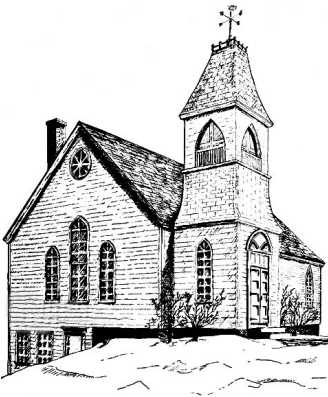


First Community Church

Newsletter

Summer 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

Summer is a relatively quiet time for me. The three-month break from teaching at Assumption College (and grading approximately sixty papers a week) gives me some time to catch up on my reading. Although I will be around for pastoral coverage and committee meetings almost all summer, the five weeks when I do not have to preach gives me a break from not only a hectic Sunday morning schedule but another day in the week (usually Saturday) when I write my sermon. It is a time to be with my family and attend to the many little projects around the house that have been put off during the year.

As we approach the summer, which for many of us brings a change in the rhythm of our lives, I hope that we find some way or ways to nourish our souls. This happens for some through our Sunday morning worship. Several members of the choir have told me that though they love singing in the choir every Sunday and making the contribution they do to our worship service, it is nice to sit in the congregation for a change, perhaps even to worship with one's spouse. One choir member (unnamed) said that he (or she) liked the summer because the choir members can "worship like normal people for a change." Trying to picture the members of our choir being like "normal people" is just a little too much for me to wrap my mind around.

We have had a busy spring in our church. In addition to all the regular activities of the various boards and committees, our annual church cleanup, a spaghetti supper and our traditional bottle and can drive, we have held several fundraisers for Haiti. We just concluded a very successful yard sale that provided an opportunity for fellowship and raised over \$800 for the General Fund. Following our United Parishes of Southborough Lenten series on the meaning of the cross, we have had our own Spiritual Study and Growth Group sessions on understanding death. Even though this group will continue to meet throughout June, I have the feeling we are winding down for the year.

Every summer the Reverend Jonathan Wortmann of Pilgrim Church preaches at both of our churches for five weeks and I cover both churches for the other five. This arrangement enables both Jon and me to take a vacation without incurring a pulpit supply expense for either church. This arrangement has the additional advantage of providing built-in coverage for both churches in case of funerals or other pastoral emergencies. It enables us to keep both churches open so people can worship in a space where they feel comfortable. It also enables us to be with each other at our coffee hour time of fellowship, which is an important part of our Sunday morning experience.

We all need to find some quiet time, some introverted time to nourish our souls. In the midst of crowds pressing in on them, demanding their attention and service, Jesus told his disciples, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place and rest a while." (Mark 6:30-34)

I hope you can find such a place this summer, a quiet space where you can rest, wait, and above all listen for the still, small voice of God. This place may be the familiar surroundings of your home. It may be in the car as you drive from one place to another. It may be when you say a quiet prayer at the end of a long day. It may also be in our Sunday morning worship. We all need a place to connect with God, a time to respond to the healing presence within.

There are times when, in moments unexpected and unplanned, we encounter the presence of God who is already within us. Jesus knew that the source of his great spiritual strength and love was that God who was at the center of his life. We need to remember that even he had to make time, had to find a place where he could reconnect with God. Without this, he and his disciples would have burned out or become depleted when confronted with the pressing demands of so many people, with the call to respond in a healing way to so many legitimate needs.

"The kingdom of God is within you." We need to discover what this means for us both in our moments of quiet this summer and also in our busy schedules throughout the year. We need to discover this both as individuals and as a church. Join us this summer in the quiet spaces of worship and the experience of being together as a community of faith.

Yours in Christ,
Reverend Paul D. Sanderson

Summer Schedule

Throughout the summer, our worship service will be held at the regular time of 11:00 AM. If you need to attend an earlier service because of plans for the day, Pilgrim Church will be holding their service at 9:30 AM. I do need to remind you, however, that they don't have a coffee hour like ours!

The Pastors' schedule is as follows:

Reverend Sanderson	Reverend Wortmann
June 27	August 8, 15, 22, 29
July 4, 11, 18, 25	September 5
August 1	

Missions Offering For June



For June, we support the Heifer Project. Heifer's mission is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. Heifer envisions a world of communities living together in peace and equitably sharing the resources of a healthy planet.

Their strategy is to *"Pass on the Gift."* As people share their animals' offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

The simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for over 60 years. Today, millions of families in 128 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope.

