




## CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS


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##### Prayer Concerns on Sunday April 14

 Dan Cetrone apologizes for not including everyone at SUMC to the Red Sox game! He would like to invite anyone who is interested in going to get in touch with him as soon as possible.

##### Prayer Celebrations on Sunday April 14

 Ruth Briden's surgery was successful and she is now at rehab. She hopes to be home soon and appreciates all the prayers and get well wishes.

 Last Thursday, leaders from SUMC met with Pastor Janetta James and other leaders from Zion Church in Marigot, Dominica. They thanked us profusely for our support and they discussed our ongoing partnership. Praise be to God for this opportunity for connection.

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**Kidbury UMC** Kidbury UMC is open before and after worship! The theme for the month of April is "Throw Back." It's all about Jesus' teachings, and how, even though the world changes and looks different than it used to, Jesus' teachings are always meaningful and

Jesus' love for us never changes. As always, the Kidbury Library, games station, and Tent of Meeting (prayer station) will be available for children to visit any time.

Kidbury is for all ages (there's even a toddler section!) and opens at 9:00am each Sunday. Feel free to come

by any time before 9:45 or after worship during Coffee Hour.

### **Adult Formation Classes**

There are two adult education opportunities every Sunday. Both adult classes are 9:15-9:45 am.

**Exploring Topics in Christianity** meets in Davison Chapel. During April, we will be exploring the early years of Christianity.

- April 21st - The Apostles - What Came Next?
- April 28th - Life as an Early Christian

**The Upper Room Group** meets each week in the O'Reilly Room. This group opens in prayer, then reflects on a scripture passage or devotional reading provided by individual volunteers from the group.

For more information about any of our Christian Education/Formation programs contact Caryl Walsh ([CarylW@comcast.net](mailto:CarylW@comcast.net)) or Zack Moser ([zack@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:zack@sudbury-umc.org)).

### **Thinking About May Through July**

There aren't many special events or programs happening this month, which makes it the perfect time to talk about the multitude of special events and programs that are two, three, and four months away.

### **Salkehatchie Fundraisers!**

SUMC's members have been extremely supportive of Salkehatchie, our annual mission trip to South Carolina. We will be returning this summer, and we will have our third dinner and silent auction event on Sunday, May 12. That is Mother's Day, which makes it a great day to bring mom to see a show (the Connexions Concert), treat her to dinner (southern cuisine), and get her something nice at the auction. How many wins is that? So many wins. Check out the flyer on the last page of the newsletter for more details.

There is another way to support the team and low-income families. Between now and early June, the Salkehatchie team will be collecting "soft goods" (clothing, blankets, curtains, etc.) that will be given to Savers at 20 cents/pound. We will give all the items to Savers on Saturday, June 8.

### **Summer Events**

**Youth @ AC:** Are you a youth who is interested in what happens at Annual Conference? Do you want to meet Methodist youth from across New England? Do you like waterparks? Talk to Zack about a New England

Conference event that will be held at Holy Trinity UMC in Danvers on June 21-22.

**Youth Mission Week (July 22-26):** this event is an annual collaboration between SUMC and (at least) three other United Methodist Churches in our area. It is from 10am-2pm daily, and each day involves a different local outreach opportunity. Youth Mission Week is in its fourth year, it's going strong, and it is for anyone who has completed grades 6-12.

As you can see, April may be pretty quiet, but things will pick up quickly. If you have any questions about anything pertaining to youth ministry at SUMC or if you are a youth/parent who would like to receive weekly updates, contact Zack ([zack@sudbury-umc.org](mailto:zack@sudbury-umc.org)).

Keep the Faith.

### **Discussion By Sudbury Police Chief Scott Nix on "Safety Preparedness" at 11:15 am This Sunday April 21**

Shortly after the service this Sunday, April 21, Police Chief Nix will lead a discussion in the sanctuary on "Safety Preparedness." Consider staying after church to meet Police Chief Nix and ask any questions that you may have.

Thank you.

