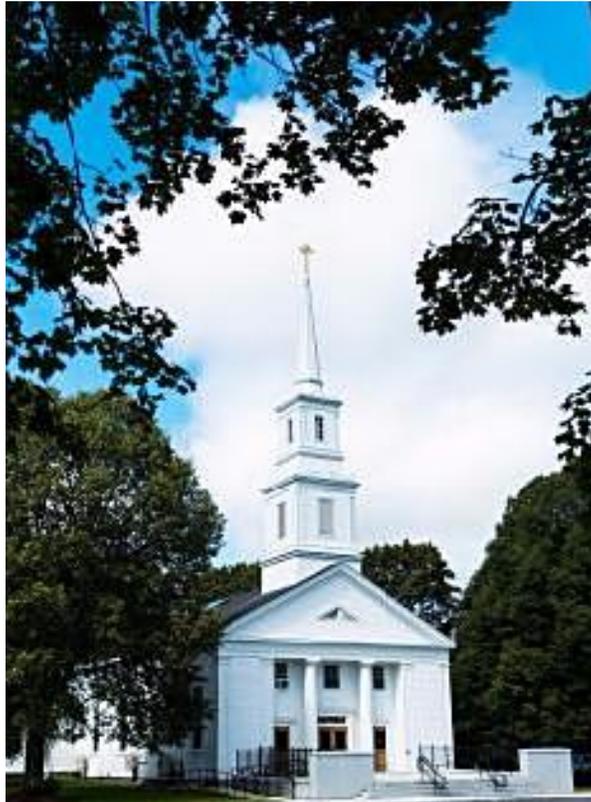


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## *The Weekly Chronicle*

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### [FROM PASTOR JOEL](#)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Worship this fall at Sudbury UMC has been so rich and nourishing! How can we thank God enough for the blessings we have received from our Sunday celebrations of the Word and Table? Are any of this month's sermons still speaking to you? Zack Moser's reflections on the "love songs" of God? Heather Josselyn Cranson's portrayal of Katie Luther? Nancy Hammerton's Laity Sunday plea for Christian hospitality? My fascination with the authority of Jesus on World Communion Sunday four weeks ago? The Holy

Spirit speaks so compellingly through so many voices here. We are blessed more than any other church I know! And, as fall segues to winter, I see nothing ahead but showers of blessing each and every weekend!

In some ways, the Church's "Holiday Season" begins this Sunday with our observance of All Saints Day, traditionally celebrated on November 1, but spread across two Sundays. On October 29, we will celebrate the life-giving womb from which all saints are born: the waters of Holy Baptism. Every woman, man, and child who now cheers for us from the "great cloud of witnesses" in the grandstands of heaven (Hebrews 12:1) passed through the same baptismal water that filled us with Christ's new life and commissioned us to be imperfect sinners on the way to becoming perfected saints. "Are you going on to perfection?" our United Methodist bishops are required to ask candidates for ordination using the words of John Wesley. The anticipated answer is theologically balanced: "I am - with the help of God."

The help of God is the sanctifying power we yearn to receive each time we reaffirm our baptism. That's why Holy Baptism and All Saints Day are so deeply connected. When we gather for worship this Sunday, I'm planning to preach a brief sermon so that all of us may take the time to pass by the baptismal font and pray for the Holy Spirit's renewing gifts poured out with Baptism. Have you faced a challenge or a change since the last time you renewed your side of the baptismal covenant? Come to the water! Have you been given a spiritual breakthrough or a new gift of joy? Come to the water! Are you feeling unfinished, unloved, unhappy, undone? Come to the font! Plead for new faith! Seek and you will find!

Our celebration of All Saints will continue on November 5 when again, after an abbreviated sermon, we will give thanks at the Lord's Table for those who have left us in 2017 to enter God's nearer presence. The prayer of Great Thanksgiving for All Saints is one of the most moving moments of the entire church year. The names of our saints are read. The acolytes light candles to recall each life that, in God's love, will never end. And, finally, the room fills with names spoken aloud to express our thanks for mothers and fathers; for pastors and teachers; for examples to follow and champions of faith, hope, and love. When Daylight Savings Time ends early on November 5, don't waste that extra hour sleeping. Come and claim your pew! We have a date to feast with our saints at the table of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Finally, let me sketch the remaining Sundays in November - what I call the beginning of the "Holiday Season:" On Bible Sunday, November 12, third graders will receive a Bible that many will treasure thirty, forty, or even fifty years later! Come and add your blessing to a blessed occasion!

