



PILGRIM CHURCH



May 2019

From the Pastor...



"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness." --

For three hours I had held it all together, as I stood in the receiving line in the funeral home, at the wake for my father. Even though scores of folks had already come by to greet my family and me; declare what a good man Dad was; offer their condolences, still I had not wept. But then three old, faithful friends--Kathy and Kevin and their then young son Dillon--they came into the funeral home and I saw them and teared right up.

And all for one very simple reason: they showed up. They showed up to support me because they loved me. They showed up and drove 70 miles north into New Hampshire, took a night away from activities and physically declared their steadfast faithfulness by being present. By being faithful, just when I needed it the most.

Their names are too numerous to list in one place: but these lovely souls were many members of our church and of Faith Church in Hopkinton, the home church of the Muri family. Last December, soon after our Church Administrator Jose Muri went out on sick leave to battle against cancer, angels showed up. To staff our front desk, answer phones, make copies, send emails, help with finance, pick up the mail, assemble the newsletter, just be there for Pilgrim Church. Then for the next four months all these folks continued to come: stepping in so the staff could do its ministries. In the midst of the so sad sickness and eventual death of Jose, our angels, volunteers, quiet servants: in their faithfulness, they embodied God's compassion and mercy.

They came. They showed up. They were faithful and in that faithfulness they embodied the care of Christ and the steadfast love of Christ, in the flesh.

I think sometimes we Christians make faith way too complicated, worry we aren't really Christians unless we fully believe this, or profess that. But here's a truth I've come to embrace in my life as a follower of Jesus Christ. Sometimes faith is all about just showing up for others in this world: the hurting, the lost, the down and out, the sick, the poor, the addict, the stranger. When we are faithful to them, we embody God's love for them, God's hands, God's heart. When we show up to teach a Sunday School class or make a Salvation Army meal or deliver a casserole to a cancer patient, we show up and in that presence we are faithful to Christ and faithful to others in need. It's that simple and that powerful.

Faithfulness does not require a master's degree in religion or the ability to quote scripture like a scholar, is not limited to the super saints among us. Faithfulness is this. We see someone hurting. We hear God's call to love one another. And then in faithfulness, we show up. Like God shows up for us.

Who needs you to show up? Where does God need you to be faithful? You can do it. You can be an angel too.

In Faithfulness,

Pastor John

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Meet our new staff members pg. 3
- Sunday Worship Sign-Up, pg. 3.
- Golf Tournament pg. 4
- Lend A Hand Fundraiser . pg. 5
- Family Promise is Coming pg. 6
- Stewardship message pg. 8
- Our busy youth! pg.s 9 and 10



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

MODERATOR'S MSG.	2
CHRISTIAN ED	9
SYG AND JYG	10
MISSIONS	11
BOY SCOUTS	12
CALENDAR	13

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

By ANDY MEYER, MODERATOR

As many of you know, I am a native mid-westerner by birth, having spent the first 18 years of my life in Missouri. And even though I have lived here longer in New England than I ever did live there, I still find many habits we have up here rather strange and somewhat off-putting. I have, for example, always given my first and last name when introducing myself to a person. Occasionally, when a person will shake hands back, they will mention their first name only. Is there a worry, perhaps, that I might know too much about them if I know their last name?

Yes, we (for I must say that I have started to consider myself a New Englander) can sometimes come off as a bit cool and reserved when meeting people for the first time. As I was thinking about this, I reflected on the many people I have come to know, how that happened, how that occasionally hasn't happened with others, and how we all, at Pilgrim Church, might get to know each other a little better.

Do you all remember the book that came out about 10 years ago called Three Cups Of Tea? It was written by Greg Mortenson and it describes how Afghanis and Pakistanis welcome new people in their lives. "The first time you share tea, you are a stranger. The second time you take tea, you are an honored guest. The third time you share a cup of tea, you become family."

I call my version Three Cups of New England Tea.

