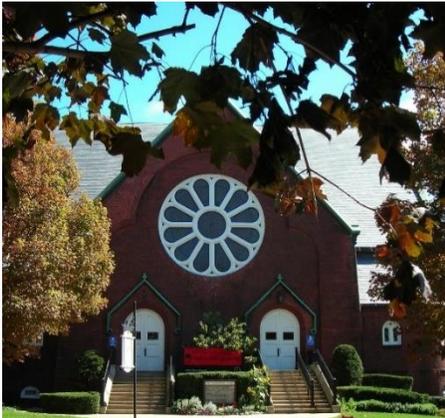


CHURCH AT THE CENTER



JULY/ AUGUST 2020



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH "CENTER CHURCH"



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*ALL ARE WELCOME AT CENTER CHURCH ON THE COMMON,
AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING UCC CONGREGATION,
WHERE THE SPIRIT OF GOD STIRS US TO EMBRACE OUR DIVERSITY,
DEEPEN OUR FAITH IN JESUS, SHARE OUR TEARS AND LAUGHTER,
AND EXTEND GOD'S ABUNDANT LOVE AND JUSTICE INTO THE WORLD.*

Think about this...
If you'd never heard of Juneteenth or the
Tulsa Race Massacre until recently, what
else have you never heard of?
What weren't you taught about in school?
The Tuskegee Experiment?
The Red Summer of 1919?
Drapetomania?
Three-Fifths Compromise?
One-drop Rule?
Slave Codes?
Bleeding Kansas?
Anti-Literacy Laws?
How much about race, racism, slavery,
and the building of America do you NOT
know?

These are powerful events in history, Black American History. Randy Hyvonen sent them to me and I was overcome by how many events I either forgot or didn't know. So, I goggled the ones I did not know, reflecting on the pain and deep, deep sorrow.

I invite you to research at least one of the events of which that you have no understanding, and share it with someone else. Because of police brutality, because of our own ignorance, because of white privilege, because of the pandemic where we are paying attention to the news, because we are yearning to connect, it is time to face this unrelenting wave of racial injustice that has been with us for 400 years.

Our faith calls us to action, prayer, and a search for justice for all. Please pray for guidance. Please join us as we witness in our vigils. Please do not define the movement as a moment. Jesus wasn't creating a moment in time, but a movement for our lives.

With you in safety and health. With you in racial justice.

Lori

Please remember to keep your pledges up to date over the summer months. You may mail your check directly to the church at One Church Street. We now have a donate link on our website centerchurchsouthhadley.org, if you would like to pay your pledge or make a donation with a credit/debit card. Pledge statements will be sent out the middle of July. **Thanks, and enjoy the summer!**

Center Church will be having an OUTDOOR SPRING CLEANING (trimming, weed pulling, garden primping) on June Saturday June 27th at 8:30am (CORRECTED DATE). Bring gardening supplies and a face covering.

This is just a reminder that due to the pandemic we will **NOT be holding the Fall Fair or the Holiday Bazaar this year.** We, therefore, cannot accept tag sale items. We simply do not have the storage space at the church.



However, if you are relocating (moving) and have some “perfect items” for the sale, please call the church office and Thia will put you in touch with one of us. We will try and work something out. If you have found the time to “down-size” or really clean out accumulated items, we hope you can find a spot in your cellar or garage where you can store them until next spring. At that time, we plan to be able to welcome them with a smile.

-Just a reminder that regardless of the year, we don't accept clothing, electronics, luggage, athletic equipment, knives or large pieces of furniture.

Thank you for your understanding.... yes, we're disappointed but just wait until 2021!

K. Anderson, B. Ayers, D. Morrell

If you would like to watch any of the YouTube videos of Mid-week Musings or Sunday worship, you may do so by visiting Center Church's YouTube page:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCenAmZ4uhw49Oe3m_qxyBTg

SUMMER WORSHIP



In BC times, (before Covid) we were to follow our customary Summer Worship by holding one month of joint worship at the Church of Christ Granby (July) and one month where Granby members were welcomed to worship at Center Church (August). Well, as we all know, Covid - 19 has made us re-evaluate most everything. At this time, the Granby Church is determining if they will offer in-person worship either inside or outside for the summer. Either way, they would not be able to accommodate Center Church worshippers due to safety guidelines. They WILL be offering an online option for watching the worship service - as we do via YouTube - and we will send out a link to that service each week in July. We are also checking with the Conference about other worthwhile viewing options - we would send links for those too. We will return to “online” worship in August and will let you know how we will proceed from there. In the meantime, stay well, connect to Spirit through any and all means you have available to you, and remember that Center Church is here if you need us.

