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Prayer Concerns on Sunday April 21

 Heather Josselyn-Cranson asks us to hold all the delegates attending the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in prayer, especially those attending from New England (including our Pastor Leigh), and for the important work of the conference..

Prayer Celebrations on Sunday April 21

 The Outreach Commission celebrates the guest preacher, Jesus Ruiz, who was with us on Second Chance Sunday. Pastor Jesus thanks everyone for all the contributions received for “Leaving the Streets Ministry.”

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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. The topics planned for the remainder of this program year are as follows:

- May 5 - A Brief History of Antisemitism
- May 12 - Paul and his Letters
- May 19 - TBD
- May 26 - No Class, Memorial Day Weekend
- June 2 - The Lost Gospel Q

All are welcome to share in the discussion or to just listen. No preparation or homework required.

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) or Zack Moser (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 10:00 am-2:00 pm 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).

Keep the Faith.

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.

Porch Party Follows Worship!

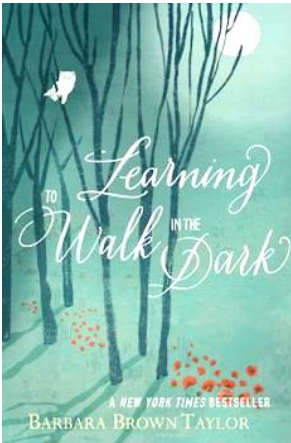


Coffee and conversation follow outside on the porch after worship for the next several weeks! Enjoy the sunshine while sipping coffee and the warmth of fellowship.

We hope to have outdoor coffee hour for the next several weeks while the weather is seasonable.

If you can help with the set-up or clean-up in the next few weeks, please speak to Kristin Murphy. Thanks.

Spirituality Book Study on Thursdays at 6:30 pm Through May 16th.



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 11th and will end on Thursday, May 16th. 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@umc.org)) to let her know of your interest and she'll be happy to fill you in about the process.

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

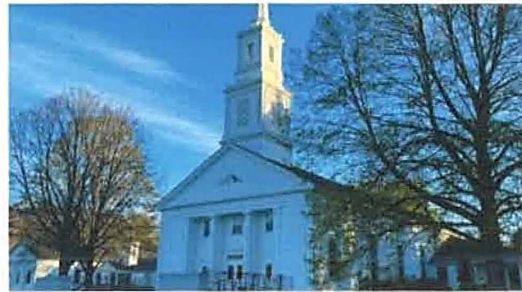


Donations to our church's shopping cart may be left at the O'Reilly Room entrance Monday through Friday. The best canned items to donate include solid

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). She looks forward to hearing from you!



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 camaraderie!

\$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



SUMC's

Salkehatchie Silent Auction

Sunday May 12th

Do you have an awesome skill, a special place you would like to share with others, or season tickets that you don't use all of?

If so, the SUMC youth could use your help!!!

We are raising funds to help fund Salkehatchie, our youth's summer mission trip to rural South Carolina. We will host a silent auction (open all day) and dinner (starts at 5:30) on May 12 and we need the support of our congregation to make this a success!

Not sure what you could donate as a gift?

Scroll down for some great ideas! More than likely, you have lots of things you could donate; you just may not know it yet!

If you are willing to donate, please email/see Zack Moser (zack@sudbury-umc.org) or Kristy Witzman (kristygulezian@gmail.com).

*You do not need to attend the event to donate a gift to the silent auction.

Possible Items To Donate for the Silent Auction

Restaurant gift cards	Red Sox tickets
Gift card for a Spa, pedicure, manicure, facial	Patriots/Bruins/Celtics tickets
A weekend at a mountain, lake, or beach condo, cabin, or house	Best Pizza in Town delivered to your home
One week timeshare	Gift Baskets of any sort- so many creative options!
Tutoring, 1 or 2 hours of free academic tutoring (be specific on subject and level of student)	Custom Artwork, Jewelry, or photography
Financial Services – tax preparation, investment consulting	Hours with a personal trainer
Museum tickets	Passes for a yoga class
Comedy night tickets	Golf Lessons
Theater/ Opera tickets	Pet Grooming
Outdoor experiences: Sailing, boating, kayaking	Car Detailing
Gas gift cards	Interior Design/Architectural Services
Pet sitting, Boarding, and/or grooming	House Cleaning
Babysitting services	Yard clean up
Skiing and snowboarding adventure/ gift cards	Photography Session
Homemade meals delivered to your home	Tea Time - a special tea party for kids — stuffed animals and friends included
Flower delivery once a week for a month	Summer Camp Adventure for children
Dinner and Cocktail parties, hosted by donor	Voice or Dance Lessons
	Ride in a police car or firetruck (to school, to church?)
	Signed Memorabilia

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



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