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Dear Friends,

Last week I read one of those Reader's Digest-type stories I like so much. As a matter of fact, I could have given it to Heather to use in her fine sermon on James 3:1-12. She didn't need it! Her sermon was excellent! Here it is.

A minister was making a wooden trellis to support a climbing vine. As he was pounding away, he noticed a little boy watching him as he worked. The boy just watched without saying a word. The minister thought the boy would leave, but he didn't.

The minister finally broke the silence by asking the boy whether he was watching to pick up pointers on building a trellis for a garden.

The boy answered, "No, I'm just trying to hear what a preacher says when he hits his thumb with a hammer."

When she was angry over a situation, or frustrated or stressed by a circumstance, my grandmother used to say, "Why it was enough to make a preacher cuss!" Most of you reading this (though some are) are not preachers; I can say that there are times when this preacher would like to cuss. Though such actions would count as abuse today, I had my mouth washed out with soap when I was a boy for saying "cuss words." I confess that having one's mouth washed out with Lifebuoy soap is an effective deterrent to swearing, it is, alas, not a permanent cure.

Sometimes it seems that life presents us with a hurting sequence of "thumb-hammerings." It doesn't really help to "cuss," but, let's own up to it, it seems only appropriate to curse bad things which happen to us. At least momentarily, it feels good to protest our hurts.

The truth is, too, that we should condition ourselves to restrain the speech we employ when we're hurting and to use our language to encourage another who also knows how it feels to have a thumb hammered. Especially in the church, we should use language in such a way as to reflect God's Word of hope to salve our hurts. We should speak to each other in affirmative and encouraging ways. As Christians we should appreciate our unity in the distresses and pains of life. We shouldn't be selfish in the expression of our own woes when others may be even more needy than we are. We should rather offer to each other the Word of hope which God has provided, and continues to provide, in Christ. Encouraging words are growing rare as life becomes ever more impersonal. It is easier to curse the darkness than to provide a little light to one who dwells in life's many midnights.

Let's be kind to each other. Don't stand around to hear what the preacher says when he hits his thumb with a hammer; hear him say when you hit your thumb that he, too, knows how it feels.

Love,

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Evening Prayer

On October 14th Rev. Marks will resume leading the Wednesday Evening Prayer Services. The services begin at 7pm and end at 7:30pm. The services usually follow a contemporary Celtic Order for Evening Prayer. The services are centered on Scripture Reading, a Reading based upon them, Prayer, spoken and silent. Those who have attended these services usually become regular. They answer a need in many of our lives. The services are important to those who attend them in the process of spiritual formation.

This last summer Gary and Kathy marks visited the two major centers of ancient and contemporary Christian Celtic spirituality and worship. They visited Iona off the coast of Scotland and Lindisfarne (Holy Island) off the coast of England/Northumbria. They attended services in both places. The Order of Evening Prayer is a

variation of these services in their Christian centers which date to the 6th century. Join us, if you feel the need for prayer in life with kindred spiritual pilgrims.



The Choir and Church School Begin

It is always a thrill to have our marvelous choir back after a summer recess! It is always special, too, to welcome youngsters to our Church School in a beautiful educational center now in its renovated condition name The Rev. John Robinson Center. It is our hope that members and those who staff our Church School will invite others to join us in our fine Christian Education Program. Call the church office for information or speak to Rev. Heather Moody about our Christian Education Program.

Clerk – Lois Post; Moderator – Steven Triffletti; Treasurer – Jonathan Porter; Collector – Debra Richters;
Music Director – William B. Richter; Secretary – Shellie McCormack; Sexton – Tony Nightingale;
World Mission Emphasis – Heifer Project International; Church Building Telephone – 508-747-1341

On Our Church Calendar

Sun, Sept. 24: *Morning Worship*, 10:00am. Rev. Gary L. Marks will be preaching; *Church School* meets at the same time as the worship service; *Crib Room* services is again being provided during the Sunday morning worship services.

Tue, Sept. 26: Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody, will be in the office 10am-12pm; *Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Assoc. Meeting*, 12:00pm, Christ Church; *Advisory Board Meeting*, 7pm, Conference Room.

Wed, Sept. 27: Rev. Marks will be in the office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the office 10am-12am.

