

First Community Church

Newsletter

May 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

The fifty days between Easter and Pentecost, also known as the Easter season, is a wonderful liturgical season of the year in the life of the church. It is a time when we reflect on the events of Holy Week and the significance of the Resurrection. It is a time when we reflect on how the disciples rediscovered Jesus and how their sense of his presence transformed them from disciples into apostles. It is a time for us to reflect on what it means to be both a disciple, a follower of our Lord, and an apostle, one who carries on our Lord's healing and reconciling ministry in the world.

It seems that this year in particular we need to hear the Good News. We need to remember the lessons of Good Friday as we, like the disciples, move forward into life. We need to remember that Good Friday was not only a part of Jesus' life but that "Good Fridays" are integral parts of our lives. We need to remember, both as individuals and as a nation, that the phoenix can arise from the ashes, that little shoots of life can break through the hard frozen ground, and that, if we have faith, a resurrection can follow a crucifixion.

We also need to remember the lessons of Maundy Thursday when we are passing through "the valley of deep darkness" (which is an alternative translation of "the valley of the shadow of death" in the 23rd psalm). During these times in our lives we need to turn to each other for the kind of support that only comes through community. We need to remember that, on his last night with his disciples, Jesus washed their feet. We need to remember the Great Commandment, the great commission that he left to them: "Love one another as I have loved you." We also need to remember his promise to be with his disciples always, even to the end of time.

The Easter season is a time of hope. It brings a hope that is not grounded in our financial and political systems, which we know are flawed, and our financial and political leaders, who have too often betrayed the trust that was given to them, who have sold out their constituents for thirty

pieces of silver (or a whole lot more). Our hope is grounded in a God who created us and who is constantly working both in us and in the world for health and healing.

I think our nation could learn something from our church. We have a sense of community in our church, the kind of genuine community that appears to be in short supply in our nation and in the world. We celebrate diversity. We listen to each other respectfully, even when we disagree about an issue. This stands in stark contrast to the ubiquitous hate rhetoric on the national and international level that I find deeply troubling.

Even when many, if not most of us, are going through difficult times financially, our pledges are approximately the same as they were last year. Just because we are going through difficult times, we do not stop caring and we do not stop giving. Our mission giving this past year has actually increased. This past month alone we raised over five hundred dollars of additional support for our mission in Haiti through the Stewardship and Growth Committee's "Cookies for Haiti" and "Breads for Haiti" bake sales.

As I mentioned in my sermon last week, there is a dramatic difference between a fear response and a faith response. This is true in relation to death, and it is also true in relation to life. A crisis, whether it is on an individual or national level, can bring out the worst in us. Our fear can lead us to become self-centered and selfish, concerned only with ourselves. A survival mentality leads to grasping and to a hardening of our hearts.

A faith response is quite different. A faith response brings out the best in us. It leads us into an increased sensitivity to those who are in greater need than we. I think of this whenever I see the "pillowcase dresses" that the women of our church have created and the health packets that Rachel Hooper is assembling to send to the children of Haiti. I also think of the many meals that our church members have brought to those of our church family who are going through a difficult time.

It is interesting that in the last hours that he spent with his disciples Jesus did not tell them to take care of themselves. He told them to take care of each other. He told them to take care of the world. Then he showed them what it means to give one's life for one's friends. I think this is the Gospel, the Good News that we need to hear once again this Easter season as individuals, as a church, and as a nation.

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

Our Mission Offering for May is the Blankets+ Program (Formerly called Tools of Hope and Blanket Program) by Church World Service (CWS).

Blankets+ is a special mission opportunity that involves all ages. Some 8,000 congregations and groups across the U.S. hold CWS

Blankets+ events, providing funds to help people in need around the world, including the U.S. For over 60 years, Church World Service has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future including:

- **Blankets, tents, food** and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster.
- **Tools and seeds** for refugees returning home to replant their fields.
- **Wells** for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens.
- **Literacy training and microcredit** for women struggling to realize their potential.



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blanket the world with love!*



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Bringing warmth, building hope



Under a big blue tent, more than 100 children, ages 6 to 14, are seated in small groups paying close attention to their teachers. Surrounded by ruined buildings, these Haitian children, who lost homes and family members during the earthquake, are continuing their education with the help of the CWS-supported House of Hope program. The tent also serves as a dormitory for the children and their families of Church World Service.

