

First Community Church

Newsletter

October 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

One of the truly memorable experiences for Darlene and me this past summer was having the opportunity to watch a mother robin build her nest, lay her eggs, brood over her eggs until they hatched, and then feed her young, all from an unusually close vantage point.

This very trusting robin unwittingly built her nest within the depths of a spider plant that Darlene had placed on a stand on the farmer's porch next to our back door. We could literally look down on the nest and, later, the little baby robins as we walked from the back door to the garage or as we peered out from the window of our family room from a distance of two or three feet from the nest.

The mother robin was at first a little skittish; she would fly away the minute we opened the back door. She also made a little bit of a scene as she flew away, I assume to draw our attention toward her and away from her nest. However, as the weeks passed, she became more trusting. She always brooded facing the back door so she could see us coming, but more often than not, she would remain on the nest watching us as we watched her from a distance of about six feet. I think she knew that we had no intention of hurting her or her babies.

Darlene and I were amazed at how quickly the nest took shape. One day there was nothing. The next day there was a pile of stuff in the middle of the plant with no apparent shape. Then, no more than a day or two later, there was a perfect little nest, just the right size for a mother robin and her chicks.

Not long after the nest was built the eggs appeared – four of them. The mother robin sat on the eggs, keeping them warm for a good part of the day and for the entire night as the temperature dipped. We saw her turn the eggs with her beak from time to time so the warmth of her body would touch the entire egg. She was truly a good mother!

Darlene and I were able to watch two of the four babies hatch. From our vantage point inside the family room we observed how the mother caught worms and insects, chewed them up to soften them, and fed them to these four open mouths. Then we were able to witness something that neither of us had expected. After the mother fed a baby, the baby would turn around in the nest and drop out a little white “package.” The mother would catch this “package” in her beak and fly off to drop it somewhere, occasionally on the hood or roof of my car. We had never considered how the nest could possibly stay clean in the several weeks it took for the babies to come to maturity. Everything had apparently been figured out long, long ago, and both the mother and the baby knew exactly what to do.

The baby robins grew very quickly. Finally the time came for them to take wing. One by one over a period of several days, they launched out of the nest, fell to the ground, fluttered around a little, and then flew away to the nearby woods. We were truly sorry to see them go. They had become a part of our family.

I was thinking of that experience this past week as the Stewardship and Growth Committee met to plan our fall pledge drive. As you know, our stewardship campaign is not totally about raising the money we need for the operating expenses of our church. It is also about the offering of our time and our talent in the building up of this community, the body of Christ.

As we reflect on the various ways that we might build up our church, we could learn an important lesson from this mother robin. The nest she built was absolutely amazing. It was small, to be sure, but it was perfect. It was solidly attached to the plant. It had a perfectly concave structure, just big enough for four little ones. It was warm and comfortable and safe. And she built this magnificent structure without hands!

The mother robin actually built her nest out of leftovers. I saw several scraps of discarded material take their place in the nest. She used twigs, leaves, scraps of fabric, little pieces of fuzz – an amazing collection of junk. She took what she had available to her and built something beautiful out of it. She built more than a nest; she built a home for her family.

Our church is a lot like a robin’s nest. Our members are a motley group of odds and ends (no pun intended in the use of the word “odd”). We come from many different religious backgrounds. Some of us are young (everything is relative), some are old, and some of us consider ourselves middle aged. We have members who are white and members who are black, members who are gay and members who are straight. We celebrate diversity in this church. Like the robin, we use the various gifts and talents of our members to build up our church.

As we enter into this stewardship season, let us remember the message of the mother robin. Let us remember that each and every one of us is an important part of the fabric of this nest, and let us freely offer our gifts in the building up of this community, the body of Christ. Like the robin, let us commit ourselves to the fullest possible utilization of these gifts to bring forth and nourish new life.

Faithfully yours,
Rev. Paul D. Sanderson

Adult Bible Study

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

This year we will continue our study on the Book of John.

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 the strengthening of our personal faith.

