

First Community Church

Newsletter

April 2010



Our Mission Statement

We are a community of faith believing in the power of prayer and seeking earnestly to deepen our spiritual life and share the love of God with others.

The Pastor's Message

By the time you read this newsletter, it will either be Easter Sunday (if you picked up your newsletter when you attended church) or Easter will have come and gone.

This Lenten season touched us with the richness of its symbolism, for many of the most powerful symbols of our faith arose out of the events of Holy Week. Our Maundy Thursday communion service, symbolic of the Last Supper, was accompanied by the observance of the Office of Tenebrae, a recitation of the events of Holy Week accompanied by the extinguishing of candles as we approached the symbolic darkness of Jesus' crucifixion and death. Some of the hardiest of us ushered in Easter morn at the United Parishes of Southborough sunrise service at Hopkinton State Park, opening ourselves to the new light that came into the world through Jesus' resurrection. The United Parishes of Southborough Lenten series, which was well attended, centered on the theme of the cross, what it means and what it means to us.

Now we are entering into the liturgical season that is known as the Easter season. The Easter season extends from Easter to Pentecost Sunday, which is fifty days after Easter. In many ways this is my favorite part of the liturgical year.

In our Sunday morning worship throughout this Lenten season we focused on what is known as the "wilderness experience," noting how often in the Bible these experiences are accompanied by the number forty. We thought about not only the wilderness ordeals that were experienced by Moses, the ancient Israelites, Elisha, Noah, and Jesus, we thought about our own wilderness experiences as well. Many of us, and many of the people we know, are undergoing a wilderness experience, often tied to the advent of some debilitating or life-threatening illness.

Following Jesus' death, the disciples had their own wilderness experience. They suffered a tremendous loss. Their lives were endangered. Their world was tipped upside down. They felt they had lost their grounding, the center of their life, perhaps even their sense of the meaning of

life and of their life. Many of us who have lost a loved one know what the disciples were experiencing.

With the disciples, this led to a process of rediscovery. The darkness that surrounded them and threatened to engulf them turned to light. They discovered that Jesus was not dead; he lived! He lived in the world and inside them! This was an epiphany, a transformative moment. It led to a deepening of their faith and led them into a deeper spiritual journey. Through this experience of the risen Christ they discovered the courage and the strength they needed to take on the challenges that life now placed before them.

This can also happen to us. In our Sunday worship throughout this Easter season we will be focusing on the disciples' experiences of the risen Christ. We will explore how we, too, can discover or rediscover Christ in our lives and in the world. If we can do this, it will lead us past the cross, even past the miraculous event of the empty tomb, to not only the belief that Jesus lives but the experience of his presence in our lives.

Please join us for worship throughout this Easter season as we explore what Paul Harvey might have called "the rest of the story."

In the Spirit of the Risen Christ,
The Reverend Paul D. Sanderson

Adult Bible Study

We continue with our exploration of what it means to approach religion in general and the Christian faith in particular from a psychological perspective. We are presently reading Jung's article, "Christ as the Symbol of the Self." Please join us for this fascinating exploration of our faith!

The Adult Bible Study group meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of every month from 9:15 – 10:30 AM in the Vestry.

Missions Offering

PREVENTING
HUNGER
IN CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS



Our Mission Offerings for April will go to benefit the Worcester County Food Bank. Worcester County Food Bank is the largest anti-hunger organization in Central Massachusetts. They service the Hunger-Free Network of 178 partner agencies in the 60 towns across Worcester County to bring relief to 93,000 individuals/35,000 households while educating and advocating for a hunger-free community.

Their Mission is “To engage, educate, and lead Worcester County in creating a hunger-free community.” The Food Bank is a collaboration of local non-profit human and social service providers, donors from the food industry, corporate, government, civic and private sectors, and individual volunteers whose support and partnership is focused on “providing relief from hunger” to friends and neighbors in Central Massachusetts.

Since its incorporation in 1982, the Worcester County Food Bank has collected and distributed more than 50 million pounds of food and grocery product through a network of local shelters, food pantries, senior centers, residential rehabilitation programs, soup kitchens, after-school programs and neighborhood centers that help feed hungry people of all ages in 60 communities in Central Massachusetts.

Their base of operations is a 37,000 square foot facility located at 474 Boston Turnpike (Route 9), Shrewsbury, MA. The Worcester County Food Bank is also a member of Feeding America, the nation's official network of food banks and food rescue organizations.