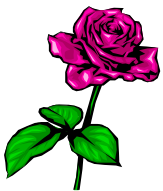
Blankets have brought welcome warmth during the cool evenings. Church World Service was able to rush blankets

and CWS Kits to the people of Haiti within the first 24 hours thanks to pre-positioned supplies in neighboring Dominican Republic. Medical supplies, food, water and tents have also been provided as part of the CWS and ACT Alliance combined effort. Your support helps make that kind of swift response possible.

Contributions to Blankets+ mean Church World Service will be in Haiti for the long haul, as families recover from this tragedy. And we will be ready to help families in other parts of the world to recover from disasters and build viable, sustainable lives and communities.

Through Blankets+ you can make a world of difference in Haiti and across the globe.

- ♥ \$25 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by an earthquake or other disaster.
- ♥ \$105 can provide female health workers with three life-giving birthing kits.
- ♥ \$200 can provide a village with ten bio-sand filters to significantly eliminate impurities in the local water supply.
- ♥ \$250 can provide a sewing machine to a young mother who needs to support her family.
- ♥ \$1,000 can equip a village well with a pump and provide hygiene training for the community.



With Our Sincerest Sympathies

We reach out to Roy Pinnock and Garcia Passley with our most heartfelt sympathies for their recent loss of Roy's mother. Our prayers and love go out to each member of the Pinnock family for their great loss.

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 May

CONDIMENTS & BEVERAGES

For the month of May, we will be collecting the following:

Ketchup, Mustard, Relish & Mayonnaise



**1 lb. cans of regular coffee
(no decaf or flavored)**

Juice boxes (100% fruit)



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

Spiritual Study & Growth Group

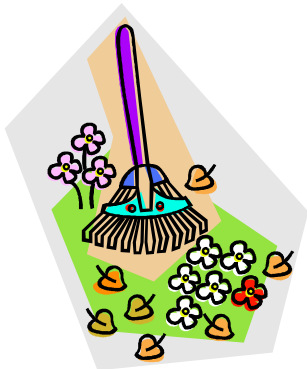
**Thursday Evenings, 7:00 PM Led By Rev. Sanderson
April 22 - June 10**

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.

Please join us!



Spring Has Arrived

It’s the time to open the windows to let the fresh air in – to admire the beautiful colors of the flowers blooming and the shrubs blossoming -- A time when we grab our rakes and pruners to tidy up our yards and gardens.

So please come and join the Trustees to tidy up our Church lawns and gardens at our annual Spring Church Clean Up. We are inviting all church members and friends and hoping for a large turnout to work together on Saturday, May 1, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. If you can only work for an hour or so,

that is fine too. Every little bit helps.

The work has already begun! Karin Farmer has been busy planting pansies all over -- in the kitchen garden, under our new sign and in front of the church. (Thanks Karin) The mulch has been ordered and will be there for Saturday morning.

Most of the work is very light and easy. So bring your rake, and join us.

An Invitation To New Members

New members will be received into the church later this spring. 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

As is common in our Church, we have many people who wear multiple “hats.” Indeed, we would have a hard time functioning without people periodically completing “hat tricks.” Thus, it is that yours truly finds himself serving as Treasurer of the Deacons for the coming year. Since the Diaconate expenses are not generally a part of the Church budget (currently \$77,760), I thought it appropriate to list some of the many uses **YOUR** contributions to the monthly Deacons Offerings is used:

- ★ Floral arrangements for illnesses, sympathies, etc.
- ★ Assistance to families in need
- ★ Carnations for Mother’s Day
- ★ Father’s Day Strawberry Social
- ★ Upper Room subscription
- ★ United Parishes of Southborough
- ★ Chair lift repairs
- ★ Partial coverage of copier contract
- ★ Choir Appreciation
- ★ Lenten supplies including palms
- ★ Bibles

A Deacon’s Fund envelope can be found in your box of pledge envelopes at the beginning of every month. If you do not have envelopes, you may contribute by marking an envelope “Deacons” and putting it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

Our Hat’s off to you!

Jim Holmes
Collector

Investment Committee



The Investment Committee is happy to report that the Parsonage Fund is once again in the black, even after making its regular payments to the General Fund! After moving most of the Parsonage Fund out of the market to avoid the worst of the downturn, we have now fully returned to the market and are taking advantage of the recent gains. The Endowment Fund has shown some gains as well.

