
THE PILGRIMAGE HERALD

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Dear Friends:

This season is one in which there are many celebrations. It is a time when we recognize young people who have graduated from high school or college. It is a time when some young people opt to join one of our armed services. At the church weddings are increasing in frequency and plans for weddings increase for 2011.

Last Sunday was Music Appreciation Day at The Church of the Pilgrimage. It was a grand celebration of the astounding musical talent in our church. I stand in awe of the high quality of music we enjoy in our congregation and I honestly give thanks to God every Sunday for the music which leads me to ponder the grace of God. It lifts my soul to supernal heights! The gifts of Kelley DePasqua in leading our sanctuary and youth choirs are phenomenal. Michael Eaton at the console of our grand pipe organ thrills my spiritual sensitivities and encourages my soul to supramundane aspirations. Often the music at The Church of the Pilgrimage leaves me with a prayerful attitude and at the edge of tears which, for whatever reason, come reluctantly for me. The members of the choir have my special admiration. The lead voices are outstanding, but there are also the other voices which hold my deepest regard. Week after week those gifted people rehearse and perform in order to honor and give praise to God and the rest of us a blessing by hearing the fruits of their loyal efforts.

I thank Jessica Hague for planning last Sunday's service with Kelley in a worship experience which enriched all of us.

This Sunday we continue our congregational celebration on Church School Day. I am so proud of our Christian Education program. I am thankful to the Christian Education Committee for all its organizational work, and I stand in awe before those who prepare lessons and act in the role of mentors for our cherished church young people. It was a church school teacher who gave me the confidence to pursue a path in life leading to ordained ministry. There was a special pastor who encouraged me, as well, but a church school teacher augmented his encouragement. Our church school teachers play a significant role laying the foundation of our young people's present and future spiritual lives. God bless you!

While we celebrate our church school we also recognize all the ways our congregation provides educational opportunities for people of all ages. There are adult educational opportunities and they occur not only in classes, but in missions work such as housing and feeding the homeless, Heifer Project, stewardship and in a variety of other ways. Our's is a learning church and, by the grace of God, it is hoped that it will ever be a preaching church. The eternal creative, energizing, sustaining Word of God, resident in the fleshly walk of Jesus, is our bulwark unailing!

Thank you all who provide music and learning. God bless you!

Love,

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On Our Calendar

June 13: Morning Worship 10am, Church School Sunday. The service this morning was planned by our Christian Education Committee and church school leaders.

June 14: Gary will be in the church office at 9:30am.

June 15: Gary will be in the church office at 9:30am. The Board of Trustees will meet at 7pm in the home of Dawn Durmis.

June 16: Gary will be in the office at 9:30am. Music Committee Meeting at 6:30pm. Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm.

June 17: Gary will be in the office at 9:30am.

June 18: Gary will be in the office at 9:30am. Wedding rehearsal in the sanctuary at 5:00pm.

June 19: Annual Meeting of Massachusetts Conference, UCC. Wedding in the sanctuary, 4pm.

Coming Events:

June 20-Father's Day: Reception of New Members during the worship service.

June 22: The Advisory Board will meet at 7:00pm in the JRC Conference Room.

June 26: Pilgrim Festival Chorus Concert in the John Robinson Center at 7:30pm.

June 29: Noontime deadline for the July issue of the Pilgrimage Herald.

N O T E S

Recently hospitalized, Brenda Thayer. After a hospital stay Sidney Rowland is now at the Golden Living Center for rehabilitation. Sidney, by the way, is a charming woman of 103 years of age.

The flowers are in loving memory of Anne Weston Patenaude (September 23, 1946-June 13, 2000) and Norman Sheldon Lane (October 26, 1911-June 6, 2008). Given by Jennifer Lane, David Lane, Joni-Jeanne (Patenaude) Lane and Bonnie Stacy.

Our greeters this Sunday are Carol and Rollin Johnson.

Note from the Treasurer:

Total pledges received through May 31, 2010	\$62735.46
Budgeted pledges through May 31, 2010	\$79166.65
Difference	\$-16431.19

Thank you to all who are current with your pledges. As we approach the summer months and lower attendance at Sunday Worship, it is particularly important to send in your pledges in a timely manner so that we will meet our ongoing financial commitments. Thank you. Verna Ross-Hoyt, Treasurer

Summer Herald Deadlines---Mark Your Calendar!

The deadline for articles to appear in the July Herald is noon on June 29. The August Herald deadline is noon on July 27.

Have you noticed the nice grassy green area at the entrance side of the John Robinson Center? It is the result of top soil donated after the area was dug up during the replacement of a gas line. Many of the cobblestones that now form a border for the area were exposed during the digging for the gas line. They were a part of the old street around Town Square. Other cobblestones were along the area on the ramp side of the church building and were dug up and placed along the new grassy area by Paul McDonald. Our sexton, Brian Gildea and Paul McDonald have loyally watered and cared for the grass. Now, we need some work on the ramp side of the church leading into Allerton Hall. Shrubs were removed some time ago from that area because they were doing damage to the building. Perhaps there are people who have imaginative ways to beautify that area. The Burial Hill side of the church building now has a lovely Memorial Garden which has invited many favorable comments and is a very nice place for outdoor meditations and prayer. Maybe you have ideas of how to enhance the ramp side of our beloved church building. Let us know. Gary.

