

First Community Church

Newsletter

December 2016



Our Mission Statement

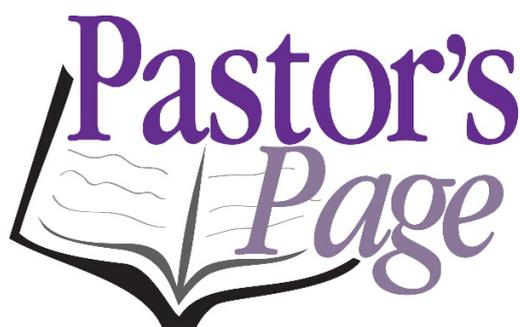
We are a community of faith believing in the power of prayer and seeking earnestly to deepen our spiritual life and share the love of God with others.

As we enter into the Christmas season, I would ask you to note how often an advertisement for one gift product or another claims to promise its recipient “the true meaning of Christmas.” Since we traditionally reflect on the themes symbolized by each of the Advent candles, we should be especially sensitive to those products that promise us hope, peace, joy, and love. In fact, I have already begun to note a number of perfumes that actually include one of these spiritual gifts in or as their name.

I think we know that the true meaning of Christmas is deeper than the gross materialism that pervades our society. It is actually deeper than words can express. Christmas is a “happening,” an inner spiritual experience as well as the celebration of an outer historical event. We meet again during this Advent season, as people have met for almost 1400 years, to express the feelings of Christmas in the rich symbolism of our worship as a gathered church.

The message of Christmas is that God’s light shines in the darkness. On that night two thousand years ago, it streamed forth from an obscure corner of the world in the birth of a little child. The human life of that child ended on a cross, but his light still shines in the darkness. We have this light deep within our soul. There it struggles to illumine our path and push back the darkness of our lives.

Christmas is not an invitation to participate in a sentimental retreat from the world of human suffering. The Word that was incarnate in Jesus brought healing to a broken world. Christmas calls us to celebrate the presence of a love whose light is able to bring good news and great joy to all peoples. Wherever love reigns that light shines forth and the darkness cannot defeat it.

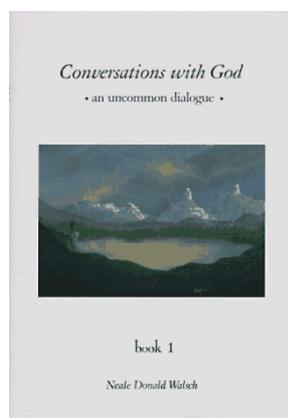


We invite you to share the joyous moments of this season with us--in the deeply meaningful encounter that takes place during our worship, in our special music, in the symbolism of the Advent candles, in the fellowship of our Christmas luncheon, and in the stillness of our candlelight service on Christmas Eve. We also invite you to share in our mission as we reach out through the Salvation Army to those in need in our own community and in places of special need throughout the world.

May the blessings of Christmas be with you this special season and throughout the coming year.

Peace,
Reverend Paul D. Sanderson

Adult Bible Study



This year we began by reading a section of *The Practice of the Presence of God*, a description of the spiritual discipline that was developed by Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection, a barefoot Carmelite monk, in the middle of the 17th century. This has served as an introduction to our theme of the year - Conversations with God.

We continue to read and discuss *Conversations with God • an uncommon dialogue* • written by Neale Donald Walsch. In this book Neale Walsch shares his totally unexpected experience of being able to enter in to a dialogue with God. Walsch asks God questions, questions about life, the meaning of life, etc., God answers in ways that Walsch, and we can understand.

Please join us on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of each month as we ponder what was revealed to this author and hopefully become more sensitive to the revelations we receive from God and the dialogue with God that we know as prayer. We meet in the Vestry from 9:15 – 10:30 AM.

The Season Of Advent

In our worship this Advent season, in addition to our special Christmas anthems and carols, we will be reflecting on the five gifts of Christmas that are symbolized by the candles in our Advent wreath and how we can incarnate or give birth to these gifts in our lives and in the world.

