

First Community Church

Newsletter

April 2011



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

Welcome to spring! As I write this, on April 1, there is still snow on the ground, the temperature hovers in the low 30's, and the little crocuses that recently emerged from the frozen soil by the kitchen door of the church must be very confused. Fortunately, as we know, spring is more than a time of year; it is a season of the soul. No matter what is happening outside us, the colorful buds of new life can emerge from within us.

New life is springing forth in our church. Following our annual meeting, when we celebrated not only who we are but also what we did this past year, a new corps of members has stepped forward to revitalize our boards and committees. We look forward to incorporating some of their ideas in finding ever more creative approaches to stewardship, fellowship, adult education, mission and worship.

The Lenten/Easter season is such a rich season of the church year. Lent provides us with the time and space we need to reflect on our life, the meaning of our life, the quality of our life, the way we are living our life and to do so in the light of the cross. This Lenten season people have responded very positively to the theme of the different ways we show or communicate love that has been the focus of our Sunday worship. The sacred events of Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday will provide us with the time and space we need to reflect not only on the powerful and painful events of Jesus' last week on earth but also to reflect on our own discipleship.

This entire liturgical season reaches its climax in the joyous affirmations of Easter Sunday. There is no other day in the church year that resonates so profoundly with the heart of our Christian faith. We can celebrate Christmas at home with our tree, candles, and family. In fact, many people celebrate Christmas who are not Christian and have no sense of the world-shattering implications of the Incarnation. Easter is not like this; it is not a secular holiday. Despite the ubiquitous presence of little bunnies and chickens, and the strange habit of eating lots of candy,

Easter is essentially a religious holiday. At the heart of our faith is the Easter affirmation that Christ not only died for us, he rose from the dead and he is alive – both within us and in the world.

I suspect that even if the snow that blankets the ground as I write, this cruel April Fool's joke, is still with us on Easter Sunday we will remember that Easter is not just a date in our calendar, it is a season of the soul. It is the new life, given to us by the grace of God that bursts forth within us.

Be with us as we gather in worship on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday to celebrate the miracle of the resurrection and to affirm our belief that resurrection is always a possibility for us, no matter how cold and dark the winter of our soul might be.

Faithfully yours,
The Reverend Paul D. Sanderson

Adult Bible Study

Come join us as we study the Gospel of John, a poetic and mystical gospel account of not only what Jesus said but who he was.

The Bible study is open to all. No background in biblical knowledge is required. Please join us for a time of fellowship, study, and sharing as we seek to strengthen not only our understanding of our religion but also our personal 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.

Spiritual Exploration Reading

Monday Afternoons with Rev. Sanderson

Our Monday afternoon spiritual exploration group will continue its reading of and reflection on the parallel sayings of Jesus and the Buddha that were compiled by the biblical scholar Marcus Borg. One member of the group reads the saying of Jesus and another reads the (often almost identical) teaching of the Buddha. Then we discuss whether they seem to be saying the same thing – and what it is that they both are saying to us.

In a time that is fraught with religious prejudice, discrimination, and even outright conflict in our country and around the world, it is not only illuminating but also healing to discover how much we have in common with believers of other faiths.

The group meets every Monday afternoon (except Monday holidays) at 2:30 PM in the Vestry. If you have not attended and would like to attend, you could catch up very quickly with where we are in the book and would be able to both benefit from and contribute to our personal sharing and discussion.

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.

Our Mission Statement

The Worcester County Food Bank's mission is *“To engage, educate, and lead Worcester County in creating a hunger-free community.”*

The Worcester County Food Bank is a certified affiliate of Feeding America, the nation's network of food banks and food rescue organizations.

Who We Are

Providing over 70 million pounds of help and hope since 1982.



- ❖ The Worcester County Food Bank is a wonderful 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.
- ❖ The base of operations for the Worcester County Food Bank is a 37,000 square foot facility located at 474 Boston Turnpike (Route 9), Shrewsbury, MA.
- ❖ The Worcester County Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's official network of food banks and food rescue organizations. To learn more visit www.feedingamerica.org.

