

September 2026

Southwick Congregational Church
488 College Highway
P.O. Box 260
Southwick, MA 01077-0260
Return Service Requested



*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 service at 11:00 am and coffee hour that follows.

OFFICE HOURS

After July 21, Joseph will be remote, & we will update you with any office hours available.

Please leave a voicemail message or an email if you need anything nonemergent after hours.

Joseph *will* get back to you.

Rev. Kristie Rubendunst is our new bridge minister as of September 1, 2026

Contact her directly at RevKristieR@icloud.com
Or call/email the office for an 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!

WE WELCOME REV KRISTIE RUBENDUNST

Our new bridge minister is The Rev Kristie Rubendunst

The Rev. Kristie Rubendunst is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ who offers thoughtful, engaging preaching and a compassionate pastoral presence. Her ministry is grounded in a deep sense of wonder at the beauty and complexity of God's Creation and shaped by devotion to Jesus, and to the compassion, justice, and community embodied in the Way of Life he taught.

She is passionate about nurturing spaces for reflection and connection, inviting people to consider how faith calls us to care for one another, serve our communities, and work toward a more just and generous world.

A graduate of Yale Divinity School and Hartford International University for Religion and Peace, Rev. Kristie has served congregations across Connecticut in both pulpit supply and transitional ministry settings. She is grateful for the opportunity to be with congregations in worship, sharing in prayer, reflection, and the work of listening for God's presence together.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Joint Service Sept 27 is in **WESTFIELD** at 9:30am
- Our new Bridge Minister, Rev Kristie Rubendunst, can be emailed at RevKristieR@icloud.com.
- If you need something, call or email the office, I am checking messages and emails, remotely, Tues, Wed and Thurs. If there are changes, we will let you know.

2026 JOINT SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 27	Westfield	Last Sunday
October 25	Southwick	Last Sunday

SEPTEMBER PRAYER LIST

Roberta K & family at Ted's passing , **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), **Amy P.** (Rev Paul), **Angie K.** (Kirsten), **Mark, Judy L.** (Jim), **Sean W.** (Robin), **Joan B & Larry B.** (Flo), **Jen B** (Patty), **Jasmine, Stewy J.** (Jim), **Treasure** (Dom), **Marty B** (Deb F), **Gus G.** (Shirl), **Kara K** (Bob & Pat), **Katie M.** (Robin), **Deb F., Tom** (Eric), **Ken** (Dennis & Melissa), **Jeff R., family & friends** (Jim), **Andrew C., Jim H** (Lorraine), **Mathew,** Roberta's son, **Jim D** (Melissa), **Judy B.** (Deb), **Scott G.** (Rev Paul), **Bill P.** (Janice), **Brittany, Steve** (Dom), **Avanya** (Cindy), **Dave** (Steve & Jim), **Gayle** (Terry's sister), **Kristy Johnston and Kathy,** at the loss of her Uncle Dave P, and **Selwyn W..**

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	31	1 6:30pm - BSA OFH	2	3	4 10am - Thrift Shop	5 10am - Thrift Shop
A QUICK REMINDER THAT UP TO DATE CALENDAR INFO IS AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE AT SOUTHWICKUCC.ORG						
6 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	7 Labor Day	8 7pm - BSA OFH	9	10	11 10am - Thrift Shop	12 10am - Thrift Shop
13 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	14	15 7pm - BSA OFH	16	17	18 10am - Thrift Shop	19 10am - Thrift Shop
20 9:30am - SCEC NFH 11am - SCC	21	22 7pm - BSA OFH	23	24	25 10am - Thrift Shop	26 10am - Thrift Shop
27 9:30am - Joint svc 9:30am - SCEC NFH	28	29 6pm - BSA OFH	30			

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AND NOW FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT



Buildings & Grounds beseecheth all budding aspirational artist types to assist the beautification of the Nativity pieces. Come help paint manger pieces—animals, shepherds, wise guys, wise men!



A little levity in a somber moment:

Overheard during the memorial service for Teddy Kowal, whose legendary wit and humor prompted someone to comment: “I sure hope someone warned Heaven that Teddy was coming!”

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Office Hours: By appointment

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Facebook: Southwick Congregational Church UCC

You Tube: Southwick Congregational Church

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



**Come, Holy Spirit, 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, in Westfield on Sunday,
September 27 at 9:30 am.**



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