Lori's vacation July 21-26. Rev. Bill Wright to provide pastoral care. During July, Lori will be around and available to meet outdoors with proper physical distance. (413-455-4401). A Reminder that there will be no *Church at the Center* for August - BUT we will be sure to keep you updated through different means of communications.

Please keep the following people in your Prayers

Continual:

Emily Bangs-Orsini (at Mt. St. Vincent)
Barbara Blank's great-grandson, Cayden
Luke Bradley
Wayne Cowan
Dolly Crossland
Muriel Graham
Shelly Granger, back home at Loomis
Lou Hamilton
Audrey Heinrichs
Tom Hazen
Phyllis Lacoste
Anna Sibley
Art Stanley
Ruth Thornton – Vero SH

*Our thoughts
and prayers
are with you.*



We keep all those affected by the Coronavirus, in our prayers including medical personnel and first responders, food preparers and deliverers, grocery workers, truckers and all "essential workers".

We keep the incarcerated, those who have lost their jobs or are furloughed, all our elected officials and the world at large in our hearts and prayers.

We keep those serving in the military in our prayers, as well as the residents and healthcare workers at the Holyoke Veterans Home.

If you have submitted one of these requests for prayer, please let us know when it is time to remove someone's name from the list.

Situational:

Bob Robertson, and Carolyn's family, on the passing of Carolyn Baston June 17. Graveside July 18 at Pine Grove Cemetery in Farmington NH. A Remembrance Service will be held at Center Church in the fall.

Bray Bryan, severely bruised foot learning to ride a bike

Julie Burke's cousin, David Driscoll, on waiting list for liver transplant

Emily Carle's dad, Jim, following surgery

Emily Carle's grandfather Sam who fell and broke his hip

Al and Joan Duffy's sister-in-law working at Holyoke Hospital with Soldiers Home veterans infected with Covid -19

Audrey Heaphy's brother-in-law, Bob Brandt

Cathy Irish's friend Beverly

Gayle Kenneson's grandson Alex, broken leg

Chelsea Korzeniowski, recuperating from surgery

Lucio Perez, in Sanctuary in Amherst FCC

Eric Tipton, needing a kidney transplant

Joy Weigel's grandson, Michael Martini, following surgery

We pray for family and friends of: Ahmaud Arbery, killed in a Georgia shooting, Breonna Taylor, an EMT, killed in Kentucky, George Flood, killed in Minnesota and Rayshard Brooks killed in Georgia.

We pray for those peacefully protesting these killings.

Peterson Scholarship Fund

Applications were distributed at the end of February. Due to the high schools and colleges sending students home in mid-March, the number of applicants was significantly low in number.

This year scholarships range from \$300 - \$475 and were awarded to 4 very qualified persons. Each recipient has graduated from the Bard Micro college Program in Holyoke. This program is associated with the Care Center in Holyoke and serves young mothers and low-income woman. Upon completion of the program they receive an associate degree from Bard College. This year's recipients plan to continue their education toward their Bachelor's degree at Mount Holyoke, Hampshire, or The Elms College.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer! Sunday school classes will resume on September 13, 2020. We don't know at this time if we will meet in the Promised Land Sunday School or continue virtually on Google Meet. I will keep you informed and be in touch!

Please refer back to the document I shared with you in June about how to be an anti-racist and how to talk with your children about being an active anti-racist. Do your best to keep the conversation going in your household and to take action anyway you feel that you can to move us forward. Join a Center Church Social Justice vigil on Saturdays at 10am. I hope to see you there!

