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A Message from Rev. Jim Mitulski

Now that I've spent a few months worshipping with you, praying with you and getting to know you better I'm ready to enter the next phase of our work together. I appreciate those of you who have taken the time to reach out, to host conversations with me in your homes or at church, to make appointments with me to tell me more about you and your history, and I look forward to more of that. I'm likely to be with you for the next couple of years so there's still plenty of time to do this, but I



needed at least this much time before I was ready to start on this next step.

Some of you know that I have a particular expertise in working with churches that have been thorough extreme conflict. I have found it's better to just name it. I also only take on churches that I

believe are ready to engage the sometimes demanding and always rewarding work of transformation, re-set and reconciliation and resurrection. I believe all of the characteristics for a positive future are present here among you. I thought that before I came, and I am even more convinced of it now I have had the chance to live with you as one of your pastors through the season bridging summer into autumn.

So I hope you'll come to one of the "Let's Talk, Let's Listen" sessions described below. I hope you'll come pray with us in the chapel at the end of the month, and I hope you'll make a renewed effort to join us every Sunday for worship as the holidays approach.

This is a great time to be part of the Renewal taking place at the Congregational Church of Needham UCC.

Hope to see you - Jim

Upcoming Worship

October 16 - Environmental Ministry Sunday

Celebrating the work of the Environmental Ministry Team.

Rev. Jim preaches on a passage from Susan Griffin's "Woman and Nature", Luke 18:1-8 and how prayer can be a life-line even in a situation that appears to be impossible in "Praying for Our Lives"

October 23 - Celebrating the Ministry of the Open and Affirming Ministry

Rev. Jim preaches on "Embracing and Engaging" using a poem by Ellen Bass <http://www.ellenbass.com/books/the-human-line/pray-for-peace/> and Luke 18: 9-14

October 30 - Reformation Sunday - Celebrating our Protestant Heritage

Special Musical Guest Bobby Jo Valentine www.Bobbyjovalentine.com

At 3:00pm - The Ordination of Sandra Sommers to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in the United Church of Christ at Sudbury Memorial

At 6:00pm - A Benefit Concert with Bobby Jo Valentine

November is Thanksgiving and Stewardship Month

November 6 - The Feast of All Saints and Communion Sunday - Pledge Drive Begins

Plan to bring pictures of departed loved ones and people you revere as saints for the altar.

November 20 - Community Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church at 4:00pm

Let's Talk, Let's Listen

You are invited to join Rev. Jim and a few lay leaders to a talking/listening opportunity to express thoughts, or feelings about the conflicts around the changes and staff departures of the senior minister, music minister and youth minister that took place in 2014 and 2015, and other difficulties or changes we have gone through in the recent past on **Wednesday, October 19 at 7 pm** in the chapel, or **Saturday, October 22 at 10 am** in the living room at 1180.

You are welcome to come if you have come to previous meetings, or if this is your first time, whether or not you're a formal member, and we urge you to invite people you may know who have been away for a while as well.

These are group meetings, and you may also request private or group appointments with Rev. Jim by calling the office or emailing Jim at RevJim@NeedhamUCC.org and leaving possible appointment times between Monday and Thursday.

Music Ministry News by Valerie Becker, Director of Music



This coming month marks, for the Jewish faith, the High Holidays. The choir will help recognize both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by singing an important Jewish Prayer entitled Sh'ma Israel.

The Sh'ma is a declaration of faith and a pledge of allegiance to God and is read in preparation for the reading of the Torah on the Sabbath and Jewish Holidays and at the end of the holiest day, Yom Kippur. The words "Shema Yisrael Adonai Eloheinu Adonai Echad" are some of the first words

that are taught to children and they mean "Hear, O Israel the Eternal is our God, the Eternal is One".

On October 9, we will have a guest cellist who will play the Kol Nidre, by Max Bruch. Bruch took this Hebraic Melody and did a set of variations that are played on the evening before Yom Kippur. He fell in love with the melody while in Berlin and knew that he had to do an arrangement of it. It has become one of his most frequently performed works. I hope that you enjoy hearing both of these beautiful pieces.

