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From Pastor Joel

Remember the little Thanksgiving song I taught you during last Sunday's sermon? Here it is again!

If memorizing the "Wandering Aramean" creed in Deuteronomy 26 seems like a lot to accomplish in time for Turkey Day, here's the gist of that recitation in eight sing-able lines!

A tisket, a tasket,
My God has filled my basket.
From poverty God rescued me
And gave this land abundant.

Abundant, abundant,
This land is so abundant.
It yields enough for you and me
And kindles generosity.

To do Thanksgiving right is to sing a song that reminds us to worship God by imitating God's generosity.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pastor Joel

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayer Concerns on Sunday, November 20

- ☞ Marge Glencross fell last Friday and learned at Emerson that she had broken her hip. She had surgery on Saturday. Please hold her in prayer and send her a get well card to cheer her up! She is sad to be missing all the activities at SUMC during this season.
- ☞ Russ Doughty asks us to pray for his brother, David, who is recovering in rehab after a double knee replacement. We pray for healing.
- ☞ Please pray for the daughter, Molly, of Greg Bockweg's lifelong friend. She was in a terrible car accident last week which left her with back and spinal injuries that will likely prevent her from walking again. Please also pray for Molly's family and friends as they deal with whatever lies ahead.
- ☞ Helga Buckley asks for continued prayers for her son, Christopher. Helga asks God to restore Christopher's ability to speak. Helga also asks God's blessings for us all.
- ☞ Please continue to pray for members and friends who are cancer patients, survivors and caregivers.
- ☞ Pastor Alicia Reeves-Freeman, minister at Fisk Memorial UMC in Natick, reports an uptick in racist incidents in that community. Thankfully neighbors are rallying and kindness is prevailing. She asks us to hold Natick in prayer.

Prayer Celebrations on Sunday, November 20

- ☞ The Outreach Commission celebrates delivery of four more welcome baskets to the Pathways Shelter in Framingham. The baskets contain items which help new residents settle in at the shelter. They are truly appreciated.

A Preview of Advent's Highlights

Sudbury UMC's Advent traditions are the highlight of the Christmas season:

- The LoveFeast Team prepares the candles on November 28 at 10:00 a.m.
- The Women's Fellowship holds the "NOT So Silent" Auction on December 5th.
- Magic Years will share a holiday dinner in Hawes Hall at 12:00 p.m. December 8.
- A Christmas cantata will be presented on Sunday, December 11, during worship.
- The Barn Sing will be held in the newly renovated Hawes Hall at 4:00 p.m. December 18.
- Third annual Christmas Flash Mob at Sudbury Farms on December 18 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
- Feeling Blue this Christmas? How about attending the Blue Christmas Service at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21?

Advent Worship and Wednesday Programs

Sudbury UMC's members and friends can look forward to a deep and rich Advent season. Our focus will be tracing Jesus' genealogy by using a Jesse Tree in Sunday services and during weekly worship and formation sessions on Wednesday evenings. At 6:00 p.m., the Membership and Community Life Commission will serve a simple meal of soup and bread, dairy-free, with gluten-free and vegetarian options available. Later, at 6:30 p.m., programming is available as follows:

- Heather Cranson, Kevin Murphy, and Rob Hammerton will offer Taize-style worship in the chancel. For some quiet time with God, try "Prepare the Way of the Lord."
- Pastor Joel will teach an adult class in the Choir Room called "Finding Jesus' Roots in Matthew's Genealogy." Are you interested in genealogies? Jesus' lineage is surprising.
- Jackie Roder will offer learning centers for kids under 12 during a class designed to explore "Family Trees." Look for Jackie in the classrooms under the church.

- Anthony Harrison will meet with teens in grades 6 -12 in the church's undercroft.

Join the Advent Suppers Support Team!

The Membership and Community Life Commission invites you to share your talents and gifts by volunteering for one or more of this year's Advent Soup Suppers. Homemade soup, bread, fruit, vegetables, juice, coffee and tea are needed. Setup and clean-up, too. Sign up after worship today in Hawes Hall. Questions? Contact Oscar Harrell at 978-443-3821 or owhtwo@msn.com.

How will you and your family keep Christ in Christmas?

About a decade ago, Pastor John Nash introduced Sudbury UMC to the Advent Conspiracy. It started with a group of six churches striving to become more Christ-centered by Worshiping Fully, Spending Less, Giving More and Loving All! God's gift of Christ to the world at Christmas was not about more stuff, it was the gift of himself. What gifts will you offer this year....and to whom? Do the good gifts come from the mall...or the heart?

Stay tuned to The Chronicle and the Stewardship Moments each Sunday for ways to conspire with us by offering our presence this Advent!

Order Your Christmas Flowers by December 6th

You can place your order for Christmas flowers very easily. Here is a link to everything you need to know!

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