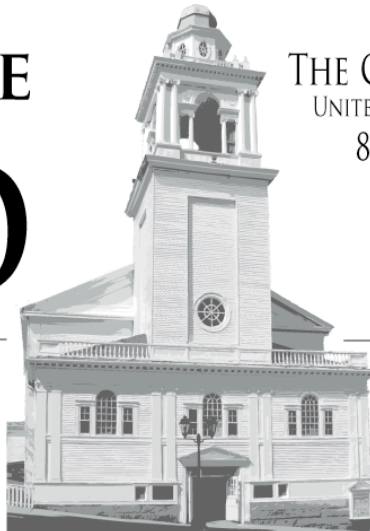


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Dear Friends,

Often I have found an uncanny wisdom in the observation of Mark Twain. He had a remarkable talent for saying profound things in such a way as to be understandable and often humorous. I've always loved his response to someone who asked him about the ability to fight off temptations. His response: "I can resist anything-but temptation."

Recently I came across another of Twain's pronouncements which struck me as instructive for the way we should encourage one another, especially young people. He said: "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." There is no purpose in making people feel that they can't achieve heartfelt and realistic goals which they set for themselves. That attitude is only proof that those who belittle ambitions are those who either had no ambitions of their own, or who do not have the grit to achieve them. We should never discourage those who have realistic dreams.

I dare to be personal. I had an eighth grade math teacher who said I really had little chance of going to college, maybe not even much hope of graduating from high school. I was nearly, but not totally, crushed. Even at that young age I'd just begun to entertain an ambition to become a minister.

It is a terrible thing to trample on one's ambitions. Lately I've been reading an anthology of poetry by the great Irish poet William Butler Yeats. In a poem entitled "He Wishes For The Cloths of Heaven," a piece written for other reasons than the one I'm considering, he said:

*"But I, being poor, have only my dreams.  
I have spread my dreams under your feet;  
Tread softly because you tread on my dreams."*

We should never be small enough people that we belittle another's genuine ambitions; we should walk gingerly upon the dreams that inspire people, dreams which can lead to fulfillment, if not greatness.

We in the church have a responsibility to encourage one another and reach out to those who dream of a better day, a better world, a better life than we have at any given time. We should be one institution in society which champions dreams. We are the people who should be advocates for altruistic ambitions. For people of all ages, but especially for the young, we show our greatness by allowing others to believe that they can become great.

Love,

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**O N O U R C A L E N D A R**

**Sept. 21:** Morning worship 10am, Rev. Heather Moody preaching. The Church Council will meet in the JRC Conference Room at 11:30am. A representative of boards and committees are encouraged to attend this meeting. The Ministry Team meeting will meet in the Stewart Classroom in the JRC from 11:30am-1:30pm. The Junior Choir will rehearse after worship. The Confirmation meeting, 11:45am-1:15pm.

**Sept. 23:** Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am. The Advisory Board will meet at 7pm in the JRC Conference Room.

**Sept. 24:** Rev. Marks will be in the church office, 9:30am. The By-Law Review Committee will meet at 7:00pm. Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm.

**Sept. 26:** Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am.

**Coming Events:**

Sept. 28: Habitat for Humanity Sunday. Pilgrim Association Fall Meeting at Second Church in Manomet.

Oct. 5: Family Service at 10am.

Oct. 8: Evening Prayer Services resume at 7:00pm in the sanctuary.

**C H U R C H R E C O R D**

**Hospitalized:** Violet Johnson, Jordan Hospital.

**In Memoriam:** On September 12, 2008 Rev. Marks conducted a funeral service for Robert J. Currie. Burial was at the National Cemetery in Bourne. Our sympathies and prayers are with his wife Priscilla.

**Wedding:** On September 12, 2008 Rev. Marks conducted a wedding service for Jennifer Marie Hubbard and Adam Scott Laneau in the sanctuary. On September 12, 2008 Rev. Moody conducted a wedding service in Bridgewater for Laurie Jean Devitt and Michael John Sciog.

**FLOWERS-**The flowers are in loving memory of Hermann Schimpf. Given by Hildegarde, Monica and family.

**GREETERS-**Lynette and Richard Lancaster

**NOTES-**

Please let the church office and the ministers know of pastoral needs. It is helpful to the ministers to know of hospitalizations, especially our-of-town hospitalizations.

We remind everyone in the church who wishes to place information in the weekly Herald to make it available to the church office by Tuesday morning prior to the Sunday upon which the Herald is dated.

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Church of the Pilgrimage, please contact the church office or speak to Rev. Marks. Rev. Marks offer a New Member Class when several people have indicated an interest in membership.

On September 9, 2008 Rev. Marks conducted a worship service at The Newfield House.

**MINISTRY TEAM NEWS**

Please join the Ministry Team for a meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:30-1:30 in the Stewart Classroom of the JRC. Open to all members of the Congregation. The meetings will involve planning some of the Ministry Team's activities for the year, including a leadership development retreat in November.

