

First Community Church

Newsletter

Celebrating 150 Years of Christian Worship

October 2015



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

A few weeks ago a newcomer to our church asked the significance of my green stole. He had noticed that the Pope, when he was saying mass, was wearing a green stole just like mine.

I really didn't know much about the significance of the colors of the stoles a minister wears during worship or the paraments, the pieces of cloth that hang over the edge of the lectern and pulpit, until long after I was ordained. Having grown up in the Congregational church, in what could be called the "low church" tradition, I knew very little about the liturgical trappings of a "high church" worship service, the kind of services that are characteristic of the Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Lutheran traditions. For most of my forty-six years as an ordained minister I wore my academic hood with my robe during worship. What seemed to be important in my religious tradition were the marks of your education: the size of your hood and the doctoral stripes on the sleeves of your robe, not whether you were color coordinated with the liturgical seasons of the church year.

Over the past few years I have come to have a greater sense of the significance of the liturgical seasons and a deeper feeling for their place both in worship and in the life of the church. It just makes sense that the seasons of Advent and Lent, seasons of preparation, penitence, and expectation, should be purple, just as white should be the color of Christmas and Easter. Green, the color of the Holy Spirit, is the color of the rest of the year, what the liturgists call "ordinary time." At this time of year we are in green.

There is one other color in the collection of stoles that I was given as a gift celebrating an anniversary of my ordination by a previous church: the color red. As I understand it, red is worn on important days in the life of the church. So red is the color of Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Clergy wear red on the occasion of an ordination or the installation of a pastor in a church. Finally, we Protestants wear red on Reformation Sunday. We regard the Reformation as not only an important historical event but also as symbolic of how the church, every church, every denomination or religious institution, stands in constant need of reformation.

The fall is a busy time of year for us as a church. Not long after we return to our regular services in September, our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Every year I wish I could find the time to explore the deeper meaning of these observances and their implications for our own religious journey. The first Sunday of October, on the anniversary of my call to this church, we renew our covenant with God, with each other as pastor and parishioners, and with our church. On Reformation Day we celebrate our identity and heritage as Protestants, and on All Saints Day we remember those who have been an important part of our lives. We observe both of these the last Sunday in October. In November, on Thanksgiving Sunday we hold our annual stewardship pledge drive. Then, before we know it, we are entering into the Advent season and our preparation for Christmas.

Each of these holidays, celebrations, or events articulates a powerful theme both historically and spiritually. Each, in its own way, provides us with an opportunity for spiritual growth.

The colors of the liturgical year are a visual reminder that in the midst of all our activity as a church, we need to remember what we are all about. We need to remember Who we are all about. Everything we do in this church should be directed toward one end – deepening our relationship with God through Jesus Christ and letting our faith find expression in our daily lives.

We invite you to be with us this fall in not only the richness of our church life with all its many activities, but also in the experience of the deeply symbolic dimension of these special celebrations.

Faithfully yours,
Reverend Paul D. Sanderson



*Our Pastor's
Anniversary*

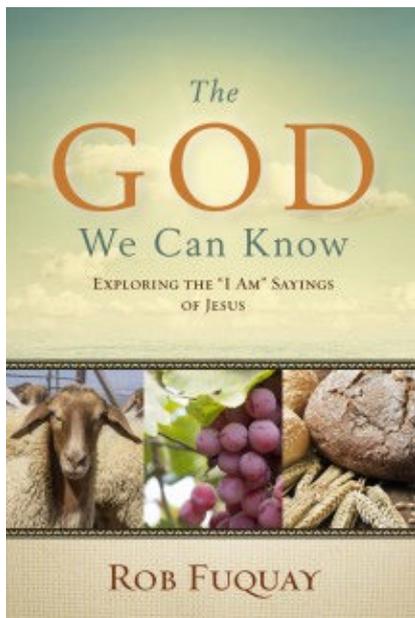
On Sunday, October 4, we celebrate the 18th anniversary of the calling of our Pastor, Reverend Paul D. Sanderson.

Paul, we thank you for leading us in our faith journey over the past eighteen years. You have given us your time, your talent, and above all, your love and faith to help us be a community of faith believing in the power of prayer and seeking earnestly to deepen our spiritual life and share the love of God with others.

