

First Community Church

Newsletter

April 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

Easter is the high point of the Christian year. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is a celebration of God's love and its ultimate triumph over sin, evil, and death. Resurrection is not simply the return to life of a good man who suffered innocently and died an undeserved death. It is rather the experience in this broken world of God's ultimate promise and purpose for all – fullness of life in communion with God.

In our sanctuary, the purple of Lent and the somber black shroud over the cross on Maundy Thursday are replaced by the white of Easter. Thanks to David Sickles, Sharon Willman, and Pat Grogan, our sanctuary was beautifully and artistically decorated again this year. The Easter wreaths by our front door; the palm trees, the lilies and tulips that lined the chancel and the base of the altar; the trailing flowers in each window; the palm-cross that was replaced on Easter Sunday with the lily-cross – all served to evoke a feeling of celebration just by sitting in our beautiful sanctuary. Thanks to David Sickles, Michael Larson, and our choir, Easter Sunday worship was framed on the very deepest level by a tone of celebration and praise.

We are now entering into the liturgical period that is known as the Easter season – the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost. This is traditionally a time of celebration. In the early church no fasting was allowed during the Easter season, and all prayers were said from a standing position as a sign of the Resurrection. The Council of Nicea in 325 C.E. forbade kneeling during the Easter season. In many churches prayers of confession are omitted that we might emphasize and celebrate our salvation and the power of God's grace.

Eastertide is a time of joy. It is also a time of discovery. It is a time when we focus on the disciples' experience of the risen Christ. We read the stories of Jesus' appearances to the disciples over the forty-day period between Jesus' resurrection and his ascension. It is important to realize that the "good news" of Easter came as a gradual dawning for the disciples, just as it does for most of us. They did not fully understand what they had seen and heard until the Ascension. This was the moment when they received Jesus' charge to carry on his teaching and healing ministry in the world.

The Easter season comes to a joyous culmination in the celebration of Pentecost. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit comes to the disciples as their promised “helper” and the Christian church is born. We, too, celebrate God’s Spirit in our midst and we celebrate the gifts of the Spirit that we have each been given: gifts, which the apostle Paul tells us are meant to be shared “for the common good.”

Easter is a powerful part of the Christian story, but it is not the whole story. It was not the whole story for the disciples. They gradually discover that Jesus is not dead but that he lives! He lives in the world and also inside them! This was an epiphany, a transformative moment for them. It led to a deepening of their faith and an even deeper spiritual journey. Through their experience of the risen Christ they discover the courage and the strength they need to take on the challenges that life now placed before them.

It is the same with us. On Easter we celebrate the Resurrection. However, if we do not rediscover Jesus in our lives and in the world, just as the disciples did during Eastertide, we will be missing an important part of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a disciple of the Way. If we can rediscover the risen Christ who dwells within us we will be led past the cross, past even the empty tomb to experience the healing power of God’s presence in our lives.

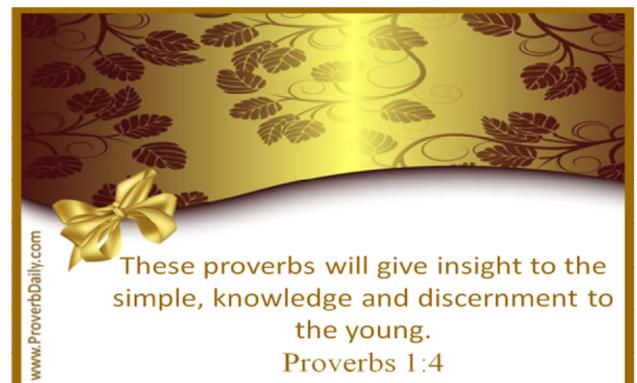
Please join us for worship and study throughout this Easter season as we continue to unfold and celebrate what Paul Harvey would call “the rest of the story” -- this amazing revelation of God’s love for us and for the world!

In the Spirit of the Risen Christ,
The Reverend Paul D. Sanderson

Adult Bible Study

We are continuing our study of the Wisdom Literature of the Bible, starting with the Book of Proverbs. So far, we have discovered a true depth of wisdom in these books, which were originally attributed to Solomon, and we have identified themes that found later expression in the teachings of Jesus and the writings of the apostle Paul.

Adult Bible Study group meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of every month from 9:15 – 10:30 AM in the Vestry. Bibles are provided.



