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Dear Friends,

It was a dark and stormy night this past Thursday, July 24th. But in spite of the heavy rain, wind, thunder, and lightning, over forty people gathered in the Great Hall of the John Robinson Center to find out just what kind of return they had received on their investment. As the rain pounded on the roof, shareholders in the 2008 Senior High Mission Trip listened with rapt attention as six of our senior highs and three adults talked about their experiences working with Habitat for Humanity in Tarboro, North Carolina. Carissa Brown, Holly McNeely, Ashley Saunders, Jessica Saunders, Mary Saunders, and Patrick Simpson (Samantha Runnels was unable to attend) shared their expectations going into the trip, discussed the challenges they faced, described the work they did, and gave an account of how they felt when they accomplished their mission. Adult Leaders Joyce Ashley, Gil Silva, and I offered additional details and provided yet another perspective on what we learned and experienced. Shareholders had a chance to ask questions and watch a video I prepared that portrays our young people's hard work and determination as well as the friendships and strong sense of community that emerged.

This was an unforgettable trip for the youth who went. They discovered their capacity for faithful service, designed and led worship services for themselves and their peers, attended worship in an African-American Pentecostal church, and learned that they really could survive without their ipods, cell phones, and other electronic devices. The work was hard, but immensely rewarding—because of their efforts, walls went up and rooms were created. A house that was virtually uninhabitable was thoroughly cleaned, painted, powerwashed, and prepared for new carpet to be installed. Our young people learned that serving others is not only worthwhile, it is also empowering. My hope is that our shareholders were able to see for themselves that they truly had invested wisely.

Offering our children and youth the chance to serve others in meaningful ways, providing them opportunities to go outside their comfort zone, and creating sacred community through shared commitment to a common purpose are some of the hallmarks of transformative youth ministry. But that shouldn't be surprising because these are also some of the hallmarks of faithful discipleship. All of us, no matter how many candles are on our birthday cake this year, are learning how to follow Jesus. Nurtured by our congregation's caring community, we seek to live out his teachings with courage, generosity, compassion, and hope. By serving and being served, by challenging ourselves to try when our discomfort makes us hesitate, this is how we live and learn and love as Christians.

May God's grace and peace continue to sustain and inspire each of us,

Rev. Heather

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CHURCH RECORD

In Memoriam: On July 28, 2008 Rev. Heather Moody conducted memorial and committal services for Thomas W. Latham.

Hospitalized during the month of July: Shirley Hoyt, Ginny Bramhall, Katrina Bingham-Maas, Jim Mason, Kristin Scott, Stacy Quinn.

FLOWERS FOR JULY-

July 13: Given by Audrey Birnstein in memory of her husband, Robert; son, Jerry; and daughter, Joanne.
 July 20: Given by Ken and Alice Heckman in celebration of their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchild.
 July 27: Given by Al & Verna Hoyt and Shirley Hoyt in memory of Francis & Willard Hatch, Francis Hoyt, and Margaret & Sherman Perkins.

NOTES--

Our sympathies are extended to Nancy Schied and her family on the death of her mother.

Janet Broadbent is staying at Wingate at Silver Lake and would appreciate cards and well wishes. You may send them to 17 Chipman Way, Kingston, MA 02364.

New pledge envelopes are available in the upper vestibule for those who have requested them. If you did not request pledge envelopes by checking off the box on your pledge card and still wish to have them, please contact the church office. A small quantity will be available on a first come, first served basis. If pledges are received in the prior year envelopes it will be assumed that it is a prior year pledge. If you have fulfilled your prior year pledge, please dispose of those envelopes.

Church Council will meet on Sunday, September 21st at 11:30am in the John Robinson Center. Please mark your calendar!

Reminder: The Advisory Board will meet at 7:00pm on Monday, August 25th in the JRC Conference Room.

IMMEDIATE NEED FOR COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our Sunday Coffee Hours have become a very important social activity for all of us. If we want to continue this service we need volunteers to serve coffee and light snacks. Please call the church office or sign up in Allerton Hall if you can help.

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 the bulletin board next to the piano.

