



PILGRIM CHURCH



October 2018

From the Pastor...



"Give and it will be given to you." --Luke 6:38

"The meaning of life is to find your gift.

The purpose of life is to give it away."

--Pablo Picasso

I am able to write these words on a muggy September afternoon, put pencil to paper and think and pray and then teach because...well, someone gave to get me to this place.

So my parents gave of their time and patience and money and wisdom and love to raise me up and to give me life and a faith that sustains my life.

My seminary, Boston University, gave me a fifty-percent scholarship because long ago, saints of the church gave to a fund to help young women and men study for ministry.

My mentor, Sue Dickerman, walked with me through 35 years of life as she gave her time to be my church youth group advisor and then my trusted and wise friend. I am who I am because of her generosity.

My fellow citizens give a portion of their treasure to the government in taxes and so my Mom has Medicare care and my niece can go to grad school at UMass and a friend gets Mass Health insurance.

If you think about it, giving is at the heart of everything, EVERYTHING we enjoy and cherish in this life. For folks to live, people must give. Parents and teachers, soldiers and volunteer coaches, Sunday school instructors and youth group leaders, folks who serve on town boards and committees and neighbors who help each other.

Giving is life. And it all starts of course for us as Christians with all good gifts around us, sent from heaven above, from God and the gift of Jesus too. The gift of church in your life and the life of your family as well. Here where kids' souls are shaped and teen values are molded and the grieving are comforted and the newborn are blessed and the hungry are fed and hope is offered to a spiritually famished world.

All because God gives and we give. I pray you will keep this idea in your heart and prayers when next month the Stewardship Committee runs our yearly fund-raising campaign. Pilgrim Church gives to you, to the world, because you give.

Thank you. And one final thought: who gave so you might live, so you would have faith? Think about it.

Peace, Pastor John

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

BY ANDY MEYER, MODERATOR

I visited my parents in Colorado this past August, somewhat reluctantly, because I was not convinced I had the time to spare. It turned out to be an amazing week though, and one I will cherish for a long time.

It turns out my travelling companion, James Meyer, came down with some kind of a bug, and it really knocked him low for more than half our trip. A lot of our plans to travel, whitewater raft, and fish had to be cancelled or greatly reduced. Happily, those curtailed plans presented other wonderful opportunities I had not foreseen.

I took a solo hike up to the top of Nine Mile Mountain; its peak is about 10,000 ft above sea level, and I had to stop frequently as I climbed to catch my breath. I sat alone at the top for about an hour and had a chance to share my lunch with a very friendly (and hungry) bird. On my way back, I passed a scenic overlook that looked down across the lovely valley. Within the overlook area was a mail box - labeled "God's mailbox" - stocked with paper, pens, and a mail slot with which to write God a letter. I happily took advantage of that special opportunity to do so.

Later in the week, my mother asked me if I wanted to go see the aftermath of a fire that burned in their area about 6 weeks prior to our arrival. It was, luckily, a small fire (comparatively for Colorado, anyway) that had been successfully extinguished in two or three days. The landscape was barren; a blackened, charred ruin of complete destruction. Or so I thought. My mother pointed out a little flower. She told me it was called Fireweed. It is the first colonizer in the soil after forest fires. (Its Latin name is *Chamerion angustifolium*, if you care to look it up online.) It's an absolutely beautiful little pink flower, and there were a lot of them. Its presence greatly moved me. It seemed to say that, even in the middle of this vast blackness, God wants us know we are to remain hopeful, healing and renewed life are on their way, and better days surely lie ahead for us.

The balance of the week was spent working on the land and in the woods that surround my parents' house, cutting fallen trees and splitting logs that became the firewood they will burn through the long, upcoming winter. When the work was complete, we sat on the deck, conversed about issues large and small, and soaked in their spectacular view of the continental divide.

This turned out to be a most unexpected chance to experience and appreciate God, so displayed in His magnificent earthly creation. That I was able to do that, while sharing a special week with my son and parents, was a gift for which I shall always remain grateful.