What We Do

- ❖ The Worcester County Food Bank collects, inspects, and stores donated food and grocery product and distributes it through a network of 178 partner agencies to help feed hungry people living in 60 cities and towns in Central Massachusetts.
- ❖ The Food Bank serves as an advocate for agencies providing hunger-relief services. The Food Bank also offers resources such as nutrition education and safe food handling and maintenance information.
- ❖ In addition to food acquisition and distribution, the Worcester County Food Bank provides the following programs:

Second Serving Food Rescue Program

This program rescues prepared and perishable foods from local restaurants, supermarkets, and farms and delivers directly by refrigerated truck to local shelters and meals programs.

Nutrition Education Program

This program features workshops and nutrition training for staff and clients of our partner agencies. Regional workshops are presented quarterly at a partner agency location. This year's regional workshop is "Hands On Nutrition." ServSafe training and certification are also offered to Food Bank and partner agency staff and volunteers.

Nutrition Center Kitchen

The Nutrition Center Kitchen prepares and delivers delicious, nutritious meals to Kids Café programs serving children at youth centers in Worcester during the school year.

Our Services

- ❖ Worcester County Food Bank is the largest anti-hunger organization in Central Massachusetts. We service the Hunger-Free Network of 178 partner agencies in the 60 towns across Worcester County to bring relief to 93,000 different individuals while educating and advocating for a hunger-free community. For a list of programs in the Hunger-free Network that you can contact directly either for help or to help, visit our website.

Contact Us

The Worcester County Food Bank is staffed by more than 20 full and part-time employees.

You are invited to contact us for information about Food Bank operations and services, or for information about hunger-relief programs and services throughout the region. You may call us directly at 508-842-3663.

We are open Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM. The Worcester County Food Bank is conveniently located at 474 Boston Turnpike (Route 9), Shrewsbury MA, adjacent to Borders Bookstore. The Food Bank is approximately one-half mile from Route 140, and two miles from I-290.



A Service Of Tenebrae

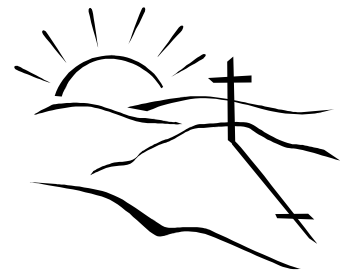
On Maundy Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 PM, we meet in the sanctuary to participate in the remembrance of the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. The word “maundy” comes from the Latin “mandatum novum” or “new commandment” that you *love one another*.

Our communion service is followed by an observance of the Office of Tenebrae, an early (4th century) office of worship. The word “tenebrae” means darkness. The gradual extinguishing of the candles following the recitation of the events of Holy Week symbolizes the betrayal, the approach of Jesus’ enemies, the moments of aloneness in the Garden, and the dark night of the soul. The moment of near total darkness recalls the three days our Lord was in the tomb. The relighting of the single candle is the prophecy of the resurrection soon to dawn.

We invite you to join us for this powerful and solemn ceremony.

Easter Sunrise Service

“He is risen, He is risen indeed”



Arise early and dress warmly to see the sunlight glistening off the water and listen to the variety of bird songs joyfully filling the air all around.

Join us at Hopkinton State Park on Easter Sunday morning, April 24 for our annual Sunrise Service sponsored by the Lay Council of The United Parishes of Southborough. The service will begin at 6:30 AM at the end of the parking lot next to the marina. In case of steady rain, the service will take place at First Community Church.

Reverend Paul Sanderson will deliver the Easter reflections.

Spiritual Study & Growth Group

Thursday Evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM

We have finished reading *90 Minutes in Heaven* by the Christian pastor Don Piper. Our discussions were interesting – not only about heaven but also about how to handle suffering, which actually comprised most of the book.

The group will continue to meet on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Vestry with the exception of Maundy Thursday, April 21.

A new theme will be decided by the group at the next meeting, Thursday, April 7. All are welcome to join in on the decision.

