

# *First Community Church*

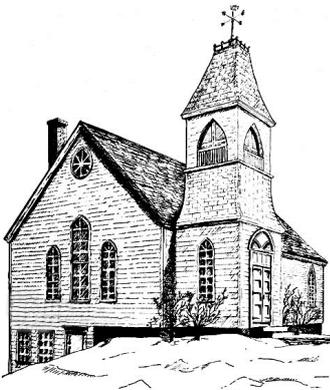
## *Newsletter*

### *Celebrating 150 Years of Christian Worship*

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*September 2014*

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#### *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*

**W**elcome to the fall and another new year in the life of the First Community Church of Southborough!

As I write this message, fall has officially begun. Classes at Assumption College have commenced, so I am once again attempting to enlighten young educators and psychologists-to-be about the many issues attendant to the psychology of adolescence. I love teaching undergraduates, but I have to admit that teaching two sections back-to-back is a lot of extraversion for an introvert like me. At least this morning they laughed at my jokes (though perhaps they were just being polite).

This was a very busy summer for Darlene and me. The day after Darlene got out of school we drove down to Florida to help Kristen relocate to Norfolk, Virginia for her psychology internship. Since Mike couldn't get the time off from work, Darlene and I drove Kristen to Norfolk, helped her find an apartment, and drove back to Gainesville to help her pack. Then we drove back to Norfolk to meet the movers and help her unpack while she began her program at the Eastern Virginia Medical School. By my reckoning, Darlene and I had approximately four hours of "vacation" in a little over two weeks; we sat on a bench at Virginia Beach and watched the waves.

No sooner had we arrived home than Jay and Ann-Marie informed us that our twin grandsons, Zach and Charlie, were being baptized in a couple of weeks. So we drove back to South Carolina for the baptism, which was very meaningful, and then swung by to see Kristen on the way home. By the time we arrived back home we had driven 6,820 miles in a little over a month! Needless to say, we were (and still are) totally exhausted. It was a very rich summer in

family time, especially with Corey and Nathan who were thankfully in the area. However, it was not what I would call a relaxing vacation. I only read two of the eight “must-read” books I had set aside in the pile by my reading chair.

As we neared the end of our two southern sojourns, as rich and meaningful as they were, Darlene and I just wanted to be home. We really wanted to be home. What a great feeling to pull into the driveway after a fourteen-hour drive! This summer, perhaps more than any summer in recent memory, we just longed to be back where we belonged.

I have the same feeling about our church. I think of our church as a family. This little church has touched our life at some time and in some way, perhaps for many years and in many different ways. It has made its imprint on us, and we have been an important part of its history. Throughout the years, however, life has taken many of us in different directions. Some of our members have become caught up in the busyness of life; some have moved away to different parts of the country; some are now residents in nursing homes; and many of those who are nearest and dearest to us have passed on. All, however, are still with us.

You see, once you have been a part of us you are a member of our family and you always will be.

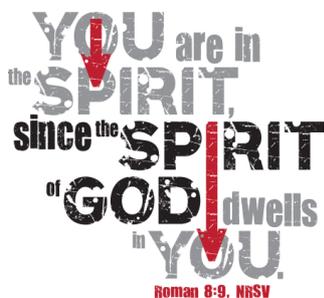
On Homecoming Sunday, September 14, we invite you to come home. We would like you to be a part of our gathering as we remember and celebrate what this church has meant to us and to so many people throughout its history. Throughout this year, as we celebrate the 150 years of Christian worship, fellowship, spiritual growth, and mission that has marked the life and character of this little community of faith, we hope you will realize that you are part of that history and that you will join us in our celebration.

See what a nice feeling it is when, on September 14, you come home. Because, in a sense, you have never left.

Yours in Christ,  
Reverend Paul D. Sanderson

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## *Adult Bible Study*

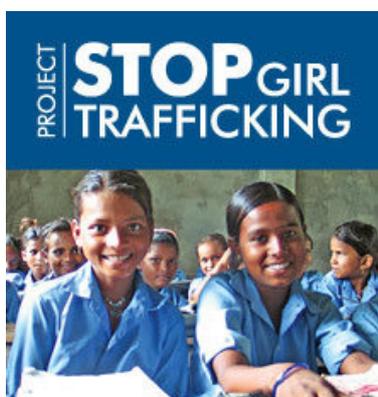


Our Adult Bible Study, which meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of every month, will begin on Sunday, September 21. We meet in the Vestry from 9:15 – 10:30 AM.

