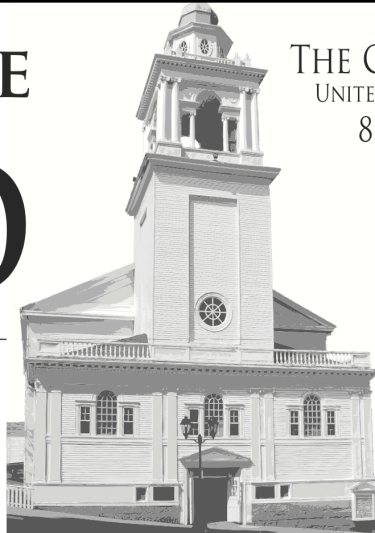

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Dear Members and Friends,

Every Christian knows The Lord's Prayer. But are we Christians so familiar with it that we sometimes take it for granted?

I've read that many centuries ago our English word "patter" was used to describe the habit some Christians fell into then of quickly and thoughtlessly repeating The Lord's Prayer in Latin: *Pater noster . . . Pater noster . . . Pater noster*. In early Congregationalism The Lord's Prayer was usually not recited in church services, in part to avoid making it such a routine element of worship that its meaning was overlooked.

What is the meaning of The Lord's Prayer? Suppose someone asked you to express its meaning in your own words? What would you say?

Of course, it's hardly possible to improve The Lord's Prayer, as its phrases are so stirring and precise. But I will share with you here a meditation on that prayer which I discovered many years ago. It's a personal response to the phrases in that prayer, which I have found to be helpful.

Thanks to Google, I recently discovered that this meditation was created by Rev. Dr. George Arthur Buttrick and published in his classic 1942 work on Christian devotions, entitled Prayer. Buttrick was ordained as a Congregational minister and served New York City's Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church.

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"A Morning Meditation on the Lord's Prayer"

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN: Help me to believe this day that there is a power to lift me up which is stronger than all the things that hold me down.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME: Help me to be sensitive to what is beautiful, and responsive to what is good, so that day by day I may grow more sure of the holiness of life in which I want to trust.

THY KINGDOM COME: Help me to be quick to see, and ready to encourage whatever brings the greater meaning of God into that which otherwise might be the common round of the uninspired day.

THY WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN: Help me to believe that the ideals of the spirit are not a far-off dream, but a power to command my loyalty and to direct my life here on our real earth.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD: Open the way for me to earn an honest living without anxiety but let me never forget the needs of others, and make me want only that benefit for myself which will also be their gain.

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AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES*, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US:

Make me patient and sympathetic with the shortcomings of others, especially of those I love; and keep me sternly watchful only of my own. Let me never grow hard with the unconscious cruelty of those who measure themselves by mean standards, and so think they have excelled. Keep my eyes lifted to the highest, so that I may be humbled; and seeing the failures of others be forgiving, because I know how much there is of which I need to be forgiven.

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL. Let me not go carelessly this day within the reach of any evil I cannot resist. But if in the path of duty I must go where temptation is, give me strength of spirit to meet it without fear.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN:

And so in my heart may I carry the knowledge that thy greatness is above me and around me, and that thy grace through Jesus Christ my Master is sufficient for all my needs. Amen.

**The use of "debts" in this prayer, instead of "trespasses," is found in the 1611 King James Version translation of the Bible, as well as in many modern English Bible translations. It has also been more commonly used in Congregational heritage churches, including our own church. See Matthew 6:12.*

Yours In Christ's Service,



Summer Office Hours & Staff Vacation for July

The office hours for the summer are 8:00am-12:00pm. Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter will be on vacation from July 11-July 17.

Shellie Souza will be taking July 11, July 18, and July 25-29 as vacation days.

Flowers

The June 26 flowers are in loving memory of George Randall. Given by the family.

On Our Calendar

June 26: Morning Worship at 10:00am, Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter preaching. Today is Music Appreciation Sunday. There will be a meeting after worship regarding the search process. A light lunch will be served. Please plan to attend.

June 28: The Advisory Board will meet at 7:00pm in the Marks Conference Room.

July 1-5: UCC General Synod in Tampa Florida

July 1: Wedding rehearsal in the sanctuary at 6:00pm.

July 3: Wedding in the sanctuary at 3:00pm.

July 4: The Church Office will be closed for Independence Day.

July 10: Worship at 10:00am, Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter preaching. The adult education class, "How to read the Bible," will be held in the Marks Conference room from 11:30am-12:30pm.

July 12: Summer Concert, 8:00pm in the sanctuary. *The Lindsays* (traditional and contemporary Irish music).

July 17: Worship at 10:00am. Peter Causton will be our guest preacher. The adult education class, "How to read the Bible," will be held in the Marks Conference room from 11:30am-12:30pm.

July 19: Summer Concert, 8:00pm in the sanctuary. *Friends in Song* (a vocal ensemble).

July 20: Deadline for the August newsletter.

July 24: Worship at 10:00am, Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter preaching. The adult education class, "How to read the Bible," will be held in the Marks Conference Room from 11:30am-12:30pm.