May God Bless you all

Andy Meyer
Moderator



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

A Christian ministry of loving service and education

Pilgrim Church Helps in Youth Led Drive

Last spring Pilgrim Church's own Dagny Abbett, a sixth grader, led an effort to secure basic items for folks served through "My Brother's Keeper", a Massachusetts based Christian organization of volunteers that delivers furniture, household items and food, free of charge, to those who seek assistance. Dagny writes, "Dear Pastor John: Thank you so much for letting me do a drive through the church. It was super successful. I raised over 130 supplies! I also bought a lot of supplies. I bought 20 cake mixes, 20 frostings, 20 cans of oil (to make birthday bags), 20 bags, 20 salt and pepper shakers, 20 toothbrushes, 20 toothpastes, 20 containers of baby wipes, and 20 deodorants. I delivered the supplies to My Brother's Keeper and did some food deliveries in the afternoon. We did about 7 deliveries, they were mostly to older [people] who didn't get out much and fairly young people on their first apartment."

Invitation to Participate in Our New Church Directory



SAVE THE DATE
Be included in our
new family directory

Dear Families and Friends,

Pilgrim Church is partnering with Lifetouch for this important project. Lifetouch is providing the directory at no cost to our church. Every family photographed receives a complimentary directory and an 8x10 portrait. To celebrate our church family and strengthen the bond within our congregation, we welcome you to be a part of our upcoming new directory this fall. We need you to make our directory complete!

Our Photography Dates & Times at Pilgrim Church will be:

- ⇒ Thursday, October 25, 2:00 – 9:00 PM
- ⇒ Friday, October 26, 2:00 – 9:00 PM
- ⇒ Saturday, October 27, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Save the date! To sign-up online please [click here](#) or call the church office to pick a time slot. Questions? Please reach out to Janet Walsh, dcm@pilgrimsherborn.org or (508) 655-1667 x13.

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE

This is the sixth in a series of 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.

The General Contract is continuing to progress smoothly. This past month the roof shingles, exterior siding and trim for the elevator and control room were installed. Installation began on the three phase power conversion system as did installation of the heat pump for the elevator control room climate control. The General Contractor (GC) RP Valois Inc. is now ready for the elevator hydraulics & cab when they arrive from the Otis Inc. manufacturing plant in South Carolina - hopefully by early October. The GC has also completed all the wiring and wall reinforcement for the platform lift, which is expected to arrive from the manufacturer Garaventa Inc. by mid-October.

The major remaining activities in the construction schedule are 1) Installation of the elevator hydraulics & cab and 2) Installation of the inclined platform lift. These tasks may stretch into November because of late deliveries from the manufacturers. There is still an outside chance we will have use of the elevator by the end of November. Regarding actual cost of the project, in September the GC invoiced another \$111K which included his costs as well as the remaining manufacturing costs for the elevator and platform lift subcontracts with only the on-site installation portion of those subcontracts remaining. To date the money expended totals \$226K out of our overall budget of \$375K, so at present we continue to track comfortably within the project budget.

Doug Peterson and Jim Campbell
Project Managers for Pilgrim Church



The *NEW* Pilgrim Church Country Fair & Yard Sale

Saturday, October 13, 2018 * 9am-3pm

The Senior High Youth Group Annual Yard Sale (which supports their mission trip), and the Women's Association Country Fair (which supports scholarships and special projects) are combining efforts to present an exciting NEW event featuring – **crafters, vintage/antique vendors, kids' activities, jewelry, baked goods, and a yard sale** this fall – something for everyone! We ask that you kindly consider donating items to the Fair, clean and in good condition only. Start setting your goodies aside!

Due to space limitations, we are limiting yard sale donations to the following:

- Kitchen/household wares
- Pottery
- Jewelry
- Indoor plants
- Decorative garden pots/décor
- Current sports equipment
- Toys (please, no board games, puzzles, or plush animals)
- Christmas decorations
- Video games and systems
- Small area rugs and runners
- Table or floor lamps
- Small furniture (chairs, tables, small bookcases, stools, etc.)

Sorry, we are UNABLE to accept:

- Linens
- Books (vintage comic books OK)
- TVs, computers, or electrical appliances (unless new)
- Paintings, prints or posters

Exceptions: if you have items in the above categories that you think are very sale-able (vintage wool blanket, iPad, a first edition book, small oil painting, etc.) contact a member of the Church Fair Team to inquire!

Many items needed for Bake Sale:

- Homemade baked goods & jams, pickles, maple syrup, etc.
- The more the merrier!

