

# PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

## May 2016

### *May News from the Associate Minister*

Fundraising for the Youth Mission Trip for 2017 starts this month! On May 28<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 2 PM we will have our annual car wash. This is a fun event and we hope all of Pilgrim Church will come have their cars washed to benefit our youth.

Also, Vacation Bible School is the last week of July this year and will be run by St. Johns. Registration will be done online at [stjohnsduxbury.org](http://stjohnsduxbury.org). Details on their website!

I will be preaching on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and plan on telling you about my pilgrimage to Assisi. I am grateful for the time away which you all so graciously provided as study leave. This summer I will be on a leave of absence from Pilgrim Church to complete my final ordination requirement. I will be serving as a chaplain resident at Hebrew Senior Life in Roslindale. I begin chaplain residency on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and conclude on August 5<sup>th</sup>. I will be back in church with you all on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Although I will not be with you all in June and July I will hold you all in my thoughts and prayers while I am away. I hope you will do the same.

I am sure August will find me planning for a busy fall at the church. There will be a new group of confirmands, youth group activities to plan as well as youth mission trip fundraising events. I am grateful for all of you at Pilgrim Church and I hope all of you have a wonderful summer here in our beloved town by the water!

Peace,  
*Emily J. Kellar*



*Would you like to be a Sunday morning greeter?*

Pilgrim Church is always looking for welcoming faces to greet our congregation as they come to worship each Sunday. All it takes is about a half hour of your time, before the beginning of Sunday's service, and being able to give a warm "hello" to your fellow parishioners as they arrive for Sunday worship. This is an easy, yet rewarding way to help contribute to the life of the church. If you would like to volunteer to be a greeter, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call 781-934-6591, ext. 101 if you have any questions.



### *Baccalaureate Service at Holy Family*

The Baccalaureate is an interfaith service sponsored and organized by the Duxbury Interfaith Council with inspirational messages to graduating high school students from clergy and council members of various faiths. Additionally, the evening features performances and readings from graduating seniors. This joyous event is intended to celebrate students' accomplishments and provide a forum for expression of their gratitude and appreciation. All graduating high school seniors residing in Duxbury are welcome to participate. Parents, guests, and the entire Duxbury community are welcome to attend.

This year's Baccalaureate will be held Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM at Holy Family Church on Tremont Street. Light refreshments will be served immediately following the service. For important dates for graduating seniors, performance submission details, and rehearsal dates, there is a flyer posted outside the church offices. All submissions and inquiries should be directed to [duxbacc@gmail.com](mailto:duxbacc@gmail.com).



### **Blankets+ Sunday is May 8**

On Sunday, May 8 we will hold a special collection for the Blankets+ program of Church World Service. For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future. Resources include blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster; tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields; and wells, literacy training, and microcredit for those struggling with basic needs and realizing their potential.

Please join us in supporting these efforts on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Checks may be made payable to “Pilgrim Church” and use either the special CWS envelope in your worship bulletin or write “blankets+” on the memo line. *Every amount is valued and appreciated.* For more information on the blankets+ program, visit the CWS website at [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org).



### **Sunday, May 8 is also New Member Sunday!**

Please join us in welcoming our new members into the life of Pilgrim Church on Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. At press time, prospective new members were being invited to participate in a welcome breakfast hosted by the Board of Deacons on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and to formally join the next day. Watch your June newsletter for an update on the Spring 2016 new member class; and join us in welcoming them with gratitude for their presence among us.



### **Koinonia – Fellowship, Study & Prayer**

Koinonia will meet Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Ginny Hunt-Burbine will be our hostess. For further information, please call Elaine Guilfoyle.



### **Plantings for the Duxbury Habitat for Humanity house**

Several church members have been working on a landscape plan for the Habitat for Humanity home that is nearing completion on Franklin St. We are currently seeking individual cash donations to expand the plant budget that Habitat provides in order to have a nicely landscaped property that fits in with the neighborhood. The shrubs & trees run between \$20-\$60 each. Any amount will help. Please make your checks out to *Pilgrim Church* with notation *Habitat plants* on the memo line. Thank you!



FAIRTRADE  
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### **Fair Trade News**

It all begins with farmers! Equal Exchange, who partners with the United Church of Christ to help small-scale farmers, was started by 3 friends in 1986 who saw a need and wanted to help. Today they are a worker-owned co-operative with over 110 worker-owners. Equal Exchange develops partnerships with farmer co-operatives around the world to help make “healthier, stronger, and more sustainable communities.” When you purchase Fair Trade products it helps EE provide farmers with pre-harvest credit and financing during off seasons along with funding projects like new schools, roads, clean water, health care, and agricultural equipment. In Equal Exchanges words, “support of farmer-led co-operatives promotes democratic organization, empowers women in leadership positions and as business owners and encourages economic development around the world. These practices promote prosperity and development, and we know that strong farmers mean strong farms — and a better world for all of us to live in.”

Visit the Fair Trade table in the vestry after church on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be there with *coffee, tea, chocolates, olive oil, and almonds*. In purchasing you receive a quality product while helping to build sustainable incomes, successful businesses, and thriving communities. It’s a win-win!

*Judy, Jeff, and the Fair Trade Ministry Team*



**Meals for Mission is May 2<sup>nd</sup>!**

The next *Meals for Mission Dinner* is Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM in the vestry. This month we will hear “CitiReach Reflections” from our youth who attended Boston’s CitiReach program in March; and listen to a guest speaker from the *Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness*. Please join us for delicious food and good fellowship. There is no charge for dinner, but free-will offerings will be accepted to be used towards the need being highlighted this month. Everyone is welcome – friends, family, neighbors; we hope to see you there!

*Your Outreach Board*



**Online Photo Directory**

The launch of the Pilgrim Church online photo directory is expected mid-May, 2016. More information to follow!

~Your Photo Directory Team – *Lindy Keay, Janet Ritch, Barbara Kelley and Sandy von Stackelberg*



In accordance with Article III, Section E.1 of the By-laws of Pilgrim Church, the **Annual Meeting** of the congregation will be held on Sunday, **May 22, 2016** at 11:30 AM following the worship service. The agenda includes a review of annual reports and approval of new committee members/officers, as well as any other business that may appropriately come before the meeting.

**PARISH POST**



**Prayers of Healing**

Mike Tenney – Lee Bishop – Norma George – Chris Blake –Tom Holland

**Prayers of Joy**

For the birth of Eleanor (Ella) May Thawley, Drew and Gina’s new daughter, and sister of Addison, Oliver, Everett and Zander.  
For the baptism of Benjamin Lane Carnuccio, son of Matthew and Lindsey Bates Carnuccio, and grandson of Susie and Nick Bates.

**Prayers of Comfort & Solace**

For the family and friends of Arthur Bradford, John Bradford’s father.



**Happy Birthday wishes this month to:**

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| Elizabeth Barry – May 1 | Lynn DeHart – May 1       |
| Kay Drake – May 3       | Helen Barrow – May 4      |
| Rob Kania – May 8       | Carol Warrington – May 11 |
| Geoff DeWolf – May 13   | Ann Carpenter – May 14    |
| Rod Clark – May 14      | Will Trevisan – May 20    |
| Eli Estey – May 30      |                           |

Our warmest wishes for a very happy birthday to our May friends. Surely there are more! Please take a moment to email Terri Clark at [tlclark@pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org](mailto: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!