What's new???

The Worcester County Food Bank, in conjunction with a nationwide effort by Feeding America, has just concluded a comprehensive study of the dimensions of hunger in Central Massachusetts. Listed below are some excerpts from the results of the study, *Hunger in America 2010*:

Hunger in America 2010

This report presents information on the clients and agencies served by The Worcester County Food Bank, Inc. The information is drawn from a national study, *Hunger in America 2010*, conducted in 2009 for Feeding America (FA) (formerly America's Second Harvest), the nation's largest organization of emergency food providers.

The national study is based on completed in-person interviews with more than 62,000 clients served by the FA national network, as well as on completed questionnaires from more than 37,000 FA agencies. The study summarized below focuses on emergency food providers and their clients who are supplied with food by food banks in the FA network. Emergency food programs are defined to include food pantries, soup kitchens, and emergency shelters serving short-term residents. It should be recognized that many other types of providers served by food banks are, for the most part, not described in this study, including such programs as Congregate Meals for seniors, day care facilities, and after school programs.

Key findings are summarized below:

How many clients receive emergency food from The Worcester County Food Bank, Inc.?

- The FA system served by The Worcester County Food Bank provides emergency food for an estimated 86,600 different people annually.
- About 12,000 different people receive emergency food assistance in any given week.

Who receives emergency food assistance?

FA agencies served by The Worcester County Food Bank provide food for a broad cross-section of households. Key characteristics include:

- 39% of the members of households are children under 18 years old
- 5% of the members of households are children age 0 to 5 years
- 6% of the members of households are elderly
- About 54% of clients are non-Hispanic white, 11% are non-Hispanic black, 31% are Hispanic, and the rest are from other racial groups
- 25% of households include at least one employed adult
- 69% have incomes below the federal poverty level during the previous month
- 8% are homeless

Many clients report having to choose between food and other necessities.

- 47% of clients served by The Worcester County Food Bank report having to choose between paying for food and paying for utilities or heating fuel
- 35% had to choose between paying for food and paying their rent or mortgage
- 28% had to choose between paying for food and paying for medicine or medical care
- 34% had to choose between paying for food and paying for transportation
- 19% had to choose between paying for food and paying for gas for a car

Many clients are in poor health.

- 28% of households served by The Worcester County Food Bank report having at least one household member in poor health.

Have agencies with emergency food providers reported changes in the number of clients seeking services?

- Among programs that existed in 2006, 89% of pantries, 80% of kitchens, and 31% of shelters of The Worcester County Food Bank, Inc. reported that there had been an increase since 2006 in the number of clients who come to their emergency food program sites.

S O U T H B O R O U G H
F O O D
P A N T R Y



Please help us help others!

First Community Church Shopping List for April**PAPER TOWELS & COFFEE**

For the month of April, we will be collecting paper towels and 1 lb. cans of regular coffee (no decaf or flavored).

The collection box is located in the Vestry for you to drop off your items.



Laity Sunday

What is Laity Sunday? It is an annual opportunity for the congregation of our Church to be participants in the entire Sunday morning service. It is a chance to share with our fellow Christians a little bit of our personal faith.

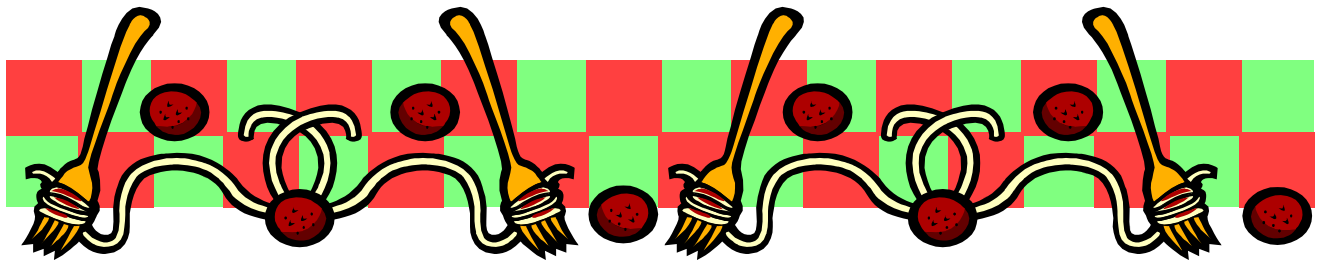
When is Lay Sunday? This year it will be held on Sunday, April 11.