The first cup is to learn the person's name; their full name, and whether they have the same or different last name as their spouse. A person's name is incredibly important. I personally just cannot feel completely comfortable speaking to a person unless I know their name. The second cup is knowing what the person does as a profession. It's not always something that comes up right away. It takes a little time, or it might require a direct question. But knowing a person's occupation is a terrific insight into learning who they are as a person. The third cup is actually stepping into the person's house; knowing where they live and receiving an invitation to come inside. It's a fairly big deal.

When I think about the people with whom I am closest, at Pilgrim Church and elsewhere, I can safely say that we have had these three cups of New England tea together, and the relationship we have as a result is simply just that much stronger.

As you look around church the next time you are there, think about the three cups of New England tea and see if you can learn someone's last name if you are unsure, or perhaps ask about their job. The resulting deepening of your relationship with that person will make it well worth the effort, I guarantee it. Who knows? You might even get invited into their house... Happy tea drinking!

May God Bless you all,

Andy Meyer
Moderator



Your Parish Board

Did you know that every third Tuesday of the month, representatives from each of our church committees and ministries come together, along with our church leadership?

That Pastor John, Andy Meyer our church Moderator and a member of our finance team meet to discuss the business and growth and happenings of Pilgrim Church? Any and all members of the congregation are welcome to attend as well. The minutes of these meetings may be found here. ([Click for Parish Board Meeting Minutes](#)) Please be sure to thank our committee members and church leadership for their time and dedication to our wonderful church community.

DEACONS' CORNER...

BY DONNA HOSMER

On May 5th, members and friends of Pilgrim Church will celebrate the confirmation of ten young people. As I think of this, I remember quite vividly my confirmation at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Marblehead, MA. **After a year of lessons, memorizing Luther's Small Catechism and spending one nervous night in front of our parents answering the questions we were supposed to know, we all dressed in white robes and approached God's altar to become communion-taking members.**

As I ponder how I arrived at this point, I have only to look at my right hand and the two rings that I wear. One is my **grandmother's wedding ring and the other is my mother's. With Mother's Day fast approaching**, I am reminded how these two women introduced me to God. We attended church, heard Bible stories and prayed. They took me to church school, youth groups and summer Bible school, and yes, Confirmation classes. I thank my grandmother and mom for setting me on this life-long journey of faith. **And...I am grateful to any and all who accompanied and led me on this voyage.**

Now the tradition has been passed on and my children and grandchildren grew and are growing in their faith journey in this wonderfully caring congregation. For this I am thankful.

Meet Our New Administrator



Kathleen White
Church Administrator

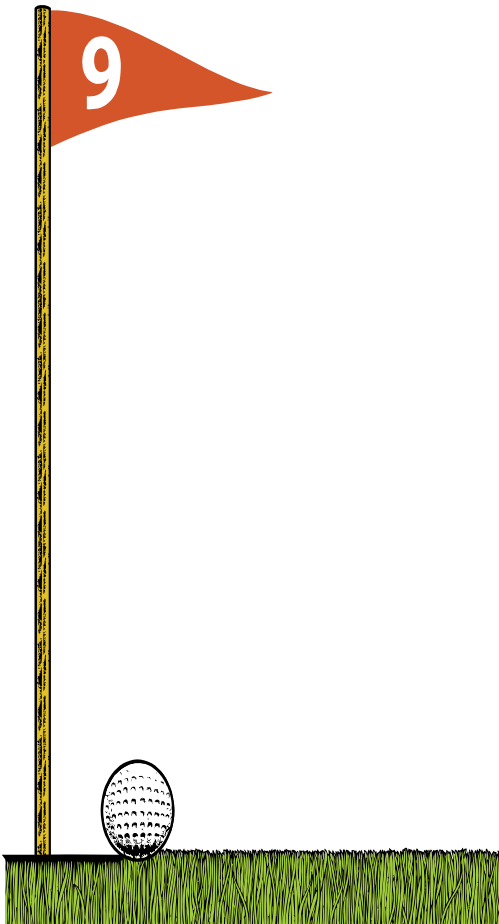
Hello – my name is Kathleen White and I am your new Church Administrator. I am excited to be here and have already met so many wonderful people! I was intrigued with a job description that **started with, “kind-hearted and organized “** and knew I would be a great match for this job. I come from a retail management background, so I am accustomed to a thriving office that changes dramatically throughout the year. If you have a minute please stop by and say hello – I am in the office Monday – Friday and would like meet you



Will You Join Us in Membership this Spring?