November 27	Give Birth to Hope
December 4	Give Birth to Love
December 11	Give Birth to Peace
December 18	Give Birth to Joy
Christmas Eve	Give Birth to Light
December 25	Give Birth to Christ



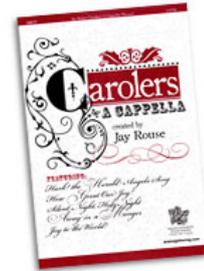
Please join us during this special and blessed season as we prepare to receive the Christ child into our lives.



Christmas Luncheon

This year, in place of our Advent Event, we will be celebrating the Christmas season on Sunday, December 18 with a luncheon of soups and sandwiches downstairs in the vestry following our worship service. The choir is organizing the event, so all you have to do is come!

Following the meal, Michael, David, and the choir will lead us in some of our beloved Advent and Christmas hymns and carols. In past years they have had some kind of a surprise program for us, so you never know! Please join us for a time of fellowship and as a wonderful way to celebrate this very special season of our church year!



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



Let us welcome our Savior into the world and into our lives on Christmas Eve as we gather for our traditional service of lessons and carols, as we both “receive the light” and share it with each other.

Join us on Saturday, December 24 at 6:30 PM.

Christmas Day

This year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. What better to way to celebrate the day of the Christ child’s birth and the true meaning of the season than to gather together in worship? Let us be with each other in the beauty of this very special day.



Missions Offering

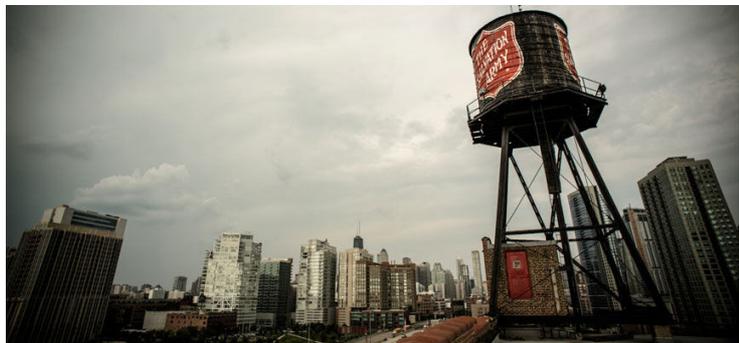


Our Mission Offering for December is given to the Salvation Army through our church “Christmas Card.” We continue our long tradition of this program in lieu of sending individual Christmas cards to members of the congregation whom we see regularly. If you would like your name to be included on this card, which will be sent to all those members and friends of our church family who are on our mailing list, please make your donation no later than **Sunday, December 11**. This will insure that your name will appear on the special holiday greetings that will be enclosed with the Pastor’s Christmas Letter. If you have a pledge box, please use the special envelope provided in it. Or you can make a check payable to the church, (note on it “Salvation Army”) and give it to Jim Holmes or place it in the offering plate. This is a great way to extend Christmas greetings to everyone in our church family and support a very worthy cause in the process.

About The Salvation Army

“Doing The Most Good.” In these four words, our mission - to feed, to clothe, to comfort, to care. To rebuild broken homes and broken lives. By walking with the addicted, we can lead them to recovery. In fighting hunger and poverty, we can feed and nurture the spirit. And, in living and sharing the Christian Gospel by meeting tangible needs, we give the world a lasting display of the love behind our beliefs.

The Salvation Army operates 7,546 centers in communities across the United States. These include food distribution, disaster relief, rehabilitation centers, anti-human trafficking efforts, and a wealth of children's programs. Our work is funded through kettle donations, corporate contributions, and the sale of goods donated to our Salvation Army Family Stores. **Eighty-two cents of every dollar** we spend supports our various missions across the country. We are a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, and contributions are deductible for Federal Income Tax Purposes to the extent permitted under Section 170(b)(2) for corporations.



Our Mission

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

Red Kettle History

In 1891, Salvation Army Captain Joseph McFee was distraught because so many poor individuals in San Francisco were going hungry. During the holiday season, he resolved to

provide a free Christmas dinner for the destitute and poverty-stricken. He only had one major hurdle to overcome -- funding the project.

