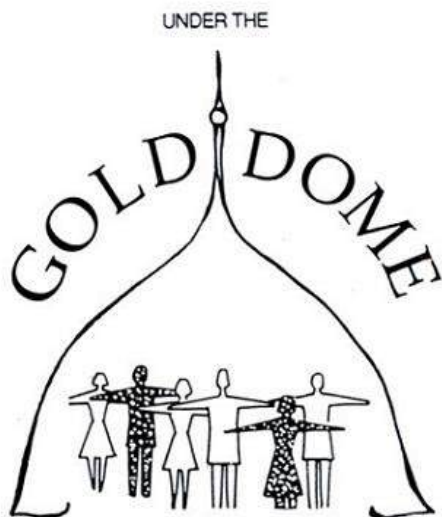


May 2025

Southwick Congregational Church
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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.



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!

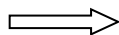
Celebrating Easter for Fifty Days!

*Christ the Lord is risen today;
Christians, haste your vows to pay;
Offer Him your praises meet
At the Paschal Victim's feet.
For the sheep the Lamb has bled,
Sinless in the sinner's stead;
Christ the Lord is risen on high;
Now He lives no more to die.*

On Easter Sunday, our churches rang out with the cry, “Christ is Risen, indeed!” We had beautiful services with prayerful and joyous music, gorgeous flower arrangements, and attendance figures that we haven’t seen since well before the pandemic. (The jury is still out on the sermon . . .) This is truly a cause for celebration.

The Resurrection of our Lord brought us out of darkness to light and from death to new life. As we celebrate each year, we are reminded that such a celebration continues for fifty days. Every year, we conclude our celebration on Pentecost, which falls on June 8 this year. I hope you will pay attention as we will hear “Alleluias” galore as well as “Christ is Risen—Christ is Risen, indeed!” in each church service throughout the Easter season.

Not only do we have the liturgical season but also some social events that we will celebrate throughout May. Our churches have various and as-



REV. PAUL'S CORNER, CONT.

sorted celebrations planned during this season. In Westfield, we have our Four-Score and More luncheon, while in Southwick, we will host both churches for Picnic with the Pastor on May 31.

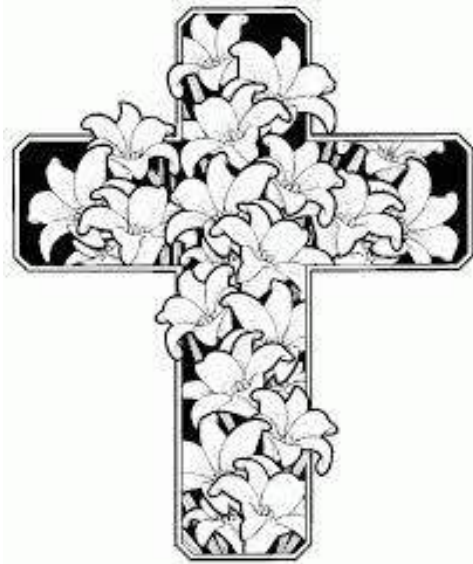
I encourage everyone to take part in the fifty feast as we bask in the love that God has for us.

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, indeed!

Peace and love,

Paul

Rev. Paul B. Nesbit
Pastor



APRIL PRAYER LIST

Roberta & Ted K., Jim R. (Eric N.), Julie & Emilie (Dawn), Emma C., Ron R., 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), Jennifer (Deb), Jill (SteveP), Avany, Dick A. (Kirsten), Patricia F., Judy R. (Kristy), Dennis W. (Eric), Scott (Patty), R.J. (Robin), Bob B., Bobby (Terry), Ashley, Melanie D. (Dennis & Melissa), Kim & Jenn (Cynthia), Julie C., Jemma (Robin), Dominic, Pat M., Lorraine B., Mike D. (Lori), Parker (Terry), David S. (Robin), Sarah (Karen), Selwyn W., Robyn (Terry), Ernie's family at his passing, Heather H. (Jen), Peggy C. (Robin), and Karen.

