



**This Week**

## Sunday, September 2, 2018

**Scriptures:** Psalm 107:1-3, 10-22 and Luke 15

**Sermon Title:** "Our Prodigal Father", Rev. Bart Kelso

**Sermon Topic:** The lavish, forgiving, often-surprising love of God.

# Announcements

## New Worship Schedule

On behalf of the Worship Team and Outreach Committee we wish to express our gratitude to the entire congregation for your participation in Listening Sessions, your input regarding "June Term" and beyond, and for your continued sharing of ideas as to how we may best worship as a church body.

In the past, "Start-up" Sunday has signaled the return to two services. This year, the Session is pleased to announce that we will continue to have only one service at 10:30 a.m. throughout the school year, as we are presently doing. It is with great joy that we look forward to worshipping together, embracing our unity, sharing our diverse gifts, and glorifying God at PCIS.

In Christ,  
Jessie Robinson, Elder  
Worship Team Chair



## Nursery Available on Sundays

**10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

For infants, toddlers, or children who would prefer not to sit in worship, the nursery will be open.

School-aged children are encouraged to join their families for worship this summer. Parents, this is a special time with your children. Feel free to: quietly explain parts of the service to them, teach them to sit and stand and sing along with the

congregation, and encourage them to come forward for the children's message. Quiet bags with coloring books are available near the left-hand door to the sanctuary. Sunday School will resume in September.

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## Pastor Nominating Committee Update

The PNC is busy reviewing candidates, selecting some for direct contact as we try to get to know them better. Each candidate has taken a unique path to their calling as a teaching elder, and we are amazed at how God works in so many lives in so many different ways.

Most of the candidates we are considering were matched to us by the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection (CLC) computer program, which means that they have no knowledge of PCIS, while a few others have directly chosen us (we call them self-referrals). The self-referrals are our best candidates, and the PNC would love to see more of these! That's where you can be of help: if you know of someone who might be a good candidate, or who possibly knows of someone who would be interested, please let them know we are searching for a permanent pastor. The job details are on our denomination's website: [here](#). Please help us get the word out!

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## You Have a Deacon

The roll of your deacon is to keep in touch with you, pray for you, and help you with any church related needs you may have. All of us in the PCIS congregation are part of a parish, which is assigned to a current deacon. When deacons rotate - their term is 3 years - your deacon will change. This does not mean you need lose contact with your 'previous' deacon. There is a list on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall of Parishes with their Deacon and the members assigned to each. You can also email the church office at [pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org](mailto:pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org) to obtain that information.



## Annual Little Children of the Philippines Christmas Gift



## Collection August 19-September 9!

This year's Christmas Gift Collection has increased importance to those of us who just returned from Dumaguete. We have seen, first-hand, how the smallest gesture means so much to our friends at LCP. And, we hope we can help ensure that each of the people in the LCP program receives just one gift this Christmas...whether that is one matchbox car, a tube of toothpaste, or a baseball cap. In order for our gifts to reach the Philippines in time for the holidays, the deadline for dropping them off is Sunday, September 9th, no later than noon. We will pack the boxes that afternoon. Sponsors can also leave presents to send to their children. If you send gifts to your sponsored child, we ask that you consider donating \$25 or more towards the shipping costs since each box costs PCIS \$75 to send. The link below contains the specific items being requested this year, as well as the inventory sheet. Please see the poster in the lobby and the display in the Fellowship Hall for more details. If there are questions, contact Sally Millar at [sgm849@gmail.com](mailto:sgm849@gmail.com).

Link to the 2018 LCP Christmas-gift list: [LCP Christmas Gifts](#)

# Prayers

## Next Week's Prayers

**Morning:** Beloved Savior, my heart overflows with your goodness. The night has passed. The morning has come. Your voice calls me to arise and come with you into this new day. Let your love strengthen me to answer your call and follow you, caring for those in need of your love. Amen.

**Evening:** Christ, Beloved One, I desired to keep pace with your steps of love today, but I found my mind wandering, my feet straying, my heart forgetting your love. Gather me again in your gracious embrace and renew my strength as I rest in your love this night. Amen.

