

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 February 22nd

Sunday, February 22

At the conclusion of the account of the flood epic in Genesis 9:8-17, God promises to never again bring such destruction on humanity and the earth. In a sermon entitled, "The Never Again Covenant," interim pastor Rick Otty will explore the idea of God's self-limiting power, alongside the image of the Holy Spirit tumbling down from a split-open heaven after Jesus' baptism, and Mark's gospel's sparse account of Jesus' forty days of wilderness testing prior to his beginning his ministry. (Mark 1:9-15)



Interim Pastor, Rick Otty-A native of Albany, NY, Rick sojourned through the Midwest for college (Washington University, St. Louis), seminary (McCormick Theological, Chicago), and associate pastorates in Dayton, OH, and Joplin, MO. Moving east to Waynesburg, PA, Rick and his wife, Lynn, served five years as co-directors of the Habitat for Humanity affiliate, after which Rick began his call to interim ministry, serving five congregations in southwestern Pennsylvania and Pittsburgh. Rick returned to Albany in 2006 to support his aging parents, and served two urban congregations, in Schenectady and Troy, NY. Rick views interim ministry as critical in the life of congregations as they envision their future ministries, and welcomes the opportunity to serve PCIS in preparation for the new pastor who will walk with the congregation in the coming years.

Rick and Lynn live in Ayer, and enjoy having their daughter, son-in-law and grandson nearby in Cambridge. Two sons and and daughters-in-law, along with six grandchildren, including two sets of twins, live in Las Vegas and Cincinnati. Rick enjoys creating hardwood furniture, nature photography, biking and cooking, though a good deal of his current "free time" is spent renovating their house.

Fellowship Luncheon to Welcome Interim Pastor Rick Otty- March 8th

All are welcome! Join with us in welcoming our interim pastor Rick Otty at a fellowship lunch on March 8th. All are welcome! Let's chase away those winter blues, catch up with friends and have some fun together over good food! Sign-up sheets will soon be hung in the foyer or sign-up on line at www.pcsudbury.org/volunteer-at-pcis. With help from others, the event will be coordinated by Diana Fraser and Tammy Wilson. Our thanks to both!!



After enjoying a short lunch there will be an opportunity for those interested in joining PCIS to attend a new member orientation meeting on the same day in the Chapel. Please let Aileen Gardner know if you would like to attend this meeting. Thank you



Youth Ministry Corner

Youth Ministry Updates

1) High School Cafe will meet Sunday in the chapel at 9:30am: We continue this Sunday

4) Introducing Middle School Club, Sunday, March 1, at 2:30pm: We are launching our Middle School Ministry--

with our focus on the stories of the Bible. Our topics for this Sunday include the Sacrifice of Isaac, Leah and the 12 Tribes of Israel.

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:(9-11) 12-15, and the topic is "Temptation of Jesus."

3) 'Service Sunday' High School Youth Group will meet Sunday at 1pm: This Sunday we are assisting some of the senior members of our church community who are in need of a little (or a lot) of help removing excess snow from their homes & walkways. We will meet at the church, break into crews, head out to help our friends, return to church to warm up w/ some hot chocolate and pizza and then proceed to build the largest snowman in the history of Sudbury! Please dress warm and bring a shovel! We will meet at 1pm and wrap up around 4:30pm.

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

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

Middle School Club--with a special (and fun!) service opportunity that Jane Dossett and I will be leading on March 1. Club will meet twice per month--once for a service opportunity and once for fun. Our first Club is Sunday, March 1 at 2:30pm. We would like to have all of our middle school students join us!