BOARD UPDATE

Fellow congregants,
Here is a brief summary of the Board's September activities.

All-Church Financial Forum - On June 26 the Board and treasurer Jennifer Connors held a forum to update the congregation on the status of the capital campaign, the future use of 1180 Great Plain Avenue, and plans for capital improvements. At that time we promised to repeat the forum in the fall, both for the benefit of those unable to attend the June 26 forum, and to provide further updates to the entire congregation.

We have set the date and time for the repeat forum for Sunday, October 16, at 8:30 AM in Linden Hall. The early start is to avoid a conflict with a presentation by an outside speaker scheduled by the Environmental Ministry Team for after worship.

Rental of 1180 Great Plain Ave.- Negotiations with our principal prospective tenant have not been moving as quickly as we had hoped. The board approved engaging a commercial real estate broker to assist in locating additional potential tenants.

Maintenance Projects - The church's landscaper has recommended pruning of dead tree limbs

overhanging the playground, plus full removal of two hickory trees. The landscaper submitted a quotation of \$2,700 for this work. The Board authorized the office to obtain additional estimates for this work, and to consult with an arborist on whether the hickories really do need to be removed. The Board also approved a request by a neighbor to share in the cost of removing dead hemlocks along our shared property line, at an estimated cost of \$800.

The Board approved a maximum of \$8,650 for the purchase and installation of a wheelchair ramp for the front entrance to the sanctuary, pending approval from the Needham building department.

Board Membership

The Board appointed Ken Allen to serve until the next annual meeting, filling the seat vacated by Jason Johnson, who has moved away.

Stewardship Campaign - The Board discussed plans for the upcoming stewardship campaign. Kickoff is tentatively set for November 6. A stewardship team is finalizing details and will be announcing their plans in the coming weeks. The plans will include outreach to and celebrations to include the entire congregation.

Yours in Christ,
The Board.

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Keeping the Faith by Rev. Heike Werder, Associate Minister

I have been feeling very antsy lately, maybe even a little nervous about the future. When turning on the TV or listening to NPR, the news is not good: floods, wildfires, droughts, poor harvests – that is just the beginning. Not a week goes by when people do not get shot - I am losing count of where and when and by whom. And the political rhetoric in this election year is not getting any better. So, yes, I am feeling a little anxious, and I know that a lot of other people feel anxious too.

At a visit this week, we were talking about the state of the world and my friend asked me: how do you keep the faith with all of these things going on in the world? How do you keep positive and hopeful when the world around you seems to be on fire? Good question!

So, how do we? How can we? I tried to think of a few ideas that have been helpful to me:



- We could start by reading the Good News. Our Christian story is a story of hope even in the midst of dark times.
- Find good news. Go to www.goodnewsnetwork.org and get a dose of positive stories.

(Sometimes I have to watch funny kittens on youtube to get my groove back.)

- Give thanks for what you have. There are still many things around us for which to be thankful.
- Serve someone. Put your faith into action. The Ride for Food was such a great event because the riders from our church put their faith into action for a good cause. Doing a kind deed for someone should be an easy thing.
- Pray. Try talking to God. If it's hard to find words, find a moment to sit in the presence of God and listen. Connect with the one who loves you and the world.
- Exercise. Move to release endorphins that help you feel good.
- Take a break. Turn off the alerts on your computer and smartphone and do something else. Give yourself a break from the constant barrage of news and notes. They will be there when you get back.

Or maybe, all we need to remind ourselves is that God loves us. God will always love us, no matter what. And God will always be with us in the good days and bad.

Peace,
Heike

FRIENDLY SOCIETY NEWS

Oct 6, 1:30, 1180 GP- Our speaker is Gloria Greis, Executive Director of the Needham Historical Society.