Thurs, Sept. 28: Rev. Moody will be in the office 10am-12pm; *Wedding Rehearsal*, 6:30pm, Sanctuary.

Fri, Sept. 29: Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the office 10am-12pm; *Wedding*, 4pm, Sanctuary; *Wedding Rehearsal*, 6:30pm, Sanctuary.

Sat, Sept. 30: *Wedding*, 2pm, Sanctuary.

Sun, Oct. 1: *Morning Worship*, 10am, Rev. Gary L. Marks, preaching (Crib Room care provided during the service); *Children's Worship* with Communion, 10am, John Robinson Center; *Youth Fellowship*, 4-5:30pm, John Robinson Center.

Mon, Oct. 2: *Women's Fellowship*, 7pm, Allerton Hall.

Tue, Oct. 3: Rev. Marks will be in the office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the office 10am-12pm.

Wed, Oct. 4: Rev. Marks will be in the office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the office 10am-12pm; *Evening Prayer*, 7pm, Sanctuary (see p.1).

Thurs, Oct. 5: Rev. Moody will be working from home; *Christian Education Committee Meeting*, 7pm, Conference Room.

Fri, Oct. 6: Rev. Marks will be in the office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the office 10am-12pm.

Sun, Oct. 8: Morning Worship, 10am, Rev. Heather A. Moody, preaching.

Mon, Oct 9: *Church Office Closed (Columbus Day)*.

Outside Groups Meeting at Our Church

Monday: Aerobics, 9:15-10:15am, Allerton Hall; Pilgrim Festival Chorus, 7-10pm, Sanctuary; Girl Scouts, 4-5:30, Allerton Hall; Girl Scouts, 6-7pm, Great Hall; Brownies, 5:30-7:15, Stewart Room (every other week).

Tuesday: Girl Scouts, 3:30-5:30, Stewart Room; Aerobics, 6:30-7:30pm, Allerton Hall.

Wednesday: Aerobics, 9:15-10:15am, Allerton Hall; Cub Scouts-Boy Scout, 6:30pm-10:00pm, Great Hall; Daisy Troop, 4-5:30pm, Stewart Room.

Thursday: Aerobics, 6:30-7:30pm, Allerton Hall; AA, 7-8pm, Great Room.

Friday: Aerobics, 9:15-10:15am, Allerton Hall.

Coming Events

Oct. 12-Stewarship Meeting, 7pm, Conference Room

Oct. 13-Guild Meeting, 1pm, Allerton Hall

Oct. 14-Confirmation Retreat at Iris Haven

Oct. 14-Wedding Rehearsals in the sanctuary, 5:30pm and 6:30pm.

Oct. 16-Weddings in the sanctuary, 2:00pm and 5:00pm

Mailboxes

All committee chairs are reminded to stop by the John Robinson Center regularly to check their mailbox. Often times there is time sensitive materials placed in your mailbox that requires your attention

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR AUGUST

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| Current Pledges | 9575.37 |
| Other Operating Income | <u>13642.68</u> |
| TOTAL Operating Income | 23218.05 |
| Capital Campaign Income | 7075.00 |
| Other Restricted Income | <u>13359.68</u> |
| TOTAL Restricted Income | 20434.68 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$43652.73 |
| Operating Budget Expense | 25763.12 |
| Restricted Expense | 11418.24 |
| Personnel Expense | — |
| TOTAL EXPENSE | \$37181.36 |
| TOTAL NET INCOME | \$ 6471.37 |

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

Plymouth Area Food Warehouse: The church of the Pilgrimage continues to collect non-perishables for the Plymouth Area Food Warehouse. The following items are always in short supply: cereal, juice, canned goods, peanut butter & jelly, pasta and sauce, coffee, tea, and crackers. Thank you to all who contribute regularly to this ministry. **Neighbors In Need** expresses the United Church of Christ's commitment to ministries of justice and compassion in the United States and Puerto Rico, as we speak prophetically to those in power and advocate for the voiceless. In the spirit of Christ, we seek to confront evil in the world and to alleviate suffering through justice advocacy and direct service. *Sunday, October 1st is Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering.*

FLOWERS

September 24- In loving memory of Hermann Schimpf. Given by Hildegard, Monica and family.

The Women's Guild

On Friday, October 13th at 1:00pm The Guild will host a program about the Manomet Center for Conservation Science by Sue Chamberlain. Anyone from the church (men and women) are welcome to attend this informative meeting.

