

First Community Church

Newsletter

September 2013



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

As this newsletter goes to press, I am becoming increasingly aware that the summer has almost flown without my experiencing the kind of relaxing, laid-back vacation for which I longed. I don't want to give the impression that it hasn't been a great summer, which it has; it has just been a really busy one. I know this doesn't surprise those of you who know me, for though I constantly complain about it, being busy seems to be my nature.

In July, Darlene and I drove to Florida to celebrate Kristen's 30th birthday. After two days in Disneyworld, beginning in Epcot and ending on the Magic Kingdom's ride "It's a Small World After All," Kristen, Mike, Darlene and I drove down the Atlantic coast to West Palm Beach, then across "Alligator Alley" through the Everglades to Naples, where we enjoyed the beautiful Gulf shore, and then back to Gainesville. On the way home Darlene and I stopped by Greenville, SC to visit Jay, Ann-Marie, Zach, Charlie and Emily Kate in their new home. We covered a total of 4,000 miles on this family outing, 98% of which was driven by you-know-who.

Only a week later we took to the road again, this time accompanied by Corey and Nathan as we drove back down to Greenville to celebrate Jay's graduation (Master's degree in Human Resources) from Clemson University. Not to complain, but I drove 98% of this additional 2,000 miles. It has been a great summer so far, but before it ends I just want a couple of days to sit by the pool and read!

Jay's graduation from Clemson (with a 4.0 GPA) was really special. The graduation ceremony, which took place in the air-conditioned field house, was very well done. Fortunately it was only one of four graduations that Clemson holds during the year, so it was not of interminable length.

At this graduation, the school awarded an honorary doctoral degree to a successful businesswoman and philanthropist from South Carolina named Anita Goldberg Zucker. In her talk Ms. Zucker explained to the new graduates and their families how her inventive, adventurous and curious nature was nurtured by her parents, who were both Holocaust victims.

She then mentioned how her late husband, their three children and she have devoted their lives to the principles of Tikkun Olam. This was the part of her talk that I found most interesting. I had never heard of Tikkun Olam.

In Hebrew teaching, Tikkun Olam means “world repair.” This has been the guiding principle of Ms. Zucker’s life, and it was this that formed the central theme of her talk to the new graduates.

As you know, I delight in finding parallels to our Christian faith in other religions. This Hebrew teaching could certainly be affirmed as a central theme in Jesus’ teaching and the mission of the Christian church. World repair is the social dimension of our experiencing and creating the Kingdom of God within ourselves and then creating it on earth.

The newspapers the past few weeks provide ample evidence that our world is in need of repair. In July alone, over 1,000 people were killed and over 2,300 wounded as a result of the sectarian strife in Iraq, the highest number of fatalities in the past five years. In the last week, 900 people were killed in the deteriorating situation in Egypt, and the death toll continues to rise as Syria, Lebanon, and Tunisia descend into chaos. Because of the inability of the two major political parties to work together in Washington, our funding for the removal of land mines throughout the world has been cut 80%, as has our funding to enforce clean air and water standards in our country. We as a church support the Himalayan Foundation in their effort to stop girl trafficking in Nepal and India, but we should note that a recent FBI sweep rescued 105 young people, ages 13-17, from exploitation in the sex trade. The Justice Department estimates that nearly 450,000 children run away from home each year and that one-third of teens living on the street will be lured into prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home.

I believe that world repair is what our little church is all about. In helping people to attain fullness of life as children of God, we often help to repair damage that was done to them in the past, damage that was done to them in childhood. In creating authentic community where everyone is welcome, where everyone knows everyone, and where we really care for each other, we are helping to repair or heal the isolation that so many people feel in our impersonal society. In every single mission we support we help to repair the damage and heal the pain of wounds that have been inflicted on our brothers and sisters, sometimes from natural disasters but just as often from human evil.

Like the new Clemson graduates, I think we could take this principle of Tikkun Olam as the guiding vision of our lives as Christians and the guiding vision of the life and mission of our church in the coming year.