Nov 3, 1:30, 1180 GP- Our Christmas stocking workshop, where we put together small gifts for City Mission kids, is also a time to enjoy one another's company and get in the holiday spirit.

Dec 7, Wednesday, 11:30, 1154 GP- Come enjoy Patty's delicious Christmas luncheon and be inspired by beloved musicians Pam and Bruce Goody.

Friendly Society takes a break from January through April 2017 and meets again in May and June. Stay tuned for news of those spring programs. Contact the Steering Committee if you have questions.

SEE YOU SOON!

ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTRIES TEAM NEWS

...EARTH STEWARDSHIP FOR OUR LIVES TODAY...

The Environmental Ministry Team (EMT) presents a fall

**CLIMATE CHANGE CAFÉ:
SUN., OCT. 16TH AT 11:30 A.M.
IN LINDEN HALL**



Please join **Mary Lou Andre**, President of Organization by Design, a wardrobe management, fashion and image consulting firm, and editor of Dressing Well Online, as she discusses wardrobe essentials. She will help us decide

what we should keep and what we should donate from our closets.

A light lunch will be served.



AN OLD TRADITION REVIVED

As was the tradition some years back, the Guatemala Partnership hosted the Welcome Back brunch after worship on September 11th. The church's many Guatemala partner families (i.e., those who write to partner families in Santa Maria Tzeja) contributed a wide array of breakfast and lunch treats, making the congregation's homecoming a festive and special occasion. Many thanks to all who contributed!

FEBRUARY 2017 DELEGATION TO GUATEMALA

The Church's 59th delegation to Guatemala has now been formed and the travelers are looking forward to visiting Santa María Tzejá in the 30th anniversary year of our partnership with the village. We hope to experience even more memorable moments

than ever, as we celebrate and share our bonds of friendship and solidarity.

GUATEMALA MINISTRY TEAM MEETING, OCT. 2, 7:00 pm

As we approach our 30th anniversary in 2017, the Guatemala Partnership is seeking greater participation in its work to keep our church's international outreach effort vibrant and sustainable. To accomplish this we need greater participation by our larger church community. So we invite any and all who would like to contribute some time and talent, or simply want to learn more about our partnership, to join us for our October 2nd meeting at 7 pm in the church library. ALL meetings are open to anyone interested.



ONA NEWS

OPEN AND AFFIRMING
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The ONA Ministry Team is excited to offer a timely and fascinating program as part of our continuing exploration about what it means to be a congregation of extravagant welcome. We urge adults and youth to attend.

Being You
A Conversation about Gender Identity
Featuring a Panel of Diverse Looks at the Transgender Experience



Sun., Oct. 23 at 11:30 am

Program intended for Youth and Adults
Lunch and Child Care provided

Panelists:

- **Brandon Adams** - Transgender male high school student, gave testimony at the State House for the transgender bill
- **Sarah Carpenter-Vascik** - Transgender adult, ordained UCC minister, trans educator
- **Elyse Endlich** - High school student who identifies as genderqueer
- **Maureen Mulhern** - Psycho-therapist specializing in working with LGBTQ teens and adults, parent of two transgender adult sons
- **Julie Williams** - PE teacher/coach, Framingham Schools, does training for other coaches on trans affirmation

Cheryl Aglio-Girelli, a member of the ONA Ministry

Team, will serve as moderator for the panel. With a background in psychiatric nursing, Cheryl is a school youth health provider for the Framingham Public Schools, and is well-versed in practices that support transgender individuals.

We are confident that you will be enlightened, impressed and inspired by these panelists. Look and listen for more information about this event in worship, in the bulletin and on the ONA Bulletin Board.

October is LGBTQ History Month, which includes NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY on October 11th.

The original idea was to have a designated day when there would be safety in numbers to come out as an LGBTQ person. It can also be a day when people can acknowledge elements of their identities in whatever way is meaningful to them.

