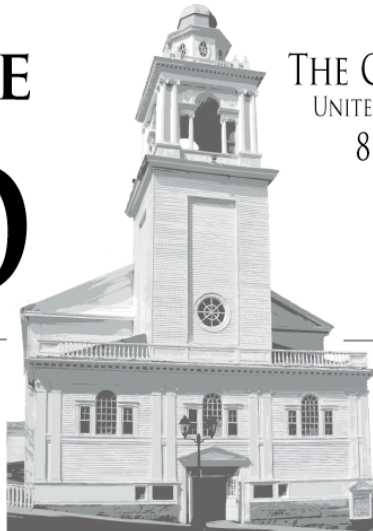


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Dear Friends,


The seasons come, the seasons go. This spring, however, one season gave way to another very quickly. About four days ago we needed the heat on in our houses, now it is 90° and higher. We've gone from late winter to summer in a hurry. Spring didn't really appear in terms of gradually warming temperatures, at least.

Spring and youth were surely in evidence, in another sense, during our Church School Sunday Service. The children were delightful in every part of the service in which they appeared from the prelude music to an innovative reading of the Scriptures. The Youth and Cherub Choirs were superb. They brought the house of worship down, so to speak. The adult choir was also splendid, as well. The whole service was a very inspiring celebration of our youth ministries. We should all be very proud of what are accomplishing in the spiritual formation of our young people and preparing them for leadership in the church of the future.

I was again this year impressed with the number of adult leaders/teachers who volunteer for service in our church school and other youth ministries. They have my profound admiration and respect! The Christian Education Committee and Rev. Heather work diligently to provide the core values of our faith. I hope you'll single out members of our C.E. Committee and church school staff and thank them for important work which often doesn't receive the recognition it deserves. God bless all of you!

In the fall we hope to offer adult education and spiritual formation opportunities. I hope to offer a course entitled "Saving Jesus." It is a long course of twelve week's duration and it will require a great deal of preparation. Even scheduling such a course to fit into busy lives is not an easy matter. I would only offer the course if I have enough people involved to make it work, people who would covenant to be participants willing to do all they can to be present for all the sessions or the preponderance of them. I have learned that if I ask who wants adult education opportunities, almost 100% of hands go up. That number is greatly compromised, however, when I ask who will attend most of the sessions. We'll see how it goes.

For now, though, let us savor Church School Day, warmth made sweeter because we don't have to pay for it, the joys of garden and green earth, the gifts of sea and pond, and a bit of relaxed lifestyle. I hope to see you in worship during the summer because God is always present to be praised.

Love,  


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**ON OUR CALENDAR**

**June 8-Children's Sunday:** Morning worship 10:00am, Rev. Heather Moody preaching. Junior Choir and Cherub Choir Sing. Church Family Picnic at Pinewood Lodge.

**June 10:** Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am. Rev. Moody will be in the church office at 9:45am.

**June 11:** Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am. Rev. Moody will be in the office at 9:30am. Choir Practice will not be held this evening.

**June 12:** Rev. Moody will be out of the office. The Membership and Evangelism Committee will meet at 7:00pm in The Rev. John Robinson Center.

**June 13:** Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am. Rev. Moody will be in the office in the afternoon. Guild Luncheon/Installation of Officers, noon, at The Radisson Hotel.

**June 14:** Eagle Scout Ceremony in the sanctuary.

***Coming Events-***

June 15: Father's Day.

June 17: The Board of Trustees will meet in The Robinson Center at 7:00pm.

June 20: Wedding Rehearsal in the sanctuary, 6:30pm.

June 21: Wedding in the sanctuary, 3:00pm. Rev. Marks will conduct a wedding ceremony at Plimoth Plantation at 5:00pm.

June 22: Youth Mission Trip.

June 24: The Advisory Board will meet in the Robinson Center Conference Room at 7:00pm.

Mark Your Calendar: The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 21 at 11:30am.

**CHURCH RECORD**

**Hospitalized:** Emerson Coleman, Lifecare. Recuperating at home following hospitalization, Bill Harting. Recuperating at The Golden Living Center, Gloria Johnson.

**FLOWERS:** The yellow rose is from Ken and Alice Heckman in honor of the birth of their first great-grandson, Donald Michael Dermond III.

**NOTES---**

On May 21, 2008 Rev. Marks took part in an Eagle Scout ceremony for Christopher Robbins. A part of Chris's major Eagle Scout project was to make improvements to the grounds at the Mayberry Parsonage. We thank Chris for his work and congratulate him on his achievement.

On June 1, 2008 Rev. Marks brought greetings from the Plymouth Area Clergy on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of The Rev. Peter Gomes' ordination at The First Baptist Church in Plymouth. It was a grand celebration!