Missions Offering

PREVENTING **HUNGER** IN CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

Our Mission Offering for April will go to benefit the Worcester County Food Bank. The Worcester County Food Bank (WCFB) is a community-based non-profit organization whose mission is “*To Engage, Educate and Lead Worcester County in Creating a Hunger-Free Community.*”



The Food Bank is a 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 70 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. Their base of operations is a 37,000 square foot facility located at 474 Boston Turnpike (Route 9) in Shrewsbury, MA.

Below are some excerpts taken from the Stories of Help & Hope article from the WCFB website, www.foodbank.org.

Stories of **Help & Hope** *from the Worcester County Hunger-Free Network*

Hunger affects an individual, then a family, and ultimately a community.

Hunger can best be seen and understood where it is experienced.

Many of the best approaches to addressing hunger arise from local communities.

~ A Blueprint to End Hunger 2008 ~

It is easy to become numb and overwhelmed by the problem of hunger when we read the statistics in the newspaper and hear the reports on the radio and television news. So we must remember that behind the facts and figures are real people with individual stories of economic and emotional hardship who persevere with hope and hard work.

Stories of **Help & Hope** is a collection of unique personal experiences that are more important and telling than any number or statistic. These stories are a testament to people willing to speak about difficult situations and to people willing to listen.

Although the names and photos have been changed out of respect for individual privacy, the stories are real. Each story belongs to someone we may never know, but all we really need to understand is that they are our neighbors, yours and mine – men and women we pass on the street; seniors we stand next to in the checkout line at the supermarket; boys and girls who sit next to our children and grandchildren in school; and families living next door, around the corner and across town.

Tears Of Joy

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



One day during our food pantry operation as I was coming out of my office, I noticed a woman come in. She said something to the food pantry coordinator, after which her face turned ashen and she walked to the back of the building.

Later, figuring that there was some sort of problem, I asked the Pantry Coordinator what had transpired. She told me that the woman had brought a bag of groceries to her car and came in to get the rest of her supplies. She then told the Pantry Coordinator that her children were in the car and were so happy with what they had received they were crying tears of joy.

How many of us cry tears of joy when we bring our groceries home? Perhaps we should.

To Just Be Children

A newly single mom arrived at our door early one morning with three young, school-aged children. It was school vacation week and the woman was visibly distraught. With tears in her eyes, she said that she had no food in her house, absolutely nothing to feed her children. The children were looking down at the floor. I asked if they had eaten breakfast. Without looking up, they answered “no.” We quickly found food for them to eat and then bagged up food for the family to take home. After talking with the mom, we readily assessed that the family would qualify for SNAP (food stamps) benefits. We also discussed other resources in the community that might be helpful and were able to provide needed school supplies that the children had been lacking. This mom was part of the working poor.

Working as hard as she could, she just couldn't make ends meet. It pained her to ask for assistance and that pain showed on her face and the faces of her children.

Seeing the vulnerability of this family made me wonder how many children's lives have been shaped by hunger and desperation and how this must affect their formative years. Looking at the sadness in these children's eyes, when there should have been the joy of childhood, I wondered what the effect on their developing personalities and their feeling of self-worth would be. And, I marveled at the strength of this mom to get up every day and go to work, to suffer the indignity of seeing her children hungry, finding a way to resolve that hunger, and carrying on in the face of it all.

I am grateful that we were there to help. My wish is that no one would need this help, that no one would have to suffer the indignities of poverty and hunger. I mainly wish that children could just be children

Always There For You

There is the young man who told us that the workers in his shop decided to take fewer hours so that everyone could keep their job. But now he is finding it hard to pay the bills and get groceries too. Someone told him about our food pantry. He seemed grateful for the food assistance he received. We are there for him! We have many others who find it difficult to keep up with bills and groceries and are in need of food assistance.

Arthur and Me

On a recent Saturday morning, a homeless man named Eric came to us for help. I asked for his address and he explained his car lives in Shrewsbury but he has no home so he figured he was a Shrewsbury resident. I gave him the usual avenue for help and proceeded to gather the appropriate foods.

See, Eric did his cooking at a local park and I wanted to make sure he received food he would be able to cook there.

