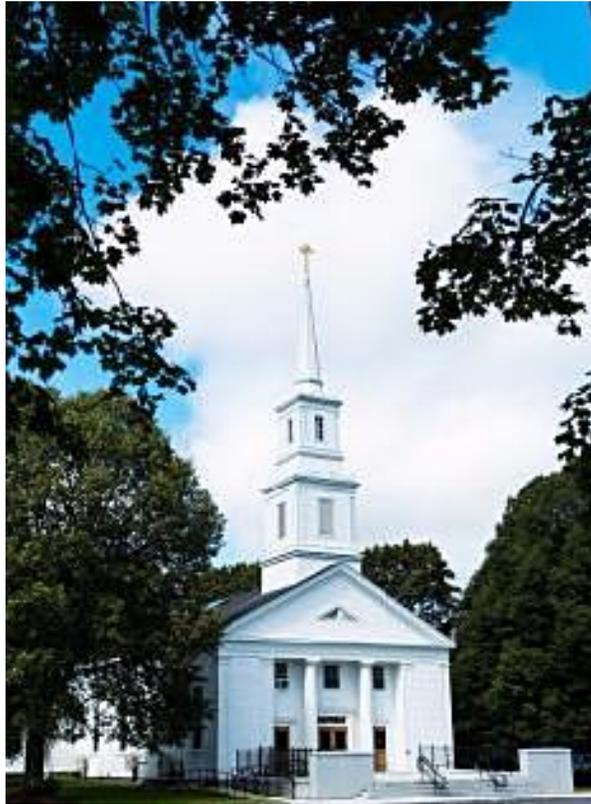


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## *The Weekly Chronicle*

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### [FROM PASTOR JOEL](#)

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year, when the week of All Saints Day nudges me to remember the holy ones whose faithfulness continues to inspire me to walk with Christ, one of the first saints who comes to mind is Ms. Clatie Cook. When Clatie and I first met, she was already blind, deaf, crippled by arthritis, and confined to a chair in the living room of her daughter, Ms. Betty. For 85 years, Clatie had always been a member of the Sapling Ridge United Methodist Church near Pittsboro, North Carolina. No longer able to get

around on her own, she relied on the church to come to her - the women of her Sunday School class, friends of both sexes that she had known since they were school children, and her pastor.

At first, I confess, visiting Ms. Clatie once a month was uncomfortable for me, a 33-year-old neophyte in all things pastoral. It's not that I felt any kind of tension when I rang the doorbell and Ms. Betty let me in. On the contrary, I was always treated like an honored guest. "Mama!" Betty would holler at the top of her lungs, "Preacher's here! Ain't that somthin'! He's come to see you!" To which Ms. Clatie would reply as I sat on a kitchen chair dragged next to hers, "Well, he knows I can't see him. Fact is, I can hardly hear him if he don't speak up. But it's always a blessing to have the Preacher in the house 'cause he's the one who brings the Sacrament. And it's been so long since I had the Sacrament, I can't recall when it was!"

That's when I felt uncomfortable. Had I missed a month? Did a funeral or a seminary term paper keep me away from my duties? Could it be that I had just forgotten? Those were the thoughts that crowded my mind at the same time my heart was irresistibly drawn to Ms. Clatie, who kept on talking whether I asked her an open-ended, active-listening, seminary question or not. Sometimes Clatie would talk about her husband, a man she admired for his saintliness. Occasionally she would tell me about the kitchen she ran at the elementary school. And almost every time I visited she would remind me to pray for her first son, Jim, whose cancer was so rampant we both knew whose funeral would more than likely come first. "I keep praying," Clatie would confess so softly it seemed like she was trying to hide her words from Betty - "I keep praying," she told me, "that the Lord will let me give up my life so that Jim can keep his."

That's how I know that Ms. Clatie was a saint. Her life had been so conformed to the life of Christ, giving the vicarious gift that Jesus died to give to the whole human race was the prayer that Clatie offered more than any other. If being a saint has nothing to do with asking God to accept the sacrifices of your life as collateral for others, then please tell me what is. Sadly, Jim died six months before his mother passed away. Before graduating from seminary and returning to Maine, I had the honor of leading both funerals.

Saying good-bye to Ms. Clatie was the part of our monthly visits I loved the most. After reading the Bible, giving her Communion, and offering a prayer to conclude our worship, Clatie always replied in the same way. "Thank you for praying for me, Preacher," she would say. "I can't see, I can't hear, and I can't even get up from this chair. But I can pray. And the one I am always praying for, Preacher, is you. You have a hard job. You need our prayers. And you can count on my prayers as long as I'm alive."

That promise is the second reason I believe that Clatie was and is a saint. You see, if I can count on her to pray for me as long as she's alive, and if she is still held in life by the love of God that will not and cannot end, then I still have a saint praying for me right now who is closer to God's ear than I usually feel.

