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# THE PILGRIMAGE HERALD

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Dear Friends:

One of the gratifying aspects of our ministry at The Church of the Pilgrimage over the past several years has been a dramatic increase in our missional activity. On Monday I had a splendid lunch in Allerton Hall prepared by our Monday Meals of Hospitality. That was the first Monday meal to homeless and needy people of the 2010-2011 season. That first meal means that that winter is coming. At the table where I dined with two people who frequent the Monday meals who offered that ours are the best meals in town. I had no reason whatever to disagree with them!

Our congregation gives a substantial amount of money to the UCC wider church ministries. We also raise money for special disasters like Hurricane Katrina five years ago. Most recently our Missions and Outreach Committee has been raising funds for the victims of devastating floods in Pakistan. We have responded globally on a local level generously in recent years.

We sponsor fund raising efforts for Heifer Project each May and have raised a considerable amount of money to aid that wonderful mission organization which, among other things, provides animals to people in need all over the world. Recipient's animals give the first offspring to someone else in need. The gifts just keep on giving.

This Sunday our focus is upon Habitat for Humanity. Several years ago The Church of the Pilgrimage agreed to be a Habitat sponsoring congregation. That marvelous organization has built over 200,000 individual dwellings worldwide. Several of our congregation's members and friends are very active in the hands-on work of constructing interest-free homes for those who qualify to receive them. Those people work very hard not only in planning and fund raising, but also in the actual building of houses in our area. I admire them enormously!

Locally, too, we are one of several congregations who sponsor Overnights of Hospitality for homeless men in Plymouth. Many volunteers spend many hours in planning that program, but also act as chaperones during the overnight stays by our guests. It isn't easy work, but there is great satisfaction in knowing that we have saved many lives.

I have a discretionary account through which I've been able to give short-term aid to hundreds of people over the years. I know I get taken once in a while by the unscrupulous, but overall that account has done great good. The account, by the way, is all but empty right now.

I am touched by the way the above-mentioned mission efforts have grown over the years. There are many other missional programs in which we are involved that I have not mentioned but will at another time.

May God bless us as we work to carry out the ministry of Jesus.

Love,

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*The Church of the Pilgrimage, UCC is an Open and Affirming Church*

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## On Our Calendar

Sept 26: Morning Worship at 10:00am, Rev. Gary L. Marks preaching. Habitat Sunday.

Sept 27: Gary will be in the church office at 9:30am. Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11 am.

Sept 28: Gary will be in the church office at 9:30am. The Advisory Board will meet at 7pm in the JRC Conference Room.

Sept 29: Gary will be in the church office at 9:30am. Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm.

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

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

### COMING EVENTS-

Oct 3: Confirmation Meeting. Fall Clean-Up. Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Oct 6: Missions and Outreach Committee Meeting, 7pm, JRC Conference Room.

Oct 7: Christian Education Committee Meeting, 7pm, JRC Conference Room.

Oct 8: The Guild will meet at 1pm in Allerton Hall.

Oct 10: Budgets need to be submitted to the church office.

Oct 17: Chest of Joash. Confirmation Meeting.

Oct 23: Harvest Fair.

## Church Record

On September 19, 2010 Rev Marks baptized Zoey Rae Brennan, daughter of Diane (Furtado) and Justin Brennan during the worship service. In a private service following morning worship, Rev. Marks baptized Shawn Brady Slavin, son of Emily (Weston) and Richard Slavin.

On September 25, 2010 Rev. Marks conducted a memorial service for Noreen Eleanor Honaker.

## Flowers

The flowers on the Communion table are in memory of Hermann Schimpf. Given by Hildegard, Monica and family.

Last week the flowers on the Communion table were in memory of Hector (Pat) and Jean W. Patenaude and Margaret Whiting Stacy. Given by their family. The rose in the lower vestibule was in memory of Sister Anne from Joni-Jean.

## NOTES

Tom Hyslop is recovering at home after a brief hospital stay.

We are sorry to learn that Janie Chapman has broken her arm.

