

REMEMBER THE  
**SABBATH DAY**  
BY KEEPING IT **HOLY.**  
EXODUS 20:8

**Sudbury United Methodist Church**

**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**August 26, 2007**

During the moments before worship begins we invite you to greet those around you and to enjoy the warmth for which we wish to be known. For those new to Sudbury United Methodist Church there is information about us in the pew pockets as well as a visitor slip which will give us information about you. If you have a concern or celebration you would like to have included in the morning prayer, please fill out a prayer card which will be collected by the ushers during the second hymn. When the prelude begins, let us be in prayer and prepare to worship God.

*\*indicates worshippers may stand, as they are able*

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**\*Call to Worship:** (Rev. Bruce Prewer, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.)

Leader: In you, loving God, we seek and find refuge,

**People: please never let us be ashamed.**

Leader: Be to us a rock under our feet

**People: and like a fortress of salvation.**

Leader: For you alone, loving God are our hope,

**People: from our childhood you have been here for us.**

Leader: Let everyone praise the Lord!

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

**\*Hymn of Praise:** FWS #2271 – “Come! Come! Everybody Worship”

**\*Opening Prayer:** (Rev. Bruce Prewer, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.)

**Loving God, you are more ready to hold out your hand to us  
than we are ready to grasp it.**

**By the encouragement of your Spirit,  
help us to overcome reticence or fear,**

**and step forward to receive blessings appropriate to our true need.**

**Then, made whole by your grace,**

**may we become a blessing to those whose lives impinge on ours.**

**Through Christ Jesus our healer and liberator. Amen!**

**Hebrew Bible Reading:** Jeremiah 1: 4-10

This reading is found on page 698 in the New Testament.

**Children's Time:** “God Knows My Name”

**Special Music**

**\*Gospel Reading:** Luke 13: 10-17

This reading is found on page 76 in the New Testament.

**Sermon:** “Being Set Free”

**\*Hymn of Response:** UMH #358 – “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

**A Time of Fellowship**

**Greeting Our Guests**

**Concerns and Celebrations**

**The Pastoral Prayer**

**\*The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**The Offertory**

**\*The Doxology:** UMH #94 - “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Closing Hymn :** UMH #261- “Lord of the Dance”

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**

The Liturgist today is Paul McInerney.

**Welcoming Statement:** The United Methodist Church is a community of believers and seekers, with differences in age, class, nationality, race, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, abilities, and limitations. We at SUMC recognize that there are attitudes, concerning these diverse characteristics, which violate the integrity of individuals and deny the richness of God's creation. Therefore we affirm our welcome to all people into our community of faith. We are committed to be a fellowship in which all persons feel a part of our family, enabling them to grow in their faith, to be fed by our fellowship, and to contribute their talents to the life of the church in its worship, programs, and outreach. We call the church and society to be sensitive to all persons and to advocate programs which attempt to ensure justice for all.

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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation



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August 26, 2007

### **“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”**

In 1782, John Fawcett wrote “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” to describe “the fellowship of kindred minds” in the church where he was pastor. At Sudbury UMC, we feel the same love for each other and are always welcoming newcomers to join our family of faith. If this is your first time worshiping God with us, please introduce yourself by writing your name, address, and phone number when the attendance folders are circulated. Also, consider introducing yourself midway through worship when we greet our guests. Later, please stop at the Welcome and Information Station in the narthex. There we will greet you, answer your questions, and provide information about our church’s programs.

### **Large Print Worship Books**

For those who prefer large print materials, special copies of *The United Methodist Hymnal* and *The Faith We Sing* are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### **“Avalanche Ranch” Celebration Today**

Now that “Avalanche Ranch,” this year’s Vacation Bible School, is a happy memory, it’s time to celebrate. According to Andy Andrews, director of Christian education, forty-eight children participated—the largest enrollment in recent memory. Pastor John won the “best cowboy costume” award with duds from the Southwest where he grew up. This morning at nine o’clock, VBS alumni returned for a celebration in Hawes Hall. And the first ten minutes of today’s 9:30 a.m. worship service will feature musical selections sung by the children. Many thanks to all who contributed to a great Sunday School preview!

