



# Epistle

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This past Saturday we said farewell to our good friend Bob Blafield, who died after 89 years of a very full and rich life. Nearly 250 gathered to sing, give thanks, remember, grieve, and hear the words of faith that in Christ each of us is an inheritor of eternal life. Bob was a remarkable presence in the Berkshire music community having taught and mentored a host of musicians and having led the Berkshire Lyric for well over 40 years. Bob came to us twelve years ago to fill in for a few Sundays as Larry Yerdon was departing. Bob was so enchanted by South and all our ministries, and we were so enchanted by Bob with his energy and spirit that together we began a new chapter of ministry together. Bob and I met weekly to choose hymns and plan worship. At the same time we embarked on many other discussions.

To sit and talk with Bob Blafield was like entering a large mansion with doors and rooms leading in all directions. He was always reading something new and was ready to talk about politics, history, the world of music, the joys of Italy, the value of travel, the evils of war, the beauty of nature, the courage of his Finnish relatives in opposing Stalin, the tragedy of racism, anti-Semitism, and bigotry of all kinds, as well as a steady stream of humor that lightened every encounter. When Bob arrived in my office each week I never knew what rooms in the great mansion of life we would be exploring but I was always ready for an adventure. That passion for life in all its wild variety is reflected in a poem by Pablo Neruda, "Fiesta's End", spoken so powerfully by Bob's good friend, Sibylle Baier, at the service on Saturday. Neruda writes: "Sensibly, wildly, extravagant,/With fury and equilibrium: at all hours/ I touched the territories of the lion/And the frenzied tower of the bee..." There's something of the expansive soul of Bob Blafield in those words--the full text of the poem is included in this Epistle.

This brings me to a very personal reflection. Bob was the same age as my own father. They were born two months apart. Dad died seventeen years ago mostly as a result of his alcoholism. In Neruda's terms, he, too, was a "wild and extravagant" soul, but dad had very little "equilibrium" and very little curiosity for the larger world. Yet, I loved some of his wildness, his readiness to take big risks, and his extroversion that could fill a room with energy and laughter. I figured out some time ago that Bob embodied some of the energy and spirit that was in my dad, while modeling how to "touch the territories of the lion/And the frenzied tower of the bee" without losing one's soul in the process. Instead, Bob's soul got deeper. As one who didn't have a father who could model very much, I have always appreciated how God has brought into my life those who could be models of both adventure and integrity. Bob was one of those large souls. This is why I cherish being in a faith community. One can believe in God, pray and meditate, grieve and give thanks all in private. But when we enter into community, one with another, we give God so much more to work with to help heal our lives and the life of our world. One of my life tasks has been to recover from the effects of having grown up immersed in alcoholism. This task was made a bit easier by the fact that Bob Blafield and I chose hymns together and shared so much. I grieve Bob's passing and give thanks for the gift he was to so many. As Neruda writes: "And when everything became transparent,/Beneath the earth, I was at peace."

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The next *Epistle* deadline is August 27, at 11 am.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY



### *In memoriam:*

Robert Blafield, June 17,  
South Church Organist  
and Choir Director for  
11 years.

“Bob lived and breathed music.”

Our Peirson Intern, **Jim Day** received his **Masters in Liturgical Arts** degree from Episcopal Divinity School on May 18<sup>th</sup>. This degree weaves together Theology, Church Policy, History and Artistic Expression. See Jim’s summer schedule on page 5 of this Epistle.

*Congratulations also to Art Kaufman on his 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination.* Thank you, Art, for sharing your talents and gifts with us at South Congregational Church.

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed three new members into the Fellowship of South Church on Sunday, June 18:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Virginia Durwin	Cindy Dickinson
Thomas Damrosch	Mary Wheat
Judith Ann Thompson	Pam Garrett

May the membership in your chosen church home prove to be most meaningful.

**A warm welcome to you, Ginny, Tom and Judy!**

# DEACONS

*Following to lead | Leading to Serve*

## FROM THE DIACONATE: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We look forward to wonderful experiences this summer with Joel and with a fantastic line-up of guest preachers.