Have you considered joining Pilgrim Church? You may have been attending for a while and would like to make a deeper commitment to our church community, or you may be new to our congregation and ready to learn more. Our spring 2019 New Member class will be on Thursday, May 9th at 7:30pm at the parsonage, all who are interested are welcome to attend. Let us know if you will be joining us!

Please contact Janet Walsh, Director of Congregational Ministries, if you would like more information on becoming a member of Pilgrim Church, or have any questions about the class dcm@pilgrimsherborn.org



12TH ANNUAL PILGRIM CHURCH GOLF DAY!

Sunday, June 9, 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 7 to:
Pilgrim Church, PO Box 322, Sherborn, MA 01770
Please arrive at Sassamon by 1:30 pm on the 10th!

Any questions please call the church office at (508) 655-1667 or
admin@pilgrimsherborn.org to sign up.

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

A MIRACLE HAPPENED AT 25 SOUTH MAIN STREET!

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

- Matthew 25:35

Lend a Helping Hand!

Come to Fellowship Hall on May 12 & 19

Please support our Miracle on 25 S. Main Street advent event by making donations to
Lend A Helping Hand!

Look for us near the bulletin boards and "give us your hand" so we may continue our all-church advent activity in December!

This past December, 9th Pilgrim Church hosted our 4th annual Miracle at 25 South Main Street food packing event that provides low cost, nutritious meals at just 25 cents per serving. Nearly 160 volunteers came together and were all over the church. Teams at work stations packaged up meals in record time. Last year we committed to packaging 30,000 meals and our goal was met! We want to do it again next December!

As a church to date we have created a meal program right here in the Metrowest area, as well as children in Massachusetts continue to struggle with homelessness, and Pilgrim Church is helping those in need. Your action has made a



over 120,000 meals to feed hungry people well as around the country. Adults and children struggle with significant hunger and Pilgrim Church is helping by stepping forward to help feed those in need.

For the past four years we have been blessed with an anonymous matching donation to be able to fund much of the Miracle on 25 S. Main Street all-church advent activity. This year we would like to once again raise the funds we need to continue our Miracle on 25 S. Main Street event planned for Advent of December 2019. Will you lend your hand, so we can meet our goal?



Thank you, thank you for what you have done!
Mark your calendars for our next
Miracle on 25 S. Main Street — December 8th, 2019!



Family Promise is Coming This Summer!

Whether this is your first time or you are a dedicated volunteer, we look forward to your support as we move toward our time as a Host Congregation for the families of Family Promise

Sunday, June 30th – Sunday, July 14th

How You Can Help -

1. Provide a meal and host "family time" for our guests. Host our guest families at dinner and provide the evening meal.
2. Overnight Host: Volunteers are needed to sleep over night when the families are here. Arrive after "family time" and leave around 6:45 am weekdays, 7:30 on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
3. Provide breakfast on Saturday: On Saturday, volunteers provide a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, etc.
4. Be a shopper: The host congregation provides lunch and breakfast supplies for our guests. Volunteer to purchase the supplies needed.
5. Set up guest bedrooms: Volunteers are needed on Sunday before the guests arrive to set up the bed-rooms.
6. Breakdown guest bedrooms: Volunteers are needed to breakdown the guest beds and return all the classroom furniture.
7. Laundry: **Volunteers are needed to take the guests' bed linens home to wash and prepare for the congregation's next host weeks.**

Training

If you haven't been trained yet, please [click here to see the upcoming training dates.](#)

How to Sign-Up

Sign-up in Fellowship Hall on May 19, 26 & June 2 in Fellowship Hall, or online at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/familypromisepilgrimchurch/home>

Questions?

