



# PILGRIM CHURCH



June 2018

## From the Pastor...



*"When [Jesus] had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.'" --Luke 5:4*

*"Adventure isn't [just] hanging on a rope off the side of a mountain. Adventure is an attitude that we must apply to the day to day obstacles in life." --John Amatt*

It was the highest eight feet I'd ever seen. Eight feet from the tip of the diving board to the surface of the water in the pool far below, at some long ago forgotten summer camp I attended. As a nervous kid I was really scared about diving off of the high board for the very first time and so I froze on that precipice. But somehow I knew I could not go back. I had to, in Jesus' words, put out into deep water. Time to go on to the next adventure of my childhood and so I finally found the courage and jumped!

Thank God I did! What would have I have missed if I'd not embraced that adventure, that movement ahead? Good life lesson. Good spiritual lesson. Good wisdom for us as a church. Because what makes life an adventure or a slog, an amazing journey or a frightening foray is all about the attitude, the faith we bring to the mystery called daily life. Mystery because try as hard as we might we just do not know what awaits us tomorrow, in the future.

We can plan for it. We can pray to God for strength to walk that path. We can try and predict and yet: the real adventure of life lies not in guaranteed outcomes but in God accompanied journeys into the unknown. Over that mountain. Off that diving board!

I've been thinking a lot of this notion of spiritual adventure as we at Pilgrim Church face into some change-filled times, in the days and months and years ahead. As you have heard, our Christian Education Co-directors, Corey Lincoln and Jane Raitel, are leaving, after faithfully and wonderfully serving our children and youth for a combined 42 years of service! Jane will stay on until we find a replacement. Whomever takes on that new role: it will be a big change for us.

So too, our 2020 Committee, charged with discerning with God, where God is calling us in the years ahead: we are moving ahead to secure the services of a church consultant and coach, to help me and us as a community. To ask: what adventure is God calling us to undertake, as the culture changes so swiftly, as the world changes the way it looks at institutional religion?

Adventure. Jesus pushes us to have the faith to put out into deep waters. To, in the words of Star Trek, maybe even boldly go where no one has gone before. But here's the gift. We go with each other. We go with Jesus. We go with God. But always we go. May our God bring us to the edge of the high diving board and then give us the bravery and daring to jump. In life. In faith. In Pilgrim Church.

Peace, Pastor John

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## MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

BY ANDY MEYER, MODERATOR

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Is there a chance that May actually earns the distinction as the Busiest Month of the Year? Let's just do a quick review....

Most spring sports and their associated practices and travel schedules are at their peak, usually rushing to make up for late spring starts and rain-outs. Prom season is here—carrying with it the need for special clothes, 'prom-posals' transportation, and the costs and emotions associated with all of that.

High school seniors are finalizing their choices and plans for next year. Their graduation ceremonies are all taking place in the next few weeks. Those times are filled with tears of joy and sadness as one great chapter of their lives closes and another begins. Similarly, it's college graduation season as well. Those near-adults are also transitioning to the next parts of their lives, facing the job market for the first time, figuring out housing arrangements amongst many other considerations.

For us parents - it's reunion season too. These offers to re-unite with former classmates can be strange reminders of the years that have actually passed, when it feels like our own graduation ceremonies were really only a little while ago.

Also - it's SPRING! Time to spring clean the house top to bottom. The outside needs help too. The gardens need mulch, the grass needs a cut, new flowers need water. Guests are coming - everything needs to be perfect! How will we EVER get everything done - and keep up with work, friends, family, and our community?

HOW? How indeed. There's only one way I know. Make a list, try your best, and ask God for help. I regularly thank God for all the blessings I have received, and ask Him for his assistance as I move through another busy day. I ask God for judgment, patience, wisdom even. Mostly though, I just try to remember all that God has done for me and thank Him.

A calming prayer of gratitude helps bring everything into perspective for me. I remain grateful for the health my family and I enjoy. I feel blessed - basically - that we have all simply made it this far. And I trust, as always, that, with God's grace, tomorrow will yet be kinder to one and all.