Women's Fellowship

The next meeting of the Women's Fellowship is Monday, October 2nd at 7:00pm in Allerton Hall. We hope even more new members will join us this month for "Many Hands Make Light Work." We will be working together on projects for the Octoberfest Fair. Suzanne Anderson, Jennifer Bingham-Maas and Jenny Healy will provide instructions and supplies. We just need to come ready to help.

Kitchen & Allerton Hall-Fall Cleaning

Saturday, September 30th at 9:00am, Women's Fellowship or anyone who would like to help please bring a pail and your favorite cleaner and we'll work together for about 1½ hours.

Crib Room

During last year staffing in our Crib Room was sporadic. A group of our members have now organized people to staff our lovely Crib Room during Sunday services. As most of you know, the Crib Room had a complete make-over a few years ago. It is operated with "safe-church" standards as a guide. We hope to encourage people with young children to utilize the Crib Room facility. The church thanks all those who work so hard to make the Crib room a vital part of our Sunday Worship.

CHURCH RECORD

Baptisms

- September 10, 2006 Zackary Adams and Amanda Adams, twins of Lisa and Jared Adams and Aaron Philip Chiocca, son of Adam and Maimuna Chiocca were baptized during the service of worship.
- Carl Allen Hoyt, son of Natalie and Jason Hoyt, were baptized in a private service on September 10, 2006.

Weddings

- On September 9, 2006 Rev. Marks conducted a wedding service for Jeffrey Raymond and Julia Florance in the church sanctuary.
- On September 17, 2006 Rev. Marks conducted a wedding service for Matthew C. Squillante and Gabrielle A. Zazzarino in the Brewster Garden.

In Memoriam

- On September 9, 2006 Rev. Marks conducted a funeral service for Jean Patenaude in the church sanctuary. Rev. Peter Gomes also spoke at the service.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Chip Stevens whose mother, Magerum Stevens, recently passed away in Pennsylvania.

The Pilgrimage Herald

The Pilgrimage Herald is now being published on a bi-weekly schedule. It is an experiment in an effort to make the most of our time and in freeing the secretary's time to perform her many duties. Most churches produce a monthly newsletter as we do in the summer. We feel that The Herald is our major communication vehicle and hope to keep it to a bi-weekly schedule in its publication. This means, of course, that those who wish to have information included in the Herald will need to think on a bi-weekly basis, too. All items should be in the church office by Tuesday preceding publication. We hope this new Herald schedule meet with your approval.

Sunday Morning Announcements

Some have noted (another way of saying complained) that the Announcements during Sunday worship are quite lengthy. In part, that is because the church's activities are varied and many and those involved in their planning and presentation want to apprise us of them. We are sensitive to the length of announcements and are trying to address the matter. We could for instance, provide "announcement time" a few minutes before the service begins. We actually tried that several years ago. The reason that practice was discontinued was that our people tend to enter the sanctuary just before the Processional Hymn, thus missing most of the information. Besides, there are some who think that all

the church's activities should be considered within the context of our worship together and be a part of our community of faith. In any case, we are trying to address the length of Sunday announcements. It is, in the mean time, very helpful to the ministers to have any information to be included in the "Welcome/Announcements" line of the Order of Service in hand prior to the service on a Sunday. Announcements should be in the church office on Friday morning. We're working on it!

Habitat for Humanity

Last Sunday was Habitat for Humanity Sunday. We thank Nancy Morse for her presentation during the "Missions Moment" of the Sunday service. The Church of the Pilgrimage is a "covenant" member of Habitat. We thank Nancy for her immense dedication and all our church members who volunteer or contribute to Habitat which has its root and inspiration in our biblical faith.

400th Anniversary Celebration

On September 10, 2006 Rev. Marks and Rev. Moody took part in a service at First Parish, Unitarian Universalist Church which recalled our common inheritance of the 1606 Scrooby Covenant. Rev. Marks read a letter which was written by Rev. John Robinson and carried on the Mayflower as a guide in founding a church and forming a "body civil politic."

Attention Confirmands and Mentors

There will be a Confirmation meeting this Sunday, September 24th from 11:45-1:15p.m. in the John Robinson Center. Our Bibles and books have arrived! Confirmands: please bring a notebook or sketchbook with you to serve as your journal.

