



# the South Wind

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Summer, 2011

Dear Church Family & Friends:

## **A Little History**

Before I was with you, South Church, under the able leadership of Rev. Dr. Geordie Campbell, began a campaign to do some much needed capitol improvement work with its buildings. However, before that campaign was completed, the land behind the church became available and the church decided, with much foresight and wisdom, to purchase that land, foregoing capitol improvements. In my humble perception, this was absolutely the right thing to do for it: kept the land from being bought by a developer and having a mini mall bump us on our backside; retained a pastoral environment for our campus; and it gave us space for an expansion of our ministry in whatever way we deemed God was calling us. Thanks be to God for the wisdom and generosity of South Church!!

## **Present Position**

If you were at the annual meeting in May, you heard about the present problems with our property and buildings. Unfortunately, they don't just go away. We agreed to put some money toward getting us up to code in our kitchen and in the Youth/Mission Building, which has been closed by the building inspector. Those initiatives will be done by September. We also agreed to create a Facilities Assessment Committee and allow them to spend up to \$10,000 to get a complete analysis of our buildings. However, the Mod Squad (John Stevenson, Moderator, Charlene Bordonaro, Vice Moderator and I) presented to our Council the motion to create a committee that would bring us a strategic plan to better understand our space needs for the next 10 years of ministry at South Church. Council fully agreed, and we are now putting that committee together. This will put off the work of the Facilities Assessment Committee a few months.

## **Future Possibilities**

Seven individuals and I will make up this Strategic Plan Committee which will use the book, From Our Doorsteps: Developing a Ministry Plan That Makes Sense, by Rick Morse. The work of this committee will be summarized in a plan that we will overview at our Annual Financial meeting in January and vote on at our Annual Meeting in May next year. It will be a detailed plan, and we will be discerning God's call to us through those outside and those inside our church.

Outside we will: A) Look to the demographic forecasts of Granby by studying the statistics in Granby town hall and talking to officials; and B) Interview 25-30 non church-goers in Granby to try to discern what those un-churched believe is important for ministry in Granby. (You can help us by thinking of people we might interview.)

Inside we will: A) Utilize our fall stewardship campaign to prioritize the initiatives unearthed in *The Future Is Here*; B) Consider the question: What one thing do we have the resources to pursue that could move our ministry to a new level of excellence? C) Develop a condensed statement that is a summary of our particular mission in this particular place at this particular time; and D) Analyze the financial, human, and facility resources we have available for ministry.

This is a very exciting process which summons our intelligence, imagination, conversation and prayer in order to discern the future ministry of South Church. You will be updated monthly in the Southwind. If you have any questions please call me at the church office, (860) 653-7289.

God's blessing on you,

Denny Moon

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*Please remember your pledge this summer. The bills still need to be paid even though it's summer vacation. Thank you!*

## SUMMER WORSHIP

Rev. Moon will be away on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 24<sup>th</sup>. We have two very able persons to bring the message to us those days: Sandra Fischer, a seminary student and member of First Church, Simsbury; and Gale Grayson, a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School and a member of our own family of faith. The Senior Deacon, Stephen Miltimore, will be leading worship in Rev. Moon's absence.

**July 3: 9:30 AM Worship Service, Communion**

Text: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30; Sermon: "Infants Understand"

**July 10: 9:30 AM Worship Service, ASP 10th Anniversary & Consecration  
Guitar Sunday**

Text: Isaiah 55: 10-13; Sermon: "You are God's Word"

**July 17: 9:30 Worship Service**

Guest Preacher: Sandra Fischer; Soloist: Sandy Maine

**July 24: 9:30 AM Worship Service**

Guest Preacher: Gale Grayson; Soloist: Ted Christensen

**July 31: 9:30 AM Worship Service**

Text: Matthew 14: 1-21; Sermon: "A Tale of Two Parties"

**Aug. 7: 9:30 AM Worship Service, Communion**

Text: Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28; Sermon: "The Stranger and the Question"