Missions Offering

THE TIBET FUND

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Our October Mission Offering will go to The Tibet Fund to sponsor a Tibetan refugee. For the past ten plus years, we have been sponsoring Yeshi Tenpa. However, Yeshi has grown up, graduated from twelfth grade, and is now going on to further his education at Delhi University in the Bachelor of Arts Program.



The Diaconate is in the process of choosing a new “adoptee.” Their planned choice to adopt Konchen Dolma, an eight-year-old girl refugee, was foiled as timing is sometimes everything, and she was adopted by someone else due to the timing to process the paperwork involved. Therefore, Rev. Sanderson and the Diaconate are back to the drawing board and researching other possibilities. The adoptee will be named in the coming months.

With that said, this October issue will “feature” the newly chosen September Mission “Stop Girl Trafficking” a project through the American Himalayan Foundation. This mission was reviewed and accepted by a vote of the Diaconate after the September Newsletter was printed.



“Stop Girl Trafficking” Education is the way

The problem is huge. Every year, as many as 20,000 girls from the poorest parts of Nepal are trafficked – lured by the false promises of traffickers. These girls, some as young as nine, end up in Indian brothels or as domestic servants in countries as far away as the Middle East. In either case, they’re slaves. Many are HIV positive within two years, and dead before they reach twenty.

The way we combat this modern-day slavery is revolutionary – and surprisingly effective ...

OUR APPROACH

We go to the source, into the villages where girls are at risk, and put those girls into school. We counsel them and their families about the dangers of trafficking. By keeping at-risk girls in school and living at home, they are less vulnerable to being sold or lured by promises of jobs, only to find themselves in brothels or trapped as slaves in households. For a small investment – \$100 pays for everything: school fees, books, school uniforms, tutoring – we can keep a girl safe for whole year. Persuading families to educate their daughters was slow going at first, but 10,000 girls later – without one being lost – the idea is gaining traction.

HOW IT ALL STARTED



Living is tough in rural Nepal, a prime target for traffickers

Dr. Aruna Uprety, our visionary partner, went to the brothels in India where more than a hundred thousand Nepali girls are trapped, hoping to convince some to come home. To her great surprise, they told her, “It’s too late for us. If we had known anything, if we had been able to go to school and learn and work, we would never have landed here. Please, keep this from happening to other girls.” The heartbreak of their situation pushed her to focus on prevention – breaking the cycle of trafficking from the start. She pioneered the approach of getting at-risk girls into school, and our partnership with her has saved thousands of young lives.

IT WORKS

In the beginning, it was hard to convince families that sending girls to school was worthwhile. Fourteen years ago we started with 54 girls. This year we have 8,500 in 400 schools across Nepal, and we haven’t lost one girl to trafficking. Not one. Reluctance to send girls to school is dropping away, and whole villages are asking to be included in our work. Educating the most at-risk girls in a village spreads enough knowledge to keep traffickers at bay.



Moms are now proud to see their daughters staying in school.



Another happy group of girls, in school and out of harm's way.

Number 14



Number fourteen
is the number for
forgetfulness.

But let's not forget that it was in:

1997 -- October

- ♦ A special all Church meeting was held on October 5th immediately following the Church service. The status of the Search committee was given along with the interest in our pastoral opening by our summer supply pastor, Rev. Dr. Paul Sanderson of Foxboro. The Deacons and the Search Committee enthusiastically recommended that Rev. Sanderson be accepted as our Pastor. Dot Watkins motioned that First Community Church call Rev. Sanderson as its pastor, seconded by Rae Kay.

Motioned was unanimously voted.



Paul, we thank you for saying “YES” and leading us for the past fourteen years. You have given us your time, your talent, and much more than all of that, your love and faith to help us be 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.

Report Of The Trustees

On the fall agenda of the Trustees is the completion of the new front doors. The “old” black hinges will be added for the finished look. In need of cleaning, are the gutters as well as some pressure washing of the church. Quotes will be searched out for the repaving of the parking lot.