July 26: Summer Concert, 8:00pm in the sanctuary. *An Evening of Musical Theater* is the title of the program.

July 31: Worship at 10:00am, Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter preaching. The adult education class, "How to read the Bible" will be held in the Marks Conference room from 11:30am-12:30pm.

Church Record

On Sunday, June 19 Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter baptized Aiden Michael Bingamon, son of Jessica McGrath and Michael Bingamon of Plymouth. Aiden's maternal grandparents are Christine Fratus of Plymouth and Ed McGrath of Attleboro. His paternal grandparents are Denise Damaddio of Bourne and David Bingamon of Easton. Aiden's sponsors are Kursten Roderick of California and Samatha Coe of Bourne.

Notes

Congratulations to Holly McNeely who graduated from Plymouth North High School. Holly will attend Becker College in the fall. Holly is the daughter of Debra & Darryl Richters and the granddaughter of Sandi Santos.

We also congratulate Steven Warren Coutts who recently graduated from UMass-Amherst with a degree in Communications.

A Message from The Board of Trustees

Parsonage Update: The Board of Trustees has agreed to list the parsonage with the real estate agency Chute and Payzant. We will be meeting with them soon to finalize the details and will notify the congregation via the Sunday Bulletin and/or announcements in church the week before the property is listed on MLS. We will keep everyone updated as progress is made but please feel free to contact any board member if you have any questions.

A Message from Missions

Your Missions and Outreach Committee will continue to accept donations for the Mass Conferences Tornado Relief Fund throughout July. If you are unable to attend church and wish to contribute, please mail your donation to the Church Office, 8 Town Square, Plymouth, MA 02360. Checks should be made payable to The Church of the Pilgrimage, writing "Tornado Relief" on the memo line. Once again, thank you for your support in our efforts to help those in need. Have a GREAT summer!

Adult Education Opportunity

Al Hoyt will be offering a course in July called "How to read your Bible." It will cover the history of scripture up to modern times and various theories of the creation and meaning of our Bible. This course is the kick-off for the Christian Education Committee's plans for adult education in the fall. The course will be held from 11:30-12:30 each Sunday in July beginning on July 10. If there is enough interest, a second session may be offered during the week. Please see Al Hoyt if you are interested.

The Scrapbook

We will be putting the final touches on the Welcome scrapbook for Doug and Chris. If you would like to add an entry please let either Judy Foster or Peter Causton know.

Tours

Once again this year we would like to open our Church to the public. In order to do this we need 4-6 volunteers to lead tours. Training and a question and answer sheet are provided. Tours in the past have run from Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 3:00pm If you are interested, please see Al Hoyt or Diana Budge.

Communion Ministers

Would you like to serve as a Communion Minister of our church, to provide that sacrament to members and friends of our church who are unable to attend our worship services?

This lay ministry is open to full members of our church. Please speak to Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter if you are interested.

Memorial Garden/ Columbarium

The Memorial Garden/ Columbarium committee is pleased to announce that eight niches have been purchased. As soon as two more niches are bought, the first columbarium can be built. The footings have been installed so visitors can see exactly where the structure will be set in the garden. Once we receive payment for two more niches the special granite can be ordered and building of the columbarium will begin. This will take about 8-10 weeks.

For more information contact anyone from the committee: Judy Mitchell 508-746-3959, Pat Mudgett 508-224-7296, Linn Peterson 508-586-7415 or Shellie Souza 508-746-3026.

Golf Tournament Hole Sponsors

The Annual Church of the Pilgrimage Fall Golf Tournament will be held Saturday morning, September 17, 2011 at Southers Marsh Golf Club in West Plymouth. We welcome corporate and individual hole sponsors (\$100) to make this fundraiser, which is a "line item" in the church budget, a success. Let us know if you wish to continue as a hole sponsor or would like information about doing it for the first time. You'll get great publicity for your business while helping your church. Contact Mike Harrington 508-747-2060, Judy Mitchell 508-746-3959 (je_mitchell@comcast.net) or Debby & Jon Porter at 508-746-4109.

Pastoral Search Process Update

ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26, there will be a special meeting after Church in Allerton Hall to kick off the search process for a new settled pastor. A light lunch will be served. We hope that everyone can make it.

Heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Sunday School Teachers

Your hard work, dedication, energy, and talent have made this year's Sunday school program a great success! In passing on the great stories of our faith, you have made an almost incalculable impact upon our children's lives, and you have shown our children the importance of learning about God. We deeply appreciate your efforts, and we celebrate what you have accomplished this year. Our children thank you, our parents thank you, the Christian Education Committee thanks you, and the congregation thanks you. You are indeed a valued asset to our congregation.

Our Sunday School Teachers:

Pre-Kindergarten

Susan Coombs

Phil Ragonetti

Jackie Williamson

Grade 2 & 3

Nate Moore

Linda Brown

Trina Camarao

Grade 6, 7 & 8

Dave Coutts

Kindergarten & Grade 1

Glenda Richards

Dawn Durmis

Jen Bingham-Maas

Grade 4 & 5

Kathy Marks

Jenny Healy

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