Report Of The Trustees

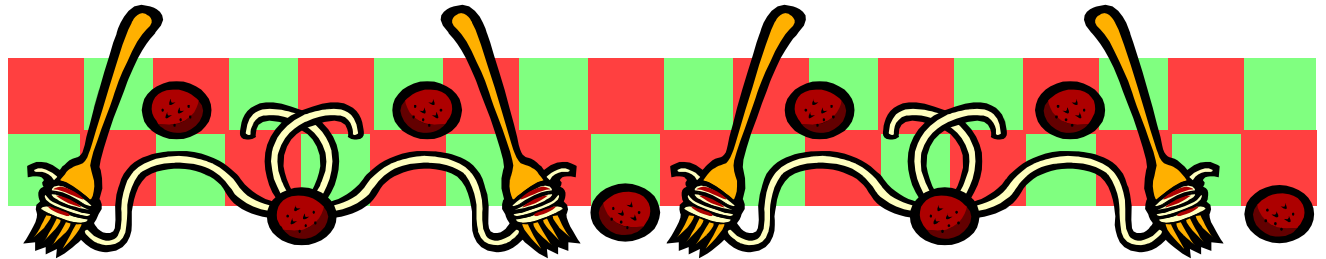
The new front doors have arrived and will be installed by Skip after they are painted. Skip is also in the process of repairing some Vestry chairs.

The second Annual Spaghetti Supper is scheduled for Saturday night, April 9, at 6:00 PM. More details are printed below in the Newsletter.

Other in-process projects for the Trustees are to install one of the old copiers for small jobs (or if the larger one is not functioning); keep the website current and accurate, and place signs indicating handicap access at the sidewalk directing parishioners to the side door so they are able to utilize the stair lift.

Projects under consideration are lighting in the choir loft, resealing the parking lot, sound proofing Paul's office, a new storage shed, floor covering for the Vestry, insulating the sanctuary ceiling, and an airlock entrance on the two vestry doors.

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, April 12 at 6:15 PM.



Spaghetti Supper

Time is running short to make your plans to attend the First Community Church Spaghetti Supper. Sponsored by the Board of Trustees, it will be held on Saturday, April 9 at 6:00 PM sharp.

Back by popular demand is the world famous maker of meatballs and spaghetti sauce – Skip Willman!

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. Additionally, should we be so fortunate to have leftovers, they will be available for a nominal fee. Tickets purchased prior to Saturday night would be most appreciated, but they will be available for purchase at the door.

2011 Board of Trustees

David Crane, Karin Farmer, Beth Hook, Sandy McKeen, George Nutting, and Skip Willman

Choir Notes

Music has been around forever, even before voice and instruments, from nature's gentle side to her explosive earth-altering eruptions.

We are familiar with the expression, "music to our ears." That music can be a howling gale or the pitter patter of an April shower; the majestic roar of a waterfall or the constant gurgle of a flowing brook; waves wildly crashing on an ocean shore or softly lapping at a pond's edge; soothing and hypnotic or frightening.

Animate life brings voice music to the ear, and added range, melody, rhythm, texture, variety, emotion and worshipful fervor and with the human voice and simple instruments developed complicated sound patterns that promoted communication, celebratory dance, adoration and praise, national pride, sympathy, sadness and sheer joy. It seems music is appropriate for not only every occasion but also for every human interaction, activity and emotion. It's been tweaked, recreated, and experimented with. It is soft, loud, majestic, rhythmic, chaotic, mechanical, electronic, soothing, discordant, harmonic and everything and anything in between. It is impossible to live without. It satisfies the soul, stirs the imagination and patriotic spirit as well.

It inspires us to seek out our creator with awe, love and gratitude. We, in the 21st century, here in First Community Church, give thanks each week, praising God, and rejoicing with each other in word and music, giving thanks and praise for the bounty and blessing poured out upon us, not only from God but through the faith and love we share with each other.

QUESTION?? Does our congregation appreciate more the inspiring music David chooses and directs with the incredible talent of Michael, Verna (and others on occasion) at the organ and piano, which in turn creates a failsafe opportunity for the choir members to shine and sing their hearts out,



OR

Do the members of the choir, director, and musicians appreciate more the opportunity and blessings to not only be a special part of the worship service, but to receive so much love and spiritual uplift from praising God with voice and music?

You tell us!

I think it might just be a toss-up!!

Martha Hubley

Music takes the soul to a place 
Where it becomes the Notes 

A Blast From The Past

100 Years Ago

1911 – April

- ◆ A Blue Jay supper was held in the Congregational vestry Wednesday evening. It was a novelty to most of those present and was very successful both socially and financially. The tables were beautifully and bountifully laden with those articles, which make the dyspeptic envious, and gladdens the palates of both young and old. The entertainment was rendered by ladies from Westboro and judging from the applause which followed, their selections were heartily appreciated.
- ◆ The concrete work in the basement of the M.E. church was begun last Monday under the supervision of F.E. Boston of Wellesley.
- ◆ Mr. Frank Boutilier and family have again taken up their residence in this village.