In questioning the size of the family, he said two. Next I asked the age of the other family member, he thought for a bit and said I'm not sure but he weighs 9 lbs and his name is Arthur. Arthur, the other member of his family, was indeed a dog whom he loved like a child. After our conversation, Eric went on his way with food, a sandwich to go, a gift card for McDonalds and most importantly to him, food for Arthur.

Our Best Bell Ringer

A client came in for food on one occasion; he noted that he was homeless. We tried to locate shelters for him, but he refused to live in a shelter environment. The next day he came in and asked us if he could help out by volunteering, because he wanted to show his gratitude for the food. We had him help with sorting canned goods for our food pantry.

In the meantime, I asked him if he wouldn't mind us conducting a background check on him, so we could give him a temporary position ringing the bells. His check came back clean and we hired him on a trial basis. He ended up being our best bell ringer. People loved his attitude and we gave him all kinds of hours. This allowed him to get an apartment in Athol and search for a more permanent job. He eventually found a job that would support him through the whole year.

The neat part of this story was that while he was working on the kettle, a homeless teen came up to him. He called us to come pick the teen up to see if we could find a shelter. We were able to get him into a shelter in Fitchburg. So this kind of came full circle with this particular person and it was very rewarding to see that a few bags of food could touch two entirely different lives.

...for a collective impact of:
10 million dollars worth of food
6 million pounds
4.5 million meals
83 thousand different people
33 thousand households

ONE *Worcester County*

Hunger-Free Network!

Bottles & Cans For Cash



First Community Church is lined up for Wednesday, April 24 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 21. If you need someone to pick them up, just call Mattie Cummings or Bob L’Heureux.

Mattie Cummings
Chief Bottle & Can Collector

Women’s Fellowship

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16

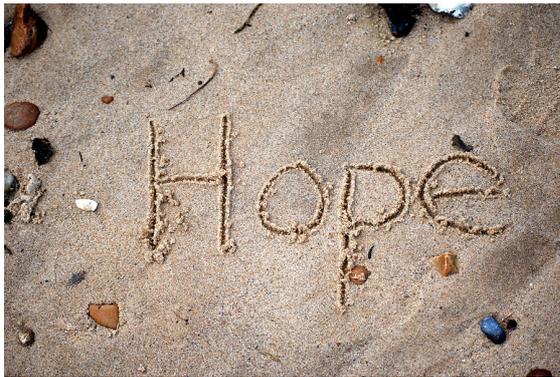
The Women’s Fellowship met on March 20 noting it was still very snowy for the first day of Spring! With warmer weather in mind, we discussed the possibility of our group visiting the Tower Hill Botanical Gardens located in Boylston. No firm date has been set yet, but we are looking at the third or fourth Saturday in April. Plans will be finalized at our April 16 meeting. If you are interested in going with us, please contact Mattie Cummings or Karin Farmer before April 16.

With the L’il Shoppe and the Stewardship and Growth Committee encouraging other groups in the church to help with fundraising efforts, the Women’s Fellowship is again going to have a Bake Table at the Yard Sale on June 1. Our Bake Table at last year’s yard sale was very successful.

All members of the Women’s Fellowship will be baking for this fundraiser and will take any donations of baked goods from other members of the church. As a side note -- “presentation” goes a long way in making that sale. All of our pies sold well and children at the yard sale really were happy to purchase some cookies in a small bag.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM. Karin Farmer will be responsible for devotions and Beth Hook will supply the refreshments.

Mattie Cummings, Secretary



Wave good bye to winter! Did its visit seem extra long this year? Well, April brings the hope of Spring: the reawakening of soul and body and spirit. It's appropriate that Easter leads the way into this new revolution of life. We hope for a fulfilling and profitable year for ourselves, our families, our friends & neighbors – everyone. "Hope springs eternal" and especially in springtime, it's a springboard into a mindset of optimistic possibilities.

On every level we plan, we consider costs and value of available options. It may be on a grand scale, i.e. that "once in a lifetime" trip with family, children young enough to still be available to go and old enough to enjoy the specialness of what may be the last "entire family" outing. Perhaps it's a longtime, yearned for, vacation for Mom and Dad after the kids have left the nest. Or perhaps a special visit to your grandparents or forbearer's homeland, the roots of your family tree. Or even a retirement adventure. Possibly a permanent move to a more hospitable climate.