Heifer's Approach: Long-Term Solutions for Sustainable Futures

Heifer applauds and supports the vital work of disaster relief organizations. However, in times of crisis, it's important to explain the distinction between their work and ours.

Ever since our founder, Dan West, came up with the phrase "not a cup, but a cow," Heifer's approach to providing global assistance to struggling countries has been characterized by long-term development, rather than short-term relief.

After immediate needs for food, shelter, fresh water, clothing and other necessities have been met, Heifer works within communities to empower disaster survivors with the economic means - such as livestock, training and other resources - to rebuild their families, their neighborhoods and their hope for sustainable futures.

Here's how Heifer International works:

A typical Heifer project consists of three essential components:

- Livestock and other material goods
- Training and extension work
- Organizational development, which includes planning, management, record keeping, passing on the gift, reporting and evaluation.

And it all starts in a community.

First, Heifer helps a community group analyze their situation. They ask: What do we need? What are our resources? What would we like to see happen in five years? Then, they plan specific activities to achieve their goals.

At this point, the Heifer "living loan" becomes reality. Farmers prepare for their animals by participating in training sessions, building sheds, and sometimes planting trees and grasses.



Then the livestock arrives – bringing with it the benefits of milk, wool, draft power, eggs and offspring to pass on to another farmer.

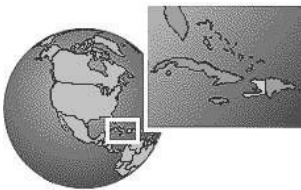
Finally, the group evaluates its progress, and the cycle repeats as the group moves to more and more ambitious goals, each time visioning, deciding, implementing and reflecting.



Every family and community that receives assistance promises to repay their living loan by donating one or more of their animal's offspring to another family in need. This practice of **"Passing on the Gift"** ensures project sustainability, develops community and enhances self-esteem by allowing project partners to become donors.

This is Heifer's **sustainable approach** to ending hunger and poverty – one family, one animal at a time. It's not temporary relief. It's not a handout. It's securing a future with generations of people who have hope, health and dignity.

Missions Offering For July -- Haiti Mission



Matt. 5:15
Rev 1:20

Mattie L. Cummings, Director
20 Flagg Road, Southborough, MA 01772

"His Royal Ministry"

1 Pet. 2:9

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

Tel. (508) 481-2086

*"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."
(Isaiah 40:29)*

With monies raised by the church family of the First Community Church of Southborough, picks, shovels, a sledgehammer and wheelbarrows were purchased in April to begin removing the rubble from the foundations of our fallen down buildings.

This beginning work effort set into motion some wonderful things for our central location, Bellevue. The UNICEF Organization working in many places in the country at this time took note of our efforts and began working with us. "Thank you Lord for sending willing hearts and hands to build up your work in Haiti through His Royal Ministries."

I previously shared in church how UNICEF and our people cleared all the rubble away from the church foundation and brought and set up a large tent on the site to the joy of all in the community. UNICEF continued working with our people to clear the school and clinic foundations as well. Somewhere along the way, a decision was made to rebuild our school building right away and not wait until some future date.

The parents in the area have expressed how blessed they are at these developments and Pastor Nick Guerrier, brother to our representing Pastor Lorinson Guerrier, shared that their hope has been renewed for all things.

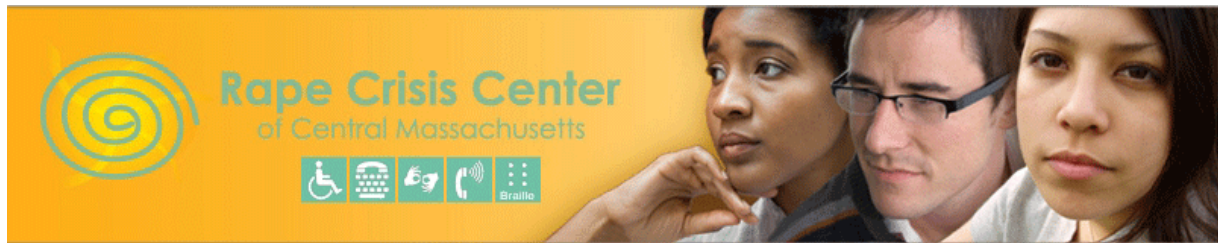
God is also touching hearts for his Kingdom and on Friday, May 20, there was a special baptism service with thirty people giving their profession of faith. God is truly renewing their strength and I pray that he continues to renew ours that we may walk with our brothers and sisters in Haiti. They still have much further to go. How wonderful it is when we do not have to go alone!

On behalf of our church families in Haiti and all those who share in this Mission outreach, we express our most sincere thank you.