Fans on stands were brought in this past summer for the sanctuary. They now have been officially donated to the church. Thanks to the “donor.”

Our many thanks to those who keep the flowers and grounds of the church looking great – even after a visit from “Irene.”

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 PM.

With Our Sincerest Sympathies



After a long and tough battle, Peter MacGregor, our good friend and member of First Community Church of Southborough, passed away at the age of 79, on Monday, September 5 at UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester. Fondly known as Pete, he served on the Diaconate and was Head Usher for a number of years.

Peter was the husband of the late Joan M. (Teel) MacGregor. He leaves his daughter Debbie, and his son Glen and his family.

A Memorial Service has been planned for Sunday, October 23, at 3:00 PM. It will be held at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 15 Common Street, in Southborough. Reverend Paul Sanderson will be officiating.

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies reach out to Debbie, Glen and all their family for their great loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Pete will be missed by all of you and by his family at First Community Church of Southborough.

Spiritual Study & Growth Group

The Spiritual Study and Growth Group, which meets Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM, will continue to explore the theme of our meetings this past spring: *“Tibetan Wisdom for Living and Dying.”* In our meetings we listen to the teachings of Sogyal Rinpoche, the author of the international best seller *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*. Then we compare these Tibetan Buddhist teachings with the teachings of various streams in our own Christian tradition.

Sogyal Rinpoche grew up in the last generation of Tibetans free to learn Buddhism as it was traditionally taught in Tibet. He fled Tibet after the Chinese occupation in 1959 and later attended Delhi University and Cambridge University. He is the founder of Rigpa Fellowship, which has established Buddhist meditation centers in Great Britain, the United States, France, Ireland, Germany, and Australia.

In this series of 12 audiotapes (we listen to one 45-minute tape each session and then discuss it), Rinpoche presents a grand and transforming vision of life and death. He introduces us to Tibetan practices that can help us live fully while also preparing for the extraordinary adventure that death offers each one of us. What we call “life” and “death,” according to Rinpoche, are merely shades of the same unbroken wholeness. By daring to see clearly the truth of our lives, and by exploring the part of us that is changeless and eternal, we can face the last moment of our life without fear.

Then perhaps we will grasp the deeper meaning of the Tibetan Buddhist teaching: “Death is like a mirror in which the true meaning of life is reflected.”

This group is open to all. Even if you have not attended the first few meetings, please come! Every meeting is a teaching all by itself.

FLEA MARKET



hosted by First Community Church of Southborough

First Community Church will be hosting its first time ever Flea Market on Saturday, October 22, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Anyone can rent one of the 8-foot spaces at the Flea Market for \$25.00. There will be all kinds of items from a variety of vendors. Available spaces are limited as we have already sold several of them. Vendors will bring their own tables, set themselves up, and take everything back that they don't sell.

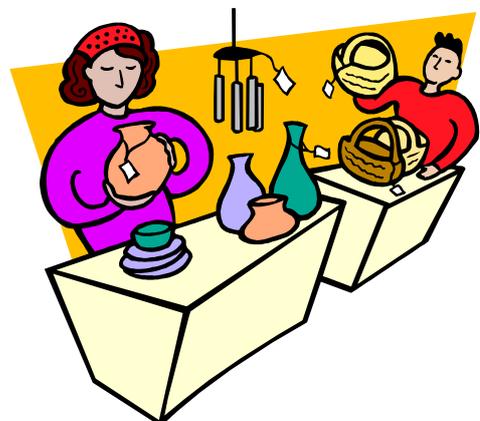
The Flea Market will be held inside but vendors can choose to set up outside if weather permits.

So if you have been thinking about doing a yard sale at your house, this might be a great time to join others and have customers come to one place. We do the advertising, you sell your things!

If you would like to rent a space, have any questions, or would like more information, please email David at linerdave@msn.com or speak to him in person.

Even if you don't rent space, stop by First Community Church on Saturday, and check out the goods!!

Food will be available for purchase too. All proceeds will go to the First Community Church General Fund.