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

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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - Joint Svc	28 5pm - GSA #6, #10	29 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - Bell Practice 6:30pm - BSA OFH	30 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts 7pm - GSA Ldrs	1 9:30am - Office Open	2 10am - Thrift Shop 6pm - OA	3 10am - Thrift Shop
4 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	5 Cinco de Mayo 5pm - GSA #6, #10	6 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - Bell Practice 6:30pm - BSA OFH 6:	7 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	8 9:30am - Office Open	9 10am - Thrift Shop 6pm - OA	10 10am - Thrift Shop
11 Mother's Day 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	12 5pm - GSA #6, #10 6pm - Scout Mtg	13 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - Bell Practice 7pm - BSA OFH	14 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	15 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - GSA #6, #10	16 10am - Thrift Shop 6pm - OA	17 10am - Thrift Shop
18 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	19 5pm - GSA #6, #10	20 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - Bell Practice 7pm - BSA OFH	21 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	22 9:30am - Office Open	23 10am - Thrift Shop 6pm - OA	24 10am - Thrift Shop
25 9:30am - Joint SCC 9:30am - SCEC NFH	26 Memorial Day	27 9:30am - Office Open 6pm - Bell Practice 7pm - BSA OFH	28 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - Cub Scouts	29 9:30am - Office Open 6:30pm - GSA #6, #10	30 10am - Thrift Shop 6pm - OA	31 10am - Thrift Shop 5pm - Picnic w Pastor

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following, from our March 16 New Member service.

James "Jim" Gebryel has been coming to our church for many years and decided to make his membership formal. Jim's wife, Elethea came to our church and Jim would, on occasion, come with her. He is a Veteran who served in the Army and worked in the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA.) Jim has one son (Jesse) and resides in Westfield, MA. He is often seen helping at many of our church events. He enjoys photography, ham radio, and walking in the woods.

Tina Clark is a resident of Westfield who found us through an invitation made by Kirsten. She is a Training and Support Worker for In-Home Therapy. Tina holds a Master's degree in Practical Theology with a concentration in Children and Family Ministries. She enjoys swimming, skiing, video games, and spending time with friends in her spare time. Tina hopes to share her gifts with our younger members.

Kimberly Blackburn lives in West Suffield, CT with her best friend and housemate, Keegan, her cat "Squeakers," and her sugar glider "Umbreon." She found Southwick Congregational as she was invited to church by Kirsten Allhusen. Kimberly is an In Home Therapy Clinician. Kimberly chose to join SCC because it "feels right" and it had been her Dad's church. She enjoys reading and "Pokeman Go." Kimberly hopes to be involved with Church School and serve as a reader during the service.

Veronica Bressemer, Karen Brzezinski's daughter, reaffirmed

NEW MEMBERS

her membership. She, her husband Andrew and son Taj, along with 2 cats and a dog and several hens live in Southwick, as “green” as possible. She works as an Applications Analyst at Baystate Health. She enjoys reading, travel, gardening for flowers and fruits and vegetables, & birdwatching. The family enjoys hiking the local mountains and trails as well as traveling to higher mountain ranges. Water sports like kayaking and paddleboarding. When not traveling or in Southwick, you can find them at their lake home in Tolland.

Dominic Faretra lives in Southwick, MA with his dog, Bubba, and has attended our church for the past few years. He comes when he is not traveling for work with Bears N Buses. Dom has one son, Dominic III.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!
 We need your help to manage the food received from 4-7pm!



Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

Leave non-perishable
food donations by your mailbox

Saturday, May 10th

Need Level: IMMEDIATE

Date/Time: Sat., May 10 • 4-7pm

We need to transport food from the post office to the pantry, manage the food at the pantry, and store it for distribution. Heavy lifting should be expected. Pick-up trucks and/or trailers for transporting food would also be appreciated. We feed you pizza at the end; that's worth it!

CONTACT REBECCA AT (413) 572-0802
 or by email at director@westfieldfoodpantry.org
 if you can help us next Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint Service with First Congo, in **WESTFIELD**, 5/25
at 9:30 am

Picnic with the Pastor 5pm Saturday May 31



14 June

First Congregational Church of Westfield and Southwick Congregational Church invite you to join us for a

“Picnic with the Pastor”
Saturday, May 31, 2025
5:00-7:00 PM
Southwick Congregational Church
 488 College Highway
 Southwick, MA

Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts, live music

Inside and Outside dining will be available, weather permitting!

This event is free but we will gladly take monetary donations from those who are able. We will have gluten free rolls and desserts as well.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Office e-mail: southwickucc@gmail.com

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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!**

**Please join us for our joint Church
service with First Congregational
Church of Westfield in Westfield
on Sunday, May 25 at 9:30 am**



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