Joel will be with us through July 16, then he begins a well-deserved vacation that includes time with family and a viewing of the solar eclipse! He has scheduled five terrific ministers to fill the pulpit during his absence.

Below is the complete schedule for July and August. If you are interested in serving as a liturgist or usher this summer, don't wait for someone to ask--volunteer! The deacons for July are Sara Adams (655-8867) and Pat Nixon (442-3052); deacons for August are Pat and Bob Hill (243-1361). Give them a call or speak to them in person--it will make their day!

- Sunday, July 2 --Joel (Communion Sunday)
- Sunday, July 9 –  
Joel in dialogue with Wendy Krom,  
Lead Organizer for Berkshire  
Interfaith Organizing
- Sunday, July 16 -- Joel .
- Sunday, July 23 -- Art Kaufman
- Sunday, July 30 -- Bob Skidmore
- Sunday, August 6 -- Rick Floyd  
(Communion Sunday)
- Sunday, August 13 -- Jim Day
- Sunday, August 20 -- Lisanne Finston
- Sunday, August 27 -- Joel

(Note that we are planning a State Forest service for the Labor Day weekend; details to follow.)

Cindy Dickinson

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“Success is not final, failure is not fatal;  
It is the courage to continue  
that counts.”

Winston Churchill

## A MODERATOR'S MOMENT.....

I've been so humbled and blessed to be serving in the capacity of Moderator at South Church, and part of a list with many others who have served before me. South Church has always been a place of welcoming, peace, caring, and mission. There are many in this congregation who share their time and talents by serving on boards, committees, St Joe's Kitchen, Food Pantry, Thrift Shop, and Missions. And there are others who work on the Fair, or knit shawls and blankets, or work on building projects. Whenever there seems to be a need, there is always someone to take it on.



It also has been such a blessing to work with Joel who lifts us up, encourages us to be there for others, and challenges us to reach out into our community to help those who suffer injustices,

food insecurities, or poverty issues.

Our building has become a beacon for many who come through our doors looking for comfort, food, someone to talk with, or just a smiling face when life seems a little overwhelming.

We are finishing up our Capital Fund projects with the last being the roof over the sanctuary. It has taken many hours to bring this building up to code by past and present Trustees. It is this devotion and dedication by many to keep this building going strong so that we can carry on and do God's work.

Yes, we are very blessed here at South Church, and I am thankful to be part of this congregation of caring people who give of themselves to help others!

Jean Robertson, Moderator

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*It is easier to find a score of men wise enough to discover the truth than to find one intrepid enough, in the face of opposition, to stand up for it.*

~A.A. Hodge

## SUMMER MUSIC NOTES



While our Chancel Choir and Handbells are taking a well-deserved break, you have a chance to help enliven our worship. Anyone who finds joy in singing is invited to join us around the grand piano in the Chancel at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday morning, July 16. We'll learn a simple piece of music from the African-American church tradition and introduce it to the congregation at that service.

We'll have a variety of musicians leading worship this summer. Paul Celebui, Ron Hanft, Tracy Wilson and Tom Tuthill, in addition to myself, will be leading our congregational singing each Sunday. My own special activity in early July will be a journey to Norway, Denmark and northern Germany which Bob Blafield helped me plan. My "postcards home" should appear on my travel blog, [tomsabbatical.blogspot.com](http://tomsabbatical.blogspot.com).

The Chancel Choir will resume on Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m. Handbells will be back in October. All are welcome to try joining us for either or both!

~Tom Damrosch

## Capital Campaign Project Update

The final restoration project of our Capital Campaign "Stretching for God's Future" will begin this month. Our sanctuary roof will be stripped of shingles and a new layer of shingles will be laid. The project, weather permitting, should take about three weeks. Scaffolding will be erected to allow the workers access to the roof. Some loose siding on the western end will also be repaired.