Email JanetPBWalsh@gmail.com & JenniferRSearle@gmail.com with any questions!

Your Pilgrim Church team looks forward to working with you :)

Family Promise Volunteers PLEASE TAKE NOTE: - "Cervis" Online Volunteer System

Family Promise Metrowest upgraded to a new online volunteer system called Cervis. They would like anyone who volunteers to check in and update their user profile. We will still be doing our sign-ups in Fellowship Hall this Spring for our hosting dates this summer, June 30th—July 14th. The Cervis system will supplement those efforts for any who wish to sign up directly online. Thanks for taking a moment to check it out, so all will be ready for our next hosting.

**H
O
M
E
L
E
S
S
N
E
S
S**

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped us out On Advocacy Sunday, Pilgrim Church members and friends signed postcards to legislators advocating budget line items for homelessness prevention programs, services for those already homeless, and passage of legislation to address issues vital to our homeless population. House bill 1288 and Senate Bill 775 would increase the number of housing units created, reduce barriers to housing production, and set goals for the production of housing affordable to the lower income households.

As you can see we had a wonderful turnout.

<https://www.mahomeless.org/advocacy/present-policy-campaigns>

PLEASE heed this call to advocate for the most vulnerable among us.



STEWARDSHIP

BY PETER LIFFITON

YOUR STEWARDSHIP DOLLARS AT WORK:

THE MUSIC PROGRAM

Over the coming months, the Stewardship Committee will be reporting to you on how funds raised through the Stewardship Campaign support the many wonderful programs at Pilgrim Church. The first of these articles focuses on the music program.

Since 1987, the Music Program has been under the direction of our gifted Music Director, David **Tiedman**. **The program's budget covers not only the salary and benefits of the Music Director, but** also the purchase of music for the chancel and bell choirs. Also included in the budget is keeping our four pianos in tune and the annual maintenance of our 1887 E&GG Hook pipe organ. Our organ is known to be one of the finest instruments in MetroWest. The replacement value is estimated to be between \$300,000 and \$500,000. The bells and hand chimes also require periodic maintenance and repair. Substitute organists are called upon in the absence of the Music Director and vocal and instrumental soloists are often used for special our music offerings especially during the holidays. Occasionally, the Sacred Arts Ministry will draw on the Music Program funds for special craft projects that members do with the Sunday School classes.

In the recent 2020 interviews, the Music Program was one of the most frequently mentioned items that was important to people. Members of the Stewardship Committee thank you for your interest and support.

Steven Solomon, for the Stewardship Committee

Peter Liffiton, chair - Kevin Flynn - Carole Marple - Steven Solomon - Kitty Sturgis



Christian Education

BY ANGIE JOHNSON, DIIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



Grateful Thanks...

...to our Easter Story and Egg Hunt volunteer bunnies: Sienna Adduci, Wade Johnson, Sarah Parrish, Ava Schwartz, Garrett Theberge, Lynn Jameson, Anna Scott Johnson, Severine McElrath, Betty Schlenker, Sally Tipton, and Janet Walsh. It was a huge success and so much fun thanks to you.

Make A Difference Still Looking for Volunteer a Few Teachers

Thank you to all who answered the call to teach church school next year. We still have open spots at this date. This is changing as we are moving to a rotational model so you will learn one subject matter for the whole session and you may do 2 different activities during those weeks. When we have a smaller number of students we may combine into one class of activities.

Session Two, October 27-December 8-Still need 3 Teachers

Session Three, December 15-February 2, (No Church School December 29, January 19 small group)-Still need 4 Teachers

Session Four, February 9-March 29, (No Church School February 16)-Still need 6 teachers. This is a session where attendance may be lighter since many Pilgrim families ski so we may use only 4 teachers.