75 Years Ago

1936 -- April

- ◆ A special meeting was held in the Church April 16th to discuss plans for calling a new pastor, Mr. Pemberton, pastor since last July having accepted a call from the Grace Baptist Church of Somerville. Mr. Merriam presided as chairman. After discussion of several plans, it was moved and seconded that a committee consisting of three members of the joint committee, one member of the Ladies Circle, and one member of the Young People's group be chosen to select one candidate for acceptance or rejection by a vote of the congregation. Motion carried.
- ◆ Alec C. Nelson is employed at a wayside stand in Walpole.
- ◆ Miss Ethel Nelson is employed as a waitress in a tearoom on the Turnpike and is residing in Framingham. (Editor's note: This is our very own Ethel Armstrong and her late brother, Alec. This was long before the Mass Turnpike and refers to Rt. 9, the original "Turnpike.")

50 Years Ago

1961 -- April

- ◆ Weddings recorded at Southville Federated Church during 1961:
 - Mr. Robie Thorne & Mrs. Margaret Willey
 - Mr. Kermit Overgaard & Miss Priscilla Norcross
 - Mr. James Till, Jr. & Miss Evelyn Hoisington
- ◆ The Men's Club had a slide show on Korea presented. Enjoyed by everyone present. Plans started on the Auction to be held in August. The idea for a play was brought up.
- ◆ The Women's Fellowship were fortunate to hear Mrs. Walter Hutt, Town librarian, talk about the History of Southboro. They were also invited guests of the Park St. Baptist Church in Framingham. The ladies contributed and ran a food sale in Marlboro as a successful money-making project. Also, a Masonic supper was served.

25 Years Ago

1986 -- April

- ◆ A nursery attendant was hired for Sunday morning worship time. This has worked well.
- ◆ New members April 13th: Michael J. Seriac; Alan & Jean Wynn.
- ◆ Martha Hubley set up a booth at the Marathon in Hopkinton on April 19th, selling coffee, donuts and pastries. This was a “first” and turned out to be a great idea and fundraiser for the Women’s Fellowship.

10 Years Ago

2001 -- April

- ◆ The Board of Trustees provided a St. Patrick’s Day Supper.
 - ◆ Tanner Jeffrey Willman, son of Jeffrey & Stacey Willman was baptized on April 29th.
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Report Of The Diaconate

Choir Appreciation Sunday has been postponed and a new date in May will be determined at the next Deacon’s meeting. Laity Sunday is set for May 15 and Lee Cummings has kindly offered to deliver the morning message. We will be looking for more volunteers to do other parts of the service. Anyone willing and able -- please don’t be shy -- talk to any member of the Diaconate and we will be happy to sign you up!

Officers were elected at our March meeting. Bob L’Heureux, Chairman; Secretary, Dianne Simmons; Treasurer, Joyce Harrington; and Church Council Representative, Bob L’Heureux.

All are warmly invited to attend the Maundy Thursday Service on April 21. This has always been a very beautiful and meaningful service and we encourage you not to miss it. And don’t let night driving concerns stop you – speak to Rev. Sanderson or any member of the Diaconate and we will make sure you have a ride to this special service.

On Easter Sunday there will be two services – first the Sunrise Service at Hopkinton State Park (6:30 AM) sponsored by the United Parishes of Southborough. Then at our usual time (11:00 AM) we will be having our special Easter Service – indoors. Come to one or better yet, both!

Our next meeting is Monday, April 4 at 6:00 PM.

2011 Board of Deacons

Bob L’Heureux, Chairman and Church Council Representative; Dianne Simmons, Secretary; Joyce Harrington, Treasurer; Robert Farmer, Beverly Lees, and Scott McKeen

Women's Fellowship

*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." **Philippians 4:13***

A special thank you to Martha Hubley, our Vice President, who conducted our March 15 meeting in my absence.