We also continue to receive steady returns on the gifted IBM stock that we bought from the General Fund last year.

Investment Committee

Lou Dundin, Karin Farmer, Beverly Lees, Sandra McKeen, and Cathy Ten Eyck

A Blast From The Past

101 Years Ago

1909 -- May

- ◆ Friday May 14th 1909 may be remembered in Southboro as the day on which the first wireless message was received, for on that day John Maloy put his station to the test and successfully intercepted two messages, one of which was from New York. It so happened that some of John's friends were present when he received his first message and were very much interested witnesses, and from them and others he has received congratulations upon the thoroughness of his work evidenced as it is by its success.

100 Years Ago

1910 -- May

- ◆ The entertainment given by the Ladies' Home Circle of the Congregational church of this town in the hall last week Friday evening was well attended and a decided success, the hall being packed to the doors with "standing room only." The affair was in charge of Miss Cross and she must certainly be complimented. Special mention should be made of the singing of Miss Gertrude Flood, Mr. Crawford and the recitation of Lawyer W. Flint, also the piano playing of Miss Hazel Burt. The comedy farce entitled "The ministers chicken pie" was well rendered, and those that took part were minister, Solon R. Works; minister's wife, Miss Jessie L. Hyde. A sewing circle was in order which comprised Mrs. Howard Clark, matron, Miss Ruth Ladd, Miss Annie Moran, Mrs. Solon Works, Mrs. Frank Works, Mrs. H. Holmes, Miss Gertrude Flood and Miss Culver of Huntington who acted the part of "Sally", the hired girl, was the chief attraction of the evening. Mrs. Walter Boutilier was piano accompanist during the performance and her playing was excellent. Miss Pachia, a neighbor's wife and a gossip of the village, also made a bit with the audience. The laughable part was when the minister went to cut the chicken pie and found the legs of the chicken baked in the pie and also Miss Pachia's sewing thimble, which she lost in the pie in trying to find out how it was baked. In fact it was a pleasant social gathering and we hope they will have another one soon. Here is success to the Ladies' Home circle of the Congregational church and may they long continue to hold their popularity.
- ◆ The Halley comet is visible to the naked eye an hour or 2 before sunrise. The tail grows brighter from day to day.
- ◆ P.S. Lincoln now has an up to date country grocery store as he recently had it remodeled and put into good condition. Mr. Lincoln is a popular man in this vicinity and has many friends. (Historian's note: This is the building immediately west of the Church at Parkerville and Southville Roads)

75 Years Ago

1935 -- May

- ◆ Alec Nelson was a recent visitor at West Cummington where the Southboro coon club maintains a hunting lodge. (Historian's Note: This is Ethel Armstrong's brother.)
- ◆ Mrs. Stone and daughter, Mildred, have returned after an extended visit at Bangor, Maine. (Historian's note: this would be Millie Turenne.)

50 Years Ago

1960 -- May

◆ Report of the Choir Director

Last October you re-elected me as the Senior Choir Director. I fully realized the task before me and entered upon its duties with a determination to make the First Federated Church Choir one of the best in the local area. We did not reach this goal – yet, but during the last few weeks we have had an influx of young people and with their continued interest, perhaps this coming year we will really show marked improvement.

Since the success of a Choir depends upon regular attendance, it is most important each member realize the importance of his contribution no matter how small he or she may consider it to be. A Choir will improve only to the extent that each member strives to make his own contribution.

As Choir Director, I have felt very fortunate in having such a faithful group to work with. Most of them have been singing for many years and I have come to rely on them to a great extent.

We have continued to do two Anthems a week except during the summer months when special music was secured. We also had the pleasure of working with Bob Long, Choir Director and Organist of the Federated Church in Hudson, for about 6 weeks and gained much from his help.

By each member donating ten cents a week to our Choir Treasury, we have purchased two additional robes (one of which was paid for by a cash donation) and subscribed to another year of the “Choir Herald.” We put on one supper, which netted \$73 for the Redecorating Committee.

But you cannot lead anyone else farther than you have gone yourself. I am not a Minister of Music, but only one who enjoys singing. I am not a trained director, but I surely love this phase of Church work. So it is my most earnest desire that much thought be given to the securing of a trained or well-experienced person to direct your church Choir.