I wish you all the blessings of God and his beloved son Jesus Christ. I wish you all calmness through a busy time, and, hopefully, the joy of a calm, quiet, lovely summer.

With best wishes to all -

Andy Meyer  
Moderator

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### PILGRIM CHURCH SUMMER 2018 WORSHIP AND PREACHING SERIES

#### THE SUMMER OF LOVE



Join us as we examine "love" in all its amazing human and Divine expressions. To love makes us human. To love in God's name can transform our lives and the whole world too. Love is all we need! For eleven Sundays, from June 17th to **August 26th, we'll celebrate this summer of love. Join us!**

Summer worship is at 9 am and informal—come as you are!

The sermon is followed by an open discussion. There is special music and childcare for infants and toddlers up to grade 2.

Light refreshments follow the service.

# DEACONS' CORNER...

BY JIM MAY

## Worship Services During the Elevator Project

As we approach the summer months and the days get longer and warmer, the commencement of the long anticipated elevator project grows closer. The project is scheduled to begin the week after worship concludes on June 10<sup>th</sup> and, provided there are no setbacks, is scheduled to be completed before the Holiday Season. Although disruption to worship will be kept as limited as possible, accommodations must be made.

The Deacons consulted with those members of the church who may regularly use the elevator to attend worship services. After speaking with them, it has been decided that the best solution to this temporary problem is to broadcast services in Fellowship Hall for those who rely on the elevator. There are several reasons that make this most logical solution. First, access is readily available and there is plenty of space for anyone wishing to sit downstairs. Second, there is a large screen television in Fellowship Hall and services can easily be broadcast live, from a camera placed in the balcony, without additional infrastructure work or equipment. Third, audio is also currently available in Fellowship Hall.

So, beginning with our first summer Worship on June 17<sup>th</sup>, space will be available to attend services in Fellowship Hall downstairs while services are being held in the sanctuary upstairs. The deacons will be prepared to make space for all who wish to join each Sunday. Considering the hot summer months, and how warm and stuffy the sanctuary gets, you may choose to give it a try!

As we enter this short, disruptive time for our church, we should take heed of Phillipians 4:13, *"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."*



## A SUPER SUMMER CELEBRATION! FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

FRIDAY, JUNE 22 - 4:00-5:00PM

Hospitality & CE will be co-hosting A Super Summer Celebration to kick-off the start summer! This is for all youngsters up to grade 4, siblings are welcome, too! Join us for ice cream, dairy-free and gluten-free treats, games, and a special story read by Pastor John . There will also be a craft related to the story that the kids can take home.

Invite your friends and join in - the more the merrier! All are welcome!!!



Please consider being an office volunteer this summer. The office needs to be covered from 9:00 am to noon,

Tuesdays through Thursdays, during my vacation weeks. Teenagers are welcome to volunteer and earn community service! If you would be able to help out this summer, please contact José, at 508-655-1667, ext. 10 or [admin@pilgrimsherborn.org](mailto:admin@pilgrimsherborn.org).

Thanks so much!

