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THIS WEEK ...
at the Presbyterian Church in Sudbury

12th Sunday after Pentecost, August 27, 2017

Sermon title: The Way of Christian Faith

Summary: Jesus commends Peter for his faith in the gospel reading for August 27 (Matthew 16:13-20), and declares that it is upon Peter and Peter's faith that he will build his Church. Peter saw clearly in that special moment with Jesus what few others to that point had seen, that Jesus was the Christ! From Peter's day to our's, faith in Jesus has always had much to do with seeing what is not often readily available to see. The sermon for August 27 examines this aspect of faith and it's relevance for us in the here and now.

Summer Preaching Schedule

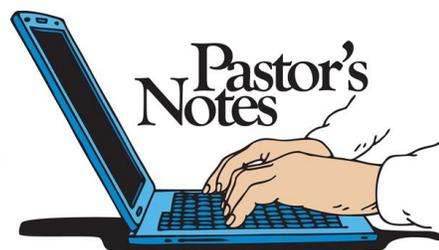
In planning for this summer's worship, we are inviting a variety of guest preachers and speakers to stimulate our spiritual journeys. We will also have a hymn sing Sunday in July. Our part-time interim pastor, Tom Forster-Smith, will preach two Sundays per month during the summer, and those guests named 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 27 Matt Crane

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,

Thanks so much for all the kind expressions of sympathy I've received this week following my mother's death in Philadelphia on August 11.



Matt Crane will be preaching this Sunday, August 27 in my absence. My mom's memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 26, at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in suburban Philadelphia, the congregation where I was ordained back in 1979 and where my dad's memorial service was held in 1983. So it's a church with many memories for me, both happy and sad. In times of personal loss I realize once again, just how important it is to have a supportive community of faith surrounding you with prayers and with the

supportive community of faith surrounding you with prayers and with the sustaining love of God. It helps you to realize that God's love is unending and that it is there for us even past what we know as death. One of the things that I've come to appreciate most about the Presbyterian Church in Sudbury is that it truly is a multi-generational community of faith that nurtures and sustains it's diverse members through prayer and through an outpouring of God's love, both in the good times and in the bad. So keep on being the faithful folks you are for each other, and I look forward to seeing you Labor Day weekend when I return to worship with you.

Tom Forster-Smith
Interim Pastor



Next Week's Prayers

Morning: Today, O God, help me receive your revelation that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God. It is in his name I pray. Amen.

Evening: Holy God, for anything I did this day that was pleasing to you, I give you thanks and pray that you use me to your glory; for anything I did this day that was displeasing to you, I ask your forgiveness and pray that you redeem me for your glory. Amen.

Annual Little Children of the Philippines



Christmas Gift Collection August 27-September 24!

As summer will soon turn to fall and Christmas approaches, excitement fills the air as, once again, each of the 5,000 children, youth, and adults in the LCP program anticipates receiving just one gift...however small that might be. In order to ensure that our gifts reach the Philippines in time for the holidays, the deadline for dropping them off is Sunday, September 24th after the service. Sponsors can also leave presents to send to their children. If you send gifts to your sponsored child, we ask that you consider donating \$30 or more towards the shipping costs since each box costs us \$85 to send. The attached file contains information on the specific items being requested this year, as well as the inventory sheet. The poster in the lobby and the display in the Fellowship Hall also contain this information. If there are questions, please contact Sally Millar at sgm849@gmail.com. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donations!



Link to the 2017 LCP Christmas Gift List: [Christmas-gift list](#).



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SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 10

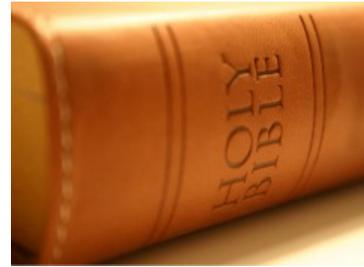


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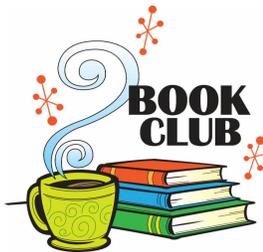
All are invited to stay after our Start-Up Sunday 10:00 am worship service on September 10 for a delicious picnic with scrumptious side dishes provided by members of our congregation. Sign up soon to bring your favorite dish to share. Master griller Dave Hamel will manage the grill with the assistance of Gail. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby outside the Fellowship Room. Matt Crane will be leading games including our Second Annual Croquet tournament. Don't miss out! Mark your calendars now!

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.

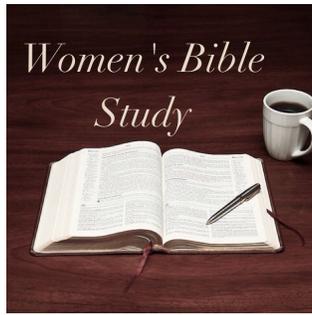
Here is the tentative schedule:

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.





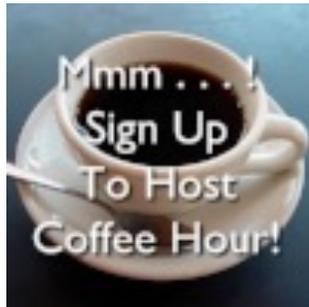
Wednesday Women's Bible Study

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!



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: 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!

High School Summer Cookout!

Our high school students will be getting together at the Hamels' home this coming 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! See announcement above.

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!

Our next Middle School YouthServe Day is October 11 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.



Calendar for the Week of August 27, 2017

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

Sunday, August 27

- 10:00 am Worship - Communion
- 11:00 am Refreshments & Fellowship
- 11:15 am Mission Team Meeting
- 6:00 pm Sr. High Youth Cookout at Hamels'

Monday, August 28

- 7:00 pm Artists Group
- 7:00 pm Pastor Nominating Committee
- 7:00 pm Special Meeting w/ Glenn Malloy - Youth Room

Sunday, September 3

- 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.

Community Events



HOPEsudbury Annual Backpack Drive

August 11 – September 8

We are collecting NEW Backpacks & School Supplies:

Tissues, Clorox Wipes, Paper Towels, Crayola Twistables, Pens, Pencils, Highlighters, Erasers, Notebooks, Binders, Dividers, Folders, Glue sticks, Calculators, Pencil Boxes, Lunch Boxes, etc.

To Benefit:

Sudbury Public Schools and Mary's House (Waltham)

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

Goodnow Library, The Performing Arts Connection,
Sudbury Historical Society



For more information, please contact Carole Ann Baer: 508-498-5095 or caroleannbaer@gmail.com
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