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.

DISCERNMENT COMMITTEE

Our committee was formed to gain insight and understanding around the issue of our church's openness and acceptance of gay and lesbian members of the community. To that end, we are sponsoring two opportunities for us to share with the congregation what we have learned in this process. The first event is to be on Friday evening, September 12th at 7:00pm in Allerton Hall when we will provide a film entitled "For the Bible Tells Me So" which, we hope, will answer some often voiced questions and provide preparation for an open meeting for Coffee and Conversation on Sunday, September 14th after service. This meeting is designed to provide a forum in which to engage in open discussion and we encourage all to attend and help us determine what Open and Affirming may mean to us as a congregation.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS

"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink..."
 (Matthew 25:35)

Please remember to bring a few cans or boxes of food to church each Sunday. This food benefits the Plymouth Food Warehouse which distributes donations to 13 food pantries in the greater Plymouth area. Together we can end hunger in our neighborhood.

SANCTUARY FLOORS

As you may be aware, thanks to a very generous gift from Marilyn Stewart, the floor of the Sanctuary as well as the choir and pulpit area, is in the process of being recarpeted and repainted. The work is progressing and should be completed in early August. So far the work has been well coordinated with the Summer Concert Series and Sunday Services. As mentioned in the July Herald, the Board of Trustees has directed the carpet contractor to install carpeting in the Upper Vestibule. The cost of carpeting the Upper Vestibule is an additional cost of about \$2000 above the available funds. In order to pay for this needed carpeting work, the Board is requesting donations to help pay for the additional carpeting. To date, donations have funded most of the cost. Donations to fully fund this work will be greatly appreciated.

HARVEST FAIR NEWS

Believe it or not back to school shopping is beginning which means the Harvest Fair is just around the corner!!! YEAH!!! Last year was one of our most successful years in a long time. The Harvest Fair earned over \$10,000 for our church. I am hopeful that we will be able to come close to that again this year! Please keep in mind that this is an \$11,000 line item in our budget.

So, in order to make this year as successful, I do need help in many areas. I know what you're saying to yourself, you're already on a board or committee, you teach Sunday School and contribute that way. Or you're on the PTO at your school, you help with Girl Scouts, etc., and just can't commit to one more thing. I understand, I've been there. But this is our church and it's a one-day commitment (or more if you'd like). So, mark your calendars, this October 25th will be our best year yet. You won't want to miss it! Some of the areas we need help in are, before the fair to work on crafts (we will be having a workshop or two), sewing, baking, stapling tickets together, making phone calls, going around in September and hanging up flyers to advertise, and the list goes on. Currently I have several cross-stitch kits, sewing kits, that need to be sewn together and stuffed sort of thing (I will supply all materials needed), and other things of that nature. I have adorable material and lace for making American girl doll clothes. I just need volunteers to take a kit or material home and have the few hours to make it into something. Please call me if you would be interested in any of these ventures. Also keep in mind that we are always in need of canning jars, all sizes, particularly 8oz size for jams. If you have an overload of strawberries or other fruits and vegetable that we could use to make jams, pies, or relishes please call Jenny Healy or myself and we would be glad to help you out with this problem. One other footnote is that we will not be having our regular BOOK NOOK this year, so please find homes for your books if you were saving them for the fair.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you, Laura Curtin 508-746-7761
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THANK YOU TO OUR JULY USHERS

Peggy Jewett; Trace, Julie & Gabrielle Sears; Bill Converse; John Peterson; Linda & David Kegel; Tom & Pat Mudgett; Paul Schied; Al & Verna Hoyt; Arlene Axford; Barbara Trifletti.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

Save the Date-Saturday, September 20th at Iris Haven. This retreat is open to all women seeking a time for Bible study and reflection and who want to help plan our upcoming year's format. This past year we gathered in

member's homes for study and prayer as well as our usual service projects. We are intent on being a little more like Mary and less like Martha, to find that balance as we try to listen to the "Still Speaking God." If you would like to be a part of the Fellowship Retreat, save the date. Sign-ups will be during August.