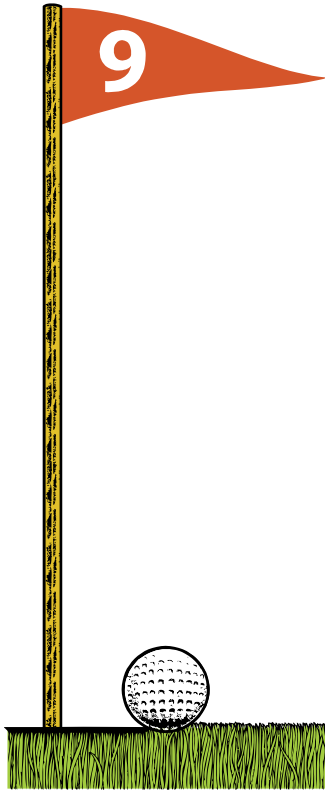


## SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING

BY CAROL MOORE



A special offering will be taken on Youth Sunday, June 10, for the Pilgrim Church Service Scholarship Fund. Two scholarships are awarded annually to a male and female student who are entering into their college education and who have been actively involved in Pilgrim Church or the Pilgrim Church Youth Group and demonstrate an outstanding record of service to church and/or community. The women's scholarship is named the "Dorothy M. Quinn Service Scholarship" in memory of Dorothy Quinn. We hope that you will prayerfully consider supporting the outstanding youth of our church and the many worthwhile service opportunities they take part in, with the intent that the recipients will take this culture of service with them as they pursue their higher education. Offering envelopes will be available in church on Youth Sunday, and donations will be accepted anytime. **Come on Youth Sunday, June 10 and find out who this year's scholarship recipients are!**



## 11TH ANNUAL PILGRIM CHURCH GOLF DAY!

Sunday, June 10, 2:00 pm

Sassamon Trace Golf Club, Rt. 27, Natick

Nine holes of fun and fellowship!

For men and women, youth and singles - golfers of all skill levels welcome. Have a friend who might be interested in learning more about Pilgrim? Invite them along! This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with members in a fun engaging way!

Cost: \$27, includes a cart

To join please send a check for the full amount, made out to Pilgrim Church, by June 3 to:  
Pilgrim Church, PO Box 322, Sherborn, MA 01770

Please arrive at Sassamon by 1:30 pm on the 10th!

Email questions to Andrew Dearborn ([andrewsdearborn@gmail.com](mailto:andrewsdearborn@gmail.com)), Kevin Flynn ([flynnkvn@yahoo.com](mailto:flynnkvn@yahoo.com)), or you may contact the church office at (508) 655-1667 or [admin@pilgrimsherborn.org](mailto:admin@pilgrimsherborn.org) to sign up.

We hope you will join in this afternoon of fellowship fun!

Sign-Up Today!

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Hospitality Coming Events

The Hospitality Committee has mapped out a fun year ahead of fellowship events, and we look forward to sharing these with you! We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun.

Here is a sampling:

- A Berry Festival on Youth Sunday - June 10th - join us during coffee hour for a yummy treat!
- "Welcome Sunday" Picnic - September 9th
- Missions Awareness Game Night, for the whole family - in November
- Family & Friends Potluck Dinner, with lots of surprises! - Feb. or Mar.

Have a wonderful summer!

The Hospitality Committee

### FALL FESTIVAL ANNOUNCED

This fall, the Senior High Youth Group and the **Women's Association will combine to produce a fall festival** with a whole new look. The money raised **will support the youth group's mission trip in 2019** and other important church projects such as a college scholarship. The date is Saturday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>.

The traditional yard sale will be paired down to focus on smaller items that are easy to transport and **display. Children's activities will be expanded and** lunch will be served. Another new feature will be inviting crafters and those selling vintage goods (and other things of interest) to set up a table for a small fee.

The Senior High Youth Group will have a table with work offerings for sale such as fall clean up, clean your garage, cart away your stuff, etc.

Details will be worked out over the summer and presented to the congregation in September. Put this event on your calendar and start saving those good things you have that need a home.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY RESTORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

BY JANET WALSH, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Exciting news! Habitat for Humanity is opening a Habitat ReStore right next door in Ashland and has reached out to Pilgrim Church for volunteers to help them get up and running! Read on to learn about the ReStore, and opportunities to help...

What is **ReStore**? It is **Habitat's open**-to-the-public retail outlet. ReStore sells new and gently used donated home furnishings and building materials. The proceeds from all items sold go to funding home build missions. The MetroWest/Greater Worcester ReStore generates enough funds to build a home a year, while also keeping over 600 tons of usable materials out of landfills!

The new Ashland ReStore is currently looking for volunteers to help get the new store going!