Who will fill the positions on Lay Sunday? The Diaconate is looking for volunteers to serve in the following parts of the service:

- ◆ Call to Worship
- ◆ Prayer of Invocation
- ◆ Announcements & Passing of the Peace
- ◆ Celebrations & Concerns; Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Scripture Reading
- ◆ Hymn Sing - All voices will join together
- ◆ Offering and Prayer of Dedication
- ◆ Benediction

Where is Lay Sunday being held? First Community Church of Southborough, of course.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Vestry.



Spaghetti Supper

Come one; come all to the First Community Church of Southborough's Spaghetti Supper. Sponsored by the Board of Trustees, it will be held on Saturday, April 17 at 6:00 PM.

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children 5-12, and no charge for children under 5. The tickets are on sale now and may be purchased from any of the Trustees.

This is our first fundraiser for the year 2010 and all the proceeds will be going to the General Fund. Please come and bring your relatives, friends, and neighbors to enjoy a great dinner and time of fellowship.



2010 Board of Trustees

George Nutting, David Crane, Beth Hook Marlene Joe, Scott McKeen and Skip Willman

Spiritual Study & Growth Group

**An Eight-Week Program Led By Rev. Sanderson
Begins Thursday, April 22**

Have you lost a loved one to death? Perhaps even this past year? Are you concerned about the loss of a loved one in the near or distant future? Do you ever think about your own death, wonder about it, perhaps even experience some “existential anxiety” or dread in relation to it? This is not uncommon, even for us as Christians.

This spring, as we emerge from the Easter season, rich with its themes of death and resurrection, would be a wonderful time to explore the matter of death. In our Spiritual Study and Growth Group we will be exploring the matter of death from a Buddhist perspective, a perspective that I believe is not only compatible with a Christian perspective, but which might actually shed light on it.

We will be reading the Zen Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh’s thoughtful book *No Death, No Fear: Comforting Wisdom for Life*. For those of you who are unable to find the time to read during the week, we will be able to read each of the nine chapters during our sessions and have time to discuss them, since the chapters are not long.

We will meet for a total of eight Thursdays from April 22 to June 10 at 7:00 PM in the Vestry. Please join us!

Bottles & Cans For Cash



First Community Church is lined up for Wednesday, April 28 for our day in the “Cage” -- the day that we take our turn to sort and bag cans and bottles for cash! The Transfer Station’s Bottle and Can Cage in Southborough is located off Route 85, near the Post Office.

By giving your time and efforts for just a few hours on that day, our Church has a great opportunity for a chance to earn money through this great fundraiser to go toward the General Fund.

Please put your name on the dotted line on the sign-up sheet that is posted in the Vestry.

Mattie Cummings
Chief Bottle & Can Collector

Report Of The Trustees

The Trustees are pleased to report that the kitchen roof is repaired and it looks great! And might we add -- done just before the heavy rains that came during the last week in March. The total cost for the project was \$1,900. There was a total of \$400 donated to help defray the costs -- our many thanks to those who donated.

Our next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, April 13 at 6:00 PM.

An Invitation To New Members

New members will be received into the church later this spring on a date to be determined. If you would like to enter into full fellowship with our church, or if you have any questions about what membership in our church involves, please contact the Pastor.



From The Desk Of The Collector

In the eye of the beholder

Did you ever wonder what it costs to meet our Church budget? Different viewpoints may yield different results! Our budget this year is \$77,760. That is equivalent to \$1,495 per week. If we have an average attendance of 35 that would equate to \$42.71 per person each week. That would be \$85.42 per couple. That would be \$125.13 for a couple with one child. Of course, we also can depend on proceeds from the invested funds (primarily from the sale of the parsonage about 1993). And we have other sources of funds such as pie sales and yard sales. Did you know that there are faithful supporters of our Church who mail their support in regularly when unable to attend?

So what do you get for your \$42.71?

Each of us have different values but here is some of the potential: A traditional Protestant service that contains a thought provoking sermon from a Pastor with a lifetime of experience in preaching, teaching, and counseling; music provided by a choir that is led by an enthusiastic lover of religious music and an extremely talented organist/pianist; a fellowship with other congregants that continues regularly during coffee hour for over an hour after the worship service ended. Add to that a Sunday morning Bible Study; mix in a Thursday evening Adult Study series with a few special services a year.