*Celebrations
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Adult Bible Study



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

Please join us as we continue our study of the Bible and as we ponder the guidance it provides for the living of a Christian life.

This fall we will continue to utilize the resources of the series “*The God We Can Know*” by Rob Fuquay. Reverend Fuquay, who is the senior pastor of St. Luke’s United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, helps us focus on what are known as the “I am” sayings of Jesus, most of which are recorded in the Gospel of John. When Jesus tells us that he is: “The Bread of Life;” “the Light of the World;” “the Good Shepherd;” “the True Vine;” “the Way, the Truth and the Life;” “the Resurrection and the Life,” he is telling us about both his identity and the deepest parts of our own identity as well.

Whether you are a beginner or a life-long friend of the Bible, there is a place for you around our table! Bibles are provided!

Missions Offering

Our October Mission Offering will go to Straight Ahead Ministries, a place where kids go to find a way out!! It is an international organization dedicated to seeing the lives of youth at risk transformed through faith and relationship.



Straight Ahead began with a single Bible study in a juvenile detention center in New England over twenty-five years ago. No one, including founders Scott and Hanne Larson, could have predicted the unprecedented growth of the organization that has impacted a generation of young people. Today Straight Ahead is an international organization at work in 19 states and 5 countries, with materials in use in 35 countries. Over 25,000 young people have been reached.

Their Mission is ***“To see Jesus Christ transform the lives of juvenile offenders.”***

More than three million children and youth are arrested each year in the United States. Countless others are impacted, especially family and friends. We believe that this time of crisis can become the first step towards a new life.

As Editor of our Newsletter, I try to bring something new to the readers about our monthly Missions that we have chosen to support. I look through copies of Mission Newsletters that we receive in the mail and I visit their website to see what’s new or an informative article that tells what is currently happening.

This month I searched through the articles library on the Straight Ahead Ministries website that is a free resource for anyone to use. Moved by what I read, I felt the article listed below was my pick! Last year we were lucky to have Scott Larsen speak to us at First Community Church. I truly believe that he is a great speaker and I believe he speaks from his heart.

At Risk Kids: Are They Worth the Risk at Camp? By Dr. Scott J. Larson

“A donor has generously given money for six disadvantaged, troubled youth to attend our teen week. If you can get them here, it won’t cost them a thing!” the camp director enthusiastically exclaimed as he phoned our state director. They had been working on such an arrangement for over a year.

On the opening day of teen camp, the only ones feeling the least bit tentative were the six teens. Camp staff heartily greeted them, and our staff were pleased that all of the hard work of recruiting had paid off. We generally have to secure commitments from at least a dozen youth to ensure that six make it to such an activity.

Unfortunately, it didn’t take long before the tables had turned. On Wednesday the dreaded call came. “I’m sorry, things just aren’t working out. You’re going to have to send someone to pick up the six kids you brought. They’re refusing to obey our rules about smoking, curfew, attending chapel, you name it. One has already gotten into a fight with another camper, and several of the girls are starting to take a keen interest in a couple of them.”

Similar stories resonate with most camp staff when they recall their own frustration at trying to merge troubled youth into a camp for mainstream youth. As a result, many have adopted a “three strikes and you’re out” approach to dealing with troubled kids. This approach is becoming less and less effective though, as more and more troubled kids are making their way into Christian camping programs. One reason is the sheer number of at risk kids in today’s culture. One recent U.S. government statistic estimates that one out of every four children in America are now considered to be at risk for serious problems and dangerous lifestyles.

The damage and hurt is not reserved for the so-called “at risk” kids. At the beginning of one high school retreat, filled with middle class teens from churches all over New England, I asked kids to write down one thing they wanted God to do in their lives during the weekend.

Here is a sampling of some of their requests:

- *To get rid of the moment when I was five years old with John.*
- *I want God to take away the pain, and to put Jason away for a long time.*
- *I have a lot of peer pressure about my weight. In the world today you’re expected to have the body of a model.*
- *I want God to heal the pain that I suffer from being raped by someone who I thought was a friend.*
- *I was beaten as a child and so the government took me and my sister away from them. I was adopted and I’m feeling like it was my fault. I don’t know what to do.*

- *Help me to forgive and forget what my father has done to me and no more bad dreams.*
- *All I want is a dad.*

More than ever before, Christian camps are being forced to adapt in order to minister to hurting, troubled young people. But how?

