

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

July - August 2016

A special message from our Moderator, Bruce Hadley....

- 1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, our brother Sosthenes,*
- 2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:*
- 3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Yes, I was trying to construct a sentence to get your attention but where to turn to? What better way than to these verses. The openings of other Chapters are even more dramatic such as John 1:1-12 where the basis of our faith is laid open to the world. John 3:16 was advertised by our friend that used to be in the stands at football games, golf tournaments, NBA games, and many places on television. With his rainbow colored hair, he did not know he was foreshadowing changes happening in our society. Another dramatic verse is when the woman at the well says (paraphrasing)...“when Christ returns, he will explain everything”...and Jesus says “I am he, the one who is speaking to you”. John 4:4-26

So, greetings to you all. I would like to see you at church this summer. By the time you read this, we will have chosen our Interim Minister who will be responsible for all of the normal functions of a Senior Minister, plus, helping us through the process of discovering how our new Called Minister will arrive at our doorstep. Interim Ministers have chosen this type of work for their career in ministry and are trained to work with congregations that are in this transition. Rev. Don Remick is our contact in Massachusetts Conference UCC. He will be preaching in July to teach us about the process and to help us understand what we should expect. This will be a new and different phase of our life together as a congregation. I hope that we will learn about ourselves and that this will lead to a greater understanding of our faith and of each other.

Communication between us will be a key factor in our success. To this objective, I will be available after church every Sunday (except July 10 & 17 – will be on vacation in Rockport, ME) and other members of the Council, the Trustees and the Deacons will also be present. There are questions and concerns so let's talk to each other. If you did not know, most of the Committees have kept the same chair-person from last year, in an effort to provide stability.

Now, a couple of things that I have wanted to say:

- Please sit in church wherever you want but in the front pews.

- During Communion, passing of bread and cup, I want it to be noisy with so many people saying the words while passing to the person sitting next to them (see “Bruce” below). Everyone serves to the person next to them before being served by someone else.
- Singing is such a joyful praising to the Lord.
- Once while I was a Deacon, we were developing the Prayer Ministry. We thought of having prayers up around the table after the Service, using the Prayer Cards in the Pews that can be filled out and put into the Offering Plate. The Prayer Cards can be sealed and not even opened but prayed upon. I was imagining that the whole congregation would be crowded up there, all jammed together.
- Like the Jim Carey movie, “Bruce”...when we have the part of the Prayer where we say names out loud, God is being overloaded with our prayers but still hearing each one.
- If you have anything that you have wanted to say, please do.

Let us pray for each other and let God lead us, living as Jesus taught.

Peace in Christ,
Bruce



A big THANK YOU to all who purchased and made donations to the Fair Trade Ministry from October 2015 to June 2016. Once again your generous support of this ministry has proven to be one of faithful response to helping justice in the workplace become a reality. You have helped small organic farmers around the world maintain sustainable incomes. Your support for fair trade non-food items doubled in sales this year, enabling Pilgrim Church to help more artisans around the world. We are happy to say that sales not only paid off the inventory balance but also added additional funds to be used in Pilgrim’s many Outreach Ministry projects.

Several of you have also expressed an interest in helping, so we have formed a **Fair Trade Ministry Team**. We look forward to having more people involved next year.

Fair Trade Ministry takes a hiatus over the summer months and will return in October. It’s been a great year and we look forward to seeing you around the fair trade table in the fall.

Judy and Jeff and the Fair Trade Ministry Team



Plantings for the Duxbury Habitat for Humanity house

Habitat for Humanity Buy A Bush Appeal - A Resounding Success

Bravo to all the Pilgrim members who individually donated \$ for the landscaping at the Habitat for Humanity home on Franklin St. Duxbury. Your generosity is wonderful. Also a hearty thank you to the many people who worked on the varying phases of the construction as well as the landscape planning and planting.

Jeanette MacKenzie



The Outreach Board would like to again thank all of the volunteers that supported the Habitat project and the congregation as a whole for dedicating a portion of the Mission Trust Fund to seed this project. This has been a great example of how our time, talents and treasures can make great things happen in the world around us. The commissioning was held Saturday, June 18 with many of our volunteers and the new residents in attendance. We extend our prayers for the family occupying this beautiful residence and special thanks for the leadership of Jim Grim and Lindy Key.

We are planning to restart our **Meals for Missions** dinners in the Fall with a strong line-up of external speakers. Our main focus for the coming year will be determining how to best match the next installment from Mission Trust Fund with the passions of the congregation. As part of our due diligence, we will continue reviewing the organizations that we support on a monthly basis – check out the “Thank You” notes and program descriptions posted on the Vestry bulletin board. Also, in either the Fall or the Winter, we hope to hold a “Packaging Event” to support **End Hunger New England** as a follow-up to the March Meals for Missions.