We are seemingly ever in need of people to provide our Sunday Coffee Hours following worship. These gatherings are important events allowing people to greet one another and exchange information and ideas. They provide us with opportunities to get to know each other and to introduce ourselves to those who may be looking for a church home. There is not a lot of work to

providing a Coffee Hour and there are people who will help you become acquainted with the routine. Please sign-up for sponsoring a Coffee Hour.

**Stewardship Moment:** If everyone who pledged last year increased their pledge by \$1.00 per week / \$52 per year, it would mean an increase of almost \$7,000 for our Church.

**2010 Harvest Fair: Harvest Fair Meeting, Sunday, September 26th immediately following worship service.**

You've been dreaming about those homemade jams, haven't you? I know I have. Do you need Dr Fred's made-on-the-spot, eat-em-when-they're-still-warm buttermilk donuts? I know you do. They will cure what ails you. Especially if what ails you is a severe lack of homemade buttermilk donuts - you won't have to wait long.

Yes, that's right - it's HARVEST FAIR TIME! There is a snap in the air, the leaves are beginning to turn and our thoughts turn to (new this year!) chicken soup, homemade baked goods and fruit pies, cozy hand-knitted sweaters, country store items, great holiday gift ideas, delicious baked goods, doll clothes, lovely jewelry and bath products, hand-made kids cards and crafts, the very popular attic treasures, raffles, silent auctions and of course - Dr. Fred's Restorative Buttermilk Donuts.

The Church of the Pilgrimage's Annual Harvest Fair is on Saturday, October 23 from 9:30-2pm. It's a great way to spend a Saturday, support the church and enjoy the fellowship of our congregation.

And as always, the Harvest Fair wouldn't happen without YOU. We need volunteers...to cook, bake, gather and donate items. Please contact Laura Curtin at 508-746-7761 for more information. See you at the Harvest Fair!

**Fall Clean-Up:** After worship on October 3, we are having a fall clean-up and spruce up day. All volunteers are welcome! We will be painting the railings on the seaside of Allerton Hall, removing small bushes, planting shrubs, trimming shrubs, and some leaf raking. Jobs will be posted at the church entrance as we did at spring clean-up.

**Cherub Choir Needs Singers:** Children in Pre-K (4 years old ) or older (through Second Grade) are invited to sing. If you have a child who is interested in joining the Cherub Choir, please sign up with Lois Post after Church on Sunday. We practice for about 15 minutes after Sunday School and sing in the worship service once a month.

**Braille Hymnal Now Available:** A Braille edition of our hymnal, *Hymns of Truth and Light* is now available. Helping Hands Braille Ministries was able to take our hymnal and create a 6-volume hymnal in Braille.

**Monday Meals of Hospitality:** Our church's Monday Meals program resumed on September 20, and we would love to have some extra help. This program is a vital outreach effort in our community. Every Monday morning from September through May a group of volunteers welcomes an average of 60-70 guests into Allerton Hall for a hot meal, a warm place to relax, and a take-away lunch if desired. Last season we served over **2300 meals**--amazing, isn't it! It is estimated that about 1/3 of our attendees are homeless; the remainder are seniors, young unemployed, disabled people from group homes etc. They always come with a smile and a big appetite! On Sunday September 26 you will have an opportunity to sign up to assist in some way. We welcome volunteers to provide part of a meal, serve, clean up, etc. In the past, folks who have scheduling conflicts on Monday mornings have left food in the refrigerator on Sunday for us to use the next day. You needn't be an accomplished cook/baker; our recipes are simple, and some people choose to buy baked goods for desserts or snacks with coffee before dinner. Our wonderful Board of Missions has offered to donate funds to assist in this important program, but contributions are always welcome. (Checks can be made out to the church with "Monday Meals" on the memo line.) We hope you will consider joining us in this worthwhile endeavor as we strive to do God's work here in Plymouth. If you are unable to sign up on Sunday, please call the church office with your name and number, and one of us will contact you. Thank you. Blessings to you,  
Your Monday Meals Crew