Children's Worship Service

On Sunday, October 1st, we will resume our first Sunday of the month worship service for children and youth ages 3 through 9th grade. Worship will be in the John Robinson Center and will include a Service of Communion. Parents, please bring your children to their classrooms *before* the 10a.m. service begins in the sanctuary.

Calling all 6th, 7th, and 8th Graders

We want YOU to join us for Junior High Youth Fellowship on Sunday, October 1st from 4:00-5:30p.m. Come have some fun, hang out with great people, and discover a safe place where you can be yourself. If you want to learn more, pick up a flyer in Allerton Hall and/or contact Rev. Heather at 508-746-3026.

Senior Highs (9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th graders)

Be sure to reserve the date: On Sunday, October 29th, we will have our first meeting at a special time, 3:00-5:00p.m., in the John Robinson Center. Please call Rev. Heather at 508-746-3026 if you would like to learn more.

Calling all Parents of Jr. & Sr. High Youth

We need YOUR help to make our Youth Fellowship ministry a resounding success. Please fill out a parent registration form in Allerton Hall and be sure to have your son or daughter fill out a youth fellowship registration form as well. We need the information both of you can provide to ensure we address the needs of our young people and make Youth Fellowship a fun and faith-filled experience.

Attention Pie Bakers

I am taking a tally of how many pies we have. Please call (508-747-7168) or e-mail (poetick@verizon.net) me telling me who you are and how many pies you have made. I also need to know what kind of pies you have made. Thanks for your help, Jenny.

WANTED: 8 oz. jelly jars (the kind with the screw top lids).

If you have any such jars from previous fair purchases (here or elsewhere), please consider donating them to the jam making cause; it greatly defers the cost of production. Thank you, Jenny

SAVE ROOM FOR PIE!

Remember those wonderful chicken pot pies you bought at the Harvest Fair last year? They're coming back! And the apple pies, too. But wait, there's more! This year we will be offering a variety of fruit pies, frozen and ready to bake, for your holiday table or any time at all. Just imagine hot apple pies from local apples, Maine blueberry pies, Massachusetts grown peach pie, and an old local favorite, rhubarb pie. And there's more where those came from. Be sure to visit the Country Store table early in the day to get your favorite. The pies are sold frozen and come with directions for cooking. See you at the fair!

Do You Have a High School Senoir?

If your son or daughter is a high school senior and is looking for a small liberal arts college, consider a UCC affiliated college. They offer quality education in urban or rural settings, lower costs and scholarships. See the Membership bulletin board poster and the booklet on back of the bookcase for the list of 30+ schools. Go to their websites. You won't be disappointed. Ask Gary and Kathy, their sons have attended Heidelberg College.

Ground Breaking Ceremony

The Plymouth Habitat for Humanity energy efficient homes will hold a ground breaking ceremony on October 14 at 10:00am at the site on Braley Raod. For directions or more information, please see Nancy Morse or call her at 508-746-5213.

Peter Gomes to participate in Organ Concert at Second Church of Plymouth

The Reverend Dr. Peter Gomes, Harvard University chaplain, will be among the featured guest organists at an Organ Concert to be held at the Second Church of Plymouth, UCC, in Manomet on Sunday, November 5, at 3 p.m. Guest performers include Second Church organist Jane Costa, and other local organists Doris Johnson, Elizabeth Reilly, and Priscilla Wonkka. Come and enjoy a wonderful program of sacred music. A donation of \$10.00 will be accepted at the door, with all proceeds to benefit the Corinne Peck Memorial Organ Fund.

Second Church recently purchased a new Allen organ and dedicated it to the memory of Corinne Peck, who served as church organist for 45 years, until her death in 2001.

The Second Church of Plymouth is located at the intersection of White Horse Road and Route 3-A in Manomet, with parking in the rear of the church. The church is handicapped accessible.

God Bless Samantha Curtin and Benjamin Anderson

The church wants to thank Samantha Curtin and Benjamin Anderson who earned \$15.50 at a yard sale on selling lemonade and cookies. They waited patiently to present an envelope to Gary wishing to give the proceeds to the church. Both children can be a model for all of us in our giving. (The yard sale proceeds were also donated to the church.)