Where would the money come from, he wondered. He lay awake nights, worrying, thinking, and praying about how he could find the funds to fulfill his commitment of feeding 1,000 of the city's poorest individuals on Christmas Day. As he pondered the issue, his thoughts drifted back to his sailor days in Liverpool, England. He remembered how at Stage Landing, where the boats came in, there was a large, iron kettle called "Simpson's Pot" into which passers-by tossed a coin or two to help the poor.

The next day Captain McFee placed a similar pot at the Oakland Ferry Landing at the foot of Market Street. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." He soon had the money to see that the needy people were properly fed at Christmas.

Six years later, the kettle idea spread from the west coast to the Boston area. That year, the combined effort nationwide resulted in 150,000 Christmas dinners for the needy. In 1901, kettle contributions in New York City provided funds for the first mammoth sit-down dinner in Madison Square Garden, a custom that continued for many years. Today in the U.S., The Salvation Army assists more than four-and-a-half million people during the Thanksgiving and Christmas time periods.

Captain McFee's kettle idea launched a tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States, but all across the world. Kettles are now used in such distant lands as Korea, Japan, Chile and many European countries. Everywhere, public contributions to Salvation Army kettles enable the organization to continue its year-round efforts at helping those who would otherwise be forgotten.



Each year, individuals and families turn to The Salvation Army for help during the holidays, whether it's needing food for a Thanksgiving dinner or wanting to see their children's eyes light up when they see presents under the tree Christmas morning. The Salvation Army is here and ready to help.

Report Of The Trustees

The Trustees are happy to announce the annual pie sale raised \$800.75! Thanks to all the bakers, sellers, buyers and sign makers for their support for this important fundraiser.

Contributions to the parking lot fund have reached 85.8% of the goal of \$5,000. Thank you to all who have contributed, and if you have not yet contributed, envelopes are available in the pew racks.

A Happy, Healthy and Blessed Christmas season to all from the 2016 Board of Trustees.



Deck The Halls...

The deadline to order Christmas Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary for Christmas is Sunday, December 11. The plants, available in red only, are \$10.00 each and may be put in memory of a loved one if you would like to. Please contact Sandy McKeen directly to order your plants.



Women's Fellowship

"Give thanks to the God of Heaven. His love endures forever." Psalm 136:26

Our November meeting is always a great meeting, when we come together to make up the Sunshine Baskets for our shut-ins. This year we made up ten baskets filled with home baked cookies, fresh fruit, small chocolate bars, juice boxes, cheese crackers and various other goodies. The real joy comes when we hand deliver these beautiful creations to some very special people. Shirley Hutchinson said she was so blessed, and enjoyed our short visit. One of the baskets was also delivered to Mrs. Webster, Cheryl Holmes' Mom, who was in a rehab facility after a brief stay in the hospital.

With continued planning for the Christmas Table Fundraiser, the following people offered to oversee the tables:

December 4 Beth Hook
 December 11 Mattie Cummings
 December 18 Karin Farmer

Beth Hook presented the finished note cards she has been working on that came out great. You will find them for sale on the Christmas Table – Five cards per package for \$5.00.

Our next meeting before the winter break is the Women's Fellowship Christmas Party on Sunday, December 11 at the church beginning at 1:30 PM. All women of the church are welcome and if you want to take part in the Yankee Gift Swap, please bring a wrapped gift (\$10.00 limit). Bring your favorite finger food, hot or cold.

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.

Beverly Lees, our Mission Treasurer, has provided us with an update of what we have collected and donated as of November 30, to the Missions that we have chosen to support this year.



A Blast From The Past

150 Years Ago

1866 – December

- ◆ At a meeting of the Church Dec. 14th, Miss Lizzie Howe was examined as to her religious experience & reasons for wishing to make a public profession of her faith in Christ. Voted she be recommended for admission to the church having sustained a good examination. S.L. Hobbs, scribe.

