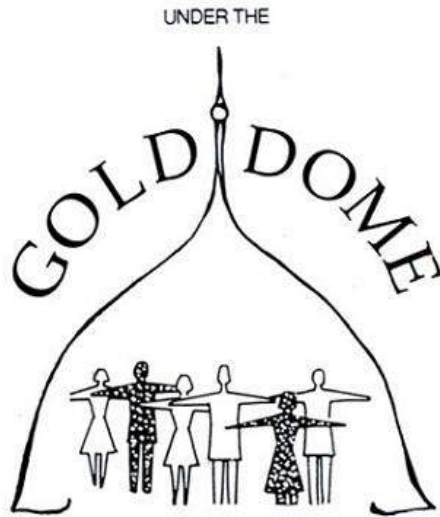


February 2026

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*The **Good News** Newsletter 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](http://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 in-person service at 11:00 am and coffee hour that follows.

OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are Tue, Wed & Thu 9:30-4.

Leave a voicemail message or an email if you need anything nonemergent after hours.

Rev. Paul has office hours.
If you would like to meet with him,
please call the church office at
(413) 569-6362 or email him at
revpaulnesbit@gmail.com
to arrange.



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Our Facebook page is
Southwick Congregational Church UCC
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Keep track of what our very busy church is doing!

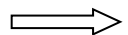
REV. PAUL'S CORNER

“Love Changes Everything”

In the month of February, many people turn their thoughts to Valentine's Day. When we were younger, we looked forward to a small party at school to break the “drudgery” of the school day schedule. As we grew older, we may have looked to a romantic dinner or time spent with a loved one. Yes, indeed, our thoughts turn to aspects of love.

Did you know that there was a musical with the title “Aspects of Love?” In this show, the main song is entitled “Love Changes Everything.” People throughout the ages have known this; Paul, in his first letter to the Church in Corinth, makes this a focal point of his message. He wrote, “If I speak in the tongues of humans or angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.” He went on to say, “And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

Even Paul knew that “love changes everything.” It is such an appropriate message for us in today's world. If we let love guide every action, wouldn't the world be a better place? Imagine how much things would change if we let love rule our thoughts and hearts. I don't mean the mushy kind of love, not that there is anything wrong with that. But love for those we have never met, to love our neighbor as ourselves.



REV. PAUL'S CORNER, CONT.

Let us pay attention to how we love for ourselves, each other, and everyone we encounter. The Romans mocked the early Christians as they said, “Look at the little Christians, see how they love one another.” Let’s have “See how they love one another” as our anthem. Indeed, love does change everything.

Love and peace,

Paul

Rev. Paul B. Nesbit
Pastor



JANUARY PRAYER LIST

Roberta & Ted K., 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., Lorraine B., Mike D. (Lori), David S. (Robin), Sarah (Karen), Selwyn W., Karen B., Sierra P (Steve & Cynthia), Amy P. (Rev Paul), Ann B. (Robin), Angie K. (Kirsten), Mark, Judy L. (Jim), Sean W. (Robin),

All who have been affected by recent events (Amherst fire, floods, shootings, etc), Joan B & 'Tricia D. (Flo), the family of Kristen P (Janice), Jen B (Patty), Joyce, Jasmine (Terry) Stewy J. (Jim), Langevin Family (Rev Paul), Treasure (Dom), the family of Earl C at his passing (Jenn), the family of Karl Z. at his passing, Marty B (Deb F) and Gus G. (Shirl).

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Michael C., and Julie C.

Serving in our Military at home and abroad: 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	2 6pm - GSA Rm6-10	3 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - BSA OFH	4 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	5 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 7pm - Chosen OFH	6 10am - Thrift Shop OFF 6pm - OA	7 10am - Thrift Shop
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15 Annual Mtg 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	16 Presidents' Day	17 9:30am - Office Open 7pm - BSA OFH	18 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - Ash Wed Svc	19 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 7pm - Chosen OFH	20 10am - Thrift Shop OFF 6pm - OA	21 10am - Thrift Shop
22 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	23 6pm - GSA Rm6-10	24 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - BSA OFH	25 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - GSA Rm3	26 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 7pm - Chosen OFH	27 10am - Thrift Shop OFF 6pm - OA	28 10am - Thrift Shop

Thank You

To Pastor Paul, Roberta and to my amazing church family, I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the outpouring of love and support that I felt yesterday.

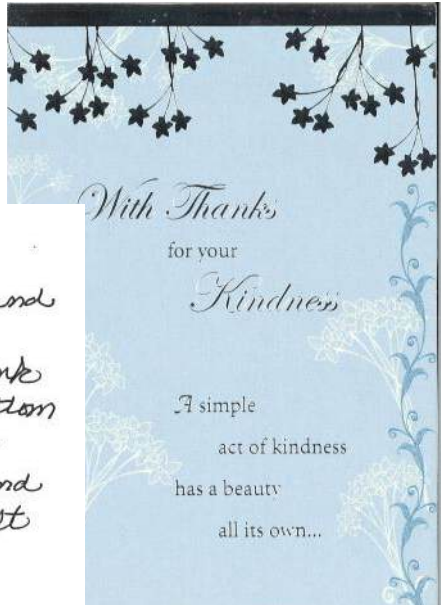
I want to thank everyone who baked, cooked + served all that wonderful food

I totally underestimated the turnout for Karlo's service.

I wanted to be here today to say all this in person but I would have ended in one big hot mess.

So again thank you all.

Love
Lee



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Meeting of Southwick Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, of Southwick, Massachusetts, will be held immediately following the service Sunday February 15, 2026 in Old Fellowship Hall. Please be there to express your thoughts and support our church. There will be a POT LUCK luncheon; bring something if you can, but fear not if you cannot.

-Rev Paul says, "There are people in need of winter hats, scarves, and gloves. If you are in a position to donate new, used, items, please see me."

-Joint Service February 22nd, here in Southwick, at 11 am.



This popular series chronicles the life of Jesus in a manner that is mostly faithful to the Gospels. (They fill in some gaps that are not mentioned in the Bible.) We will watch episodes and hold discussions at the end of the show.

February through April

First Congregational Church of Westfield
18 Broad Street
Westfield, MA
Monday at 10:00 AM



Southwick Congregational Church
488 College Highway
Southwick, MA
Thursday at 7:00 PM



Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome to attend at either church. It is FREE!

2026 JOINT SERVICE SCHEDULE

Date	Where	Remarks
January 25	Westfield	Last Sunday
February 22	Southwick	Last Sunday (First in Lent)
March 22	Westfield	4th Sunday due to Palm Sunday
April 2	Westfield	MAUNDY THURSDAY
April 26	Southwick	Last Sunday
May 31	Westfield	Last Sunday
June 28	Southwick	Last Sunday
July 26	Westfield	Last Sunday
August 30	Southwick	Last Sunday
September 27	STANLEY PARK	End of Summer Celebration
October 25	Southwick	Last Sunday



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Staff:	Choir Director/Organist	Robertta Kowal
	Custodian	Christopher Robin Roberts
	Administrative Assistant	Joseph Stiefel



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