Please come to this initial meeting where we will decide what book of the Bible we will explore this coming year.

Beginners are welcome!

## Missions Offering



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

### “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. Fifteen years ago we started with 54 girls. This year we have 10,500 in 519 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.



*Saving girls, one student at a time*  
*For a small investment - \$100 pays for everything:*  
*school fees, books, school uniforms, tutoring. It is all it*  
*takes to keep a girl in school and safe from traffickers*  
*for a whole year.*



## *Homecoming Sunday ~ September 14*

You are cordially invited to join us on Sunday, September 14, when we will kick off our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We will begin with worship, the Sacrament of Holy Communion, and a choir that will be graced by former choir members.

Following the worship service, we will meet for a catered luncheon downstairs in our newly renovated Vestry. The day's celebration will be capped off by an informal sharing of memories.

If you are on our mailing list, you have been an important part of our history. We hope you will join us for this celebration and throughout the year to come. If for some reason we have failed to contact you by letter, please let us know whether you will be attending the luncheon by leaving a message on the church answering machine.

We hope you will be able to be with us as we reflect on where we have been, where we are today, and how we can help to create the future to which God calls us as a church.



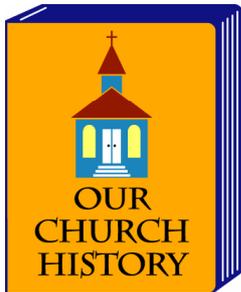
**THE CHOIR IS BACK!** After what seemed like a very short summer, the choir is back in the loft singing our introits and anthems. As always, anyone who would like to join us is more than welcome. Our rehearsals are held each Tuesday, from 5:00 PM to about 6:00 PM, with a short rehearsal every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM. This year we will be singing some new anthems as well as some old favorites.

We are also excited about our Homecoming Sunday on September 14, when several former choir members will be joining us in the loft. It is sure to be a day of memories and music! So if anyone has been thinking about joining us but hasn't taken that first step yet, now is a great time. Feel free to speak to any choir member if you have any questions at all. We will continue to "make a joyful noise"!



# *Celebrate Our Heritage*

## *History Lesson 101*



Welcome to the sesquicentennial (150) year of our Church! How did we get to what we are now? Let us return to January 1865 when the Civil War had three months left to run its course. On 18 January 1865, a council of Pastors and Deacons from surrounding towns met at Winchester Hall and voted to proceed with the organization of the Second Congregational Church of Southborough, in the Southville section of town. The “First” Congregational Church of Southborough being what we know today as Pilgrim Church.

Note that our Church building came later. In February 1869, Harvey Newton, proprietor of the Newton Boot and Shoe Factory, donated adjacent land on which to build a chapel at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Benjamin Prentiss, for whom Prentiss Street is named, was in charge of the construction. The first meetings were held in the vestry in April 1870.

In 1897 a Methodist Church (Methodist Episcopal or M.E.) was built on the south side of Southville Road about 200 yards to the north of our Church.

With the US entry into WW1 in 1917, consideration was being given to uniting the two churches. It would take five years, until 1922, before this could be worked out and the combined churches became “The Federated Church of Southville” with all services in the sanctuary we use today. The Second Congregational Church had lasted 57 years and the Methodist Church, 25 years. The Methodist building was turned over to the fraternal Masonic organization. Some of us remember in the late 60’s and early 70’s when the Sunday School was bursting at the seams, having classes in the Masonic building. The 1897 construction date can still be seen at the base of this building, which became a home about 1990.

The Federated Church lasted 47 years. On September 8, 1969, a new Constitution was accepted and the Church became “The First Community Church of Southboro.” There was no annual meeting in 1970 probably due to conversion from a school year to a calendar year, which we use to this day. The first annual meeting of the First Community Church was February 8, 1971. This past February we held our 44<sup>th</sup> annual meeting.

Next month I will share some of the Church papers that we still have.