I'd say you got your money's worth!

Jim Holmes
Collector



Breads For Haiti

The Stewardship and Growth Committee will be sponsoring *BREADS FOR HAITI* on Sunday morning, April 25, at Coffee Hour.

Please help us by baking a loaf of bread (breads from bread machines are welcome!), some muffins, scones, coffee cakes, banana breads, etc. Of course, we'd love to have you come and buy breads, too! All money will go to our Haiti mission.

If you have questions see Darlene Sanderson, David Sickles, or any member of the committee. Breads of any kind can be brought to church on Sunday or dropped off earlier.

A Blast From The Past

125 Years Ago

1885 -- April

- ◆ Mr. A.F. Johnson of Southboro recently sold a fat seven year old cow that dressed 905 pounds. Who can beat the "Boss of Southboro?"
- ◆ Mrs. Mary Saunders of Fayville died from the effects of arsenic poisoning, the poisoning coming from several thicknesses of wallpaper, which she removed from the walls of a room the day before, preparatory to repapering. Mrs. Saunders was 27 years of age.

100 Years Ago

1910 -- April

- ◆ The state road is now in operation between the 2 villages (Cordaville & Southville) and repairing and grading is being done.
- ◆ The Easter concert at the Congregational church, last Sunday evening was well attended, many being present from outside that church attendance. The church was beautifully decorated with Easter bells and flowers. Miss Nellie Cross, organist for the evening, had the affair in charge. The singing by the church choir was excellent. The Choir comprised Mrs. M. Jackson, Mrs. J.F. Chickering, Mrs. S.R. Works, Miss Ruth Ladd, sopranos; Mrs. C.H. Holmes, alto; W.B. Boutilier, tenor; Mr. Crawford, baritone, S.R. Works and Chas. E. Fuller, bass. Solos were well rendered by Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Works. There was a reading by Mr. Rogers; recitations by the school children. Mr. Crawford is deserving of special mention as he gave his services for the evening. He is a new comer to the village. It was an excellent Easter, the services being excellent.

50 Years Ago

1960 -- April

- ◆ Men's Club Report

Officers: President: Bud Hubley; Vice president: Bud Williams; Secretary: Ed Meserve; Treasurer: Ed Lambert. The Men's club of Southville Federated Church enjoyed a very active year. Many of the members started the year by playing basketball. It was decided in an effort to raise money, that the men would stage a Minstrel Show in the Marlboro Theatre. With the help of the club and most of the Church, the show was a success.

In addition the club found time to lend its efforts to redecorate the interior of the Church. For the summer months the meetings were cancelled except for an outdoor barbecue in August at which time the entire Church was invited as guests. September's meeting was a supper for the men only at which time speakers spoke on town issues. Twenty nine attended which was an encouraging high for the group.

25 Years Ago

1985 -- April

- ◆ New members joining April 4th: Jennifer Fletcher; John Fletcher; Clifford Palmer; Lori Sickles; John Willman; Wendy Willman.
- ◆ An open meeting of the Church Council was held in April. Many suggestions were discussed such as more church suppers, better communication, hymn sings, visitations, etc.

firstcommunitychurch.com



Our new church web site has been up and running for about six months now. To date the Sermons page has been the most frequently visited with approximately 290 visits and 190 sermons downloaded to date. We currently keep between 10 and 15 recent sermons available for download. The Who We Are page runs second with 135 visits and the Spiritual Study and Growth page third with 100. We have received several compliments including one from Beth Hook's family in Florida.

Although the site was designed primarily to be informative for those living in our area who may be seeking a church, it also contains information for our current church family. Special events such as the Spiritual Study and Growth Group, yard sales, and church dinners are advertised on the home page with a link to a page providing more information about the meeting or event. There is a calendar of events (which is an adjunct to the one printed in the church newsletter) that is updated on a weekly basis.

If you haven't checked it out yet, please do so. It's at **firstcommunitychurch.com** on the Internet. We welcome your feedback and any suggestions for improving the site. Please contact Dave Crane or anyone on the Stewardship and Growth Committee.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship will be meeting on Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM. Martha Hubley will lead devotions and Sherry Jodrey and Arlene Williams will be in charge of refreshments.

