October 2026

Southwick Congregational Church
488 College Highway
P.O. Box 260
Southwick, MA 01077-0260
Return Service Requested



*The **Good News**letter of the*
Southwick Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
Southwick, MA

Please join us Sundays for Worship Service 11:00 am
and Coffee Hour to follow

Website: **www. SouthwickUCC.org**



MISSION STATEMENT

Southwick Congregational Church is a faithful Christian presence in the community of Southwick since 1773, and we look to the future. We are a diverse and loving congregation, joyfully serving, teaching, and sharing with one another, according to the gifts we have been given.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We invite you to join us each Sunday for our service at 11:00 am and coffee hour that follows.

OFFICE HOURS

The Office is currently open Tuesdays from 10am to 4pm.
Please leave a voicemail message or an email if you need anything nonemergent after hours.
Joseph *will* get back to you.

Rev. Kristie Rubendunst is our new bridge minister as of September 1, 2026

Contact her directly at RevKristieR@icloud.com
Or call/email the office for an appointment



VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!
Our Facebook page is
Southwick Congregational Church UCC
Please check it out, "like" us, and follow us!!!
Keep track of what our very busy church is doing!

Pastor's Corner

ALONG THE WAY with Rev. Kristie Rubendunst – October 12, 2026



For Everything There Is a Season: What Will We Grow in Ours?"

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."
— Ecclesiastes 3:1

Autumn reminds us that transformation is part of the sacred rhythm of Creation. The trees release their leaves in a blaze of color, the earth prepares for renewal, and what appears to be an ending is also the beginning of something new. We find ourselves in a similar season in the life of the Church—a time between what has been familiar and what is still becoming.

Throughout September and October, our Sunday messages have invited us to gather into the Way of Christ and consider how God prepares us for the journey ahead. We have remembered the foundations of our faith, considered the seeds God continues to sow among us, and explored what it means to listen deeply and recognize Christ's presence in unexpected places.

PASTOR'S CORNER *(CONT)*

These are not simply lessons from ancient scripture. They are invitations to examine where we stand in this particular moment of Church history.

The world around us is changing, and so are the needs of the communities we are called to serve. Our challenge is not merely to preserve what we have inherited, but to discern what God is asking of us now.

God is calling us to open our eyes, ears, and hearts, and listen with courage. Let the Spirit ignite your imaginations so you may glimpse the Dream that God has for all humankind, and embrace the possibilities before us.

Christ's Church is not finished becoming. Neither are we.

Let us pray: Loving Creator and Artist who sows Love and Beauty throughout all the seasons of our lives, bless us with the strength and will to bring your vision alive in our families, communities, and around the world. Amen.

Rev. Kristie



OCTOBER PRAYER LIST

Selwyn W., Jim R. (Eric N.), **Julie, Emilie & Ted** (Dawn), **Emma C., Ron R., Jeanne S., Jane W.** (Patty), **Robert R., T.J.W., Raymond F., Diane R., Brian C., Chris L.** (Robin), **Cara C., Sharon W., Owen L.** (Melanie), **Sarah B. & Susan U.** (Patty), **Jennifer** (Deb), **Jill** (SteveP), **Avany**, **Dick & Lynn A.** (Kirsten), **Patricia F.**, **Judy R.** (Kristy), **Dennis W.** (Eric), **R.J.** (Robin), **Ashley**, **Melanie D.**(Dennis & Melissa), **Kim & Jenn** (Cynthia), **Julie C**, **Jemma** (Robin), **Dominic, Pat M.**, **Mike D.** (Lori), **David S.** (Robin), **Sarah** (Karen), **Amy P.** (Rev Paul), **Angie K.** (Kirsten), **Mark**, **Judy L.** (Jim), **Sean W.** (Robin), **Joan B** (Flo), **Jen B** (Patty), **Jasmine, Stewy J.** (Jim), **Treasure** (Dom), **Marty B** (Deb F), **Gus G.** (Shirl), **Kara K** (Bob & Pat), **Katie M.** (Robin), **Deb F.**, **Tom** (Eric), **Ken** (Dennis & Melissa), **Jeff R., family & friends** (Jim), **Andrew C., Jim H** (Lorraine), **Mathew**, Roberta's son, **Jim D** (Melissa), **Judy B.** (Deb), **Scott G.** (Rev Paul), **Bill P.** (Janice), **Brittany**, **Steve** (Dom), **Avanya** (Cindy), **Dave** (Steve & Jim), **Gayle** (Terry's sister), **Shawn K.** (Robin), **The Fox family** at the passing of their brother, **Raymond**, the family of **Sue H.** at her passing (Brian), **Dylan W.** (Jillian), **Lorraine B** (Judy), and **Bill & Carolyn H.** (Lorraine).