~ Martha, CE Director



Youth Group

Thank you to the Youth Group for a wonderful end of the Youth Group year! Although it didn't look like how we planned it, it was great connecting with all of you. At the end of May, the youth Zoomed with us for a conversation on racism and white supremacy, and it was a very honest and vulnerable time. We hope to hold more Zooms with the youth on this topic. As for meeting in the Fall, Youth Group will follow all Center Church guidelines. We would love to meet in person, but we are preparing for Zoom Youth Group again. Maybe we will get wild and meet youth on their lawns 10 feet apart!! Keep an eye on your email when August rolls around for the Youth Group plan. Thanks and have a safe summer!



- Youth Directors Emily and Emma

Silverlake Camp at Home

Dear Friends,

Silver Lake At Home registration is up and running!

As you are thinking about ways to keep your youth engaged this summer, check out our blog post for some ideas and suggestions for utilizing the Silver Lake At Home programs. In particular, we recommend the Silver Lake At Home Box. Each box (\$30) will have supplies for one camper and activities designed to inspire the entire family.



For complete details of the Silver Lake At Home programs, visit www.silverlakeect.org/silver-lake-at-home.

We look forward to connecting with you this summer, and for many seasons to come!

Peace,

Ruth Choate, Administrator and Registrar

News from the Trustees for July 2020

The trustees have now held two meetings via Zoom. While it is not the same thing as face to face meetings, this does allow us to conduct the financial business of the church. In spite of the church's "lockdown", our finances continue to be positive, but that is normally the case when we go into summer and take a one-month hiatus from being physically here at Center Church. Needless to say, Covid 19 has definitely messed with that. We are thrilled that our pledge income is actually over where it should be (42%) at 55.82% and we are thankful that folks have kept their pledges current and even paid some totally already. As noted last month, we have not had any "plate" offering since the lockdown occurred in March. And we have not had any use donations since March or any miscellaneous income "other" either. But, as with our usual summer expenses, we still have staff payroll and other regular expenses to cover. We are most thankful for the work which John Hoffman, our treasurer, has done in applying for the PPP money. It was received and will be used for payroll expenses as well as electricity which we can do under the guidelines. And because the stock market has somewhat leveled off, the restricted fund balance is back on an upward slope.

We continue to be so thankful for our staff as they have rolled with the punches, so to speak. And we especially thank Gretchen LaBonte for her awesome help with the YouTube Sunday and Midweek YouTube services. We are so grateful for her gift!! To our CE "crew" who are done now until starting up again in the late summer/early fall, thanks for what you have done during this period to keep up with our children and youth. Thanks as well to Larry and Cheryl for all that they have been producing during this lockdown to keep our music going. We hope that you all can get some rest and relaxation now.

We have two "things to be done" priorities at present. One is to have the Fellowship Hall floor totally stripped and then refinished, and the other is to get the south exterior sanctuary building windows painted, now that all their woodwork has been redone. As always, there are other smaller on-going routine building things. When we are back in the building, please take a look in the choir room and meetinghouse room to see the transformation n at ceiling level. Sexton Bob has thoroughly washed all the fixtures and put new bulbs into the lights and the rooms are bright and very cheerful. Many thanks to Bob!!

Lastly but most importantly, thanks to Thia and Lori who have dealt so well with all this chaos. I suspect we really have no idea how difficult this time has been but we are also aware how gracious, helpful, and reassuring they have been for this church family. It is much appreciated! With a little time off now for July, we hope they get some well-deserved rest and relaxation, even if it means no real physical time away from South Hadley.

Cindy Morrell, secretary

Survey Response

Twenty people completed the surveys focused on responding to the pandemic. The results will be shared at Council on July 7th (Zoom). Mostly people appreciate the efforts of communication and worship. What we know is that only 2 members (asymptomatic or light) and 3 family members were infected and recovered. People have appreciated the phone calls. What we discovered is the you are resilient folks. Thank you for your responses. We will provide a summary in the next C@C or another communication.

