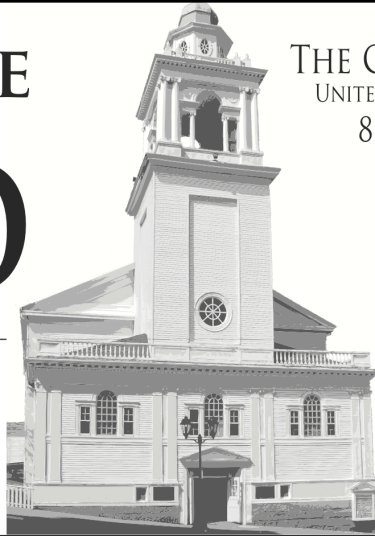

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Dear Members and Friends:

Years ago when my maternal grandmother died, I learned firsthand how difficult it can be to create a funeral service for a loved one at the time of their death. Of course, at such times people are weighed down with their feelings of grief. But not only that. They also usually find themselves faced with a number of other important decisions, apart from service planning, which they need to make relatively quickly. My younger brother [11 years younger] and I are both United Church of Christ ministers. But even so, in the midst of such grief and other decisions to be made, we found that creating that funeral service for our beloved grandmother was a challenge.

That experience in my own family led me to develop a simple booklet to help other families plan funeral and memorial services for their deceased loved ones. That booklet contains lists of appropriate scripture readings and hymns for such services. It also presents a sample worship order and other suggestions for such services.

I've used that booklet through the years in my ministry with church families. And now I've revised it to be helpful to families in our Church of the Pilgrimage. For example, the booklet's list of suggested hymns is now geared to our church's current *Hymns of Truth and Light* hymnal.

That booklet, ***When a Loved One Dies...Planning a Memorial or Funeral Service***, is now available on our church's website. One advantage of having it on that website is that at the time of a parishioner's death, it can facilitate my work with close relatives who live out of the region. One may also secure a copy of this booklet from our church office.

This booklet can also be of help to our parishioners who wish to do some of their own advance funeral or memorial service planning. That leads me to a second announcement.

With the approval of the Advisory Board, our church office will now begin to maintain an **Emergency File**. Parishioners are invited to contribute non-confidential information about themselves to that file, which they would like our church's Pastor and others in our church to have access to, on their behalf, in case of an emergency. In that file, individuals may wish to contribute any of the following information:

- The names/addresses/telephone numbers of the people to contact, on their behalf, in an emergency.
- Contact information for relatives, out of state friends, etc.
- The name of one's doctor, lawyer, accountant, etc.

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The Church of the Pilgrimage, UCC is an Open and Affirming Church
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–The name and address of any funeral home and/or cemetery where pre-arrangements have been made

–Any personal wishes for one’s funeral/memorial service


–Any other non-confidential information, required in an emergency, which an individual might wish to have included in our emergency file.

Information should be submitted to our church office. Be sure to date your submission. Each person is responsible to keep their own emergency information in this file up to date. The file is simply kept in our church office and made available to concerned parties if a time comes when there is an emergency and that information is needed.

Over the years of my ministry there have been times when access to such basic, non-confidential information in a church office has been very helpful to the families of parishioners.

If you have any questions about the Funeral/Memorial Service planning booklet or the Emergency File, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Yours in Christ’s Service,



On Our Calendar

May 1: Morning Worship at 10am, Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter will preach. The Confirmands will meet this morning after worship. The Junior Choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary after worship. The Cherub Choir will rehearse in the JRC Great Room after worship. The Pilgrim Festival Chorus will perform *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* in the Sanctuary at 4pm. YomHa-Shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day 2011) will take place at 7pm at Beth Jacob Community Center.

May 4: The Missions and Outreach Committee will meet at 7pm in the Marks Conference Room. The Choir will rehearse in the sanctuary at 7:30pm.

May 5: The Christian Education Committee will meet at 6pm in the Marks Conference Room.

May 8-Mother’s Day: Morning Worship at 10am with a Guest Preacher. Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter will be Worship Leader. The Cherub Choir will sing. The Junior Choir will rehearse after worship in the Sanctuary. The Guild will hold a Bake Sale in Allerton Hall during Coffee Hour.

Flowers

The flowers are in memory of James and Nina Bolger. Given by Will and Nancy Stearns and family.

Easter Lilies given on Easter Sunday but not listed include the following:

Given by Linn & John Peterson, in memory of Ruth & “Pete” Peterson, Ruth & Bill Axford, Russ Axford, Beloved Brother, and other loved ones.

In memory of Brady Christopher Slavin. Given by his family.

Christian Ed Notes

Thursday, May 5 at 7pm Sunday school teachers will be meeting in the Marks Conference Room in the JRC to discuss **Children’s Sunday and the rotational model for teaching Sunday school**. For more information about this model, you may want to take a look at rotation.org and cstones.com before the meeting. We encourage all current teachers and any who think they might like to teach in the fall to attend. Contact Jenny with any questions 508-747-7168.