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP OVERVIEW**

This year we will be meeting once a month for a particular activity focused around the themes of having fun, community building, and service. Although our scheduling will fluctuate slightly from month to month, we are going to meet primarily on Sundays after worship. We invite all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to join us! Our Kick-Off meeting will be **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**. We're going to Sauchuk Farm in Plympton to go on a hayride and explore a corn maze! Be sure to pack a lunch and bring \$9.00. (Scholarships are available—do not let cost keep you from coming and having a great time with us!) the hayride and maze last about 2-3 hours, so plan on being gone from 11:30-3:00pm. Please CALL the church office (508-746-3026) by Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> to let us know if you are going so Rev. Heather and Sauchuk Farm can plan appropriately. Parents, your child will need a signed permission slip in order to go.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP OVERVIEW**

Building on the fantastic success of this past summer's senior high mission trip, we are working hard at planning some AWESOME activities that include mini-mission projects, movies, and maybe even visiting another church like the one we attended in North Carolina. This year we will meet once a month and we'll be joining with the senior high youth group from Second Church in Manomet. Mark your calendars now for our kick-off meeting: **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7p.m.** in the Youth Room of the JRC. We warmly invite all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders to join us, and bring a friend!

**CONFIRMATION NEWS**

Our next Confirmation meeting will be this Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:45-1:15pm. This meeting is for both Confirmands and Mentors. So Confirmands, be sure to have your Mentor chosen by that time. If you need help selecting a Mentor, please give Rev. Heather a call.

Confirmands, **remember to bring your retreat fee of \$80 to this meeting.** Make checks payable to : The church of the Pilgrimage, with "Confirmation Retreat" in the memo line. Scholarships are available—please contact Rev. Heather.

**HARVEST FAIR**

Our annual Harvest Fair scheduled for October 25, 2008 from 9:30am -2pm is in full swing!! This week tickets for our raffle will go on sale. As always we will have the two separate tickets to be purchased. The 6/\$5.00 tickets and the special drawing tickets that are \$10 a ticket (only 100 sold). You don't want to miss buying tickets this year.

Thanks to Karen Cruz Bianchi we have many great prizes to be won! Be sure to check out the list at coffee hour.

Also, please keep in mind all our regular tables if you are cleaning out and have things you would like to donate.

Our color theme table is the color RED this year.

I ask as always that you please call me if you are in need of me picking things up for you before the fair. We can set up a mutual time that is convenient for me to do so. I also ask that you please do not drop things off at the church unless I have arranged to meet you there. Our church secretary and ministers are busy enough without taking on my responsibilities of the harvest fair, and we do rent out space upstairs and it is not fair that they be disturbed.

Thank you for your cooperation!

The holiday table is in need of crafts!! In the past we have had some beautiful donations of wreaths, fall arrangements, little sheep, snowflake ornaments, and many more. We would appreciate any of these donations again this year, or anything handmade having to do with fall, Christmas or any other holiday.

This Sunday, after coffee hour I will be having a small workshop for anyone interested. This will be a time for the children to work on things for their table, and also some other crafts that just need hands to help. Come for a little while or longer and bring your lunch. We would love to have you join in some fellowship.

As always if you have any questions please call me or email me at [lmcurtin@comcast.net](mailto:lmcurtin@comcast.net) and 508-746-7761.

Thanks for your time and we'll see you in church!

~Laura Curtin

**CHERUB CHOIR**

The Cherub Choir began rehearsals on Sunday, September 14 following the worship service. We will meet in the JRC in the large room on the second floor (the Great Room). Any child ages 4 through grade 2 is invited to join. Please talk to Lois Post if you have any questions.

**PILGRIM ASSOCIATION**

The Pilgrim Association Fall Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30pm to 3:30pm at The Second Church Of Plymouth, United Church of Christ, State Road #518, Manomet, Massachusetts.

**OPEN AND AFFIRMING**

The Open and Affirming Discernment committee would like to thank all who participated on last weekends opportunities for discussion and education. We really appreciated all of the input we received and we will bring it back to the Advisory Board for their eventual recommendations. *The Committee*

**NEIGHBORS IN NEED- ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE**

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 5, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM)/

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## MONDAY MEALS OF HOSPITALITY

The **Monday Meals of Hospitality** begin on Monday, September 22, 2008 in Allerton Hall. They will continue for the next thirty-nine Mondays of 2008-2009. Following the gospel mandate “to feed the hungry,” we have a great opportunity at The Church of the Pilgrimage. Last year, our church volunteers provided a warm, nutritional lunch for around fifty different individuals. Over forty Monday Meals volunteers prepared part of a meal, made dessert, and/or provided paper products, overseen by Diane Flood and the Monday Meals committee. Any church member who would like to be a part of this wonderful church ministry is encouraged to call Diane at 508-209-0266. Thank you!

**WANTED:** Jars, 9 and 16 oz for jams and jellies and all manner of canned goodies for the fair. New (available at grocery stores, Benny’s and Charlie’s Hardware, among other places) or used (scour those cupboards for last year’s empties) gratefully accepted. They can be left in Allerton Hall by the pie making supplies box. Thank you for your help (and thank you to those who have already made contributions to this end). Jenny



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