Mattie L. Cummings
Executive Director, His Royal Ministry

Missions Offering For August

end the silence...end the violence



In August, our Mission Offerings are donated to the Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts. As a freestanding rape crisis center, the efforts of the entire agency are focused on the issues related to sexual violence. Our sole commitment to these issues results in a deep and widespread impact throughout Central Massachusetts.

Our spiral logo symbolizes the healing journey for survivors

The spiral's center represents the initial aftermath of sexual violence. The intersecting rays on the spiral symbolize the impact that sexual violence has on all aspects of our lives and our healing journey. As we travel this path and build resilience, strength, knowledge and awareness, the intersecting rays of impact diminish.

Mission-Focused and Community-Driven:

The Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts, Inc. (RCCCM) is a SOMWBA Certified, tax-exempt charitable 501(c) (3) agency, established in 1973, and Incorporated in 1982. The mission of the RCCCM is to address the impact of sexual assault and abuse by providing quality and multicultural services to all persons whose lives have been affected by sexual violence and education geared toward the prevention of violence. Our vision is to provide leadership within the Central Massachusetts region that results in a coordinated and Survivor-centered response to sexual assault and abuse within all communities.

RCCCM is proudly one of the first rape crisis centers to be established in Massachusetts. Founded on the philosophy of empowerment and based on the leadership of survivors, the RCCCM has served as a leader within the movement to end sexual violence. Since opening our doors in 1973, RCCCM has been committed to the provision of comprehensive services to the

communities within our service area, which now includes 47 cities and towns in the Greater Worcester and Fitchburg/Leominster areas.

Our Mission is to address the impact of sexual violence by providing quality and multicultural services to those whose lives have been impacted by sexual violence and to provide education geared toward ending violence.

Our Vision is:

- That each survivor has access to culturally appropriate services.
- That communities are actively engaged in prevention.
- That systems be well coordinated and survivor-centered.
- That survivors lead all aspects of the community response to sexual violence.

You are not alone...

Unfortunately, sexual assault can and does happen and it's important to know...

It's Not Your Fault!

No one asks or deserves to be assaulted. Sex requires your consent. Rape and sexual assault are violent crimes and are motivated by a perpetrators need for power and control.

If you or someone you know has been assaulted-- know you have options. **Call our 24-hour hotline 1-800-870-5905 or for support in Spanish) 1-800-223-5001.** We are here to help end the silence, end sexual violence.



Please help us help others!

First Community Church Shopping List for the Summer

For the summer months, we will be collecting all donations that are appropriate and you are willing to give. Choose from the list below or consider making a check out to First Community Church of Southborough with a note earmarking it "Southborough Food Pantry."

Food Items	Rice Pilaf, Coffee, Juice Boxes
Toiletries	Toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, soap, shampoo
Cleaning Supplies	Laundry detergent, bleach, & dishwashing liquid
Paper & Plastic Goods	Napkins, paper towels, toilet tissue, plastic storage or sandwich bags, wax paper, and aluminum foil

The collection box is located next to the L'il Shoppe for you to drop off your items.



We said our goodbyes on Sunday May 23, to Evelyn Till, our dear friend and member of First Community Church of Southborough for many years.

Evelyn “officially” retired from Milford Federal Savings and Loan Bank, and sold her home in Mendon to move to Ann Arbor Michigan to be near her sister Kate.

Evelyn has worn many hats over the years - the list is long and begins with her membership to the First Federated Church of Southborough in 1953. She was the Church Organist and taught Sunday School.

She rejoined First Community Church of Southborough in 1998. She has been our Church Clerk, a Representative to Assabet Pastoral Counseling Center and a Volunteer at Southborough Food Pantry.

Serving twice on the Diaconate, Evelyn also was on the Board of Trustees, and the Investment Committee. She has also served on two Pastoral Search Committees.

In her “spare time,” she has been a member of Women’s Fellowship, sang in our choir (joining about 1999), filled in on the organ, and helped audit our books.

Evelyn, we will miss you - each and every one of us - and wish you nothing but the best in your new life out in Michigan. Some church is going to be lucky to find you!

Evelyn Till
C/O Kate Sullivan
2104 Walnut Ridge Drive
Ann Arbor MI 48103



Report Of The Diaconate

On Sunday, May 23, we bid goodbye and Godspeed to our dear friend and beloved member - Evelyn Till who is beginning a new chapter of her life in Michigan. Our church has been blessed for many years by the talents & efforts of this lovely lady. We will miss her dearly but we all know the bonds of love cannot be broken by time or distance.

