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Dear Friends,

Oddly, there is an Easter lily in full bloom at the parsonage. When the first frost was forecast the buds were just about to open. The plant is near the house and remarkably, the blossoms, frost free, have been able to run their course just as though it were Easter.

I am reminded of the seasons of the year as I've observed that Easter lily. I'm reminded of the seasons of life, as well. Just when I was feeling melancholy as the leaves turned from green to yellow and red in October that lily, once a part of Resurrection celebrations at The Church of the Pilgrimage, introduced spring into nature's grand changing of the guard.

I have no idea what botanical mechanism triggered that lily to bloom in autumn, but it does remind me to think upon resurrection and renewal as a possibility no matter what life's season may be. There are graceful times in life which are able to restore our hope and keep us from falling victim to malaise or bitterness as life inexorably moves on. Spring moments are possible even in autumn. That lily reminds me of that.

In some churches this coming Sunday is celebrated as Reformation Sunday. Rightly, the Reformation is not longer viewed as a protest against the Roman Catholic Church from which the great reformers broke away. Rather than being a negative protest, the Reformation is properly viewed as a sign of faith's resiliency, its capacity not only to recover what has been forgotten or lost, but also to find new expressions latent in the Word of God from the beginning. Faith's benevolent power is, gracefully, trans-seasonal.

Our congregation, now in the 400th year of its constituting covenant, has shown an ability to open itself to faith's widening vistas. That has been, and is being, accomplished by fits and starts, sometimes with kicking and screaming, but it is a part of the Covenant's pilgrimage through the ages to be attentive to a God who is still speaking. It is faith's duty to listen for God's Word of hope.

There are the reflections of a seasoned "covenanter" who has endured some things, to be sure, but who trusts in the God who is my, and your, Covenant partner. I am encouraged by the symbol of an Easter lily in full bloom in late October.

Love,

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HARVEST FAIR

SATURDAY, OCT. 28TH, 10-2PM

Don't miss this one, this is truly going to be one of our best years yet! We will be offering chicken pot pies, and assortment of homemade frozen fruit pies, homemade frozen tortellini, jams, jellies, freshly baked bread and a wide assortment of baked goods for sale. Additionally, at our luncheon, we will be serving lobster rolls, chowder, meatball subs and other delicious goodies. Are you hungry yet? What better way to spend a few hours on a rainy Saturday than to buy dinner for tonight or next week, have lunch and shop for Christmas in October?...all while supporting our church. Sounds like a date! Mark your calendars, you don't want to miss this one! Look forward to seeing you there. Laura Curtin 508-746-7761

Women's Fellowship meets Monday, November 6th at 7pm in Allerton Hall. We hope members, new and longtime, can attend this special meeting. We will begin our church's November celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Scrooby covenant. The expert and dedicated Pilgrim scholar, our own Rev. Gary will present a program on the Scrooby and Pilgrimage Covenant. Our business meeting will begin at 7 and the lecture at 7:45. Please come and bring a guest.

Women's Guild will meet on Friday, November 10, 2006 at 1:00 in Allerton Hall. The program will be "Mexican Travels Video" presented by Bruce & Gerry Allen. A reminder to members of the Guild, please bring one item for the food pantry. Also, the gavel we use for our monthly meetings has gone missing. Have you seen it? Please contact Marge Sears or Gerry Allen if you know of its whereabouts.

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On Our Church Calendar

Sun, Oct. 29: *Morning Worship*, 10:00am, Rev. Gary L. Marks preaching; Daylight Savings Time Ends, *Confirmation Meeting*, 11:45am-1:15pm, John Robinson Center; *Senior High Fellowship*, 3-5pm, John Robinson Center.

Mon. Oct. 30: *Monday Meals of Hospitality* in Allerton Hall.

Tue, Oct. 31: Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the church office 10am-12pm.

Wed, Nov. 1: Rev. Marks will be in the office, 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the church office, 10am-12pm; *Choir Rehearsal*, 7:30pm, Sanctuary; *Evening Prayer* in the sanctuary, 7:00-7:30pm.

Thurs, Nov. 2: Rev. Moody will be in the church office 10am-12pm; *Christian Education Committee Meeting*, 7pm, John Robinson Center Conference Room.

Fri, Nov. 3: Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the church office 10am-12pm; *Wedding Rehearsal* in the church sanctuary.

Sat, Nov. 4 *Pilgrim Festival Chorus Concert*, 7:30pm, Sanctuary; *Wedding*, 4pm, Sanctuary.

Outside Groups Meeting at Our Church

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

Tuesday: Brownie 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 Scouts, 6:30pm-10:00pm, Great Hall; Daisy Girl Scout Troop, 4-5:30pm, Stewart Room (every other week).

Thursday: Aerobics, 6:30-7:30pm, Allerton Hall; Brownie Girls Scouts, 5:30-6:30, Stewart Room; AA, 7-8pm, Great Room.

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

Coming Events:

Nov. 5-Fall Fellowship Meeting, Southeast Area, in Wareham.

Nov. 12-Annual SERRV Sale following worship, Allerton Hall.

