September is waning and October is looming...my garden is fading and some trees are starting to announce the coming of fall...summer is drifting away. At the church, this means gearing up for youth programs and the coming holiday season. But first comes the yearly Stewardship Campaign.

Stewardship is not everyone's favorite thing. For some it is a necessary evil...something that has to be done, like taking medicine. For some it is upsetting to talk about money. For others, it is a mystery. Isn’t enough to put money in the plate? What if I don’t approve of some things?

While I could try to respond to all of that logically, let me share how I think of stewardship and pledging to the church. For me, pledging is, like the story Stone Soup. Do you remember it? It takes place in a village. Some say they want to make stone soup...but to do so they will need the very biggest pot in the village. They get the pot and, as they build a fire under it, say they need water. People bring water for the soup. Into this they put some stones. The people wonder how in the world this will yield soup. The maker says that it will make stone soup...but it would be much better with a few onions. Someone says, I have a few old onions...and they are added to the pot. Then the maker says...a few old carrots would sweeten it. An old woman allows as how she has some and they are added. This goes on and on with cabbage and other things being added until everyone has put something to the pot. Finally, the soup is ready and everyone shares in the bounty that they created...each in their own way. What was impossible became possible because everyone put in what they had. In the end of course, the soup fed them all far more than any of them would have had if each had relied on what they had added to the pot.

This is what giving to the church accomplishes. By giving what we can, we create something that none of us could on our own. Through our gifts we insure the presence of Pilgrim Church and its outreach into the world, which is a blessing to many. Some can give more some less, but in the end the amount is less important than participation. The act of giving is what’s important. So, I encourage everyone to make a pledge this year. It will gladden your heart and it will help us to create a sound budget. It will also help to create a spirit of HOPE within the church. Hope for the future...hope for today...hope for our church.... hope for the world...hope for each other and hope for ourselves. Hope is the product of faith. It can only be nurtured by engaging in acts of hope for things we cannot see or control. HOPE is our sermon theme for this stewardship season.

I hope to see you in church.         Rev. Peggy
A Pilgrim’s Reflection
by Laura Walker Dunn

“Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.” Jeremiah 6:16

We heard a series of powerful messages in August ending the month with Rev. Jeff Jones’ sermon on Emily’s final Sunday as our Associate Pastor. Jeff’s lesson came from Romans 12:1-8, wherein Paul urges us to “not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds…” Paul asks us to reject the “world mess”, as Jeff puts it, and to be motivated in all our acts by a spirit of thanksgiving for the mercies God has shown us. In doing so we are transformed by God’s abiding love.

Jeff’s sermon brought me back to the previous week and Emily’s last sermon. While acknowledging the many meaningful experiences and the special people who touched her spirit, she returned again and again to her core message: Pilgrim Church, you do so many things well. Be strong and continue in your good works and your support for one another. It was a generous message to leave us with.

So how are we doing? If we take a look at what is going on at Pilgrim Church right now we see

• an interim senior pastor who is working tirelessly and with great skill and energy to lead us to a future bright with promise
• members of council crafting a vision and strategic plan for the well-being of our church
• deacons serving every Sunday as faithful disciples of Christ
• trustees managing our resources and providing for our stability and growth in responsible ways
• an outreach board spreading our gifts and lending support to the wider community of people in need
• a creative Church School Superintendent and Christian education committee caring for our children with meaningful activities and programs that grow their faith
• a new interim music director and choir members uplifting and enhancing our services every Sunday
• hard-working committee members searching with great discernment for a settled senior pastor and associate pastor
• members gathering in small group ministries providing pastoral care, hospitality and opportunities to grow our faith
• a caring and hardworking staff, ensuring that Pilgrim Church is running smoothly

In short, Pilgrim Church is being transformed by these many acts of faith and dedication to the work of the Lord. May we take heart for the days that lie ahead, a time buoyed by the transformative love of God, ever constant and given with extravagant mercy to each and every one of us. The future looks bright, don’t you think? Praise God.
Outreach Board Update

The Outreach Board is excited to communicate that we are finalizing our decision on the distribution of funds from the Mission Trust Fund based on the congregation’s guidance. We expect to be in a position to announce the grant recipients on October 22nd at a brief presentation following worship. We hope that everyone can attend this milestone event.