**Thanks for Supporting Flood Relief in Pakistan:** A total of \$966.00 has been given. If you did not get a chance to contribute you can send a check or put on in the offering plate marked "Pakistan Relief." Thank you so much for caring. The Missions and Outreach Committee

**2010 Annual Golf Tournament:** We made **\$3155** for the church's general operating budget, and had a wonderful time doing it! Under sunny skies, Ray Quinn, John Porter, and Bob and Carol Taylor took first place, but the rest of the teams weren't far behind. In all, 24 golfers enjoyed the friendly competition which Gordon Campbell, in full uniform, started with a bang. Midge Cronin in her hard hat ran the 50/50 hole, which Peter Fritze won. Ann Motyka and Jim Hayter took prizes for the longest drives, and Marie Warnock was "closest to the pin." Golfers and non-golfers enjoyed a delicious meal together on the deck at Southers Marsh, and then vied for raffle prizes over dessert. Please thank our generous hole sponsors (listed elsewhere in the Herald). They are true friends of the Church of the Pilgrimage. Oh, and mark your calendars for next year's tournament: Saturday, September 17, 2011. See you there!  
*Judy Mitchell and Mike Harrington*

## Transition Corner

As of today, the Interim Pastoral Search Committee has received information on five candidates to be our Interim Pastor (following Gary's retirement). We expect that additional candidates will be brought to our attention as we move into the fall.

While our deliberations must remain confidential, we wish to report that we have started our review of these candidates, and will be working closely with Dale Hempen, our Mass. Conference U.C.C. Southeast Association Minister, to evaluate these and other potential candidates. We expect that we will be making a recommendation to the Advisory Board (which, by our Bylaws, acts as Pulpit Supply Committee), with sufficient time to have an Interim Pastor in place on January 1, 2011.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee. We will share what we can, within our commitment to confidentiality.

Doug Post, Chair / Members: Diana Budge, Peter Causton, Dawn Durmis, Alice Heckman

## UCC

Youth/Adult Spiritual Journey to the Andes Mountains, Chile

Help to Build Centro Shalom February 18-28, 2011

Spend 11 days in the Andes Mountains with members of the Pentecostal Church of Chile in a team-building, cross-cultural experience helping to build cabins for Centro Shalom.

Centro Shalom is a unique center where people can experience a renewed relationship with God, themselves, others and nature while surrounded by the beauty of the Andes Mountains. It is an educational center with Biblical and Christian foundations. Programs, camps, retreats and workshops are held there to develop stewards committed to Shalom and to the culture of peace, the care of the earth and spiritual development.

We are seeking a small and very select group of participants to join together and experience Centro Shalom while in partnership with The Pentecostal Church of Chile. A willingness to work as part of a team is key to the success of this trip of all participants. This trip is not for everyone...but for those seeking a spiritual renewal through fellowship with likeminded souls and nature in the pristine Andes Mountains, this could be the trip for you. Living arrangements are somewhat primitive with cabins, bunk beds and communal living the norm. Due to mountainous terrain and light construction work involved, participants should be in reasonably good physical condition. Interested? Space is limited and applications are now being accepted. The cost is approximately \$2300 per person and includes travel, accommodations and food. Would you like more information? Please email Terry Hall at [terry56@yahoo.com](mailto:terry56@yahoo.com).



Habitat for Humanity is an international non-denominational Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating substandard housing worldwide. Since 1974, over 350,000 homes have been built in 90 countries. Locally, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, serving the towns of Plymouth, Middleboro, Carver, Kingston, Plympton and Lakeville, has built 7 homes for deserving families. We are currently building #8 in Carver, MA and will soon be starting a home on South Pond Rd. in Plymouth. None of this work could be completed without dedicated volunteers and donations of funds and materials. We are fortunate to have so many people willing to give up their time and talents and we are proud to welcome Hannah Woodbury and Tom Mudgett to the local Habitat Board of Directors. **On Sunday, September 26, you will hear more about our mission and how you can become involved.** If you would like more information, or would care to make a donation online, please visit our website at [www.hfhplymouth.org](http://www.hfhplymouth.org). We thank you for all your support.



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