Yours in Christ,
Reverend Paul D. Sanderson



Rally Day & All Church Cookout

Welcome back! This year, Rally Day will be held Sunday, September 15, a little later than usual. Following the worship service, we will gather for our annual cookout, sponsored by the Diaconate. Dress is still “summer casual.”

Please make sure to look at the sign-up sheet in the Vestry for contributions needed for the day. Let’s start the year off on a high note with everyone present to welcome in the new church year!

Adult Bible Study

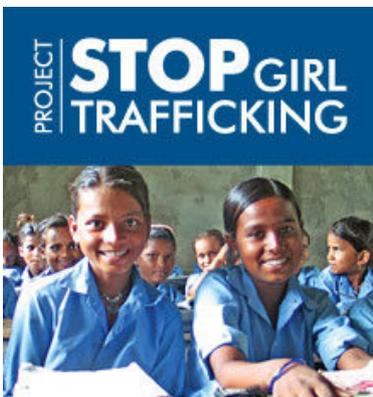
Begins Sunday, September 15

Our Sunday morning Bible Study, which meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of every month at 9:15 AM in the Vestry, will begin our fall meetings on Rally Day, September 15.

This year we will be studying and sharing our reflections on some of the pastoral letters of the New Testament, e.g., the letters of not only Paul but also Peter, James, and John for the wisdom they bring to us as Christians and the guidance they offer to the life and spirit of the church.

Everyone is welcome! Bibles are provided!

Missions Offering



Our September Mission Offering will go to “Stop Girl Trafficking” a project sponsored by the American Himalayan Foundation.



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.

Stop Girl Trafficking: A field report from Bruce Moore

The best "New Year's Day" of the year!

Nepal is a country of such cultural and spiritual diversity it, as a nation, celebrates nine new year's days in any one 12 month Gregorian calendar. Tibetan Losar falls on three separate days, depending on the particular community; indigenous groups such as the Newars and Tharus have their own calendars; Hindus bring in the new year during Tihar; the Muslims celebrate Hijri in November; the Nepalese calendar year begins in mid April; and then of course there is January 1st. But there is another new year, not recognized as a public holiday, but one that to hundreds of thousands of children all over Nepal is perhaps the most important day for them – the first day of the new school year!



For SGT girls the first day of school is the first day of a whole new life.



A typical Nepali home for an SGT girl.

To these children, education offers more than just learning; it offers a chance to end the generational cycle of rural poverty, the chance to end the spiral of crippling debt and bonded labor, the chance to see their own children's future even brighter than theirs, and for tens of thousands of girl children throughout the hills and plains of Nepal, a refuge from the risks of indentured servitude and sexual slavery.

On the first day of the Nepalese school year in April 2012, there will be 9,500 such girls in school under the

protection of the American Himalayan Foundation-funded *STOP Girl Trafficking Project*.

How do we find them?

Early in every new year our local partners in the SGT project, Rural Health Education Services Trust, are out in the villagers looking for over 1,000 at-risk girls in need of some assurances of safety, to add to those already with us. They will be told by teachers they trust, local community leaders, and girls already in SGT about girls who are at risk of being trafficked. These girls will come from indigenous tribes, and those communities formerly described as untouchables who have been suppressed for centuries. They will come from broken and violent families who value a daughter less than that of a beast of burden. They will come from loving families who are so hopelessly poor, drowning in a flood of debt and desperation, that the only chance they see of survival is to sell their daughter - with the hope her new "family" will be kind. And there will be girls who ran or were rescued from exploitation and are so deserving of a new start.

AHF recognizes the causes and processes of human trafficking are myriad and complex, but we also know our solution is simple and effective. Relieve the girls' families of the financial burden of education; and talk to the girls, their families and their communities about the risks they face and how much an education can do to protect them and improve their lives.

We also know it costs less than \$100 a year to keep a girl safe.

Come April this year, 9,500 girls will all have a very happy start to the new school year. And on their behalf, I wish all AHF's most generous friends a very joyful new year, whenever yours begins!

Bruce



Bruce in the field. Door-to-door is how it's done.