The UCC Website-

Some of you may not be acquainted with the United Church of Christ web site. It is extremely well done and very detailed about the work being done by our denomination. A part of our giving to the UCC supports the work of a very dynamic church in the U.S. and around the world. Our church has always been one in which we are confident that God speaks through the generations. We believe that God is still speaking and that has been a campaign created by the UCC to proclaim that God did not speak simply "once upon a time." There is, in fact, a new God Is Still Speaking ad which is about to be released and about which you may read on the UCC website. That campaign, by the way, is partly based upon the words of our first pastor, Rev. John Robinson, whose famed Farewell Address to the Pilgrims at Delftshaven, Holland, contained the words, "There is yet more truth and light to break forth from God's Holy Word." The mantra of the Still Speaking campaign is, "Never put a period where God has put a comma." (Gracie Allen). So, take a look at the website and learn our continuing efforts to identify with a God who isn't finished with us. Gary. www.ucc.org

From Jessica and Christina-

Thank you all for your generous and thoughtful gifts for us as we travel west this summer. Leaving is a complicated emotional process, but having your thoughts and prayers with us makes it easier! Jess looks forward to using your donations towards her books, and she promises to keep you all up to date as the year progresses. Again, thank you all, and we both look forward to continuing our journey with you. Yours in faith, Jessica and Christina

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 Church 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. Feel free to contact Susan Coombs at 508-224-9319 with any questions. Thank You. CE Members

Crib Room!

Sunday, June 13 until Sunday, September 19

The crib room will not have any one available to mind your toddlers during the summer Sundays. However, you're welcome to use the room with your "little ones."

Special Gathering for Members of the Faith Community South Shore Interfaith Breakfast on Ending Homelessness

Tuesday, June 22, 2010 from 9:00-10:30am. Trinity Episcopal Church, 229 Highland St, Marshfield, MA.

Hosted by Rev Barbara Peterson, Rector

Please join us for a conversation about:

- What faith-based groups are already doing to address homelessness locally.
- How faith-based communities can help end homelessness in our region
- The latest efforts to move beyond emergency shelter to housing solutions.

Representatives from Father Bill's & MainSpring and United Way of Greater Plymouth County will also share about the recent innovations of the South Shore Regional Network on Ending Homelessness.

Continental breakfast will be served. This event is free of charge, but please RSVP by June 17 to Sheila O'Loughlin: 617-376—2255, ext 235 or email soloughlin@helpfbms.org.

South Pond Chapel Summer Hymn Sing

Summer hymn sings at the South Pond Chapel are sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Plymouth. The Chapel is located on Long Pond Road, off exit 5 in Plymouth. Each Sunday in July and August a different local minister leads the service, which begins at 7:00pm.

South Pond Chapel was built in 1870 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 what at that time was a remote part of town.

The Chapel has been a mission of the First Baptist Church of Plymouth for 51 years, 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 2010 schedule, thus far:

July 11:	The Reverend Dr. Jeff Jones First Baptist Church of Plymouth
July 18:	To Be Announced
July 25:	The Reverend Gary Marks, The Church of the Pilgrimage
August 1:	The Reverend David Frederickson Christ Church Episcopal
August 8:	The Reverend Irving Beveridge, Retired
August 15:	The Reverend Robert Merritt, Retired
August 22:	The Reverend Robert Stott Zion Lutheran Church
August 29:	The Reverend Dr. William Fillebrowne Chiltonville Congregational Church

Ms. Jane Costa will be the accompanist for the summer.

A noted absence from the pulpit this summer is the Reverend Peter Gomes, who after 50 years of services has decided to be a participant, not a leader, in the summer hymn sings. Last year, Peter was quoted saying "For 50 years I have had the high privilege of leading Old Home Day, and now it is time to bring that happy tenure to a close." Old Home Day (traditionally the last service of the summer) will now be led by the Reverend William Fillebrowne, who had family ties to the South Pond area.

Directions to the South Pond Chapel are as follows:

- Route 3 to exit 5 (Long Pond Road exit)
- Turn west towards Home Depot and the Shops at %
- Drive approximately 2 miles on Long Pond Road
- South Pond Chapel will be on the right

For updated information visit www.fbc-plymouth.org or call 508-746-3555.



Help Wanted

---Summer Tours

Al Hoyt is planning on organizing the summer open house at the Church Starting in June and going through Labor Day. The plan is to have the Church open to visitors Wednesday through Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

We are looking for 7 or 8 volunteers who would like to take a day each week or fill in for regular guides. If 8 folks

volunteer, we can rotate the schedule to keep folks from having to do too much. Training will be provided for all who are interested. If you are willing to help please contact Al Hoyt at aphoyt@comcast.net or 508-224-9507



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