At our April 19 meeting, we will begin with a brief business meeting at 6:30 PM. At 7:00 PM, we will be hosting Mary Brown who will be sharing a Folk Art presentation with us. Mary is the sister of our own Barbara Crane. Martha Hubley will be responsible for devotions and Helen Varney will cover refreshments. As always all women of the church are welcome to attend.

Plans have been made to have a kitchen clean up date in early May. Mattie Cummings, Martha Hubley, Karin Farmer and Barbara Crane have volunteered their services. The date will be determined at our April meeting.

It was discussed and all were in favor of having our last regular meeting, "Dinner Out," at the 1790 House again. It will be held on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:00 PM.

Mattie Cummings, Secretary

Bottles & Cans For Cash



First Community Church is lined up for Wednesday, April 20 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.

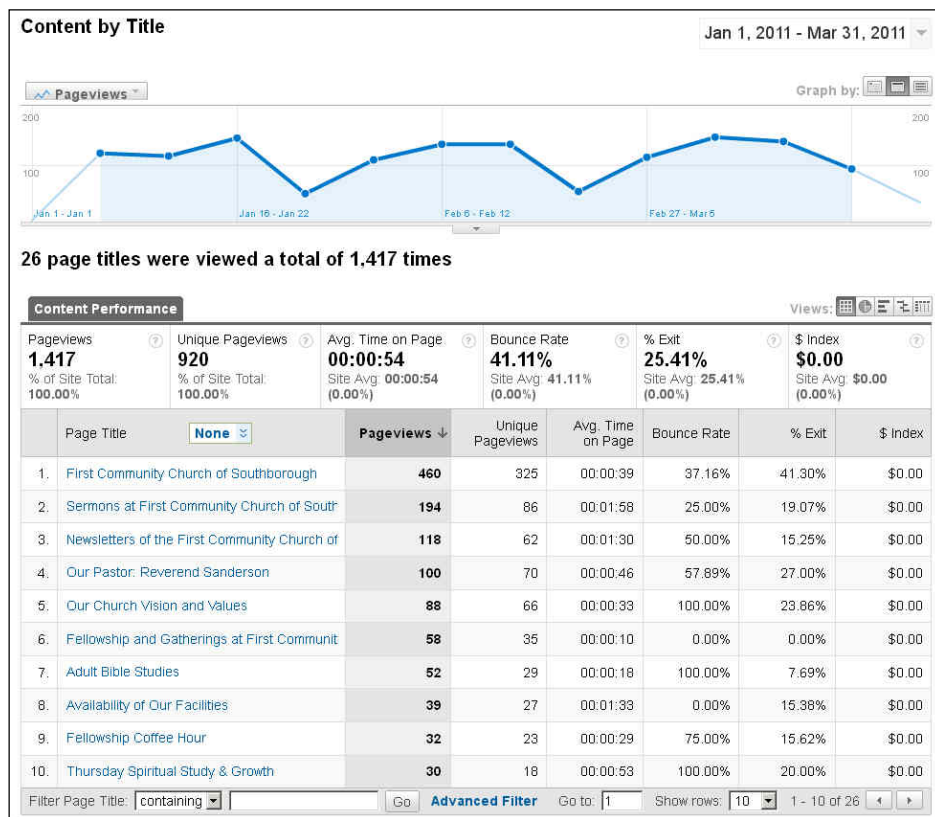
Don't forget to keep saving all your deposit plastic bottles and cans prior to collection day. They can be brought to church on Sunday April 17. If you need someone to pick them up, just call Mattie Cummings or Bob L'Heureux.

Mattie Cummings
Chief Bottle & Can Collector

www.firstcommunitychurch.com

Our web site continues to attract a considerable number of visitors, especially for a small church. As has been the case in the past, the Sermons page continues to be the most popular page on the site. In the last month 129 visitors have viewed the site with a total of 505 pages viewed. The average number of pages viewed was 3.91 and the average time visitors spent on the site was two and a half minutes. During that time, there were 170 visits to the Home Page (the initial page that has the welcome message), 48 visits to the Sermons page and 42 to the Newsletter page. These visits represent a 8.28% increase for the Home Page, a 39% decrease for the Sermons page (down from 79 in the previous month) and a 25.5% increase for the Newsletter page. Joining the top ten list of pages is the Events page. This page is not listed in the menu (on the left hand side of the pages) but is accessed from the Home Page via the link for special events such as the Spaghetti Dinner, Yard Sale etc. It's encouraging to see that people are checking to see what's going on in the church and viewing the events page to read more about it.