From the point of view of a church's Open and Affirming Ministry, there are also other significant dates in October, including National Bullying Awareness Month, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept-Oct), National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Polish American Heritage Month. It is also National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and, in the United Church of Christ, October 9th is Access Sunday and begins Disability Awareness Week.



save THE DATE!

**THE VILLAGE FAIR!
NOV. 12TH & 13TH**

October 9th Meeting!

Village Fair - It's coming! It's getting closer! There will be a brief meeting following the church service on Oct. 9th for all available table leaders. We will discuss last minute details, review the status and coordinate our efforts. The more leaders that can attend the better prepared we will be on November 12th. Any questions can be directed to Sue Cotton at mscotton59@aol.com or Debbie Wentworth at bmwfac@comcast.net.



Volunteers are needed in the days before and the day of the Fair. Please contact Sue Cotton, Debbie Wentworth or the church office if you would like to help.

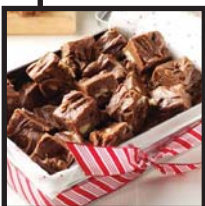
Garden Fence at the Fair!



THE FAIR IS COMING! You're familiar with the festive fall and Christmas decorations at the GARDEN FENCE. We welcome gently used Christmas ornaments, wreaths and decorations that might be recycled into brand new decorations others will appreciate and buy!

Please leave your donation in the small kitchen & label it GARDEN FENCE. Contact Joanne Seiden (781-449-6535, jseiden@basiclink.com).

Village Fair Sweet Shop



The Sweet Shop table is in need of donations of a variety of candy and fudge for the Village Fair. Also looking for volunteers to help with set up. Contact Carol Miller at miller291@verizon.net for more information.

THE AUCTION IS GOING UPSCALE!

We are looking for high-end donations valued at \$100.00 or more. . . for example, garden center gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates, spa days, massages or vacation homes.

Items valued at \$50.00 or less will go in our raffle. Please consider donating! Thank you so much!

Your Auction Team! Caryl Johnson and Fabienne Madsen

Contact us via email:
caryljohnson@gmail.com or
fabienne@fabienmadsendesign.com



Fall Clean Your Former Favorites to Attic Treasures & Used Books!

Now is the time to sort through your Former Favorites, White Elephant gifts that have never been used and gently used or new books, CD's and DVD's! The Attic Treasures and Used Books will be back at the Village Fair this year. To donate your new or gently used items or to help out on the day of the fair contact Diana Conroy (781-449-3350) or conroyjd@rcn.com.





**OCTOBER
22**

**HAUNTED
HOUSE
5-8PM
FUN FOR ALL AGES**

Haunted Fairytales
Fun with or without scares.
\$5 donation per person.
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**CONGREGATIONAL
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Youth News

Oct. 2016

@ the Congregational Church of Needham

Maddie Downer, CE & Youth Director

Youth Ministries

Date	Jr High	Sr High
Sun. Oct. 2	5:00 - 6:30pm in the Youth Group room	No Sr High Programming
Thurs. Oct. 6	No Jr High Programming	6:00-8:00pm Holy Homework in Youth Group room Dinner will be served
Sat. Oct 15	6:00-10:00pm Haunted House prep for Junior and Senior High students. We'll hang posters, craft costumes and sets, and make our final lists of "all the things we need to do!" Wear or bring clothes that you can get dirty because there will be painting and climbing up into the attic.	
Sun. Oct. 16	1:00-4:00pm Junior High and Senior High students are invited to join in on the fun at the Newton Harvest Fair. We will leave the church at 1:00pm and return at 4:00pm. The Newton Harvest Fair offers a carnival area, craft booths, and a food truck festival. Students, if you are interested please RSVP by October 9! Chaperones (and chaperones who can drive students!) are needed. Please email Maddie if you can help! youth@needhamucc.org	
Thurs. Oct. 20	No Jr High Programming	6:00-8:00pm Holy Homework in Youth Group room Dinner will be served
Fri. Oct. 21	7:30 - 11:00pm It's time to hang the black plastic, put up the sets, finalize our costumes and put all the little details in place. Strong adults who harbor no fear of heights are also needed.	
Sat. Oct. 22	Haunted House everything!! More set-up 2:00 - 4:30 Costumes on 4:30 - 5:00 Tours 5:00 - 8:00 Clean-up 8:00 - 10:00	
Sun. Oct. 23	Haunted House Clean up After church... until it's done. With pizza!	
Sun. Oct. 30	5:00 - 6:30pm Halloween Party!	1:00 - 2:30pm Halloween Party!