When to bring things in:

- ⇒ Starting Sept. 16th - **items may be left in the puppet room in the children's wing during church office hours** (8:30-4) or on Sundays
- ⇒ ** We would especially appreciate bringing jewelry in early because it takes time to sort and price **
- ⇒ Thursday, October 11, 4-8 pm, Friday, October 12, 4-8 pm
- ⇒ Baked goods should be delivered Friday October 12 between 8:30 and 4pm so they can be labeled and priced.

If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Chris Winterfeldt at chris@escotool.com, or any member of the Church Fair Team:

Diane Anderson, Kay Dunlap, Donna Turner, Judy Cranshaw, Janet Walsh and Meg Moruzzi.

Join in the fun for a wonderful Fall Event!





PILGRIM CHURCH 2020 UPDATE

BY MATT BEAUDET

"If you want to make the world a better place, take a look at yourself, and then make a change."

I'm not very good at change. Little changes – a new shirt, socks first *then* pants, different yogurt flavor – those are fine enough. It's the big changes that are really challenging. The 'boy, things are not going to be the same again after this' and 'the old way just doesn't work

anymore' kind of changes that can be scary, unsettling and stressful.

Every now and then though, they do come with a tinge of excitement – especially when those changes bring the **promise of something new. An adventure. An opportunity to see what it's like to do something you've wondered about or felt drawn to but have been too settled, too stuck, or too unsure to explore.**

I am a part of the Pilgrim 2020 Committee; a group of about thirteen members of our Pilgrim community that has been asked to start thinking about how we as a church could better serve each other, the broader community, and the wider world. **Our reality is that as the society around us changes, doing church "the way we always used to" is getting less and less effective. This isn't a judgment, it's simply true. To be relevant to this changing world means that we'll need to find new ways to reach out, attract, and nurture newcomers. To be honest, this is also true of the people who are currently at Pilgrim Church; our real lives and real needs often require the church to serve and respond to us in new ways.**

Our first step on this path has been hiring Pastor Barbara Lemmel to help guide the 2020 Committee and our church community as a whole in thinking about, talking about, and bringing to practice Jesus' message of love, service, and grace to each other and our communities. You can learn more about Barb here:

http://www.tending-the-fire.com/Tending_the_Fire/Home.html.

The first step in considering how we may need or want to change is to gain a clear understanding about what is most important at Pilgrim Church – what is so core to our identity that it should not change. The Pilgrim 2020 Committee will be holding two after-church listening sessions with the congregation to hear what you feel is most important about Pilgrim Church. **It is the Committee's goal to talk to as many of you as we can, and we'll put these answers together to create guiding principles for the church's future.**

Stay tuned to hear more about the 2020 effort over the next few weeks, but in the meantime, we'd like you to start to ponder this question:

What, for you, is the most important thing about church?

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES!

Would you like to get involved in something new this year? Want to volunteer service time, lead a ministry, cook, sing, write notes? We need help in all of these areas! All volunteer hours are so important in the caring and sharing of our congregation. We appreciate your help and time given, and it's a great way to connect!



Contact Janet Walsh at:

dcm@pilgrimsherborn.org or
(508) 655-1667 x13

Thank you!



To My Pilgrim Church Friends:

During this very difficult time after the passing of my son, Brad, your cards filled with encouraging and kind words, hugs, telephone calls, visits and offers to help in any way, have been a blessing to me. How lucky I am to have such wonderful people in my life.

Jacque Lewis

CARING COOKS MINISTRY

BY FRANK VILLA

Hi Folks! We have a group of eager cooks ready to provide meals for members of our congregation who can be helped by receiving meals due to family illness or other temporary need. This past year we have happily provided dinners for folks who are recovering from hospitalization, in the midst of moves, or experiencing family transitions of other kinds.

But we can do more! If you know anyone who could benefit from our meal service, please contact Janet Walsh or Pastor John and put our team to work!

If you wish to be added to our cooks list to deliver meals when the occasional need arises, please contact Frank Villa at labplans@verizon.net or Ruth Stewart zeedeestew@aol.com.



OCTOBER CLOTHING DRIVE

BY KATHY SOMERVILLE

It's that time again! The Missions Committee will be collecting clothes for local organizations during the last two weeks of October. Please think of us when you do your fall cleaning! We need all sizes of *practical, everyday* clothing for men, women, and children; there is always a special need for winter coats and infant clothing. We can accept both summer and winter clothing. We will also be collecting **"interview" clothing for Solutions at Work in Cambridge.** ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEAN and IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. We cannot donate anything that is ripped or stained! If you have pre-sorted the clothing, please label the outside of the bag so that the awesome Senior Youth Group students do not have to re-sort. Please leave your donations in the left vestibule closet if possible. E-mail Kathy Somerville at kbsomerville@comcast.net with any questions. Thank you very much.



Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 21, 3:00 pm
(church front lawn)

Thank God for Animals!

Bring your dog, cat, bird, snake, hamster, horse, fish, rabbit or whatever creature you love for a blessing.

"And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them..." --Genesis 1

DEACONS' CORNER...

BY ELMORE ALEXANDER

Elmore: **Tuesday after Labor Day, classes started, and I wasn't there for the first time in 60 years.** I retired from the university on June 30; and every September since first grade marked the start of a new school year as a student, a teacher, or an administrator. The day struck me as odd and unusual but not as uncomfortable. As I watched the start of the church year the next Sunday. I had to stop and think about how much different it must feel to the church youth who, while not starting their first school years, is clearly at the other end of the continuum.

Daniel: **Tuesday after Labor Day, classes started, and I was there for the first time in 76 days (not that I'm counting).** This is my 12th year starting over as a student. It was not an odd feeling since this is all I remember happening after Labor day. But you know what, the first week was not what I had been expecting. Things were different this year. Many changes took place in my life, including my activities and friends. It made me stop and think, things will not be the same this year. But from what I hear from my adult friends at Pilgrim, this happens in life.

Elmore: **If you look to the back of the church when you come in or during the service, you'll see Deacons' hustle and bustle that always combines "senior" Deacons and "youth" Deacons.** That we include high school church members in the Deacons is something that I find particularly rewarding. **I've taught both Senior High Sunday School and Confirmation Class in the last 30 years but working alongside high school students is a very different experience.** The shared responsibility and more equal status of working together makes for very different interactions. **In the last several years, I've gotten to know several student Deacons.** As you might suspect they are an impressive group. When I hear adults grimace about the young generation, I know that their interaction with this generation is superficial. Adults (like our youth group leaders) who get the opportunity to work closely with the youth in our congregation build much deeper relationships. I have the same kind of excitement when I participate in the Miracle on South Main Street. When I grew up in the church many years ago I had several opportunities to participate in working relationships with adults at my church. They were some of my most important experiences. Unfortunately, there are not many opportunities for youth and adults to work together in such a fashion. **I'm certainly glad that this is an emphasis of our church.**

Daniel: If you looked in the back of the church when you came into Pilgrim Church on the first Sunday of the year, I was there (my Dad scheduled me on the first Sunday!). Even though I would have preferred sleeping as late as possible that first Sunday of the year it was nice to be back. After a difficult first week of school, it was nice to be back filling water glasses and loading hymn numbers. But what really made the difference was adults **who said "hey Daniel, how was your summer and how was the first week"**. They are genuinely interested in the answer. **That's the difference at Pilgrim Church.** Adults who really care about your answer and what you say.

Elmore: **I'm going to miss my interactions with students now that I have retired from the university.** I look forward, however, continuing to make those connections through church. Stop by at the end of church some Sunday and introduce yourself to one of the youth Deacons. **There's an opportunity to be impacted or to have impact waiting to happen.**

Daniel: I get plenty of interactions with students. (Ok, not plenty because this is the life I lead), However, I look forward each Sunday to continuing my adult connections through church. Most adults in my life are concerned with my grades, my attention span, how much I use my phone, did I do my chores, or my ability to win on the field. **At Pilgrim Church, it's different.** Adults here just want to get to know me. So students (ok, how many are really reading this), stop by church any given Sunday and just say hi to the first adult you see and you will be surprised. I know I have been impacted.

PILGRIM CHURCH MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO TOUR THE NEW DAY CENTER IN NATICK! SEE THE TOUR DATES AND TIMES BELOW...

FAMILY PROMISE METROWEST
2008-2018
Celebrating 10 Years

148 FAMILIES
210 ADULTS
297 CHILDREN

507
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED

50 CONGREGATIONS
3000+ VOLUNTEERS
65 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Our congregations are the reason we came into being and the foundation of our success. In recognition of Family Promise Week, please stop by our new Day Center at 6 Mulligan Street, Natick for a tour and special program.