The Ashland ReStore is located at 310 Pond Street and is set to open sometime in June.

All those that join will be part of something new and everlasting!

Volunteers need to be 16 years of age or older to volunteer independently. ReStore can however host volunteers age 14 & 15 with a parent or legal guardian present. All volunteers under the age of 18 must have our waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.

For the month of May the Ashland Habitat ReStore shifts are Tuesday-Saturday from 9:30AM-1:30PM. Come June they will be looking to host volunteers from 9:30AM-1:30PM and 1PM-5PM. If possible, the ReStore would love for individuals to participate in an orientation sessions that reviews the mission, vision, volunteers tasks and safety at ReStore.

Interested individual volunteers can sign up at [www.habitatmwgw.org/volunteer](http://www.habitatmwgw.org/volunteer), or contact the Pilgrim Church office for assistance at (508) 655-1667 or [dcm@pilgrimsherborn.org](mailto:dcm@pilgrimsherborn.org).

Groups of up to 12 can also volunteer to sign up together. Please contact [Molly.Pietrantonio@habitatmwgw.org](mailto:Molly.Pietrantonio@habitatmwgw.org) to set that up.

*\*\* Other Habitat news? Pilgrim church hopes to be on-site for a new Habitat for Humanity home building in September in Northborough! Stay tuned! \*\**



## SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICES



Summer is fast approaching and the Deacons are inviting families or small groups of people to serve as hosts for our 9:00am summer services beginning Sunday, June 17 and running through September 2.

Summer Sunday worship at Pilgrim Church is simple, casual and peaceful. Hosting a summer service is a wonderful and unique way for families and friends to actively participate in worship together. Deacons are on hand at each service to support and guide you before, during and after worship. Families or friends who would like to serve as hosts are asked to bring flowers for the altar (a simple bouquet from the garden is appreciated), welcome people as they arrive, assist the Deacons with ushering duties, serve as Lay Leader, provide light refreshment (a pitcher or two of lemonade and a small goodie) for socializing on the patio after the service. More than one family or a group of friends are welcome to sign-up together.

Many Pilgrim members and friends make it a tradition to serve at a Summer Service - please join us! Select a Sunday and sign up during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall or contact Donna Hosmer at [dhosmer42@comcast.net](mailto:dhosmer42@comcast.net).



## FAMILY PROMISE GUESTS ARE COMING!

BY JANET WALSH

Please support Pilgrim Church as we move toward our time as Host Congregation:

### June 24- July 1, 2018

We need many hands to make this ministry work!  
How you can help -

VOLUNTEER at Pilgrim Church to:

- Provide a meal and host "family time" for our guests.
- Be an Overnight Host.
- Provide breakfast on Saturday.
- Be a shopper.
- Set up guest bedrooms.
- Breakdown guest bedrooms.
- Do some laundry.

Sign-up with us in Fellowship Hall on June 3 & 10.  
or email [JanetPBWalsh@gmail.com](mailto:JanetPBWalsh@gmail.com)  
& [JenniferRSearle@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferRSearle@gmail.com) anytime to be added to the schedule!

You may also sign-up online at <https://sites.google.com/site/familypromisepilgrimchurch/volunteer-sign-ups-with-guests?authuser=0>

Look for our bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for more information.

Your Pilgrim Church team looks forward to working with you!

**If you haven't yet trained, the next one-time training dates for volunteers who assist families are:**

**Tues., June 5 ~ St. Andrew's Parish, 3 Maple St.  
Framingham, 7:00pm to 8:30pm.**  
**Thurs., June 21 ~ Pilgrim Church, Sherborn,  
7:00pm to 8:30pm.**

Please check your calendar and fill an open slot if you are able. Thank you!