Once completed, the Capital Project list: two new roofs, repaired steeple, sanctuary painting, parking lot resurfacing, new storm windows, updated Barrett Hall kitchen, pantry refrigeration, updated sanctuary sound system, all will be fulfilled. Also, \$10,000 is being transferred to the Mission Board for their use. This money is the second half of monies pledged for mission outreach by our campaign.

The Capital Campaign started over five years ago with lots of research and planning. Through the planning, fund raising, and restoration, it has been an all-church project. We all have a lot to be proud of!

John Robertson, Chair of the Trustees

## ***LECTIONARY FOR JULY***

### **July 2 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

### **July 9 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 45:10-17  
Psalm 145:8-14  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### **July 16 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### **July 23 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Guest Preacher: Rev. Art Kaufman**

Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### **July 30– Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Guest Preacher: Rev. Robert Skidmore**

Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



## ***LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST***

### **August 6 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Guest Preacher: Rev. Rick Floyd**

Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

### **August 13 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Guest Preacher: James Day, Peirson Intern**

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

### **August 20 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

#### **Guest Preacher: Rev. Lisanne Finston**

Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 67  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

### **August 27– Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 1:8-2A:10  
Psalm 124 or  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



This summer the Christian Education program Will offer a summer session for children and youth. The program runs from June 11<sup>th</sup> through August 27 on Sunday mornings during worship services, 10am to 11 am.

Adventures in Faith is the title of the program and many of the lessons are based on Scripture from Genesis, with the purpose of exploring the theme of God's relationship with God's creation. We will have classes outside in the church courtyard as often as possible. Hope you can join us!

In late August I will be sending registration forms out to families for the 2017-2018 school year. In late September we will host a "Bring a Friend to Sunday School" event, so keep that in mind when spending time with friends and family this summer.

***Have a safe, fun, and blessed summer***

Ann Roche

### ***OUR SUMMER PEIRSON INTERN***

Jim Day has completed his Masters of Arts in Theological Studies from Episcopal Divinity School and will be our seminary intern once again this summer as he transitions to his ministry of weaving together art, theology, and faith.

This past week Jim convened art tables at the Pantry on Wednesday and Thursday morning and gathered with guests at St. Joe's Kitchen. He had lively interest and conversation with both children and adults at each setting. One discussion item was how to paint and decorate our rear entryway to make it a truly bright and welcoming entrance.

Jim will also be working with the outdoor "Cathedral of the Beloved" on Sunday afternoons and will be with us in worship—and helping with summer church school—most Sundays. We are grateful to the Peirson Program for funding these kinds of creative pastoral ministries for our church, neighbors, and wider community.

Be sure to talk to Jim about these summer projects.

Joel



### ***FOOD PANTRY***

The Food Pantry has been a very busy place. Over 500 different families have come each week for the last four weeks in order to get food. The CHP Health Van has been coming the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday along with BMC volunteers.

The new shelving units that the Pantry purchased with the funds we received from the Western Mass Food Bank's Building Capacity Grant are being put to good use. Thank you to Mary Rentz and Pat Politis for all their work in applying for the Grant.

In celebration of July 4<sup>th</sup> and in an effort to add to our food budget, the Food Pantry is planning on selling food items on the front lawn of the church as we all watch the Parade. We will be preparing breakfast sandwiches (egg, cheese, bacon or sausage), hot dogs, muffins and cookies. We will also be selling coffee, water and soda. We hope you will join us! If you are willing to donate cases of water, soda, muffins, cookies or bacon, please contact Mary Wheat at 442-3706. Thank you!

***Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!***

Mary Wheat

### ***MAY MATTOON PICNIC-- JULY 16TH***

May Mattoon members and husbands/guests are invited to enjoy an after-church picnic at Mary and Pete Rentz's, 409 East New Lenox Road, on Sunday, July 16. We've ordered a beautiful day to take in the view across the valley from the deck and screened porch. The Rentz's will provide grilled burgers, hot dogs and set-ups. Members, please let us know what and who you will bring.