### **Directions to the Family Room**

Infants and toddlers are welcome in worship. Parents who wish to try our Family Room with visual and aural access to the sanctuary will find steps leading up to it in both stair wells. Attendants invite parents to stay or will care for children while parents worship.

### **Children’s Summer Choices**

On summer Sundays, children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary. Or they may choose to participate in a one-room Sunday School class led by adult teachers who have prepared a lesson and craft project. The class begins after the children’s time with our pastors at the beginning of each week’s worship service.

### **Visit Our Website**

When you visit our church’s website at [www.sudbury-umc.org](http://www.sudbury-umc.org) you will find recent editions of our newsletter, The Chronicle, photos of Sudbury UMC events, and more!

### **Deadline for “The Chronicle” Tomorrow**

The final summer edition of “The Chronicle” will be mailed this week. To contribute, please forward your news and notices to Paula Hiltz in the church office by tomorrow, August 27. Weekly editions of our church’s newsletter will resume September 12.

### **Teacher Training Announced**

Christian Education Director Andy Andrews has announced a training event for adults who have promised to lead Sunday School classes in the fall, or for volunteers who might need a preview before deciding whether or not to make a commitment. On Wednesday, September 12, participants will gather at 7:30 p.m. to hear presentations by experienced teachers of children and youth in a number of age groups. A review of our church’s Safe Sanctuaries policy and practices will also be part of the evening. To express your interest in this training event, please contact Andy at 978-443-4351, ext. 208.

### **Church Retreat Is “Near Capacity”**

To date, 80 adults and 30 children have registered for Sudbury UMC’s September 7 to 9 retreat at Pilgrim Pines in West Swanzey, NH. Though registration is “near capacity,” committee leaders report there is still a little room. Singles are especially encouraged to sign-up, though families can be accommodated, too, especially if they’re willing to be flexible. Saturday morning’s seminar on “The Body-Mind-Spirit Connection” promises to be interesting and helpful. Saturday night’s swing dance will be a blast. And lots of leisure time to visit with friends, golf, swim, and play will be fun for all. To claim one of the few remaining openings, please phone Liz Cerrato at 508-647-1924.

### **Give Them Away**

The Church Growth Commission has placed yellow cards with information about our church in our sanctuary’s pew racks. Members and friends of Sudbury UMC are urged to give them away to family members, friends, co-workers or others who might be looking for a church

home. Newcomers are also invited to take a card to learn more about our church's programs. For more detailed information, please visit the Welcome and Info Station located near the front door either before or after any Sunday service.

### **Two More Disciple Students Needed by September 1**

Pastor Joel hopes to begin Sudbury UMC's next Disciple I Bible Study on September 10, with weekly classes on Mondays from 7:00 till 9:30 p.m. To date, six people have signed the roster outside the church office, but at least eight participants are needed to offer the course. And, to insure timely arrival of class books, registration will close on September 1. If you would like to know the Bible better while growing closer to God and group of Christian friends, consider adding your name to the roster today or this week. For more information, contact Joel at 978-443-4351, ext. 205, or at [pastorjoel@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:pastorjoel@sudbury-umc.org).

### **“The Faith We Sing”**

The Worship and Music Commission is supplementing the number of song books in our sanctuary's pew racks. At this time, commission members estimate a need for 70 more copies of *The Faith We Sing* in our pew racks. To memorialize or honor a loved one, please consider a gift of \$9.00 for each copy you wish to purchase. Simply write your check to Sudbury UMC together with a note indicating the name(s) you wish to inscribe on the bookplate and include both with today's offering.

### **Methodism 101 to Be Taught by Pastor John**

At 7:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning September 17, Pastor John will teach “Methodism 101,” a short course on United Methodist history, polity, and doctrine. Have you ever wondered how the Methodist movement began, how it is organized, or what Wesleyan Christians believe? Are you new to our church or a long-timer in need of a review? When Pastor John served on Sudbury UMC's staff during the fall of 2006, a number of people expressed an interest in a course covering the basics of Methodism. Please mark your calendar now and write your name on the roster posted outside the church office.