Greeters 5-6pm	Dinner Host 6-8pm, M-F 5-8PM, Sat-Sun	Dinner Host 6-8pm, M-F 5-8PM, Sat-Sun	Overnight Gal 8pm-6am, M-F 8pm-7:30am, Sat, Sun	Overnight Guy 8pm-6am, M-F 8pm-7:30am, Sat, Sun	Kid Friend	Saturday Breakfast Host 7-8:30am
Sunday June 24						
Monday June 25						
Tuesday June 26	St. Theresa's	St. Theresa's				
Wednesday June 27			Medfield UCC Cathy Chung	Medfield UCC		
Thursday June 28	St. Theresa's	St. Theresa's	Jeri Brian	Ron Jantzen		
Friday June 29	Medfield UCC	Medfield UCC	Medfield UCC Wendy Greaves	Medfield UCC Gary Greaves	Medfield UCC	
Saturday June 30						

Also needing people for the following activities:

Sunday, June 24, 7:30am ~ Meet the Beds  
Sunday, June 24, 11:30-1pm ~ Set-up  
Sunday, July 1, 7am-8:30am ~ Take-down  
Sunday, July 1, after church ~ Laundry Pick-up



## MIRACLE ON 25 S. MAIN OUTREACH PROGRAM

BY KATE POTTER AND JANET WALSH

On Sunday December 10th, 2017 over 140 Pilgrim Church members and friends came together for the 3rd "Miracle on 25 South Main" food packaging event. People ages 3-85 measured, poured and boxed meals for 3 hours. Together we created 40,000 meals for people in need! Those meals were donated to *My Brother's Keeper*, in Stoughton, *A Place to Turn* food pantry in Natick, and hurricane relief groups in Puerto Rico. Deliveries were made possible by several Pilgrim Church 2018 confirmands and mentors.

For the past three years most of the expense of this wonderful event has been generously underwritten through an anonymous donation to Pilgrim Church. Additional fundraising by the Middle School Youth Group and Pilgrim Church member donations have allowed us to make the 40,000 meal total we achieved in both 2016 and 2017.

Overwhelming feedback indicated Pilgrim members would like to continue this annual advent tradition of giving! In order for us to plan for our 4th "Miracle" we needed to fundraise this spring to fund the meals. We are so very grateful for those who supported this program in the past, and for those whose donations are allowing us to once again partner with Matthew Martin and End Hunger New England.

THANK YOU FOR FILLING OUR PANTRY SHELVES!!!



Many thanks for "Filling Our Pantry Shelves" in Fellowship Hall to support our Miracle on 25 S. Main Street advent outreach event! With your generous donations, and the help of an anonymous matching donor this spring, we raised enough to book our date in December 2018!

If you missed our fundraiser and would still like to contribute to this Outreach we are accepting donations ongoing. Every dollar goes to feed the hungry. Please add "Miracle on 25 S. Main" to your check memo, or call the office for more information.

Thank you, thank you for what you have done! Mark your calendars for  
December 9th, 2018 - Miracle on 25 S. Main Street!

## SHERBORN BOY SCOUTS TROOP 1

BY RON JANZTEN

The Scouts are wrapping up the school program year several activities: a weekend of camping and hiking in the White Mountains of New Hampshire June 8, 9. The crew that will be going to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico this summer will be doing some training hikes in preparation for carrying 50 lb. packs all day. Then achievements will be recognized with a Court of Honor at Pilgrim Church and last-ly a local overnight campout will be held before school ends.

### Calendar

Sun. 6/10	Troop Court of Honor
Mon. 6/11	Troop Committee, 7:30 p.m., Pilgrim Church
Sat./Sun. 6/16,17	<b>Sherborn Camping/Peter's Hill</b>
July 7 - 19	Philmont Scout Ranch - Backpacking
August 12 - 19,	<b>Summer Camp at Narragansett Council's Yawgoog Scout Reservation,</b> Rockville, RI

Scoutmaster: Steve Scrimshaw, 508-655-2311  
Chair: Jeff Waldron, 508-653-4399  
Chartered Organization/Parish Board Rep.:  
Charlie Williams, 508-395-9049

Troop Meetings: Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall, Pilgrim Church

\*No Meetings for the summer; start again after Labor Day.



## ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE

This is the fourth in a series of monthly reports on the status of the capital project that encompasses a commercial elevator for the sanctuary, an inclined platform lift from the sanctuary to the education wing and improved drainage for the south side of the sanctuary.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> the church signed a General Contract with R P Valois & Co. of Dartmouth, MA for \$311,260 covering **the construction phase of the Accessibility Project. We are pleased to report that the general contractor's project schedule has them starting excavation in June and completing installation in October - two month ahead of our original target completion date of prior to Christmas! The major activities in the general contractor's construction schedule are as follows:**

- Order elevator & obtain building permit - May
- Demolish & excavate - June
- Build masonry elevator shaft - July
- Install elevator hydraulics & cab - August
- Finish carpentry & paint - September
- Final inspection & completion - October

**We recently learned that our new elevator will need a variance from the State's Elevator Review Board, because its roomy interior dimensions of 6'5" W x 5' D are still too small to accommodate a stretcher. If the variance is not received soon it will delay the start of elevator fabrication thereby jeopardizing our target completion date for the project.**

### Hazard Warning to the Congregation

The installation of our new elevator requires major construction and, like any construction site, presents potential hazards to the public.

The demolition of the existing elevator and excavation for the new foundation will require heavy equipment operating on the South side of the building as well as egressing through the oval drive in front of the Church. During the entire construction process workers will need access to the elevator shaft landing openings on the first and second floors. To avoid accidental access by the public during non-working hours, the general contractor will be installing safety measures that include fencing around the job site and temporary walls at the elevator landings inside the church.

Pilgrim Church members are urged to use caution when approaching the construction site during the day and to respect the safety boundaries day and night. In addition parents are encouraged to keep close tabs on their children while at church during the construction period.

Doug Peterson and Jim Campbell  
Project Managers for Pilgrim Church





## THE END OF AN ERA

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My dear friends at Pilgrim Church,

It is with mixed emotions that I submit my letter of resignation. I have loved working with our youth and their families, watching them grow from nursery care, through the church school to becoming full members of our church at the time of their confirmation. I have seen many changes in my tenure — changes in pastors, technology, curriculum and programs. But the one constant that remains are the people and your love and dedication to this place we call Pilgrim Church.

This year has been a difficult one with the death of my father, terminal illness of my mother, too many other jobs outside my position at church, out of state children and the medical leave of my dear friend and partner **in ministry. Corey's absence has been a big loss for me and our programs have missed her wisdom and good humor.**

This does not mean I am leaving Pilgrim Church. I will be looking for other ways to serve in other capacities. **So save me a place out there in the pews, it's been a long time since I have been able to sit through a whole service and I may need instructions on what to do and how to act!**

This has been the most wonderful experience and I am hopeful someone from our congregation may want to come on board. You will have wonderfully supportive colleagues, flexible hours, great families to work with and all the donut holes you can eat on Sunday mornings!

Thank you to all who have loved, supported and volunteered along the way.

Blessings,  
Jane Raithel



Dear Friends,

**It's been a great trip spending the last twenty-four years with your children.** Moments of wonder, simple faith, startling insight and fun. I will miss them terribly, but the time has come to join Jane in retirement. My health over the last year has been a challenge. I have made great improvement and hope to make a complete recovery, **or at least as close to complete as my "elder" bones can muster. I hope that the new Christian formation person** will bring vitality and fresh ideas to our church. Jane and I will still be members of the congregation, just taking new roles at Pilgrim. Thank you to all the supportive CE committees, volunteers, staff and members. And big hugs to the children and (gasp) the children's children.

Faithfully,  
Corey Lincoln

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## Summer At Pilgrim Church



Summer office hours: Beginning on June 12, the office will be open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Tuesday through Thursday. There will be a volunteer in the office from 9:00 AM to noon on José's vacation days. **If you would like to be an office volunteer** please call or email José at 508-655-1667 or [admin@pilgrimsherborn.org](mailto:admin@pilgrimsherborn.org).