For many it is fun time. Looking forward to being outside more, planting a garden, sprucing up the house and yard, getting ready for warm weather habitation and checking out the neighborhood in general. If you have a pool, getting it ready to be opened and cleaned, hopefully for the many hours of use and enjoyment. This is the signal that the warmth of Spring and the anticipation of Summer is waiting just around the corner.

Hope is intangible, unseen, a desire. We wish life could be perfect. We hope it will be more pleasant than unpleasant, more upbeat than disappointing, more productive than unsuccessful. We try to dismiss the downside hoping to avoid the negative, even though life is capable of delivering both. Perhaps that is why we combine hope with other values; Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love (Advent) or Faith, Hope, and Love (1 Corinthians 13). Hope gives us a positive goal we can aspire to. It promises the possibility of good things, a future goal, and a "down the road" attainment kind of mentality.

Jesus gave us love when He came to be one of us.

We only need to recognize Him and believe in His presence.

Jesus gave us peace when life seems to overwhelm us.

We need only to accept His word and have faith.

Jesus gave us Hope with His resurrection and ascension.

March 31, Easter Day, we celebrated His life and purpose accomplished -- "It is finished."

- † Perhaps this life is a test of perseverance and sincerity.
- † Perhaps this life is a waiting room for the next phase of our life.
- † Perhaps this life is an education in preparation for that which we still do not know.
- † Perhaps this life is an opportunity to touch, feel, and appreciate our life, Jesus' life, and a future life promised.
- † Perhaps life is Hope.

Have a Happy Spring – You survived Winter – Hopefully tomorrow will be even better.

Martha Hubley

FCC Newsletter Columnist

With Our Sincerest Sympathies



Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies go out to Carol Carlson for the loss of her husband of 51 years, Lee A. Carlson, who died Saturday, March 2, 2013.

He is also survived by his three children, Kelly A. Carlson of Knoxville, TN; Kurt A Carlson and his wife Deirdre of Auburn; Eric L. Carlson of Marlborough; a brother, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Our prayers and love are with Carol and her family.

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We reach out to Lee & Mattie Cummings, for the recent loss of Lee's brother, Ronald Henry Cummings, 91, of Freeport Maine. He passed away on Sunday, March 3, 2013.



Lee & Mattie, we are with you in thought and prayer.

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We extend our sincerest sympathies to Dianne Simmons who recently lost her aunt, Marion Stadtmueller. Marion, 86, passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 while visiting her son in Florida.



Dianne flew to Florida the evening before Palm Sunday and got the chance to see her and say her final goodbye.

Dianne, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

SOUTHBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY

Please help us help others!

First Community Church Shopping List for April



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

Canned Chicken



Coffee

Instant or Ground Regular



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

A Blast From The Past

125 Years Ago

1888 – April

- ◆ On April 15th Messrs. Loring and Perkins were chosen as delegates to attend the Convention of Churches in Southboro.

50 Years Ago

1963 -- April

- ◆ The Women's Fellowship had a mother-daughter banquet with a large number present. Mrs. Berninger was our guest speaker with the Easter story in flannel graph form enjoyed by children and adults alike.
- ◆ The following were baptized on April 7th: Nancy and Russell Choate, children of Carleton & Elizabeth Choate; Paul Masterman, son of Charles & Barbara Masterman; Rose Marie Rollins, daughter of David & Marjorie Thoits.

25 Years Ago

1988 -- April

- ◆ A Good Friday vigil was held.

10 Years Ago

2003 -- April

- ◆ The Diaconate and the Women's Fellowship are doing a hot meal for the homeless on April 3rd.
 - ◆ The Choir sponsored a pancake breakfast, which was held on the morning of Palm Sunday, April 13, with many in attendance. The money that we collected from the breakfast helped to buy new stoles for our choir robes as well as new hymnbooks, which we use for our introits.
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Spiritual Exploration Reading Group

Tuesday Afternoons from 2:30 – 4:00 PM with Rev. Sanderson

The theme of our Tuesday afternoon Spiritual Exploration Reading Group is the search for that deepest level of spiritual experience that underlies all of the world religions.

This spring we began by reading Aldous Huxley's *Introduction to Swami Prabhavananda* and Christopher Isherwood's 1944 translation of the classic Hindu text the *Bhagavad-Gita*. Huxley's essay is an excellent articulation of what has been called "the Perennial Philosophy."