Very positive feedback was received regarding our Hymn Sing on Laity Sunday. The Deacons will arrange for more Hymns Sings during the church year as it was enjoyed by many.

Choir Appreciation Sunday was held on May 2, acknowledging their hard work and talents during the church year. We wish them a happy and restful summer and look forward to enjoying their beautiful music and song when they return in September.

The Deacons for the month of June are Bob L'Heureux and Ralph Claflin. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 8 at 7:15 PM.

Just A Phone Call Away



In case of a pastoral emergency during the summer months, call (in this order):

1. Reverend Sanderson (508) 873-0534 (Cell)

This will always get through to me. I will be around most of the summer, so I will be available to respond personally most of the time. If I am out of the state, Reverend Wortmann will be covering for me.

2. Reverend Wortmann (508) 479-8000 (Cell)

3. Bob L'Heureux (508) 485-9389

In the rare event that neither Jonathan nor I is available, Bob will have a list of other pastors from our area who can provide pastoral coverage.



From The Desk Of The Collector

In a recent "Houses of Worship" column in the May 7 Wall Street Journal by Mollie Hemmingway some interesting statements were listed regarding Church giving. Here are some highlights:

- 40% of congregations in various denominations providing figures had a decline in donations in 2009 compared to 29% in 2008.
- Almost 1/3 reported lower than expected collections for December, "a month that traditionally helps many churches meet their budgets."
- Despite these numbers, the rate of tithing (giving at least 10% of one's income) has stayed relatively consistent.
 - Evangelicals report 24% tithing
 - Non-mainline Protestants 13%
 - Churchgoers 11% and those over the age of 45, 9%
- Another interesting fact: 11% of those with incomes under \$20,000 tithe while 9% of more prosperous households did so.

In the third century, when the prefect of Rome demanded Deacon Lawrence of Rome turn the riches of his church over to the emperor, he asked for a few days to gather the wealth. During that time, he distributed church property to the poor and when ordered to pay up, he presented the poor, the crippled, the blind and the suffering and said to the prefect: "These are the treasures of the church." For his deference, he was martyred.

A new book "Tithing: Test Me in This" by Douglas LeBlanc approaches the topic with a series of biographical vignettes. Journalist LeBlanc travels the nation to talk with believers whose lives have been enriched by the ancient spiritual discipline of tithing. He discovers people along the way who do not understand the practice as an onerous law but as God's call to a life of generosity and compassion. The effect on their lives is dramatic.

LeBlanc talks with a variety of believers—from a pastor in the south side of Chicago to progressive Episcopalians, from an Orthodox rabbi to an Eastern Orthodox priest and his wife. By holding their gifts with open hands, they are drawn deeper into a life of joy and sharing that begins in the very heart of God.

Jim Holmes, Collector

Congratulations!



To Holly VanderSluis who received her Juris Doctorate Degree from New York Law School, one of the oldest independent law schools in the United States. The 118th Commencement Program was held on May 14 at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

Holly graduated Magna Cum Laude and earned the distinction as a John Marshall Harlan Scholar for the Center for Professional Values and Practice. She also served as one of the Executive Editors of the New York Law School Law Review.

This summer she will be preparing to take the New York Bar Exam. In September, she will be joining the law firm of Paul Weiss in New York as a first-year Associate.

Proud and sharing the excitement in all her accomplishments are Cheryl and Jim Holmes, Holly's Mom and Step Dad.

A Blast From The Past

100 Years Ago

1910 – June

- ◆ The salad supper at the Congregational Church was attended by many.
- ◆ The program of the concert given by the people of the Congregational Church last Sunday was well rendered with many people present. There were some fine recitations by the children.

1910 – July

- ◆ A special meeting of the members was called after prayer meeting to vote on the question of asking for our usual grant of \$120. It was voted to do the same. A committee of four was chosen consisting of Mrs. Cross, Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Jackson and Mr. Linnie Mitchell to solicit funds for repairs on the church. Reported by W. B. Boutilier.
- ◆ There was quite a military gathering at the barbershop in Southville one night and the crowd was delighted with the talk of the ex-soldiers who served for Uncle Sam during the Spanish American War. The boys who wore the blue were Harry McLoughlin; A.R. Day and D.E. O'Neill. There were some very interesting stories of camp and war life.
- ◆ The picnic of the Congregational Church at Lake Chauncy was well attended.

1910 – August

- ◆ Rev. Mr. Mevis, formerly pastor of the Congregational Church was in town last week.