Summer Worship: 9 am worship begins on June 17 and continues through Labor Day weekend. Filling in the pulpit for three Sundays will be some amazing and gifted preachers from the area: line-up to be announced soon!

Summer Worship Childcare: The nursery is available for children up to 2nd Grade. All other children are to remain in the sanctuary for our summer worship service.

## Christian Education

BY COREY LINCOLN AND JANE RAITHEL

### YOUTH SUNDAY ON JUNE 10, 10AM WORSHIP

Youth ministry is one of the most vibrant aspects of church life here at Pilgrim. Nursery care, church school, senior high fellowship, junior deacons, acolytes, junior deacons, middle school youth group, confirmation, senior high work camp, human sexuality education; the list goes on and on. So many rich opportunities for our young ones to nurture their inner moral compass as God's compassionate people. It happens every week at Pilgrim Church.

Come celebrate all the givers and gifts of this special ministry on Youth Sunday, June 10, 10am worship. If you are a church school student – come. If you are a fellowship participant – come. If you teach, mentor, chaperone or otherwise serve in any of our youth ministries – come. **Really, if you're a child of any age (one to one hundred!) – just come.**

And afterward come downstairs for strawberry shortcake featuring a special media presentation of the Senior High Youth Group's April 2018 work camp in New York. Not to be missed.



### BE THE MOST POPULAR PERSON IN CHURCH SCHOOL

We are looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Church School Friend (the famous donut person!) for Session 2 – October 21 through December 2, no November 25 -- of the 2018- 2019 program year. You'll pick up the munchkins from DD (conveniently next door to the church), deliver them to church school classrooms along with a pitcher of water, and clean up snack debris after students are excused. Once in a while, you might be asked to do some small task like photocopying. This is a good opportunity for someone new to Pilgrim Church to see our church school program from the inside. Let Jane RaitHEL know as soon as possible at [ce@pilgrimsherborn.org](mailto:ce@pilgrimsherborn.org) to volunteer today. Thanks.



### 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS IN 2018-19 PROGRAM YEAR

Detailed information will be sent to all incoming eighth grade student families in late June about the special programs for their eighth grader on Sunday nights throughout the coming 2018-2019 program year. *Human Sexuality from a Christian Perspective* orientation and classes will meet 6:30-8:30pm on Sundays from September 9 through November 18 at Dover Church. Confirmation orientation and classes will meet at Pilgrim Church 6:00-8:00pm on Sundays from January 6 through Confirmation Sunday on May 5. Consistent attendance is an important component of participation. Please mark your calendars now.

### THANK YOU...

- \* Brad and Dale Kohl for patiently and skillfully leading the Cherub Choir.
- \* CE committee: Diana Beaudet, MariAnne Bloecher, Doreen Brooks, Lindsey Hancock, Dale Kohl, Sandi Spadi, Angie Johnson and Addie Mae Weiss for their leadership and wise counsel.
- \* the countless volunteers whose generous contribution of time, talent and treasure makes the educational ministry of Pilgrim Church possible.

Thanks  
to Our  
Church  
School  
Crew



# YOUTH MINISTRY

BY DIANE ANDERSON

## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

The Senior Banquet was a very special evening in which we celebrated our seniors and wished them well as they prepare for the next exciting phase of their lives. The seniors shared pearls of wisdom with younger SHYG members and then the younger members gave the seniors gifts they made. At the end of the evening we all went up into the sanctuary and did a laying on of hands blessing for our seniors. It was a lovely night! We are especially grateful for the parents of the Juniors who provided a delicious meal and decorated for the event. **It's always hard to say goodbye to our seniors but we've** been fortunate that many come back to visit us during their vacations!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The members of MSYG had a Pilgrim Church table at the Sherborn Library Fair this year! Although it was a very soggy day we kept our table dry thanks to Eric Brooks who brought a nice big tent. Lots of people stopped by the tent to get the blessing stones we were giving out and to learn about our church. The MSYG members represented our church well! We look forward to doing this again next year!