We have some upcoming programs you won't want to miss. On Saturday April 10 at 10:00 AM, we will be holding a "Sewing Event" at our church. The Women's Fellowship has been working on "Pillowcase Sundresses for Haiti" and we would like you to join us. We need people who can pass an iron, pin two pieces of cloth together, and others who can hand sew or baste. Bring your sewing machine, a power strip or extension cord, and a bag lunch for our break at noon. We hope to finish our dresses by the end of May and send them off to Haiti.

The Women's Fellowship is planning a "Mini Chair Wash" on Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. All the ladies agreed that our folding chairs needed a good washing. We talked with David Sickles who was happy to hear about the Chair Wash and he will be replacing all the screws missing from the chairs. Anyone who would like to lend a hand at the Chair Wash are welcomed, just bring a good sponge -- the water and suds will be provided.

We wish to extend an invitation to everyone to come to our meeting on Tuesday May 18 to meet Rev. Jeanne Friswell and learn about "Tai Chi." Rev. Friswell is a Tai Chi instructor at the Southborough Senior Center. It promises to be a fun and informative evening. A business meeting will be held promptly at 6:30 PM and our guest will begin her program at 7:00 PM. Garcia Passley has devotions that evening and Beverly Lees and Evelyn Till are scheduled for refreshments.

Mattie Cummings, Secretary

Spring Is Here



It's the time of year we want to clean out the closets, the cellar and the kitchen drawers! Get rid of all the "stuff" that has accumulated! Start sorting what you do not want or need and save it for the Spring Yard Sale to be held Saturday May 22 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the church. Stop by and have a cup of coffee and a donut or muffin, which will be available.

Furniture, games, puzzles, clothes, baby items, linens, dishes (they do not have to be complete sets), glasses, jewelry, tools, and sporting goods will be gladly accepted. Please make sure that whatever you donate is clean, not broken and has all the parts, and VCRs that work. We will not be accepting TVs or computers. We want only children's books!

The Women's Fellowship will have a bake table of all sorts of goodies so make sure to stop by, check out the "treasures" and buy something from the bake table to take home.

Watch for a sign up sheet in the Vestry for volunteers to clean and price, sell, and clean up.

Any questions? Ask Darlene Sanderson or David Sickles, Co-chairs, or any member of the Stewardship and Growth Committee.

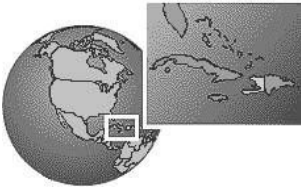
Confirmation Sunday

On Sunday, May 9, Emily Hite and Mitchell Hilbert will be welcomed into full fellowship with our church. Both Emily and Mitchell were exceptionally faithful throughout the six years of their confirmation class, which was taught by the Pastor.

In the course of the past six years, we carefully read and discussed the following books of the Bible: Genesis, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Acts. In addition to utilizing the resources of the UCC confirmation text *My Confirmation*, we explored the similarities and differences between Islam, Buddhism, and Christianity.

Following their exploration of the fundamentals of the Christian faith, Emily and Mitchell have chosen to confirm their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation and by entering into full membership with our church.

It is especially fitting that we welcome these confirmands on May 9, which is Mother's Day, because of the role their mothers, Nancy Hite and Darcy Hilbert, have played in the spiritual and moral development of these two fine young people.



A Haiti Mission Update

"His Royal Ministry"

1 Pet. 2:9

*Working with Haitian Pastors and Leaders
to Build Up Christ's Church in Haiti*

Matt. 5:15
Rev. 1:20

Mattie L. Cummings, Director
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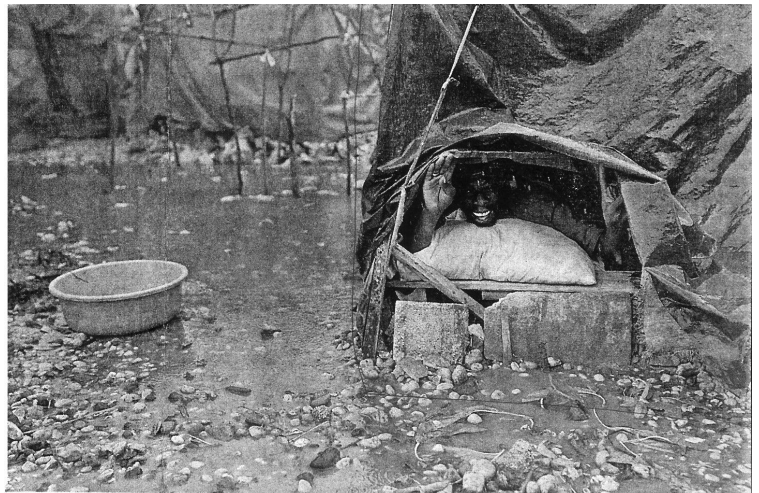
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Dear Members and Friends,

This picture from the March 20th edition of the Boston Globe says everything about what is happening right now in Haiti.

