

# Presbyterian Church in Sudbury

*upward, outward, onward*

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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](#).

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

### Worship this Week - January 25th

Join us next Sunday as we focus on the Lectionary Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10. Matt Crane will be preaching on "Action Contrary to Inclination". Jonah is obedient to God's command to go and proclaim God's mercy to those for whom Jonah has little goodwill--the Ninevites. There is a lesson in today's reading from Jonah that could not be more timely and worth our attention, given the world in which we live, and it is to this lesson of faithfulness in conflict (internal or external) that is the subject of today's sermon.

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## Annual Meeting of Congregation and Corporation



Our Annual Meeting of Congregation and Corporation will be held this Sunday, January 25th at 12:15pm. Please plan on attending this important meeting. The Annual Report is now available and can be viewed [here](#).

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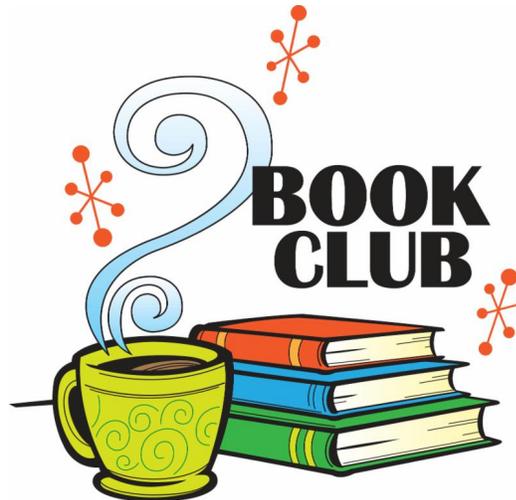
## Luncheon at Annual Meeting

Please [sign up](#) to help with the Luncheon on Sunday, January 25th! Members have the opportunity to sign-up to contribute food on line as well as help with set up or clean up. At this point, we only have five contributions to bring salads, drinks or cookies. Aileen is taking care of the sandwiches.



### 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. 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 Tonight!

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.

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## **Annual Ski Weekend- Deadline to sign up is this Sunday, January 25th!**

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](mailto:alinerober@aol.com) with questions or to reserve your spot!).



## **Youth Ministry Corner**

### **Join us this week:**

**1) High School Cafe will meet Sunday in the Chapel at 9:30am.** We continue this Sunday with our winter-spring focus on the stories of the Bible. Our topics for this Sunday include the Fate of Lot's Wife, the Alphabet (we explore the origins of written communication ) and Bible Facts.

**2) Middle School Sunday School will meet Sunday in the Lower Level at 9:30am.** The text on which this Sunday's discussion is based is Mark 1:14-20, and the topic is "Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John."

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### **6th Annual Walk Away Homelessness Walkathon**

Have you got your walking shoes ready? Family Promise Metrowest is excited to announce our 6th Annual Walk Away Homelessness Walkathon SATURDAY, April 11, 2015 on Natick Common, registration opens at 7:45am Walk begins at 8:30AM. Entertainment, raffle prizes and refreshments to follow post-walk.

Gather a group of colleagues, friends, fellow parishioners, family members, or strangers - ALL AGES WELCOME! Alternatively, you can sponsor a

**High School & Middle School Youth Group will meet Sunday at 6:45pm:**

The theme of this week's Youth Group is 'Going Out' and so we look at what it means to live out our faith by our words and by our deeds! There will be light refreshments provided (juice, soda, chips & cookies)! Dinner is not provided.

**Enjoy your week and hope to see everyone at church this Sunday!**

E-mail [Matt Crane](mailto:Matt.Crane@familypromisemetrowest.org) with questions.

walker.TOGETHER WE WILL "WALK AWAY HOMELESSNESS" This year's goal is \$80,000 - we need your help!

By participating your proceeds will benefit families who are homeless with housing, job training, healthcare services, transportation and life skills counseling, to name a few.

