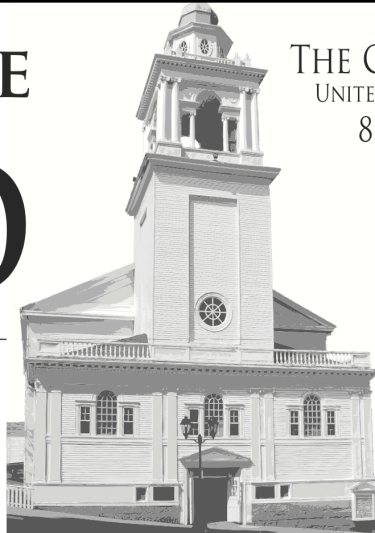


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Dear Friends:

I have to echo Peter Causton's sentiments from last week. I am honored to be asked to preach at the COTP and I never take that invitation lightly. Besides, I have to put my very expensive seminary education to use some how!

At yesterday's Church council meeting, (where all our boards and committees meet and update each other on what we are up to as a congregation), we heard about all of the things going on in our church. We as a church have embraced Christ's call to missions; we are feeding the hungry in our Monday meals, food pantry drives and overnights of hospitality. Our relief drives for world disasters are remarkably effective, raising thousands for the aid of people in distress all over the world. Our young people are engaging with our shut-ins and elders; we are exposing our confirmands to different cultures and ways of praising God. The Music committee has some exciting plans coming up this spring. The advisory board is making sure that the transition to an Interim Pastor is as smooth as possible. We are a church on the move for Christ's work in the world. There is much to celebrate.

There are so many people doing so many wonderful things in our congregation! I challenge all of you who read this to ask what more you could do. Too often we depend on a small group of people to do the lion's share of the work. While we are grateful for such workers, it can lead to burnout and drive those very workers away from our beloved church. As I said in my message yesterday, please consider how you can accept Christ's call to action. If your schedule allows, consider serving on a board or committee. If you don't have the time for a regular commitment, consider spending just one night cooking a meal or chaperoning for the overnights. Volunteer to visit a shut-in. There are so many ways we can all do more. And if nothing else is possible, consider contributing more in your pledge.

This church is a remarkable place where all are welcome and all are needed to answer Jesus' call to action. "Jesus Calls Us, O'er The Tumult." What will you answer?

Yours in Christ

Al Hoyt

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## On Our Calendar

Jan 16: Morning Worship at 10am, Deacon Trace Sears will be preaching. The Confirmation Group will meet today. The Cherub Choir and Junior Choir will rehearse after morning worship.

Jan 17-MLK Jr Day: The Church Office will be closed. Monday Meals of Hospitality in Allerton Hall, 11am. AT&T will begin cell tower construction (see elsewhere in this *Herald*).

Jan 18: The Board of Trustees will meet at 7pm in the Marks Conference Room.

Jan 19: Music Committee will meet at 6:30pm in the Marks Conference Room. Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary at 7:30pm.

Jan 23: Morning Worship at 10am, Rev. Rosemary MacKay will be preaching. The Cherub Choir and Junior Choir will rehearse after morning worship

Jan 24: The Advisory Board will meet at 7pm in the Marks Conference Room (please note this is a Monday meeting).

## Church Record

On Friday, January 14, 2011 Rev. Rollin Johnson conducted a funeral service for Charles G. McCosh in the sanctuary. Our sympathies are with the McCosh family.

## Flowers

In loving memory John Robinson. Given by Marie Robinson.

## Notes

**Mellicent Drake** is at Jordan Hospital recovering from surgery for a broken arm. We wish Mellicent a speedy recovery and hope to see her in church soon.

We thank **Al Hoyt** for being our Lay Preacher and **Diana Budge** our Lay Leader on Sunday, January 9.

Our sympathies are extended to **Peggy Jewett** whose mother passed away on Christmas Eve.

**Gary and Kathy Marks** have a new mailing address: 15 Bloody Pond Road, Plymouth, MA 02360.

**Marjorie Fall and Craig & Margi Campbell** sent notes of thanks for the poinsettias that were delivered to them over Christmas.

**Mary Harris** sent a reminder note to the office –

“Keep your light shining.” Mary is a long-time member of The Church of the Pilgrimage, she is 98 years young, and she resides in a UCC retirement home in Concord, NH. Although many will not know who Mary is, she likes to keep in touch and sends her best wishes to our church. We thank you, Mary!

## Pastoral Care

For the months of January and February, we have a Minister available on an as-needed basis for church member emergencies, funerals, etc. The Deacons are also available for visits to at-home and hospitalized members. If you are in need of a Pastoral visit or know of someone who is, please contact the church office.