MSYG had a fun and relaxing game night. They played lots of favorite games including Jenga and Apples to Apples. We want to send a big thank you to Panny Nichols who provided a delicious desserts!







# MISSIONS



## MOTHER'S DAY BABY BLANKETS AND SWEATERS

BY BARBARA AMBOS

Thank you all so much for your donations towards the Hearts and Hands Ministry.

This annual project was a huge success. On Mothers Day this year, it may have been a new record with blankets on both ends of each pew as well as in the balcony for the blessing!

There were also many precious hats and sweaters. We will send blankets to the Central Baptist Church in Corbin, Kentucky, sweaters to Knit for Kids in Sewickley, PA, and deliver items to Emerson Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Healthy Families in Framingham and Milford.

We encourage you to start knitting, crocheting, or sewing for next year!! We have lots of donated yarn and fabric if you need any.

Thank you again!  
Barbara Ambos and Chuckie Blaney



## THE ABUNDANT TABLE

BY LAEL MOORE



It happens every summer - too many veggies from our gardens! A surplus abundance of **zucchini, tomatoes, or peppers.... what to do?** Bring them to Pilgrim Church on summer Sundays (right before/after the 9am service), or on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (9 am to noon). Drop them off in the large, well marked "Veggie Drop-Off" basket in the kitchen. Each week during the growing season, Dover-Sherborn High School student Lael Moore will pick up your veggie donations and deliver them to *A Place to Turn* food pantry in Natick, where they quickly go to feed people who need them. Please contact Lael with any questions at [laelm10@gmail.com](mailto:laelm10@gmail.com) or 508-561-9828.

Everyone deserves an abundant, healthy table!

## Charitable Giving If You're Over 70 1/2

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

If you are over 70 ½ years old and have a traditional IRA, as you know, you must take an RMD (Required Minimum Distribution) from your IRA every year. What you might not know is that if you take all or a portion of that distribution as a QCD (Qualified Charitable Distribution) that donation ends up being a tax deduction whether or not you itemize your deductions. You can even take the standard deduction in addition to the donation because **the QCD is deducted before the "adjusted gross income" is computed. Just remember, a QCD must be sent directly to the charity from your IRA custodian.**

An article that clearly explains the details can be found here:

[kiplinger.com/article/taxes/T054-C032-S014-qdcs-a-strategy-to-get-more-from-2018-rmds.html](http://kiplinger.com/article/taxes/T054-C032-S014-qdcs-a-strategy-to-get-more-from-2018-rmds.html)

For many younger tax payers, the new tax law makes taking the new larger standard deduction more likely. Because the tax advantage of a charitable deduction is only realized if tax payers itemize their deductions, all those itemizations together must be greater than the standard deduction.

Contact your accountant or tax preparer to know how you are specifically affected.

# June 2018

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1	2
3 10:00am Worship 6:30pm SHYG	4 5:30pm MSYG Year End Party	5 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6 9:30am Bible Study 8:00pm AA Meeting	7 12:00pm Senior Cafe	8	9
10 Youth Sunday 10:00am Worship 6:30pm SHYG BBQ	11 7:30pm Scout Troop Committee Mtg	12 8:45am Caring Committee 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Deacon's Mtg	13 9:30am Bible Study 8:00pm AA Meeting	14 12:00pm Senior Cafe	15	16
17 9:00am Summer Service	18	19 7:00pm Parish Board Mtg	20 8:00pm AA Meeting	21 12:00pm Senior Cafe	22	23
24 9:00am Summer Service	25	26 7:30pm Faith on Tap	27 8:00pm AA Meeting	28 12:00pm Senior Cafe	29	30

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[www.townonline.com/dover/news/lifestyle](http://www.townonline.com/dover/news/lifestyle)

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