### **Join Our Liturgist Team**

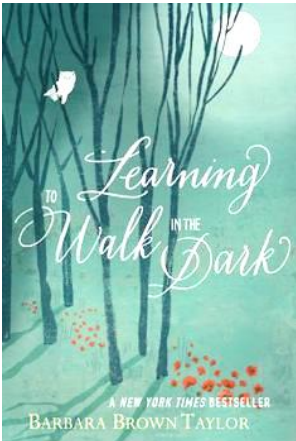


Reading scripture at our worship service is one of the many rewarding ways to be involved with SUMC. Liturgists help lead the congregation in prayer, read Scripture, and assist with the

distribution of the bread and cup during Holy Communion. Those who enjoy public speaking, and

especially reading the gospels, are welcome to join our team of Liturgists. All readings and prayers are supplied to the liturgist making it easy for you to prepare. Your commitment would be only 4-5 Sundays within the year. If you are interested, please reach out to Libby Dilling, [libby@dilling.org](mailto:libby@dilling.org).

**Spirituality Book Study on Thursdays at 6:30 pm Through May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

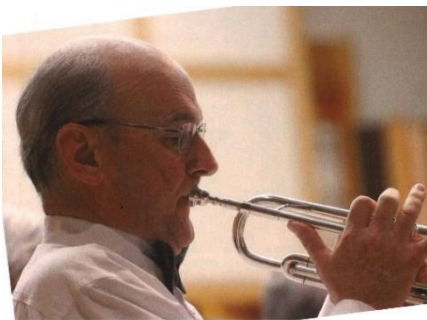


In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Barbara Brown Taylor guides us through a spirituality that teaches us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty, and gives us strength and hope to face all of life’s challenging moments. By putting aside our fears and anxieties, we are free to explore all that God has to teach us “in the dark.”

Through darkness we find courage, we understand the world in new ways, and we feel God’s presence around us, guiding us through things seen and unseen. Often, it is while we are in the dark that we grow the most.

We began on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and will end on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact either Karen Lubic or John McKinney to get the Zoom link.

**Ron Smith Memorial Fund**



The Ron Smith Memorial Fund award is given each year to remember a beloved member of our congregation. Ron was a

member for many years and contributed much to the music program with his very talented trumpet playing.

The Fund was established in 2019 after Ron's passing and is given annually

- (1) to a young person to encourage and to help pursue their musical goals.
- (2) It can also be awarded to cancer patients and loved one who provide care for them.

The Fund awards a monetary gift in May. Please see Pastor Leigh or a member of the Worship and Music Commission for more information and to apply.

**Coming to Church? Please Follow Safety Guidelines!**

The windows in the sanctuary will remain open for the foreseeable future to improve air flow and enhance public safety. Please do not close the windows during worship. We’re trying to prevent the spread of viruses and COVID. Please be mindful of the outdoor temperature and dress accordingly.

**SUMC Is Live-Streaming on Facebook and YouTube Every Sunday! Join us on Social Media!**

The Church Growth Commission invites you to follow SUMC on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram and Twitter!

**We are now streaming live to our own [YouTube](#) channel. We will also continue to live-stream on our [Facebook](#) page.** Please take note and bookmark the links!

By reaching out through social media, the commission hopes to reach a larger audience. Please help us to grow. Follow us on ([YouTube](#)), ([Facebook](#)), ([InstagramSUMC](#)) and ([TwitterSUMC](#)).

**Donating Sunday Morning Altar Flowers**



The Flower Team welcomes altar flower donations. To choose a date, visit a user-friendly website: [Flower Sign-Up Genius](#). or email ([Kerry Healy](#)). Please use the comment section to note if

your gift is intended to be in honor or in memory of someone special. And if you have specific flowers in



mind, please share that information in the comment section. Thanks. **Do you love flowers? Join the Flower Team!** Would you like to join the team that creates the beautiful arrangements on the altar each Sunday? Please contact Kerry ([Kerry Healy](mailto:Kerry.Healy)) to let her know of your interest and she'll be happy to fill you in about the process.

**Coffee Hour Follows Worship**



Coffee and conversation follow Sunday worship services. To find Hawes Hall, exit the sanctuary by the door near the pulpit. Climb three steps, turn left and follow the corridor to the aroma of fresh

coffee and the sound of fellowship! **Can you help this vital ministry by making coffee on Sunday mornings?** Sherry and Ernie Stonebraker are happy to train those who are willing to join the team. It is a great way to get to know our congregation. To offer your help, contact Sherry at ([sstoneb@aol.com](mailto:sstoneb@aol.com)).