NEXT YEAR'S CONFIRMATION CLASS

Calling all who will be 9th graders in the fall and their parents—are you interested in being a part of Confirmation this fall? If so, we need to hear from you ASAP! Please call the church office (508-746-3026) with your name and contact information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There will be a C.E. Committee meeting on Thursday, August 28th at 7p.m. in the John Robinson Center conference room. We will be looking at the new Sunday School curriculum and making plans for the upcoming school year.

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you, Mark Coombs for providing Rev. Heather with an LCD projector and sound system for the Senior High Mission Trip Shareholders' Meeting. Your equipment made it possible for all to enjoy a video presentation of our experiences in Tarboro, North Carolina. Everyone who attended greatly appreciated being able to see and hear us hard at work!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sunday, September 7th is Church School Registration. Sunday School Teachers will meet that day during craft and story hour time to go over scheduling for the year and to look at the new curriculum.

Sunday September 14th will be the first day of Sunday School.

AUGUST GREETERS

Aug 3: Susan Miller
Aug 10: Rosa Cook
Aug 17: Diane Flood and Gay Flood
Aug 24: Amy Simpson and Marie Robinson
Aug 31: Diane and Bill Harting

AUGUST USHERS

July 27-Deacon in charge: Linn Peterson
Ushers: Verna & Al Hoyt; Arlene Axford; Barbara Trifletti
August 3-Deacon in charge: Linn Peterson
Ushers: Mal Borsari; Barbara & Ray Quinn
August 10-Deacon in charge: Doug Post
Ushers: Kim and Ashley Latosek
August 17-Deacon in charge: Marilyn Colburn
August 24-Deacon in charge: Alice Heckman
August 31-Deacon in charge: Jenny Healy

GOLF TOURNAMENT SIGNUP



The Annual Church of the Pilgrimage September Golf Tournament will be held Saturday morning, September 20, 2008 at Southers Marsh Golf Club in West Plymouth. We welcome corporate and individual hole sponsors (\$100) to make this fundraiser a success. We are taking reservations immediately for individuals 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 steak and chicken barbecue, 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.



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THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

The memorial garden committee is very excited about the possibility of planting our garden in mid-September. Perhaps it is best to first report on our meetings and the progress we are making and then hoping that you are equally excited suggest ways you can help make this project a magnificent memorial and place of quiet beauty at the foot of the Pilgrim's Burial Hill.

Report from Memorial Garden Committee: This committee has met 3 times since the annual meeting in June. We have accomplished the following with several items pending.

- Obtained estimate for installation of an outside water faucet in the garden area
- Awaiting estimates from landscape contractors for plants and planting of garden in mid-Sept.
- Awaiting estimates from contractors for building columbarium wall
- Meet with Eagle Scout candidate about new fence on the handicap ramp, gate for entrance to the garden and removal of brush and root systems
- Committee members will tour Arnold Arboretum to gather ideas for labeling trees, benches and other memorial donation within our garden
- Outlined plans for financing garden and made some contacts
 - Flower Committee voted to donate \$2000 as "seed money" for the Memorial Garden
 - Plans to meet with the Memorial Committee to ask for some additional funding
 - Plans to give individual members the chance to make donations of specific items and planting, each to be marked with memorial or honorary markers
 - 3 benches - \$300-\$350 each / with engraved marker
 - 9 lilac trees - \$150 each / with engraved marker
 - 1 star magnolia tree - \$250 / with engraved marker
 - 1 Kousa dogwood - \$250 / with engraved marker
 - 2 paper birch trees \$300 / with engraved marker
 - 1 finger labyrinth (yet to be priced)

We will need additional funding beyond above named possibilities. It is hope that others in the congregation become excited over establishing a beautiful, peaceful memorial garden and will contribute to the purchase of perennial plants. These plants would not be labeled with memorialize names. Donations would be accepted in any amounts and would be used for the purchase of such perennials as

Oakleaf Hydrangea
Hellebore
Heartleaf Brunnera
Hosta (White Christmas)
Black Bugbane (Hillside Black Beauty)
Cinnamon Fern
Ghost Fern
Japanese Painted Fern

If you would like to make specific donations to be marked with memorial names or donate to the perennial plantings please call the church office or see one of the Memorial Garden Committee members after church during August or September. We will be looking forward to sharing our ideas and findings with you at that time.