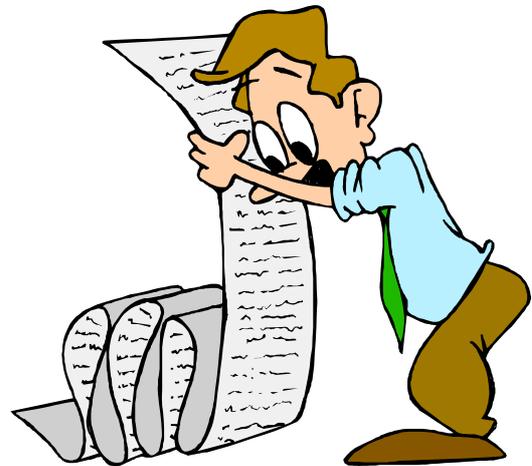
Jim Holmes  
Church Historian

## *Report Of The Trustees*

The Trustees were busy during the summer months. We took care of the church grounds as well as got the work in the Vestry completed.

- ☑ Made sure that the lawn was mowed on a regular basis.
- ☑ Summer flowers were planted in the kitchen garden and at the front door. The flowers were watered on a regular basis and kept weed-free.
- ☑ The areas around the shrubs and plants were weeded.
- ☑ Reviewed estimates from painters and carpenters keeping in mind quality of craftsmanship and cost effectiveness.
- ☑ A chair rail was installed in the Vestry.
- ☑ The new wall, as well as the entire Vestry, was painted -- the ceiling, chair rail, baseboards, doors and columns.
- ☑ The bathroom walls and baseboard were painted.
- ☑ The stairway was painted.

A great big "Thank you" to all who made this possible - Sandy McKeen, Pat Grogan, Karin Farmer, Bob Farmer, Beverly Lees; Mike Hubley from Hubley Painting, who did a great job; and David Sickles for cleaning up every Saturday and getting the Vestry ready for Sunday Service.



Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00 PM.

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## *Women's Fellowship*

*"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."*

**Revelation 22:12-13**

The Women's Fellowship will meet on Tuesday, September 16 for our traditional Potluck Dinner. We will be meeting at the earlier time of 6:00 PM. All women of the church are welcome to attend. Please bring your favorite main dish. Salad, rolls, and dessert will be provided.

Let's begin early to collect our baskets, small or medium size, and bring them to this meeting. We will continue to collect baskets in the following weeks so we will be have them to prepare our "Sunshine Baskets" for our shut-ins at the November meeting..

Mattie Cummings, Secretary

## *Spiritual Exploration Reading Group*

### **Healing and Wholeness**

**Begins Tuesday, September 23 with Rev. Sanderson**

Our Tuesday Spiritual Study and Growth Group will begin our fall meetings on Tuesday, September 23. We will meet every Tuesday from 2:30 – 4:00 PM through November 25. However, there will be no meeting October 14.

The theme for our fall meetings will be a Jungian approach to experiencing psychological (and sometimes also physical) healing. We will read and discuss John A. Sanford’s *Healing and Wholeness* (Paulist Press, 1977). Written by an Episcopal priest and Jungian psychoanalyst in easy-to-understand language, this book touched me deeply and made me aware for the first time how C. G. Jung’s depth psychology can help us understand our Christian faith from a different perspective, and how our faith can lead us to healing and wholeness.

Everyone is welcome! We will slowly and carefully read the book together as a group and discuss the ideas presented as we go along. Even if you can’t make all of the sessions, I trust you will find the insights of each meeting helpful to you in your own faith journey, in your journey toward healing and wholeness.



Please help us help others!

### First Community Church Shopping List for September

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

Paper Towels  
Toilet Tissue  
Aluminum Foil  
Plastic Bags

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**

#### **1889 – September**

- ◆ The September 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Church of Southboro called to order by Dea. Ward. Mr. Merrill elected moderator; Prayer offered by the Pastor. Election of officers for the year by ballot: W.A.Ward and J. Moore elected Deacons; J. Kaler, clerk. Report of treasurer and collector, Mrs. M.M. Fay read and accepted having been approved by the Examining committee. Standing committee elected for coming year: W.A. Ward; Miss M.A. Kimball; Miss M.A. Loring.

Motion made and accepted that the Clerk be instructed to cross from the Book the names of non-residents that have not been heard from.

Motion made to change the first clause in Article third of the Standing Rules from the Annual meeting shall be held on the First Monday evening in September to the first Wednesday evening of the same month. To be left as unfinished business. Moved to adjourn. Jennie E. Kaler (Clerk).