125 Years Ago

1891 – December

- ◆ Work is not quite so driving at the Southville granite works, some of the men have lately been discharged to reduce the force for the winter.
- ◆ The Norcross Co. are opening a quarry on the farm of Mrs. Timothy O'Brien and it is reported that they have bought the farm.
- ◆ Mr. Amasa C. Fay, Pastor of the Congregational Church here was ordained Thursday December 3rd. The candidate gave an account of his Christian experience after which he was examined as to doctrinal belief by the moderator.

Order of services: Result of Council: Invocation: Rev. L.R. Easman, South Framingham; Reading of scripture: Rev. A.F. Newton, Marlboro; Hymn; Sermon: Rev. F.E. Sturgis, D.D. of Boston; Prayer of ordination: Rev. Edward Dowse, D.D., Sherborn; Quartet "All for Jesus"; Charge to Pastor: Rev. Joshua Coit, Boston; Right Hand of Fellowship: Rev. D.E. Adams, Southborough; Hymn: "Savior Teach me Day by Day"; Concluding prayer: Rev. Fred Enrich, So. Framingham; Doxology; Benediction by the Pastor.

- ◆ Agents of the Boston Water Works have been in town for several days surveying with a view to increasing the water supply. It is proposed to build two dams in the vicinity of the Rice Grist Mill and flow over considerable territory now devoted to tillage and grassland.

The change will effect several of the gristmills on the stream and no doubt entail considerable land damage upon the city of Boston. The large force of help and the building of the dam and other necessary works such as the grade crossings in the west part of the town will make business lively here in the spring.

100 Years Ago

1916 – December

- ◆ An entertainment and supper was held at the Congregational Church on Tuesday evening and was largely attended in spite of inclement weather.
- ◆ Rev. Mr. Atkinson of Cambridge was appointed pastor of the Congregational Church of this village. Former pastor Rev. Harold C. Abbott of Dorchester is now pastor of the Woodville Baptist Church.

75 Years Ago

1941 – December

- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. J.F. Blake and family of Southville have moved to Boston for the winter months.
- ◆ The Standing committee met on December 3rd. There was discussion about the Christmas boxes to be sent to our boys in service. A committee from the Ladies Circle are to see a carpenter to get an estimate on fixing the back choir loft and the minister's study. After an estimate on the old kitchen it was decided the remodeled room would not be large enough to be worthwhile.
- ◆ A special meeting was held after Church December 14th. The Canteen Relief Emergency Committee of this town asked for the use of the vestry for a meeting on the following evening. Also for the use of the kitchen for canteen purposes. It was voted "that any emergency of the canteen committee be granted."

50 Years Ago

1966 – December

- ◆ A special community branch meeting was held December 18th with nine members present. Mr. Ernest Williams and Mr. Louie Hoisington were nominated by Rodney Houghton to serve on the reorganization commission.
- ◆ The Senior Youth fellowship hosted Miss Nancy Hero, a missionary from Thailand who showed slides of her work there. On December 18th their social was combined Christmas party and caroling.
- ◆ On Christmas day the Sunday school showed a film "Three Wise Boys" instead of the usual lesson.

25 Years Ago

1991 – December

- ◆ The Trustees held a very successful pie sale and raised over \$400 for the new kitchen fund.
- ◆ The Sunday School travelled to Heifer Project farm to see a live nativity.

10 Years Ago

2006 – December

- ◆ The change of command has taken place. Arlene Williams has decided it is time to retire from her position as the Coffee Hour Executive Director. (Bet you didn't know that such a position existed at First Community Church).

For the past umpteen years, Arlene has made sure there was someone to provide, set up, and clean up for Coffee Hour. When there was no one, she stepped up to the plate herself.

To the new Coffee Hour Executive Director, Marlene, Joe, our many thanks for taking over the reins. We know that you will take good care of our Morning Coffee Hour Fellowship. Please don't be shy to ask any of us to help you!

- ◆ This past December, the Church Council discussed and voted to hold our Annual Meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 11. We will be treated to a light lunch right after morning worship service sponsored by the Women's Fellowship.

