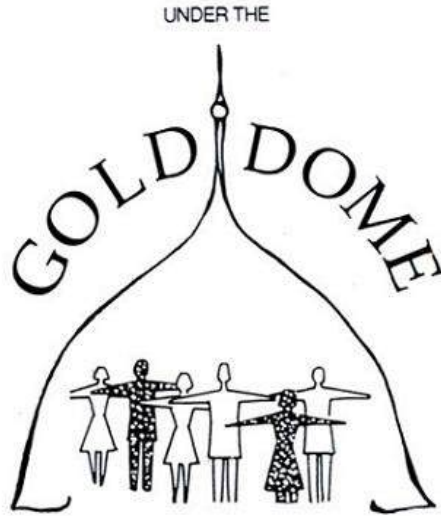


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*The **Good News** Newsletter of the*
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United Church of Christ
Southwick, MA

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
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Keep track of what our very busy church is doing!

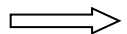
REV. PAUL'S CORNER

From Death to New Life!

April is an interesting month as the secular calendar interacts with the liturgical calendar. This year, we start off the month with Holy Week and our Maundy Thursday service on April 2 at 7:30 PM at First Congregational Church of Westfield. Then, we celebrate the Resurrection event on Easter Sunday in both First Congregational Church of Westfield at 9:30 AM and Southwick Congregational Church at 11:00 AM. This is followed by the liturgical celebration of a fifty-day feast of the Easter season that reaches its conclusion on Pentecost Sunday. The church celebrations are beautiful and often regarded as the most special of the year.

I encourage our church communities to participate in both the Maundy Thursday service and Easter Sunday service. The commemoration and celebration of both are vital for the spiritual life of our churches. Those present benefit from the spiritual support of members as well as our visitors. Please note that our visitors or "some timers" are most welcome to join us. Your presence adds to these services and we feel your support. It allows us to feel alive and to truly be enlightened in our faith.

In the past few weeks, we have basked in increased light as the hours of daylight grow longer. We see the initial signs of Spring that awaken and cause Mother Earth to rise again in all her splendor. The earth awakes from its slumber and echoes the Resurrection! This is also a reason to celebrate, despite any allergies,



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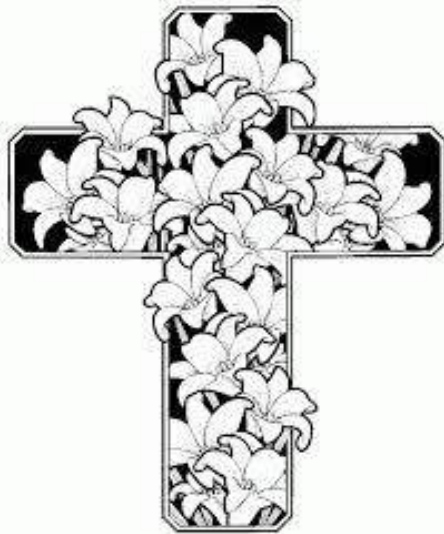
that the warm months of summer are soon to arrive. As we head into the spring and Easter season, it is my hope that we can all be together each week to get the support and spiritual boost we need to get through these trying times.

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed!

Peace and love

Paul

Rev. Paul B. Nesbit
Pastor




APRIL PRAYER LIST

The family of **Karen B** at her passing, **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., Amy P.** (Rev Paul), **Ann B.** (Robin), **Angie K.** (Kirsten), **Mark, Judy L.** (Jim), **Sean W.** (Robin), **Joan B & Tricia D.** (Flo), **Jen B** (Patty), **Joyce, Jasmine** (Terry) **Stewy J.** (Jim), **Treasure** (Dom), **Marty B** (Deb F), **Gus G.** (Shirl), **Paul & Mark** (congregation), **Kara K** (Bob & Pat), **Katie M.** (Robin), and **Deb F.**

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

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
29 All Church Mtg 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	30	31 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - BSA OFH	1 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	2 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 6:30pm - Episc Soup 7pm - Chosen OFH	3 10am - Thrift Shop OFF 6pm - OA	4 10am - Thrift Shop
5 Easter Sunday 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	6 Easter Monday 6pm - GSA Rm6-10	7 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - BSA OFH	8 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	9 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 6:30pm - GSA OFH 7pm - Chosen OFH	10 10am - Thrift Shop OFF 6pm - OA	11 10am - Thrift Shop
12 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	13 6pm - GSA Rm6-10	14 9:30am - Office Open 7pm - BSA OFH	15 Tax Day 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - SCEC Rm3 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	16 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 7pm - Chosen OFH	17 10am - Thrift Shop OFF 6pm - OA	18 10am - Thrift Shop
19 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	20	21 9:30am - Office Open 12pm - 7pm - BSA OFH	22 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	23 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 6pm - HistSoc Dinner	24 10am - Thrift Shop OFF 6pm - OA	25 10am - Thrift Shop
26 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	27 6pm - GSA Rm6-10	28 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - BSA OFH	29 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - GSA Rm3	30 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 6:30pm - GSA OFH		

