

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

June 2016



When a woman is in labor, she has pain, because her hour has come. But when her child is born, she no longer remembers the anguish because of the joy of having brought a human being into the world

John 16.21

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus is famous for saying that there is “nothing permanent except change.” Everything continues to flow, he wrote; change is fundamental to the nature of existence.

When Sarah and I were expecting our first child, nearly ten years ago this summer, I seemed to keep stumbling across passages like this that used the image of a woman in labor to speak of some new things that God was about to do in the world. For many biblical writers, no other image serves to illustrate both the painful nature of change in our lives, while at the same time investing us with an equally powerful sense of potential and promise. Change is difficult; but it is also a time pregnant with possibilities for new life and new ways of engaging in the work that God is doing in the life of the church.

As I prepare to leave Pilgrim at the end of the month, I continue to reflect on the nature of change; and while I cannot know exactly what the future holds for Pilgrim Church, I am confident that God is always faithful and in our responding faithfulness, God is always enacting a wonderful new thing for the people of God. That is always the source of my hope.

So in departing from the life we have shared over the past eight years, I wish you God's continued blessings on your continued life together at the Pilgrim Church. It has been joy and delight to share this time with you all. I still very much look forward to those times we will have to be together, and I continue to hold you all in my prayers.

In Christ,
Todd



A Special Thank you from our Associate Minister

Thank you so much to the people of Pilgrim Church for celebrating my graduation from Andover Newton. Thank you for having a big cake! And thank you also for the gift of the home communion set. I serve home communion to those members who are ill or not able to attend Sunday worship services.

I will be away this summer completing my Clinical Pastoral Education which is required for ordination. To this end I will be serving as a Chaplain at Hebrew Senior Life in Roslindale. I will return to the church on Sunday, August 7th. Enjoy a warm and healthy summer!

Emily J. Kellar



Mark your calendar: Our Sunday worship service starts at **9:00 AM** beginning Sunday, June 19th and continuing through Labor Day.



Deacons

A Word from the Deacons

Summer is upon us, and we deacons invite you to join us for 9 AM services, beginning on June 19. We will hold refreshments out on the lawn after church hosted by the deacons. Don't let your outdoor plans keep you from Sunday mornings at Pilgrim – casual wear is welcome, so you can stop in to refresh your soul before you head out to refresh your body on the beach, in the boat, or on the trails.

Looking forward to Duxbury's July 4th parade? Consider spending it here on the lawn – we offer a great view with many of your Pilgrim friends! Bring your lawn chairs and snacks and join the fun!



Fair Trade News

Summer will soon be upon us and Fair Trade will be taking a hiatus starting July until our return in October. There will be 2 opportunities in June to stock up on your favorite Fair Trade products before we break for the summer. Choose from an array of delicious chocolates, coffees, teas, cocoa mix, baking cocoa, almonds, and olive oil from Palestine. *A few items will be reduced.* Don't let this be your cry, Oh My! I ran out of that good coffee from Equal Exchange and it is only July!

See you at the Fair Trade table on **June 5th** in the **parlor** and **June 12th** in the **vestry** after church.

Judy, Jeff, & the Fair Trade Ministry Team



Come Celebrate With Us!

We want to honor Todd Vetter before his last Sunday with us, so we are having a celebratory brunch after the church service on June 5th. A catered sit-down event is planned for 11:00 AM. There is no charge but volunteer help will be appreciated. To reserve a place please email Kay Drake at ekaydrake12@gmail.com or Janet Ritch at janetritch@gmail.com . . . or call Kay at 781-934-0621 and leave a message. We hope you will join us!



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for 9 AM – noon from July 25 – 29, and is hosted by St. John's this year. You may visit their website www.stjohnsduxbury.org for both registration and payment. For questions, feel free to contact St. John's.



Happy Birthday wishes this month to:

- Carol Lindaberry – June 4
- Michael Barry – June 12
- Molly Schaeffer – June 13
- Beth MacLeod Largent – June 13
- Jack Edwards – June 21
- Lynne Devnew – June 21

Our warmest wishes for a very happy birthday! *Surely* there are more! Please take a moment to email Terri Clark at tlclark@pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org or call 781-934-6591 ext. 100. We want to include as many people as possible each month, so don't let another newsletter go by before you contact us!