From The Desk Of The Collector

We have all heard of Black Friday and more recently Cyber Monday. We also have Small Business Saturday and this year I was mildly amused by “#Giving Tuesday.” Called a “Global day for giving back” when you are urged to give to charities, businesses (?), community centers and students around the world.

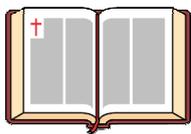
Can you imagine if our Church had to rely on contributions only one day per year? If the reports that went along with #Giving Tuesday are true that “people who give money to charitable organizations report being happier than more miserly people who don’t share” then wouldn’t it make sense to give much more frequently than once per year?

At First Community, we offer you a lot more than being “happier.” And we also try to make it easier for you to support multiple causes. The first of course being the ongoing ministry of our own “home” Church. Then we have the monthly Diaconate Offering to support the work of that important board. We also have monthly worthy missions and of course the Building Fund, used by the Trustees for expenses to maintain our beautiful building.

During stewardship season, please don’t forget these other worthy causes.

Jim Holmes
Collector

For We Are Laborers Together With God 1 Corinthians 3:9

				
DECEMBER	LAY LEADERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	FLOWERS
4	Colleen Hoppe	Linda Gable	Ursula Guenon & Beverly Lees	--
11	Bob Farmer	Sandy McKeen	Karin Farmer & Helen Varney	Colleen Hoppe & Ginni Whynot
18	Sandy McKeen	Joyce Harrington	Christmas Luncheon hosted by the Choir	--
Christmas Eve	--	Sharon & Skip Willman	--	--
25	Jim Holmes	Beverly Lees	--	Bob L'Heureux
Deacons of the Month -- Karin Farmer & Sandy McKeen				

Report Of The Diaconate

The Advent and Christmas season has arrived - ready or not. We will be having our Advent candle lighting families lighting the candles in the Advent wreath and leading us with thoughts, prayers and the singing of our beloved Advent Candle song. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27.

Our beautiful and meaningful Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:30 PM, of course on December 24. Please join us on that most special of evenings. Christmas this year falls on a Sunday and yes, we will have our morning worship service that day at our usual 11:00 AM time. Please plan on making Christmas morning service a part of your Christmas celebration.

This year, in place of our traditional Saturday night Advent dinner and gathering, we will have a Christmas luncheon following the morning worship service on December 18. We know how much this church family loves to sing so there will be singing of Christmas songs and hymns. Please plan to join us for what promises to be a delightful event.

Beginning Sunday, December 4, we will be taking orders for red poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. This year the cost per plant will be \$10. Order forms are available in the Narthex. If you wish to dedicate one of these plants in honor or in loving memory of someone dear to your heart, please make note of that on the order form. All forms with the payment (cash or checks made payable to First Community Church) should be given to Sandy McKeen by Sunday, December 11. A big thank you to Ginni Whynot of The Green Thumb for helping us with the poinsettias this year.

December's mission is the Salvation Army. We ask that in lieu of sending Christmas cards to members of our church family, you might consider a donation to the Salvation Army and your name will be placed on a Christmas card that will go out to our church family. The deadline is Sunday, December 11 and we ask that you use December's Mission envelope when making your donation.

The next two meetings of the Diaconate are on Sunday, December 4, 2016 and Sunday, January 8, 2017 following the morning worship service.

The Diaconate wishes each and every one of you a beautiful, meaningful Christmas and a wonderful and healthy 2017.

United Parishes Of Southborough

The United Parishes sponsored an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Pilgrim Church this year on November 21. It was very well attended and we were very pleased to see so many of you, our First Community Church family in attendance. Following the service, Pilgrim Church offered pie and coffee in Fellowship Hall, which gave everyone a chance to say hello to friends and neighbors who attend other churches.

The next meeting of the United Parishes Council will be Monday, January 16, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

News Update From Our Friends



Give thanks, for the Lord is good!

November 2016

Dear Friends,

As you can see we have moved and we have lots of news!