- ◆ Last Saturday evening Miss Elsie, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hunt, met with an accident while playing about the yard of relatives. It seems she fell down in such a manner as to strike her head on a sharp stone, which cut the flesh. (Historians note: The Hunt family lived directly across the street from the Church on Highland Street. In the 1960's, Mrs. Howard Hunt (Ida) was the person to see for the key to the Church)

75 Years Ago

1935 – June

- ◆ Herbert Holmes was elected President of the Men's Community Club and Frank Hyde, Vice President.
- ◆ A.F. Hubley has been enjoying his annual vacation from his work in Boston.

1935 -- July

- ◆ Miss Ethel Nelson has been a visitor at Worcester. (This is our Ethel Armstrong!)
- ◆ The Ladies Circle had their annual lawn party at the Federated Church.
- ◆ Mrs. Maude Chauncey died at the home of her mother, Mrs. Chickering, Parkerville Road, Southville, at the age of 51 years and one month, on Sunday July 14. Mrs. Jauncey was a life long resident of Southville and today she leaves to mourn her passing many friends and schoolmates. Musically inclined, she served on many occasions as church organist or pianist. As an active and untiring worker in the Ladies' Circle, she had been its most loyal and devoted leader holding the office of president and at the time of death was one of its custodians.

Being gifted as some are permitted to be, to look beyond and to realize that their earthly pilgrimage is nearing its end, Mrs. Jauncey looked beyond to the home in another world and then as had always been her habit in life, she began to make plans for her final journey in order that others might be saved some trouble and thus it was that her wishes were carried out as she had planned them to be.

Wednesday afternoon we gathered as one big family and the church was filled to capacity with her friends. Wafted on the quiet air came the soft strains of her choicest hymns being played on the organ at which on many similar occasions she had so many times played. This time her old friend, Mrs. Annie Boutilier was playing. Mrs. Pemberton sang the hymns selected, "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" and "Somewhere a Voice is Calling." The pastor, Rev. Pemberton, spoke of her unselfish life, devotion to her home and church of her great life of service and ministry to others. At the close of the service, the Ladies' Circle formed an honor guard as the body was borne from the church and stood by her last resting place. As the breeze played through the trees on the quiet grassy knoll overlooking the water, we left her to her eternal sleep. Mrs. Chauncey joined the 2nd Congregational Church on March 1, 1906.

1935 -- August

- ◆ Mrs. Lucy Stockwell, who has been having her vacation from the Kresge's Store in Framingham, has been visiting relatives in Nova Scotia.
- ◆ Rev. & Mrs. Prentiss Pemberton, of Newton, have taken up residence for the summer at the home of Mrs. Carrie Chamberlain. Rev. Mr. Pemberton is the pastor of the Federated Church. (Historians note: The Church did not have a parsonage until the

members built one at 149 Southville Road in 1948. In 1961 they purchased the house adjacent to the Church to the east)

- ◆ The Sunday School sessions and evening services have been omitted for the summer at the Federated Church.
- ◆ Rev. & Mrs. W.R. Hotelet and family of Pittsburg, PA have been vacationing at his parents here. She was Miss Ruth Jones. He was the former pastor of the Methodist Church in Southville.

50 Years Ago

1960 -- June

The Women's Fellowship report for the year was reported by Gwendolyn Sickles, Recording Secretary. Members enjoyed talks on Ceramics; Missionary teaching in Turkey; panel discussion and film on Parent-Teenage relationships; informative talk on reading and writing for the blind; slides on the Philippines. Donations included \$50 toward tile for the new floor in the vestry and \$3 for the annual birthday party held at the Westboro State Hospital for the patients. The main project of the year was the purchase of new chairs for the Vestry. They sponsored a nursery during Church service for children through 3rd grade under the chairmanship of Mrs. Joseph Blake, assisted by the following matrons and young ladies: Ruth Lambert, Ruth Henley, Alice Merchant, Carol Perkins, Martha Hubley, Jean Hale, Gerry Nelson, Chris Landon, Dr. Marilyn Meserve, Shirley Hutchinson, Kate Hoisington, Sharon Sickles, Sharron Dewey, Marcia Dewey, Pamela Masterman, Janet Webb, Francine Ansell, Judith Smith, and Carol Wellman. Officers for the year were elected in June: President: Pat Osgood; Recording Secretary: Mrs. Velma Holmes; Corresponding secretary: Mrs. Lucretia Abraham; Treasurer: Mrs. Fran Houghton.

