

Oct 2024

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



The Good News 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!

REV. PAUL'S CORNER

October 2024

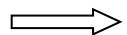
Dear Siblings in Christ,

In late August, Terry Putnam and I stood before the congregation to tell you about the possibility of another church using our building for their home. This conversation happened because we had been in discussions with Southwick Community Episcopal Church as they realized they would have to sell their building.

The sale of their building was contingent on a business obtaining a permit; that permit was obtained, and the sale of the building was set to take place on October 7,

2024. Southwick Community Episcopal Church (SCEC) needed a home and needed one soon. Our Executive Board met and agreed that we would like to share space with SCEC. We knew it would have to be relatively quick and we would need to respond to our fellow Christians in short order. We operated under the guise, "What if this had happened to our church? How would we want someone to respond?" We made the unanimous decision to welcome them into the building as of this week.

With the rapidly approaching closing date, SCEC held its final service on Sunday, September 29. Bishop Douglas Fisher came to the church that afternoon for a brief but emotional deconsecrating service that Jim, Terry, and I attended. They will move into our building on Thursday. Both churches have decided on a six-month trial to see if this arrangement will work. Their first service will be on Sunday, October 6 at 9:30. SCEC will worship in New Fellowship Hall and will use the spaces to the side of the hall and the last row in the parking lot. As we welcome SCEC, here are some other things we'd like you to know:



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- SCEC will pay rent to the Southwick Congregational Church. We will monitor our utility bills in these months to see if we must adjust their costs.
 - SCEC will have use of New Fellowship Hall for worship. They will use the stage as well as some space under the stage as storage.
 - SCEC will have use of our “former” library as their Pastor’s Office
 - SCEC will have use of the kitchen. We may see some of their things in the kitchen.
 - SCEC will use the nursery for the Church School classes.
- We will make other changes as they arise and keep you abreast of the situation. In the meantime, we hope that you will do everything you can to make them feel welcome at 488 College Highway. Our church has been blessed with this opportunity to exhibit “Extravagant Welcome” to our Siblings in Christ from Southwick Community Episcopal Church, especially as we have been blessed with a building that is now larger than we may currently need. If you see someone you don’t yet know, please introduce yourself and offer your personal welcome.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Terry or me. There may be a few bumps in the road but we shall proceed with caution.

Peace and love,
Paul ~ *Pastor*



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*

		1 Church Office 9:30-4 Boy Scouts 6:30	2 Church Office 9:30-4 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm	3 Church Office 9:30-4 SCEC moves in GSA O/NFH 530-730	4 Thrift Shop 10-1 OA-6 pm AA-7:30 pm	5 Thrift Shop 10-1 Blessing of the Animals 9:30-10:30
6 SCEC Worship 930 SCC Worship 11 Coffee Hr follows T4 OA-330pm	7 GSA O/NFH 530-730	8 Church Office 9:30-4 Boy Scouts 6:30	9 Church Office 9:30-4 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm GSA Diskingson 7-9	10 Church Office 9:30-4	11 Thrift Shop 10-1 OA-6 pm AA-7:30 pm	12 Thrift Shop 10-1
13 SCEC Worship 930 SCC Worship 11 Coffee Hr follows T5 OA-330pm	14	15 Church Office 9:30-4 Boy Scouts 6:30	16 Church Office 9:30-4 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm	17 Church Office 9:30-4 GSA O/NFH 530-730	18 Thrift Shop 10-1 OA-6 pm AA-7:30 pm	19 Thrift Shop 10-1 Pasta w Pastor 1st Ch Wfld 4-6
20 SCEC Worship 930 SCC Worship 11 Baptism Coffee Hr follows T1 OA-330pm	21 GSA O/NFH 530-730	22 Church Office 9:30-4 Boy Scouts 6:30	23 Church Office 9:30-4 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm	24 Church Office 9:30-4	25 Thrift Shop 10-1 OA-6 pm AA-7:30 pm	26 Thrift Shop 10-1 1st Ch Halloween Party 330-500
27 SCEC Worship 930 SCC Worship 11 Coffee Hr follows T2 OA-330pm	28	29 Church Office 9:30-4 Boy Scouts 6:30	30 Church Office 9:30-4 Cub Scouts 6-8 pm	31 Church Office 9:30-4		

Sept 15, 2024
End of Summer Service & Picnic Stanley Park





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DEDICATION - MAY 8, 2014

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PATRONS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5th

9:30-10:30

Southwick Congregational
Church
488 College Highway
Southwick Ma

11-12

First Congregational Church
Of Westfield
18 Broad Street
Westfield MA



BLESSING
of the **ANIMALS**

Membership/Fellowship
invite you to
Pasta with The Pastor
Saturday, October 19th
4-6PM

Pasta with the Pastor

First Congregational Church of Westfield

18 Broad Street Westfield MA 01085

Phone: 413-568-2833

Email: fcwestfield@outlook.com website:

www.firstcongregationalchurchwestfieldma.org

2024 Turkey Dinner Nov 9

Details to follow



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Office Hours: By appointment

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



God of all seasons, we thank you for Autumn.

We thank you

for the touch of coolness in the air that gives us a new burst of energy,

for the coloring of trees that shows the creativity of the Divine Artist,

for the falling leaves that reveal the strength of the branches,

for the hues of fields that bring peace to our souls,

for the smiles on pumpkins that bring joy to children,

for the fall harvest which that brings us gratitude for the bounty of our land,

for this change of seasons that reveals the circle of life.

God of all seasons, as you transform the earth, transform us by your Spirit. Amen

— Rev. Doug Leonhardt, S.J.



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