Session Five, April 5-June 14 (No Church School April 12, 19; May 25)-Still need 3 teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our confirmands who will be welcomed into membership at Pilgrim Church on Sunday, May 5. Thank you to families and mentors who walked the beginning of this spiritual journey with them. It has been a meaningful four months and we wish you all well as you head on to high school.

Sienna Adduci

Emily Burt

Ella Dodge

MJ Flynn

Wade Johnson

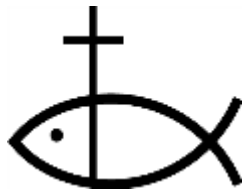
Lexi Maher

Andrew O'Connell

Sarah Parrish

Ava Schwartz

Garret Theberge



SAVE THE DATE

Youth Sunday, June 9, 10am, will celebrate our ministries with children and youth in a family-friendly worship service. Church school students, Middle School Youth Group and Senior High Youth Group will participate. Music, balloons (filled with the Holy Spirit!) and a red Pentecost flower for every family.



Thank you to OUR SESSION 5 TEACHERS:

Session Five church school teachers: Diana Fyler, Virginia Mayo, Caroline Beaudet, Diana Beaudet, Addie Mae Weiss, Eric and Doreen Brooks.

YOUTH MINISTRY

BY REV. DIANE ANDERSON

Senior Youth Group

The SYG Work Campers returned from their service trip to Puerto Rico on Good Friday - Just in time to help with the Easter Sunrise Service! The trip was filled with meaningful work, lots of learning experiences and many "God moments". The Work Campers painted houses and did yard clean up in a neighborhood that had been hit hard by Hurricane Maria. They also spent time playing games and doing crafts with children in a lower income housing project. This trip took Work Campers out of their comfort zone in many ways as they experienced a very different culture... they all engaged with a sense of curiosity and with open hearts. They represented Pilgrim Church beautifully! The Work Campers are deeply grateful for all of the stock holders who supported their trip and for the Church Fair Committee who joined with them for their major Fall fundraiser.

SYG was also busy leading the Easter Sunrise Service. The weather held out and the Farm Pond beach felt like a sacred space that morning! Some of the extra brave SYGers went for the traditional polar bear swim after the service! We would like to extend big THANK YOUs to Rick Stone and Doug Peterson for helping SYG members build the bonfire, to Brad Kohl for playing his saxophone, to Kristy Barnard and Donna Moore for organizing the post-service breakfast, to Jeff Hancock for getting Farm Pond permits and to Eve Smith, Janet Walsh and Dave Tiedman for help with the bulletins... It takes quite a village to put on an Easter Sunrise Service!



Junior Youth Group

The Junior Youth Group did a lovely act of kindness by making special treat bags for the Work Campers. The Work Campers were delighted to receive these bags and enjoyed all of the sugary snacks during their bus ride to JFK!



JYG is about to have a service trip to A Place to Turn in Natick. Our church has had a wonderful relationship with this organization for many years. A Place to Turn offers support (clothing/food/other resources) to families in need in the Metrowest area. JYG members will have a tour and learn about all of the wonderful work that A Place to Turn does. They will also offer their helping hands and make a donation to the food pantry there.

We're Going to visit and help.....

 A Place to Turn

missionsministries



Thank You



for your Kindness

We have received so many wonderful letters of thanks from all the organizations we sent a financial donation too on behalf of our congregation that we couldn't decide which ones to include here. SO, Please be sure to see the Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to read all the wonderful words of gratitude.



Pine Street Inn

Sunday, May 19th 3p-7p

Contact Sarah O'Connell if you can help with the May date! sajwight@gmail.com

Family Promise

June 30th—July 14th

We are hosting homeless families from Family Promise the last 2 weeks of January. Please watch for sign-ups in the coming weeks. This is an all-church, all hands on deck mission experience.