It is the rainy season there and millions of men, women, and children are struggling again for survival.

This natural disaster has been a game changer for Haiti and all those who are trying to help there. His Royal Ministry must also change. My husband Lee and I have talked many times about making the Ministry a "Non-Profit Organization" to be able to do more and make all donations tax deductible for others outside of our church who wants to help Haiti in this Great Hour of Need.



HEAVY RAIN POUNDS HAITI'S HOMELESS — A man looked out from his tent yesterday at a camp for homeless survivors of the magnitude-7 earthquake that hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti, in January. A downpour swept tents and tarps in the camp, terrorizing residents. There were no reports of deaths in the camp. **A7**

Lee has been faithfully supporting the work there in a big way for sometime now and that has meant hundreds of children in Haiti were able to learn to read and write. Our small work has been making a difference. Now it will take a long sustained effort to rebuild our churches and schools and without asking, I know this is in the heart of God and know He will help us by touching willing hearts and hands.

To become a 501(c)(3) organization, we must start by forming a Board, and some people in the church have already stated they would be willing to help Haiti by being a part of that Board. Needed are a Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Other directors will come later. If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping Haiti with the gift of service on this Board, please contact Mattie or Lee Cummings. We can be reached by mail, phone, or email -

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One of our first goals is to have a Haitian National on our Board to help all of us to learn and understand the Haitian mind and culture, which will better help and serve the Haitian people.

Please keep this effort in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Mattie Cummings
Director - "His Royal Ministry"

Annual Meeting -- A Big Success!



Our annual meeting was held after worship on Sunday, February 21, following a delicious potluck luncheon that was hosted by the Women’s Fellowship.

Reports from the boards and committees were received, the budget for the coming year was voted, and a full slate of officers and representatives on the boards and committees was accepted. There was a general feeling of celebration concerning all we did in the past year, how healthy our church is both financially and in terms of spirit, and how we are looking forward expectantly to the year to come.

Our Gifts We Bring

<i>Missions -- January – March 2010</i>		
	COLLECTED	DISBURSED
Straight Ahead Ministries	\$475.00	\$475.00
Assabet Valley Pastoral Counseling	\$260.00	\$260.00
Abby’s House	\$378.00	\$380.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$1,403.00	\$1,645.00
TOTALS	\$2,778.00	\$2,760.00

<i>KITCHEN ROOF REPAIR</i>		
	COLLECTED	TRANSFERRED
2009	\$200.00	\$0
2010	\$200.00	\$0
TOTALS	\$400.00	\$0
Amount to complete Kitchen Roof	\$1,500.00	\$1,900.00
Note: Kitchen Roof Project completed in March before the heavy rains -- \$1,500.00 came from Savings		

<i>BUILDING FUND 2010</i>	
COLLECTED	TRANSFERRED
\$200.00	\$0

Bob Farmer
Treasurer

From The Editor

The deadline for the May 2010 Newsletter is **Sunday, April 25, 2010**. Remember to include any dates for meetings or events you would like listed on the calendar. Articles may be submitted to Cheryl Holmes by:



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From Our Missions

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever does.”

~Margaret Meade



Dear Friend,

It is said that “The longest journey begins with the first step” and the steps we take along the journey to end violence are eased through the generosity of your support! We are in your debt for your valuable support of our work!

Your generous donation to The Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts from the First Community Church of Southborough has a very real and direct impact on the individuals that we serve. Mission gifts like yours are vital in furthering the important work of our agency. As we continue to provide free counseling services to survivors of rape and sexual assault (and their families & friends), please know that this work is not possible without your support.

Your generosity embodies Margaret Meade’s statement above as it reminds us that together, we are changing the world as we work toward ending violence and help survivors learn that healing is possible. Please accept our gratitude to you and your church’s leadership members, congregation, and staff.

With heartfelt thanks,

Kim L. Dawkins
Executive Director

end the silence...end the violence

From Our Members

Special Thanks!