Sunday October 21
 12:30-1 tour
 1-2 program
 2-2:30 tour

Thursday October 25
 6-6:30 tour
 6:30-7:30 program
 7:30-8 tour

Sunday October 28
 12:30-1 tour
 1-2 program
 2-2:30 tour

To celebrate our 10th Anniversary and all we have accomplished together over the last decade, please join us for our Keep the Promise auction and food tasting event on Saturday, November 3.

Tickets are now on sale at www.501auctions.com/fpm.

Our mission: to transform the lives of families with children who are homeless by mobilizing a diverse community to provide shelter, education, and comprehensive support.

WE ARE:

- An interfaith network of congregations who dedicate their space and resources to provide overnight shelter and hospitality

- 3,000 passionate volunteers from congregations, businesses, civic organizations, schools, and the community at large

- A beautiful, new Day Center at 6 Mulligan Street, Natick, providing a real home for our families

- Professional case managers who support families in moving beyond homelessness into sustainability

- Steps to Success: an education and employment program that maximizes earnings as families reach their full potential

- Transitional Living: a program supporting families as they leave shelter and move into a home of their own

- LIFE: a homelessness prevention initiative offering subsidies for rent in arrears and case management to prevent further risk of eviction

ON BECOMING AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CHURCH A PROCESS OF DISCERNMENT

BY FRANK VILLA

In our recently adopted welcoming statement, "An Open Table", our congregation has enthusiastically confirmed our desire to be open to all people of faith.

We are exploring the opportunity to expand this welcome by becoming an Open and Affirming (ONA) church. To become ONA affirms a covenant with people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions to participate in the full life and ministry of our congregation, including membership, leadership, and employment. Through this covenant our congregation would promise to live out this welcome in meaningful ways in response to Christ's teaching of radical hospitality, accept one another, just as Christ has accepted you, in order to bring praise to God." (Romans 15:7)

With the approval of Pastor John and Parish Board, a discernment group has been formed to begin the process of determining whether Pilgrim church wishes to join 1200 other UCC churches in becoming a designated ONA church. We expect this discernment process to be an extended time of dialogue, study, and prayer; of active listening and respectful interaction as committed members of a vibrant faith community. We will conduct the process for whatever time it takes as we hear from all members of our congregation while we contemplate this step forward.

We want to hear from you! We will begin this process with individual or small group discussions and communications. We want to hear your concerns, your supportive feedback, or any other communication that you feel is relevant to this discernment. Our group is committed to approaching these conversations with an open spirit of appreciative listening. Our group is composed of the following members:

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thank you to everyone who served in building a house on September 8th!



A Fond Farewell to Tom and Susan Hunt



On Sunday, September 23rd Pilgrim Church bid a fond and grateful farewell and Godspeed to Tom and Susan Hunt as they prepare to move to Maine to be close to family. The Hunts have been members of our church since 1966 and our community was blessed by their service to others, their graciousness and good humor and their deep faiths. God bless the Hunts!



Please Join Us ... New Member Sunday!

BY JANET WALSH, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

No matter what the reason is you've come to Pilgrim Church, we'd love to have you join the congregation in membership. New Member Sunday will be November 4. Please RSVP to the church office, 508-655-1667 to find out about our October 18 one-night New Member Class, or to speak with Janet Walsh or Pastor John Hudson to learn more.

People join our church for so many reasons; to grow in Christian faith, to belong to a community, to share their gifts in ways that work for good, to set an example and receive support raising children in the Christian faith, to build relationships with people they might not meet elsewhere who share common values, to make a difference in the world, to find or give comfort. We look forward to welcoming you!

Sherborn Boy Scouts Troop 1

BY RON JANTZEN

The Scouts began this school year helping set up for the Sherborn Grange Fair at the Barber Reservation on Friday, September 14, moving tables and chairs for the food concession, then camping overnight to help provide security for the tents. They stayed and helped as needed Saturday. A Kick Off Family BBQ/picnic was held at the Sirri/Bethel home on Sunday. On Saturday, the 29th, the Scouts spent the day exploring and climbing the boulders at Purgatory Chasm in Sutton and camped overnight at Sutton Falls Camping Area. The Troop is healthy and is grateful for **Pilgrim Church's support!** **New members age 11 and up are always welcome. Join the Adventure!**

Calendar

Tue.	10/2	Metacomet District Roundtable, 7 p.m., Wheelock Elementary School, 17 Elm, Medfield
Mon.	10/8	Troop Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Pilgrim Church
Sat.	TBA	Catamont High Adventure Park, South Egremont, MA High Ropes & Zip Line + Overnight camping
Sat.	TBA	High Mountain Bike Park, Northfield, NH. Downhill Biking! Overnight camping

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



SACRED SPACES TOUR—NOV. 4

BY STEVE SOLOMON

The Sacred Arts Ministry will offer another in its series of visits to sacred spaces on Sunday, November 4 right after coffee hour. We will visit Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley for a tour with Rabbi Joel Sisenwine and then have lunch in Wellesley at Paparazzi.