### **100 Years Ago**

#### **1914 – September**

- ◆ 10 September The Annual Church meeting held Thursday evening. Mr. Chickering, moderator; Following officers elected for coming year: Clerk. Mr. W. Boutilier; Treasurer: Mr. C. Chamberlain; Standing committee: Mr. H. Rogers; Miss Susie Sommerman; Mrs. W. Boutilier; Mr. W. Boutilier and Mr. C. Chamberlain. Deacons: Mr. J. F. Chickering; Mr. H. Rogers; Prayer meeting committee: Mrs. H. Clark; Mrs. Salisbury; Mrs. Chickering; Miss Baker.

The question as to whether we continue with the Southboro Church with the same pastor or to try and secure one for ourselves was discussed at length. The motion was made and seconded that a committee consisting of Miss Susie Sommerman and Mrs. W. Boutilier be instructed to see Rev. Mr. Barber of Framingham Centre and see under what condition, etc. he would come and preach for us. The committee was to make its report as soon as convenient. Voted to adjourn.

- ◆ 12 September The members gathered in the church this evening to hear the report of Miss Sommerman and Mrs. Boutilier who were to interview the Rev. Mr. Barber. Mr. Barber not being at home, they talked with his wife explaining their mission, she saying he would write a letter when he returned home. The letter from Mr. Barber being satisfactory, Mr. Rogers and Miss Sommerman were chosen to interview the Southboro committee and see how they would feel if we should decide to separate from them.
- ◆ 13 September. Mr. Rogers and Miss Sommerman made their report which was to the effect that the Southboro church were willing that we should try the experiment of our having our own pastor and wishing us success.

Mr. Rogers and Miss Sommerman were then instructed to see Mr. Barber and see if satisfactory arrangement could be made as to his preaching to us.

Arrangements having been made the Rev. Mr. Barber will commence his service with us

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Sunday morning September 19, the service being changed to 10:45AM. The arrangement of our having our own pastor was to be tried for one year. W.B. Boutilier, Clerk

- ◆ Rev. H.H. Hanson, Pastor, M.E. Church, Southville, has entered upon his studies at a Boston Theological School. He will be here every Friday evening and return Monday morning so that he may be able to attend his church duties.

### **75 Years Ago**

#### **1939 – September**

- ◆ Clerks of the three branches and the clerk of the Federation met with the pastor for the purpose of checking the membership lists and prepare a list of members to whom notices of the 1939 annual meeting of the church should be sent. Lilla H. Johnson, clerk

### **50 Years Ago**

#### **1964 – September**

- ◆ The Congregational Branch of the Federated Church held their annual meeting on September 11<sup>th</sup> and elected Howard Norcross, moderator and Mrs. Howard Hunt, clerk. Selected to serve on Board of directors were Mrs. Howard Hunt, 3 years; Mrs. Thomas Lindsay, 2 years; Howard Norcross, 1 year.
- ◆ The Church School year started on September 10<sup>th</sup> with an enrollment of 69 pupils and 14 teachers and officers. A good number were added to the roll on the following Sundays in September.

### **25 Years Ago**

#### **1989 – September**

- ◆ Rev. Elven Riggles gave us notice he would be leaving at the end of the year. He has been with us five and one half years and we have seen many changes and improvements inside and out. We are sorry to see him leave but are happy for he and Jill and family as they start a new chapter in their lives in their new parish in Durham, CT.

A pastoral search committee was activated and the members are: Robert Nelson, trustee; Robert L'Heureux, Deacon; Hope & Lee Cummings; James Holmes, Robert Farmer, Robert Bishop, members at large.

### **10 Years Ago**

#### **2004 – September**

- ◆ The Trustees have replaced the Church roof and contracted to excavate around the building and to repair the foundation and install drainpipes down the back of the church. Work to start after October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hopefully several new parking spaces can be added if we don't have fill replaced along the parking lot side of the church.
- ◆ Beginning this fall, we will be expanding the educational offerings of our church to adults. The Pastor will be leading a Pastor's Book Study Group on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 PM. The controversial novel, *The DaVinci Code* by Dan Brown was chosen as it was fascinating and easily readable. The book study began on September 23.
- ◆ Rally Day, the beginning of our church year was held on Sunday, September 12. Following the worship service the annual Rally Day cookout was held on the lawn outside of the church.