Wednesday Evening Prayer Services have ended for the season. Though small in number, these services have a loyal following who find the services to be a meaningful part of their developing spiritual lives. We hope that others may wish to join us in September as a part of their own spiritual formation.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Nancy's Morse's mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and her family.

We were also saddened to hear of the passing of Dorothy Sturtevant's brother recently, Arthur (Billie) Morton. Our prayers are with Dorothy and her family.

We have learned that the Rev. Sarah Clark has resigned as pastor of The First Parish UU Church. We extend to Sarah our best wishes as she begins a new phase of her life. Our prayers are also with the church as it moves into a time of transition and the eventual settling of a new pastor.

**THE GUILD**

The Guild will hold their Annual Meeting and Luncheon on June 13, 2008 at noon at the Radisson Hotel of Plymouth.

**MINISTRY OF MEALS**

Do you know of anyone who may appreciate a meal to help them over a difficult period? We are eager to provide help to any of our congregation that are recovering from illness or family emergency or are incapacitated. Please call me and we can arrange for a home cooked meal to be delivered. My telephone number is 508-746-4514. Diana Budge

**PAC/TV**

Our time slots on PAC/TV have changed to Sundays at 8:00am and 1:30pm. Our worship services can also be viewed on our church website.

**BYLAW REVIEW**

The Advisory Board is in the process of appointing a Bylaw Review Committee. Church members who are interested in serving on this committee should contact the church office.

**RED SOX FANS**

Jon Lester of the Boston Red Sox has autographed and dated a no-hitter baseball, which will be raffled off at the American Cancer Society's Greater Plymouth Relay for Life on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Plymouth South High School. *Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10 (reduced price).* All proceeds go to the American Cancer Societies Greater Plymouth Relay for Life. Winner need not be present to win. Please contact Barbara Quinn at 508-746-3901 if interested.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE**

The committee needs to begin getting estimates for the installation of an outside faucet on the School Street side of the building. If anyone can recommend a licensed plumber for this job, please contact a member of the committee and we will begin the bid process. Thanks, Linn Peterson, Kathy Marks, and Judy Mitchell

**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 of 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.

**TO ALL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

This is a reminder that per our by-laws your Board or Committee is required to **meet by June 18** for the purposes of introducing new members and electing officers. The updated list of your members, including names, address, telephone number, and email address if available, should be given to Shellie Souza in the Church Office immediately thereafter. **REMINDER:** Each committee has a mailbox in the JRC and should be checked regularly. Also, committees are asked to provide the church office with a copy of the minutes to their monthly meetings.

**THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> IS CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY!**

Parents, please bring your children ages 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Allerton Hall this Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> by **9:40am**. Children will gather in their Sunday School classes before worship to go over their parts for the service. They will process into the sanctuary and sit together in their class groups with their teachers during worship. As we have been doing all year, the children are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for their offering. Teachers, please be sure to be in Allerton Hall by 9:30am.

**ATTENTION ALL MISSION TRIP PARTICIPANTS!**

It is traditional for a congregation to commission those who go out into the world to do service for others on behalf of the congregation. This means that our community of faith recognizes the work we will do and pledges to support us through prayer and laying on of hands. What does this mean for you if you're going on the Mission Trip? We need YOU to come to church on **Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>** so that you can be part of the Service of Commissioning that will take place during morning worship. This is VERY important—please plan to be there on June 8<sup>th</sup>!

**ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS AND PARENTS**

We want to honor our graduating high school seniors during worship on June 15<sup>th</sup> and we would like to publish your name and any information you have about your future plans in an upcoming issue of the Herald. Please call the church office to let us know if you will be able to be present on June 15<sup>th</sup> and to share what's next for you.

**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. 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. The Christian Education Committee is happy to provide ideas and/or supplies for activities. Contact our chairperson, Barbara Quinn, if you are in need of help.

**NEXT YEAR'S CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Calling all 8<sup>th</sup> graders (who will be 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the fall) and their parents--- are you interested in being a part of Confirmation next year (2008-2009 school year)? If so, we would love to hear from you! Please call the church office (508-746-3026) with your name and contact information.

### Important Dates to Remember

Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>: **Children's Sunday.** Our children will provide some of the leadership for our regular worship service. We will recognize the adults who serve as Sunday School Teachers. The Sanctuary Choir will sing. We also will have a Commissioning Service for our Senior High Mission Trip participants. Church picnic at Pinewood Lodge to follow.

Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>: **Graduating Seniors Sunday.** Our regular morning worship service will include a special service of recognition and blessing for our graduating high school seniors.



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