**Aug. 14: 9:30 AM Worship Service**

Text: Genesis 45: 1-15; Sermon: "The Framework of Forgiveness"

**Aug. 21: 9:30 AM Worship Service**

Text: Psalm 138; Sermon: "Increase Your Soul Strength"

**Aug. 28: 9:30 AM Worship Service**

Text: Jeremiah 15: 15-21; Sermon: "Angry with God? It's Alright"

**Sept. 4: 9:30 AM Worship Service, Communion**

Text: Exodus 12: 1-14; Sermon: "Liberation from Pretending Powers"

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## FELLOWSHIP HOUR!

During the summer, Fellowship Hour features lemonade and cookies, provided by the Board of Christian Fellowship. We are looking for volunteers to set up and clean up each Sunday with/without help from a BCF coordinator. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. Call Rowena York (860-658-2153), or any BCF member, if you have any questions.

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP NOTES

**WORSHIP SERVICE ON CD:** Recordings of Sunday morning worship services are available on CD - Email: office@southchurch.necoxmail.com, or call the church office: (860) 653-7289. Please leave you name and contact information, and the date of the requested service. The cost is \$2.00/CD.

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**HEAR YOU GO!** Ear buds for enhanced hearing are available in limited supply, (4 sets). On Sunday, ask your ushers or the Deacon at your Service for a set if you want to use them during worship.

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## PRAYER REQUEST CARDS FOR WORSHIP

It is meaningful to hear the names and situations which call for prayers of concern or thanksgiving during our worship services. We are grateful for those requests. We now have **Prayer Request Cards**.

These cards are in the church foyer. Write down your request on the card before church and give it to the Deacon at the door or to an Usher. It will be brought to the minister during the singing of the first hymn. Help us keep our prayer concerns at the forefront of our minds in a way that all can hear and understand.

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### **MINISTRY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BEGINS!!**

We are very grateful to have received two interns for our experimental program which helps young people discern whether or not they want to go to seminary and enter the ministry. This is accomplished by giving the interns actual hands on experience in the ministry of a local church and giving them experience in attending classes at a seminary. Our interns will each be giving 15 hours a week and will be primarily involved in youth ministry, but will, over the course of the year, have the opportunity to do any number of tasks they choose to do. They will also be trained in youth ministry by Brita Gotberg and will be in a discernment group with Denny Moon, our pastor.

This is a very cutting edge program which benefits the intern, the seminary, the church and the greater ministry itself. You will meet our interns in September, please give them a warm welcome.

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### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Any questions regarding youth fellowship, please contact Robbi Boston, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at 653-4899 or e-mail: [robbandy@cox.net](mailto:robbandy@cox.net).

#### **CONFIRMATION:**

On Sunday, June 5th, during the 10:30 AM worship service, we celebrated the Rite of Confirmation for the following youth: *Casey Buchholz, Casey Curtis, Abigail Hokunson, Colleen Leonardi, Adam Lukowski, David Mastrangelo, Hannah Pidgeon, Gratton Rider, Nick Richards, Rachel Rising, Garret Salazar and DD Sojka.*

#### **YOUTH MISSION:**

On Sunday, July 10th, during the 9:30 AM worship service, we commissioned our Appalachian Service Project (ASP) mission volunteers. Please pray for them when they are on their trip this summer. They leave July 16th and will return on July 24th.

#### **ASP ADULT LEADERS:**

*Ginger Bendig, Dennis Fredo, Mike Hayes, Amy Lukens, Dick Mullen, Will Percival, Kathy Pidgeon, Mark Ricci, Renee St. Amour, Brian Schramm and John Stevenson.*

#### **ASP YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:**

*Hannah Adams, Melissa Allen, Trevor Bendig, Jon Budlong, Melinda Eddy, Adrianna Fredo, Brittany Hayes, Adam Lukowski, Emma Percival, Dan Percival, Andrew Ricci, James Rice, Nick Richards, Gratton Rider, Rachel Rising, Garret Salazar, Colette St. Amour, Jason Urban, Jake Yankauskas.*

#### **SENIOR AND JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:**

On Sunday, June 5th, the Senior and Junior High Fellowship celebrated with an End-of-Year Fellowship Barbecue. They said, "Good-bye" to those members and leaders that will be leaving this year and hung out with their South Church family before the start of summer.

