



Sudbury United Methodist Church

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 9, 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.

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Prelude

Welcome

***Call to Worship:** (David Sparks, 21st century)

Leader: The voice of God is heard in all the world.

**People: In troubled lands, where people hunger and fear,
it speaks of compassionate action.**

Leader: The voice of God is heard in the church.

**People: In encouragement of each other, in support of the wider
church, it speaks of community.**

Leader: The voice of God is heard within each one of us.

**People: It speaks of acceptance, it speaks of forgiveness, it
speaks of hope.**

Leader: Let us listen to God's voice.

People: It speaks now; it will never be silent!

***Hymn of Praise:** UMH #121 – “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

***Opening Prayer:** (Book of Common Worship, 20th cent.)

**Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.**

**Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.**

**Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.**

**Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful comfort.**

**Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.**

**Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hebrew Bible Reading: Jeremiah 18: 1-11

This reading is found on page 720 in the Old Testament.

Children's Time: “Shaped by God”

Special Music: “It Is No Secret”

Iva Brown, vocalist

Scripture Reading: Philemon 1-25

This reading is found on pages 215-216 in the New Testament.

Sermon: “We Are Family”

***Hymn of Response:** UMH #548 – “In Christ There Is No East or West”

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: "I'll Fly Away"

Iva Brown, vocalist

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

***Hymn of Commitment : UMH #560- "Help Us Accept Each Other"**

***Dismissal with Blessing**

Postlude

The Liturgist today is Ann Hamilton.

The Greeters today are Shirley and George O'Reilly.

The altar flowers are in celebration of Glenn and Jane Ann Chrumka on their 10th wedding anniversary.

Reconciling & 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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September Is "Open House" Month

United Methodists consider September our "Open House" month since families often visit churches in the fall looking for a great Sunday School and youth program. Sudbury UMC's God Squad, Club 67, and Sunday morning classes for kids are well known in the communities where our members and constituents live. If you are worshiping with us for the first time, we would like to answer your questions about our church and its programs. Please help us by writing your name, address, and phone number when attendance folders are circulated. Also, consider introducing yourself midway through worship when we greet our guests. Finally, after worship, visit the Welcome and Information Station in the narthex or join us for refreshments in Hawes Hall on the far end of our building.

Church Retreat Weekend

Since Friday, nearly 140 adults and children from Sudbury UMC have been enjoying this year's church retreat in West Swanzey, NH. Before adjourning around noon today, a worship service will take place by the lake. Here in our sanctuary, Pastor John Nash will preach and Pastor Richard Harding will join him in the chancel. On September 16, our congregation will gather at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate the start of a new year of learning.

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.

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.

Island "Tour Guides" Needed

The theme of September 15th'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.

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.

Church School Registration on 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. Students will register in Hawes Hall beginning at 9:00 a.m. where they will also pick up a river rock to bring into the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education Workshop

Christian Education Director Andy Andrews has announced a workshop for volunteers who have promised to lead Sunday School classes in the fall, as well as those 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.

Youth Fellowships to Meet Next Sunday

Sudbury UMC's two youth fellowships will meet for the first time this fall on September 16. Club 67, our program for middle high students in grades 6 and 7, will gather at 11:00 a.m. in Davison Chapel with Christian education director Andy Andrews and Associate Pastor John Nash. Later, at 5:00 p.m. God Squad teens in grades 8 through 12 will gather on the church playground for the annual kick-off cookout. Parents are strongly urged to attend next Sunday's meetings of Club 67 and the God Squad.

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.

Song Book Deadline Approaching

With your help, the Worship and Music Commission has nearly completed its drive to supplement the hymnals and song books in our pew racks. At this time, no more hymnals are needed and only 20 copies of *The Faith We Sing* remain to be subscribed. To honor or memorialize a loved one, please consider a gift of \$9.00 for each copy you wish to purchase by September 16. Simply write your check to Sudbury UMC together with a note indicating the name(s) to be inscribed and include both with today's offering.

“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.

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.

