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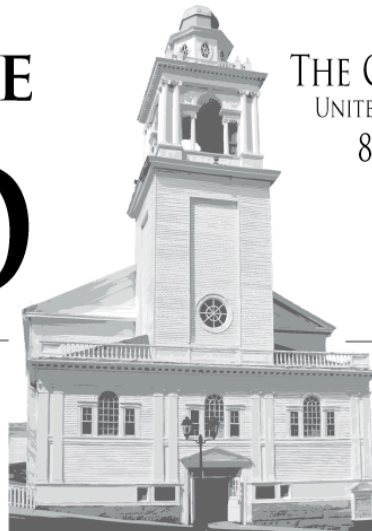
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Dear Friends,

Sometimes when its time to write a Pastor's Letter I don't have the slightest notion in the world what I'll write about. Sometimes I copy down stories for just such occasions or try to reflect upon a general theme. I found a story a while ago which caught my attention, so I'll give it a go.

In a book, Fast Food Nation, Eric Schlosser wrote about a marketing survey that studied the most widely recognized symbols in the world. The symbols were not all corporate, however, but the author focused upon symbols which trigger instant recognition. Before you read on, can you guess what the tops three most universally identified symbols are? The top three are, in order: the Olympic rings, McDonald's Golden Arches, the Christian Cross. I honestly thought the cross would be the most recognized symbol, but evidently it isn't. I must say that I'm more than slightly offended that the Golden Arches are more identifiable than the cross of Christ, but I have no reason to doubt Schlosser's research.

The recollection of the story above did set my mind to thinking about nourishment, especially with reference to the Golden Arches and the cross. The Olympic rings also can be construed to appeal to feeding feelings of national pride, but such vainglory, in my opinion, does not satisfy the deepest needs of our race for spiritual nourishment. That need can be satisfied only by faith which for Christians is symbolized by the cross.

I do observe an increasing hunger in the world for spiritual nourishment, even as I discern ways in which fanaticism can compromise or destroy the "spiritual nutritional value" of religion. I often have heard people point out to me the great harm which has been caused by religion. That is an argument which cannot be countered, of course. But, such critics usually don't point out the clear accomplishments and benefits of religion. Yet, we must ever be aware that spiritual nourishment can fall under the category of "junk food." Often in Christian faith some would have a Jesus who is created out of needs which cannot be found in Jesus' teaching nor are they confirmed by his life, death and resurrection. Some Christian expressions try to make Jesus follow them rather than them following Jesus.

I am certain that human beings cannot live meaningfully without a sustaining faith. For spiritual nourishment, however, we must be fed by the Word of God and the "bread of heaven." That isn't "junk food."

Love,

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ON OUR CALENDAR

June 24: Morning Worship 10:00am, Rev. Gary Marks preaching. 50th Anniversary of the U.C.C. celebration in Hartford, Connecticut.

June 26: JULY HERALD DEADLINE. Rev. Marks will be in the church office, 9:30am. The Advisory Board will meet at 7pm in the JRC Conference Room. Rev. Moody at General Synod.

June 27: Rev. Marks will be in the church office, 9:30am. Evening Prayer in the sanctuary at 7:00pm.

June 28: Rev. Moody will be working from home to prepare her sermon.

June 29: Rev. Moody will be in the office at 10am. Public Ham and Bean Supper in Allerton Hall, 5:00-7:00pm. Wedding rehearsal in the sanctuary, 5:30pm.

June 30: Wedding in the sanctuary, 1:00pm.

Coming Events:

June 26: The Advisory Board will meet at 7:00pm in The John Robinson Center Conference Room.

June 29: Missions Dinner in Allerton Hall, 5-7:00pm.

June 30: Wedding in the sanctuary, 1:00pm.

REV. MOODY AT GENERAL SYNOD

From June 21st – June 27th Rev. Moody will be in Hartford, CT for a 2030 UCC Clergy Gathering, the Massachusetts Conference Annual Meeting, and the General Synod Meeting of the United Church of Christ.



