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1/8/12

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Rev. Martha Leahy, Pastor

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 tie 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 Cliftondale Congregational Church, Essex Street, Saugus, open Fridays 9:30-11:00AM. Please remember them when you are out shopping.

Trustees Meeting: Tuesday, (not Monday), 1/3, 7:00PM

Religious Education: Wednesday, 1/4, 6:30PM

Deacons Meeting: Sunday, 1/8 & 1/29 after church

Church Council: Monday, 1/9, 7:00PM

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

Stewardship: Sunday, 2/5 after church

Dance Group Rental: Tuesdays, 7:00PM

Masons Week: 3rd week of the month

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

******ANNUAL MEETING: Sunday, 1/22/12. Committee reports due 1/8/12.******

SUNDAY WORSHIP THEMES & SPECIAL EVENTS:

1/8/12-10:00AM, Epiphany Sunday Worship & Communion w/Rev. Martha. Kids Craft Sunday.

Annual Reports due from Committees. Deacons meet after church

1/15/12-10:00AM Worship. Theme: "God calls 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, January 4th, 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.

MORE NEWS

BUDGETS DUE TO THE TRUSTEES. All committees are asked to submit their 2012 budgets to the Trustees this week so they can set the annual budget in January. If they do not hear from you, they will use 2011 figures, which may be reduced if pledges do not meet our goal.

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!

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 is \$5.95. Can you buy/sell some tickets? See Gene Decareau.

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