25 Years Ago

1985 – July

- ◆ July 10: Amanda Christine Royce-Tolland baptized.
- ◆ July 31: Ernest "Bud" Williams died (Joined the Church 4/17/1960, husband of Arlene)

1985 – August

- ◆ Ecumenical summer services were held with Pilgrim and St. Mark's Churches.

10 Years Ago

2000 – June

- ◆ The Church Council met on June 22nd. Present: Rev. Sanderson, Martha Hubley, Bob Farmer, Mary Richmond, Gayle Nittler, and Jim Holmes. Discussion of possible underinsurance: the pews and altar are not covered. The oil tank was filled instead of being left empty for the summer so the new cover cannot be placed over the tank, as it is too heavy to move the tank when full.

Summer services will be at 10:30 AM. Ann Deschamps has resigned as Superintendent of the Sunday School. June 25th will be the last Sunday for the choir until September. The Women's Fellowship will hold a second yard sale on July 22nd. Rev. Sanderson

presented information about Gayle Nittler's call to the ministry and desire to serve in hospital chaplaincy.

Rev. Sanderson raised the question of the newsletter. It needs to be reworked and we may need a new editor. Discussion about the misleading entry for the Church in the telephone book. The Church is listed alphabetically under "First" making it difficult to find. The Diaconate will discuss the possibility of adding a Yellow page listing.

2000 – August

- ♦ John Charles Miller, Jr., son of John & Rebecca Miller baptized 8/13/2000.

Women's Fellowship

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."
(Psalm 133:1)*

On May 1, Martha Hubley, Karin Farmer, Barbara Crane, and Mattie Cummings, members of the Women's Fellowship were busy participating in the "Mini Chair Wash." Bob Farmer also joined in helping with some light repair work on missing screws and chair leg covers. Jan Norcross stopped by to visit and encourage us.

Special thanks to all the ladies of the church who spent many hours sewing "Pillowcase Sundresses" and "Hygiene Pouches" for Haiti. Sunday, May 30 is the cutoff date for making up dresses so please bring your final projects to church by that day. We will be taking down all the other dresses from the display in the Vestry with plans to send them off to Haiti in early June.

At our May 18 meeting, we all enjoyed a special program with our guest, Rev. Jeanne Friswell. She is an instructor of "Thai Chi" with over twenty-four years of experience. She currently teaches at the Southborough Senior Center and some of our women are in her program. Her presentation was delightful and so refreshing. We learned some soft movements and breathing exercises that we could continue to do on our own.

On a sad note some of us who could not be at church on Sunday, May 23, said our good byes to Evenly Till who has been such a blessing to the Women's Fellowship and so many in our church family for a long time. We send her off with our continued love and prayers.

Our "Dinner Out" will be on Tuesday June 15, 6:00 PM at the 1790 House. The 1790 House will give us a special rate of \$24.99 per person if we have at least fifteen people, otherwise we can order off the menu. The special rate includes salad, entrée, dessert, and coffee or tea. The entrée choices are a Fish or Chicken Dinner or Steak Tips. Please call Mattie at 508-481-2086 any morning before 11:00 AM or after 5:00 PM to confirm if you will be going and your meal choice. Please let me know by June 10 so we can have a count. Thanks.

Officers voted in for the next calendar year will be:

President	Mattie Cummings
Vice President	Martha Hubley
Treasure	Beverly Lees
Secretary	Mattie Cummings
Corresponding Secretary	Beth Hook

Our first meeting in the fall will be on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:30 PM with our traditional Potluck Supper. Sherry Jodrey will be sharing a devotion and Beth Hook and Karin Farmer will provide dessert.

To all our ladies, have a warm and restful summer and we will see you at the potluck dinner in September.

Respectfully,
 Mattie Cummings, Secretary.

Our Gifts We Bring

<i>Missions -- January – May 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	\$300.00	\$300.00
Church World Service	\$290.00	\$300.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$1,446.00	\$2,010.00
Haiti Cookie Sale	\$262.00	\$0
Haiti Breads Sale	\$252.00	\$0
Haiti Hygiene Pouches	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTALS	\$3,715.00	\$3,725.00

<i>Other Income & Fundraisers -- January – May 2010</i>		
	COLLECTED	TRANSFERRED
Building Fund - 2010	\$933.00	\$0
L’il Shoppe	\$37.50	\$0
Spaghetti Supper	\$377.00	\$0
Yard Sale	\$752.40	\$0
Bottle & Cans Drive	\$259.40	\$0

Bob Farmer
 Treasurer

From The Editor

The next edition of the Newsletter will be the September issue with all of our “Back to Fall” Schedule of Events and meetings. Please have everything submitted no later than **Sunday, August 22.**

Articles and/or dates for the calendar may be submitted to Cheryl Holmes by:



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 Westborough, MA 01581



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Thank You

From Our Missions



The mission of Abby's House is to provide emergency and long term affordable housing, as well as advocacy and support services to homeless, battered and low-income women with or without children.