Gain a Better Understanding of Them

While there are many factors that contribute to a young person being “at risk,” the most common is coming from a dysfunctional family unit. Consider the prayer request one teen handed to one of our staff at the end of a Bible study:

Please pray for my friend Jared. He hung himself Sunday. I pray that he made it to heaven. Please pray my dad comes home from jail in 30 days and my HIV test comes back with what God wanted it to be.

Coming from such a background almost always surfaces in a deep-seated anger in young people as well as a hatred for authority. Thus, the standard approach of applying more rules and consequences – that might work for the average kid – only further exacerbates this type of young person. The old adage, “Rules without Relationship equals Rebellion” is particularly descriptive of what often happens with them.

Assign Appropriate Adults

At risk youth demand intense adult intervention. If we don’t provide it up front on the preventative side, we will be forced to give it on the punishment end. Nearly every camp staff has those counselors who are naturally more drawn to, or better trained, in how to deal with troubled kids. They should be assigned to them from the beginning, with the understanding that for them to minister effectively will require much more individual time and attention.

Spending an extended time at camp tends to surface issues, otherwise hidden, in any youth. It is no different for troubled kids. Their issues just tend to be more disruptive. As these issues arise, it is best for the counselor to get away with the teen alone rather than confronting in the presence of peers. Begin by reaffirming how happy you are to have them here. Point out some of the good qualities you have already observed before talking about matters you’re concerned about.

Rather than demanding change, appeal respectfully on the basis of your need. Say things like, “Because you are such a leader, others look to you and follow your example. Do you see how that can make it difficult for me as a counselor?” Then, empower them in the change, “Would you be willing to help me by? It’s been my experience that most kids live up to our expectations when we present them positively and they know that we genuinely like and respect them.

Such an approach also cuts to the core of many of the issues today’s troubled kids possess: distrusting authority, seeing themselves as trouble makers or losers, feeling powerless and disrespected, and feeling generally alienated from adults.

Uniquely Poised

Though it is difficult and demands additional attention, Christian camps are still one of the best vehicles for God's transforming work in the lives of troubled kids. Nearly every time I speak at youth retreats, I bring two or three kids that I'm working with who have come out of detention centers. Most echo the words of Frankie who accompanied me this winter, "This was the greatest weekend of my life!"

Even if the change doesn't seem to last beyond the camp experience, the memories are never lost. Recently, I was reunited with one of the first boys we had worked with so intensely. He had fallen a long way, and was just beginning to make his way back. During our conversation he said, "In the time I spent with you guys I experienced more things than the rest of my life combined—far more than anybody else I know on the streets. Even while I was doing bad, I couldn't forget about what I had experienced through those youth retreats and mission trips. It used to haunt me day and night to know what I was missing out on. I finally couldn't keep buying the lie that sin was fun and following God was boring. It was those memories that eventually drove me back to God again.

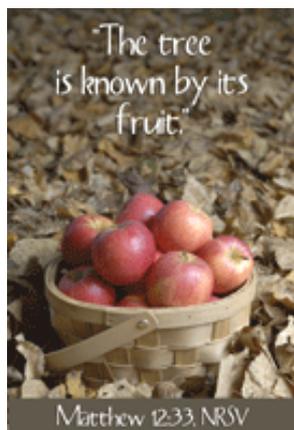
Of course, we cannot overcome every obstacle plaguing the lives of a troubled teen in a mere week or weekend. But to the extent that we create an environment where they can authentically encounter Christ, they can never again completely deny the reality of God and his work in their lives. For many, they can now say as Job did, "My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you" (Job 42:5). A venture that's worth the risk.

Footnotes:

"Turning Points: Preparing American Youth for the Twenty-first Century," (1989), The Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development

Visit www.straightahead.org for more information about Straight Ahead Ministries.

Stewardship & Growth Committee Report



Our first meeting of the new church year was held on September 22 jointly with the Diaconate. We continued our discussion from last fall on ways to promote church growth. In the short term, it was agreed that we would create a promotional mailing targeted to the "over 55" demographic in Southborough and surrounding towns.

We will have a booth at Southborough's Heritage Day event on Monday, October 12. Any volunteer help on that day or before, would be greatly appreciated. Speak to Dave Crane if you can help.