On November 19, worship will begin with a prayer adapted from Massachusetts' 1667 proclamation of Thanksgiving - the first official proclamation authorized by a legislature in colonial America. Since 99.9% of Pave the Way's renovations will have been completed by then, we will also give thanks for the end of Sudbury UMC's most ambitious building

campaign, for the leaders who set our goals, and for supporters whose generosity has changed the future of every saint who will ever worship at 251 Old Sudbury Road.

See you in church!

Pastor Joel

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## PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

### Prayer Concerns on Sunday, October 22

- ☞ We pray for all suffering with anxiety.
- ☞ Brad Stayton requests prayers for a friend, Kenny, who is nearing the end of his battle with cancer. Prayers for peace and comfort for Kenny and his family.
- ☞ Please pray for our military personnel and their families. We pray for those who have been deployed to combat areas. We also pray for those who lost their lives in Niger and for their families, whose grief and sacrifice have been forgotten amid finger-pointing by politicians and pundits. Pray for those in war zones whose daily existence includes violence and death. Pray for peace.
- ☞ Please continue to pray for members of the cancer support group. We pray for a member who has a recurrence and a member who has had a loss.
- ☞ Please pray for Jacob and Irene Butler, Shetal's parents. Jacob is in the hospital. All are in need of faith, trust and patience while God's plan unfolds in His infinite wisdom.

### Prayer Celebrations on Sunday, October 22

- ☞ We celebrate the extraordinary response of SUMC's members and friends to the short-term fundraiser for hurricane relief efforts in Dominica. More than \$40,000.00 has been donated! We continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Wesley and Marigot. We ask for prayers as we continue to assess how our financial resources can be most effectively deployed. Communications remain difficult and sporadic and we are challenged in determining our next steps.
  - ☞ We celebrated the opportunity to coordinate a Halloween party at Home Suites Family Shelter in Waltham on Sunday. It is a joy to share a celebration with our friends. The kids and adults who join members of SUMC to have an afternoon of temporary tattoos, arts & crafts, candy and costumes truly enjoy themselves.
  - ☞ A handful of our youth truly celebrated music filled with praise and worship of our God last Friday. They were at the Tsongas Center to hear Chris Tomlin and Matt Maher, who had everyone on their feet and Pastor Whitehead inspired the youth with a sermon on how to praise God. It was truly an awesome night for our youth!
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## DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- Oct. 27: Greenwood Harvest Banquet
- Oct. 28: Trunk or Treat - church parking lot
- Oct. 29: Discipline Bible Study Sunday class
- Oct. 30: Women's Fellowship
- Nov. 1: Discipline Bible Study Wednesday class
- Nov. 5: Multi-cultural, Multi-Faith Concert
- Nov. 8: Community Meeting *Livable Sudbury Assessment*
- Nov. 11: Trustees' Fall Clean-Up



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### The Magnuson Moment

Two weeks ago, while shopping in Walmart and next to the Christmas tree displays, a pre-teenaged girl with a shopping cart zipped by, came to a screeching halt, and exclaimed, "Christmas trees already!" Frankly, I was surprised that the trees weren't up earlier. In just two months, Christmas will be here, and in one month, the first official rehearsal of the children's Christmas pageant begins. Please contact Kristin Murphy [Kbando@earthlink.net] or Eric Magnuson [eric@sudbury-umc.org] for more information or if you need a "Pageant Registration" form.

**Prayer Pals.** The key word for Week 8, Oct. 29-Nov. 4 is: **Favor**, "May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us. " Psalm 90:17

**Magic Years.** Join us on **Thursday, November 9, from noon-2:00pm** in Davison Chapel for our next Magic Years event! Our special guest this month will be Karen Lubic. Karen, a member of Sudbury UMC, is also a chaplain at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. The presentation is "Home for the Holidays." For this interactive presentation, please bring a picture taken during the holidays, a holiday recipe, or a favorite holiday decoration or gift you received, or a story to share.

Contact Eric Magnuson at 978-443-4351 (ext. 207), or [eric@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:eric@sudbury-umc.org) to sign-up for the event.