## ***Spiritual Study & Growth Group***

### ***Satan and the Problem of Evil* Begins Thursday, September 25**

Our Thursday evening Spiritual Study and Growth Group will begin our fall meetings on Thursday, September 25. We will meet every Thursday evening from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. through November 30.

In our meetings this fall we will try to understand Satan and the problem of evil. We are all deeply troubled by the ubiquitous presence of evil in our society and throughout the world. What is evil? Does it have an ontological status or, as the Roman Catholic Church maintains, it is simply the absence of good? Does evil arise from within us, from within the psyche, or is it attributable to an outside force such as Satan? When we look at the way Satan/Lucifer is depicted in the Bible from a psychological as well as a religious perspective, it is not clear that Satan always plays a dark or evil role, even in the case of Job.

In addition to exploring biblical passages that contain references to Satan, evil, and demons, we will read selections from Rivkah Scharf Kluger's book *Satan in the Old Testament* (Northwestern University Press, 1967); Marie-Louise von Franz's *Shadow and Evil in Fairy Tales* (Spring Publications, 1974); and a collection of essays by scholars in comparative religion, literature, film, mythology, and Jungian studies entitled *Evil* (Northwestern University Press, 1967). These essays formed part of the training curriculum of the C. G. Jung Institute-Zurich in 1959-60.

Please come and add your questions and insights to our exploration of this admittedly very ambitious topic. You don't have to purchase any of these books if you don't want since we will be reading and discussing them in our meetings.

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## ***Report Of The Diaconate***

This summer's worship services shared with Pilgrim Church indeed went very well and perhaps with even a little more worshipers than in past summers. Many thanks to Rev. Paul Sanderson, Rev. Julie Cedrone, and Rev. Jonathan Wortmann, the pastors at both churches for organizing, scheduling and sharing.

September 14 will be "Homecoming Sunday" and the kick off (or opening day for you sports-minded people) for the 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for us as a gathered Christian church worshipping together. Communion will be shared on this special Sunday versus our traditional first Sunday of the month in order for us to "Break bread Together" as a gathered church family in reunion, reuniting. There will be a luncheon after a special worship service. The luncheon will be catered by TJ's of Ashland.

If you have noticed the organ sounding better than ever as of late, it has been tuned and repaired. September's Mission is "Stop Girl Trafficking." (read more about this mission elsewhere in the Newsletter).

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30 PM.

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## 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 1, to the Missions that we have chosen to support this year.

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUNE</b> <b>\$460.00</b></p>	<p><b>Haiti</b></p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>"His Royal Ministry"</b> 1 Pet. 2:9 <i>Working with Haitian Pastors and Leaders to Build Up Christ's Church in Haiti</i></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Matt: 5-15 Rev: 1-20</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Mattie L. Cummings, Director 20 Flagg Road, Southborough, MA 01772</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">Tel. (508) 481-2086</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord... to give you a future and a hope."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JULY</b> <b>\$300.00</b></p>
 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>AUGUST</b> <b>\$234.00</b></p>	



## From The Editor

The deadline for the October 2014 Newsletter will be Monday, **September 29, 2014**. 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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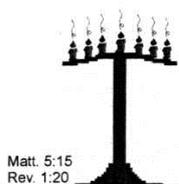
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## *From Our Missions*



Matt. 5:15  
Rev. 1:20

## "His Royal Ministry"

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*"For ye have the poor always with you." Matthew 26:11*

To the First Community Church Family,

Jesus spoke these words and they are repeated in the other gospels. He also said to Peter, *"Feed my sheep."* Not just spiritual food, but real food! In the gospel of Matthew, we read where Jesus feeds 5,000 plus people (*Matthew 14:21*). At another time he feeds 4,000 plus people with a few fish and seven loaves of bread (*Matthew 15:37*).

In recent weeks, I watched a modern day miracle when God intervened, touched hearts to turn a supermarket chain around (Market Basket) to continue making it possible for the poor in our community to find food they can afford to make ends meet.

How does God want us to make the ends meet in Haiti – to feed them spiritually and physically?

Your giving each year to *His Royal Ministry* is working to that end. Your gifts matter, small or large, they have helped us to grow. At present we have four churches; our full vision is to have seven. *"The poor have the gospel preached to them."* *Matthew 11:5*. Our two schools are a great blessing to the children. In the school setting, they are able to receive a daily meal and are learning life skills that will last a lifetime.

