

Presbyterian Church in Sudbury

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THIS WEEK ... at the Presbyterian Church in Sudbury

Dear Peggy

We invite you to join us this week for Worship and Sunday School.

Be sure to check the weekly bulletin or our [website](#) and the [master calendar](#) for additional news about [study groups](#), [upcoming events](#) and [updates](#).

9:30am Worship and Christian Education - 10:30am Fellowship - 11:00am Traditional Worship

Worship this Week - January 11th

Next Sunday, join us as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Dr. Helsel's sermon is titled "Baptized Beloved," based on Mark 1:4-11. As we reflect on the words Jesus hears from God at his baptism, that he is God's beloved, we will reflect together on the meaning of our baptisms, as well as witness, at the 11:00am Service, the baptism of Alec Paleologos, son of Shannon and Andy Paleologos. Lectionary readings for next Sunday, January 18th: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

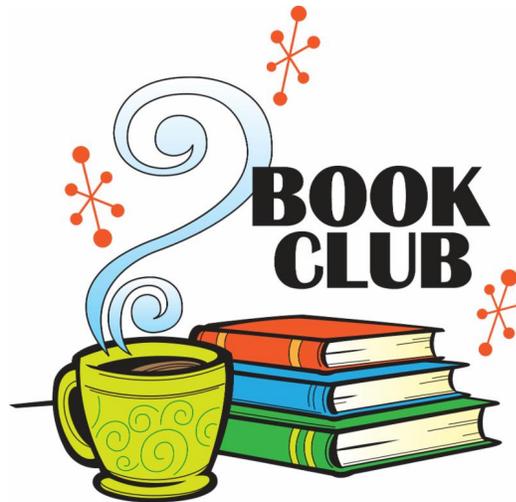
Farewell Fellowship: Dr. Carolyn Browning Helsel

Please join us between services Sunday, January 11th for a special farewell hour for Rev. Dr. Carolyn Browning Helsel. As you know Carolyn has given a great deal of herself as Transitional Pastor and we want to thank her and wish her well. This Sunday is Carolyn's last day of preaching as the Transitional Pastor however, she will be in worship on the 18th and 25th.



We need you!

Coffee hour is a great time to share fellowship with friends. Even if you have not volunteered before, please just give it a try. Refreshments don't need to be homemade or elaborate. The sign up sheet is in the front hallway or sign up on line www.pcsudbury.org/volunteer-at-pcis. Questions? If you need help learning how to operate coffee maker or dishwasher, just let me know. Diana Fraser, dkfraser@att.net.



PCIS Book Group!

The inaugural meeting of the new PCIS book group will take place here at church on Friday, January 23 at 7:30pm. We will discuss the book Coming Apart by Charles Murray, with Hal Goetsch serving as this month's leader. All are welcome to attend.

Statement of Inclusion

In response to the overwhelming feedback from New Beginnings in favor of reaching out more vigorously to our neighbors, and in keeping with resolutions made by the General Assembly this summer, the Session has decided to add a Statement of Inclusion to our website and print materials. The proposed wording is as follows:



"The Presbyterian Church in Sudbury, responding to the Word of God, warmly welcomes the participation of all people who seek the love of God. without regard to abilities. race.

gender, ethnic background, sexual orientation, economic condition, or any other life circumstance."

Anyone interested in further conversation about this important step is invited to join members of Session in a discussion to follow the 11:00 service on January 18 in the chapel.



Youth Ministry News

1) High School Cafe will meet Sunday in the chapel at 9:30am. This Sunday begins our winter-spring focus on the stories of the Bible, and those who attend this Sunday will have the opportunity to choose the stories that we will be discussing over the next few months. Should be a very interesting class!

2) Middle School Sunday School will meet Sunday on the lower level at 9:30am. The text on which this Sunday's discussion is based is Mark 1:4-11, and the topic is "Baptism of Jesus."

3) High School & Middle School Youth Group will meet Sunday at 6:45pm: The theme of this week's Youth Group is being a good communicator, and, in particular, how to communicate well with God! There will be light refreshments provided (juice, soda, chips & cookies)! Dinner is not provided.



High School Winter Retreat!

Our High School Youth Group is headed to Camp Wilmot on Winter Retreat, **January 30 to February 1, 2015!** In addition to Wilmot, for those who want to ski and snowboard, we will be hitting the slopes at Mt. Sunapee or Ragged Mountain. There will also be cross-country skiing opportunities, off-the-wall games and activities and time just to be quiet and enjoy the beauty of New Hampshire winter!

This is a great event to invite friends to join in the fun, so invite as many friends as you like!

Total cost for the weekend is \$75. If you choose to go skiing or snowboarding, those costs will be additional. Release forms will be provided at church beginning on Jan. 4 and a deposit of \$35 is due by Jan. 11.

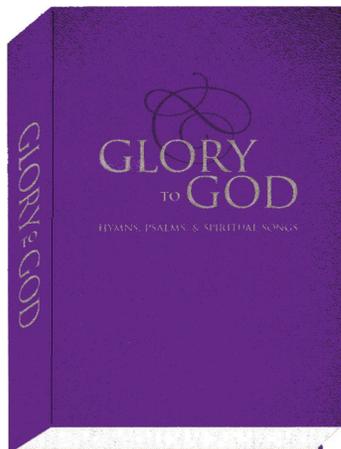
E-mail [Matt Crane](mailto:matt@crane.com) with questions.

Pledge Shortfall

Thank you if you have already pledged. We have received 55 pledges for 2015, equaling \$239,492, which just covers the cost of our staff, and not the building costs, mission funds, or other programs. Our current budget is about \$330,000. Next year, if giving goes according to what is currently pledged, we will have a significant shortfall. If you plan on giving in 2015 and you haven't submitted your pledge yet, please do so by e-mailing [Nancy Kohl](mailto:Nancy.Kohl).

Annual Ski Weekend

The annual ski weekend will be February 13-16. The cost for the weekend is \$100 per person, and includes meals from Saturday breakfast through Monday lunch, plus a space to sleep. We try to put families each in their own room, but can't guarantee that. We stay at Camp Sentinel, in Tuftonboro, NH. There are many downhill ski mountains nearby, as well as cross country (including places with groomed trails) and a lake on the campgrounds that is sometimes skatable. There's a big fireplace to gather around, to read or talk, and many bring games to play. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining us (please contact alinerober@aol.com with questions or to reserve your spot!).



Purchase a Hymnal Dedication

If you would still like to purchase a dedication to go inside one of our new Glory to God hymnals, look for the table in Fellowship Hall where you can fill out your information for what you would like your dedication to say. For a donation of \$20, you will be able to dedicate one of the new hymnals, and you are welcome to take home one of the blue Presbyterian hymnals. If there is no one manning the table, you can place your donation in the case box. Catherine Crow has agreed to inscribe the dedications, which means they will look lovely!

Please note: Tricia Connors will be covering the office responsibilities and her hours for the week of January 11th will be 9am- 2pm for Monday- Wednesday & Friday. Please send any updates for the calendar, bulletin, or e-blast to

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