

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ  
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1/15/12

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*All Ages Worship Together Sundays at 10:00AM*

**WELCOME!** Welcome to the First Congregational Church in Saugus Center! If you are a first-timer today and like what you see and hear, please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex (the front entrance of the church) and we will put you on our newsletter mailing/email list. Worship services are every Sunday at 10:00AM. Large print bulletins, Bibles and sermon copies are available – please see an usher to assist you. You can find bulletins, sermons and more on our website. Fellowship and Coffee Hour follow the service; we would be pleased if you could join us.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL:** All ages begin worship together in our church. Children light a candle to signify "God, we're here!" After the Children's Message, they go to Sunday School. On Communion Sundays, they begin in Sunday School and enter during the communion hymn. Once a month, they do an art project that ties into our worship theme. We have loving nursery care providers for children 4 and under. We hope you and your child have a meaningful worship and learning experience with us.

### **CALENDAR**

(See Communication Center in Fellowship Hall for all the details)

**Food Pantry Donations:** We collect donations every first Sunday of the month (Communion Sunday) for the Saugus Community Food Pantry; located at the Clifftondale Congregational Church, Essex Street, Saugus, open Fridays 9:30-11:00AM. Please remember them when you are out shopping.

**Trustees Meeting:** Monday, 2/6, 7:00PM

**Religious Education:** Wednesday, 2/1, 6:30PM

**Deacons Meeting:** Wednesday, 1/25, 4:15PM

**Church Council:** Monday, 2/13, 7:00PM

**Choir Rehearsals:** Tuesdays, 7:00PM. All voices welcome!

**Stewardship:** Sunday, 2/5 after church

**Dance Group Rental:** Tuesdays, 7:00PM

**Masons Week:** 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month

**Brownie Troop:** Mondays, 4:00-5:30PM

**Pearl Pastorate Churches Meet in Saugus:** Saturday, 1/21/12 (tent.)

\*\*\*\***ANNUAL MEETING:** Sunday, 1/22/12\*\*\*\*

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP THEMES & SPECIAL EVENTS:**

1/15/12 10:00AM Worship. Theme: "God searches us and knows us."

1/22/12 10:00AM Worship. Theme: "Jesus calls the disciples." Annual Meeting follows.

Kate Pinkham with us.

1/29/12 10:00AM Worship. Theme: "Jesus confronts evil." Deacons meet after church.

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**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY with Kate Pinkham:** Beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00AM, the Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet to knit, pray and continue our study as we focus on the Gospel of Matthew. During our time together we will look closely at the parables and the other teachings of Jesus. A REMINDER - The Prayer Shawl Ministry is open to all - whether you knit or not. Come as you are! We will be meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in Rev. Martha's Office. If you have any questions, please contact Student Pastor Intern Kate Pinkham at [katepinkham@gmail.com](mailto:katepinkham@gmail.com).

## **MORE NEWS**

**THE PUMPKIN PATCH INN IS OPEN FOR BREAKFAST!** This month's community breakfast is Saturday, 1/14/12, 7:00-10:00AM. French toast, ham, sausages, home fries, scrambled eggs, homemade beans, pastries, drinks. Donation \$5.95. Can you buy/sell some tickets? See Gene Decareau.

**DIAPER DRIVE 2012:** First Congregational & St. John's Episcopal are combining forces for a diaper collection to benefit the homeless families living in Route 1 motels. Collection dates are 1/29-2/12. Needed are: Pampers, Huggies, Luvs, Target Brand diapers size 2 and larger; diaper coupons; baby wipes. Rev. Martha is looking for someone to coordinate this ministry (setting up a collection box, delivering them, coordinating with St. John's mission team). See her after church or give her a call at 617-763-7354.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2012:** Have you returned your pledge card yet? It is up to each of us to support our church by worshipping regularly; caring about one another; volunteering on a board, or a committee or for a fundraiser; and pledging with financial gifts. Together we can keep our church alive and relevant in our community and in the world! Pledge boxes are ready!

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:** Grace Kusch 1/4; Lauren & Will Patterson 1/14; Amy Spencer 1/18; Dotty Annis 1/25; Justin Mumbauer 1/25; Clarence Traverse 1/30; Richard Eastman 1/31