## Missions Corner

### Overnights of Hospitality

**Date:** February 6-13 and February 27-March 5

**We Need:** 1) hosts to stay overnight  
2) evening meals for 15-20

Please contact Rosalee Sinn 508-224-6853 or [dansingoat@aol.com](mailto:dansingoat@aol.com) if you can help.

### Church School To Make School Kits

#### ...Others Welcome to Help

The Missions Committee and the Church School are organizing a School Kit drive to help support the local and worldwide community. While this will be predominately through the Sunday School, all are more than welcome to contribute items. These school kits give children some of the basic tools for learning. A complete kit includes:

- One pair of blunt metal scissors (round tip)*
- Three 70-count spiral notebooks or notebooks totaling 200-210 pages (no loose-leaf paper)*
- One 30-centimeter ruler (12")*
- One hand-held pencil sharpener*
- One large eraser*
- Six new pencils with erasers*
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24)*
- One 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size cotton or lightweight canvas bag with cloth handles (please, no reusable shopping bags or backpacks)*

Susan Coombs will be collecting donations after Church School on January 23. Children may bring their donations to their classroom. Thank you!

### Construction in the Church (Jan 17-24)

The Board of Trustees has worked with AT&T to ensure that the work they need to do to reinforce the floor under the battery storage room (located beside the music storage room in the rear of the balcony) will be done as efficiently and professionally as possible. They will need to block off stairs (on the School Street side) leading up to the sanctuary to install a support beam in the ceiling (floor of the battery room). They will seal off the doors leading up to the sanctuary and the lower stairwell with plastic curtains to control dust. All surfaces will be restored to their original condition and color. The work should take up to 5 or 6 working days. The appearance of the stairwell will not be altered. Thank you for your patience with this matter. Ed Marks, Board of Trustees Chair

### Christian Education Committee Care Packages for Soldiers

The Christian Education Committee is in search of member of our congregation or people close to our members who are serving in the armed forces overseas. The Sunday School is planning on putting together care packages to send out in March and would love to be able to support anyone in our own congregation who could use a lift from us. If you know of someone, please email me a name, an address, and if possible, a wish list. Thanks for your help. Jenny 508-747-7168 or [fremont10@verizon.net](mailto:fremont10@verizon.net).

### Time & Talent Auction/Luncheon Sunday, February 6 after church

There'll be plenty of time to get home and see the Pats win the Super Bowl! Sign-up this Sunday for the delicious luncheon, only \$4 per adult, \$2 per child, max. \$12. Also, please sign up for your donation of time or talent. Forms will be available in Allerton Hall after church. Suggested donations: *a ride in your canoe or boat; a weekend get-a-way; a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant; babysitting; training in computer, photography, dance, tennis, golf; a round of golf; meals hosted or delivered; a truckload of trash to the dump; bread, cakes, cookies, pies delivered once a month.* Or for something new: REQUEST A SERVICE, *such as being*

*taught to knit, having a basement or yard in need of cleaning, having a porch swing that needs sanding and polyurethane, needing a ride to and from Sunday service, having a pile of wood split.* For information, please call Judy Mitchell at 508-746-3959, or email [je\\_mitchell@comcast.net](mailto:je_mitchell@comcast.net).

### From the Office

**Offering envelopes** have arrived and my hope is to have them ready for you by Sunday (provided the storm doesn't create too many problems). They will be available in the upper vestibule for those who have requested them.

We plan to prepare **2010 Pledge/Giving statements** before the end of the month. If you still have a balance remaining on your 2010 pledge, please be sure to have your payment in the office by mid-January so it will reflect on your statement. Thank you.

The **deadline** for articles you wish to have printed in **The Pilgrimage Herald** is noon on the Tuesday before the Sunday you would like to have it appear.

### Sunday Worship Schedule Worship begins at 10am

Sunday	Preaching	Worship Leader
January 16	Deacon Trace Sears	Jenny Healy
January 23	Rev. Rosemary MacKay	Hannah Woodbury
January 30	Rev. Mike O'Brien	Deacon Trace Sears
February 6	Al Hoyt	Rev. Rollin Johnson
February 13	Peter Causton	Sarah Barnicle
February 20	TBD	Diana Budge
February 27	Rev. Chuck Harper	Marna Blomberg



## Interfaith Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast

The Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association and the No Place for Hate Committee of Plymouth will hold the annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast at 8:00am Monday, January 17 at Plymouth South High School in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and are available at the door or from Rabbi Lawrence Silverman of Congregation Beth Jacob. The featured speaker will be the Rev. William Kremmell, a former priest at Blessed Kateri Church and the original founder of Plymouth's MLK Jr. Breakfast event. For more information, contact Rabbi Silverman or email the No Place for Hate Committee at [plymouthnpfh@gis.net](mailto:plymouthnpfh@gis.net).



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