Congratulations to the Senior Class of 2016

The members and friends of Pilgrim Church join in congratulating all of our graduating high school seniors:

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| <i>Cameron Anello</i> | <i>Elizabeth Barry</i> | <i>Sam Bettencourt</i> |
| <i>Brynne Blackington</i> | <i>Griffin Brayer</i> | <i>Ethan Devine</i> |
| <i>Eli Estey</i> | <i>Thomas Farias</i> | <i>Charles Fitts</i> |
| <i>Susie Fitts</i> | <i>Kyle Heffernan</i> | <i>Cameron Homan</i> |
| <i>Alexander Kania</i> | <i>Matt Leonard</i> | <i>Alexis Murphy</i> |
| <i>Heather O'Brien</i> | <i>Thomas Roberts</i> | <i>Madelyn Sinnott</i> |
| <i>Lillian Slayter</i> | <i>Calista Tufankjian</i> | <i>Max Webber</i> |



Congratulations to our newest members!

In May we welcomed the new members listed below by *Confirmation of Faith*. The confirmands attended classes, met with their mentors, and participated in “in-reach” (church) and “outreach” (community) projects. The class also went on an overnight retreat to the Craigville Conference Center in Centerville under the direction of Emily Kellar, Associate Minister, with help from Kate Wonkka, John Morton and Nikki Harrison. We extend a special appreciation to all the mentors who guided and counseled the confirmands.

Welcome new members of Pilgrim Church!

Confirmand

- Brendan Carley*
- David Cedrone*
- Melanie Cheal*
- Kelsey DeWolf*
- Sadie Estey*
- Jake Fiedler*
- Luke Garrity*
- Cameron Haight*
- Jacob Harrison*
- Guy Holbrook*
- Bailey Homan*
- Lucy Juliano*
- Bryce Lehner*
- Sarah Lehner*
- Will Morton*
- Christiana Murphy*
- John Roberts*
- Nate Romanelli*
- Morgan Slayter*
- Sophia Tufankjian*
- Trent Walker*

Mentor

- John MacLaren*
- Fred Lizza*
- Kate Brewer*
- Carol Cybulska*
- Dawn Backlund*
- Doug Backlund*
- David Slayter*
- Lynne Devnew*
- David Fuchs*
- Emily Kellar*
- Amy Holbrook*
- Angelique Kania*
- Rob Kania*
- Carol Cybulska*
- Don DeHart*
- Sue Bradford*
- Emily Kellar*
- Dan Hall*
- Polly Hare*
- Emily Kellar*
- Stephen Gianelis*

Congratulations!



Seeking Pilgrim Pantry volunteers

The Outreach Board is seeking volunteers to commit to 3 to 5 hours per month to help support the Pilgrim Pantry. The Pantry accepts food donations and distributes the donations to needy families in Duxbury and the surrounding communities. If you are interested in supporting this vitally important program, please see a member of the Outreach Board (Steve Schaeffer, Jim Grim, Lois Boericke, Karen Barry or Dan Arkema) or contact Helen Barrow (hsbarrow@gmail.com) for more details.



Koinonia – Fellowship, Study & Prayer

Koinonia is meeting on Monday, June 13 at 2:00 PM. Doris Kolstad will be our hostess. Please call her for directions.

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Prayers of Healing

Mike Tenney – Lee Bishop – Linda Robinson – Norma George – Chris Blake – Tom Holland – Happy Chapman – Lynn Walker

Prayers of Joy

For the 2016 Confirmation Class who joined Pilgrim Church in May in a Confirmation of Faith.

For Amy Marconi, Linda Barnhart, Mark Wenham and Kathleen and Greg Ruel who were welcomed into membership this past month.

For the baptism of Grayson Theodore Kerr, son of Kierstin and Christopher Kerr.

For the baptism of Charlotte Marie Dilger, daughter of Marie and Erik Dilger.

Prayers of Comfort & Solace

For the family and friends of Charlotte Backlund, Doug Backlund’s mother.

For the family and friends of Sam Sinclair, Doug Sinclair’s father.

For the family and friends of David Hammond.