Respectfully submitted,
Winifred Stone

25 Years Ago

1985 -- April

- ◆ Baptisms – Dedications: Keir Anzelmo; Jenna Anzelmo; Kristian Anzelmo
- ◆ A new heating system was installed by R.M. Davis Co. of Framingham.
- ◆ The finance committee of the First Community Church was formed to act as a catalyst for special projects sanctioned by the Board of Trustees and to assist in arranging for major purchases and construction for the Church. Committee members were Church Treasurer Robert Farmer, Robert L’Heureux, Daniel Jackman, James Holmes, Martha Hubley and Jill Selden. The pastor also attended all meetings. Jill Selden served as secretary and we chose to have not chairperson.

Report Of The Diaconate

The Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae with Communion was very moving and powerful for those who attended. United Parishes of Southborough sponsored the very beautiful Sunrise Service at Hopkinton State Park. We are grateful to Bob L'Heureux for organizing the service and to Rev. Paul Sanderson for giving the very meaningful Easter Message. The service was well attended with approximately 100 people present. Beverly Lees, Sandy and Scott McKeen put on a lovely continental breakfast after the Sunrise Service that was enjoyed and appreciated by all attendees.

The church was beautifully decorated by Dave Sickles for the 11:00 AM service. Pat Grogan, once again, organized the donations of lilies and tulips to beautify the altar.

The Diaconate has purchased two very lovely arrangements of silk flowers to place on the altar for those Sundays on which no one has donated flowers. The arrangements were done by Gwen Forrester and we think the congregation will be hard pressed to differentiate them from the live flowers.

Laity Sunday, with a hymn sing for the sermon, was a huge success - well attended and enjoyed by all. We think they heard us across town with that last hymn. A big thank you for all who participated in the service, especially to Dave Sickles who lead us in song.

The next meeting of the Diaconate will be Tuesday May 4 at 7:15 PM.

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.

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship is planning a "Mini Chair Wash" on Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. We all agreed that our folding chairs in the Vestry needed a good washing. Anyone who would like to lend a hand at the Chair Wash is 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

Our Gifts We Bring

<i>Missions -- January - April 2010</i>		
	COLLECTED	DISBURSED
Straight Ahead Ministries	\$475.00	\$475.00
Assabet Valley Pastoral Counseling	\$260.00	\$260.00
Abby's House	\$380.00	\$380.00
Worcester County Food Bank	\$275.00	\$275.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$1,423.00	\$1,645.00
Haiti Cookie Sale	<u>\$262.00</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTALS	\$3,080.00	\$3,035.00

<i>BUILDING FUND 2010</i>	
COLLECTED	TRANSFERRED
\$342.00	\$0

Bob Farmer
Treasurer

From The Editor

The next issue of the Newsletter will be the Summer Issue (June, July & August). The deadline is set for **Sunday, May 23, 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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Thank You

From Our Missions

THE TIBET FUND བོད་ཀྱི་ཐོབ་ས་ཚུ།

Dear Friend of Tibet,

In 2009, Tibetan refugees around the world marked their 50th year in exile while Tibetans in Tibet continued to endure harsh and oppressive conditions that are destroying their very way of life, language, and traditions. This has been a challenging year for all of us, but with your support, The Tibet Fund was able to bring vital resources to refugee settlements, schools, clinics, monasteries, nunneries, orphanages and elder homes, which has improved the lives of tens of thousands of Tibetans and helped them to sustain their unique culture and national identity.



Despite the economic downturn this past year, we sustained our sponsorship program, which provides much-needed support for hundreds of schoolchildren monks, nuns, and elderly Tibetans in the refugee settlements and in Tibet. By sending 100% of our donors' funds to the schools, monastic institutions and old age homes that care for these beneficiaries, we are helping to relieve the pressures of a growing population and increased operating costs.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Tibet Fund, thank you so much for all the members of First Community Church of Southborough for their generous contribution of the sponsorship donation to support Yeshi Tenpa.

Through your support, the School will be able to provide healthy meals, basic necessities and education to Yeshi, which will ensure a brighter future for him. Kindly note that your donations cover the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Again thank you for your continued support of needy Tibetan refugee children in India.

With best wishes,

Yangzom (Mrs.)
Tibet Fund

From Our Members

To Members and Friends,

Thank you for the pretty pot of tulips and pussy willow sprigs. I will plant them outdoors later on.

