



Southwick
Community
Episcopal Church



Southwick, Massachusetts

*Where feeling welcome . . .
is just the beginning.*

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Who We Are, Why We're Different:

Southwick Community Episcopal Church was “planted” by Rev. Taylor Albright in 2004 for the specific purpose of bringing church to the unchurched, the disillusioned and those who are seeking a church they can call their own, that meets them where they are on life’s journey, providing an oasis where they can be refreshed and repurposed in Christ.

What is important to us:

- Seeking a personal relationship with God
- Supporting one another
- Experiencing our faith creatively
- Meeting people at all ages and stages of life

What we are called to:

- Enhancing our youth ministry
- Revitalizing and expanding our mission
- Prioritizing community service
- Deepening our faith through education



Heeding God's Call to Us



We are continuously building our Church with these priorities in mind

- Experiencing God in worship
- Developing personal relationships
- Helping kids connect to Christ in a way that's engaging
- Offering hospitality with a heart



Opportunities for Our Shepherd:

- Deliver scriptural messages that help us meet today’s challenges
- Share responsibility with us for identifying God’s vision for our church and bringing it to fruition
- Offer coaching for lay leaders
- Lead and inspire us with humor and open communication to face our challenges and follow God’s purpose
- Be a catalyst for creativity
- Build strong community alliances



Annual Advent Meal



Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

Our Journey of Faith:

Our church is still in its infancy. Since its inception, SCEC has only known one shepherd, who gathered together a diverse flock, many to whom the Episcopal faith was unfamiliar, but whose hearts and minds were open and who have eagerly and joyfully embraced their newfound faith calling. It is that same openness that leads us in our search for our next rector, who we believe is even now being called to serve and to share our faith, fun and fellowship.

“There is something here that we don’t see at many churches anymore. This place is special.”

The Very Rev. Jim Munro
Dean Christ Church Cathedral (retired)

We invite you to grow with us and to grow us in the Episcopal faith through our loving acceptance of one another, the formation of our youth, our pastoral ministry and our outreach mission, continuing and building on the traditions of this burgeoning faith community.

Is He calling you to be our next shepherd?

Our Community:

The town of Southwick (pop. 9,711 in 2018, 31.7 square miles) is nestled in the Pioneer Valley just minutes away from the city of Springfield with major state highways, the Mass. Turnpike (I-90) and I-91, readily accessible. Southwick shares its southern border with Connecticut, claiming the historically disputed “Jog” that juts into this neighboring state. Many of our parishioners join us from Connecticut and from the city of Westfield to our north.

Southwick has three schools that serve the towns of Southwick, Granville and Tolland, with an enrollment of approximately 1,500 students (2018-2019).

Six-plus miles of rail trail pass through the town, connecting to the 40-mile Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Connecticut and the Columbia Greenway Rail Trail in Westfield; the Congamond Lakes draw summer visitors for camping, swimming, fishing and boating, and the Metacomet-Monadnock hiking trail winds through before ascending Provin Mountain along the town’s eastern border.

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