For details of the day visit our website: [www.familypromisemetrowest.org](http://www.familypromisemetrowest.org) or call 508-318-4820.



**Family Promise Metrowest Network Coordinator Thank you**

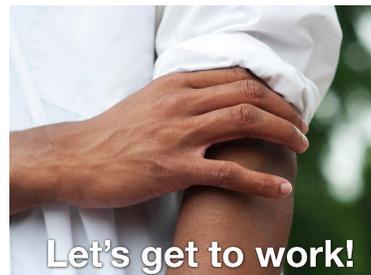
Congratulations for the first shared hosting weeks at Temple Shir Tikva. Please extend to all your coordinator teams and volunteers, deepest thanks from all of us at Family Promise Metrowest. The effectiveness of the interfaith hospitality net program has been demonstrated for over 25 years. But I think your host weeks, set against the troubling news from around the world, served as a beacon of cooperation, understanding, service and hope.

Thank you for your commitment, tireless efforts and generous hospitality!

**11th Annual Forum on Family Homelessness**

Sunday, March 1, 2015, 2:30-4:30 PM, First Parish in Bedford, 75 Great Rd., Rt. 62, Bedford Center. Communities Reaching out to Support Homeless Families

- Never have there been more homeless families in Mass.
- Each night, nearly 3,100 families are in shelters and 1,850 more families are in motels with great risk to their children's health and development.



Join us to understand more about this crisis, and what is being done in the Bedford area to help homeless families in a motel. Learn how barriers to employment are eliminated. Find out how you can focus your advocacy efforts to have the greatest impact.

The free forum, organized by The Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness, is open to all. See [www.endfamilyhomelessness.net](http://www.endfamilyhomelessness.net).

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## Pledge Shortfall

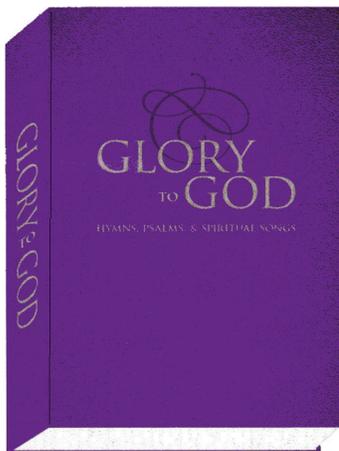
Thank you if you have already pledged. We have received 55 pledges for 2015, equaling \$242,190, which just covers the cost of our staff, and not the building costs, mission funds, or other programs. Our current budget is about \$330,000. Next year, if giving goes according to what is currently pledged, 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).

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## Suicide Alertness for Everyone (SafeTALK)

Saturday January 31 9am-noon

SafeTALK is a 3 hour alertness workshop that prepares anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the pain in their lives. Through their words and actions, they invite help to stay alive. safeTALK-trained helpers can recognize these invitations and take action by connecting them with life-saving intervention resources, such as caregivers trained in ASIST. Pastor Tom has been certified and will lead this workshop. It is open to anyone who would like to participate and is funded by the Boston chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Please let Pastor Tom ([pastor@MCCsudbury.org](mailto:pastor@MCCsudbury.org)) know if you plan to attend. For more information about the program, visit: <https://www.livingworks.net/programs/safetalk/>



## 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!

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## Winter Weather Reminder

If severe weather requires Sunday service to be



In severe weather, regular Sunday services will be canceled, every effort will be made to notify church members. Information can be found on the church's website ([www.pcsudbury.org](http://www.pcsudbury.org)) at WBZ ([www.wbz.com](http://www.wbz.com), look under "school closings"), and on our telephone's recording message (978-443-9151). Remember to use good judgement and don't venture out if conditions feel unsafe.



Please note: Tricia Connors will be covering the office responsibilities and her hours for the week of January 25th will be 9am- 2pm for Tuesday- Friday. Please send any updates for the calendar, bulletin, or e-blast to [pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org](mailto:pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org)



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