Coming up soon is another delicious "D&D" dinner - Saturday, October 17 - Put it on your calendar!

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday October 27, 2015 at 6:15 PM.

Dianne Simmons, Secretary; Dave Crane, Chairman

Another D&D Classic

The D&D Dynamic Duo a.k.a Darlene Sanderson and Dianne Simmons are sharpening their culinary skills again for another all you can eat Ham and Bean Dinner, complete with coleslaw, rolls, brown bread, and dessert.

On Saturday, October 17 at 6:00 PM be one of the lucky 40 people to enjoy this feast (seating is limited). Tickets are \$12.00 each and will be available on Sunday, October 4. See Dianne or Darlene for tickets.



Come join us for a fun evening with delicious homemade food! Proceeds go to the General Fund of the church.

From The Desk Of The Collector

“It’s 11:00 on a Sunday, the regular crowd shuffles in....” to slightly change the wording of Billy Joel’s “Piano Man.” While not quite a crowd, it is YOU, the “regular’s” who provide the financial backing that keeps our “little Church that could” puffing. You are the backbone, the pillar of our Church.

It is in my job description to tell you how the received pledges through September 30 compare to the amount pledged during the pledge drive last fall. Having seized the opportunity to finally get away for two weeks recently, I have not compiled such numbers to give an exact breakdown.

However, when I look quickly at those who pledge by week or by month, I see a very faithful follow through in meeting these faith based obligations. When I look at those who pledge a yearly amount, it is more difficult to determine where they stand as they have until December 31 to meet their pledge.

It is currently necessary to withdraw much more than the suggested 4% per year from our Endowment Funds. After six good market years, we are experiencing a downturn in 2015. To those of you reading this that chose not to pledge or do not get to Church as often as you would like, please consider helping us through this difficult time. Contributions mailed to the Church at 137 Southville Road, Southborough MA 01772 are always gratefully accepted.

I do know that in 2014 we received \$13,867 in pledges the final quarter of the fiscal year, which represented 35% of the pledged amount in 25% of the year. Shortly I will be sending out the pledge statements which will show where you stand in 2015 through three quarters.

My wife (the Editor) is telling me I have to hand this report to her in 5 minutes, so with that I bid you Adieu, “Until we meet again.”

Jim Holmes, Collector

Spiritual Exploration Reading Group

Silence: The Power of Quiet in a World Full of Noise

Tuesday afternoons with Rev. Sanderson (No meeting on October 13)

Our Spiritual Exploration Reading Group, which meets Tuesdays from 2:30 - 4:00 PM in the vestry, has started reading the wonderful little spiritual guide by the Vietnamese Zen monk Thich Nhat Hanh entitled, *Silence: The Power of Quiet in a World Full of Noise*.

In the Introduction to his book, Thich Nhat Hanh tells us:

We spend a lot of time looking for happiness when the world right around us is full of wonder. To be alive and walk on the Earth is a miracle, and yet most of us are running as if there were some better place to get to. There is beauty calling to us every day, every hour, but we are rarely in a position to listen.

The basic condition for us to be able to hear the call of beauty and respond to it is silence. If we don't have silence in ourselves—if our mind, our body, are full of noise—then we can't hear beauty's call. . . .

Mindfulness is the practice that quiets the noise inside us.

Perhaps this speaks to you. Or perhaps as you read this you are thinking that developing the spiritual practice of mindfulness sounds like a good thing to do, but I am just too busy; I just don't have the time to do it. Perhaps, like so many of us, you are running away from silence, filling your days with constant activity and noise, holding at arm's length the wonderful experience of silence, of solitude, of inner peace that would bring an added dimension of meaning to your very busy life.

As Thich Nhat Hanh points out, Jesus often went off by himself to pray. When we build times of prayer, meditation, mindfulness, and solitude into our lives in very simple ways, in the kind of ways that this little book teaches, we just might find that we bring a deeper sense of inner peace to our relationships, to our work, and that it can make everything we do more of a spiritual encounter.

Please join us as we take the time to read the book together and share, to discuss those parts that touch or enlighten us!

Celebrations Celebrations



On Sunday, September 27, we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for Samuel Robert Nelson and Louis Russell Nelson, children of Bob and Stephanie Nelson.

