

September 2025

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](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.



VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

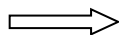
Our Facebook page is
Southwick Congregational Church UCC
Please check it out, "like" us, and follow us!!!
Keep track of what our very busy church is doing!

REV. PAUL'S CORNER**“Moving Mountains”**

There are many times in the past few months that I have relied on my faith to simply not give up on life. The needs of our neighbors continue to pile up, especially those who go without and, seemingly, will go without even more. This is where faith comes in and moves us to action.

In the letter to the Hebrews, the author reminds us that Abraham and Sarah were called upon to do some pretty wild things in the name of faith. While Abraham, Sarah, and their entourage were called to leave their homeland and, by faith, move to a new land, we are also called to move into areas where we may not have yet ventured. Maybe our faith calls us into relationships with our neighbors to assist them in ways that we have yet to experience. Both churches have made some progress in doing more than simply collecting food. But can we do more?

Abraham and Sarah were certainly called to do more. And, given the circumstances of time, place, and age, Sarah and Abraham could have said to God, “Just leave us alone, please. We’re much too old for this.” What a great reminder that, regardless of our circumstances, we are able to put our faith into some sort of action. Everyone can do something, even if



REV. PAUL'S CORNER, CONT.

we are aging, not feeling well, or working hard just to make ends meet. No one is asking us to leave our homelands, have children in our advanced years (though many grandparents are raising the grandchildren) or take on every issue on its own.

Our faith moves us to this; we are called to do so much more. In that passage from the Hebrews (Heb. 11:1-3, 8-16), we are called to bring a “heavenly home” into reality, right here at First Congregational Church of Westfield and Southwick Congregational Church. As we “begin again”, may our faith resemble that of Abraham and Sarah as we follow the Gospel message and show us how we can truly move mountains in times of need.

Love and peace,

Paul

Rev. Paul Nesbit
Pastor



SEPTEMBER 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 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., Robyn (Terry), Heather H. (Jen), Karen B., Sierra P (Steve & Cynthia), Heidi (Julie), Lainey (Lee), Amy P. (Rev Paul), Ann B. (Robin), Angie K. (Kirsten), Mark, Judy L. (Jim), and Traci C. (Paul).

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
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
RevPaul out 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	Labor Day 6pm - BSA Old Hall	9:30am - Office Open	9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	9:30am - Office Open	10am - Thrift Shop OFF 6pm - OA	10am - Thrift Shop
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				
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FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Family Ministries can sometimes be challenging when your church has only a few families with young people. Although we believe that families come in all shapes and sizes, it is still hard to manage in a smaller church.

We are excited to open these opportunities to your church communities. They all take place on Sunday afternoons at 4:30. If you, as a pastor, would like to be involved, we welcome you with open arms. Janet St. Jean, our Director of Family Ministries, and I are open to suggestions and changes that could be made as this develops. We are also open to having your church

Family Ministries **All Activities are Sunday at 4:30**

Drumming Circle for All Ages (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

October 12
November 9
January 11



Halloween Party **October 25th** ***2:00-3:30***



host an event under these auspices once the program is established.

Please see the attachment for what has already been planned for this fall through January. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. I am excited for what the Holy Spirit has in store for all of us!

Youth Group **(Grades 7-12)** **October 19** **November 16** **January 18**



Alternative/Family Worship Service **October 26** **November 23** **January 25**



First Congregational Church
18 Broad Street
Westfield, MA



Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome!

Peace,
Paul

ANNOUNCEMENTS

—End of Summer Worship Celebration and Cookout
Sunday Sept 28 at 10:30am at Stanley Park.

End of Summer Worship and Celebration Sunday, September 28, 2025 Stanley Park Beveridge Pavillion 10:30 AM Cookout to Follow



Rev. Darrell Goodwin
Executive Conference Minister
Southern New England
Conference, UCC
Guest Preacher

First Congregational Church, Westfield
Second Congregational Church, Westfield
First United Methodist Church of Westfield
Episcopal Church of the Atonement, Westfield
Southwick Congregational Church
Granville Federated Church
Feeding Hills Congregational Church
First Congregational Church, Chicopee
Agawam Congregational Church

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Office e-mail: southwickucc@gmail.com

Facebook: Southwick Congregational Church UCC

You Tube: Southwick Congregational Church

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



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

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mer Worship and cookout at Stan-
ley Park on Sunday, Sep 28th at
10:30 am**



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