We fulfill our mission by empowering women to lead self-directed lives filled with dignity and hope.

By offering warm hospitality, we seek to be in relationships of caring and support

In naming the oppression that exists in women's lives, we strive to create change.

Dear Friends and all,

We at Abby's House thank you for your generous contribution which supports our continued work with homeless, battered, and low income women with or without children through our shelter, women's center, food pantry, thrift store and our supportive housing program.

Your help is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Annette Rafferty
Founder of Abby's House

From Our Choir

Dear Deacons, Members, and Friends of First Community Church,

All of us in the choir would like to thank each of you for "Choir Appreciation Sunday." Thanks for the special coffee hour and cake. Thanks for all your kind words and letting us know that you enjoy our "joyful noises!"

We love what we do - we bring our individual voices, blend them with the talents of our organist and choir director and offer it as our gift to honor God each Sunday and hope that it adds feeling to our Worship Service.

With many thanks and much appreciation,

Your First Community Church Choir

Organist: Michael Larson

Choir Members: David Sickles, Director

Joan Brunelle

Jim Holmes

Marlene Joe

Gloria Sadler

David Crane

Beth Hook

George Nutting

Darlene Sanderson

Cheryl Holmes

Martha Hubley

Martha Nutting

Evelyn Till

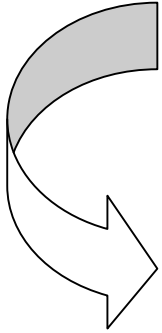
With Our Special Thanks To --

- ◆ The Board of Trustees for organizing the “Spring Clean Up Day.” A special thanks to all those who helped in each of their own special way to make our church grounds and gardens look so beautiful -- David Crane, Bob Farmer, Karin Farmer, Beth Hook, Scott McKeen, and Skip Willman.



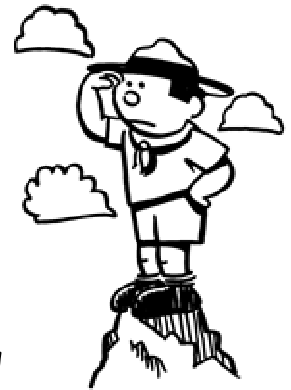
“Mulch in Motion”

- ◆ The “Bottles & Cans Gang” -- Barbara Crane, Bob Farmer, Beth Hook, Martha Hubley, Bob L’Heureux, Thelma Oakes, Evelyn Till and Helen Varney for all their fine efforts to bag up all that plastic and aluminum for Cash to make its way into the General Fund. A big thanks to Mattie Cummings who heads this fundraiser up faithfully each year.
- ◆ The Women’s Fellowship for sponsoring the “Mini Chair Wash” to spruce up our Vestry chairs that get much use each week. Thanks to Barbara Crane, Mattie Cummings, Karin Farmer, Bob Farmer, and Martha Hubley for their fine efforts.
- ◆ Everyone who donated any of the many suggested items for the “Care Package” Drive for our Servicemen and Women. A special thanks to Bob L’Heureux for making us all aware of the Drive, collecting all the items and delivering them to the organization of volunteers who packaged them up and send them to our service people -- Over 500 care packages were shipped!
- ◆ All those who donated items as well as purchased them at our very “successful” Spring Yard Sale. Special thanks to Barbara Crane, David Crane, Pat Davis, Bob Farmer, Karin Farmer, Beth Hook, Anne Mato, Scott McKeen, Jan Norcross, Garcia Passley, Dianne Simmons, and Helen Varney. A great big thanks to Darlene Sanderson and David Sickles for again undertaking the challenge of another event to support the budget and missions of our Church.



LOOKING AHEAD

Fall Morning Worship at 11:00 AM
 Rally Day & All Church Cookout
 Choir Back in Full Voice
 All beginning
Sunday, September 12



Write down these dates!!