Stay tuned for information on Youth Fellowship kick-off in September.

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## KALEIDOSCOPE CORNER

### What's Love Got to Do with It??

On June 12th, we had a treat as the children conducted the worship service around the theme of LOVE. We sang songs, heard messages and even learned how to pray in color!

#### A Note from the Board of Christian Education:

South Congregational Church is blessed with many people who are willing to share their time and talent to benefit the programs and offerings that make this a vibrant and welcoming place. The Board of Christian Education would like all families who take part in Kaleidoscope Corner to have the opportunity to spend whatever time they can to facilitate our educational programs. A special thanks to the Teachers and Shepherds.

*SO . . . enjoy your summer and SIGN UP TO HELP IN THE FALL!!!*

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## GRANBY FOOD BANK

This summer, the Granby Food Bank is in need of more resources now that they are serving over 90 families and individuals. The Granby churches have answered the call by each agreeing to cover two weeks for donations. **South Church is covering July 24th through August 7th.**

In an effort to try to get all their requests covered, we have allocated items by the first letter of your last name - Cash donations are always welcome!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Please bring</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Last Name</u>
<b>July 24-31</b>			<b>Aug 7</b>	
	A-B:	Canned Meats and Stews		Y-Z
	C-D:	Canned Fruit		W-X
	E-F:	Toilet Paper and Tissues		U-V
	G-H:	Laundry Detergent		S-T
	I-J:	Bottled Fruit Juices		Q-R
	K-L:	Boxed Cereal		O-P
	M-N:	Peanut Butter & Jelly		K-L
	O-P:	Rice Products		M-N
	Q-R:	Pasta Sauce		I-J
	S-T:	Hamburger/Chicken Helper		G-H
	U-V:	Hygiene items		E-F
	W-X:	Pasta/Rice-a-Roni		C-D
	Y-Z:	Pasta/Rice-a-Roni		A-B

Please help the Food Bank meet these needs. Thank you! -Board of Christian Outreach

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We need your help!!! **There is a shortage of ushers for our 10:30 AM worship service.** It is an easy job, but one that is vital to the smooth conduct of the worship service. Join the team! Tryouts every Sunday! Age is no barrier! If you are interested in serving, just speak to any usher and we will take care of the rest. Please contact Diane or Roger Hernsdorf, at (860) 653-7112, if you have any questions.

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**ACOLYTES NEEDED:** We need more youth (8 years and up) to serve as Acolytes. This is a great way for youth to participate in the worship service. Training is provided. For more information, contact Betty Hart at: 653-3636.

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## SUMMER YOGA

Welcome the summer and celebrate our common goal of living our purpose by creating a space of peace and well-being in the midst of a life that is often turbulent and fast-paced. Dedicate your mind, soul and body to inspired transformation, knowledge, balance, inner happiness and tranquility. Resolve to open and stretch yourself physically, mentally and spiritually as we enter the wonderful season of summer.

Jill Ricci will once again be teaching a community yoga class **on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall beginning Thursday, June 30th, 2011**. Whether you are a beginner, an experienced practitioner, or just curious, you are invited to come to as few or as many classes as you choose, and bring a friend! Children 13 and older are invited, and donations are welcome. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat with you if you have one. We hope to see you there!

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## TUESDAY MORNING CRAFT AND CHAT GROUP

This group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings from 10 AM to 12 PM. Each person works on their own project or shows up just to chat. If you are free this summer, please join us in the parlor - air conditioning provided!

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## WEIGHT WATCHERS

*Weight Watchers* is now meeting at South Church. Meetings are every Saturday morning in the Gathering Room.

