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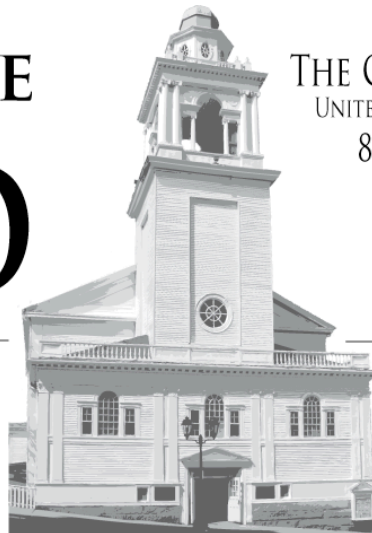


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Dear Friends,

I have often thought that life is defined by how we perceive life to be. I read a story recently which sort of bears testimony to this intuition. I may not recall the story exactly as I read it because I can't find the source. (How can such a young man have a "senior moment" like that)?

The story, in essence, was centered on a seedy looking man, presumably homeless, approaching a well-dressed and classy looking woman on a city street. He said to the woman "I haven't eaten in four days." The woman, conditioned to perceive things in terms of her own affluent life style, said: "I admire your will power."

I suppose it is always true that we see things from perspectives we have about life and from vantages we think to be true for everyone. If we are hungry, as was the man in the story, we may approach a seemingly wealthy person in an impassioned plea for food. If we are that person of means, we tend not to grasp what being hungry and homeless means. (Isn't it interesting what a word like "means" can "mean.")!

There was a story in the news recently about how a woman who was of middle class values and attitudes had, through a series of reverses in her life, to declare bankruptcy. She tried as hard as she could to try to find a job, to right herself and get back to self-sufficiency. She sought any kind of job from employment at Wal-Mart to fast-food restaurants. She found, to her chagrin, that bankrupt persons were not considered good risks in the job market. How absurd is that?

The point is, we see life from our own perspectives. We rarely are able to empathize fully with another person's life situation. The plight of a hungry person is seen as virtue from the perspective of an overweight rich person. People can be caught up in a life circumstance over which they have little control and are deemed slovenly by those who have not endured their states of affairs.

I constantly am reminded of the fact that in my own spiritual journey I've been judged by the presence of Jesus whom I trust to help me form my opinion and values. I said in a class recently that I've been "slapped around" sometimes by the "Jesus-perspective" which forces me, when I'm faithful, to alter my perspectives on many issues. In the context of this reflection I come up against Jesus' teaching in Matthew 7:1-3. "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's (sister's) eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?" When thus "slapped" by Jesus I can only respond, "Thanks! I needed that!" I hope that I, and you, can learn to see life and others from what I've come to call the "Jesus perspective."

Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary L. Marks".

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ON OUR CALENDAR

June 10: Morning Worship 10:00am, Rev. Gary Marks preaching. Holy Communion will be a part of the service. Graduating Seniors will be recognized as a part of today's service.

June 12: Rev. Marks will be in the church office, 9:30am.

June 13: Rev. Marks will be in the church office, 9:30am.

June 14: Stewardship Committee will meet at 7pm in the JRC Conference Room.

June 15: Rev. Marks will be in the church office, 9:30am.

June 16: Pilgrimage trip to the Paw Sox.

Coming Events:

June 21-24: Mass Conference Annual Meeting and General Synod in Hartford, Connecticut. Grand worship celebration of the 50th Anniversary of The United Church of Christ.

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

FLOWERS

In loving memory of John & Frances Scheid & brother Jack. Given by Paul & Nancy Scheid & family.

Last week the flowers are in memory of Marjorie & Ed Buttner and Evelyn Fischer. Given by Cynthia & Jeff Fischer and family.

CHURCH RECORD

Hospitalized: Janet Broadbent is now residing at The Life Care Center.