Sincerely,

Earle Watkins

With Our Special Thanks To --

- ◆ David Sickles, Pat Grogan, Beverly Lees, and Sandy McKeen for making our Sanctuary so beautiful for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.
- ◆ Rev. Sanderson, the readers, and the Choir for making Maundy Thursday's Tenebrae Service a solemn and moving evening during Holy Week.
- ◆ All those who took part in this year's United Parishes Easter Sunrise Service. Thanks to Rev. Sanderson for again delivering the Easter message and a very big thank you to Bob L'Heureux for all his time and effort to organize the entire program.
- ◆ Beverly Lees, Sandy and Scott McKeen for preparing the great continental breakfast that was served at First Community Church following the Easter Sunrise Service.
- ◆ All the people who participated in the Laity Sunday Service. A special thanks to David Sickles for leading us in an old-fashioned hymn sing.
- ◆ The Trustees for the delicious Spaghetti Supper, which raised \$377 for the General Fund. A big thank you to Chef Skip for sharing his culinary talents. Thanks to Bob Farmer for teaching us "Everything we need to know about Italy but were afraid to ask" with his Italian Trivia Quiz. Everyone had a great meal followed by a time of fellowship and fun.
- ◆ The Stewardship Committee who held another successful fundraiser "Breads for Haiti" to help the people of Haiti. Thanks to all who baked and to all who bought. We had cinnamon raisin bread, oatmeal bread, banana bread, cranberry bread, datenut bread, chocolate chip muffins, banana muffins, sour cream coffee cakes, orange cranberry muffins, streusel coffee cakes, three kinds of scones, Amish friendship breads, corn bread, anadama bread, and 'monkey' bread! A big thank you to Darlene Sanderson for her fine efforts to set up on Sunday morning for the sale.

Memorial Day Reflections



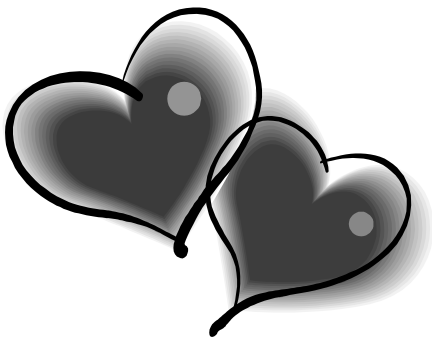
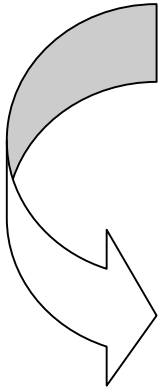
Memorial Day is a good time to reflect on the sacrifices and services of the American soldiers and veterans and the U.S. military men and women. The American military is, has always been and will always recruit the best and finest of the crop of young men and women of the country and we will continue to shower them with appreciation, support and prayers, as we have always done. Memorial Day is just an opportunity for us to express the special places they have in the hearts of American citizens and more by honoring the people who work in the various branches of the military.

The horrific tragedy of September 11, 2001, has stirred all and reawakened the spirit of patriotism in all hearts and unity and oneness binds all Americans in a special bond. The words 'United We Stand' and 'God Bless America' still hold the power to stir our hearts on this very special day. Let the feelings of true patriotism and love for all those who have risked their lives for the sake of America show by putting up American flags in front of your houses, have parties with patriotic themes to honor military and ex-military men and women in your neighborhood and community. It is a good idea to coax them into telling more about their experiences with the military and on the warfront and you may get an opportunity to hear some exceptional real tales that you may have not even imagined about.

LOOKING AHEAD

Strawberry Social
Father's Day -- Sunday, June 20

Write down these dates!!



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Scott Webster	6 th
Cricket Port	10 th
Stan Norcross	12 th
Jan Bishop	13 th
Barbara Bresse	14 th
Sarah Hooper	15 th
Jeff Willman	22 nd
David Crane	23 rd
Nancy Mantos	30 th



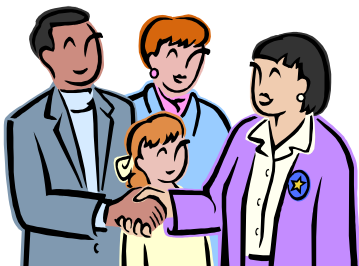
For we are laborers together with God...(1 Corinthians 3:8)

Lay Leaders

May 2 - Pat Grogan
May 9 - Lee Cummings
May 16- Karin Farmer
May 23 - Lou Dundin
May 30 - Cheryl Holmes



