

A Historic Fair at a Historic Church!

The first New England Thanksgiving had apple pies, pumpkins, outdoor tables with food for all, and an open invitation to everyone in the neighborhood: if they had just added some splashy vendor tables and inflatables for kid to bounce on it could have been the first Stony Brook Community Church Apple Festival.



Stony Brook Community Church has always been a part of the wider community: it grew out of the Suffolk Circuit, founded in 1809 with three preachers ministering to 16 communities. Stony Brook congregants have always been generous in their fundraising: the first collection, taken on July 14, 1810, was \$1.31 and the total for 1810 was \$2.56 (perhaps explaining why the church building had to wait until 1860 to be built).

The Apple Festival, while not as historic as the church, is now over half a century old. Like the church, the festival has gone through several name changes but the spirit has remained constant: everything apple with extra fun on the side. There will be a plethora of apple recipes, apple pies, apple fritters, and candy apples made to order plus arts and craft vendors, pony rides and other activities for the kids, a bar-be-cue, and a Country Kitchen with wonderful home-made soups and chili.



This year, the festival will take place at the church grounds on Saturday, October 5th from 11:00 till 5:00.



Admission is free, as is the parking.