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THIS WEEK ...

at the Presbyterian Church in Sudbury

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 13, 2017

The gospel of Matthew ends with the great commission, the call to go out and make disciples. These familiar words inspire us and also scare us, as we wonder if we are capable of boldly sharing our faith. Come and hear about our call "to go" as well as the assurance that we can faithfully serve even with our doubts. Scripture Readings: Psalm 8 and Matthew 28:16-20

Summer Preaching Schedule

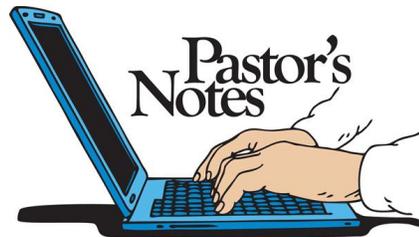
In planning for this summer's worship, we are inviting a variety of guest preachers and speakers to stimulate our spiritual journeys. We will also have a hymn sing Sunday in July. Our part-time interim pastor, Tom Forster-Smith, will preach two Sundays per month during the summer, and those guests named below will lead our worship on the other Sundays. Please also note that in July, August, and September, our Communion will be celebrated on the second Sunday of the month, rather than the norm of the first Sunday.

August 13 (Communion Sunday) Tom Forster Smith & Guest Preacher
August 20 Guest
August 27 Tom Forster-Smith

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

Dear Friends,

Summertime is a time to get away, to rest and be restored and renewed. The gospel lesson from last Sunday tells of Jesus getting away to a deserted place, where he hoped to find time to rest, let down and pray. All of us need a chance to do this in our own way, and in our own context. In Jesus' case, the crowds caught up to him there. I hope you don't have the same experience as he did, in having his moments of solace interrupted by the demands of whomever might be hounding you for attention this summer!



This week as you're reading this, I'm on Star Island in the Isles of Shoals, leading chapel worship services at a week-long seminar called Star Gathering II, a family camp program run by the United Church of Christ. Having served from 2014 to 2016 as an interim pastor in a United Church of

Having served from 2011 to 2016 as an interim pastor in a United Church of Christ congregation in Belmont, I was invited to perform this role after my wife and I were recruited for the task by being given a free day trip out to Star Island. Lying 10 miles out to sea from Portsmouth, NH, Star Island is one of the small, rocky islands that make up the Isles of Shoals. It's the site of the old Oceanic Hotel, a white clapboard summer hotel with big front porch, complete with rocking chairs, that exudes a slow-paced ambiance dating from the late 19th Century. Run as a retreat and conference center by the non-profit Star Island Corporation, the hotel and surrounding small buildings house the summer conference participants, many of whom are church-related people who make it a mainstay of their summer schedule and return to Star Island year after year. For them, it has become the "deserted place" to which to retreat. Hopefully it may become that for Lucy and me as well. How great, to spend some unbroken time with folks who are learning, worshiping and praying together in an environment set apart from our everyday pathways. May you find something of this kind of rest and renewal opportunity this summer wherever you are. And if your schedule allows and you've never been, take a day trip out to Star Island from Portsmouth, or sign up for the Star Gathering Conference next summer! Presbyterians and anyone are welcome to go.

Rev. Tom



Next Week's Prayers

Morning: God of my destiny, thank you for a new day in which your purpose will unfold. Send me now as your servant to succor the suffering and as your disciple to declare the good news of your Son. Help me to remember during times of testing that your word goes ahead of me and upholds me. Amen.

Evening: Son of God, this day has been crowded with work and service. This evening, bring me alone with you to the mountain to pray. Help me to know your reassuring presence with me through the night hours. May I come

to you and rest in you. Amen.

THANK YOU!

Please extend my deepest thanks to everyone at the Presbyterian Church in Sudbury for the incredibly warm welcome extended to me and my husband, Jim yesterday. It was a pleasure meeting all of you.



Your support of our mission is invaluable. On behalf of all the staff and the families we serve, I offer you our deepest thanks for your generous donation and dedicated volunteer support. Our network congregations are the foundation of our shelter program. We could not do what we do without you.

With appreciation,
Judy

Judy Mongiardo
Network Coordinator
Family Promise Metrowest

(P.S. A copy of Judy's talk is posted on our website under "Recent Sermons".).



Salvation Army Miracle Kitchen Today, 6:00 pm

Miracle Kitchen is today at 6:00pm. Volunteers are needed to make casseroles and serve dinner at the Salvation Army Center in Framingham. Sign-up sheets and this month's recipe (Ham and Crashed Potatoes) is posted on the Mission / Outreach & Service bulletin board outside the sanctuary. The recipe can also be accessed below or through the website under upcoming events. If you are unable to help serve but would like to contribute to the meal, please bring your casserole to PCIS before 2:00 pm today, and leave it in the refrigerator. As a reminder, this will be the only meal of the day for our large group of guests. Contact Dottie Keene at 508-245-6659 or dottiekeene@gmail.com if you have questions. Thank you, in advance, for participating in this important ministry!