Notes from Church Council

The Council met virtually through Zoom on June 2. The meeting was led by Bobbie Ayers. Rev. Souder shared devotions referring to a book called "Imagine." With our "hearts desire, there is nothing too big for our imagination!" Anita Sarro, a member of the newly formed Covid-19 Phase Forward Task Force, informed us what the task force has been discussing. We have the ability to control how we will open our building to worship and group gatherings in the future. Meanwhile all who enter the building are to sign in, wear a facemask, and use hand sanitizer. There are sanitizer dispensers located throughout the building. We are hoping to minimize "foot traffic" and maintain contact information. Posters and other information regarding pertinent information are posted. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the re-opening of Center Church. Such as: when, what preparations are needed, what limitations, etc? Activities is not accepting any items for the canceled Fall Fair or the Holiday Bazaar until further notice. The Trustees thanked John Hoffman for his successful efforts in obtaining a loan of \$37,500 from the Payroll Protection Program. The funds are being used for our staff salaries and church utility bills during this unsettled pandemic time. Stewardship reported that a direct donate tab has been installed on our website. The Peterson Scholarship Fund is expecting to award funds to qualified applicants in the near future. Regarding our "Little Library" the Health Dept. has said "No" to having any food items included, only books may be placed within it.

Center Church in Transition

Death: Carolyn R. Baston, June 17, age 88.

David C. Morrell, Clerk

Phase Forward Task Forward Update

The Task Force expects to meet a few more times before we announce when we will open. Currently SH has declining cases. The stickler is that when we do open, we can only open to a limited number for inside worship. If we wait longer, we will be able to open to more congregants.

Brief Update:

- **Everyone's safety is paramount to opening the building
- **We will continue to provide digital ministry/ worship even when we open our sanctuary
- **We will follow the guidelines of SNEUCC/MA Guidelines/CDC
- **No outside groups until further notice
- **Only enter building if necessary, sign in, and wear mask
- **Likelihood of opening in September, but will be restricted to how many may worship with specific instructions
- **No singing/ choir/ communion
- **Likelihood of offering Promise Land (Sunday School) and Youth Group online in the fall
- **To enter the building, one needs to wear a mask
- **Sanitizing stations are placed on walls throughout the church
- **Deep cleaning has occurred and cleaning will follow any worship and building use

Outreach Partners of the Month



ROCA NEWS: Center Church gives \$750 to ROCA

An organization that we've written about before, that is making a crucial difference in the lives of some of our most high-risk young people especially hard hit by current events, is Roca. Roca is a Spanish word for rock, rock being a metaphor for something solid in the midst of chaos. Roca target young men between the ages of 17 - 24 who have had previous arrests or prior incarcerations. Many have dropped out of school and joined gangs. Most come from backgrounds where abuse and neglect have happened and neighborhoods where the crime rate is high as is unemployment. Roca gives young high-risk men the opportunity and skills to leave their old lives behind. Your Outreach Team has been looking for ways to speak to the needs of such vulnerable groups. Roca seemed like a great fit.

Across Massachusetts there are 5 Roca sites serving more than 21 communities and 904 men. Recently two members of the Outreach Team visited the site in Holyoke and met with Christine Judd, Director of the Springfield and Holyoke programs. Ms. Judd explained that the strength of the programs is based on intensive intervention, relentless outreach, and building relationships. Along with these components, men learn practical life skills such as how to manage money and time management. Help dealing with anger is offered as well as job training and counseling. Change does not happen overnight says Ms. Judd. The Roca model includes two years of intensive service followed by two years of follow-up. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of men enrolled for 24+ months had no new incarcerations.

This week a call was placed to Ms. Judd to ask how the program was doing during the covid-19 pandemic. She indicated that outreach workers were making contacts with their clients and work was continuing remotely. The Outreach Team welcomes this opportunity to partner with Roca. For more information, go to website www.roca.org.