Memorial Garden Committee

Linn Peterson, chair, Kathy Marks, Judy Mitchell, Pat Madgett

FLOWERS FOR AUGUST

Sunday August 3rd:

The flowers are given in loving memory of Bill Snyder given by his family.

Sunday August 10th

The flowers are in loving memory of Sara Marks, Floyd and Pauline Marks and Boyd Maybaw by their family.

Sunday August 17th

The flowers are in loving memory of my parents, Raymond and Marilyn Monto, given by Mal Borsari.

Sunday August 24th

The flowers are given in honor of Jennifer Lane given by her parents Joni-Jeanne and David

Sunday August 31st

The flowers are in honor of all the Armstrongs by the Armstrong family.

The flowers on the side are in memory of loved one by Joni-Jeanne Patmaude Lane and her family

HARVEST FAIR - October 25, 2008

CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THESE AREAS? PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND OVER THE SUMMER! The Harvest Fair will be here before we know it. Please contact Laura Curtin if you can help, or if you have things you would like to donate and they need to be picked up. Thank you! 508-746-7761.

The Color Theme Table-This table consists of a one color scheme (this year it's RED) and everything on the table whether it be a plate, vase, or lamp will be that color! There is little work needed for this table. **We are looking for someone run this table.**

Holiday Crafts-We are trying to keep this a table of homemade things. Just like it says, holiday themed crafts. Last year we had some beautiful donations made and donated. Think wreathes, centerpieces, ornaments, etc. *Contact Laura Curtin 508-746-7761.*

Bake Table-Plan your baking for this table. We can use any baked goods including breads and candy. Plan ahead and freeze your contributions if it's more convenient for you. *Contact Hildegard Schimpf 508-746-6698.*

Attic Treasures-We are keeping items on this table small and hoping for of glassware and decorative items. This is a great table to find unique things. *Contact Meg Bross 508-830-9745.*

Country Store-This table deals with anything you might find in an old country store: cheese, pickles, jellies, candy, and homemade items. We are also planning on selling homemade pies this year and are looking for bakers. *Contact Jenny Healy 508-747-7168.*

Needle Nook-Knitting needles, sewing needles, crochet hooks etc. We have hand knit sweaters, scarves, baby blankets, winter hats and mittens. A variety of styles and colors. Also, choose from handbags, tree skirts, pillows, runner, aprons, and much more. *Contact Diana Budge 508-746-4514.*

Linens and Things-When you do your fall cleaning or know someone downsizing please keep this table in mind. We are looking for vintage tablecloths, runners, doilies etc. No sheets and blankets please. *Contact Diana Budge 508-746-4514.*

American Girl Doll Table-If you like to sew, making doll clothes for 18" dolls can be fun and we can use as many as we can get. This is a great table for kids, as they love getting a new outfit or accessory for their dolls. *Contact Marilyn Colburn 508-224-3668.*

Bubbles and Bath-Do you have lotions, soaps, bath salts, fancy towels, candles or any other items that might fit this table? Clean out your linen closet as we can use all we can get for this table. *Contact Barbara Northrop 781-582-2050.*

Jewelry Table + Accessories-We are looking for old or new jewelry, belts, handbags, purses, scarves, for this table. Open up that jewelry box and closet of yours and clean out the things you haven't worn in years. We all have something. We could also use any jewelry boxes for this table. **We are looking for someone to run this table.**

The Luncheon-A favorite for all of us! We can always use help with this part of the project. *Contact Suzanne Anderson 508-747-6460* if you can give some time with preparation on the day of the fair.

Drawings-Do you have anything to donate to the drawings? Can you help with organizing sales of tickets? Do you have a few minutes to make a few phone calls or visit a local business? *Contact Karin Cruz Bianchi 508-747-0675 or Laura Curtin 508-746-7761.*