We hope to see you! RSVP: 413-442-6732; [pmrentz@gmail.com](mailto:pmrentz@gmail.com)

Mary Rentz

### ***LITTLE KNOWN FACTS***

Drinking water AFTER eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.





## 218 Annual Meeting – Massachusetts Conference UCC

WOW! This truly was an historic occasion. It was the first Tri-Conference meeting. The Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island Conferences met together, seeking covenant, asking us to come “Together as One” to explore forming one Conference.

Change is seldom easy and the day- and a- half meeting brought forth multitudinous questions. Why are we even proposing such a problematic idea? What would be the purpose? How would we ever maintain our autonomy? How would it effect budgeting hiring, etc., etc., etc?

The three Conferences had for many months (indeed years) been doing much spade work, devoting hours of deep discussion and prayerful discernment. Let me quote several portions of their collective message to our congregations. “The centrality of the word and witness of Jesus Christ will not be changed in this proposal for a united ministry...” “We believe the time for the creation of a new Conference has come...” “...We are not a people who live without hope. We believe that the transformative message of the Gospel invites us into a deeper proclamation of that which unites us through the core values of the United Church of Christ:

To proclaim that God is Still Speaking:

To provide an extravagant welcome to all God’s children and;

To personally be transformed by the inclusive Love of God in Christ  
to work to change the world in which we live.

Speakers such as Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President, UCC., Rev. Jim Antal, Minister and President, as well as other notable Conference representatives eagerly responded to questions and addressed our many concerns, stressing that we were at this moment voting only to further explore the viability of a “Together as One” Conference. There were ample opportunities for discussion and I am thrilled to report there was an enthusiastic if not unanimous affirmative vote.

The Three Conferences will now jointly take up the “mechanics” of decision making. Hopefully by next year’s conference there will be answers and proposed solutions to the vital questions raised at this historic meeting. It will likely then take another year of intense discussion and resolution to work out all the legal, financial and governance issues and finally put the Proposal to a vote at Tri-Conference meeting.

In addition to considering this proposal, the Conference schedule provided updates on UCC Conference’s work with regard to social justice issues such as racial, climate change, refugee and criminal justice matters. Small networking luncheons took place. We also learned of specific forms of outreach taking place in several congregations: In other words there was much sharing of information. Together we are working hard to make our world a better place. We need to hear more about UCC’s strength. I quote Jim Antal, “Expand your imagination of how God may be calling you....To make God’s love and justice real, join forces, recognizing we are stronger together. Take in the wisdom of the African proverb: If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.”

WOW! What an Exciting Tri-Conference Meeting. I hope to go to many more! How I hope you will go too!

Judith Thompson

## ***IN APPRECIATION: FOOD BANK GRANT***

The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts has awarded South Church's Food Pantry a capacity building grant of \$2,120 for movable wire shelving for Barrett Hall. With the funds, 6 shelving units with heavy duty covers have been purchased and put into use. Measuring 48x24x63 inches, these units can be loaded with cases of food and easily moved into place for distribution days. We anticipate that the shelving will cut down on the handling of food cases by our volunteers. With the shelving, our volunteers can easily arrange food in accordance with USDA "My Plate" food groups for easier selection by our guests. The shelves can be moved against the walls and closed up when the pantry is not in session.

### ***St. Joseph's Kitchen at South Church***

South Church is receiving from St. Joseph's High School fiberglass cafe chairs, a secure food storage unit, and a rolling tray caddy. We are grateful for these gifts to our food ministry, which continues the weekly meal begun by the Sisters of St. Joseph at the high school almost 30 years ago.

Mary Rentz

## ***MAY MATTOON NOTES***

May Mattoon met at the church on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> for a trip to the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge. Nine Mattoon members, Pastor Joel, and Priscilla Anthony, our guide for the day, attended.