# Upcoming Events

## **Start-Up Sunday is September 9!**

All are invited to stay after our Start-Up Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. on September 9 for a delicious picnic with scrumptious side dishes provided by members of our congregation. Sign up soon to bring your favorite dish to share. Master griller, Peter Welsh, will manage the grill. Sign-up sheet is in the lobby outside the Fellowship Room. Matt Crane will be leading games including our Third Annual Croquet tournament. Don't miss out. Mark your calendars now.

# Service Opportunities

## **Host Coffee Hour**

Looking for a few good hosts or hostesses to provide snacks, coffee and drinks during our fellowship time after church (11:30 a.m. ish). The dates of September 16, 30, 10/7 and 14 are still available! Get together with friends and share the experience. Snacks can be very simple and store-bought, or if you enjoy baking, those delicious items are wonderful, too. Pick your Sunday and fill in the sign-up list on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, contact Megan Hollembaek at [chefnutmeg\\_25@hotmail.com](mailto:chefnutmeg_25@hotmail.com).

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## **Greeters Needed**

Greeting is easy, fun and very important to church fellowship and bringing a sense of welcome to visitors. If you would like to serve in this way, a sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

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## **Worship Tech Support Needed**

A volunteer is needed to run the soundboard during worship service, which includes preparation and use of the microphones. If you have questions or are interested, please contact Tina Lurz-Osterhoudt at [tinalo8861@outlook.com](mailto:tinalo8861@outlook.com) or Jim Read at: [jim.c.read@gmail.com](mailto:jim.c.read@gmail.com) or 508-596-3057.

# Studies and Groups

## **Adult Sunday Education** **9:30 - 10:20 a.m.**

Andy Roosa will be leading the adult class this Sunday, as we focus on the sermon scriptures. Join us as we share questions, answers, and how these reflect in our lives, in the past, present and future. Our class is a time of exploring, sharing, learning, laughter, and deepening both of our faith and our bonds to our church community. No preparation is necessary. Everyone is welcome! If you have questions, contact Ron Ten-Hove at: [ron.tenhove@gmail.com](mailto:ron.tenhove@gmail.com) or 978-201-1301.

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## **Wednesday Women's Bible Study** **September 12, 9:45 - 11:30 a.m.**

All are welcome to Women's Bible Study, which starts again on Wednesday, September 12. Coffee and treats will be served at 9:45 a.m. and the Study class is 10:00-11:30 a.m. We will be studying Psalms. In the words of the author of this study, "In Psalms, God speaks to us of the nature of the divine, the nature of humankind, and their relationship to each other." Join us as we explore this treasure trove of prayers, poems, and songs. If you have questions, contact Jessie Robinson at [jessiejess1@yahoo.com](mailto:jessiejess1@yahoo.com)

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## **PCIS Book Group** **September 28 at 7:30 p.m., in the Chapel**

The book club will discuss, *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson (non-fiction). Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal

Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system. *Just Mercy* is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer's coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of true justice. Leader: Steven Bingaman. If you have questions, contact Catherine at [cat@crowcastle.net](mailto:cat@crowcastle.net).



## **Compassionate Knitting**

### **Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m.**

Compassionate knitting will meet again on September 11. Knitters of any skill level are welcome. In fact, if you don't knit and would like to learn, patient teachers are always on hand. Beautiful yarn and needles have been donated, so bring your willing spirit and join us for an evening of knitting and conversation. If you have questions, contact Rose DeBoer at [rosedeboer@gmail.com](mailto:rosedeboer@gmail.com).



## **Nibbles and Bits at PCIS**

### **Friday, September 14, 6:30 - 8:00 a.m.**

That is what the Mens' breakfast and the Bible Study is all about. Join us for breakfast at 6:30 a.m. (the Nibbles) and Matt Crane will lead discussion on Scripture (the Bits). We are on our way at 8:00 a.m. with plenty of time for a full Friday. If you have been looking for an opportunity to practice your beliefs closer to your everyday life, this can provide some suggestions. If you have questions, contact Harry Blakeslee at [hblakeslee@comcast.net](mailto:hblakeslee@comcast.net).



# Youth





## **Youth Ministry Corner**

### **Start-Up Sunday is coming soon!**

On September 9 we will gather for worship and then proceed to the day's other festivities including a grand picnic and our 3rd annual Croquet Tournament which is a not-to-be-missed event! There will be additional activities including games for the children. Please plan to join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new season of worship and activity here at PCIS!