This coming Sunday, when you say the names of your saints during worship, I will say Clatie's name.

See you in church!

Pastor Joel

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## PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

### Prayer Concerns on Sunday, October 29

- ☞ Kristen Straub requests prayers for her friend Diane and her family, who are struggling with the mental health issues of their teenage daughter and her husband's impending job loss.
- ☞ Eric Lind asks for prayers for his sister, Robin, who will have brain surgery on Monday, 10/30.
- ☞ Mike Arnum requests prayers for the family of Anita (Ryerson) Schoonmaker, a childhood friend, who passed away this week after a long fought battle with breast cancer.
- ☞ Please pray for Helga Buckley's son, Christopher, at Marlborough Hills Nursing Home. He needs speech therapy. With your prayers and God's will, he may receive the therapy he needs.
- ☞ Alice and Bob Vannerson ask for continued prayers for Alice's brother, Jonathan Huntington, whose wife died 2 weeks ago.

### Prayer Celebrations on Sunday, October 29

- ☞ We celebrate with Marilyn Goodrich the life of her brother, George Robert Simms. George passed away in St. Petersburg, FL, of natural causes. We pray for comfort for his family and friends.
- ☞ We celebrate that Betty Farmer is happily settled back home in Sudbury. She would love to have old friends stop by to say, "Welcome Back!"
- ☞ We celebrate today's muffins for mission proceeds, which are pledged to help rescue our cherished friends in Dominica.
- ☞ We give thanks for the ten members of Sudbury UMC who represented our church last Friday night at the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Greenwood Memorial UMC Harvest Banquet. The dinner was attended by about 250 Greenwood members and friends. Thanks to John Iberg for organizing SUMC's delegation.
- ☞ Good luck to Rebecca Emken next weekend in the Hale Middle School play! She has one of the lead roles in Robinhood! Break a leg, Rebecca!
- ☞ Alice and Bob Vannerson thank you all for your prayers and good wishes after her recent hospitalization.

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## DATES TO KEEP IN MIND

- Nov. 5: Disciple Bible Study Sunday class
- Nov. 5: Multi-Cultural, Multi-Faith Concert
- Nov. 8: Community Meeting Livable Sudbury Assessment
- Nov. 8: Disciple Bible Study Wednesday class
- Nov. 11: Trustees' Fall Clean-Up
- Nov. 15: Cancer Support Group
- Nov. 25: Christmas Pageant Rehearsals begin




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## LEARN

### The Magnuson Moment



On Sunday, November 12, the third graders will be receiving their Bibles from our church with an extra informational and instructional time for the children and their parents following the morning service. Although this is not an official sacrament of the church, and please forgive me if I sound like a heretic, but for me, I rank this special occasion along with sacraments of baptism, marriage, and other Christian covenants.

This is a significant time when a child is given a Bible of his/her very own. The children are now independent readers. However, as we know, the Bible has difficult words and names to pronounce as well as contexts and concepts that are difficult to understand. This is where parental help and guidance along with sound teaching in Sunday School is so critically important as the children take their next steps along their faith journey.

I still have the Holy Bible given to me by Rev. Kroum Jordan of the West Medway Community Church. On the inside front cover, he penned my life verse, Matthew 5:16. Furthermore, my third grade Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Briggs, instilled in all of us that day the necessity of committing that lifelong verse to memory.

Just as Pastor Joel charges the congregation to support children in their spiritual development at infant baptism, this is one more reminder for us to support our children and their parents in a positive habit of faithfully reading and learning about God's word.

**Prayer Pals.** The key word for Week 9, Nov. 5-11 is: Forgiveness, "Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13

**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!

This is one of those points in the year when it becomes hard to exist in the present. With the arrival of Halloween, we've officially hit the first holiday of Holiday Season. During this "season," everything around us seems to push us



into a state of anticipation. Thanksgiving decorations have already been out on store shelves for a month, and Christmas decorations hit the shelves on the next aisle a couple of weeks ago. Family plans must be made! If you're only making holiday travel plans now, that's pretty much considered "last-minute." You know how it goes...we've got to prepare for the holidays or they will sneak up on us before we even know it!

Meanwhile for many youth, that means concerts, parades, and a host of other holiday-themed commitments are right around the corner, and again...we've got to be prepared. There is simply no time to worry about today during Holiday Season.

Well, we do need to be preparing for what is to come, but we also need to understand that today is important, too. Remember that in the same speech that began with the Beatitudes, Jesus told us, "Don't worry about tomorrow...today's worries are enough for today." We exist in the present and there are lots of things happening right now - in our communities and on more personal levels - that deserve our attention. Speaking of things happening now (and speaking of superb transitional sentences), here are the major things going on this week with the youth...