We are presently viewing and discussing the material presented in *The Power of Myth*, a video series of Bill Moyers's interviews with the world-renowned mythologist Joseph Campbell. This series, perhaps more than anything else that has been presented in the public venue, served to open the general public up to the depth dimension of religion and the psychological and spiritual dimension of mythology. This series is also available in book form.

The Tuesday afternoon study group meets every Tuesday from 2:30 – 4:00 PM in the Vestry. Everyone is welcome!

Spiritual Study & Growth Group

Thursday Evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM Led By Rev. Sanderson

Our Thursday evening Spiritual Study and Growth Group will continue its exploration of the relationship of Jungian psychology (the psychology of Carl Gustav Jung), particularly the dynamics of the persona and shadow, to the Christian faith and to our personal and sociological relationships. This past fall we read and discussed Robert Johnson's *Owning Your Own Shadow* and Robert Louis Stevenson's novel *Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*.

This spring we will move a little more to the "light" side by viewing and discussing several movies that illustrate the dynamics of the repression, projection, acting out, and integration of the shadow. We will watch *Thelma and Louise*; *The Mask*; *The Man Without a Face*; and *The Nutty Professor*. Each film will take approximately 3-4 meetings to view and discuss.

Behind this theme is our concern with the problem of evil: the kind of evil that we have recently witnessed in Newtown, Aurora, Columbine, Virginia Tech, Oklahoma City, and many other smaller-impact tragedies.

In the future we hope to explore Marie Louise von Franz's book *Shadow and Evil in Fairytales*, and explore the Jungian perspective on how we can best protect ourselves and our society from an invasion by personal and collective evil.

The Spiritual Study and Growth Group meets every Thursday from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Vestry. Everyone is welcome.



It's spring cleaning time! Clean your cellar! Clean your attic and garage! Clean out those closets and kitchen cabinets! Time to set aside those items you no longer need and donate them to the First Community Church Yard Sale to be held Saturday, June 1, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Rain or shine, it will be held at the church.

We will have clothes, shoes, toys, household items, FREE coffee, and a bake table sponsored by the Women's Fellowship! We cannot accept televisions, computers, monitors or cribs.

Items must be CLEAN and SALABLE. There will be a place in the Vestry very soon, to drop off your items.

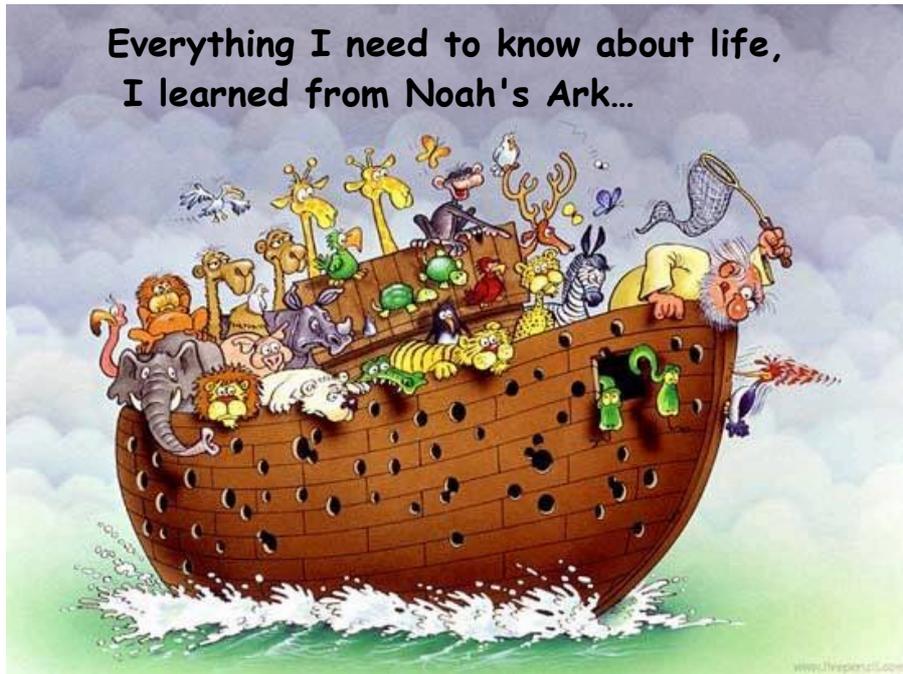
If anyone needs help with the pick up of their items, let someone on the Stewardship and Growth Committee know and we will help. If you have any questions about donating just ask.