### **Our next Middle School YouthServe Day is September 14 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.!**

Our middle school students and youth leaders will serve again at the United Way's Kitchen in Framingham. We will meet at PCIS at 4:30 p.m. and return to PCIS at 7:30 p.m. We may stop for dessert on the way home, so please bring a few dollars for food.

### **High School and Middle School Sunday School, and High School Youth Group get underway on September 16!**

We begin our fall semester of Sunday School--One Room School House!--for our high school and middle school students, and High School Youth Group (on Sunday evenings) in a few short weeks. Get ready!

### **Philippines Mission Team leads Sunday Worship!**

On Sunday, September 16, our returning travelers from the 2018 Philippines mission trip will share their experiences in Sunday worship including students and adults participating in the sermon time.

# Calendar



# Calendar for the Week of September 2, 2018

(PCIS events only. Outside group events are listed on master calendar on church website.)

## **Sunday, September 2**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. Refreshment and Fellowship

## **Tuesday, September 4**

- 7:00 p.m. PNC Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

## **Wednesday, September 5**

- 7:30 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. Ed Team Meeting

## **Thursday, September 6**

- 6:30 p.m. Budget Buddies
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

## **Saturday, September 8**

- 7:00 p.m. Duplicate Bridge

## **Sunday, September 9 - Start-Up Sunday**

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 11:30 a.m. All Church Picnic

**Church Office Hours:** The church office is open Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

# Community Notices

## Helping Out in Sudbury

There are many opportunities to help other residents of the Sudbury community through Bethany Hadvab, LICSW, Board of Health Social Worker, Town of Sudbury. Please let the church office know if you can help at [pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org](mailto:pcsudbury@pcsudbury.org). Some of the current needs are:

- Used car
- Laptop
- Laptop for a mom who is returning to school
- Ink Cartridge: HP Tri Color 60 (CC643W)
- Ink Cartridge: HP Black 60XL (CC641W)
- High Chair
- Creative solution to inexpensive dog sitting
- Low cost dog sitting for a German Shepherd with special needs for Labor Day weekend
- Teen boy backpack - sturdy - gray, black or brown
- large enough to hold laptop and large binder
- Large and small frying pan (1 each)
- Girl's Sneakers - size 12 and 1
- Girl's slip-on shoes - size 12
- Women's size 14 dress pants (business casual)
- Women's size 9 business casual flats
- Women's size large business casual shirts
- Women's clothing size 6-7
- XXL Men's athletic shorts (2), t-shirts (6), boxer briefs (11), long-sleeve shirts (6)
- Men's size 14 timberland-style work boots in tan
- Juniors size XL leggings (2), long-sleeved t-shirts (6), t-shirts (6)
- Boys XL athletic shorts (2), athletic long pants (2), t-shirts (4)
- Old Spice body wash-original scent
- Bathroom hand soap (1)
- Christmas ornaments/tree decorations (small box)



## KEEP THE PROMISE

2008-2018

Ten Years of Keeping the Promise

Join the Family Promise Metrowest community  
in celebrating all we have accomplished together.



For ten years we have been keeping the promise to transform the lives of families without a home. Please join us in celebrating this milestone at our special Tenth Anniversary Keep the Promise Food Tasting and Auction on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Framingham.

Enjoy live entertainment, games, and flavorful food tastings from more than a dozen local restaurants like Skybokx 109, Dapper Doughnuts, The Melting Pot, Stone Public House, 110 Grill, and Tavolino. The live and silent auctions will have something for everyone including

Patriots, Celtics, and Red Sox tickets, vacation packages, gift cards, and so much more.

In the past year FPM has moved into a new home in Natick and started our new L.I.F.E. Program, which is a homelessness prevention program. The \$115,000 raised at last year's event, is one of the reasons for this success.

Come celebrate all we have accomplished together and continue our work to end the cycle of homelessness by providing shelter, meals, and professional services to families in need. Tickets go on sale on September 4th at [www.501auctions.com/fpm](http://www.501auctions.com/fpm). If you are unable to attend the event, you can register to bid on silent auction items before and during the event.

Rev. Kelsey Woodruff, Interim Pastor  
Matthew Crane, Director of Christian Education  
Matthew Guerrieri, Director of Music

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