In Memoriam: On June 4, 2007 Rev. Marks conducted a memorial service for Warren "Buggs" Burns in the sanctuary. Buggs was Jane Burns' brother, Putt Burns' father. Our sympathies are extended to Buggs' family.

Wedding: On Saturday, June 2nd, at 5p.m. at Souther's Marsh, Rev. Moody conducted a wedding service for Stephanie Teresa Pretti and Steven James Cote.

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. Tickets are available at the door. Adults \$8.00 and Children \$5.00.

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.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16TH PAW SOX TRIP

Last chance to get tickets for our Annual Trip to the PawSox. We have great seats and it's a great family trip. Tickets are \$30 per person, which includes the bus ride and the game ticket. Please see Al or Verna.



THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

The next meeting of The Theological Discussion Group will be on June 17th, 11:30am-12:30pm in the JRC Conference Room.

CAN YOU HELP???

Al Hoyt is looking for a few volunteers to help paint the outside of the Church. If you can give a day or two to scrape, sand or paint please show up.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY REV. HEATHER!!!

Rev. Heather's birthday is on Saturday, June 9, 2007.

VISIONING COMMITTEE

A Visioning Committee has been approved by the Advisory Board. The Committee, firmly grounding itself in spiritual practices, will work with the members of our congregation to look at where the Church has been, where it is now, and where it is going.

We are now at the point where we can actively recruit members to work for a year on this process. At this point we are specifically looking for more men, particularly an older member, a newer member, and a representative from our retired clergy.

If you would like to be involved in this committee, please contact Christina Borel (617-529-8513 or christina.borel@gmail.com) or Marna Blomberg (781-826-2543 or marna@blomb.org). Thank you!

SUMMER INFORMATION

Rev. Marks will be on vacation during the month of July, though he will conduct two weddings during July at The Church of the Pilgrimage!

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.

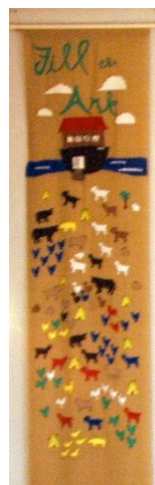
PILGRIM ASSOCIATION NEWS

You are invited to attend the Ordination of Peggy O'Neil Files at The Pilgrim Church of Duxbury on Sunday, June 17, 2007 at 4:00pm. Following the ordination will be the installation of Rev. Files as Associate Pastor. A reception follows in the Vestry.

THANK YOU USHERS!

I would like to thank the following ushers who helped in the month of May. Thank you to Suzanne and Sherm Anderson, Robin and Doug Trask, Pat and Tom Mudgett, Meg and John Bross, Sarah, Lily, Sophie and Dan Bruffee, Eugene and Anne DiFrancesco, and Jenny, Nora and William Healy. A special Thank you to Don Jennings who filled in for me on May 20th. Thank you all for your help. Sincerely, Laura Curtin

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE MISSION AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE



We made our goal. We purchased an Ark to enable Heifer International to provide animals, seeds and training to people in need around the world. We raised \$5,166.03. Thanks to everyone who helped. Thanks to Sarah Barnicle for the great banner and thanks to Jill Howard for the English Quilt Sales that netted more than a thousand dollars toward our goal.

Thanks to Gary and Heather and the CE Committee, teachers and church school children for their help. The children's gifts totaled \$192.03.

Heifer will be presenting a special Ark Plaque to our church. Although our church has supported Heifer for almost three decades and has raised thousands of dollars – this is the first time we have purchased an Ark.

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. 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. This is a wonderful and vitally important opportunity for you to be a part of the faith formation of our children.

HELP NEEDED AT COFFEE HOUR!

Please sign-up to help at coffee hour. There is a sign-up sheet available each Sunday. Your help is appreciated.

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.

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.

IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER

Sunday, June 10th: **Graduating Seniors Sunday**. Our regular morning worship will include a special service of recognition and blessing for our graduating high school seniors.



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