The results for the first three months of the year are shown in the Google Analytics graph below. We encourage you to keep checking the site for updates to current events, sermons and newsletters. Tell your friends about it. We have had several visitors to the church who have found us first on the web site. We have also had very encouraging feedback on how much the sermons have meant to some of our viewers.





The Stewardship Committee is sponsoring a Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, June 4. We will have a drop off spot for your donations. Please make sure items are clean and in good condition. If you need someone to pick up your donations let us know. If you have any questions, see someone on the committee.

We will have a sign up sheet for anyone who would like to help.

2011 Stewardship & Growth Committee

David Crane, Sherrie Jodrey, David Lowry, Darlene Sanderson, David Sickles, and Sharon Willman

A Celtic Revival

Have you ever wondered what you would have if you crossed the high intensity Irish step dance of Riverdance with great humor and fast paced Celtic fiddle music? Mix thoroughly, then blend in a perfect measure of Gospel seasoning and you'd have the SKY Family from Prince Edward Island.

Really funny and inspiring are two adjectives that would fittingly describe their high energy Celtic dance and Gospel production, *CELTIC REVIVAL!*

The show, currently on tour throughout the US and Canada, will be performed at The Elmwood Chapel, 42 Elmwood Road, Wellesley MA on Sunday, April 10 at 6:30 PM. A Love Offering Will Be Taken.



If you are interested in more information, contact Cricket Port.

From The Editor

The deadline for the May 2011 Newsletter is **Monday, April 25, 2011**. 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

THE TIBET FUND

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Dear Members of First Community Church of Southborough,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Tibet Fund, thank you for your First Community Church's gift for the Tibet Fund's Annual Gift Fund. Your generosity is incredibly important to support our programs and provides an example to all those who are concerned about the future of the Tibetan people.

Next year The Tibet Fund will celebrate 30 years as the primary funding organization for the health, education, refugee rehabilitation, cultural preservation and economic development programs that enable Tibetans in exile and in their homeland to sustain their language, culture and national identity.

Your support will enable The Tibet Fund to continue its vital programs such as:

- A recent large-scale research project conducted in 27 settlements across India leading to the development of a youth employment and economic development initiative to significantly improve the refugees' quality of life.
- In 2009, Health Care Programs funded by a US State Department grant and administered by The Tibet Fund provided tuberculosis screenings for 21,422 students, funded hospitalizations for 1,174 destitute refugees, and ensured that 79,104 patients received essential medicines.
- In 2009, we raised \$252,507 from private individuals for our Sponsorship Program, helping monks and nuns at 30 monastic institutions, children at 41 schools in the exile Tibetan school system in India and Nepal, and at three orphanages in Tibet.

The Tibet Fund is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization and donations are tax-deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law. No goods or services were provided in consideration of this donation. Donors may be recognized in our annual report and other publications. In such materials your foundation's name may be included as "First Community Church."

With my sincere appreciation and best wishes,

Rinchen Dharlo
President

From Our Members

Dear Members and Friends of First Community Church,

How can I thank you for all the beautiful cards and your thoughts and prayers that I have enjoyed so much?

So many of you have made the trip to visit. So nice to see you and get news about the church.

Love to all,
Arlene Williams

With Our Special Thanks To –

- ◆ Sharon Willman for making sure that our Communion tablecloth is always clean, pressed, and looking perfect.
- ◆ All those who helped prepare, serve, and/or clean up at the first meeting of the United Parishes of Southborough Lenten Series held at the Pilgrim Church. Thanks also to Bob L’Heureux, our UP Council Rep, who is very active in the Council and keeps us up to date with this worthy organization.

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## *Our Gifts We Bring*

As most of you know, our Missions Offerings and Building Fund Offerings are donations made above and beyond our gifts of the Pledges that we make to support the First Community Church of Southborough’s General Operating Budget.