Temple Beth Elohim was completed in 2010. See photos and learn more about the congregation and the building at www.tbewellesley.org.

There is no charge for the tour and transportation will be provided to and from the church (or to your home if needed).

Sign up by emailing Steve Solomon (slsolomon2@gmail.com) or see Steve at coffee hour.



MISSIONS GIVING



FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA & GAME NIGHT

FUNDRAISER NOVEMBER 2

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Mark your calendar - the Hospitality Committee & Mission Ministries are joining together to invite everyone to come together for a simple supper of pizza followed by the popular Left-Right-Center dice game that is easy and exciting for all to play!

We are putting a little twist on the evening. In the spirit of Mission Giving, we will ask for each player to bring \$10 (in singles) which will be used as we play the game. The winner of each game gets a small prize AND gets to choose which missions charity they would like to give the winnings to!

All are welcome. Feel free to bring a friend, grandchild, **confirmand, invite a guest...you get the idea.** It is festive fellowship for all!

Look for sign-ups in Fellowship Hall or call the church office by Nov. 1st **to let us know if you'll be joining us** for pizza and some laughs in the name of Mission Giving. The more the merrier!

PEARLS OF WISDOM FROM PILGRIM CHURCH

BY PASTOR DIANE ANDERSON

On Sunday, September 16th the Scripture reading (*Proverbs 1:20-33*) and the sermon were about wisdom. During the service, the congregation was invited to write pearls of wisdom they had learned on note cards, which were then collected into a "wisdom jar". These wonderful pearls of wisdom were shared with the senior youth group at their Sunday night meeting. This collection of pearls is so precious that I thought I'd share a sample in the newsletter as well! Thank you to all who contributed!

- Always be true to yourself .
- Kindness never goes out of style.
- Rich is not the one who has more but the one who needs less.
- **100% of the shots you don't take, don't go in the goal** - Wayne Gretsky
- Riding is a hard sport, you have to be able to push through to be able to compete.
- **Life is great if you don't give up!**
- Be compassionate - Everyone is going through something.
- Never leave a person behind.
- Find a balance between work and fun.
- Take a deep breath - All will be OK!
- **Remember what you learned in kindergarten...** to share and to think of others.
- You can never say please or thank you too much.
- You will feel closer to your spiritual journey when you are serving the church than you will when you are being served by the church.
- Love, learn, listen and always be kind and always be open to differences.
- Be a doer - Put your caring into action.
- Find the good and praise it.
- **If you don't want to clear the table and do the dishes, you are welcome to cook dinner instead.**
- Find ways to cultivate your soul every day.
- Love makes the world go round!

Christian Education

BY JANE RAITHEL, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CO-DIRECTOR

PLAN AHEAD FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TABLEAU!

The Children's Christmas Tableau is a long standing and beloved tradition at Pilgrim Church. This year the tableau will occur on Sunday, December 23. Roles as stars, animals, angels, shepherds, and wise persons are assigned by grade level. Everyone who **shows up is in the cast. All that's required is to follow the person** in front of you. No lines to learn. Costumes are provided. Participation is voluntary, but we do encourage *all* children to be part of this sweet, beautiful reenactment of the nativity story.

The roles of Joseph and Mary are earned by the fifth graders who have the best church school attendance record from September through early December. If your fifth grader is interested in playing the part of Mary or Joseph, make sure that alarm gets set on Saturday night. Baby Jesus is traditionally the youngest baby in our congregation.



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SESSION ONE VOLUNTEERS...

... Church School Teachers: Kirk Dragsbaek, Marianne and Andy Bloecher, Betsy Rigby and Andy Meyer, Liz Parrish, Eve Smith, Cindy Maguire, Carol Ann Oliver, Angie Johnson, Nancy and Charlotte Buehler, Kristy Barnard and Church School Friend, Chuckie Blaney.