To Dr. Deborah L'Heureux who passed all six sections of her oral board examinations and will very soon receive her official certification as a *Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Radiologists*.

Debbie is the daughter of the very proud Bob L'Heureux.

Women's Fellowship

"For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." **Matthew 16:27**

The Women's Fellowship met on Tuesday, September 20 for a wonderful potluck supper with nine different types of meals to choose from. We invited members of the choir to stay and join us after their rehearsal as there was plenty of food to go around. Pastor Paul and Darlene joined us. Paul said grace; we enjoyed our meals, and topped it off with apple crisp and cheesecake squares.

With ten people present, we opened the business part of the meeting. Our shut-in list was updated. There was some discussion about moving to an earlier meeting time. All were in favor. A motion was made to move the starting time to 6:30 PM for all future meetings and it was so voted.

December 11 was set as the date for our Christmas Party, which will be held at the church after the Sunday morning service. We also decided to again have a "Christmas Table" fundraiser on the first three Sundays of December (4, 11, and 18). The monies raised from this fundraiser are shared with the church's General Fund.

The Women's Fellowship will be thankful for any donations for the table. You can see Mattie Cummings or Vice President Martha Hubley about any items you may want to donate.

At present, we have a need for twenty (20) baskets with handles for our Gift Baskets that we make and distribute to our shut-ins during the month of November. If you have one to donate, please bring it to church no later than Sunday, November 13.

Looking ahead, we are excited to present the author of *Learning To Speak Alzheimer's, A Groundbreaking Approach for Everyone Dealing with the Disease*, Joanne Koenig Coste, MEd, an international consultant to healthcare providers and advocate for the Alzheimer disease (AD) patients, families, and caregivers. The date and time will be announced soon. Everyone is welcomed to attend this informative program.

Mattie Cummings, Secretary

A Blast From The Past

125 Years Ago

1886 – October

- ◆ On Tuesday afternoon there was a shooting affair at the liquor saloon of one McNeff in Hopkinton, near the Cordaville line. It seems that one “Toughy” O’Brien was refused entrance to the place kept by McNeff, who saw that his would be visitor “had had enough.” O’Brien then began to stone the building. McNeff’s mother-in-law, Mrs. Collins, heard the noise and went to ascertain the cause. “Toughy” knocked her down, and then again sought to compel McNeff to admit him to the building. The latter then drew a revolver and fired. The ball entered O’Brien’s cheek and came out behind his ear, and also grazed the cheek of Mrs. Collins before it spent its force. O’Brien’s wound is not considered dangerous unless inflammation sets in. McNeff was arrested and his examination postponed for ten days to await the result of the injuries he inflicted – apparently in self-defense, as O’Brien is reported as a hard citizen.

100 Years Ago

1911 – October

- ◆ 20 carloads of brick have arrived and will be used in the building of the new schoolhouse. (South Union)
- ◆ E.E. Quinlan found a gold cross with a pearl bead attached near the Southville railroad bridge. On the cross is represented the crucifixion of our Savior. It probably is part of a rosary.
- ◆ Southville – Last Sunday afternoon at the Congregational church, the members had for preacher the Rev. Amasa C. Fay of Sherborn. Rev. Mr. Fay was ordained in Southville 20 years ago last Sunday at the Congregational church. In speaking about changes since then he says most of the young people of that time are now married and have children of their own. The only young folk he recognized in the congregation that were members of his flock 20 years ago were Mrs. Walter B. Boutilier, formerly Miss Annie Pearl, and Mr. Solon R. Works. The older members of the church of that time and who were present last Sunday were Mrs. Mary M. Fay and Mrs. Frank Pearl.
- ◆ Last Sunday morning there was an Italian christening. The baby daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Sanchioni was christened at St. Matthew’s Catholic church and was given the name of Adalciza. The sponsors were Mr. and Mrs. Caesar Carboni. After the christening, the house of the parents of the child was open and all had a good time characteristic of Italian events of that kind.