YOUTH NEWS

@ the Congregational Church of Needham

Maddie Downer, CE & Youth Director

Oct. 2016

A NOTE FROM MADDIE DOWNER, CE & YOUTH DIRECTOR

This month our Sunday School classes begin a unit on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. These verses inspired The Byrd's "Turn, Turn, Turn" and will invite our children to reflect on God's presence through the seasons of their own lives. We'll explore these verses with the help of Fletcher and the Falling Leaves, a beautiful children's book written by Julia Rawlinson. We will use art, story, theater, cooking, and games workshops to explore what these verses offer to each of us on our faith journeys.

Our youth ministries are gearing up for their annual youth mission trip fundraiser - the haunted house! Our students have dreamed up a great theme that we will spend the next month making a reality. Haunted Fairy Tales will come to life on **Saturday, October 22 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm**. We'll offer varying levels of fright or fun for all ages! We hope to see you there!

Yours in Christ,
Maddie

Christian Education

Our Sunday morning faith formation programs are workshop-based lessons offered to students in Kindergarten through Grade 5.

Children in grades K-1-2 are in the GREEN group and should look for the GREEN doors if it is their first Sunday joining us.

Students in grades 3-4-5 are in the BLUE group, their classroom is designated by the BLUE doors.

On any given Sunday, both classes do the same workshop rotation, with lessons modified for each age group.

We also offer childcare for infants and toddlers and fun activities for Pre-K children in the Rainbow Room -- look for the RED door!

Students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 participate in faith formation discussion through the Caffeine & Christ curriculum during their Sunday afternoon (grades 9-12) and evening (grades 6-8) youth ministry offerings. These same students are invited to participate in the faith formation of students by teaching Sunday School (high school students) or serving as a teaching assistant (junior high).

FROM CE & YOUTH



Teachers and chaperones are always needed!

Sunday School teachers and shepherds are always needed! Please sign up online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844a8aa23a2fd0-201620171>

Chaperones are needed for all of our youth ministry offerings. Please sign up online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0844a8aa23a2fd0-fall>

HAUNTED HOUSE 2016: HAUNTED FAIRY TALES!

Our 2016 Haunted House has been in the works since Easter! Our students had some great ideas for this favorite fundraiser and we'll be doing a Fairy Tale themed haunted house.

We will be in need of:

- Gift cards to Home Depot so we can create our sets
- Nut-free candy
- Twinkle lights & Face paint
- Comella's gift cards to feed our hungry student workers

If you can donate any of these items, please leave them in the donations box across from the Chapel or drop them off in the office during the week! Thank you for supporting our youth and the summer Mission trip through this great fundraiser!

OCTOBER 2016

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thursday	Fri.	Sat.
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2 Breakfast with Rev. Jim World Communion Sunday Parent Brunch Pet Blessing	3 Cancer Support Group	4 Community Dinner	5	6 Faith Circle Book Group Lunch with Heike	7	8
9 Worship & Baptism Fair Meeting	10 Church Office Closed	11	12	13 Faith Circle Book Group	14	15
16 Worship Mens Breakfast Capital Campaign Forum Climate Change Cafe	17 Cancer Support Group	18	19 Let's Talk...Let's Listen	20 Faith Circle Book Group	21	22 Let's Talk...Let's Listen HAUNTED HOUSE
23 Breakfast with Rev. Jim Worship ONA Gender Identity Panel	24 Cancer Support Group	25	26 Let's Pray Let's Sing	27 Faith Circle Book Group	28	29
30 Worship with Brandon Robertson Concert!	31 Halloween Cancer Support Group					

BREAKFAST WITH REV. JIM
8:30am, Sun. Oct. 23

Come have breakfast with our new Interim Minister, Rev. Jim Mitulski. No need to sign up - everyone is welcome.