Events over the past weeks have been sobering and provocative. Many have expressed an urgent need to take meaningful action in response to the deeply disturbing death of George Floyd and related incidents. We have been struck by the intersection of so many issues of concern – immigration, racism, our justice system, inequality and its relationship to hunger, homelessness and health/medical care. Your Outreach Team and other members of the congregation have been working to find effective and sustainable actions that could make a difference. Black Lives Matter vigils have been taking place every Saturday at the church from 10 to 10:30 am. We have invited South Hadley Police Chief Jen Gunderson to join us in conversation in mid-July. Watch the bulletin for details. We have a long-standing invitation to our conference Minister for Racial Justice Dr. Donique McIntosh to share in worship and conversation around the topic of white privilege that we hope can happen this fall. You will have seen in a separate article our recent gift to Roca, addressing needs of vulnerable young men of color in Holyoke and last month to the RIP medical debt relief effort. One action that is consistently recommended by those most directly affected by racism is expanded self-education. Our youth

director, Emily Carle, has shared a comprehensive list of relevant resources to that end, which is available online at

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VuHTjrTNmocfwJVkPInl6vZfjNHi-FgDEPUgZjIYS5A/edit>

This list includes UCC sources, kid appropriate suggestions, books, articles, movies and podcasts as well as other master lists. She suggests that to prevent overload, you might explore one or two sections and target one concrete action to take with you into the world, perhaps revisited each week.

If you are unable to access this via computer, here are a few titles to explore:

- [How To Be An Antiracist](#) by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
- [I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#) by Maya [Angelou](#)
- [Me and White Supremacy](#) by Layla F. Saad
- [Raising Our Hands](#) by Jenna Arnold
- [So You Want to Talk About Race](#) by Ijeoma Oluo
- [The Bluest Eye](#) by Toni Morrison
- [The Warmth of Other Suns](#) by Isabel Wilkerson
- [Their Eyes Were Watching God](#) by Zora Neale Hurston

Films:

- American Son (Kenny Leon) – Netflix
- Dear White People (Justin Simien) – Netflix
- Fruitvale Station (Ryan Coogler) – Available to rent
- If Beale Street Could Talk (Barry Jenkins) – Hulu
- The Hate U Give (George Tillman Jr.) – Available to rent for free

Other related actions, which can be done safely during this long sequestering:

- Learn ways to deescalate tense situations
- Vote and encourage others to vote= [Center for Common Ground] actionnetwork.org/forms/reclaim-our-vote-signup/
- Support voter enabling legislation



Weekly Vigils for Racial Justice

For the past month, racism and its consequences have been in the forefront of the national consciousness. In response, many towns have seen demonstrations calling for racial justice.

On June 1, Center Church, All Saints Episcopal Church, and Our Savior's Lutheran Church, along with the Democratic Town Committee, united to bring over 230 people together to line Rt. 116, all with masks and observing social distancing, and holding signs affirming the call for racial justice. But one demonstration of solidarity, as important as it is, is not enough. Since then, each Saturday, people from around South Hadley and beyond have gathered to continue the call.

Come join us - every Saturday, 10 am - 10:30 am and take a stand for justice for all. Wear a mask, respect social distancing, bring a sign or just be a presence. Bear witness to the need for action to ensure true equality for all.

"Standing Up for Racial Justice" Weekly Vigil

Stand with us on Tuesdays 5-6pm at the center of Amherst
at the corner of Amity & S. Pleasant Street.

For releasing the children/immigrants/refugees from the detention camps. For undoing white privilege.

Bring big signs, wear masks, continue social distancing.

Sponsored by Interfaith Opportunities Network

For information contact info@interfaithamherst.org



Happy 102nd Birthday to former member Becky McArthur.

Becky and her husband Harvey were active members of Center Church for many years prior to Harvey's death and Becky's move to Framingham, where she lives close by to her daughter Pam - who sent along these pictures.



From the Church Historian - July 2020

Center Church Pew Rental



Who would have thought that our sanctuary pews were ever for rent?! In many of the older documents of Center Church, there are references to “slip” payments. After some research, the word “slip or slips” pertains to the seats which are long and narrow or benchlike. Also, seats set up in an enclosed box style were called slips. It was through the sale of slips back in 1733 and onward that we obtained funds to support the church. The “purchase price” was figured on the tithing method. That would have been a tenth of one’s annual earnings. Another method was through “in kind” purchasing such as: cords of wood, garden produce, and skilled labor. The use of slips or eventually pews came about after the Protestant Reformation. Congregants, after 1,400 years of standing, had grown tired of standing for hours! It was said that “pews were

instituted to keep the lay people in their place” to watch and to listen, instead of roaming around. The wealthy began to remedy this by building their own seats which were mostly benches. Pews, as we know them today, were gradually introduced over time in the English churches.