**Going Shopping? Pick-up Something for the Food Cart!**



Donations to our church's shopping cart may be left at the O'Reilly Room entrance Monday through Friday. The best canned items to donate include solid

white tuna, fruits, and vegetables. Raisins in boxes, dried beans, condensed milk, rice pilaf, pancake mix, syrup, pasta and pasta sauce in jars, macaroni and cheese, instant coffee, laundry detergent, shampoo, soap, feminine care products, and wipes are also appreciated. Whenever you shop – or have groceries delivered to your home – please remember the food cart!

**Sunday Greeters Needed**

The Church Growth Commission is recruiting greeters to welcome visitors and members to church each Sunday morning. Cindi Bockweg puts the Sunday

Greeters' calendar together. Cindi's email is ([cindijb@hotmail.com](mailto:cindijb@hotmail.com)). She looks forward to hearing from you!

**SUMC Outing to Fenway Park Open to All!**

Red Sox vs. Brewers: A Grand Slam Gathering!

Calling baseball enthusiasts at SUMC!

When: June 2, 2024, at 1:30 PM

Where: Fenway Park, Boston

What: A thrilling clash between the Boston Red Sox and the Milwaukee Brewers

Why: Because baseball is more than a game—it's an American tradition!

**Box 93: Your Home Run Haven**

Get ready to cheer, high-five, and savor the crack of the bat. Our exclusive Box 93 on the first baseline is your ticket to an unforgettable afternoon. Here's what awaits you:

Prime Views: Feel the adrenaline as you watch every pitch, every swing, and every slide. Box 93 offers unobstructed views of the diamond—close enough to see the sweat on the players' brows.

Comfy Seats: Sink into plush seats that cradle you like a well-worn mitt. Lean back, sip your ice-cold soda, and soak in the atmosphere.

Snack Attack: Hot dogs, nachos, and peanuts—oh my! Our concession stands are stocked with ballpark classics. Don't forget the mustard!

Camaraderie: This event isn't just about baseball; it's about forging bonds. Share stories, high-fives, and maybe even a seventh-inning stretch.

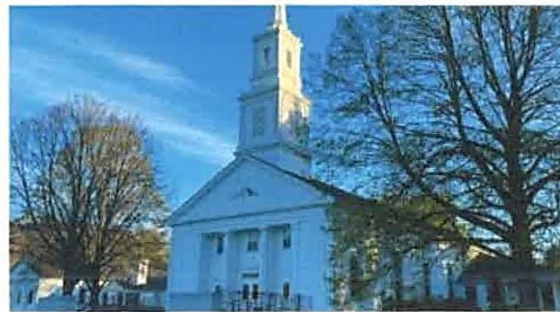
Ticket Details

**Box 93 Tickets:** \$57.00 each

**Advance Purchase Required:** Secure your spot early. These tickets are hotter than a fastball!

How to Get Your Tickets: By contacting Dan Cetrone, 978-793-2012 or via email

([italianpower1953@gmail.com](mailto:italianpower1953@gmail.com))



# Community Craft & Yard Sale! May 18th

**Come BUY or SELL! Showcase your crafts or once owned items to help reduce waste & build sustainability. Join the local cameraderie!**

**\$25 per table**  
(\$ helps outreach programs)

**Sat. May 18th**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Sudbury UM Church**  
**251 Old Sudbury Rd.**

**At the BIG parking lot**  
**in the front!**

**More Info: [email hjosselyn@hotmail.com](mailto:hjosselyn@hotmail.com)**





## Sudbury UMC's

### Salkehatchie Dinner & Silent Auction Fundraiser 2024

Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>; 251 Old Sudbury Rd.



*Silent Auction: all day in Davison Chapel. Come by before 5:30pm. You can support the Salkehatchie mission team a couple of ways. First, by offering artwork, items, tickets, services, etc. for the auction. Second, by attending and bidding!*

Dinner menu will be finalized soon, but all food served will be South Carolina staples.

Dinner starts at 5:30 (right after the auction closes)

There will also be a Connexions Concert at 4:00pm in the sanctuary

Bring mom to a concert and dinner!



#### What is Salkehatchie?

Since 1978, Salkehatchie has been helping families throughout rural South Carolina whose homes are in dire (often dangerous) states of disrepair who have neither the means nor the ability to fix what is broken. From Saturday to Saturday, teams of youth and adult volunteers work together to make these much-needed repairs so that the families can feel comfortable and secure in their homes.

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If you would like to make a donation to Sudbury United Methodist Church, please use the QR code below.



**We are a Reconciling and Welcoming Congregation**