### **Island Tour Guides**

The theme of September 15<sup>th</sup>'s Sudbury Day Festival will be “Gateway to the Islands,” a great opportunity to introduce fair-goers to Sudbury UMC's relationship with Caribbean friends on the island of Dominica as well as our church's worship and programs. To help the Church Growth Commission fill its 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. schedule of “tour guides,” please contact Richard Morris at 978-443-0583 or [richardmorris@comcast.net](mailto:richardmorris@comcast.net).

### **The Best Picnic Ever**

When friends from Greenwood UMC came to Sudbury UMC last Sunday for this year's summer picnic, everyone agreed it was the best outing ever. Greenwood guests marveled at the food—burgers, chicken, local corn, salads, fruits, desserts—and expressed their thanks to all who prepared such a feast. The Rev. Joyce Whetstone, the Dorchester congregation's new pastor, enjoyed meeting many members and friends of our church. City and suburban children played side by side on the swings and slides while adults chatted around tables with old friends and new. And the closing sing-along, led by four guitar players, was so much fun someone said, “We have to do this again next time!” The Social Justice Commission thanks everyone who gave, volunteered, and participated.

### **Graded Classes Resume September 16**

On September 16, Sudbury UMC's Sunday School will switch into high gear again for another year of graded classes. Christian Education Sunday will begin with a special worship service at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary during which students and teachers will be dedicated to God with prayer. Stay tuned for information about registering students.

### **Weekly Choir Rehearsals Begin September 6**

Kevin Murphy and Rob Hammerton, our music and choir directors, have announced that weekly rehearsals will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 6. At that time, robes, folders, hymnals, and song books will be assigned to new and returning singers. Sunday rehearsals will begin at 8:30 a.m. on September 16, one hour before the worship service during which the choir will sing for the first time this fall. Participation is open to anyone who loves to sing. For information, please email Rob at [rhammerton@earthlink.net](mailto:rhammerton@earthlink.net).

### **First Commission Meetings Slated for September 4**

If you were elected or reelected last June to serve on a Sudbury UMC commission, please remember to save the evening of Tuesday, September 4. After a brief time of worship at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, the Education, Health Ministries, Church Growth, Outreach, Membership, and Worship and Music Commissions will gather in their usual places. (The Board of Trustees will meet September 10 and Social Justice on September 20.)

## **September Devotional Magazines**

The September editions of *The Upper Room* and *Alive Now*, devotional magazines used by many Sudbury UMC members and friends, are free in the narthex while supplies last.

## **“Restoring Methodism”**

Dr. Molly Davis Scott and Dr. James Scott will lead an 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. workshop titled, “Restoring Methodism,” at the Lexington United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 22. The church is located at 2600 Massachusetts Avenue. The Scotts are co-founders of The Christian Connexion, a ministry of spiritual renewal, and ordained elders in the Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church who have taught at Perkins School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Asbury Theological Seminary. Their new book is titled *Restoring Methodism: Ten Decisions for United Methodist Churches in America*. For more information, please contact Dr. Oscar Harrell, New England Conference Lay Leader and member of Sudbury UMC at 978-443-3821.

## **Creating Sudbury UMC’s Roadmap**

This summer, a Strategic Planning Task Force led by Ann Hamilton and Karen Monteiro has been meeting to get ready for an autumn full of discovery as Sudbury UMC creates a roadmap for the coming four to five years. In September, small groups of members and friends will meet, often in Caring Network neighborhoods, to evaluate worship, outreach ministries, fellowship, and education programs. A church dinner at 6:00 p.m. on October 21 will be followed by a time of historical reflection. Interviews with community leaders will also contribute to our emerging travel plans. On December 8 at noon, the Church Council will gather to interpret the input received by the task force. And finally, a special Church Conference will be conducted during which the new strategic plan will be voted.