Our Treasurer Bob Farmer, has provided us with an update of what we have collected and donated as of March 31, to the Missions that we have chosen to support this year.

| <i>Missions -- January – March 2011</i> |                   |                   |
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| <i>MISSIONS</i>                         | <i>COLLECTED</i>  | <i>DISBURSED</i>  |
| Straight Ahead Ministries               | \$490.00          | \$490.00          |
| Assabet Valley Pastoral Counseling      | \$220.00          | \$220.00          |
| Abby’s House                            | \$300.00          | \$300.00          |
| Salvation Army                          | \$5.00            | \$0               |
| Haiti Earthquake Relief                 | \$60.00           | \$60.00           |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                           | <b>\$1,075.00</b> | <b>\$1,070.00</b> |

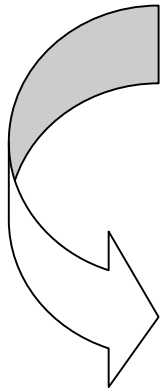
| <i>Building Fund 2011</i> |                    |
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| <i>COLLECTED</i>          | <i>TRANSFERRED</i> |
| <b>\$160.00</b>           | <b>\$0</b>         |

# LOOKING AHEAD

Laity Sunday  
Sunday, May 15

Choir Appreciation Sunday  
May – Date to be determined

Yard Sale  
Saturday, June 4



## Write down these dates!!



### *Birthdays*

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Lou Dundin       | 1 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Kathleen Lirette | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Ron Sickles      | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Roy Pinnock      | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Charles Curtiss  | 14 <sup>th</sup> |
| Skip Willman     | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Gloria Sadler    | 30 <sup>th</sup> |

### *Anniversaries*

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Scott & Sandy McKeen         | 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| Garcia Passley & Roy Pinnock | 30 <sup>th</sup> |



# CELEBRATIONS



# For we are laborers together with God...(1 Corinthians 3:9)

## Lay Leaders

April 3 - Martha Hubley  
April 10 - Dave Lowry  
April 17 - Bob Farmer  
April 24 - Sandy McKeen



## Greeters

April 3 - Scott McKeen  
April 10 - Marjorie Lowry  
April 17 - Pat Grogan  
April 24 - Sharon & Skip Willman

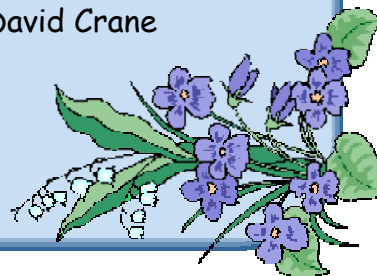
## Coffee Hour Hosts

April 3 - Pat Grogan & Beverly Lees  
April 10 -  
April 17 -  
April 24 - Easter - No Coffee Hour



## Memorial Flowers

April 3 - Dianne Simmons  
April 10 - Roy Pinnock  
April 17 - Hazel Watkinson  
April 24 - David Crane



## Deacons for April

Bob L'Heureux and Scott McKeen

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Monday                                                                                                     | Tuesday                                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                | Friday                                                                                                                    | Saturday                                                                                                                         |   |
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| <b>Missions – Worcester County Food Bank</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                            |                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |   |
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| <b><i>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i></b><br>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br><br><i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i><br>Coffee Hour following Worship Service                                                                          | 2:30 PM<br>Spiritual Exploration<br>Reading Group<br><br>6:00 PM<br>Diaconate Meeting                      | 6:00 PM<br>United Parishes<br>Lenten Series held at<br>St. Mark's Church |                                                                                                                                                                       | 7:00 PM<br>Spiritual Study &<br>Growth Group                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                           | <br><b>Spaghetti Supper</b><br><b>6:00 PM</b> |   |
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| <b><i>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i></b><br>9:15 AM Bible Study<br>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br><br>Coffee Hour following Worship Service                                                                                          | 2:30 PM<br>Spiritual Exploration<br>Reading Group                                                          | 6:15 PM<br>Trustees Meeting                                              |                                                                                                                                                                       | 6:30 PM<br>Investment<br>Committee<br><br>7:00 PM<br>Spiritual Study &<br>Growth Group                                                                                  |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |   |
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| <b>Easter Sunday</b> <br>6:30 AM Sunrise Service<br>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br><br><i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i><br>No Coffee Hour | 2:30 PM<br>Spiritual Exploration<br>Reading Group<br><br><b>May Newsletter<br/>           Deadline</b>     | 5:00 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal                                               |                                                                                                                                                                       | 7:00 PM<br>Spiritual Study &<br>Growth Group                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                  |   |