Pilgrim Church Staff Notes....

It's been a time of change and transition in our community as long-time faithful employees retire and we also anticipate new and talented workers for Christ, to lead us as we deepen our faith and ties to each other.

Christian Education Co-Directors Corey Lincoln (who resigned last year) and Jane Raithel are stepping down from their shared ministry after more than 40 years of combined work caring for our kids and youth. WOW! We will take time this fall to thank them for their amazing service. Jane will also help through the fall to ensure a smooth transition.

The Christian Education Committee and I have been interviewing candidates for the new position of Director of Children and Family Ministries that will oversee our Church School and outreach to young families. We expect a decision very soon. Keep us in prayer and stay tuned.

Jane Raithel will continue on in the new position of Confirmation Coordinator, working with Pastor John and new Confirmation Co-Teacher Kristy Barnard to ensure that our discipleship program for eighth grade youth remains vibrant and strong.

Times of such change are both exciting and a bit scary but with care and commitment and God leading the way, we move into this new time with faith. Thanks for your support!

--Pastor John

YOUTH MINISTRY

BY DIANE ANDERSON, MINISTER TO YOUTH

Senior Youth Group

The Senior Youth Group (formerly known as The Senior High Youth Group) is off to a great start! We are delighted to welcome a new advisor into the group – Anna Meyer! Anna and her family are longtime members of Pilgrim Church and Anna went through the youth group program herself when she was in high school. She has recently graduated from college and is now teaching at a school in Providence. Anna is a wonderful addition to our advisor team, which includes, Kathy Somerville, Lisa Larsen and Kirk Dragsbaek. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated advisors who care so much for the youth.

One of our recent SYG meetings was dedicated to Lay Leader training. One of the ways SYG members serve our church is by serving as lay leaders on the second Sunday of every month. During our training meeting the SYG members practiced writing welcome statements and then went into the sanctuary to practice giving the welcome and reading the Call to Worship and Bible passage from the lectern. They did an awesome job and are looking forward to participating in upcoming worship services!

Now SYG is gearing up for the Church Fair/Yard Sale!! They will be helping to organize the yard sale **and will be running children's games at the fair.** This is SYG's biggest fundraiser to support their April Work Camp trip to Puerto Rico. We hope to see you at the fair on October 13th!



Junior Youth Group

The changes made to JYG (formerly known as Middle School Youth Group) seem to be working out well! **It's been wonderful to have the 5th graders included** in our meetings and having the meetings on Sunday nights instead of Monday nights seems to work much **better for our member's schedules. We are so grateful** that all three of our awesome advisors, Lynn Jameson, Eric Brooks and Kristen Flynn have continued on for this year!

At a recent meeting JYG members planned for the Church Fair. They came up with all kinds of ideas for **fun children's games! They will be helping to support** the SYG work camp trip to Puerto Rico by running some of the games at the fair.

We also read a beautiful picture book called, *Maybe God is Like That Too*, by Jennifer Grant. The book was about how a boy sees signs of God in the world when he witnesses acts of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness and faithfulness. We decided that each person look for signs of God in the same way during the coming week.



missionsministries



BY EVE SMITH AND CINDY MAGUIRE

This month we would like to introduce you to the Missions Ministries team and share how Missions at Pilgrim Church functions. The leadership members of the team are voted in at our Annual Meeting in February. Our By-Laws state that the leadership of Missions shall, "...consist of at least three members who shall serve as Mission Ministry stewards." The current missions stewards are Jim Byrnes, Nancy Beuhler, Cindy Maguire and Eve Smith. Together the four of us not only function as stewards of the missions ministries giving but also as supporters, educators, promoters and connectors to outreach and charitable opportunities that are morally and socially important to our church. Through our UCC affiliation, we are able to support local organizations and our MA conference center as well as national and global efforts as well. We also help to support the numerous volunteers of our church who graciously oversee some of our tried and true ministries such as the October Clothing Drive, serving dinner at the Salvation Army all year, our hosting of Family Promise and the beautiful baby blankets in May. Below you will see our Spotlight organization for the month of October and a couple of hands-on opportunities for the month as well.



In 2002, Dr. Jeff Dalin had the idea to provide kids in need with dental care. He organized the first *Give Kids A Smile* event in a run-down soon-to-be-demolished dental clinic in St. Louis, providing free dental care to nearly 400 children. In 2003, the American Dental Association adopted the program and launched the Give Kids A Smile program nationally. Since then it has provided more than five million underserved children free oral health services over the last 13 years. These free services are provided by approximately 10,000 dentists annually, along with 30,000 other dental team members.