- The high school Coffee Hour Bible Study will move from the chapel to the teacher's lounge this Sunday (the room right before the chapel). We'll still have donuts.
- The youth will travel to Hanson's Farm and get lost in their corn maze on Sunday afternoon. We'll leave from SUMC (via carpool) at 1:00 pm and return by 4:00 pm. And here's the really cool thing about that...the Patriots have a bye week. Nobody's missing the game!

Thank you to all the youth who helped with Trunk or Treat last Saturday!

The youth helped with set-up, tear-down, games and decorations, thereby helping all SUMC's guests spend a little bit of time appreciating the moment they were in. #Ministry

Keep the Faith.

## 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.



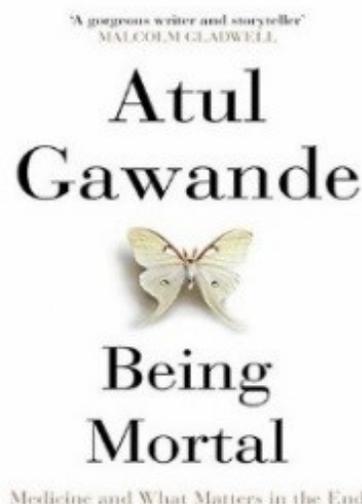
## Sudbury UMC Is a Nut Free Zone!

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!



## 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, 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 for future reading will be 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).

