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Dear Friends:

I write this letter on Memorial Day evening. It has been a lovely day, though the smoky haze which filled the air seemed a bit spooky. Evidently the pollution in the air was caused by a large forest fire in Canada. I thought it was pollen. There surely is enough of that, as well!

Memorial Day is, of course, the unofficial onset of summer. It has been a warm spring coupled with a great deal of rain early which makes the greenery seem especially lush this season. I spent the day painting the bathroom at our little house at Bloody Pond. I painted a few bookshelves, too, as I make ready to move my books from the Maybury Parsonage. It is a painful process for me to sort through books and to rid myself of many of them. A colleague told me that when he retired he disposed of any books he'd not read in the last ten years. That, I deem, is a laudable principle of determining a process for book reduction, but one I find difficult to adopt. I keep thinking I'll reread all those books. In fact, I do want to read some of the great theological works again. I really am looking forward to reading Karl Barth, Paul Tillich, Rienhold Niebuhr et. al. I also want to read Thomas Aquinas, Martin Luther, John Calvin, et. al. as seriously as I did years ago, now with forty-some years of practical pastoral experience. In fact, I would love being a student again, pursue another degree. I realize that I am a dreamer, of course, but dreams and fantasies have always kept me going during my life so far. I savor learning, but that savoring does not help much in selecting the books I will keep!

To be confessional, the whole process surrounding my retirement seems sort of artificial. I almost think at times that I'm speaking about someone else's retirement. It is my own, tough, and I am working through the emotions associated with it fairly well, or at least I think I am. I am just so used to being a pastor, a learner, that it is hard for me to cast myself in any other light. I'm getting there, though. To contemplate studying, maybe writing, without concern and worry over pastoral duties is fleetingly a very pleasing contemplation. I may need all those books, or even add some!

I'm glad, though, that I will still be the pastor of The Church of the Pilgrimage for another seven months. I need that time more than you need me to have it. We, I dare to think, have come to appreciate one another, and my love and affection for you is abiding and never ending, even though my pastoral relationship with you will take a very different form at the end of this year.

For now I am tired and achy from painting all day and tonight I'm still looking at the books and putting off discarding any of them. So it goes.

Love,

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On Our Calendar

June 6: Morning Worship 10am, Music Appreciation Sunday. New Member Class in the John Robinson Center Conference Room, 11:30am-12:30pm.

June 7: Gary will be in the church office at 9:30am.

June 8: Gary will be in the church office at 9:30am.

June 9: Gary will be in the office at 9:30am. Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm.

June 10: Gary will be in the office at 9:30am. Membership and Evangelism Meeting at the home of Diane Keller.

June 11: Gary will be in the office at 9:30am. The Guild Luncheon at East Bay Grille, noon.

June 12: Wedding in the sanctuary, 4:00pm.

Coming Events:

June 13: Church School Sunday.

June 19: Wedding in the sanctuary, 4pm.

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

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

Church Record

On May 29, 2010 Rev. Marks conducted a marriage ceremony for Jean Marie Coggins and Ronald Stevens Malaquias at the Plymouth Yacht Club.

On May 30, 2010 Logan Lawrence Greeley, son of Mark and Shelly (Grennell) Greely was baptized during the worship service.

On May 29, 2010 Rev. Marks conducted a graveside service for Wesley Holmes.

NOTES

The flowers are in loving memory of Robert Colburn Sr. and Derek Colburn. Given by Bob and Marylyn Dunlap Colburn.

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Bettemae Macleod who passed this life on April 22, 2010.

Our greeters this Sunday are Diane and Bill Harting.

We thank Marna Blomberg for being worship leader on May 30.

Last Sunday, May 30, Gary and Marna Blomberg led a Litany of Change and Charge for Jessica Hague and Christina Borel at the conclusion of the morning worship service. Jessica will enter the Pacific School of Religion in the fall. It is a big move for the two of them, to be sure. Jessica has been a member of The Church of the Pilgrimage almost all her life. She is a Student in Care of our church and The Pilgrim Association of The Mass. Conference of the United Church of Christ. It is a part of our role to sponsor

of ministerial students in care. It is a great honor for us as a congregation to have one of our own enter seminary to pursue ministry which may lead to ordination. Both Jessica and Christina are sacrificing much to pursue seminary experience. Our prayers are for them. A nice reception was held for Jessica and Christina during the Coffee Hour. We wish God's speed to both of them.



We are compiling a list of high school and college graduates in the good hope of recognizing their achievements. Please phone the church office with that information. We would also like to know of any of our young people who are entering the armed services. Let us know by phone or email.

Please let Gary know or the church office know if you or someone you know is, or is going to be, hospitalized. Please let Gary know of any pastoral concerns which may need his attention.

Calling All Pie Bakers: The rhubarb is starting to come in, and everyone knows what that means-time to start making a freezing fruit pies for the fair. That's right-making NOT baking-no cooking required. For those new to the process, here is how it works: Pick up your disposable pie plates along the windows in Allerton Hall. Then, using fruit in season (or on sale) make your pies and freeze. To assure a uniform product, all pies should be made using the following piecrust recipe. Be sure to wrap the pies in a large plastic bag and label what kind of pie it is (permanent marker written right on the bag is the best way-tags can get lost and tape often doesn't stick). If you do not have room in your freezer for all your pies, contact me and I will see to it that they get into a big freezer. They will be sold frozen. Thank you for your help; these pies are always a big hit! Jenny

Pie Crust Recipe for Frozen Pies

2 sticks unsalted butter, chilled and cut into cubes

2 cups all purpose flour

½ teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon sugar

¼ 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 pea 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.

Calling Student Instrumentalist!

We will continue our tradition of having young musicians provide the Prelude music on Youth Sunday, June 13. Student should be currently playing their instruments in school or in private lessons. Older students are also encouraged to play. Students who would like to play should prepare a 1 to 2 minutes piece appropriate for church and should plan to play that piece for Kelley DePasqua, Director of Music, after Junior Choir on Sunday, June 6. She will then choose the 4 or 5 most prepared students to play the following Sunday. If you will not be in church on June 6, please contact Kelley (kdepasqua@msn.com) to arrange another time (likely May 30).

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 our 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.



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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