75 Years Ago

1936 – October

- ◆ The 14th annual meeting of the Southville Federated Church was held in the vestry on October 5th, preceded by a supper served by the officers of the Sunday School. Mr. Merriam was appointed chairman of the meeting. Roll call showed 45 members present. Ralph Clark gave a report of quotations received from three different firms on shingling the church. Mr. Clark, Mr. LeGay and Mr. Nelson were appointed to consider the matter. A motion was put through to hold evening services in the vestry during the winter months. After some discussion motion was amended to the effect that the standing

committee decide on this point. Officers elected for coming year: Deacon: Mr. Merriam for 4 years; Treasurer: James Stockwell, Sr.; Collector: Mrs. Arthur LeGay; Clerk: Miss Lucy Stockwell; Benevolence treasurer: Miss Mary Dorr; Religious Education: Mr. Corwin; Mr. Gilman; Miss Lucy Stockwell; S.S. Superintendent: Mr. Chester Bean; Auditor: Mr. Merriam; Choir leader: Mr. Bean; Organist: Mrs. Twombly; Ushers: Messrs. Hunt and Bean.

- ◆ Joseph F. Blake and family have enjoyed a vacation at the Cape and H.R. Lincoln and family at the White Mountains in NH.
- ◆ Cordaville: A B&A bridge crew from Worcester have been repairing the arch stone bridge that spans the Sudbury river with the tracks running overhead in the Chattanooga district, in charge of foreman David Lavoie. Some of the crew have lived in workmen's cars, which were side tracked here.
- ◆ Mrs. M. Barteaux of Moncton, NB, a former resident, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W.N. Nelson. (Note: This would be our Ethel Armstrong's Aunt)

50 Years Ago

1961 – October

- ◆ First Federated Church held its 39th annual meeting on Saturday evening, October 7th. Rev. Richard Glessner, pastor, offered prayer. Mr. Ernest Williams was elected moderator for the year. A moment of silence was held for Wallace Nelson who had passed away during the year. The real estate transaction transferring the McNeil property to the First Federated Church has been completed, all papers signed and the keys turned over to the proper parties. This new building will be used as a Parish house for meetings of church groups and a present for the use of several S.S. classrooms which are overflowing the present facilities in the church vestry.

The Rev. Richard Glessner was recalled for another year as Pastor of this progressive church at the same salary (\$50.) plus 4 week vacations. Rally Sunday was observed on October 1st with a registration of 91 children and 12 teachers. The Pilgrim Press material was used but not found satisfactory to the majority of the teachers. The new Parish House (parsonage) accommodated the children from fifth grade up through the Senior Group.

- ◆ The new board of directors held their first meeting on October 9th and Ray Hyde was elected chairman with Winifred Stone as clerk.

25 Years Ago

1986 – October

- ◆ The Women's fellowship had the usual cookie station at the Heritage Day festivities in Southborough.
- ◆ Sunday school teachers: Jill Selden; Elizabeth Fletcher; Jennifer Fletcher; Jean Wynn; Beth Hook. Interim Superintendent: Jim Holmes.

10 Years Ago

2001 – October

- ◆ The Sunday school had a Halloween party.

Support Our Troops

SFC MICHAEL DUFAULT **HOLIDAY CARE PACKAGE DRIVE**

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

On Saturday, October 15 (9-to-4) and Sunday, October 16 (9-to-1) at the Southborough Senior Center there will be a collection of their most-requested items (see list below) to be shipped in "Care Packages" to our servicemen and women serving overseas.