Spiritual Exploration Reading Group

***The Power of an Open Question: The Buddha's Path to Freedom*
Begins Tuesday, September 10 with Rev. Sanderson**

The book we will be reading and discussing this fall is *The Power of an Open Question: The Buddha's Path to Freedom* by Elizabeth Mattis-Namgyel. This book was suggested by two of our participants who have read it and highly recommend it. The central theme, an open question, provides us with a spiritual path that is as potentially helpful to Christians as to those who follow the spiritual path of Tibetan Buddhism.

The flyleaf summarizes the book in the following way. "Asking challenging questions leads to powerful insights. That's the premise of this book by Buddhist teacher Elizabeth Mattis-Namgyel. How do we find a resting place in a world that is complex and always changing? How do we practice spirituality beyond the limits of blind acceptance and doubt? Elizabeth proposes that we access our deepest intelligence through asking these kinds of questions. 'When we ask a question,' she suggests, 'our mind is engaged yet open. The process of inquiry protects us from our tendency to reach static conclusions. Instead, we can respond to uncertainty and change with inquisitiveness and a sense of wonder.' Her book guides us on a provocative, playful, and spiritually enriching journey of contemplation that could last a lifetime."

The theme of this book, which reminds me of the Buddhist directive that we should always seek to retain "beginner's mind" and Jesus' teaching that unless we become like a little child we will not enter the kingdom of God, seems to me to capture the spirit of our church. We are not as interested in closure, in clinging to partial answers as if they were ultimate truth, as we are in the spiritual journey that we undertake both as individuals and as a community of faith.

As the German poet Rainer Maria Rilke has said, "Live your questions now, and perhaps even without knowing it, you will live along some distant day into your answers."

The Tuesday afternoon study group meets every Tuesday from 2:30 - 4:00 PM in the Vestry. We will meet on the following dates:

September 10, 17, 24

October 1, 8, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19

Everyone is welcome!

Report Of The Diaconate

This year Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 15. We invite everyone to come join us as we gather together as a church family to begin the new church year. We hope everyone can come even if you have not been able to make it to church for a while. The Deacons will provide the main course and we will post a sign up sheet asking for the world-famous First Community Church cooks to bring sides and desserts. We hope to see everyone there.

Thanks to the generous support from our members and good friends, the funds for the new furnace have been successfully raised – wow – that's wonderful and amazing! Thank you all who donated.

The next meeting of the Diaconate will be on Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 PM.

A Blast From The Past

125 Years Ago

1888 – September

- ◆ Annual meeting of the 2nd Congregational Church of Southboro held September 3rd. Elections: W.A. Ward, Deacon; I.L. Tyler, Clerk; W. Loring elected treasurer and collector. \$11 remaining in the treasury. Standing committee: W. Loring, E.A. Guild, L.M. Perkins. Charles Hooper declined to serve.

Voted that the clerk find out the date of Mrs. A.E. Newton's letter of dismissal and record the same. Motion made to communicate with each non-resident member and inquire as to their intentions concerning their connection with and support of this church.

Motion made to have half a dozen posts put up in Churchyard whereby to hitch horses. An amendment proposed that sheds be erected instead. Motion with amendment lost. Voted to leave the question of posts or sheds to the standing committee to settle as may seem best to them.

100 Years Ago

1913 – September

- ◆ Miss Mildred Graham & Philip Atherson Gould were married at the Southville M.E. Church Tuesday evening Sept. 2, 1913. Miss Graham was born in Calcutta, India and received her education under the faithful guidance of Miss Mary Dorr and has had her training at Deaconess Hospital where she was graduated in 1912.

Mr. Gould was graduated from Boston University school of Theology and ordained in April 1912. These young people are sent as missionaries of the M.E. Church to Lee-Bengall Missions, Calcutta where they will hold positions as teachers in the above institution. Thus it is through the efforts of Mrs. Mary Dorr that Southville can claim the great honor of having sent a missionary to India.

- ◆ Cordaville: The child labor 8 hour law will affect a few in this vicinity.
- ◆ It is stated that Southville is soon to have a hospital. Land has been bought for that purpose here.