FLOWERS: In loving memory of Derek Colburn. Given by Bob & Marylyn Dunlap Colburn.

GREETERS: The Brown Family: Linda, Linzee, Jessica, Carissa, Adam and Andrew.

CHURCH RECORD

Hospitalized: Harold Tissot-Beth Israel Hospital, Boston.

Baptism: On June 17, 2007 Luke Anthony Hutton, son of David Hutton and Su Hong Dang, was baptized during the worship service.

Wedding: On June 15, 2007 Rev. Marks conducted a wedding service for Robert Lincoln Small and Bernardine Lyla Mae Hopkins in the sanctuary.

In Memoriam: On June 16, 2007 Rev. Marks officiated at a funeral service for Lothrop "Cricket" Withington at The First Parish Unitarian/Universalist Church. The Rev. Sarah Clark graciously welcomed Gary and The Rev. Peter J. Gomes who was among the speakers.

PUBLIC SUPPER AT THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMAGE

Friday, June 29, 2007 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Ham and Beans, Hot Dogs for the kids, Cabbage Slaw, Cornbread, Ice Cream Sundaes. We are having a table of "treasures" too, with odds and ends from attics and cupboards and even some plants and children's books. Jill Howard will also have a table of handmade doll clothes for sale! There will be a sign-up sheet for the event during coffee hour this Sunday. It will be helpful if we can have an estimate of the number of people planning to attend from our congregation. Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$8.00 and Children \$5.00.

FOOD WAREHOUSE

The Food Warehouse is still in need of canned goods, rice, beans, condiments, tuna, peanut butter, bottles of juice. Please continue through the summer months to share in this important mission.

THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The Theological Discussion Group has opted not to meet during their month of July. Discussions will resume in August when Gary returns from his vacation.

CELTIC EVENING PRAYER SERVICES

The Wednesday Evening Prayer Services will not meet during July and August. The group will resume in September.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES

Rev. Marks plans to offer New Member Classes beginning October 14th. If you are interested in church membership, please call the church office.

THE PILGRIMAGE HERALD

During July and August **The Pilgrimage Herald** will be published monthly. Thinking ahead it will be necessary to have any items for the July newsletter to the office by June 26th. Items for the August newsletter must be in the office no later than August 24th.

REV. MARKS SUMMER INFORMATION

Rev. Marks will be on vacation during the month of July. He will, however, be officiating at two weddings in the church sanctuary during the month. On July 14th Kathy and Gary's son Jonathan will be married to Joanne Doblecki. On July 28th James David Marks (J.D.) will be married to Betsey Stearns. These are happy days for all the families involved!

NOTES---

We extend our congratulations to Ben and Dale Moreland on the birth of their daughter Lindy Eleanor Moreland born on June 18, 2007 in Standish, Maine. Lindy is the granddaughter of Dave and Sandi Moreland.

It was Music Appreciation Sunday on June 17th. The Sanctuary choir members were out in force and out-did themselves in their performance. The choir was amazing! The congregation joined in giving thanksgiving to God for our marvelous music program during the service. Thank you! The choir will sing on June 28th, and after that during the summer musical offerings will include a variety styles, soloists, instrumental, etc.

A FEW NOTES FROM THE KITCHEN

1. Here is the recipe in its entirety. There are also copies available along with tin pie plates in Allerton Hall; help yourself.
 2. For those who missed my announcement on Sunday, if you are having a rhubarb overload in your backyard, feel free to call and we will send out a Rhubarb Abatement Team to alleviate you of your problem. This goes for the rest of the growing season as well; if you have more from your fruit trees or gardens that you are able to process, there are Harvest fair canners and bakers who would put the food to good use. We've already frozen 4 rhubarb pies and put up 15 jars of rhubarb jam. We're going for another record breaker this year.
 3. Not a baker or a canner or a gardener and wondering how you can help? Consider donating a bag of sugar, a pound or two of butter or a case of jelly jars (pints or half pints) to the cause.
 4. Please continue to drop off any jelly jars you've emptied throughout the year and we will work to fill them for this year's fair.
- Thanks for your continued support, Jenny, Licensed Rhubarb Abatement Specialist (508-747-7168, poetick@verizon.net)