Their grandparents are Mike and Lisa (Tebbetts) Nelson. Their great-grandparents are Betty Tebbetts and the late Bob and Barbara Nelson.

We extend a warm welcome to Samuel and Louis the newest members of our Christian community, and we ask God's blessing on them and their parents Bob and Stephanie.

A Blast From The Past

125 Years Ago

1890 – October

- ◆ October 2nd – At a regular meeting of the 2nd Congregational Church of Southboro and Society of this place, the following resolution was unanimously passed: “resolved that we extend to the Y.P.S.C.E. of the Congregational Church in Westboro our earnest thanks for their very generous and acceptable gift of \$12.14 in assisting us in repairing our house of worship”. Jennie E. Kaler (Clerk)

100 Years Ago

1915 – October

- ◆ Methodist Church – Monday evening Epworth League Bible Study class met for first time at the home of Mrs. G.F. Boutilier, Southville Road.
- ◆ Rev. Henry A. Barber, formerly pastor of Southville Congregational Church, is now pastor of the Nobscott Union Church.
- ◆ October 3rd – Rev. Harold Abbott of Dorchester began his services with us this day. Annie E. Boutilier.

75 Years Ago

1940 – October

- ◆ October 4th – The Annual Roll Call supper and business meeting of the Federated Church was held in the Vestry on Friday evening. Members of the three branches met to elect their officers for the coming year. The meeting for the combined Church was called to order by the Clerk. Mr. Merriam was elected moderator for the evening. Officers for the coming year were elected. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Clark asked for volunteers among the men to help with either work or money to paint the parsonage. A.R. Nelson, clerk.
- ◆ October 4th – “Dear Friends, But a few months have elapsed since you called me to become your Pastor. In these few brief weeks I have made 86 calls in your homes. This to me is the greatest and most important part of the minister’s task. And only as the people accept the Minister as a part of themselves is he able to serve them and minister to their needs.

This summer we held a two-week Vacation School. We encountered many difficulties in our school; yet we accomplished much in the brief time. The children need the Church.

When you called me to become your leader in this new adventure, your ranks were filled with enthusiasm and hope. I trust that none of this fervor has been lost; but rather that in the months which lie immediately before us this interest may be transferred into active participation in the coming phase of our fall and winter program.

May we forsake all memories of the past and cling firmly to a brilliant hope, which comes through a constant faith. Thus with gallant and high hearted happiness we look forward.

Sincerely, Rev. Arthayer Sanborn, Pastor

50 Years Ago

1965 – October

- ◆ The Board of Deacons began planning for Rev. Appleby's ordination in December.
- ◆ The Senior Youth Fellowship enjoyed a hayride with refreshments at the Church.
- ◆ A Parents and Teachers meeting was held on October 18th with Rev. Robert DeVries of Framingham as the speaker. He gave us a very fine talk, many fine ideas being presented and discussed. The absentees missed a good treat.

25 Years Ago

1990 – October

- ◆ October 14th - Sunday School started with only 3 children. As the weeks progressed, more students were added.

10 Years Ago

2005 – October

- ◆ Sunday, October 23, marked the opening of what we hope will become a Sunday morning fixture for years to come. Under the auspices of the Stewardship Committee, Darlene Sanderson and Charles Curtiss will be coordinating donations and sales to what has come to be called L'il Shoppe. All proceeds will be split between the General Fund and the Building Fund.
- ◆ Choir Appreciation Sunday was October 23rd. A luncheon hosted by the Diaconate was served downstairs in the Vestry following the worship service.
- ◆ October 16th was designated as "Bob Nelson Recognition Sunday" to thank him for his many years of service not only as Sexton but also as a member of the Board of Trustees who oversaw the care, upkeep, and renovations of our building that we love. A reception following our worship service was held and everyone expressed their thanks to this man who has given so much to our church.

A Special Blast from the Past -- 72 Years Ago

1943 – June

- ◆ Recently your Blast Editor used his sleuthing skills to investigate a military plane crash in June 1943 over "Rocklawn," the area at the intersection of Flanders Road and Fruit Street in Westborough, only ½ mile from our Church.

"Skip" Hubley (Martha's nephew) and his wife had stumbled on debris from the crash in the early 80's and had saved it in a box. His parents had confirmed a plane crash but did not have any details.