SIGNS OF SPRING



Actually, this one is from my yard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- All Church Meeting following service March 29th.
- Maundy Thursday service at First Congregational Church of Westfield, April 2, 7:30pm
- April 23rd will see the Historical Society Dinner in Old Fellowship Hall at 6pm.
- Joint Service April 26th, 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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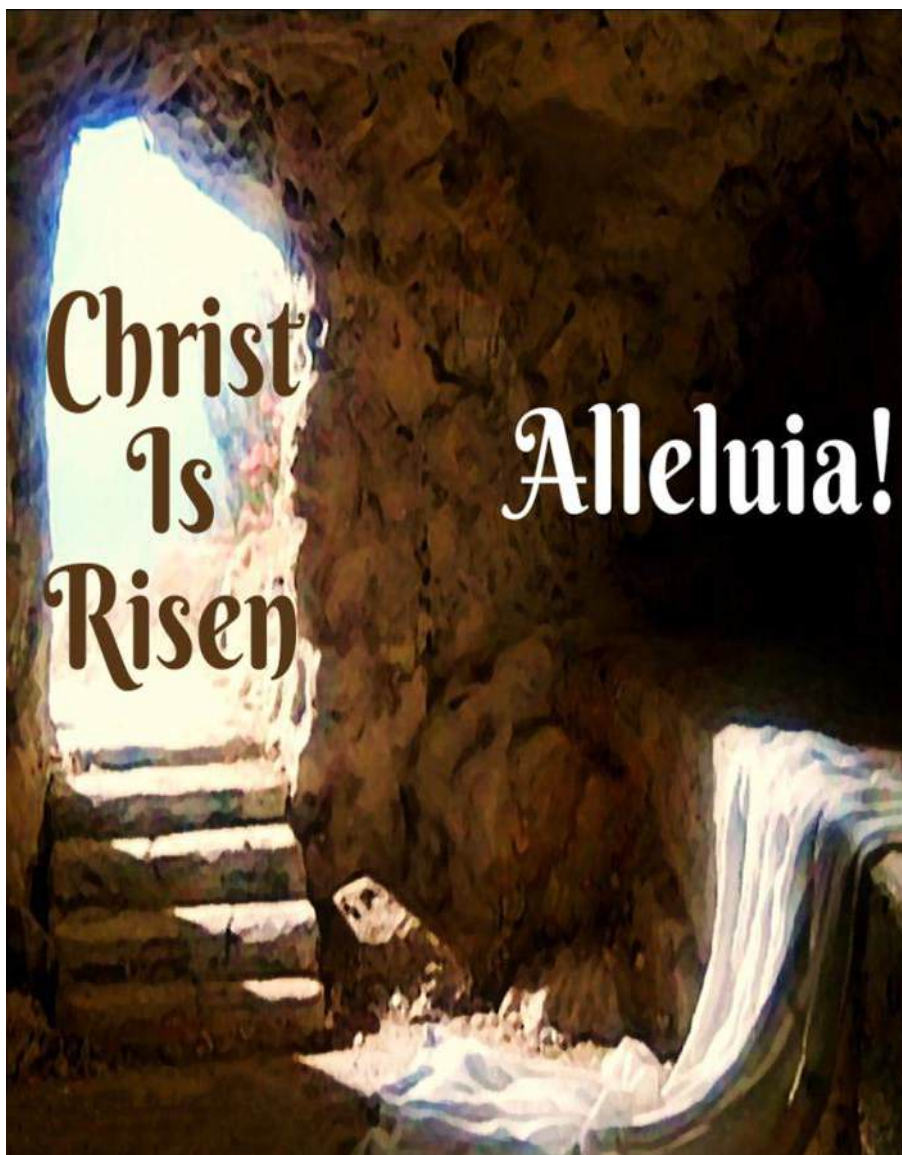
Church Website: www.southwickucc.org

Office e-mail: southwickucc@gmail.com

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Staff:	Choir Director/Organist	Robertta Kowal
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