All of you at First Community Church are making a difference in hundreds of lives!

The students, teachers, and all the churches send their greetings and special thanks to the faithful church family in Southborough for always remembering them

As Director, along with my husband Lee, who is faithful in prayer and financial support for this work through *His Royal Ministry*, thank you all most sincerely.

His servant and yours,

Mattie L. Cummings  
Director - "His Royal Ministry"

*With Our Special Thanks To –*

- ◆ Bob Farmer, Gil Joe, Marlene Joe, Bob L’Heureux, Helen Varney, and Skip Willman who helped add to our General Fund by sorting and bagging bottles and cans at the Southborough Transfer Station. And of course, a big thanks to the Chief Bottle & Can Collector, Mattie Cummings who organizes this fundraiser every year.
- ◆ 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:



**Overflowing With Thanks**

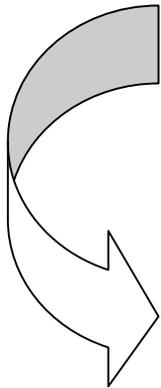
Barbara Crane	Cheryl Holmes	Darlene Sanderson
David Crane	Jim Holmes	David Sickles
Mattie Cummings	Beth Hook	Dianne Simmons
Jim D’Arcangelo	Martha Hubley	Helen Varney
Bob Farmer	Shirley Hutchinson	Sharon Willman
Karin Farmer	Gil Joe	Skip Willman
	Marlene Joe	

- ◆ The D&D Dynamic Duo, Darlene Sanderson and Dianne Simmons for the awesome “Summer Solstice” dinner they put on for those lucky ones who secured their seat for this event. The ambience of summer decorated the Vestry and the dinner was just another divine delight. And best of all this non-fundraising event brought in a large contribution by all those who partook of this “Summer Solstice” evening. Do we sense a crisp hint of “Fall” in the air???
- ◆ Karin Farmer and Sandy McKeen who picked the colors for our vestry renovation and oversaw the project. It looks great! Thanks also to Mike Hubley who did such a great job painting the vestry for such a reasonable price!
- ◆ All who made our Vestry renovation possible with their generous contributions to the Building Funds.

# LOOKING AHEAD

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Events

## Write down these dates!!



### *Birthdays*

Zack Bird	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Zachary Webster	9 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Shedd	12 <sup>th</sup>
Rev. Paul Sanderson	16 <sup>th</sup>
Rae Kay	20 <sup>th</sup>
Marlene Joe	22 <sup>nd</sup>

### *Anniversaries*

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

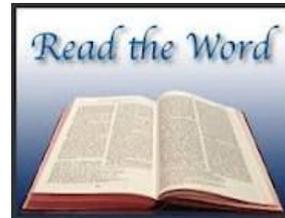


# CELEBRATIONS

"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 7 - Sandy McKeen  
September 14 - Jim Holmes  
September 21 -  
September 28 -



Greeters

September 7 - Sandy Bertulli  
September 14 - Sharon & Skip Willman  
September 21 -  
September 28 -

Coffee Hour Hosts

September 7 - Pat Grogan & Beverly Lees  
September 14 - "Homecoming Dinner"  
September 21 -  
September 28 -



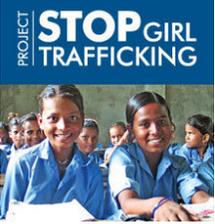
Memorial Flowers

September 7 - Cheryl & Jim Holmes  
September 14 -  
September 21 -  
September 28 -



Deacons for September

Dianne Simmons and Jim Holmes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>1</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>6:30 PM Diaconate Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Trustee's Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>  <p><b>SEPTEMBER 11</b> Remembrance</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p>  <p><b>Homecoming Sunday</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> Homecoming Luncheon following Worship Service</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p>5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM Women's Fellowship Potluck Supper</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21</p> <p>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</p>	<p>22</p>  <p><b>First Day of Autumn</b></p>	<p>23</p> <p>2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM Stewardship &amp; Growth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>  <p><b>ROSH HASHANAH</b></p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28</p> <p>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</p>	<p>29</p> <p>October Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>30</p> <p>2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal</p>	 <p><b>PROJECT STOP GIRL TRAFFICKING</b></p>	<p><b>Missions</b></p> <p><b>“Stop Girl Trafficking”</b></p> <p><b>American Himalayan Foundation</b></p>		