"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

PERSONAL CARE ITEMS	FOOD ITEMS	DRINK ITEMS
Deodorant - male/female	Gum	Presweetened mixes
Toothbrush/Toothpaste	Hard candy – Lifesavers, Jolly Ranchers, etc.	Crystal Light, Kool-Aid
Body Wash GEL	M&Ms, Skittles, Twizzlers, etc.	Coffee, tea
Q-tips and Baby wipes	Lollipops for soldiers and children	Cocoa, iced tea mix
Dental Floss	Nuts, sunflower seeds, Trail Mix	
Razors	Dried fruits, raisins, apricots, Fruit Roll-ups, Pop Tarts	OTHER ITEMS
Body lotions	Plastic fruit cups	Puzzle books
Sunblock	Holiday Candies	Magazines
Travel size shampoo	Microwave foods -Popcorn, Easy Mac, Ramen,etc.	Playing cards
Chapstick or Blistex	Protein/granola/breakfast bars	Paperback Books
Foot powder	Instant Oatmeal (individual packs)	Batteries – all sizes
White Crew Socks	Cookies and Crackers (individual packs)	Computer games
Air fresheners	Tuna in packets	Itune Gift Cards
Hand Warmers	Beef Jerky/Slim Jims	DVD (new or used)

FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE PLEASE – NO OPENED OR USED ITEMS, BULK-SIZE ITEMS, SOAP BARS, AEROSOLS, CANNED GOODS, OR VHS TAPES

No donation is too little, too large or too late! Here are some ways you can help...

1. Make a donation. Postage (about \$6,000) and purchased items are a huge expense for us. You may send a check made out to CARE PACKAGES FOR TROOPS. We've received checks from as far away as Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, Florida, North Carolina, Texas, Colorado, and Arizona!
2. Purchase items on the attached shopping list and bring them to the Senior Center on 10/15 and 10/16. INDIVIDUAL not bulk size please.
3. Bring a bunch of cards with a note of thanks and encouragement. They love cards! Some soldiers get nothing at all – no mail, no care packages.

Our Gifts We Bring

Our Missions 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.

Bob Farmer, our Treasurer, has provided us with an update of what we have collected and donated as of September 30, to the Missions that we have chosen to support this year.

<i>MISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2011</i>		
	COLLECTED	DISBURSED
Straight Ahead Ministries	\$515.00	\$515.00
Assabet Valley Pastoral Counseling	\$220.00	\$220.00
Abby's House	\$410.00	\$410.00
Worcester County Food Bank	\$350.00	\$350.00
Church World Service	\$325.00	\$325.00
Love Loaves-Heifer Project	\$20.00	\$0
Heifer Project	\$355.00	\$375.00
Rape Crisis Center	\$546.00	\$550.00
Haiti – His Royal Ministry	\$520.00	\$520.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$140.00	\$140.00
Stop Girl Trafficking Project (American Himalayan Foundation)	\$260.00	\$0
Salvation Army	\$15.00	\$0
TOTALS	\$3,676.00	\$3,405.00

From The Editor

The deadline for the November 2011 Newsletter will be **Sunday, October 23**. Remember to include any dates for meetings or events you would like listed on the calendar.

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



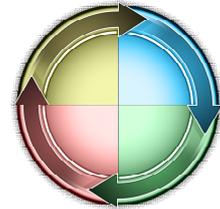
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<i>Nature:</i>	<i>Seed</i>	<i>Growth</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Winter Sleep</i>
<i>Human:</i>	<i>Birth</i>	<i>Youth</i>	<i>Maturity</i>	<i>Rest in Peace</i>
<i>Spiritual:</i>	<i>Awakening</i>	<i>Deepening</i>	<i>Living and Sharing</i>	<i>Experiencing God</i>

CYCLES

*Vacations have passed into memory and photos,
Summer sun and sizzle, sequestered til next year.
Calendar pages flip, Autumn advances,
Harvest in abundance, on tables appear!*

*Trees of unparalleled hues, their leaves release
To flutter fatefully and relentlessly to earth,
Settling silently, snugly blanketing the landscape.
Crumbling, transforming, awaiting Spring and rebirth.*

*God in His infinite mystery and wisdom
Works miracles in our cyclical world.
In Autumnal climax; beautify and harvest abound.
Blessings we can scarcely know, now fully unfurled.*

*God is our sustenance! God is our life!
God we thank you!*

by Martha Hubley



From Our Missions

On behalf of Heifer International, I would like to thank your congregation for its recent donation. It will help many families! This summer I was visiting Heifer projects in Zimbabwe and the participants asked me to thank donors in the US. So on their behalf, I say "Siyabonga Kakulu!"