6th Annual Walk Away Homelessness Walkathon

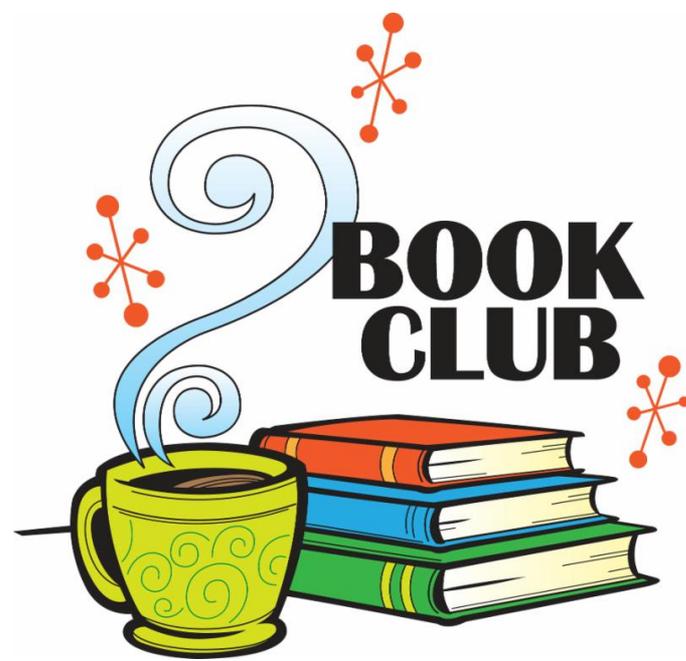
Have you got your walking shoes ready? Family Promise Metrowest is excited to announce our 6th Annual Walk Away Homelessness Walkathon SATURDAY, April 11, 2015 on Natick Common, registration opens at 7:45am Walk begins at 8:30AM. Entertainment, raffle prizes and refreshments to follow post-walk.

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

Alternatively, you can sponsor a 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 or call 508-318-4820.



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.

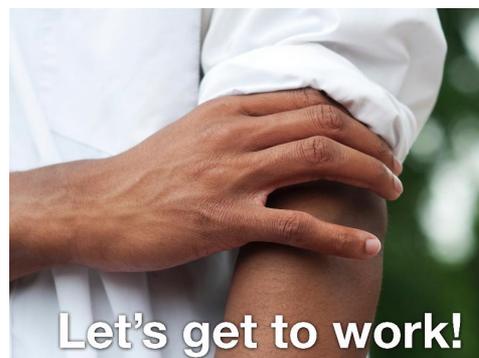
PCIS Book Group

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.

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.



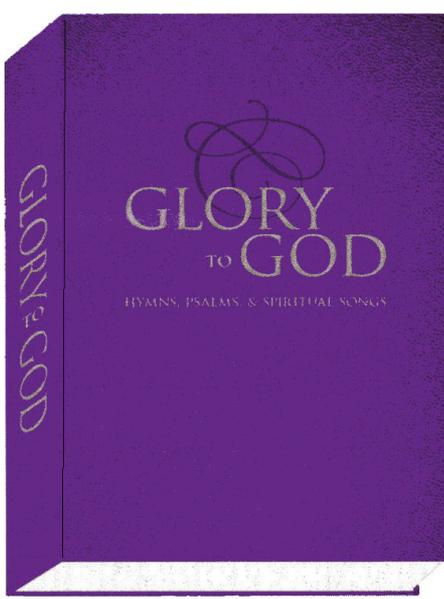
Join us to understand more about this crisis, and what is being done in the Bedford area to help homeless families in a motel. Learn how barriers to employment are eliminated. Find out how you can focus your advocacy efforts to have the greatest impact.

The free forum, organized by The Advocacy Network to End Family Homelessness, is open to all. See www.endfamilyhomelessness.net.



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:Nancy.Kohl).



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) at WBZ (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.



Church Office - With the recent resignation of our administrative assistant, Donya Platt, Tricia Connors will be covering office responsibilities for us but on a more limited basis beginning this week. This coming week, Tricia hopes to be in the office on Wednesday and Friday. The Personnel Committee has developed a new position description and is reviewing how to more permanently fill it. Please send updates for the bulletins or e-blasts to pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org.



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