Magic Years Reconvenes on September 13

Sudbury UMC's fellowship for retirees, Magic Years, will gather in Davison Chapel at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 13. Along with a bag lunch, participants are urged to bring a memory from this summer and a friend who has not attended Magic years before. Beverages, dessert, along with great conversation and company will be provided!

Helping UMCOR Help Hurricane Survivors

You can help the United Methodist Committee on Relief help survivors of this summer's hurricanes by sending a check to UMCOR PO Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087. Please write “UMCOR Advance #982511, Hurricanes 2007,” on the memo line. Every dollar given will be used to rebuild the lives of survivors in the Caribbean and Central America because UMCOR's administrative expenses are funded by the United Methodist Church.

Early Notice – Save the Date

Sudbury UMC's fall program for vim, vigor, and vitality, the annual “Fall Clean Up,” will take place Saturday, November 3 (rain date: November 10). Please save the date.

Expanded Office Hours

Sudbury UMC's abbreviated summer office hours have been expanded. Administrative assistant Paula Hiltz is now at work from 8:30 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Wayland Cat-Sitter Needed

Sudbury UMC member Jeanne Parent will compete in the Special Olympics in China September 24 till October 12. While she is away, she's hoping a church friend will care for her cat in her apartment on Bent Avenue in Wayland near the United Methodist Church. Remuneration is available. For more information, phone 508-243-4385.

New Photo Directories Now Available

In the narthex you will find your copy of Sudbury UMC's latest photo directory. The books are arranged alphabetically. Please look for the mailing label with your name on it. Also, please make the following corrections on page 2 of the church list. Steve and Debbie Crane in Sudbury are the parents of Drew, Jessica, Brent, and Shelby. Jason and Rachel Crane are the children of Steve and Debbie Cooper Crane whose address is 45A Marlboro Road, Stow, MA 01775, phone 978-562-9969.

Parsonage Renovation Plans Posted

The Building Committee elected by the June 12 Church Conference has posted plans in Hawes Hall for the renovation of the parsonage at 249 Old Sudbury Road. Before the committee may proceed with construction, the Church Conference must approve these drawings along with a funding plan. The Central Massachusetts District Committee on Church Location and Building must also vote the plans. Building Committee members Bill Avery, Jim Clark, Bill Johnson, Greg Yanchenko, Laura Yanchenko urge Sudbury UMC's members and friends to share their comments or questions with them.

Strategic Planning Process Home Meetings

Please visit the Strategic Planning display in Hawes Hall to sign-up for a home meeting this month or next. All but two of the gatherings listed below will begin at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at 9:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend the session closest to your home, please choose another or watch for an upcoming 11:00 a.m. Sunday meeting to be announced.

Sept. 19: Barbara and Dean Horman, 38 Maynard Road, Maynard 978-897-9653

Sept. 19: Star and Eric Herstine, 19 Rolling Lane, Wayland 508-358-1137

Sept. 20: Sandy and Trey Burns, 98 Hamilton Circle, Marlborough 508-251-1635

Sept. 21: (9:30-11:30 a.m.) Karen Monteiro, 2 Martin Drive, Sudbury 978-443-4586

Sept. 24: Debbie and Steve Crane, 45A Marlboro Road, Stow 978-562-9969

Sept. 26: Martha and Bill Cooper, 11 Cedar Creek Road, Sudbury 978-443-9461

Sept. 26: Davison Chapel—Mary Lou Abbott 978-443-2220/Karen Viola 508-788-5552

Sept. 27: Joan and Ralph Turner, 4 Sax Road, Framingham 508-877-4197

Sept. 27: Christine and Dennis Faucher, Location TBA 978-443-9550

Oct. 1: Nancy and Jim Sweeney, 43 Ridge Hill Road, Sudbury 978-443-3985

Oct. 3: Patty and Dennis Vano, 277 Peakham Road, Sudbury 978-443-9617

Oct. 3: (9:30-11:30 a.m.) Karen Monteiro, 2 Martin Drive, Sudbury 978-443-4586

Oct. 4: Paula and Russ Kopp, 34 Plain Street, Wayland 508-358-0073