75 Years Ago

1938 – September

- ◆ A business meeting of the church was held on the 12th of September in the vestry with 25 members present. Mr. Stockwell was chosen moderator and proceeded to choose a Pastor for the coming year. After some discussion it was voted to extend an invitation to Mr. Leslie Irving of Newton Centre to be our Pastor for the year ending Oct. 1st 1939. Mr. Merriam recommended that a meeting of the church be held three months before the year ended to determine whether or not we should recall our Pastor or that the Pastor should notify the church on or before that time if he would be available for the next year.

- ◆ The evening service has been resumed at the Federated Church after being omitted during the month of August.
- ◆ At the recent fireman's muster, the best time made in the hose-coupling contest was 15 seconds by the Bridgewater Co. The Southville Hose Co. still retains the record at 12 seconds.
- ◆ Paul S. Lincoln recently observed his 80th birthday. A native of Ashland, he has been the proprietor of the village store here over 50 years and postmaster as well. He is a former selectman and member of St. Bernard's Lodge of Masons and the Southboro Coon Club.
- ◆ September 21st. Terrific Hurricane strikes New England. Southboro has about 80 men cleaning up debris from the highways. Damage in town estimated at \$500,000.

50 Years Ago

1963 – September

- ◆ Thomas Lindsay died September 12th.
- ◆ The Parsonage Sale Committee reported the sale of the former parsonage, west of the church, to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald L. Hickman.
- ◆ The Men's Club are engaged in a bowling league, sponsored by the joint efforts of the Southboro churches.

25 Years Ago

1988 – September

- ◆ The Church council met on September 12th. Sunday school teachers: Kim Masterman, ages 7-9; Jean Wynn, 10 and up and is also superintendent. Heather Adams is nursery attendant. "Joy in Action" series by Winston Press is the basic curriculum.

10 Years Ago

2003 – September

- ◆ The Church Council met on September 30th. Toby Mountain, Karin Farmer and Jim Holmes of the Investment Committee met a few weeks ago and decided to put more money into mutual funds.
- ◆ Rally Day was September 14th. About 40 people attended.
- ◆ Darcy Hilbert is Sunday School superintendent.
- ◆ Quotes are being obtained to upgrade the Vestry flooring and also to investigate the water problems.
- ◆ The confirmation class now has seven kids.

Spiritual Study & Growth Group

Addressing The Problem Of Anxiety!
Begins Thursday, September 12

This fall, beginning September 12, Reverend Sanderson will lead us in a study of the psychological and spiritual dimensions of anxiety.

Studies show that anxiety is one of the most common and crippling psychological problems that we experience. This experience is not limited to adults; more children and adolescents are being treated for anxiety disorders than ever before.

We will explore the various experiences of anxiety from normal and healthy anxiety to the kind that seriously interferes with our life. We will discuss generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, and various fears and phobias because the first step in addressing a problem is admitting it and naming it.

In addition to understanding the various types of psychotherapeutic and pharmacological treatments that currently utilized, including cognitive behavior therapy and psychodynamic psychotherapy, we will explore the psychological roots of these disorders. We will also explore the spiritual underpinnings of anxiety to discern what our Christian faith and other spiritual traditions like Tibetan Buddhism have to say about this troubling psychic experience.

The underlying theme of the series is that anxiety is primarily a spiritual problem, a problem that comes when we are living our life out of the wrong "center."

The group will meet Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Vestry. We will meet on the following dates:

September 12, 19, 26

October 3, 10, 24

November 7, 14, 21

Everyone is welcome!



To Lou and Jen Dundin on the birth of their first child, Olivia Grace, born on July 29.

She made her appearance into the world weighing in at 9 lbs. 6 oz. and was 22" long.

Congratulations to the Dundin family from your friends and family at First Community Church of Southborough.