No need to bring anything but your questions, and your vision as we look ahead to the Interim Ministerial Period.

LET'S TALK...LET'S LISTEN
7:00 pm, Wed. Oct. 19, Chapel
10:00am, Sat. Oct. 22, 1180 Living Room

You are invited to join Rev. Jim and a few lay leaders at a talking/listening opportunity to express thoughts, or feelings about the conflicts around the changes and staff departures of the senior minister, music minister and youth minister that took place, and other difficulties or changes we have gone through in the recent past.

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LET'S PRAY...LET'S SING
7:00pm, Wed. Oct. 26, Chapel

You are invited to a healing prayer and candlelight communion service on Wednesday evening, October 26 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel, led by Rev. Jim and the deacons.

COMMUNITY DINNERS
6-7pm, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 & Dec. 6
Linden Hall

Dinners coincide with monthly Baby Basics distribution. Volunteers are welcome to join in our effort to provide a healthy dinner for our guests and members of the church.

Volunteers are welcome to help with setting up, serving, visiting and eating with our Baby Basics families, and clean up. Please contact Rev. Heike or Diana Conroy if you are interested in helping out

THURSDAY LUNCH WITH REV. HEIKE

**Noon-1pm, Oct. 6 & Nov. 3
1180 Great Plain Ave.**

Food builds community. We all have to eat, but we don't have to eat alone. Everyone is cordially invited to have a simple lunch on the first Thursday of every month. Soups are vegetarian based (most of them) but always lactose and nut free. Everyone is welcome!

Beginning in December we will meet weekly for the season of Advent Lunches on December 1, 8, 15, and 22.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

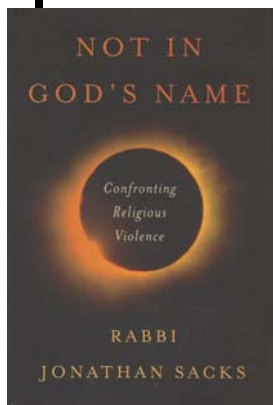
**9:00am, Mondays - October.3, 17, 14 & 31
1154 Great Plain Ave.**

Our Cancer Support Group will start up on September 12, 2016 at 9 am in the Reception Room. This group will meet every Monday morning, except on holiday Mondays or school vacations.

Come, if you need an extra hug or prayer said for yourself or a family member.

FAITH CIRCLE BOOK CLUB - NOT IN GOD'S NAME: CONFRONTING RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE BY RABBI SACKS

**Thursdays, 10:30am-noon, October 6, 13, 20, 27,
November 3, 10, 17, December 1**



You are invited to join our Fall Faith Circles book discussion group. We will be meeting Thursdays this Fall from 10:30-12:00 to discuss the book, Not in God's Name: Confronting Religious Violence. We think it will be a great book for discussion and will foster some interesting conversations.

The group starts Thursday, October 6 and ends Dec. 1.

Please let Christine Weitzel or the office know if you are planning on attending for the duration or for only a few sessions, either is fine.

The syllabus is:

- Oct. 6 - Chapter 1: Altruistic Evil [pp.3-26]
- Oct. 13 - Chap. 2: Violence & Identity & Chap. 3: Dualism pp. 27-66
- Oct. 20 - Chap 4: The Scapegoat & Chap. 5: Sibling Rivalry pp.67-104
- Oct. 27 - Chap. 6: The Half-Brothers & Chap. 7:

Wrestling with the Angel [pp. 108-143]

