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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 a visit,
please call the church office at
(413) 569-6362 to schedule.
Office Hours by appointment.

Rev Paul will be out on vaca 8/19 through 9/2



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!

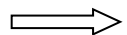
REV. PAUL'S CORNER

Words of Encouragement

This summer allowed sports fans all over the world to feast on the 2024 Olympic games in Paris. Our sermons even referred to the Olympics as we reflected on good, better, and best. One church member even texted me when she heard a commentator say, “That was a good routine, but he could do better by...” It is nice to know that some people are listening!

As we continued to watch the Olympics, I enjoyed watching the crowds, especially when they showed fellow Olympians cheering on their teammates in individual events or other US teams. What was even more wonderful to watch was when USA team members were enthusiastically applauding a good performance by someone from another country. Even on the medal podium, both Simone Biles and Suni Lee bowed to Rebecca Andrade in deference to her floor exercise performance in the individuals. In a moment where it was her turn to shine, Katie Ledecky insisted that her teammate, Paige Madden, join her on the Gold Medal level. Truly, the athletes who did this embody the spirit in which the games were supposed to be played.

Encouragement and recognition are two things that we can take with us as Christians. We encourage each other to be better Christians. Sometimes we do this through words but, most often, through example. This summer, we have answered calls for assistance from families, friends, and our neighbors when meals could not be served indoors, among other things. We see you and we recognize you!! We encourage you to keep up the great work.



REV. PAUL'S CORNER, CONT.

As we come off our summer vacation and into a new church programming year, I'd like to encourage all of us to make your faith a priority. I hope that you can take some time for regular prayer, better attendance at church (although our summer numbers weren't bad), and re-establish the good practices as we live out the Gospel message. Let us come together as we recognize the goodness of God and encourage each other to be better Christians.

Peace and love,

Paul

Rev. Paul Nesbit
Pastor

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A profound and heartfelt Thank You to our anonymous Church Mouse donor, for their generous gifts to the Coffee Hour teams.



SEPTEMBER PRAYER LIST

Roberta & Ted K., Eleanor B., Jim R. (Eric N.), Julie & Emilie (Dawn), Emma C., Ron R., Jim & Lisa B. (Patty), 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), Bill M., Teresa B. (Melissa), Jennifer, the family of Ken F. (Robin), Paul F., (Deb), Jill (SteveP), Avany, the family of Alexander M., Dick A. (Kirsten), Michael (Lori), Patricia F., Judy R. (Kristy), Dennis W. (Eric), RobA (SteveP JimP), Scott (Patty), R.J. (Robin), Geneva's family, and Bob B, the family of Janice Hall at the passing of her sister Patsy, Dina B. (Flo), Elizabeth (Terry), Bobby (Terry), Ashley, and Richard P. (Lorraine).

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Joan H., Michael C.

Serving in our Military at home and abroad: Samantha P.



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Sunday *Monday* *Tuesday* *Wednesday* *Thursday* *Friday* *Saturday*

<p>1 Worship 11 Coffee Hr follows T4 OA-330pm REV PAUL OUT</p>	<p>2 LABOR DAY REV PAUL OUT</p>	<p>3 Church Office 9:30-4 Boy Scouts 6:30</p>	<p>4 Church Office 9:30-4 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm</p>	<p>5 Church Office 9:30-4</p>	<p>6 Thrift Shop 10-1 OA-6 pm AA-7:30 pm</p>	<p>7 Thrift Shop 10-1 Scout Bottle Drive Pkg Lot 10-2</p>
<p>8 Worship 11 Coffee Hr follows T5 OA-330pm</p>	<p>9 GSA O/NFH 530-730</p>	<p>10 Church Office 9:30-4 Boy Scouts 6:30</p>	<p>11 Church Office 9:30-4 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm GSA Diskingson 7-9</p>	<p>12 Church Office 9:30-4</p>	<p>13 Thrift Shop 10-1 OA-6 pm AA-7:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Thrift Shop 10-1</p>
<p>15 STANLEY PARK worship 10:30am OA-330pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 Church Office 9:30-4 Boy Scouts 6:30</p>	<p>18 Church Office 9:30-4 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm</p>	<p>19 Church Office 9:30-4</p>	<p>20 Thrift Shop 10-1 OA-6 pm AA-7:30 pm</p>	<p>21 Thrift Shop 10-1</p>
<p>22 Worship 11 Sunday School Starts Coffee Hr follows T2 OA-330pm</p>	<p>23 GSA O/NFH 530-730</p>	<p>24 Church Office 9:30-4 Boy Scouts 6:30</p>	<p>25 Church Office 9:30-4 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm</p>	<p>26 Church Office 9:30-4</p>	<p>27 Thrift Shop 10-1 OA-6 pm AA-7:30 pm</p>	<p>28 Thrift Shop 10-1</p>
<p>29 Joint Worship 930 At WESTFIELD OA-330pm</p>	<p>30</p>					

INSULATION WORK AT THE CHURCH

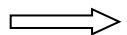
Insulation Work at Southwick Congregational Church
Bob Franzen

Eversource had a weatherization energy assessment and incentive program that provided weatherproofing of our church building. The program provided an \$11,600 grant for needed door weatherstripping and insulation at no cost. The weatherstripping was completed last winter and the insulation was completed this past August. Eversource contracted Energia to perform the task.

The first picture shows one wall of the sound room located in the Old Fellowship Hall attic. Above the altar is the sound room baffle wall. The sanctuary loses heat or cool energy through the baffle wall, sound room, and into the attic. The sound room was insulated on all three sides and the top along with the front wall of the sanctuary. Another benefit is that the amplifier and speakers will not be exposed to the extreme hot or cold temperatures of the attic.

The next picture is of the crawl space under the sanctuary. Plastic was laid down on the ground as a vapor barrier. Then foam insulation was sprayed on the interior stones and bricks of the foundation walls. The foam insulation was also sprayed on the edges of the plastic to seal the vapor barrier and hold the plastic in place.

The third picture is a view from the sanctuary attic, looking down at the access door to the steeple. The door and the sanctuary wall were insulated.



CHURCH INSULATION (CONT)

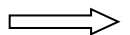


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ANNOUNCEMENTS

End of the Summer ecumenical worship and celebration will be on September 15th, at 10:30am at Stanley Park. There will be no church service at Southwick Congregational Church that day.

Ecumenical Service

**End of Summer Worship
and Celebration**

Sunday, September 15th 10:30 am

**Stanley Park Beveridge Pavilion
Westfield Ma**




Cookout to follow!

All are Welcome!















Sept 29th is a joint service at Westfield with First Congregational Church at 9:30am

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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



Support the “Roof Raising”! For Southwick’s Historic Meetinghouse

The roof needs to be replaced and updated after 30 years of protecting the building from the elements 24/7/365. Imagine the stresses that it has endured in that time – ice storms, 100+ degree days, high winds, and more. While we continue to repair and maintain the roof, the experts tell us that the roof is now vulnerable to problems.

This is a big project for our small Church congregation - \$56,000 from the lowest and best bidder! Your help is needed to help maintain this iconic town landmark for the future.



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