Christian Education Committee meeting changes:

The next CE meeting will be held in the Marks Conference Room in the JRC at 6pm on May 5.

Mission Trip to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi

Pilgrim Church of Duxbury would love to have you join them this May for their annual adult Mission Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi. Back Bay is a community ministry of the United Church of Christ that has worked with the poor and marginalized of Biloxi’s Back Bay for nearly a century. The trip is scheduled from May 15-May 21. Please contact Todd Vetter, Senior Minister at Pilgrim Church at 781-934-6591 ext 102 or via email at tcvetter@gmail.com. For more information see www.thebackbaymission.org.

Town-Wide Clean-Up Week/ April 30-May 8, 2011

Join us for Town-Wide Clean-Up Week. Contact Patrick Farah at pfarah@townhall.plymouth.ma.us or 508-746-1620 x204.

Thank You

In a note from the guests of our Overnights of Hospitality (and personally signed by them):

Dear Parishioners and Staff of The Church of the Pilgrimage: On behalf of all the men who have been guests in the Overnights of Hospitality Program, we thank you for the hot meals and giving us a safe and warm place to rest and sleep this past winter. We especially thank all who cooked the meals and chaperoned overnight!

This past Monday brought the close of our Monday Meals of Hospitality for the summer.

The program will resume on September 12. More than 100 different people were served throughout the eight-month season, with an average of 30-40 attending each week. It has been a pleasure to serve them.

Many, many thanks to all of the volunteers: church members, friends and neighbors—some 70 in all—who cheerfully brought in food, served meals, cleaned up and kept us organized. It is your spirit and generosity of time and gifts of home-cooked food that make the program work.

We again thank Nate and Dr. Moore for providing free flu shots and various clothing and health items, Jenny Healy and the Fourth and Fifth Grade Sunday School class for completely handling one meal and baking rolls for another.

A special thank you to Mike Morway, Chef and Manager at T-Bones Restaurant, who for the second year provided a complete dinner with all of the trimmings on Christmas Day, and the May and Williams families and the Johnsons for bringing food, gifts and helping to make the day so enjoyable.

No thank you would be complete without again mentioning Janet Holmes and Hildegard Schimpf, who were there each week; Shellie Souza, who helped in so many ways; and Brian Gildea who as always was there, in good spirits, to handle the set up and double check on the safety aspects.

With grateful thanks to all!!!---

Meg Bross, Rosa Cook, Diane Flood, Gay Flood, Lynnette Lancaster, and Pat Mudgett—Team Leaders

Thank you to our April Greeters: April 3, Pat Blackmer and Alice Hyslop; April 10, Doris & Denis Soliwoda; April 17, Pat Blackmer and Bertie Jennings; April 24 at 9:30, The Wilson Family; April 24 at 11am, Betsey Randall and Nancy Medeiros.

From the Guild

On May 20 2:30pm the Guild will provide a tea with entertainment at the Newfield House (nursing home) to honor those residents past and presently residing there that have connections to our church. We invite members of the congregation to join us as we entertain the residents of the Newfield House. It would be nice to have a good representation from the church. It should be a fun afternoon.

Memorial Garden/Columbarium Update

Since our appeal last month for sales of niches, we now have four sold, with a promise of two more (when tax refunds are received). We need to sell four more niches in order to have the money to build the first columbarium. Even if you do not plan to buy a niche, you can be a part of this effort by making a donation toward the building of the columbarium. The name of anyone memorialized by a donation of \$200 or more will be added to the Memorial Garden plaque. Names of those memorialized by a donation of less than \$200 will be painted on a riverstone to be placed in the garden. For more information about purchasing a niche, or making a donation, contact anyone from the committee: Judy Mitchell 508-746-3959 je_mitchell@comcast.net; Pat Mudgett 508-224-7296; Linn Peterson 508-586-7415 dusteryip@hotmail.com

Yom Ha-Shoah (Holocaust Memorial Day 2011)

An Interfaith observance commemorating the destruction of European Jewry by the Nazis and giving recognition to the significance of the Holocaust for people of all faiths.

Sunday, May 1, 7:00pm

*At Beth Jacob Community Center
(Court St. at Brewster, in Plymouth)*

Special Guest: Alice Eichenbaum, who was in Bulgaria during the Holocaust and whose family suffered greatly at the hands of the Nazis, will speak on the importance for us all of remembering the Holocaust.



The Guild has agreed to sponsor a project to outfit the kitchen at the John Robinson Center. By doing so, we hope to increase the number and types of events that can be held there. A savings account begun by the Women's Fellowship was dedicated to this purpose and has given us a start. **As a first fundraiser, the Guild will offer a Bake Sale on Mother's Day Sunday, May 8.** We hope that the congregation will plan on making a purchase of delicious baked items on that day and help us to begin this campaign. There will be several events each year dedicated to this purpose. If members of the congregation would like to make a financial contribution or hold a fund raising event to add to the fund, we would welcome any additional funds to be added to this special bank account. We estimate that it will take approximately \$20,000 to complete this project. Let's make a beginning.



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