On March 10, Dorothy Reyne Wright came into this world. She is our son David and Kelsey's daughter, little sister to Silas. Before she was born, we knew that she had a very serious heart problem. She was born at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and had her first operation a few days later. This surgery was developed at CHOP. She did wonderfully thanks to so many prayers. She had her second of three surgeries in June and is now a thriving and delightful little girl. Her last surgery will happen between two and four years old. Silas is a wonderful big brother and has a special bond with Grandpa. Dorothy was baptized on 6 November just days before Silas' second birthday. We used to see them about once a month but this is going to change due to our move.

Sue's mother, Arlene, died on 1 April after suffering with Parkinson's Disease and the dementia that is part of it. She was 94 and lived a long and faith-filled life. Ted assisted in her memorial service at the little church in Southborough, MA where she was the oldest and longest-term member. We mourned with joy as we celebrated her life and shared memories.

Our other big news is that Ted retired on 23 October from Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church. After a wonderful send-off, we left the next day for Valley Falls, NY, just over the river from his first church in Schaghticoke. Valley Falls is between Troy, NY and Bennington, VT. In 2005, before we went to Zambia, we purchased a house that was built in the 1880's. We are the first non-family members to own it. As Ted is wont to say, "Nothing is level; nothing is square." Over the years we have made improvements but plenty remain. Sue is working as a middle school counselor in Bennington.

Ted's chronic lymphocytic leukemia went out of remission. He found a top hematologist in Albany, NY who has told us about a clinical trial starting this winter at Dana Farber in Boston. Since Ted feels well and is in good physical shape, he is an excellent candidate for a trial.

We love visitors, so please come! The guest room is ready!

Blessings,

Ted and Sue

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Sue's cell: 240-595-2414



NEW ADDRESS
36 State Street
Valley Falls, NY 12185

Oh The Weather Outside Is Frightful....



Our general policy as a church is to try to hold worship whenever we can, if only for a few people. We believe that if you want to make the effort to attend on a snowy day, we should be there for you. However, we wouldn't want you to be hurt either walking or driving to church in inclement weather. We also need to remember that our Pastor and our Organist come from quite a distance. It may be a lot easier for some of us to get to the church than it would be for them. Above all, we don't want you to end up driving to church on a snowy or icy day only to find that church has been cancelled.

In anticipation of snowy or icy days, when we would not want people to go out, the Diaconate and the Minister have established a policy and procedure for the cancellation of our Sunday service. The decision of whether to hold or cancel church because of weather will be made by the Pastor, who lives in Foxborough; the Moderator – Lou Dundin, who lives in Grafton; and our Deacon Emeritus, Bob L'Heureux, who lives in Southborough.

We will not post the cancellation on the telephone tape at the church number because that would entail someone trekking to the church and re-recording the message. We will also not be posting it on our website.

Notice of the cancellation will appear on the three Boston television stations:

Channel 4 (WBZ) -- Channel 5 (WCVB) -- Channel 7 (WHDH)

In addition, WBZ News Radio will read the list of cancellations twice every hour – at :05 and at :35 past the hour. We are listed as “First Community Church – Southborough.”

The decision will be made and the cancellation will be called in to these stations by 8:30 AM Sunday morning by the Pastor, who alone has the secret, encrypted code numbers that enable our church to appear on the cancellation list for each station.

From The Editor

The deadline for the January-February 2017 Newsletter will be Tuesday, **January 3, 2017**. 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

With Our Special Thanks To –

- ◆ David Sickles for the warm autumn colors of Thanksgiving enriching the walls and windows of our sanctuary.
- ◆ All who baked for or otherwise supported our very successful 29th Annual Pie Sale fundraiser. Thanks to our dedicated all-weather sales team of David Crane, Bob Farmer, Jim Holmes, Bob L’Heureux, and Dianne Simmons. Many thanks to Darlene Sanderson for again coordinating the list of all the baked goods and Bill Guenon and David Crane for preparing and placing the sale announcement and point of sale signs. (Bill, awesome job on the new signs!)



And the biggest thanks to all those who baked the pies, cakes, and foods. Without you, the sale wouldn’t happen!!!