In our first meetinghouse, seat assignments were conducted by a committee. They were told to assign them by “ratable estate” with regard to age, property, and other qualifications. These seats were plain benches and straight back benches also known as “Deacon’s benches.” Assignments often led to bitterness and dissension for years afterwards. Oddly enough, there’s no recorded dissatisfaction. As time went on, seating assignments went to the head Deacon who had a special pew.



Pews were allotted every three years. Numbers were given to pews. For example, number 63 (or Great Pew) was set aside for the minister’s family with seats nearby for “high ranking citizens.” Military men, officials and widows were in this category. In the back was a “pouting pew” for “unruly” members. The number 67 and 92 was for visitors and strangers. Up until 1760, men and women were separated across the aisle. By 1825, the Deacons’ pew was given up.



Pews as we know them today became a permanent part of our fourth sanctuary which burned in 1894. The “renting” process was still in use. In 1904 the “sale of pews” committee adopted a plan. They printed blank forms stating: “I would like the same seat as last year” and “I would like to engage sitting.” At that same time, Mount Holyoke College was giving up their seating arrangements due to their new chapel. This freed up a substantial amount of pews. In 1905, due to a need

for more funds, “premium” prices were charged. By March of 1907, the congregation “voted to raise revenue by voluntary contributions – and establish a system of free seats.” In 1914, printed and numbered envelopes were established for contributions. By 1915, the “every member canvas” for pledging was introduced (\$2,500 was raised) -- thus the need to form a “stewardship committee.”

It is interesting to learn how one way of acquiring funds to manage our church expenditures evolved into how Center Church congregants pledge and contribute today!

David C. Morrell, Center Church historian



- 05 Helen Gage
- 12 Chloe Hough
- Gregg Howe
- 13 Tessa Holmes
- 22 Cora Hough
- 25 Klara Sokop
- 26 Grace Hooton



- 03 Kim Deshaies
- 05 Brian Lapis
- 06 Annabelle Burke
- Lou Hamilton
- 07 Janet Stache
- 10 Jacques LaFleur
- 15 Nick Tipton
- 20 Ruth Howe
- 31 Matt Lafleur



2020 Graduates

Colleen Adele Clinton from Mansfield High School in Mansfield, TX
Benjamin Chartrand from Shrewsbury High School



Izzy Cordes from PVPA



Tommy Lonergan from PVPA



Torri Lonergan from Sarah Lawrence

Sthela Sibley-Welch from South Hadley High



Chloe Sabbs, MFA, from Bay Path University

Christopher Towne from South Hadley High

Jared Waite from South Hadley High



Logan Waite from South Hadley High



THE MINISTRY AT CENTER CHURCH

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Ministers: All Church Members
Senior Minister: Rev. Lori J. Souder

Christian Education Program

Children: Martha Guild, Simone Jacob and Chelsea Korzeniowski

Youth: Emily Carle and Emma Martin

Music

Organist: Larry Schipull
Choir Director: Cheryl Cobb
Associate in Music: Cynthia Morrell

Office Administrator: Cynthia Jubinville
Sexton: Robert Farman



Daily Lectionary Scripture References -July 2020 (Year A)

Wed., July 1
Psalm 47
Isaiah 51:1-3
Matthew 11:20-24

Thurs., July 2
Psalm 45:10-17
Genesis 25:19-27
Romans 7:1-6

Fri., July 3
Psalm 45:10-17
Genesis 27:1-17
Romans 7:7-20

Sat., July 4
Psalm 45:10-17
Genesis 27:18-29
Luke 10:21-24

Sun., July 5
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Mon., July 6
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Genesis 27:30-46
Romans 1:18-25

Tues., July 7
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Genesis 29:1-14
Romans 3:1-8

Wed., July 8
Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Genesis 29:31-35
John 13:1-17