I just want to thank everyone for the cards, hugs, prayers and warm condolences on the loss of my best friend for 16 years, Cassidy. She was such a big part of my life. This church has brought me through many things and you've all done it yet again. You are all an amazing group of such caring people. Special thanks to "my" wonderful choir for all their love and support.

With Love,
David Sickles

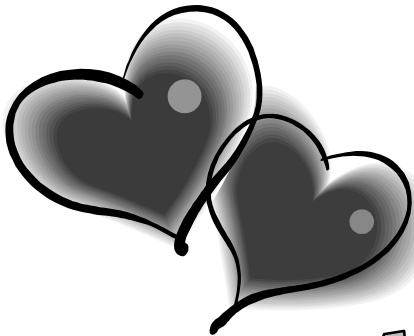
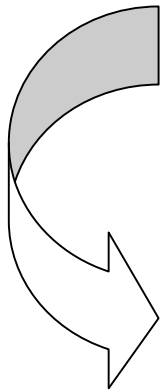
With Our Special Thanks To --

- ◆ All those who helped with the Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper held at the Pilgrim Church on the last meeting of our United Parishes of Southborough Lenten Series.
- ◆ Gil Joe for donating his time and talents to install some new plugs in the Vestry so that his wife Marlene can work in some new creative ideas to make "Coffee Hour" easier for anyone willing to host and for all of us to enjoy -- Thanks Marlene!

LOOKING AHEAD

Spring Yard Sale
Saturday, May 22

Write down these dates!!



CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

Lou Dundin	1 st
Kathleen Lirette	3 rd
Ron Sickles	7 th
Charles Curtiss	14 th
Skip Willman	17 th
Gloria Sadler	30 th

Anniversaries

Scott & Sandy McKeen	29 th
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THE RESURRECTION

*We hold so close to our hearts
The cross where Jesus died
But so much more than the blood-stained cross
Is that Jesus came back to life*

*The stone's been rolled away
The tomb lay open and bare
They looked for Him, and then the angel said
That He is no longer here*

*Oh what joy they must have felt
To see Him just once more
To eat with Him, to drink with Him
To receive Him back as Lord*

*So much did He accomplish
Through His death upon the cross
And in His rising from the dead
He reconciled us back to God*



*Nothing else could bridge the gap
That sin had wrenched apart
Now we can freely go to God
And receive Christ in our hearts*

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For we are laborers together with God...(13 Corinthians 3:9)

Lay Leaders

April 4 - Dave Crane
April 11 - Pat Grogan
April 18 - Cheryl Holmes
April 25 - Bob L'Heureux

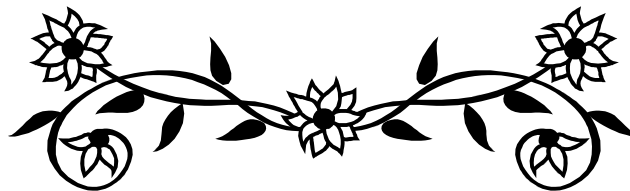


Greeters

April 4 - Sharon & Skip Willman
April 11 - Dianne Simmons
April 18 - Beverly Lees
April 25 - Scott McKeen

Coffee Hour Hosts

April 4 - Easter -- No Coffee Hour
April 11 - Mattie Cummings & Rachel Lirette
April 18 - Beth Hook & Martha Hubley
April 25 - Thelma Oakes



Memorial Flowers

April 4 - Dianne Simmons
April 11 - Garcia Passley
April 18 - Ethel Armstrong
April 25 -

Deacons for April

Ralph Claflin and Dianne Simmons

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2010</h1> <h2>Missions – Worcester County Food Bank</h2>				1  MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM <i>Tenebrae Service</i>	2  GOOD FRIDAY	3 HOLY SATURDAY
4 Easter Sunday 6:30 AM Sunrise Service 10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> No Coffee Hour 	5	6 7:15 PM Diaconate Meeting	7 7:00 PM Investment Committee	8	9	10  "A Sewing Event" 10:00 AM
11 Laity Sunday 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Service	12	13 4:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting	14	15	16	17  Spaghetti Supper 6:00 PM
18 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER LENT 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Service	19  Patriot's Day	20 4:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Women's Fellowship	21	22 7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group  Earth Day	23	24
25 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER LENT 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Service May Newsletter Deadline	26	27 4:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	28  BOTTLES & CANS FOR CASH Begins at 8:30 AM	29 7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group	30	