At the last reporting, the final sales were approximately \$800.

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We were all deeply saddened at the passing of our long-time member and friend Earle Watkins. Earle Quenten, 99, died on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 at UMass Medical Center after a short illness.

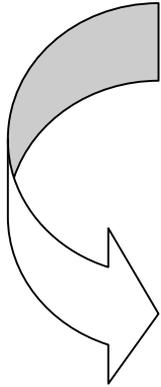
Earle was the husband of Eleanor Eva (Woodbury) Watkins who passed away in 1987. He leaves his son Jeffrey Watkins of Northborough, a daughter-in-law Diane Watkins of Hubbardston, three grandchildren, a great granddaughter, a nephew and two nieces. He was predeceased by his son Jonathan who passed away in 2009.

A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, October 6 at First Community Church with Rev. Paul Sanderson officiating. Burial was private at the Rural Cemetery in Southborough

Our sincerest and heartfelt sympathies reach out to all Earle’s family members for their great loss. Earle will be missed by his family at the First Community Church of Southborough.

# LOOKING AHEAD

“A Blessed New Year”  
2017



## Write down these dates!!

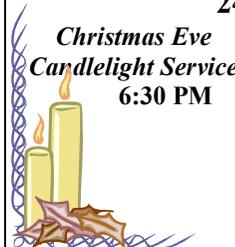


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| <b><i>Birthdays</i></b>     |                  |
| Gilbert Joe                 | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Nancy Hite                  | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Betty Tebbetts              | 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tanner Willman              | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bayley Willman              | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Cheryl Holmes               | 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Darcy Hilbert               | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Stacey Willman              | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Dick Varney                 | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Justin Elias                | 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| <b><i>Anniversaries</i></b> |                  |
| Kristen & Michael Springer  | 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lynn & Scott Webster        | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Dorothy & Michael Larson    | 24 <sup>th</sup> |

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| <b><i>Birthdays</i></b> |                  |
| Mitch Hansberry         | 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Nigel Pinnock           | 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Susan Hansberry         | 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Jennifer Dundin         | 28 <sup>th</sup> |
| Michael Larson          | 31 <sup>st</sup> |



# CELEBRATIONS

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Monday           | Tuesday                                                                                                                                              | Wednesday        | Thursday         | Friday           | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br/> 11:00 AM Sunday School<br/> 11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p><i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i></p> <p>Diaconate Meeting &amp; Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p>                                       | <p><b>5</b></p>  | <p><b>6</b></p> <p>2:30 PM<br/> Spiritual Exploration<br/> Reading Group</p> <p>5:00 PM<br/> Choir Rehearsal</p>                                     | <p><b>7</b></p>  | <p><b>8</b></p>  | <p><b>9</b></p>  | <p><b>10</b></p>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study<br/> 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br/> 11:00 AM Sunday School<br/> 11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>Trustees Meeting &amp; Coffee Hour following Worship Service</p> <p>1:30 PM Women's Fellowship Christmas Party</p> | <p><b>12</b></p> | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>2:30 PM<br/> Spiritual Exploration<br/> Reading Group</p> <p>5:00 PM<br/> Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 PM<br/> Church Council</p> | <p><b>14</b></p> | <p><b>15</b></p> | <p><b>16</b></p> | <p><b>17</b></p>                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b></p> <p>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study<br/> 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br/> 11:00 AM Sunday School<br/> 11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>Christmas Luncheon following Worship Service</p>                                                                  | <p><b>19</b></p> | <p><b>20</b></p>                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>21</b></p> | <p><b>22</b></p> | <p><b>23</b></p> | <p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>Christmas Eve<br/> Candlelight Service<br/> 6:30 PM</i></p>  |
| <p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b></p> <p>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br/> 11:00 AM Sunday School<br/> 11:00 AM Worship Service</p> <p>No Coffee Hour</p>                                                      | <p><b>26</b></p> | <p><b>27</b></p>                                                                                                                                     | <p><b>28</b></p> | <p><b>29</b></p> | <p><b>30</b></p> | <p><b>31</b></p>                                                                    |