Thurs., July 9
Psalm 119:105-112
Exodus 3:1-6
Romans 2:12-16

Fri., July 10
Psalm 119:105-112
Deuteronomy 32:1-10
Romans 15:14-21

Sat., July 11
Psalm 119:105-112
Isaiah 2:1-4
John 12:44-50

Sun., July 12
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Mon., July 13
Psalm 142
Micah 1:1-5
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tues., July 14
Psalm 142
Jeremiah 49:7-11
Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Wed., July 15
Psalm 142
Obadiah 15-21
Matthew 13:10-17

Thurs., July 16
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Isaiah 44:1-5
Hebrews 2:1-9

Fri., July 17
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Ezekiel 39:21-29
Hebrews 6:13-20

Sat., July 18
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Exodus 14:9-25
Matthew 7:15-20

Sun., July 19
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Mon., July 20
Psalm 139:13-18
Genesis 32:3-21
Revelation 14:12-20

Tues., July 21
Psalm 139:13-18
Genesis 33:1-17
Galatians 4:21-5:1

Wed., July 22
Psalm 139:13-18
Genesis 35:16-29
Matthew 12:15-21

Thurs., July 23
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:1-8
1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Fri., July 24
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:9-14
Acts 7:44-53

Sat., July 25
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Genesis 29:31-30:24
Matthew 12:38-42

Sun., July 26
Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Mon., July 27
Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 30:25-36
James 3:13-18

Tues., July 28
Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 30:37-43
Ephesians 6:10-18

Wed., July 29
Psalm 65:8-13
Genesis 46:2-47:12
Mark 4:30-34

Thurs., July 30
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 14:1-2
Philippians 4:10-15

Fri., July 31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 41:8-10
Romans 9:6-13

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Daily Lectionary Scripture References -Aug. 2020 (Year A)

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Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Genesis 31:1-21
Matthew 7:7-11

Sun., Aug. 2
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Mon., Aug. 3
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Genesis 31:22-42
Romans 1:8-15

Tues., Aug. 4
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Genesis 32:3-21
Acts 2:37-47

Wed., Aug. 5
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
Isaiah 43:1-7
Matthew 15:32-39

Thurs., Aug. 6
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Genesis 35:22b-29
Acts 17:10-15

Fri., Aug. 7
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Genesis 36:1-8
Acts 18:24-28

Sat., Aug. 8
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Genesis 37:5-11
Matthew 16:1-4

Sun., Aug. 9
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Mon., Aug. 10
Psalm 28
Genesis 37:29-36
2 Peter 2:4-10

Tues., Aug. 11
Psalm 28
Genesis 39:1-23
Romans 9:14-29

Wed., Aug. 12
Psalm 28
Genesis 40:1-23
Matthew 8:23-27

Thurs., Aug. 13
Psalm 133
Genesis 41:14-36
Revelation 15:1-4

Fri., Aug. 14
Psalm 133
Genesis 41:37-57
Acts 14:19-28

Sat., Aug. 15
Psalm 133
Genesis 42:1-28
Matthew 14:34-36

Sun., Aug. 16
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Mon., Aug. 17
Psalm 130
Genesis 43:1-34
Acts 15:1-21

Tues., Aug. 18
Psalm 130
Genesis 44:1-34
Romans 11:13-29

Wed., Aug. 19
Psalm 130
Genesis 45:16-28
Matthew 8:1-13

Thurs., Aug. 20
Psalm 124
Genesis 49:1-33
1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Fri., Aug. 21
Psalm 124
Genesis 49:29-50:14
2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Sat., Aug. 22
Psalm 124
Genesis 50:15-26
Matthew 16:5-12

Sun., Aug. 23
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Mon., Aug. 24
Psalm 8
Exodus 2:11-11
Romans 1:1-7

Tues., Aug. 25
Psalm 8
Exodus 2:11-15a
Romans 11:33-36

Wed., Aug. 26
Psalm 8
Genesis 2:15b-22
Matthew 26:6-13

Thurs., Aug. 27
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Exodus 2:23-24
Ephesians 5:1-6

Fri., Aug. 28
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Exodus 3:16-25
2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Sat., Aug. 29
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Exodus 4:1-9
Matthew 8:14-17

Sun., Aug. 30
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Mon., Aug. 31
Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18
Exodus 4:10-31
Revelation 3:1-6

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