Ignoring a constant rain the group kept cozy indoors and very much enjoyed viewing the world's collection of original Norman Rockwell art, including beloved works for *The Saturday Evening Post*, the iconic Four Freedoms; and inspiring later works which explored social issues of the day. We also enjoyed a half-hour lecture that pointed out many small details in Rockwell's paintings that most of us don't realize are there.

Lunch on the terrace was a bit breezy but talking about our experience in the museum kept us somewhat warm. Due to the inclement weather, a decision was made not to tour the artist's studio. (Hopefully we can do that at another time on our own.)

In any event, it was a wonderful day and we are most grateful to Priscilla Anthony who helped coordinate the visit.

Joyce Brown



**THIS LAND WILL REMAIN THE LAND  
OF THE FREE**

**ONLY SO LONG AS IT REMAINS THE  
HOME OF THE BRAVE**

*The following poem was read at the funeral of our beloved Bob Blafield.*

## **FIESTA'S END**

*Pablo Neruda*

What could I say without touching earth?  
To whom would I turn without the rain?  
That is why I was never where I found myself  
And I took no journey other than the return  
And from the cathedrals I took neither  
Picture no hairlock: I tried  
To shape my stone with my hands  
Sensibly, wildly, extravagant,  
With fury and equilibrium: at all hours  
I touched the territories of the lion  
And the frenzied tower of the bee,  
That is why, when I saw what I had already seen  
And touched earth and mud stone and foam,  
Beings that recognize my footsteps, my words,  
Tendrils of green life kissing my mouth,  
I said "Here I am," and I undressed in the light,  
I let my hands sink into the sea  
And when everything became transparent,  
Beneath the earth, I was at peace.

## **Here's to the Crazy Ones**

*Jack Kerouac*

Here's to the crazy ones.  
The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers.  
The round pegs in the square holes.  
The ones who see things differently.  
They're not fond of rules.  
and they have no respect for the status quo.

You can praise them, disagree with them, quote them,  
disbelieve them, glorify or vilify them.  
About the only thing you can't do is ignore them.  
Because they change things.  
They invent. They imagine.  
They heal. They explore. They create. They inspire.  
They push the human race forward.  
Maybe they have to be crazy.

How else can you stare at an empty canvas and see a work of art?  
Or sit in silence and hear a song that's never been written?  
Or gaze at a red planet and see a laboratory on wheels?  
While some may see them as the crazy one, we see genius.

Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world,  
are the ones who do.

*from "Inward/Outward"*

Online devotional of Church of the Savior





**July 21**

**David Grover &  
Linda Worster**

**August 18**

**Andy Kelly**



**Friday July 21, 2017, 7 p.m.**

Our favorite local troubadours, **Linda Worster** and **David Grover** will be joining us for this evening, bringing us a blend of original music and covers. Every coffee house is a different experience and their repertoires are far ranging.

**Friday, August 18, 2017, 7 p.m.**

Multitalented musician **Andy Kelly** has been playing music for 50 years. Jazz music is his specialty, mixed with lots of Irish music and familiar tunes played on guitar, banjo, bass, and mandolin.

**Please join us for these magical summer evenings.**

**Admission by donation  
to benefit  
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Because of our commitment to practical faith, we serve a free hot meal each Wednesday at 5pm, provide food for up to 500 families in need from the pantry and host AA and NA meetings. We are also home to Lord & Tailor Thrift Shop Pembury Bridge, Pittsfield Squares and Music Together

To do all this we need to keep the roof repaired and the light and heat on

**Coffee, tea and variety of desserts for sale**

**BREAD & ROSES  
COFFEE HOUSE**





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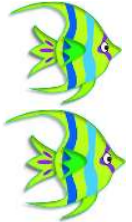
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# July 2017