### Greetings from the SUMC Youth!

Happy Halloween! Did you know that the origins of our present-day Halloween practices of dressing up as scary things and passing out candy come from an ancient Celtic festival called Samhain? That's true. It's also thought that the Celts believed that the dead could walk among the living during this festival, so some people wore ghoulish costumes so that the



wandering spirits would mistake them for one of their own and leave them alone while others passed out sweet treats to appease the spirits. If that sounds pretty ridiculous, that's because it is! Contrary to popular belief, human beings had the capacity to distinguish between allegory and reality for thousands of years before some dudes in France and Germany allegedly invented thinking in the 17th century. The truth is that we did take some of our customs from Samhain, but those who dressed up as ghouls did not think they were protecting themselves from zombies or whatnot. It was all part of the festival - just like it is today. Speaking of Halloween:

- Youth planning to help with Trunk or Treat should plan to meet by 2:30 on Saturday afternoon. There will definitely be treats (and possibly tricks) for those youth in attendance.
- The youth will head to Framingham next Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4, to get lost in a corn maze! Let Zack know this week if you plan to go.\*
- Sign up for Camp Berea by this Sunday, Oct 29.\*
- High school Bible Study (with donuts!) will continue to meet during coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

\*As always, parents should check their weekly update for more details on these things and everything else youth-related.

## The Upper Room

The Upper Room booklets are available in the narthex. Help yourself to a free copy for your daily devotional readings. Or access it online by clicking here: <http://devotional.upperroom.org/>

## Sunny Hill Pre-School

Sunny Hill Preschool is now enrolling! We are accepting enrollments for our 3 and 4 year old programs. Sunny Hill's philosophy integrates academic learning through purposeful play. By creating developmentally appropriate curriculum for children ages 2.9 through 5

years of age, we ignite children's passion for lifelong learning. For those interested in programming, we offer programs for 2.9-5 years of age including a Stay, Play and Learn program that offers flexibility, fun and learning! To schedule a tour, call 978-443-2627.



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## CONNECT

### Trustees' Fall Clean-Up on November 11

It's fall clean-up time again, and we will need your help. The Trustees are looking for volunteers for the fall clean-up at the church on Saturday, November 11, beginning at 8:30 am. The more the merrier and the faster our task will get done. Most of the work will involve collecting and moving

leaves, but we will also be cleaning some garden areas, trimming trees, as well as some other tasks. Bring rakes, tarps, and wear gloves. Other useful tools are leaf blowers, and wheelbarrows. Please come even if you only have an hour or two to spare. Coffee and donuts will be provided. This event is both an enjoyable and rewarding experience. See you there!

### Sudbury UMC Is a Nut Free Zone!



Please be aware that a number of preschoolers and staff members have serious allergies to nut products and coconut oil. It is important to keep food products containing tree nuts out of the church building and to be mindful of coconut oil in non-food related items such as soaps and lotions. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of all!

### Trunk or Treat - Saturday, October 28th -3:00-5:00 p.m.

Join SUMC families and youth this Saturday afternoon, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in the church's parking lot for our fourth annual Trunk-or-Treat event! Children from Sudbury and surrounding towns are invited to dress in costume and come to visit and collect treats provided by church members from their decorated car trunks. You and your children are invited to join in the fun!





## Women's Fellowship Group

The fall meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be on Monday, October 30, at 7:00 p.m. in Hawes Hall. We will start with refreshments, followed by a slide presentation by Bob Cooke of his trip to Antarctica and the scientific research that is being done all around the ice cap. Men are welcome to attend this program.

Please mark your calendars for our December meeting on Monday, December 4, at the Hosmer House for the "Not so Silent Auction." More details later.

## A-Capella Group Now Forming!



Are you a fan of a cappella? Some of you may be familiar with the lively tradition of informal singing that has been especially successful in the high school and university scene in the last decade. Well, the musicians of SUMC would like to attempt their own version of a cappella. Starting Wednesday, 18 October from 6:30 pm till 7:30 pm and for the next three Wednesdays (25 Oct, 1 Nov, 8 Nov) we will meet for an hour to learn a modest list of a cappella items with a sacred twist. A cappella groups typically work without printed music, so you do not need to read music to participate. You also don't have to have a vocal degree from the conservatory to add your voice. We do have a keen interest in making a musical opportunity for SUMC members who have never joined in a SUMC music project. We know time is precious, so let us combine your evening

meal with music by including a "simple supper" after the manner of Advent and Lenten suppers. We will also have child care, young parents, if you want to attend but are not quite sure what to do with small people.

