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**Interim Pastor-**The Rev. Rick Otty officially begins his interim ministry with us on Sunday, February 15, though many have had the opportunity to meet him when he was present at PCIS on the last two Sundays in January. Beginning February 1st, Rick will be "on call" for pastoral emergencies. He can be reached by email ([rickotty@gmail.com](mailto:rickotty@gmail.com)) or by calling his home phone: 978-772-2179.

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### Presbyterian Church in Sudbury 2015 Directory Updates Needed

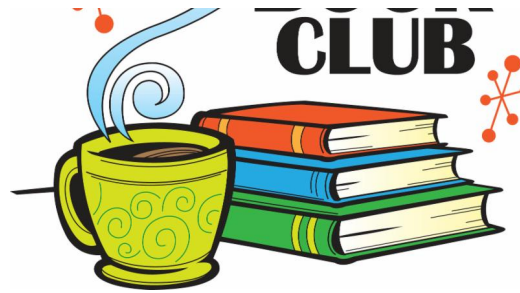
We are in the process of updating the 2015 Church Directory and need your help! If you moved or you have any new phone or email contact information please email Tricia at [pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org](mailto:pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org) so that we can include the most current information in the new directory. Thank you very much!



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**Worship at Wingate.** On the third Sunday of each month, faithful PCIS volunteers gather for this important ministry at Wingate Nursing Home. Please consider joining us on February 15th, at 1:00pm as we minister to God's older children. Volunteers are always needed. The number of Wingate folks able to attend worship is dependent upon the number of PCIS volunteers who are able to help out. Contact Susan DeHoff with questions at [sldehoff@verizon.net](mailto:sldehoff@verizon.net)





**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**

The meeting of the new PCIS book group will take place here at church on Friday, February 27th at 7:30pm. We will discuss the book The Tao of Pooh by Benjamin Hoff, with Linda Smith serving as the monthly leader. All are welcome to attend.



## Youth Ministry Corner

**Join us this week:**

1) The High School Winter Retreat is this week on Jan 26 - Feb 11. Our high

**6th Annual Walk Away Homelessness Walkathon**

weekend, Jan. 30 - Feb. 1! Our high school students and youth leaders depart on Friday evening and will return on Sunday afternoon. We will be enjoying the beauty and fun of New Hampshire winter at Camp Wilmot, thinking more deeply about our faith in God and jumping around in a lot of snow!

2) High School Cafe will not meet this Sunday due to Winter Retreat.

3) 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: 21-28, and the topic is "Jesus silences a demon."

4) High School & Middle School Youth Group will not meet this Sunday due to Winter Retreat.

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

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

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 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!

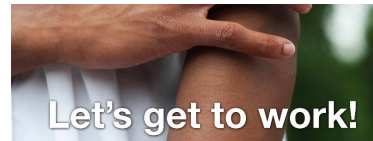
## 11th Annual Forum on Family Homelessness

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



## 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

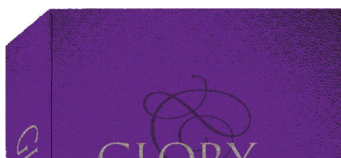
Thank you if you have already pledged. We have received 57 pledges for 2015, equaling \$258,592, which just covers the cost of our staff, and not the building costs, mission funds, or other programs. Our current budget is about \$330,000. Next year, if giving goes according to what is currently pledged, 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:NancyKohl).

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## Suicide Alertness for Everyone (SafeTALK)

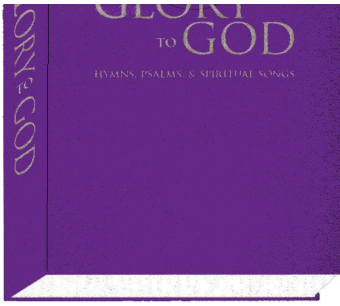
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SafeTALK is a 3 hour alertness workshop that prepares anyone over the age of 15, regardless of prior experience or training, to become a suicide-alert helper. Most people with thoughts of suicide don't truly want to die, but are struggling with the 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!



### Winter Weather Reminder

If severe weather requires Sunday service to 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 will generally 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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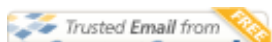


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