Wisdom



- Wisdom** comes from combining what is intuitively known, the gut level feeling, with what is intellectually known.
- Wisdom** is the ability to know what is important in your life and what is not, what things are distractions and what things are the call of your soul.
- Wisdom** is being able to discern which messages to pay attention to and which to release.
- Wisdom** is learning what is yours - your thoughts, your expectations – and what is another persons.
- Wisdom** is the ability to know when to act and when not to.
- Wisdom** is knowing how to teach people to fish, rather than giving them the fish. It is knowing when to help and when not to.
- Wisdom** is understanding your mind and how it works. People with trained minds can stay away from temptations of anxiety or anger by knowing that nothing stays in their minds that is not there by their choice and invitation.

By Sanaya Roman

Karin Farmer
Contributing Columnist

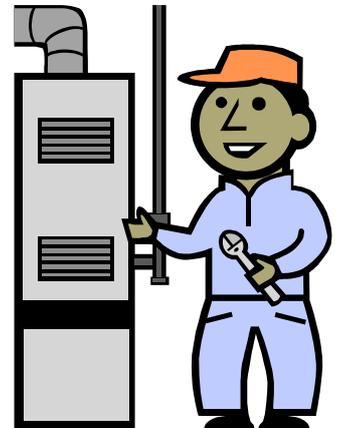
Report Of The Trustees

You might have heard from the Old Farmer's Almanac, the prediction for this winter is VERY COLD temps. Well fear not, thanks to the friends and members of our church for monetary contributions and to Bob Farmer for gathering bids and overseeing the installation, we will keep warm this winter with our new furnace!

So no excuses for not attending church (let's hope the snow only occurs on Mondays!)

The next Trustees' meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 PM.

PS: The excess money resides in a separate "Furnace Fund" bank account to be used toward the replacement of furnace #2. And again, our many thanks to all those who helped us with their gifts!



SOUTHBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY



Please help us help others!

First Community Church Shopping List for September

The shelves of the Food Pantry are quite low.

Please 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."

Beverages

Bottled Juice
Individual Juice Boxes
Coffee (Instant or Ground Regular)

Food Items

Peanut Butter (creamy)
Cookies
Individual snack packages
Sugar

Paper & Plastic Goods

Aluminum Foil
Plastic Bags

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

With Our Sincerest Sympathies



Our heartfelt sympathies reach out to Bob and Ilene Titus on the lost of Bob's father, William S. Titus who died on August 13 at the age of 87 in Butler PA.

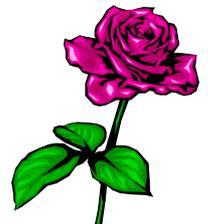
William is also survived by his wife Lucille (Denton) Titus, a sister, two grandsons, and his extended family.

Rev. Sanderson officiated at a memorial service on August 23 at Morris Funeral Home in Southborough.

Our love and prayers are with Bob and Ilene and all of the Titus family.



Reverend Sanderson recently officiated at the funeral services on August 8 for David Perkins of 230 Parkerville Road, Southborough.



Our prayers are with his mother, Jean Perkins; his sister Andrea Gardner; his niece and nephew, Olivia and Keith Gardner, and his many friends in the Southborough area.

Women's Fellowship

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." Isaiah 26:3

The Women's Fellowship will be starting our fall meeting with our traditional "Potluck Dinner" on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 PM. All the women of the church are welcome. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite main dish. Salad and rolls will be provided and Marlene Joe, Helen Varney, and Mattie Cummings will be bringing dessert. It is always a great evening so please come and join us.

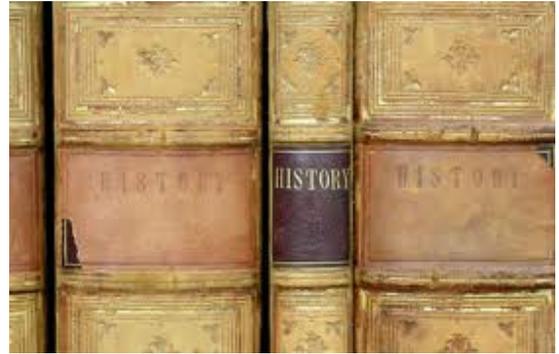
Marlene Joe will share a devotion with us and we will discuss plans for the next three months.

Hope to see you there.