**First Meeting:** Weigh-in and registration begins at 8:00 A.M, meeting begins at 8:30 AM.

**Second Meeting:** Weigh-in and registration begins at 9:30 A.M, meeting begins at 10:00 AM.

For more information, go to: [weightwatchers.com](http://weightwatchers.com).

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## THANK YOU!

### Our thanks go out this month to the following:

- ◆ Everyone involved in the Children's Sunday on June 12th. The children did a great job under the direction of *Maggie Burnett and Kathy Pidgeon, with help from Stacey & John Kroninger, Megan Lacey, Jen Matthews, Tracey Mazrek, Anne Plaut, and Helen Rice.*
- ◆ To *Denny Moon and Kay Imbt* for volunteering with the Heads Up Hartford mission.

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## AUSTIN LIBRARY NEWS

Hello, all! It's Aloysius Alonzo Bookworm, III here. Al and Alice are asleep, and since this column is due imminently, I have stepped into the breach. It's ironic that they think I sleep all the time, and yet, they are presently in the arms of Morpheus, "dead to the world" as they say in the vernacular. To set the record straight, I rarely am asleep when they whisper to one another, "He's sleeping again." What I'm really doing is thinking, an activity they seldom indulge in.

I reminisce about my life--about all the things I have done. I think about my time at the Smithsonian libraries and how I met their two sons in the history library. I remember our trip via giant bookworm-mobile to visit Al and Alice in Granby. (They thought I was very old even then, but I was younger than they are now.) I visualize my return visit to the University of Connecticut library in Storrs when I saw my sister, Alice's mother, and relived our early life there. And of course, I ruminate about my return to South Church and my decision to stay here for awhile.

My life here has not been without its trauma. There was the time I fell out of the window and, due to the heroics of Al and the problem solving abilities of Alice, I was rescued and returned to the safety of our home. And, oh, the embarrassment, the ignominious experience of becoming a purple bookworm when I overindulged in the purple marker in my attempts to make a beautiful picture of an Easter egg. That, I must confess, was one of my lesser achievements.

Alice and Al are waking up so I must be off. Don't tell them I am listening when they think I am dozing. That will be our secret. Have a wonderful Fourth of July and a delightful summer.

Blessings to all of you,

Uncle Aloysius

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## SUMMER AT A GLANCE

<b>Saturday, July 2:</b> <i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM	<b>Saturday, July 30:</b> <i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM
<b>Sunday, July 3:</b> <i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM	<b>Sunday, July 31:</b> <i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM
<b>Tuesday, July 5:</b> <i>Christian Outreach</i>	Teale Room	7:00 PM	<b>Monday, Aug. 1:</b> <i>Christian Outreach</i>	Teale Room	7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, July 6:</b> <i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM	<b>Wednesday, Aug. 3:</b> <i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM
<i>Property</i>	Library	7:00 PM	<b>Thursday, Aug. 4:</b> <i>Yoga</i>	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday, July 7:</b> <i>Yoga</i>	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM	<b>Saturday, Aug. 6:</b> <i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM
<b>Saturday, July 9:</b> <i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM	<b>Sunday, Aug. 7:</b> <i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	8:30 & 10:30 AM
<b>Sunday, July 10:</b> <i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM	<b>Tuesday, Aug. 9:</b> <i>Christian Ed</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, July 13:</b> <i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM	<b>Wednesday, Aug. 10:</b> <i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM
<b>Thursday, July 14:</b> <i>Yoga</i>	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM	<b>Thursday, Aug. 11:</b> <i>Yoga</i>	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday, July 16:</b> <i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM	<b>Saturday, Aug. 13:</b> <i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM
ASP leaves			<b>Sunday, Aug. 14:</b> <i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM
<b>Sunday, July 17:</b> <i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM	<b>Tuesday, Aug. 16:</b> <i>Steering</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM
<b>Wednesday, July 20:</b> <i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM	<b>Wednesday, Aug. 17:</b> <i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM
<b>Thursday, July 21:</b> <i>Yoga</i>	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM	<b>Thursday, Aug. 19:</b> <i>Yoga</i>	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
<b>Saturday, July 23:</b> <i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM	<b>Saturday, Aug. 20:</b> <i>Weight Watchers</i>	Gathering Rm	8:00 AM
<b>Sunday, July 24:</b> <i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM	<b>Sunday, Aug. 21:</b> <i>Worship Service</i>	Sanctuary	9:30 AM
ASP returns			<b>Tuesday Aug. 23:</b> <i>Deacons</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM
<b>Tuesday, July 26:</b> <i>Deacons</i>	Parlor	7:00 PM	<b>Wednesday, Aug. 24:</b> <i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM
<b>Wednesday, July 27:</b> <i>Community Meal</i>	Fellowship Hall	4:30 PM	<b>Thursday, Aug. 25:</b> <i>Yoga</i>	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
<b>Thursday, July 28:</b> <i>Yoga</i>	Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM			