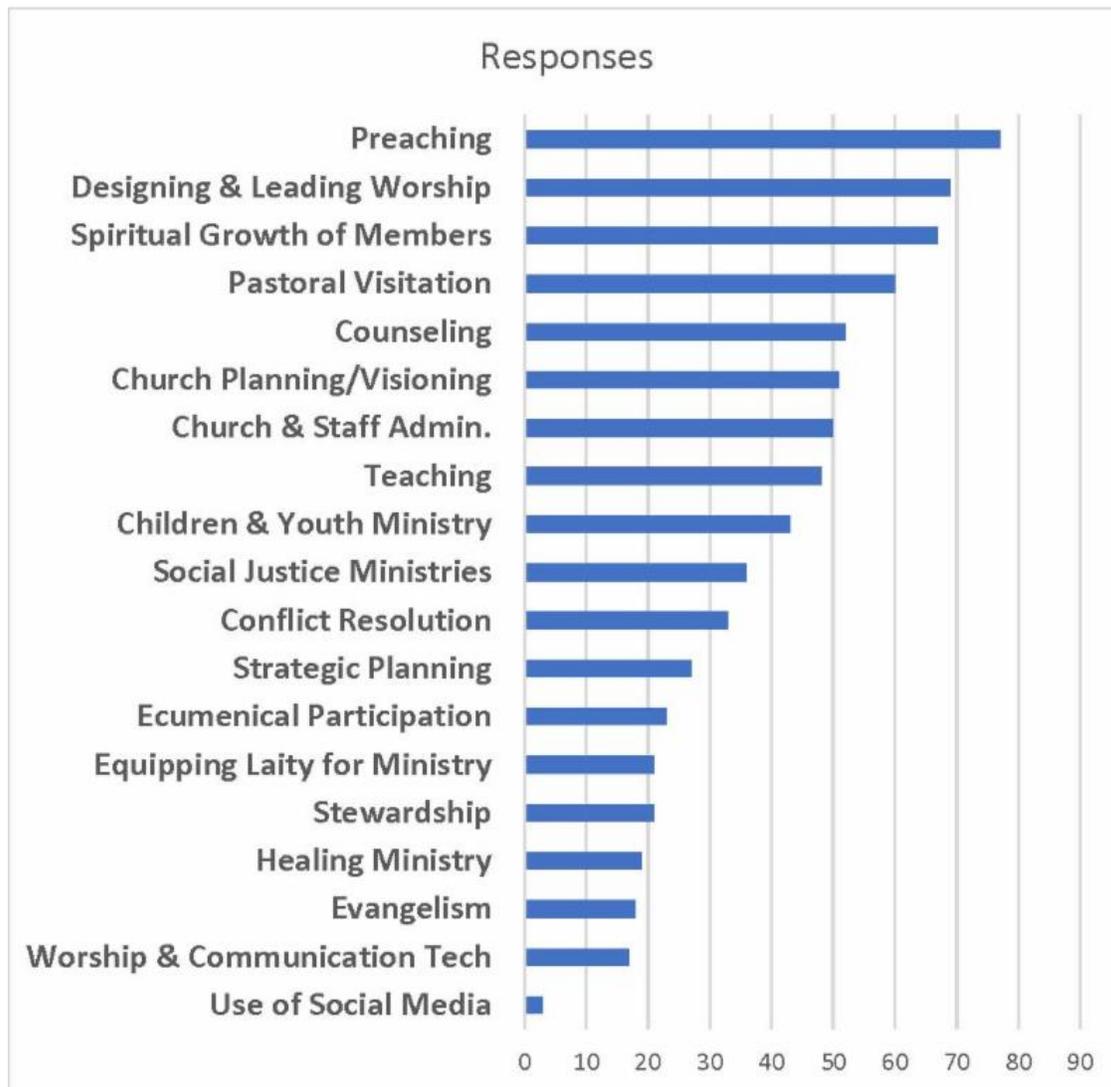


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## CONNECT

## Results of the Pastoral Priority Survey

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Pastoral Priority Survey. We received 88 responses, 64 were paper responses and the other 24 were received on line. SPRC is very pleased with so many of you participating. We will share this data with the District Superintendent in November to let him know what the priorities of this congregation are for our pastor.



### 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!

## Trunk or Treat was lots of fun last Saturday!

Sudbury UMC and Sunny Hill families had lots of fun decorating their cars and distributing candy last Saturday. We hope you were among the 70 to 80 guests who dropped by the church's parking lot to enjoy the beautiful weather! The creativity of those involved was truly a sight to behold! The children and adults all had spook-tacular time!



## 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:

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

## Coming to Sudbury: Livability Assessment

The Town of Sudbury wants to hear from you! Thanks to a grant from the Sudbury Foundation, a gift 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 and explore with attendees during two forums 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. If you have questions, please contact Alice Sapienza (alicesapienza@verizon.net). Thank you!

## '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.

- November 5: Gail Smith
- November 12: Richard Smith
- November 19: John Fraize
- November 26: Diane Hammond

### [A Fun Time was had at Greenwood's Harvest Gala](#)

The ten representatives of Sudbury UMC who attended last Friday Night's gala had a lot of fun alongside our brothers and sisters from Greenwood!



## The Ripple Effect



**When:** Wednesday, November 15, through Friday, November 17.

**Where:** Sudbury United Methodist Church

**What:** The New England Conference's annual School of Congregational Development provides resources to inspire and equip local church leaders to live more fully into the mission of the church

**Register:** Members and friends of Sudbury UMC may register for \$49 each at <https://neumc-reg.brapp.com/2017RippleEffect>



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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 are 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/).

### A Reminder from the Sudbury Community Food Pantry

There will be no distribution of either frozen or fresh Thanksgiving turkeys this Holiday Season. For logistical reasons we will be providing \$15 gift

cards to each family to use at their local supermarket. If past donors of turkeys wish to donate a gift card instead, that would be appreciated. If someone has a turkey to donate, we suggest they contact Bethany Hadvab, Town Social Worker at 978-440-5476 hadvabb@sudbury.ma.us

Pat Mullen  
Director

## 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™**  
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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.

## Pageant Registration 2017!



Sudbury UMC's children are invited to be part of a Christmas Pageant.

**\*\*This year, since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, the pageant service will be a new time – 10:30 AM!**

Pageant rehearsals this year begin the Saturday of Thanksgiving (Nov. 25th) and run until the Saturday before Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are generally held between 9 AM (8 AM for Dancing Angels) and 12 PM each Saturday.

We are asking participants to be present for all of the rehearsals, if at all possible, so participants can feel comfortable with their parts. However, we know some families travel at Thanksgiving or may have another family conflict and we would like all children to be welcome to participate in the pageant; if your child cannot make one of the rehearsals, please speak with

**Kristin Murphy** so we might find a perfect part and a bit of additional rehearsal time another day. Thanks!

**Name of Pageant Participant and Age:**

**Name of Parent(s):**

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

Would your child prefer a speaking or non-speaking role? Speaking \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Speaking \_\_\_\_\_

Would your child like a major or minor role? Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Would your child like to be a dancing angel (age 6+)? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

What parts would your child love? (It would be great if you could list a few, in case more than one child loves the same part! Thanks! Please note that preschool children are usually cast as animals.)

My child will be able to attend all rehearsals. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

My child would have to miss the rehearsal on \_\_\_\_\_ Please cast him or her accordingly.

**Would you be able to help with one or more pageant "jobs?" Please check the ones you might be able to do:**

\_\_\_\_\_ costume help

\_\_\_\_\_ acting help

\_\_\_\_\_ general "crowd control" at rehearsals and/or before pageant at 9:30 AM

\_\_\_\_\_ preschool animals help (rehearsals and at pageant - involves dressing in shepherd costume)

\_\_\_\_\_ providing food items for "cast lunch" on 12/17)

\_\_\_\_\_ props and scenery help (finding and/or making)

\_\_\_\_\_ "stage manager" help

\_\_\_\_\_ pageant band

Thanks so much!

Kristin Murphy at [Kbando@earthlink.net](mailto:Kbando@earthlink.net)

Sudbury Clergy Association Joins the Framingham Solidarity Network for Concert

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



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