

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ 1/29/12
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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, we have "Kids Craft Sunday" when they do an art project tied to our worship theme. Please say 'yes' when you are asked to take a turn as a teacher's assistant. 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: Mon., 2/6, 7:00PM

Religious Education: Wed., 2/1, 6:30PM

Deacons Meeting: Sun., 2/26, after church

Church Council: Mon., 2/13, 7:00PM

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

Stewardship: Sun., 2/5 after church

Dance Group Rental: Tuesdays, 7:00PM

Masons Week: 3rd week of the month

Brownie Troop: Mondays, 4-5:30PM

Pearl Pastorate Churches Meet in Saugus: Sat., 1/28/12, 9:30-12:30.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Sunday, 1/29/12. What's happening in your committee or ministry? Let us know and our readers on our website and Facebook.

SUNDAY WORSHIP THEMES & SPECIAL EVENTS:

1/29/12 10am Worship. "Jesus confronts evil." Deacons meet after church.
Kate Pinkham with us.

2/5/12 10am Worship & Communion. "Jesus heals." Stewardship after church.
Kate Pinkham's Ecclesiastical Council at 3pm in Beverly.

2/12/12 10am Worship. "Jesus heals a man with leprosy." Kids Craft Sunday – Valentines!

2/19/12 10 am Worship. "The Transfiguration."

2/22/12 7pm Ash Wednesday Service. Music from the Iona Community in Scotland.

2/26/12 10 am Worship. First Sunday in Lent. "Jesus is tempted in the wilderness."

MORE NEWS

THE PUMPKIN PATCH INN IS COOKING! Our annual Pasta Dinner is Saturday, Feb. 11 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Ziti, meatballs, salad, rolls, dessert, drinks. Donation \$6.95. Children 6 & under free. Reservations recommended: 781-233-3028 or 781-233-4709. 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. Liz & Jason Bereza will coordinate this ministry (setting up a collection box & coordinating with St. John's mission team). Please give what you can to children in need.

KATE PINKHAM'S ECCLESIASTICAL COUNCIL is Sunday, March 4 at 3:00PM at Second Congregational Church in Beverly. This is the day when our Student Pastor Intern will be questioned on her Ordination Paper by members of all the UCC Essex Association churches. Will you come support her? If the vote is yes, she will be approved for ordination pending a call to a church. How exciting is that? Our church currently does not have any UCC delegates, who are able to vote at these Councils. See Rev. Martha if you can join us in supporting Kate and the UCC.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY with Kate Pinkham meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. 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! If you have any questions, please contact Kate Pinkham at katepinkham@gmail.com.

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