Birthdays

Barbara Crane	1 st
Tyler Hilbert	10 th
Barbara Masterman	14 th
Kalyann Willman Teasley	19 th
Adelaide Elliott	23 rd
Kiyah Hansberry	23 rd
Darlene Sanderson	23 rd
Justin Hubley	24 th

Anniversaries

Skip & Sharon Willman	20 th
Peter & Beth Hook	23 rd



Birthdays

Bud Hubley	2 nd
Lynn Webster	9 th
Peter MacGregor	12 th
Pat Grogan	16 th
Martha Hubley	21 st
Kristen Sanderson	21 st
Dave Sickles	27 th
Karin Farmer	28 th
Jackson Willman Teasley	28 th
Sandy McKeen	29 th

Anniversaries

Bud & Martha Hubley	6 th
James & Rowena Robertson	17 th
Francis & Pat Grogan	18 th
Jeff & Stacey Willman	24 th

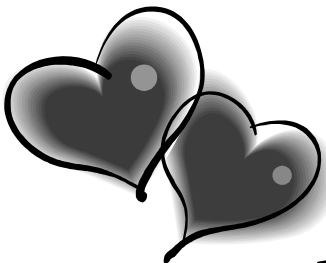


Birthdays

Toby Mountain	8 th
Michael Nelson	12 th
Tim Deschamps	14 th
Scott McKeen	14 th
Martha Templeman	19 th
Mattie Cummings	24 th
Walter Hite Sr.	31 st

Anniversaries

Lee & Mattie Cummings	1 st
David & Barbara Crane	18 th
Tim & Ann Deschamps	24 th



CELEBRATIONS





The Eternal Things

*In the hurried pace of life today
So much is missed along the way...
Take time to notice the wondrous things
Of God's creation, the eternal things.*

*In the quiet calm of the morning,
Take a look at the sky so blue.
Take a look at the world all around you,
Sprinkled with fresh sparkling dew.*

*Take a look at this God-given beauty
And start the day out right.
Listen to the music of the birds' morning song,
Feel the touch of the sun's golden light...*

*Trees reaching high toward the heavens,
Whispering leaves stirred by cool gentle air,
Fill your heart with the calm of the morning,
These are moments beyond compare.*

*Start the day with a prayer of thanksgiving
For God's handiwork of beauty sublime;
Pause to listen, observe and see
This wonderful world that is yours and mine.*

Gladys Billings Bratton



For we are laborers together with God...(1 Corinthians 7:9)

Lay Leaders

June 6 - Sandy McKeen
June 13 - Jim Holmes
June 20 - Sherrie Jodrey
June 27 - --



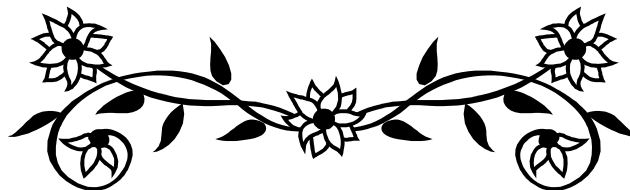
Greeters



June 6 - Scott McKeen
June 13 - Karin Farmer
June 20 - Dianne Simmons & Martha Templeman
June 27 - Barbara Crane

Coffee Hour Hosts

June 6 -
June 13 - Marlene Joe
June 20 - Diaconate - Father's Day
"Strawberry Shortcake Social"
June 27 - Garcia, Roy, & Nigel Pinnock



Memorial Flowers


June 6 - Bob L'Heureux
June 13 - Cathy Ten Eyck
June 20 - Sharon & Skip Willman
June 27 -

Deacons for June

Ralph Claflin and Bob L'Heureux

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2010 Missions The Heifer Project		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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		6:15 PM Trustees Meeting 7:15 PM Diaconate Meeting		7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
LOVE LOAF COLLECTION  10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Strawberry Shortcake Social following Worship Service	 <i>Summer</i>	6:15 PM Stewardship Committee		7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group		
27	28	29	30			
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS 11:00 AM Worship Service Rev. Dr. Paul Sanderson Coffee Hour following Worship Service						

July 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE</i></p>				1	2	3
<p> <i>INDEPENDENCE DAY</i> 4</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service Rev. Dr. Paul Sanderson <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i></p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>11:00 AM Worship Service 11</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Paul Sanderson</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>11:00 AM Worship Service 18</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Paul Sanderson</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>11:00 AM Worship Service 25</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Paul Sanderson</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	26	27	28	29	30	31

JULY MISSIONS

“His Royal Ministry” -- Haiti Mission Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service Rev. Dr. Paul Sanderson</p> <p><i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i></p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service Rev. Jonathan Wortmann</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>		<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>		<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service Rev. Jonathan Wortmann</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>		<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service Rev. Jonathan Wortmann</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p> <p><u>September Newsletter Deadline</u></p>		<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service Rev. Jonathan Wortmann</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<h1>August 2010</h1>			

Missions - Rape Crisis Center of Central Massachusetts