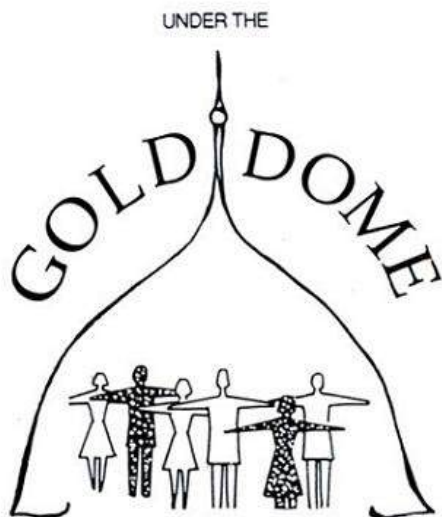


June 2026

Southwick Congregational Church
488 College Highway
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*The **Good** 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.



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!

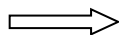
REV. PAUL'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

The Holy Spirit moves us in all kinds of ways. Sometimes, She calls on us to try new things, put ourselves out there, or keep our hearts open to what we may be called to do. I am a firm believer that the Holy Spirit takes us, moves us, and even shakes us as we go through our lives. We sometimes get settled where we are and even become complacent. We think that when we get to a certain age, change will stop affecting us.

God is full of surprises at every corner of our lives. The Holy Spirit has been at work once again and, after four and a half years, has called me to leave both First Congregational Church of Westfield and Southwick Congregational Church as Pastor. However, I will not leave until the end of August and pledge to work with the leadership of both churches to make the transition as smooth as possible.

When I arrived at both churches, we were still wearing masks indoors and were able to make the transition to more “regular” practices. We then chose to open our doors to the community so that the “Congregational” church would again be the center of the community. In Westfield and Southwick alike, we opened our doors to non-profit civic organizations to use our sanctuaries and halls. In Southwick, we invited the neighbors in for Pizza/Pasta/PotLuck/Picnic with the Pastor. In Westfield, we opened our grounds and doors to establish a partnership with the Westfield Food Pantry to serve our neighbors. We participated in Trail Magic on the Appalachian Trail. In Southwick we welcomed Southwick Community Episcopal Church to share our building. And, in Westfield, we started Blessed Buys Thrift Shoppe which has provided clothing, books, and



REV. PAUL'S CORNER, CONT.

household goods to those in need. Blessed Buys also has given almost \$15,000 back to the community in donations from our proceeds.

While these are great things, the work in both churches must continue. We must continue to listen to the Holy Spirit and do what we are called to do in order to establish the Reign of God on earth. We are on our way; let us listen to the Holy Spirit and do that to which we are called. I will do what I can to assist you in the next three months.

Peace and love,

Paul

Rev. Paul B. Nesbit

Pastor

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone,

By now, you've probably heard about Rev. Paul's resignation as of the end of August and are going through a gamut of emotions. That is perfectly normal, especially since he has been such a consistent presence and caring "shepherd" for us for the past 4 ½ years. We will miss him but will enjoy the remaining time we have and celebrate with him prior to his last Sunday with us.

My message to you during this time of transition is to remain steadfast in our faith that God has a plan for Southwick Congregational Church to continue caring for our church family and our community. I ask that you continue to support our church and its mission with your time, your talents, and your presence throughout this pe-

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

riod of change.

We will continue to partner with First Congregational Church Westfield to search for a full-time, shared minister. Daniel Koehne, FCC's moderator, and I have already been in communication with the UCC for assistance in finding a temporary minister to support our churches during the search process.

One of the first steps in the ministerial search will be the formation of a joint search committee with FCC. In the past, both churches selected five committee members each. I anticipate that will be the same for this search as well. For a fresh, well-rounded approach, I would like to see a mixture of members who have been through previous searches with those who are new to the process or new to the church. With that in mind, if you are interested in participating, please see me as soon as possible.

The church leaders and I are here for you and will keep you informed each step of the way. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time with your questions, concerns, or suggestions.

We have done great things in our church up until now, even during times of flux and uncertainty. I remain optimistic that we will continue to do so in the future with your help and dedication.

Terry

hannahput@yahoo.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:30am - JOINT - 9:30am - SCEC NFH	1	2 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - BSA OFH	3 9:30am - Office Open	4 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 6:30pm - Chosen	5 10am - Thrift Shop 6pm - OA	6 10am - Thrift Shop
7 RevPaul OUT 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	8	9 9:30am - Office Open 7pm - BSA OFH	10 9:30am - Office Open	11 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10 6:30pm - Chosen	12 10am - Thrift Shop 6pm - OA	13 10am - Thrift Shop
14 Flag Day 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	15 3pm - OFH	16 9:30am - Office Open 3pm - OFH 7pm - BSA OFH	17 9:30am - Office Open 3pm - OFH 6pm - SCEC Rm3	18 9:30am - Office Open 3pm - OFH 5pm - GSA Rm10	19 Juneteenth 10am - Thrift Shop 3pm - OFH 6pm - OA 6pm - Strawberry	20 Memorial Svc ThrfShp CLOSED
21 Father's Day 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	22	23 9:30am - Office Open 7pm - BSA OFH	24 9:30am - Office Open	25 9:30am - Office Open 5pm - GSA Rm10	26 10am - Thrift Shop 6pm - OA	27 10am - Thrift Shop
28 PICNIC w PASTOR 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - Joint Svc	29	30 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - BSA OFH	1 9:30am - Office Open	2 9:30am - Office Open	3 Independence Day 10am - Thrift Shop 6pm - OA	4 Independence Day 10am - Thrift Shop

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Chosen, Thursdays, 6:30pm, Old Fellowship Hall, only June 4 and June 11.
- Strawberry Supper ****FRIDAY**** June 19th
- Jim Gebryel Memorial Service Saturday, June 20th, 12 noon
- Joint Service June 28th, in Southwick at 11am, followed by PICNIC w the PASTOR

JUNE 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 & Larry B.** (Flo), **Jen B** (Patty), **Jasmine** (Terry) **Stewy J.** (Jim), **Treasure** (Dom), **Marty B** (Deb F), **Gus G.** (Shirl), **Kara K** (Bob & Pat), **Katie M.** (Robin), **Deb F., Tom** (Eric), **Jesse** (Paul) at the passing of his father, **Henry P.** (Terry), **Peter N.** (Rev Paul), **Ken** (Dennis & Melissa), **Jeff R., family & friends** (Jim), **Quinn family** at her passing (Rev Paul), **Andrew C., First Responders, employees and Robbins Family victims** of the catastrophic fire in Searsmont, Maine (Jim), **Mathieu** (Terry), **Jim H** (Lorraine), the **Boston firefighter** who passed in the line of duty (Jim), **Mathew**, Roberta's son, and **Jim D** (Melissa).

Assisted Living: Michael C., Julie C and Jake M.

Military at home and abroad: Samantha P., and Samuel H.

PARSONAGE TREE TRIMMING

Saturday, May 30, 9am, there will be a cleanup of the tree trimming done next door at the Parsonage. If you are able, swing by and help with the tree limb—ectomy.



2026 JOINT SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 31	Westfield	Last Sunday
June 28	Southwick	Last Sunday
July 26	Westfield	Last Sunday
August 30	Southwick	Last Sunday
September 27	Westfield	Last Sunday
October 25	Southwick	Last Sunday

Pancakes with the Pastor



Sunday, May 31, 2026
Joint Service with Southwick
At First Congregational Church of Westfield
right after church!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Church Website: www.southwickucc.org

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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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