Mattie Cummings
Secretary

A Thumbnail History

Our world is a strange place, sometimes puzzling and often frustrating. It's the only place we know that has intelligent beings – Life forms, from single cell or even smaller, all the way through to egg layers and mammals (us), share this habitat. All have a life span, some only seconds or minutes, to tortoises some of which live several hundred years. Their purpose is to repopulate the planet with replicas of themselves.



We humans are considered to be the sentient and intelligent group, although some animal behaviorists believe that members of the “ape” family are understanding and learning how to communicate with us with sign language. And just ask any devoted pet owner. Sit down and listen as they expound the intelligence and personality of their pet.

At populating, we have been very successful, to the point of overpopulation and our earth is becoming somewhat inhospitable and even hazardous in some places.

Where did we all come from? Surely Noah's ark was not large enough to hold all the species, despite all the cubits (how long is one?). Since then we have become scattered throughout the world in groups that eventually merged and worked together, living by rules of behavior they have agreed upon, developing community according to their habitats.

The resulting need for more space brought these separate communities closer together to co-mingle not only their populations but also their ways of life. Cohesion required levels of integration, labor and living resulting in political levels and central governing. Hierarchies gave some more power and respect, sometimes forcibly; while others became subjected. Class became defined.

Nations emerged and territories were clearly marked. A global conglomeration of nations jostled for wealth, power, and preeminence with political and military vigor as they do today.

Our own nation is considered the leading power in the world, but at home, our governing bodies are trying very hard to promote “self interest” policies -- the result is deadlock. Our President is in his “lame duck” term and the self-interest greed in Congress is crippling the nation and appalling in its blatancy.

A few years ago, a Senator was being interviewed regarding a piece of legislation that he promoted and ushered through Congress successfully. He was clearly excited and delighted. It had to do with the blatant lobbying efforts (or payoffs).

His interviewer questioned him on his plans to retire from Congress after his term and go to work for the very same company with a salary in seven figures, that was directly related to the seat of that lobbying control law.

He had no problems with being bought for his vote. I could understand his glee but I could not understand his blatant lack of interest in the welfare of those who voted for him in good faith.

Just last month, Bill Moyer had a guest who was saddened and dismayed by the lack of citizenship exercised by our current Congress, which is deadlocked by partisanship and personal interest. He mentioned that those elected to Congress now are more motivated by the prospect of getting rich! Most members regardless of their personal wealth before elected, leave as millionaires! It seems like their own interests are greater than those who voted them in to “manage in the nation’s best interest.” All I could think was how insulting, imperiously and dishonestly they regarded their constituency; we, the voters, the people!

We consider our God loving, caring and protective, whoever we are in the hierarchy of life, and may find it hard to reconcile the world we live in now with the world described in Genesis “in the beginning.”

There is another perspective. God gave us freedom to think and the ability to make choices. If you direct yourself toward God, you will be in position to be directed by Him, regardless of what the world assaults us with. Christ existed for a purpose, to help us focus on the hope of a better life here and beyond this life; to focus on Him and His love for us and one another and His sacrifice for us.

Fall is here! The beginning of another season, Don’t waste it, it was created for you!

Martha Hubley
FCC Columnist

PS: If it sounds like I’m standing on a “soapbox,” I’m stepping down now!

From The Editor

The deadline for the October 2013 Newsletter will be **Sunday, September 29.** 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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"His Royal Ministry"

I Pet. 2:9

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

Matt. 5:15
Rev. 1:20

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From Our Missions

To the First Community Church Family,

A very big thank you to all of you from the mission field and me. From Pastor Lorinson and Pastor Nick Guerrier, all of the children, students, and orphans whose lives are blessed every day by our continued sharing and caring.

Your generous gift will help provide some of our neediest students with a uniform that they would not otherwise have. For the Haitian people in our communities, knowing that there are people out there who do care, keeps hope alive for them and their families.

Thank you again for giving them that hope.

Sincerely in Christ

Mattie L. Cummings
Director - "His Royal Ministry"

From Our Members

To My Dear Church Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for all the prayers and thoughts after my recent surgery. Most special thanks to those of you who took the time to call or send cards. First Community is the "little church with the big heart" and such a blessing.