Scholarships

BY CAROL MOORE

The Pilgrim Church Service Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the 2019 Dorothy M. Quinn Service Scholarship. **The scholarship fund was established in memory of "Dottie" Quinn, a beloved church member and dedicated teacher.** The scholarships, in the amount of \$1250.00 each are awarded to a female and male candidate who are under 23 years of age at the time of applying, are entering their first year of higher education, are active members of Pilgrim Church or the Senior High Youth Group and demonstrate a record of service to the church and/or community. Applicants must also have an academic average of B- or better and be of good character and strong principles. All applicants will submit an essay to help the committee to get to know the applicant and the influence that service to others has had on his or her life. The recipients are selected by representatives of the Service Scholarship Committee. Applications are available in the Pilgrim Church office and at Senior Youth Group meetings. Scholarship applications are due back to the church office by Monday, May 6th. Scholarship recipients will be announced on Youth Sunday in June.

A special Service Scholarship offering will also be held on Youth Sunday to replenish our funds. Please consider giving generously to this worthy cause! A donation may also be made through the church office at any time.

SHERBORN BOY SCOUTS TROOP 1

BY RON JANZTEN

In April several troop meetings were dedicated to advancement on the Eagle-required merit badges *Personal Management, Family Life, and Personal Fitness*. On April 11 a number of scouts, led by scout Den Master Pierce Gregory, attended the annual Cub Scout Pack 10 Blue & Gold dinner. Boy Scouts worked with Cub Scouts on various activities and presented to Cubs and parents the opportunities that joining Boy Scouts would offer. On April 8 the troop camped out at Rocky Narrows Reservation.



In May, the troop will work on more rank advancement in preparation for a Troop Court of Honor on June 2. The group of scouts who signed up for the summer trek in Philmont Scout reservation in New Mexico, **should plan on several "shake-down" hikes and campouts in May and June. We will have a hike and camp-out for the whole troop as well.** Scouts will be participating on the Sherborn Memorial Parade on May 27. **Finally, on May 19, there will be a special Eagle Scout Ceremony 2 pm at Pilgrim Church to honor the troop's latest Eagle Scout Nate Sullivan.**

Steve Scrimshaw, SM

Calendar

Tue. 5/7 Metacomet District Roundtable, 7 p.m., Medfield Senior Center, 1 Ice House Rd.
(S. Main to Hospital Road to Harding Street to West Mill Street to Ice House Rd.)
Information and ideas exchange.

Mon. 5/13 Troop Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Pilgrim Church

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

Scoutmaster: Steve Scrimshaw, 508-655-2311

Com. Chair: Jeff Waldron, 508-653-4399

Chartered Organization/Parish Board Rep.: Charlie Williams 508-395-9049

May 2019

		May 2019							June 2019						
		Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27	28	29	30	31		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31				
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1

admin 1 947/29/2019 5:40 PM

PILGRIM CHURCH

25 South Main St.
P.O. Box 322
Sherborn, MA 01770

Phone: 508-655-1667
Fax: 508-655-7997
E-mail: admin@pilgrimsherborn.org

Non-Profit Org
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #1
Sherborn, MA
01770

WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.PILGRIMSHERBORN.ORG

Massachusetts Conference Website
www.macucc.org

United Church of Christ Website
www.ucc.org

For Pastor John's column in the DS Press:
www.townonline.com/dover/news/lifestyle

POSTMASTER: ADDRESS
CORRECTION REQUESTED

Pilgrim Church Newsletter

Reverend John F. Hudson, Senior Pastor
pastorjohn@pilgrimsherborn.org

Joséfine Muri, Church Administrator
admin@pilgrimsherborn.org

Janet Walsh, Congregational Ministry
dcm@pilgrimsherborn.org

Angie Johnson, Christian Education
ce@pilgrimsherborn.org

David Tiedman, Music
davetiedman@pilgrimsherborn.org

Rev. Diane Anderson, Minister to Youth
pilgrimshyg@gmail.com

Dale Blanchard, Assistant Treasurer
finance@pilgrimsherborn.org

This is a monthly publication. Please submit comments, articles to the church administrator by email or written copy. Submissions will be edited for length and clarity.

Articles for the NEXT issue are due by the 15th of the month.