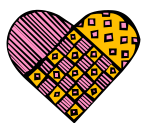
Salvation Army Dinner October 24

Pilgrim Church is in need of servers for the Salvation Army dinner on Wednesday, October 24. We need 14 servers to help, from 5 to 7:30 pm. To VOLUNTEER email Janet Walsh at DCM@PilgrimSherborn.org or Jacque Lewis harrington87@aol.com or contact the church office: admin@pilgrimsherborn.org.

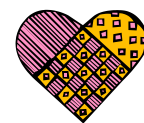
We are looking for some additional leadership for our wonderful Salvation Army Ministry this year! Would you like to help gather volunteers for this one night of service just 4 times a year? If you'd like to join this established ministry at Pilgrim let us know. Please call the office (508) 655-1667.

Thank you!





HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD



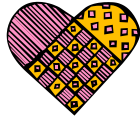
~ Sunday Worship Service Opportunities ~

In the spring, Pilgrim Church proved itself once again to be a vital congregation of dedicated people **working together as God's hands here on earth.** The "Hands to Work, Hearts to God" campaign for signing up people to help with our Sunday Worship was a huge success! It is time now for Hands to Work, Hearts to God again as we seek to fill the Sunday opportunities for the beginning of the church year. Look for the sign-up board in Fellowship Hall and check your calendars to see when you might be available to serve:

- ♥ Greeter – greets worshippers as they enter the sanctuary before the worship service
 - ♥ Usher – assist deacons with seating worshippers and collecting the offering
 - ♥ Lay Leader – words of welcome, church announcements, reading of Scripture
 - ♥ Coffee Hour Host – prepares coffee and provides optional simple snack
- ♥ Donate Sanctuary Flowers (\$45) – write a message for the church bulletin and order flowers **through Debra's Flowers in Holliston or bring your own.**

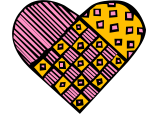
To sign up please contact Janet Walsh at dcm@pilgrimsherborn.org or 508-655-1667, ext. 13 or sign-up online at Sign-up Genius.

Sundays	Greeters	Ushers	Lay Leader	Flowers	Coffee Hour Host
September 9 Welcoming Sunday	♥	♥	Andy Meyer	Pilgrim Church	Hospitality & Outreach
September 16	♥	♥	Elmore Alexander	Andrew and Rae Dearborn	The Diaconate
September 23	♥	♥	John Hudson	The May Family	Josh & Jim Hartman
September 30	Angie Johnson and Family	Melanie Geary	Addie Mae Weiss	Beth and Frank Villa	♥
October 7	♥	Rena Bickel	Eric Brooks	Rena Bickel George McKenna	The May Family
October 14	JYG	Youth	SYG	Chuckie Blaney	Sandy Spadi Betty Schlenker



HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD

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October 21	Rae and Ethan Dearborn	♥	♥	♥	♥
October 28	Melanie & Lauren Geary	♥	♥	Charlie Williams	Carole Marple Barbara Ambos Heidi Dostoomian
November 4	♥	♥	Frank Villa	Rena Bickel George McKenna	Sally Tipton Rosemary Sortor
November 11	JYG	Youth	SYG	♥	♥
November 18	Cathy & Ella Dodge	♥	Matt Beaudet	Steve & Eve Smith	Beth & Frank Villa
November 25	♥	♥	♥	♥	♥
December 2 1st Sunday in Advent	♥	♥	♥		♥
December 9 2nd Sunday in Advent	JYG	Youth	SYG		Hospitality
December 16 3rd Sunday in Advent	♥	♥	♥		♥
December 23 4th Sunday in Advent	♥	♥	Andy Meyer		♥
December 30	♥	♥	♥		♥
January 6	♥	♥	Frank Villa		♥
January 13	JYG	Youth	SYG	Beth & Frank Villa	♥

♥ Denotes available Sunday service opportunities

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Sep 30	Oct 1 10:30am Life time Learning	2 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3 9:30am Bible Study 10:30am Lifetime Learning Class 8:00am AA Meeting	4 12:00pm Senior Calls 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 12:00pm Senior Calls 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	6 Church Fair and Yard Sale
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