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| <b>2</b><br>Worship 10 am<br>with Communion<br>with guest organist<br>Thomas Tuthill                                                                                                                   | <b>3</b><br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>Yarn Spinners<br>7 pm<br>NA-There is<br>Hope Group<br>7 pm  | <b>4</b><br><b>Independence Day</b><br>South Church<br>Snack Stand<br>during Parade | <b>5</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30 – 11 am<br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>St. Joe's Cook Out<br>5 pm<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 – 6 pm                                               | <b>6</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies<br>Benevolent<br>9:30 am<br>UCC Clergy<br>12 noon | <b>7</b><br>Lord & Tailor<br>10 am-4 pm<br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>AA 6:15 pm                                                                    | <b>8</b><br>AA 10:15 am<br>Lord & Tailor<br>12-4 pm<br>Al-Anon 7 pm                   |
| <b>9</b><br>Worship 10 am<br>with guest organist<br>Tracy Wilson                                                                                                                                       | <b>10</b><br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>Yarn Spinners<br>7 pm<br>NA-There is<br>Hope Group<br>7 pm | <b>11</b><br>Summer Men's<br>Forum<br>12 noon<br>Diaconate 7 pm                     | <b>12</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30 – 11 am<br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>Healthy Pittsfield<br>2 pm<br>St. Joe's Dinner<br>5 pm<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 – 6 pm<br>Trustees 6 pm | <b>13</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Music Together<br>Quilting-Ladies<br>Benevolent<br>9:30 am       | <b>14</b><br>Lord & Tailor<br>10 am-4 pm<br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>AA 6:15 pm                                                                   | <b>15</b><br>AA 10:15 am<br>Lord & Tailor<br>12 noon – 4 pm<br>Al-Anon 7 pm           |
| <b>16</b><br>Worship 10 am<br>with informal<br>"Pick-up" Choir<br>May Mattoon Picnic<br>following worship<br><br><i>Coffee Hour<br/>           Collections for the<br/>           Language Project</i> | <b>17</b><br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>Yarn Spinners<br>7 pm<br>NA-There is<br>Hope Group<br>7 pm | <b>18</b><br>Summer Men's<br>Forum<br>12 noon                                       | <b>19</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30 – 11 am<br>Berkshire Place<br>10:45 am<br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>St. Joe's Dinner<br>5 pm<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 – 6 pm                 | <b>20</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies<br>Benevolent<br>9:30 am                         | <b>21</b><br>Lord & Tailor<br>10 am-4 pm<br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>AA 6:15 pm<br><b>Coffee House<br/>           Concert<br/>           7 pm</b> | <b>22</b><br>AA 10:15 am<br>Lord & Tailor<br>12-4 pm<br>Al-Anon 7 pm                  |
| <b>23</b><br>Worship 10 am with<br>Rev. Art Kaufman                                                                                                                                                    | <b>24</b><br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>Yarn Spinners<br>7 pm<br>NA-There is<br>Hope Group<br>7 pm | <b>25</b><br>Summer Men's<br>Forum<br>12 noon<br>Church Council<br>7 pm             | <b>26</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30 – 11 am<br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>St. Joe's Dinner<br>5 pm<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 – 6 pm                                                | <b>27</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies<br>Benevolent<br>9:30 am                         | <b>28</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies<br>Benevolent<br>9:30 am                                                           | <b>29</b><br>AA 10:15 am<br>Lord & Tailor<br>12-4 pm<br>Al-Anon 7 pm                  |
| <b>30</b><br>Worship 10 am<br>with Rev. Bob<br>Skidmore<br>and guest pianist<br>Paul Celebi<br><i>Bridal Shower<br/>           1-3 pm</i>                                                              | <b>31</b><br>Bridge 12 – 4 pm<br>Yarn Spinners<br>7 pm<br>NA-There is<br>Hope Group<br>7 pm |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                       |                        |                                                         |  |