With a tip from the Westborough reference librarian (who found out when a patron from out of town came looking for additional info), yours truly searched the summer 1943 weekly Westborough Chronotype on microfilm and found first page coverage.

It turns out two military planes from Wickford, RI collided while doing maneuvers. One pilot parachuted to safety while the other pilot was instantly killed when the plane exploded and fell on the railroad tracks.

Of particular interest was that "our" own Robert Nelson was mentioned as working in a garden with Raymond Huff and "hastened to the railroad."

If anyone is interested in a full copy of the article just let me know. - Jim Holmes, Church Historian

Women's Fellowship

A Psalm of David -- *"He said of the godly, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."* **Psalm 112:7**

The Women's Fellowship members and invited friends came together for our first meeting on September 15 at the home of Thelma Oakes. It was wonderful that Thelma opened her home and heart to invite us all there to share a lovely meal and discuss our plans and work for the months ahead.

After a very delightful meal served on the most beautiful blue glass plates, we moved our meeting indoors. While continuing our business, Thelma rounded out the evening serving strawberry shortcake and sending us all off with some special homemade muffins! Everyone who came to the meeting was truly blessed. Thelma, thank you very much for an outstanding evening!

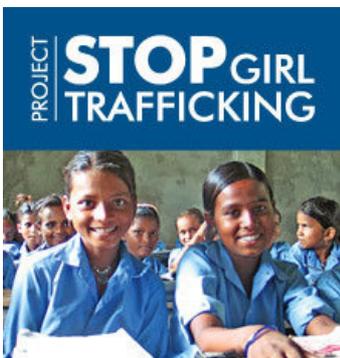
Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 PM in the church vestry. Marlene Joe will lead us in devotions and Mattie Cummings will be responsible for refreshments.

Mattie Cummings, Secretary

Our Gifts We Bring

Our Missions Offerings are donations made above and beyond our gifts of the Pledges that we make to support the First Community Church of Southborough's General Operating Budget.

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

	
<p>SEPTEMBER \$200.00</p>	

Report Of The Diaconate

The Diaconate met again with Stewardship and Growth to continue to discover and implement ways to grow the church. We hope to increase church attendance and membership - We want to let the community at large know what a treasure we have in our little church here in Southborough and to invite them to join us.

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



Please help us help others!

First Community Church Shopping List for October

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.

From The Editor

The deadline for the November 2015 Newsletter will be Monday, **October 26, 2015**. 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



“Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light.” ~Norman B. Rice

Dear Friends,

What can we possibly say to such generosity except thank you? Thank you from our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and survivors. While our words of thank you are simple, they mean so much and are truly heartfelt! We are, once again, overwhelmed by your kindness!

Your donation to Pathways for Change, Inc. from the First Community Church of Southborough in August, is truly a beacon of light in these dark financial times! The ongoing generosity from you and your community of faith continues to help pull many hands out of the darkness and into the light! As we continue to provide free counseling services to survivors of rape and sexual assault (and their families & friends), please know that this work is not possible without your ongoing support.

With heartfelt thanks to you and everyone at the First Community Church of Southborough.

Kim L. Dawkins
Executive Director and all the Pathways family

With Our Special Thanks To –

- ◆ The Trustees for their many efforts with the upkeep of our church building and grounds. A special thanks to Bob Farmer who has been spending many hours at the church working out various solutions to our water collection problem as well as meet with contractors to get quotes for paving the parking lot and permanent solutions to our water problems.

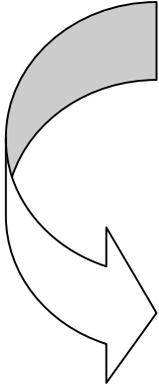


Overflowing With Thanks

LOOKING AHEAD

Annual Pie Sale
Saturday, November 21

Write down these dates!!



Birthdays

Ava Willman	1 st
Tim Deschamps	8 th
Mitchell Hilbert	14 th
Lisa Nelson	17 th
Beth Hook	25 th
Bob L'Heureux	30 th

Anniversaries

Karin & Bob Farmer	8 th
Susan & Lou Elias	9 th



CELEBRATIONS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 2015 Missions – Straight Ahead Ministries						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<i>RENEWAL OF PASTOR & CONGREGATION COVENANT</i> 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> Coffee Hour following Worship Service		2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Diaconate Meeting				
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