<u>Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:</u>
Michael C., **Julie C** and **Jake M.**
<u>Serving in our Military at home and abroad</u>:
Samantha P., and **Samuel H.**

Please also pray for all those unnamed who are suffering or in need of prayer in our community and worldwide.

Southwick Church, Holidays in United States

Oct 2026 (Eastern Time - New York

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 10am - Thrift Shop	3 10am - Thrift Shop
4 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	5	6 6:30pm - BSA OFH	7	8 6:30pm - GSA Rm10	9 10am - Thrift Shop	10 10am - Thrift Shop
11 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	12 Columbus Day	13 7pm - BSA OFH	14	15 6:30pm - GSA Rm10	16 10am - Thrift Shop	17 10am - Cub#118 Bottle 10am - Thrift Shop 2pm - Glow In The Dark
18 ALL CHURCH MTG 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	19	20 7pm - BSA OFH	21 6:30am - SCES Rm#3	22	23 10am - Thrift Shop	24 10am - Thrift Shop
25 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	26	27 6pm - BSA OFH	28	29 6:30pm - GSA Rm10	30 10am - Thrift Shop	31 Halloween 10am - Thrift Shop 5pm - Hot Choc Stand

Southwick Church, Holidays in United States — Nov 2026 (Eastern Time - New York

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	2	3 Election Day 6:30pm - BSA OFH	4	5	6 10am - Thrift Shop	7 10am - Thrift Shop
8 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	9	10 7pm - BSA OFH	11 OFH/NFH prep Veterans Day	12 5pm - GSA helps	13 10am - Thrift Shop	14 Turkey Dinner 10am - Thrift Shop
15 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	16	17 7pm - BSA OFH	18 6:30am - SCES Rm#3	19	20 10am - Thrift Shop	21 Candy Making! 10am - Thrift Shop
22 9:30am - Joint Wild 9:30am - SCEC NFH	23	24 6pm - BSA OFH	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday 10am - Thrift Shop	28 10am - Thrift Shop
29 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	30 OFH NFH Bazaar Prep					

Southwick Church, Holidays in United States

Dec 2026 (Eastern Time - New York



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm - BSA OFH	2	3 6:30pm - GSA Rm10	4 10am - Thrift Shop	5 9am - Holly Bazaar 10am - Thrift Shop
6 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	7	8 7pm - BSA OFH	9	10	11 10am - Thrift Shop	12 10am - Thrift Shop 4pm - Family Movie
13 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	14	15 7pm - BSA OFH	16 6:30am - SCES Rm#3	17	18 OFH Cookie Prep 10am - Thrift Shop	19 8:30am - Cookie Sale 10am - Thrift Shop
20 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	21	22 7pm - BSA OFH	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 10am - Thrift Shop	26 10am - Thrift Shop
27 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	28	29 6pm - BSA OFH	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day 10am - Thrift Shop	2 10am - Thrift Shop



Annual
TURKEY DINNER

Southwick Congregational Church, UCC
488 COLLEGE HWY, SOUTHWICK, MA 01077

Saturday, November 14, 2026
6:00 PM dine in
4:45-5:30 PM carry out

Reservations *REQUIRED*: Church Office 413-569-6362
OR Email SouthwickUCC@gmail.com

Menu:
Turkey & Gravy
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Green Peas & Butternut Squash
Cranberry Sauce
Rolls
Homemade Apple Crisp & whipped cream

Adults $24.00 - Kids 12 years old and under $10.00

HOLLY BAZAAR

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SATURDAY

DECEMBER 5, 2026

9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

CRAFTERS BAKE SALE

Light Lunch & Refreshments Served at

THE HOLLY INN



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Cub Scout Can & Bottle Drive Sat Oct 17 from 10-2
- Pumpkin Painting Sat Oct 17 from 2-4
- Joint Service Oct 25 is in Southwick at 11
- Hot Chocolate Stand Sat Oct 31 5-6pm
- TURKEY DINNER coming Nov 14



- Christmas Candy Making Sat Nov 21
- Joint Service Nov 22 is in Westfield at 9:30
- Holly Bazaar is Sat Dec 5 9-2
- Movie Night Sat Dec 12 4-7



- Cookie Sale Dec 19 8:30-12:30



Committee Chairs

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Staff: Choir Director/Organist Roberta Kowal
Custodian Christopher Robin Roberts
Administrative Assistant Joseph Stiefel (remote)



Come, Holy Spirt, and fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!

Please join us for our joint Church service with First Congregational Church, in Southwick on Sunday, October 25th at 11 am.

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