- Nov. 3 - Chap. 8: Role Reversal & Chapter 9: The Rejection of Rejection pp. [144-173]
- Nov. 10 - Chap. 10: The Stranger & Chap. 11: The Universality of Justice, the Particularity of Love [pp.177-206]
- Nov. 17 - Chap. 12: Hard Texts & Chap. 13: Relinquishing Power pp. 207-237
- Nov. 24 - NO GROUP Happy Thanksgiving!
- Dec. 1 - Chapter 14: Letting Go of Hate & Chapter 15: The Will to Power of the Will to Life [pp.238--267]

CHURCH READ AND DISCUSSION - "JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND REDEMPTION" by Bryan Stevenson
Date TBD

Let's Read Together - "Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption" by Bryan Stevenson

Goodreads.com describes it as, "A powerful true story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a clarion call to fix our broken system of justice— from one of the most brilliant and influential lawyers of our time." We'll be joining with the First Baptists Church in Needham to discuss the book and have not yet finalized a date. See Jim Mitulski or email with questions RevJim@needhamucc.org.

Books will be available for purchase in the book store shelves next to the Chapel.



save THE DATE!



**SUN., OCT. 30
AT 6PM
BOBBY JO VALENTINE
IN CONCERT AT THE
CHURCH!**

More info will follow in the coming weeks!



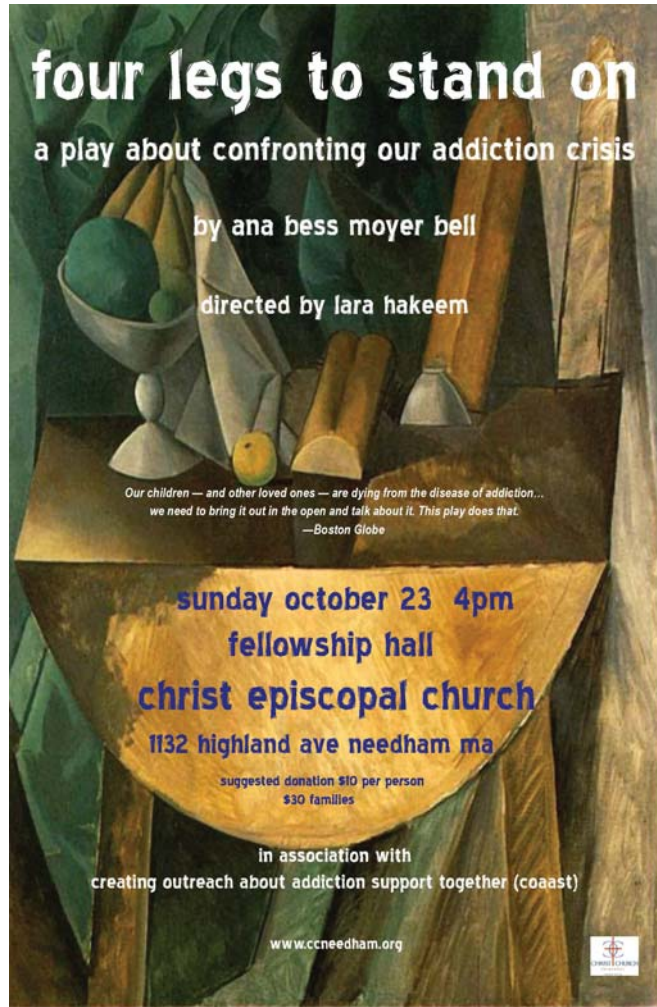
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Men's Fellowship Breakfast, Sunday October 30th

On Sunday, 10/30, the Men's Fellowship Breakfast will welcome all church men to breakfast.

The Men's Breakfast brings men of all ages and persuasions together in the Library on the 3rd Sunday of the month before worship in honest and lively discussion touching our faith and our lives in today's complex world. We welcome men of all ages and accommodate those with scheduling challenges. Arrive at 8:15 AM for fellowship and breakfast or by 9:00 AM for the discussion.

Contact: John Baldwin (jsbaldwin@comcast.net) or Rob Dunlavey (rob@robd.com) for more information.

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