The Outreach Board would like to thank you all for your continued support as we look forward to realizing an impactful 2016. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact one of our members – Steve Schaeffer, Jim Grim, Dan Arkema, Lois Boericke, Karen Barry, Carol Sauer and Linda Hendren.

THANK YOU

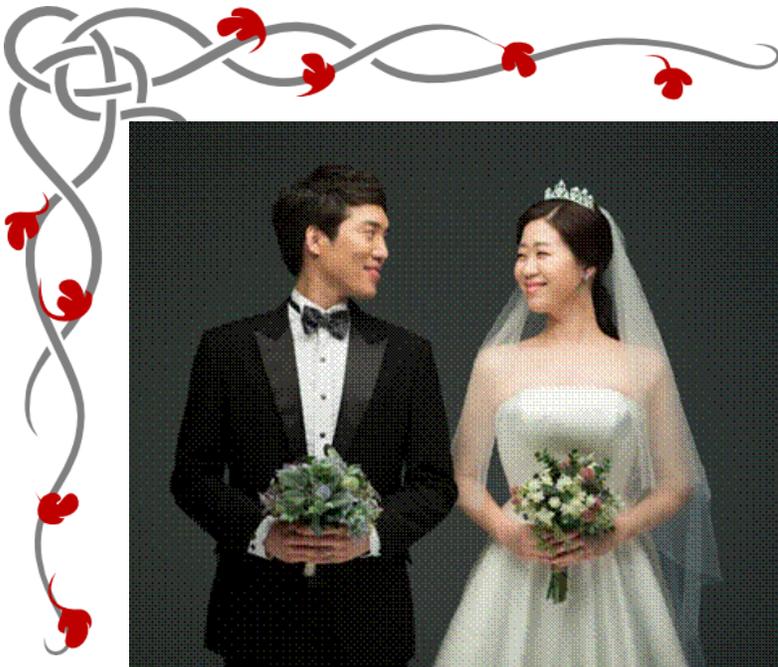
Thank you to the Congregation

My family and I would like to thank everyone for the very kind sentiments in the cards, emails and visits this past month. As we settle into the summer and we look forward to what's ahead, I will keep those kind and caring thoughts with me and will remember you all fondly. I also want to thank Lynn DeHart once again for going so above and beyond for both Terri Clark and myself, to make our last service on staff at Pilgrim Church such a special and happy one. All the goodness, love and caring shared that day was the best gift of all!

With love and thanks,
Cathy Doughty

I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in my June 12th retirement send off. It was a very special service and reception, and I am deeply grateful. A special thank you to Lynn DeHart who planned every detail and to the ladies who helped her. The gift of a print of the Powder Point Bridge is a treasure that Rod and I will enjoy for years; and you could not have selected a better reminder of the compassion and care that many in the congregation have shown me while serving on staff. Thank you, and may compassion and care continue to guide us all as we go about our lives.

Terri Clark



We are writing to share some good news!

We would like to announce the marriage of Sungeun Baek to Haerin Kim which took place on May 28, 2016. Haerin will be entering the Manhattan Music School where she will earn her Masters in Music. Sung tells me very proudly that she is a brilliant pianist. They will be living in NYC beginning July 1st.

Nancy and Sandy von Stackelberg



Koinonia – Fellowship, Study & Prayer

Koinonia will **not** be meeting in July. In August, we will have our annual gathering on the beach at the end of Josselyn Avenue. The date is Monday, August 22nd. The time is 6 PM to 8 PM. Please bring a beach chair, some refreshment to share, insect repellent, and your joys and concerns. For further information, call Elaine Guilfoyle.

Heads Up! Special Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting an article for the September newsletter is Saturday, August 8th - one week earlier than the usual deadline. Often this is one of the largest newsletters of the year, so we appreciate both your brevity and timeliness.

Articles may be sent to:
collectorsecretary@pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org or
dropped off at the church office.

Thank you – enjoy your summer!

Would you like to greet worshippers this Summer?

Looking for a way to contribute to the life of the church? 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. 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.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 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.

The Teach, Learn, Care Backpack Drive is on NOW!

Pilgrim Church is again participating in the Teach, Learn, Care (TLC) Backpack and school supply drive, sponsored each year by the Duxbury Interfaith Council. The DIC will be preparing and distributing backpacks and school supplies to our less fortunate neighbors in Duxbury. Their goal is to provide new backpacks and school supplies to students in grades K-12 whose families are facing financial hardships.

