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# THE PILGRIMAGE HERALD

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Dear Friends:

The Day of Pentecost is recognized among Christians as the birthday of the Church. I gave a brief description of the biblical foundations for both the Hebrew and Christian celebration of that great event in my last Pastor's Letter. When I was growing up in a so-called "free church" tradition I don't recall any sort of special recognition of Pentecost Sunday at all. Indeed, Pentecost was not a primary focus in the church's year either among the old Congregational churches, not even after the merger in 1957 which created the United Church of Christ. I'm glad we've come far enough along now that we are beginning to recover the liturgical significance of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which gave us the church.

I mentioned in my last letter, too, that in some countries and cultures Pentecost is a major Christian festival, probably third after Easter and Christmas. Coincidentally my sister-in-law who lives in Germany called us on Pentecost Sunday afternoon. She mentioned that she would have the day off from teaching on Monday because it was Pentecost. It is a national holiday in Germany as it is in other countries.

Our Pentecost Sunday Service at The Church of the Pilgrimage was a wonderful celebration of the birthday of the Church. The music was great. The atmosphere in the sanctuary was festive and optimistic about the church's future. I've mentioned elsewhere in that issue of The Pilgrimage Herald that we recognized the Rev. Don Jennings who will soon have been ordained in Christian ministry for fifty years. Spontaneously the congregation stood and applauded this special outpouring of the Spirit upon Don who has served the church so very well.

The highlight of the service, however, was the Confirmation of eight of our young people. It was such a moving experience for Al Hoyt, mentors, family members and for me to place our hands upon the heads of these delightful teenagers and to pray for the blessings of the Pentecost Spirit to rest upon and give them guidance in the Christian Way. There were tears of joy as the young people responded to questions regarding their faith. It was a very meaningful service, indeed!

Pentecost, like Easter and Christmas, is also a season, not just a single day of celebration. It is a season in which the focus is upon the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide the church and to lead us in the ways of peace and service. It is a time, with the help of the Spirit, to renew and re-energize the Church. It is a season in which we are all encouraged to remember our own personal needs to be renewed by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the season which reminds the world and each one of us that lasting hope, the ability to love, and a passion for peace require us to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit descend upon all our hearts.

Love,

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## On Our Calendar

**May 30:** Morning Worship 10am, Rev. Gary L. Marks preaching. The second in a series of three New Member Classes will be held in the John Robinson Center Conference Room, 11:30am-12:30pm.

**May 31-Memorial Day:** The church office will be closed.

**June 1:** Gary will be in the church office at 9:30am.

**June 2:** Gary will be in the office at 9:30am. Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting, 7pm at the home of Rosalee Sinn. Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm.

**June 3:** Gary will be in the office at 9:30am. The Christian Education Committee will meet at 7pm.

**June 4:** Gary will be in the office at 9:30am.

### Coming Events:

June 6: Music Appreciation Sunday. New Member Class, 11:30am-12:30pm, JRC Conference Room.

June 10: Wedding Rehearsal in the sanctuary, 6:00pm. Membership and Evangelism Committee Meeting, 7pm, JRC Conference Room.

June 11: Guild Luncheon at East Bay Grille, 12:00pm.

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

June 13: Church School Sunday.

June 20: Reception of New Members during the worship service.

## Church Record

On May 22, 2010 Rev. Marks conducted a wedding service for Robert Fortini and Nelcimar De Oliveira in the sanctuary.

### **The 2010 Confirmation Class and Mentors**

<u>Confirmands</u>	<u>Mentors</u>
Albert Robert Saunders	Allen Hoyt
Austin Dolce Donn	Brian Lawn
Christopher James Porter	Christina Saunders
Cody Everett Tibbets	Lynette Lancaster
Kayla Michelle Tibbets	Mark Coombs
Kevin Michael McNeely	Pedro Verdugo
Louis Christie Clark IV	Terry Runnels
Matthew James Luz	

## NOTES

**The flowers** are in loving memory of her husband, Douglas Grey. Given by Shirley Grey and family.

Last Sunday's Pentecost Service was deeply moving. Our 2010 Confirmation Class was received into the Church in an impressive service planned by Al Hoyt and those who helped him with Confirmation classes and events. The group was congenial, outgoing and friendly. I am very proud of them. Gary

On Pentecost Sunday we also took a few minutes to honor Rev. Don Jennings. Don is about to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination into the ministry. Gary presented him with a commemorative certificate issued by the New Hampshire Conference of The United Church of Christ. Bertie Jennings planned the event and got his family together to help celebrate that milestone in Don's life. Don is a good friend and is very active in the life of The Church of the Pilgrimage. He and Bertie have found a church home here and they are greatly appreciated. Don has served in churches in New Hampshire and Massachusetts and was greatly loved wherever he served. He is a good person and we love Don and Bertie very much. The Church of the Pilgrimage is honored to have the Jennings' as a part of our church family. Gary

Once again we congratulate Al Hoyt and Rev. Rosemary McKay, both members of The Church of the Pilgrimage, who received degrees from Andover/Newton Theological School on May 22, 2010. Al received a Masters Degree in Christian Education; Rosemary received a Doctor of Ministry Degree. These are wonderful achievements and we are very proud of both of them.

We thank Kathy Marks for designing and making the beautiful and colorful Confirmation banner that hung at the front of the sanctuary on May 23, 2010.

**A Note from Janice Lee:** I would like to thank all the people who remembered me during my recovery from hip surgery. The cards, notes and wonderful meals prepared for me were greatly appreciated. Pilgrimage cooks are the best! Thank you Rosa Cook, Meg Bross, and Thelma Trask for volunteering as my chauffeur when I needed transportation for my various appointments. I feel truly blessed. Janice Lee

### **New Member Classes**

Gary led the first of three classes on Sunday, May 23. If you are interested in church membership but were unable to attend the first class, please feel free to join us on May 30.

### **2nd Grade Bibles**

We're working on gathering a comprehensive list of this year's 2nd graders who will be receiving a Bible on Church School Sunday (June 13th). However, we want to be sure no one is left out—so parents, please either e-mail me at [scmacoombs@netscape.net](mailto:scmacoombs@netscape.net) or there will be a sign up in your child's classroom.

### **A Renewed Reminder**

If you or someone you know is going to be hospitalized, please notify the church office or speak to Gary. This notification is increasingly important since clergy have restricted access to patient information. Please let us know. Also, let us know of anyone who may be in need of any pastoral services.



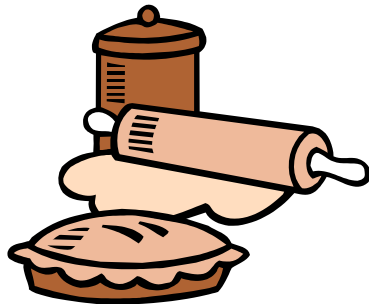
### Graduates?

Please let the church office know if you know of any of our church's young people who are graduating from high school or college. We'd like to recognize their achievements.

**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](mailto:kdepasqua@msn.com)) to arrange another time (likely May 30).

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:aphoyt@comcast.net) or 508-224-9507



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