Click [here](#) to open the recipe.



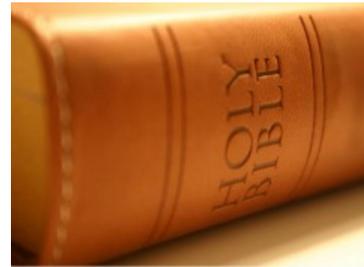
Back To School Program

It's time to once again sign up for the back to school program. We are working with the Framingham Resource center to provide 20 students with backpacks for the new school year.

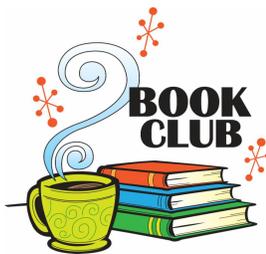
These are disadvantaged children who need basic school supplies to start the year. You can sign up and choose your student in the foyer. A list of suggested items as well as your student's personal preferences are included to make shopping easier. Gift certificates are also very much appreciated. Packages are due back at the church by August 20. Please contact Heather Goetsch with any questions.

Men's Monthly Breakfast and Bible Study

Calling all Men! The next meeting of the Mens' Monthly Breakfast and Bible Study is Friday, September 8, 6:30-8 AM. This is a great opportunity to feed both body and soul and "sit at meat" with Tom Forster-Smith, our interim minister, who will also be our resident Biblical scholar. Plan to attend either as a regular, getting back into the habit, or a first timer. All are welcome!



PCIS Book Group



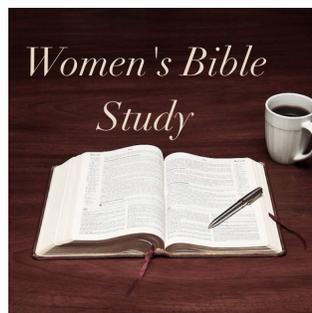
The Book Club will break for July and August, and reconvene in September.

Here is the tentative schedule:

- Sept 29: A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (classic) by Betty Smith; Aline Rober, leader
Oct 27: Good Omens (humor) by Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman; Catherine Crow, leader
Dec 1 or 8 (depending on Women's Christmas Party): A Christmas Carol (classic) by Charles Dickens; who wants to lead?
Jan 26, 2018: Misquoting Jesus: The Story of Who Changed the Bible and Why (non-fiction) by Bart D. Herman; Linda Smith, leader.

Compassionate Knitting

Compassionate Knitting will not meet in August but will begin meeting again on September 12 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel. Knitters of any skill level are welcome--in fact, if you don't knit and would like to learn, patient teachers are always on hand. Beautiful yarn and needles have been donated, so bring your willing spirit and join us for an evening of knitting and conversation. Questions? Email Rose at rosedeboer@gmail.com.



Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Women's Bible Study will resume meeting in September - watch for the date.

If you are an amateur artist, or would like to become one, consider coming to the Artists Group, which meets most Mondays from 7:00-9:00pm (check the calendar below or at www.pcsudbury.org for updates). Contact the church office for more information or just join us!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This Sunday, August 13

Summer is here -- And we need volunteers!

Feeling lighter in step, enjoying that summer freedom? What a perfect opportunity to join friends and meet new ones while enjoying a cup of coffee.

The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall with a full set of guidelines posted below. Open Sundays are: August 13, September 14 and October 8. For questions, please contact Megan Hollembaek

(chefnutmeg_25@hotmail.com).



YOUTH MINISTRY CORNER

High School Cafe, Middle School Sunday School & High School Youth Group will not meet Memorial Day through Labor Day. All three will reconvene on Sunday, September 17!

Our next Middle School YouthServe Day today from 4:30pm-7:30pm!

Our middle school students & youth leaders will serve at the Salvation Army's Miracle Kitchen in Framingham. We will meet at PCIS at 4:30pm & return to PCIS at 7:30pm. We will stop for dessert on the way home, so please bring a few dollars for food.

High School Summer Cookout!

Our high school students will be getting together at the Hamels' home on Sunday, August 27 at 6pm to hang out & cook out. Please plan to join us!

Start-Up Sunday is September 10 featuring PCIS's second annual Croquet Tournament! More details coming soon...stay tuned!

Philippines Team Meeting, Sunday, September 17, at 12:15 pm in the Chapel. This meeting is for all summer 2018 Philippines Mission Trip participants. Please plan to attend if you are a part of next summer's mission team!

Calendar for the Week of August 13, 2017

(PCIS events only, outside events listed on master calendar on church website)

Sunday, August 13

10:00 am Worship - Communion
11:00 am Refreshments & Fellowship

Monday, August 14

7:00 pm Artist Group
7:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee

Tuesday, August 15

7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

Wednesday, August 16

7:00 pm Trustees' Meeting

Sunday, August 20

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Refreshments & Fellowship

CHURCH OFFICE is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Contact email: pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org, phone: 978-443-9151 x10.

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