Nov. 19- "A Pilgrim Canticle" in the sanctuary, 7:30pm.

CHURCH RECORD

Weddings

- On October 21, 2006 Rev. Marks conducted a wedding service for Debra Carpeno and Kevin Peters in the church sanctuary.

In Memoriam

- On October 20, 2006 Rev. Marks conducted a graveside service for church member Rachel O'Donnell. Our prayers are with her family.

FLOWERS

October 29: In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Delano Sr. Given by Clarence Delano Jr. and family.

Evening Prayer

Wednesday Evening Prayer has resumed in the sanctuary. The service is from 7-7:30pm and will be held each Wednesday evening unless otherwise announced. The Evening Prayer Services are times of meditation upon selected Scripture readings, prayer and reflection. Please feel welcome to attend these times of "spiritual centering." A snack will be provided.

Church Membership

If you have an interest in church membership, please speak with Rev. Marks or call the church office 508-746-3026.

Crib Room

As most of you know, the Crib Room had a complete makeover 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.

Space for Rent

We are actively seeking tenants for unoccupied space in the Robinson Center which is available during the weekdays. Long-term prospects are preferable but short-term arrangements could also be made. If you know of anyone or any organization that may be interested, or need more information please contact Verna Ross-Hoyt 508-224-9507 or Doug Post 508-224-7294.

Scrooby Covenant Lecture

A lecture on the Scrooby covenant will be presented on Monday, November 6th at 7:45 in Allerton Hall. It will be part of the Women's Fellowship meeting. All are invited to attend the lecture.

Town Bell

On October 21, 2006 the town bell housed in the Unitarian Church's tower was rededicated. The bell has been refurbished and now rings at regular intervals during the day electronically. Our tower bell was also rung in commemoration of the town's bell which had been idle for many years. Our tower bell, by the way is a very fine bell. It should be rung more than it is!

Boy Scouts

Rev. Marks received three plaques recognizing Scout Troop #47 and The Church of the Pilgrimage being related for 75 years on October 18, 2006. The Church of the Pilgrimage is one of the oldest sponsors of a Boy Scout Troop in the nation.

Confirmands and Mentors:

We will have a Confirmation meeting this Sunday, October 29th from 11:45-1:15p.m. Our first November meeting will be Sunday, November 5th at the same time and place. It is possible that our currently scheduled November 4th visit to Second Church in Manomet's Saturday Jazz Worship service may be rescheduled. We'll try to have an update about this during this Sunday's meeting.

Calling all Senior High Youth:

Come to the John Robinson Center (formerly known as the Church House) this Sunday at 3:00p.m. for Kodak Kapers. Come hang out with friends and enjoy a quirky, challenging, and fun scavenger hunt. You'll be joined by Rev. Heather and some fabulous Adult Leaders—Chuck Harper, Trace Sears, Maureen Hague, Lois Post, and Stephanie Gray.

Children's Worship Service

On Sunday, November 5th, we have 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 had a fantastic time at our October Halloween Party. Great costumes, challenging games, fun trivia, and tasty treats were just some of the things we enjoyed. We hope you'll join us for our November meetings, Sunday, November 5th and Sunday, November 19th, both at 4:00-5:30p.m.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS-----

The UCC Coffee Project - With coordinator Pat Harper, the Missions and Outreach Committee will begin serving Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee during the coffee hour on Sunday, Oct. 15th. Coffee will be available for sale sometime soon. A number of people have made donations to make the purchase of this coffee possible. If you wish to purchase a pound or more to support this ongoing project, please find the sign-up sheet next to the "Now Serving" sign or speak to Pat Harper. *Through the UCC Coffee Project farmers can earn a fair price for their product, have access to affordable credit, and gain a long-term trading partner they can trust. With you support these communities are able to invest in education, health care, and agricultural improvement*

THANK YOU to the families who walked in the Crop Walk this year. Thank you also to those who sponsored our walkers. We have raised \$7,500 and are still counting. Wow!

SAVE THE DATE: the fifteenth annual **SERRV SALE** will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2006.

Thanks for all you do. Meg

The Monday Meals of Hospitality began serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community. If you would like to be part of this ministry to a growing number of people in need in Plymouth, please contact the coordinator, Diane Flood at 508-209-0266.

UNICEF: "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF" boxes will be available at the Missions and Outreach table on Sunday, October 29th. Last year, we collected \$177.78 for UNICEF, enough to build a well in one of the 157 countries receiving health care, clean water, basic education and emergency relief for children through UNICEF.

Meeting regarding replacement windows

The Board of Trustees will hold a special informational meeting after worship Sunday, November 5th. This short meeting will be to show the congregation the replacement windows that have been chosen and answer any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

PAC/TV

We are hoping that someone will come forward to learn how to tape our Sunday services for airing on PAC/TV. It could be a valuable asset to a young person to learn such a skill. Rev. Marks frequently hears comments about how much people miss the telecasts. The televised services are a ministry to shut-ins, and they present an alternative to other types of religious broadcasting. Please contact Rev. Marks or the church

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