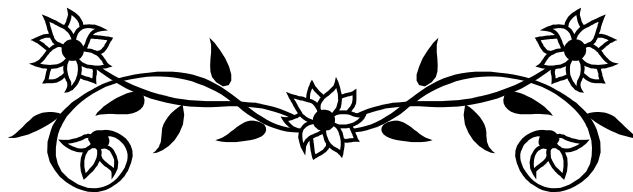
Greeters



May 2 - Beverly Lees
May 9 - Cathy Ten Eyck
May 16 - Joyce Harrington
May 23 - Jan Norcross
May 30 - Dianne Simmons & Martha Templeman

Coffee Hour Hosts

May 2 - Diaconate - Choir Appreciation Sunday
May 9 -
May 16 - Marlene Joe
May 23 -
May 30 - Barbara Crane



Memorial Flowers

May 2 - Hazel Watkinson
May 9 - Beverly Lees
May 16 - David Sickles
May 23 - Sherrie Jodrey
May 30 -

Deacons for May

Dianne Simmons and Jim Holmes

Bits & Pieces

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins but only one mother in the whole world.

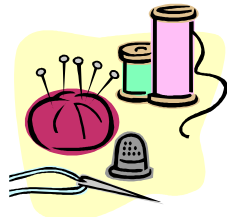
-Kate Douglas Wiggin

She who knows how to do fine sewing can make things beautiful enough for anyone.

- Emily Post

She looketh well to the ways of her household.

- Proverbs 31:27



*In one a trio, beautiful,
Grandmother, loving daughter,
Loving daughter's daughter, sat,
Chatting and sewing.*

- Walt Whitman

There never was a great man who had not a great mother.

- Oliver Schrienier

A mother is the best friend anyone ever has.

- Author Unknown



The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children.

- Elaine Heffner

For if my father was the head of our house, my mother was its heart.

- Philip Dunne

God could not be everywhere, so he created mothers.

- Jewish Proverb



Come Out & Support Our Troops!

1LT Courtney Wilson Care Package Drive

May 15
&
May 16



Saturday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Sunday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Senior Center – 9 Cordaville Rd. (Rt 85) Southborough. Easy access from Rts 9 & 30.

We need your help and support! ! It's easy just drop off items and we sort, box and ship!! Please support our brave servicemen and women with donations of their most requested items. Let's send them as many Care Packages as we can!

It is not so much what is in the box, but the box itself shows people care and we are not forgotten." -- SSG Charles Rupprecht

**** IMPORTANT: Please bring letters/cards. Some service people receive no mail at all. All cards and letters received will be inserted in the packages we send.**

Personal Care items

Deodorant - male/female
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Shower **GEL**
Q-tips and Baby wipes
Razors
Tampons – **(no pads)**
Body lotions and Sunblock
Shaving **GEL (no aerosol)**
Chapstick or Blistex
Foot powder
Travel Shampoo/Conditioner
Bug Spray **(no aerosol)**
Freezer Pops
No Bar Soap Please

Food items – Individual packs please

Gum
Hard candy – Lifesavers, Jolly Ranchers, etc.
M&Ms, Skittles, Twizzlers, etc.
Lollipops –soldiers and children
Nuts, sunflower seeds, Trail Mix
Dried fruits, raisins, apricots, Fruit Roll-ups
Pop Tarts
Canned fruit (single serving)
Microwave foods -Popcorn, Easy Mac, Ramen,etc.
Protein/granola/breakfast bars
Canned soups/ravioli
Cookies and Crackers (individual packs)
Tuna in packets, instant oatmeals
Beef Jerky/Slim Jims

Drink items

Presweetened mixes
Crystal Light, KoolAid
Coffee, tea
Cocoa, iced tea mix
Other items
Puzzle books/playing cards
No Books Please
Batteries – all sizes
Game system games
Pens/pencils
No VHS
DVD (new or used)
Squirt Guns

To volunteer or ask questions please call Lisa at Braccio Electric at (508) 481-9939

or Debbie Depp Wilson at (508) 481-6326

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Mini Chair Wash</i> 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM <i>Spring Clean Up</i> 1:00 - 4:00 PM
2 CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> Coffee Hour following Worship Service	3	4 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Diaconate Meeting	5	6 7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group	7	8
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