# August 2017

## South Congregational Church

| Sunday                                                                                                                    | Monday                                                                                                 | Tuesday                                                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                                                                 | Friday                                                                                                                          | Saturday                                                                                  |
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|                                           |                                                                                                        | <b>1</b><br>Summer Men's Forum<br>12 noon                                   | <b>2</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30 – 11 am<br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br>St. Joe's Dinner<br>5 pm<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 – 6 pm                                    | <b>3</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies Benevolent<br>9:30 am<br>UCC Clergy<br>12 noon                                                  | <b>4</b><br>Lord & Tailor<br>10 am-4 pm<br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br><i>AA 6:15 pm</i>                                         | <b>5</b><br><i>AA 10:15 am</i><br>Lord & Tailor<br>12-4 pm<br><i>AI-Anon 7 pm</i>         |
| <b>6</b><br>Worship 10 am with Communion<br>Rev. Rick Floyd and guest<br>Organist Tom Tuthill                             | <b>7</b><br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br>Yarn Spinners<br>7 pm<br><i>NA-There is Hope Group</i><br>7 pm  | <b>8</b><br>Summer Men's Forum<br>12 noon                                   | <b>9</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30 – 11 am<br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br>St. Joe's Dinner<br>5 pm<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 – 6 pm<br><i>Trustees 6 pm</i>            | <b>10</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies Benevolent<br>9:30 am<br>Pantry Steering Committee<br>12 noon<br>BIO Executive Meeting<br>6 pm | <b>11</b><br>Lord & Tailor<br>10 am-4 pm<br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br><i>AA 6:15 pm</i>                                        | <b>12</b><br><i>AA 10:15 am</i><br>Lord & Tailor<br>12-4 pm<br><i>AI-Anon 7 pm</i>        |
| <b>13</b><br>Worship 10 am with Jim Day                                                                                   | <b>14</b><br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br>Yarn Spinners<br>7 pm<br><i>NA-There is Hope Group</i><br>7 pm | <b>15</b><br>Summer Men's Forum<br>12 noon                                  | <b>16</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30 – 11 am<br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br><i>Healthy Pittsfield 2 pm</i><br>St. Joe's Dinner<br>5 pm<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 – 6 pm | <b>17</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies Benevolent<br>9:30 am                                                                          | <b>18</b><br>Lord & Tailor<br>10 am-4 pm<br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br><i>AA 6:15 pm</i><br><b>Coffee House Concert</b><br>7 pm | <b>19</b><br><i>AA 10:15 am</i><br>Lord & Tailor<br>12 noon – 4 pm<br><i>AI-Anon 7 pm</i> |
| <b>20</b><br>Worship 10 am with Rev. Lisanne Finston<br><i>Coffee Hour</i><br><i>Collections for the Language Project</i> | <b>21</b><br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br>Yarn Spinners<br>7 pm<br><i>NA-There is Hope Group</i><br>7 pm | <b>22</b><br>Summer Men's Forum<br>12 noon                                  | <b>23</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30 – 11 am<br>Berkshire Place<br>10:45 am<br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br>St. Joe's Dinner<br>5 pm<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 – 6 pm    | <b>24</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies Benevolent<br>9:30 am                                                                          | <b>25</b><br>Lord & Tailor<br>10 am-4 pm<br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br><i>AA 6:15 pm</i>                                        | <b>26</b><br><i>AA 10:15 am</i><br>Lord & Tailor<br>12-4 pm<br><i>AI-Anon 7 pm</i>        |
| <b>27</b><br>Worship 10 am with Rev. Joel Huntington                                                                      | <b>28</b><br>Yarn Spinners<br>7 pm<br><i>NA-There is Hope Group</i><br>7 pm                            | <b>29</b><br>Summer Men's Forum<br>12 noon<br><i>Church Council</i><br>7 pm | <b>30</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30 – 11 am<br><i>Bridge 12 – 4 pm</i><br>St. Joe's Dinner<br>5 pm<br>Food Pantry<br>5:30 – 6 pm                                   | <b>29</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies Benevolent<br>9:30 am                                                                          | <b>31</b><br>Food Pantry<br>7:30-11 am<br>Quilting-Ladies Benevolent<br>9:30 am                                                 |      |

September Epistle Deadline 11 am

UPCOMING: On Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> we are planning on holding our worship service at the Pittsfield State Forest. Watch for additional details.