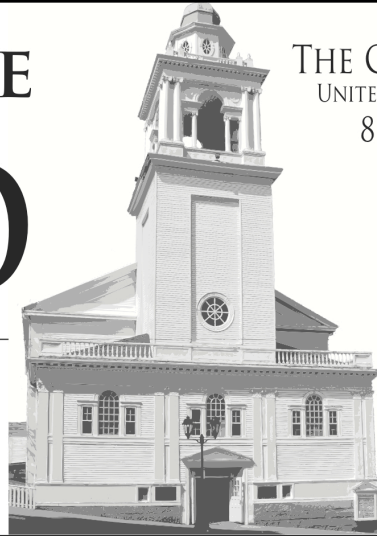


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Dear Friends,

It has been a busy few months at the church! In spite of the weather, we have continued to see strong attendance in worship, and we have continued with our strong missions programs. We are so fortunate to have had so many strong lay and ordained worship leaders and preachers each week. It is a blessing that they have shared their gifts with us, and we are grateful to all those who have served.

This week, we will welcome the Rev. Dr. Douglas Showalter as Interim Pastor of the Church of the Pilgrimage. Rev. Showalter just completed his 24<sup>th</sup> year as Pastor of the First Congregational Church, UCC in Falmouth, Massachusetts. Prior to that, he served a UCC church in Belfast, Maine. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Yale University, and completed his Doctor of Ministry at the Chicago Theological Seminary, with a focus on preaching. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1973, and he brings a wealth of experience to our congregation. We feel fortunate to have found such a highly qualified candidate to serve as our interim pastor. Rev. Showalter has been meeting with the advisory board regularly, and we have been bringing him up to speed on the various aspects of our ministry, so he is prepared to “hit the ground running” when he joins us this week.

With any change, there can be an increase in anxiety about losing traditions or rituals that are important to people. For example, you may wonder if the format or time for worship will change, or if the music will be different. Part of the benefit of an intentional interim period between settled pastors is to create the opportunity to try new things, or to make changes to the way we operate as a church, but also to reflect and affirm what is important to us. Rev. Showalter is sensitive to the needs of the church in transition, and he is also willing to try new things. His job is to provide leadership and structure for us to continue to grow our congregation and strengthen our ministries. We anticipate he will serve our church for the next 18-24 months, which will give us time to determine our needs for pastoral leadership moving forward, and then conduct a proper search for our next settled pastor.

Meanwhile, be sure to introduce yourself to him and help him get to know his new flock!

In Christ's Love,  
Trace Sears  
Chair, Advisory Board

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*The Church of the Pilgrimage, UCC is an Open and Affirming Church*  
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## On Our Calendar

Feb 27: Morning Worship at 10am, Rev. Chuck Harper will be preaching. The Junior Choir and the Cherub Choir will rehearse today. The Overnights of Hospitality begins today for the second week of the season.

Feb 28: Monday Meals of Hospitality in Allerton Hall, 11am. Overnights of Hospitality in Allerton Hall, 5pm.

Mar 1: Overnights of Hospitality in Allerton Hall, 5pm.

Mar 2: Overnights of Hospitality in Allerton Hall, 5pm. Choir rehearsal in the sanctuary at 7:30pm.

Mar 3: Overnights of Hospitality in Allerton Hall, 5pm. Christian Education Committee Meeting, 7pm in the Marks Conference Room.

Mar 4: Overnights of Hospitality in Allerton Hall, 5pm.

Mar 5: Overnights of Hospitality in Allerton Hall, 5pm.

Mar 6: Morning Worship at 10am, Rev. Doug Showalter will be preaching. The Junior Choir will sing during the worship service. The Cherub Choir will rehearse after worship.

## Church Record

On Saturday, February 12, Rev. Rollin Johnson conducted a memorial service for Thomas A. Hyslop in the sanctuary.

On Saturday, February 26, Rev. Rollin Johnson conducted a memorial service for Helen Belcher in the sanctuary.

Our hearts go out to the families of Tom and Helen during this time of sorrow.

With sadness we report the passing of Eleanor "Winkie" Fillebrown. Eleanor died on February 1, 2011. Our sympathies are extended to her family.

## Flowers

There are also openings on March 6 and March 27 for anyone who might like to give flowers for the Communion table to memorialize or honor loved ones. Please contact Debby Porter at 508-746-4109 if you are interested.

## Notes

We thank **Jeff Donn** for being our Lay Preacher and **Deaconess Diana Budge** for being our Worship Leader on Sunday, February 20.

**A note of thanks from Alice Hyslop:** Alice Hyslop and her daughters, Bonnie and Sarah and their families, express their gratitude to the members of the church who reached out in love and support since Tom's death. Particular appreciation goes to Rollin Johnson, Shellie Souza, and Brian Gildea, and to Jenny and her collation ladies.

## From the Office

All Boards and Committees should submit copies of the minutes of their meetings to the church office on a regular basis. Thank you.

## Missions Corner

Please continue to donate gently used blankets and especially towels to our Overnights of Hospitality program. You will find bins for donations on the stair landings leading up to the church. We will be hosting the men this week (February 27-March 6).  
Overnights of Hospitality

On behalf of the Missions Committee, I want to express sincere thanks to the following people who volunteered to help with the Overnights of Hospitality during the week of February 27-March 6:

Hosts-Alice and Ken Heckman, Al Hoyt, Terry Runnels, Chuck Harper, Ray Tompkins (First Baptist), Peter Causton, Ted Gwilliam (2<sup>nd</sup> Church), Barbara Quinn, Joan Thompson (First Parish, Kingston), Jeff Donn, and Geoff May.

Cooks-Tammi May, Jenny Healy, Bob and Carol Taylor, Pat Harper, Chris Bosanquet, Charlene Moore, Sharon Cominsky (Christ Community Church, East Taunton).

Open/Close/Supplies/Laundry-Sarah Barnicle and Paul Sinn.

Bless you for helping our church demonstrate God's love!  
*Joyce Ashley*

Pilgrim Association of  
Mass Conference (United Church of Christ)  
April 3, 2011 Spring Meeting Program at 2pm

REDESIGNING CHURCH: Fresh look at Council &  
Boards *Open to all local church leaders!*

The April 3 program at UCC Norwell will focus on moving from a Board/Committee structure to Ministry Teams and the organization and role of Church Council-two vitally important issues as we strive to make our local church more vital and responsive to the world around us.

Representatives from the Norwell and Scituate churches will discuss the organization changes they made, how they did it and what still needs some fine-tuning.

This important program is open to all local church leaders, not just Clergy and Delegates. The program begins at 2pm on April 3, 2011 at the UCC Congregational Church of Norwell.

1:45 Gathering Time & Registration

2:00 Redesigning Church: Hear from the Scituate and Norwell churches about their change from a Board/Committee structure to a Ministry Team model and their change in make up and focus on Church Council.

3:45 Break

4:00 Pilgrim Assoc. Meeting & Devotional Service

5:00 Adjourn

Advance registration is not necessary.

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**Daffodil Days<sup>®</sup>**



The American Cancer Society annual daffodil drive will be held during coffee hour THIS SUNDAY ONLY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011. Please donate to this long time church supported fundraiser by purchasing a bouquet or a pot of daffodils. The flowers will be available for pick up after church on March 20. Thanks!



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