Pie Crust Recipe for Frozen Pies

2 sticks unsalted butter, chilled and cut into cubes
 2 cups all purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1/3 cup ice water

Mix dry ingredients well. Work in butter using two knives or a pastry blender (not your hands as they will warm the butter too much). Once butter has been well incorporated (reduced to peas sized pieces) add ice water and toss with fork to moisten dough. Turn dough out onto counter and rub dough into the counter several times with the heel of your hand. Form the dough into two discs, wrap in waxed paper or plastic and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. This is a generous recipe that leaves you with enough leftover for a turnover for yourself.

GOLF TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP

The Annual Church of the Pilgrimage September Golf Tournament will be held Saturday morning, September 22, 2007 at Southers Marsh Golf Course. We welcome corporate and individual hole sponsors (\$100) to make this fundraiser a success. We are taking reservations immediately for individual and foursomes at \$100/person, which includes greens fees, a cart, gift bag and lunch. Not a golfer? Join us at noon for a delicious baked stuffed chicken meal, and great raffle prizes: \$20/adults, \$10/kids. And everyone can participate by purchasing golf balls for the exciting Helicopter Ball Drop: \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Call Mike Harrington 508-747-2060 or Judy Mitchell 508-746-3959 for more information.

SOUTH POND CHAPEL SUMMER HYMN SING

South Pond Chapel was built in the 1870's as a Union Evangelical church for residents of the village at South Pond in Plymouth; it offered them a place to worship close to their homes and at that time the village at South Pond was a remote part of town.



Since 1959, the Chapel has been a mission of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, offering a place for people of all denominations to gather to sing their favorite old-time hymns and gospel songs together, and to hear special music. The Chapel is located on Long Pond Road, off exit 5 in Plymouth.

The schedule for the 2007 season is:

- July 8 Rev. Bill Fillebrowne (Chiltonville Cong. Church)
 July 15 Rev. Robert Merritt, Carver (retired)
 July 22 To Be Announced
 July 29 Rev. Robert Stott (Zion Lutheran, Plymouth)
 Aug 5 Rev. Nathan Wood, Brockton (retired)
 Aug 12 Rev. Gary Marks (Church of the Pilgrimage, Ply.)
 Aug 19 Rev. Dr. Jeff Jones (First Baptist Church of Ply.)
 Aug 16 Rev. Peter Gomes (Harvard) Old Home Day

The Church Office will begin summer hours on Monday, July 2nd. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00am-Noon. Please note that the office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

CRAFT AND STORY HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We invite you to prayerfully consider signing up for Craft and Story Hour this summer. Sign-up sheets are located in Allerton Hall on one of the bulletin boards. Although we do not have Sunday School during the summer months, we continue to provide educational opportunities for our children through story telling and activities that engage our children's creativity and imaginations. This is a wonderful and vitally important opportunity for you to be a part of the faith formation of our children, and to have fun at the same time.

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Parents and youth—are you working on figuring out your summer plans? Why not include attending one of our United Church of Christ-related summer camps? There are many different options from which to choose. Check out the Massachusetts Conference website: www.macucc.org/youth/OutdoorMinistriesNewEngland.htm for more information. We will try to have some brochures available in the office in the next couple of weeks. Don't let a tight budget become a barrier to attending camp as some camperships (financial assistance) may be available—just contact Rev. Heather. We hope you'll seriously consider this wonderful way to deepen your faith and experience the joy of friendship, fun, community, and good times in the great outdoors.

CRIB ROOM INFORMATION

The Christian Education Committee would like everyone to know that during the summer, our Crib Room is not staffed with volunteers. However, we want our parents of infants and toddlers to know that the Crib Room will be available should you need the space to take a break from the service. This fall, we will resume the volunteer rotation to staff the Crib Room.



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