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**First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**  
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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 Clifftondale 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  
**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  
**Prayer Shawl Knitters,** Wed., 2/15, 10AM  
**Dance Group Rental:** Tuesdays, 7:00PM  
**Masons Week:** 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month  
**Brownie Troop:** Mondays, 4-5:30PM

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

2/5/12 10am Worship & Communion. “Jesus heals.” Stewardship meets after church.  
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 with Celtic Music from the Iona Community in Scotland. Student Pastor Intern Kate Pinkham with us.  
2/26/12 10 am Worship. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent. “Jesus is tempted in the wilderness.” Kate Pinkham preaches.  
3/4/12 10 am Worship & Communion. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent. One Great Hour of Sharing kicks off. Don’t forget Kate’s Ecclesiastical Council, 3pm at Second Congregational Church, Beverly.  
3/11/12 10 am Worship. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent. Kids Craft Sunday with Kady Bertrand and our Dominican pen pal letters.

## **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 (size 5 & 6 are most needed); 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 Essex churches vote "yes, Kate will be approved for ordination pending a call to a church. How exciting is that? RSVP to Rev. Martha if you can join us in supporting Kate and the UCC.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** with Kate Pinkham meets next Wed., Feb. 15 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](mailto:katepinkham@gmail.com).

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:** Barry Leahy 2/13, Adrien Flouros 2/17, Anna Collins 2/19, Sarah Brooks 2/24, Cheryl Panico 2/28

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES:** Stephanie & Michael Strout 2/7