Among my blessings, I am also thankful to live in a country and time where such a surgery is available and possible.

Thank you and blessings on you all.

In faith and love,

Cricket Port

With Our Special Thanks To --

- ◆ The Diaconate for honoring all the Dads on Father’s Day with the annual “Strawberry Shortcake Social.”
- ◆ Everyone who donated items for and/or made purchases at the very successful Spring Yard Sale. Thanks to the Women’s Fellowship for again hosting their “Bake Table” that always is a winner. And very special thanks to the following who worked so hard organizing, setting up, staffing, and/or cleaning up after the sale:

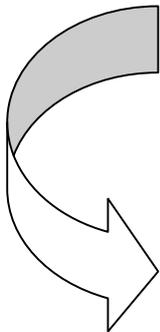
Barbara Crane	Joyce Harrington	Darlene Sanderson
David Crane	Cheryl Holmes	Michael Shedd
Mattie Cummings	Jim Holmes	David Sickles
Bob Farmer	Martha Hubley	Dianne Simmons
Karin Farmer	Marlene Joe	Helen Varney

- ◆ Karin Farmer, David Crane, Jim Holmes, Skip Willman, and Bob Farmer for keeping our grounds looking so great this summer. Our own private groundskeepers at a great price!

LOOKING AHEAD

Church Council Meeting
Thursday, October 17

Write down these dates!!



CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays

Zack Bird	2 nd
Chet Jacobson	5 th
Zachary Webster	9 th
Michael Shedd	12 th
Rev. Paul Sanderson	16 th
Rae Kay	20 th
Marlene Joe	22 nd



Anniversaries

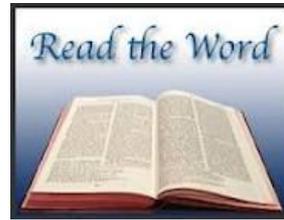
Cheryl & Jim Holmes	3 rd
Susan & Mitch Hansberry	10 th
Jennifer & Lou Dundin	13 th
Nancy & Walter Hite	26 th



"then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind." *Philippians 2:2*

Lay Leaders

September 1 -
September 8 - Pat Grogan
September 15 - Garcia Passley
September 22 - Sandy McKeen
September 29 - Karin Farmer



Greeters

September 1 - Cheryl & Jim Holmes
September 8 - Beverly Lees & Zachary Webster
September 15 - Cathy Ten Eyck
September 22 - Karin Farmer
September 29 - Scott McKeen

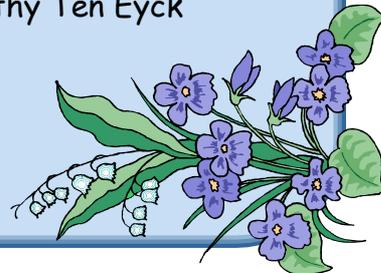
Coffee Hour Hosts

September 1 - Cheryl & Jim Holmes
September 8 - Pat Grogan & Beverly Lees
September 15 - Rally Day - All Church Cookout
September 22 -
September 29 -



Memorial Flowers

September 1 - Cheryl & Jim Holmes
September 8 - Beverly Lees
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September 29 -



Deacons for September

Dianne Simmons and Joyce Harrington

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>SUMMER WORSHIP</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service Rev. Paul Sanderson <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 PM Diaconate Meeting</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>ROSH HASHANAH</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship Service Rev. Paul Sanderson</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group</p> <p>5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>SEPTEMBER 11, 2001</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>YOM KIPPUR</p>
<p>15</p> <p>FALL WORSHIP BEGINS RALLY DAY & ALL CHURCH COOKOUT</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p>  <p>Cookout following Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group</p> <p>5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 PM Women's Fellowship Potluck Supper</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p> <p>October Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group</p> <p>5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:15 PM Stewardship & Growth Committee</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p> <p>October Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>September 2013</p> <p>Missions - "Stop Girl Trafficking"</p> <p>American Himalayan Foundation</p>				