Anyone interested in helping set up and/or price items please contact one of the committee members. We hope you will all stop by and browse. Come find a delicious treat at the bake table. We have so much fun!! And you just might find a treasure!!

2013 Stewardship & Growth Committee

David Crane, Cheryl Holmes, Darlene Sanderson, David Sickles, Dianne Simmons and Sharon Willman

April Showers



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| <p>1 Don't miss the boat.</p> <p>2 Remember that we are all in the same boat.</p> <p>3 Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.</p> <p>4 Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big!</p> <p>5 Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.</p> <p>6 Build your future on high ground.</p> | <p>7 For safety's sake, travel in pairs.</p> <p>8 Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.</p> <p>9 When you're stressed, float a while.</p> <p>10 Remember -- the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.</p> <p>11 No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's <u>always</u> a rainbow waiting...</p> |
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Contributing Columnist – Dianne Simmons

From The Editor

The deadline for the May 2013 Newsletter is **Sunday, April 28, 2013**. Remember to include any dates for meetings or events you would like listed on the calendar. Articles may be submitted to Cheryl Holmes by:



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Thank You

From Our Missions



To the First Community Church of Southborough,

Please accept our most sincere thanks for your continued generous support! It is needed and greatly appreciated!



Sincerely,

Annette Rafferty, "for all of us"

From Our Members

To the Church Family at First Community Church,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful planter sent to us at this time of loss. Your thoughts and prayers mean so much. Ronnie Cummings was a precious brother and will be greatly missed.

Our love to all of you,

Mattie & Lee Cummings

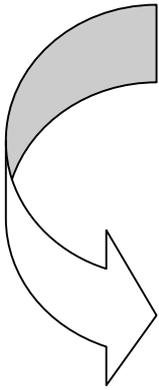
With Our Special Thanks To –

- ◆ David Sickles, Sharon Willman, and Pat Grogan for each in their own way, making our Sanctuary so beautiful for Holy Week and Easter Sunday.
- ◆ Rev. Sanderson, the Choir, our organist Michael Larson and the following readers, Bob Farmer, Dianne Simmons, Bob L'Heureux, Karin Farmer, Lou Dundin and Darlene Sanderson for making Maundy Thursday's Tenebrae Service a solemn and moving evening during Holy Week.
- ◆ All those who braved the cold and took part in this year's United Parishes Easter Sunrise Service. Thanks to Rev. Julie Cedrone for delivering the Easter message; Rev. Paul Sanderson for the closing prayer and benediction; Dianne Newland for her flute music, and Bob L'Heureux for all his time and effort to organize the program.
- ◆ All those who helped cook, bake, prepare, serve, and/or clean up when it was our turn to co-host the dinner with Pilgrim Church at the second session of the United Parishes of Southborough Lenten Series.

LOOKING AHEAD

Choir Appreciation
Sunday, May 19

Write down these dates!!



Birthdays

Lou Dundin	1 st
Ron Sickles	7 th
Roy Pinnock	13 th
Skip Willman	17 th
Gloria Sadler	30 th

Anniversaries

Sandy & Scott McKeen	29 th
Garcia & Roy Pinnock	30 th



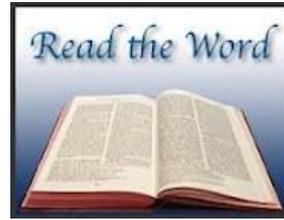
CELEBRATIONS



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

Lay Leaders

April 7 - Karin Farmer
April 14 - Bob Farmer
April 21 - Mattie Cummings
April 28 -



Greeters

April 7 - Helen Varney
April 14 - Dianne Simmons
April 21 - Barbara Crane
April 28 -

Coffee Hour Hosts

April 7 - Barbara Crane & Marlene Joe
April 14 - Sandy McKeen
April 21 - Beth Hook
April 28 - Karin Farmer & Helen Varney



Memorial Flowers

April 7 - Garcia, Roy, & Nigel Pinnock
April 14 -
April 21 - Barbara & David Crane
April 28 - Lee & Mattie Cummings
Margaret & Richard Markert



Deacons for April

Joyce Harrington & Dianne Simmons

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2013</h1>	1	2 2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group 6:30 PM Diaconate Meeting	3	4	5	6
7 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	8	9 2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM Trustee's Meeting	10	11 7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group	12	13
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