Our only request is that you SIGN UP. It is extremely helpful to know who will attend so our planning can be good quality. Here's the link:

[http://sudbury-umc.org/sumc\\_v1/music/a\\_cappella/](http://sudbury-umc.org/sumc_v1/music/a_cappella/)

This will take you to a Google doc where you can tell us what works for you. Of course, you are also quite welcome to call or email me and/or Rob (see the contact information on this Chronicle). Check your calendar, keep singing in the shower, and let Kevin or Rob know if this is a project for you! Don't be afraid to jump in. This might be just the mid-week spiritual break you need! [kevin@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:kevin@sudbury-umc.org).

## Join the Thursday Bible Study

Sudbury UMC's Thursday Bible study group always welcomes new participants. Meetings take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursdays at the Panera Bread located at 21 Andrew Avenue in Wayland's Town Center, just two miles from Sudbury UMC!

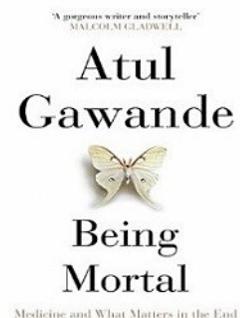
Each week's focus text is the next Sunday's preaching passage. Remember to bring your Bible and a few bucks for something warm or cool to sip.

We will look ahead to the passages being preached during worship on:

October 29	Matthew 5:1-12	November 12	Matthew 25:1-3
November 5	1 John 3:1-7	November 19	2 Corinthians 9:6-15

## Health Ministries Commission Book Discussion

The Health Ministries Commission is launching a new book discussion series. The program will start with *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande. In *Being Mortal*, bestselling author Atul Gawande tackles the hardest challenge of his profession: how medicine can not only improve life but also the process of its ending. Other titles of interest for future reading will be on discussed at a later date. Please contact Kay D'Orlando to find out more and to sign up: [kjdorlando@comcast.net](mailto:kjdorlando@comcast.net).



## Stephen Ministry - No Concern Is Too Small



'Tis the Season when Friends & Neighbors May Need Care

Hello Friends. Many of you are aware of the Stephen Ministry program at SUMC, and some of you have received the gentle care of one of our caregivers. Did you know our Stephen Ministry program is now 25 years old? It is one of the longest-lived programs in the country.

As the fall and winter seasons arrive, the darker days and even the holidays can sometimes trigger loneliness, sadness, or anxiety. This is especially true if a loved one has suffered a loss, a sudden change, or a difficult life transition. Perhaps you have a family member, friend or neighbor who could benefit from a caring relationship.

We have thirteen active Stephen Ministers (caregivers). Ten of our caregivers are currently available to offer their gentle support. They can walk with those who need kindness, a listening ear, and distinctively Christian care-giving.

If you know a friend - including yourself - who might benefit from a caring relationship, you can speak to Pastor Joel, Lori Granger or Richard Smith. And every Sunday morning, one Stephen Minister is available after the worship service in the O'Reilly room. They are there to listen to your concerns and pray with you, at your request.

- October 29: Melody Karian
- November 5: Gail Smith
- November 12: Richard Smith
- November 19: John Fraize
- November 26: Diane Hammond

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## COMMUNITY

### Drivers Needed for FISH and Meals on Wheels

**FISH** - Deb Galloway, director of the Sudbury Senior Center, reports that FISH (a network of volunteers that provide transportation to medical appointments to anyone in need, regardless of age or ability level) needs volunteer drivers. Volunteers use their own vehicles to transport Sudbury residents to and from medical appointments. Interested in volunteering or learning more about FISH? Please dial 978-443-2145.



**Meals on Wheels** - Our drivers deliver 3,000 healthy meals, every weekday, to elders and adults living with disabilities. They may deliver the only meal of the day to our homebound clients in addition to providing critical social contact a safety check.

Today additional drivers are needed to meet the increasing demand for home delivered meals in our service area that includes 11 cities and towns. If you are interested in giving back to your community through this part-time job, apply today! Please call Sara at 781-324-7705 ext. 689 or visit our website [www.mves.org/join-us/](http://www.mves.org/join-us/).

### [MetroWest Free Medical Program Seeking Volunteers](#)

On Tuesdays, about 20 volunteers gather to provide healthcare services to people who don't have insurance. The program serves an average of 35 patients, using the sanctuary at Congregation Beth El as the clinic site.