Please also know that Heifer has a dedicated group of volunteers in Central Mass who are ready to assist your congregation in future Heifer endeavors. Please don't hesitate in contacting us.

Thanks again,

JP Perkins, Volunteer Coordinator
Heifer International/Central Massachusetts

From Our Friends

Dear friends and family of the First Community Church,

Thank you so much for the contribution to the Golden View Activity Fund in memory of my mother Adelaide Elliott.

I would also like to thank those of you who have sent cards to her over the years. She looked forward to getting them especially on her birthday and Christmas.

You have and always will have a special place in our hearts. God bless you all.

Love,
Rowena Robertson and family

From Our Choir

The choir members were treated to a Pool Party at the home of Paul and Darlene Sanderson this past summer. As always, they were the "Hosts with the Most." After a swim in the pool, Paul slaved away at the grill cooking our choice of foods to perfection. Darlene as usual, made sure that there were lots of appetizers, finger munchies, and desserts. And yes, she provided some great entertainment and kept us in stitches!

Thanks Paul and Darlene for opening up your home and hearts to us!

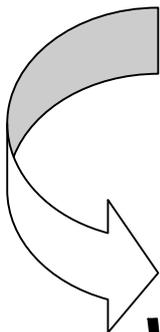
The "Choir"

With Our Special Thanks To --

- ◆ Everyone who helped to make Rally Day, our traditional “beginning of a new Church year,” a delicious and enjoyable event. Thanks to the Diaconate for organizing, thanks to all who brought food, cooked and cleaned up.
- ◆ Bob Farmer for tackling the much-needed and appreciated clean-up work on the church parking area.
- ◆ Karin and Bob Farmer for planting the chrysanthemums all around the church grounds. A beautiful touch of fall before W----r arrives and blankets the ground with S--w!

LOOKING AHEAD

**Annual Church Pie Sale
Saturday, November 19**



Write down these dates!!



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Ava Willman	1 st
Ben Mountain	1 st
Tim Deschamps	8 th
Mitchell Hilbert	14 th
Lisa Nelson	17 th
James Robertson	22 nd
Beth Hook	25 th
Bob L'Heureux	30 th

Anniversaries

Kathleen & Reggie Lirette	5 th
Karin & Bob Farmer	8 th
Susan & Lou Elias	9 th
Charles & Richard Curtiss	9 th



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

Lay Leaders

October 2 - George Nutting
October 9 - Bob Farmer
October 16 - Joyce Harrington
October 23 - Barbara Crane
October 30 -



Greeters

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October 9 - Dianne Simmons
October 16 - Cathy Ten Eyck
October 23 - Bob Farmer
October 30 - Helen Varney

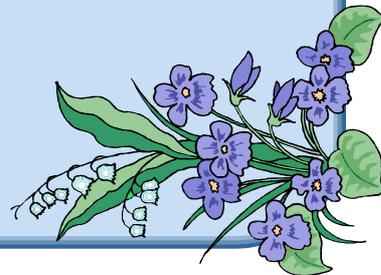
Coffee Hour Hosts

October 2 - Barbara Crane
October 9 - Cathy Ten Eyck
October 16 -
October 23 - Karin Farmer & Helen Varney
October 30 - Martha Hubley & George Nutting



Memorial Flowers

October 2 - Sandy & Scott McKeen
October 9 - Pat Grogan
October 16 -
October 23 -
October 30 -



Deacons for October

Bob L'Heureux and Scott McKeen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2011						1
Missions – Tibet Aid						
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RENEWAL OF PASTOR & CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT 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	2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group	5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Diaconate Meeting		7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Service November Newsletter Deadline	2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group	5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Stewardship & Growth Committee		7:00 PM Church Council		
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REFORMATION SUNDAY ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Service	2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group					