Please look for the collection box which will be in the vestibule at our side door entrance from **now through August 15th**. Here is what's needed:

School Supplies

- 3 ring binders (2" & 3"; not zippered)
- 8 subject tabbed dividers for binders
- Markers (fine & thick; non-toxic)
- Calculators (basic & TI-83)
- Two-pocket folders
- Combination locks
- Dry erase markers
- 1" binders
- Pens
- Erasers
- USB flash drives
- Hole reinforcements
- Scissors (all sizes)
- Loose leaf paper
- Highlighters
- Pencils (colored & # 2)
- Pencil boxes
- Pencil pouches for binders
- Binder pocket dividers
- Glue Sticks
- Index cards

New Backpacks

High quality, neutral color backpacks



Money

Checks may be made payable to the **Duxbury Interfaith Council**, with "**TLC Backpack**" in the memo line, and mailed to PO Box 1161, Duxbury, MA 02331. Any amount helps and is greatly appreciated.

Please know that your generous donation will help at least 50 students in our area be equipped to learn and enjoy school this coming year!

Thank you!



The 4th of July Parade

The 4th of July is just around the corner! Pilgrim Church welcomes you and your family to join us on the lawn on the 4th for an excellent view of the parade. Bring a chair and refreshments and come enjoy the parade with us!

Annual Reports Available

Copies of the Annual Report are available in the church office hallway.

The **emails** for the Church Administrator and Secretary/Collector have been **changed**. Please use, respectively, churchadministrator@pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org, and collectorsecretary@pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org for all future emails. Please make note of these new addresses so that your message is properly received.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Our warmest wishes for a very happy summertime birthday!



<i>July</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>Emily Keller</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Dawn Kerivan</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Jacqui Draper</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>Cathy Doughty</i>
<i>16</i>	<i>Tanya Trevisan</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>Bruce Tenney</i>
<i>24</i>	<i>Sara Silverberg</i>
<i>26</i>	<i>Ann Marie DeWolff</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>Cam Tokarski</i>
<i>31</i>	<i>William Morton</i>

<i>August</i>	
<i>1</i>	<i>Isaac Estey</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Chatham Morton</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>John Morton</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>Angela Sinnott</i>
<i>15</i>	<i>Jon Trevisan</i>
<i>21</i>	<i>Kate Brewer</i>
<i>22</i>	<i>Tom Gardner</i>
<i>23</i>	<i>Pat Garrity</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>Doug Backlund</i>

Do you have a name to add? Email to collectorsecretary@pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org or call 781-934-6591 ext. 100. We'd love to include you!



PRAISE AND PRAYER

Prayers of Healing

Brooke	Lynn Walker	Laurie W.	Bob W.
Leann Slayter	Skylor	Rachel	Richard
Will	Stephen Carlson	Norm and Linda	Katy
TJ	Chris Blake	Mike Tenney	Norma George
Lee Bishop	Tom Holland	Annie	Linda Robinson
Bob	Polly	Happy Chapman	Kathy Waytowich
Ross	Jessica		

Prayers of Joy

- ❖ For the baptism of Eloise Jane Jamieson, daughter of Kimberly & William Jamieson.
- ❖ For the baptism of Emma Joan Holland, daughter of Samantha & David Holland, and granddaughter of Paula & Tom Holland.

Prayers of Comfort and Solace

- ❖ For the family and friends of Maria Rodriguez.
- ❖ For the family and friends of Charles Breidenthal, Mary Breidenthal's husband.

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9am Worship Rev. Jeffrey Jones	Independence Day					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9am Worship Rev. Jeffrey Jones						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9am Worship Rev. Gordon Postill						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9am Worship Rev. Don Remick	9am - 12pm Vacation Bible School	12-2pm Pilgrim Pantry				
	7pm-Council Mtg			7pm-Trustee Mtg		
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9am Worship Rev. Leah Horton						



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7 9am Worship / Communion Rev. Emily J. Kellar	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9am Worship Rev. Emily J. Kellar	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 9am Worship Rev. Emily J. Kellar	22 6pm - Koinonia Beach Gathering 7pm - Council Mtg	23	24	25	26	27 12-2pm Pilgrim Pantry
28 9am Worship Rev. Emily J. Kellar	29	30	31			

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, September 11th - - - 10:00am Worship Services Resume

Please note: the church calendar is subject to change with updates posted online. To view online, go to www.pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org and click on the "Calendar" tab.