**Denny Moon will be on vacation July 11 – July 30. Pastoral coverage during Rev. Moon's vacation is available for hospital calls and emergencies. If needed, call the church office (860) 653-7289.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** If you are considering honoring your loved ones with an arrangement this summer, please sign up on the Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Profusions of beautiful flowers, flowering shrubs and grasses might be in your very own yard. They can be a source of a personal and special touch.

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Articles for the **Homecoming** edition (September) of the *SouthWind* are due in the church office by noon on **Wednesday, August 17**. Articles for the Sunday bulletin are due by Tuesday of each week. Your help with these deadlines is appreciated.

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

### **Welcome to the new members who joined South Church on June 19, 2011:**

**BETTY FRANTA** has lived in Granby for seventeen years, having moved here from Ohio. She has three children, all married, and five grandchildren, all under four years old! Betty works for JRM Plastics in Bloomfield but many remember her from her ten years working at the old Video Galaxy store where many of her customers became her friends. Betty volunteers at the *Waste Not Want Not* kitchen's Community dinners, in Fellowship Hall, on Wednesdays. She loves music and is an avid sports fan but her best times are spent visiting her children and grandchildren

**10 Arrowwood Ct., Granby, CT 06035 (860-844-8134)**

**DENNIS FREDO** has lived in Granby since 2001, having moved here from Windsor. He is married to Dawn Fredo, who grew up in Granby. He has one daughter, Adrianna Fredo (15 years old) and a step son, Carlin Champion (16 years old). He runs his own business, Junior's Landscaping and snowplows in the winter. He likes to watch his kids play sports, likes to golf and is an avid car racing fan.

**15 Centerwood Dr., Granby, CT 06035 (860-844-8227)**

**HUNTER AND NANCY KNOP** have lived in Southwick for over 20 years, and also reside part-time in Delaware, Ohio. They enjoy the outdoors, hiking, gardening, reading, music, art and spending time with their family and two dogs. One unusual hobby of theirs is raising Koi fish in the large pond in their backyard in Southwick. Both their daughter and son-in-law are pursuing medical degrees and they are always entertained with their Med. school stories. They say that they are grateful to have found such an open and welcoming congregation as South Church.

**PO Box 1084, Southwick, MA 01077 (740 816-2645)**

**LINDA O'CONNOR** has lived in Simsbury for seven years. She grew up in Granby and graduated from Granby Memorial High School in 1969. She was baptized and confirmed at South Church. Her sister and brother-in-law, Sally and Bob Feingold, are members of South Church. Linda has two masters degrees, one from Cambridge College and recently BayPath College. Linda has worked for the past year at Oakleaf Waste Management in Windsor, CT. Before Oakleaf she worked at UTC for over 28 years at Hamilton Standard and Carrier. Her daughter Aimee and two grandsons live in New Hartford and she loves spending time with them. Linda also collects teacups and saucers, and loves going to tag sales.

**1 Hoskins Road, Apt. 6A5, Simsbury, CT 06070 (860 651-8939)**