Volunteers are needed to help put the medical supplies and equipment away in the shed behind Beth El. Specifically, people are needed to help move the screens, exam tables, buckets of medical supplies, as well as tables and chairs. With enough volunteers, this can be done in 30 minutes.

This is a great job for high school students looking to finish up their community service hours or anyone who wants to get an extra 30 minutes of exercise! When? Tuesdays, 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Kim Prendergast at [kim.prendergast@gmail.com](mailto:kim.prendergast@gmail.com).

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS™

*Helping People Make a Home.*



Household Goods, 530 Main Street (Rte. 27) in Acton, needs additional volunteers, especially:

\*Furniture movers during the week and on Saturday/Sunday afternoons. These volunteers assist both on the road (picking up donations) and at the facility in Acton (moving donations in and client furniture out to waiting vehicles).

\*Truck drivers who can also move furniture

\*Volunteers who are willing to be trained and make a commitment to scheduling donation pick ups

\*Quality control/triage volunteers who will help check

appliances/electronics for completeness and working order, cleaning appliances and preparing rugs and upholstered furniture for display (vacuuming).

The minimum age to volunteer independently is 14. Hours and days of the week are flexible. Whether you can spare as little as three hours a month, or a day or more a week, we invite you to join us in our mission to assist those in need. For more information, please visit this [Volunteer page](#) on the Household Goods website, or call 978-635-1710 x6.

### **Donations Urgently Needed: Your Extra Could Be Someone's Only**

Every day, Household Goods welcomes new families emerging from homelessness or other difficult circumstances, and strives to offer them the dignity of choice as they set up a new home. Immediate needs: Our inventory of pots and pans, kitchen utensils, glasses and other kitchen items is running low. If you have pots and pans (or other items) to donate, please consider us. We are also in urgent need of mattresses and kitchen/dining tables. Donated goods should be clean (no rips, tears or stains) and in working order.

Donations are gratefully accepted on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon at 530 Main Street (Rte. 27) in Acton. Your repurposing gift could make a real difference for someone in need! Find more details at this [Donations page](#) on the Household Goods website.

### **Coffehouse Concert to Benefit Hurricane Relief at Memorial Congregational Church**

Please join us at Memorial Congregational Church for a night of praise music by Covenant on Saturday, October 28, at 7:00pm. This laid back, "coffeehouse" experience will feature contemporary Christian music from a variety of genres including Christian rock, bluegrass, jazz, country, and more. Come experience the excitement, sing-along with classics, or sit back and sip a cup of joe and strike up a conversation as we present a great night of song and fellowship for a great cause! We will be giving the proceeds from the event to the United Church of Christ's Hurricane relief efforts. They are working to support the relief and recovery efforts of international partners and meeting the unique needs of vulnerable individuals and families in the United States. For more information, check out: [http://www.ucc.org/disaster\\_hurricane\\_2017\\_relief](http://www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_2017_relief). Your \$10 suggested donation per person (or \$20 max for a family) will help with the repair and reconstruction of homes, the purchase of tools and building materials, spiritual care, and community organizing. Coffee, tea, and sparkling water are included and we'll have plenty of delicious desserts for purchase! Save the date and invite your friends to this casual night of fun!

### **Coming to Sudbury: Livability Assessment**

The Town of Sudbury wants to hear from you! Thanks to a grant from the Sudbury Foundation, a generous donation from Friends of Sudbury Seniors, and a matching grant from the town, a Livable Sudbury assessment will be conducted over 9 to 10 months by the UMass-Boston Center for Social and Demographic Research on Aging. On November 8, researchers will present initial demographic findings to the community and explore with attendees during two forums what are the strengths, weaknesses, and suggestions with respect to the livability of Sudbury. **Please come to one of these forums: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Hawes Hall, Sudbury United Methodist Church; or 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Goodnow Library.** Additional information on livability and livable communities can be found on our website and Facebook page. If you have questions, please contact Alice Sapienza ([alicesapienza@verizon.net](mailto:alicesapienza@verizon.net)). Thank you!

[Sudbury Clergy Association Joins the Framingham Solidarity Network for Concert](#)

# SINGING IN SOLIDARITY With Our Immigrant Neighbors



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Proceeds will go to the Neighbors Fund of the Framingham Solidarity Network, to support immigrants who need legal or bail assistance and families who are in crisis. To contribute now go to: <http://bit.ly/2x0zb42>

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For more information: 508-877-2050 Facebook Page – Singing in Solidarity Concert



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