If you have any questions about our committee or our programs, please see one of us.

Again, thank you for your on-going support!

Steve Schaeffer, Jim Grim, Dan Arkema, Lois Boericke, Carol Sauer, Janna Guinen, and Joan Edgar

Fair Trade News

African Famine Relief Fund - Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee - Small Farmer Coops - Artisan Craft Organizations - Empowering Women - Sustainability - Training and Education

What do all these have in common?
If you thought FAIR TRADE, WooHoo!
You would be correct!

Fair Trade returns to the Vestry, after church on Sunday, October 15. We are excited that we have a great line up of new mission challenges along with some new products from Equal Exchange. Come try EE’s Apricot Cashew Fruit and Nut Bar. They are sweet and nutty, vegan, soy and gluten free. We will also be stocked with all your favorite coffees, teas, and candy bars including Breakfast Blend and Hazelnut Coffee, English Breakfast and Earl Grey Tea to name a few.

In November, we will have products that are specific to the African Famine Relief Fund established by SERRV. Sales of a select group of lovely handmade items from African cooperatives will help to fund this relief effort. More news about that in the next newsletter.

So, come join us at the Fair Table in October. Exciting things are happening!! Help support the various Fair Trade Organizations through your purchases. Learn about these organizations and how your dollar is a gift that keeps on giving in multiple ways.

See you around the Fair Trade Table!

The Fair Trade Ministry Team
Church School Superintendent Update

Dear Pilgrim Church Families,

September was a *fabulous* month for our children in Church School as we seek to follow Jesus’ teachings by showing God’s love to others. Through our studies of the Good Samaritan, we are exploring *who are our neighbors* and *what we should do for them.*

Answer: *Everyone is our neighbor and we should help them when we can and when they need it!*

To that end, school supplies and bedding were donated and delivered to homeless families in Plymouth!

Lunch was prepared and served by our children to our church families! Soup was made for our Pilgrim Pantry for anyone needing tasty sustenance!

And it doesn’t stop there....

We look forward to collecting your **LOUD OFFERING** on October 8. Bring your coins! Make it jingle and clink as it hits the pail! We will count it all up and the children will decide how it will be spent! Is there a charity that’s near and dear to your heart? Let us know and we will put it on our list of possibilities!

On **October 28 at 3:00 in our Church parking lot,** we will host our first annual **TRUNK OR TREAT!!**

*Do you live in an area that doesn’t get many trick-or-treaters? Do you just LOVE Halloween and can’t get enough? Then come have some fun with us!* Everyone is invited to dress in costume, come to the parking lot, pop their trunk - feel free to decorate it if you like - and put a bucket of candy in the trunk. Once everyone arrives, the children and parents will go from car to car collecting candy. **We will have donuts, cider and spooky music!** And we will be collecting items for our “neighbors” in need - more info on the specifics of that coming soon. This is an INTERGENERATIONAL event - we’d love to see EVERYONE there - young and old and in-between, big, small and medium! Please join us!

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered to teach. It makes for a positive experience for our children. If you haven’t yet, no worries - simply sign up on the link below, or email me at *angelique.kania@gmail.com*

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daeb2aa20-teach

We are always thrilled to see you at Pilgrim where everyone is welcome whenever you can come!

Peace,

Angelique

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**Sign Up**

Sign-up sheets for Liturgist and Greeters are now located on the bulletin board in the Vestry. Please add your name to the list!
Music Board News

Please join the Music Board in welcoming Marcia Ritschard-Sell as Pilgrim Church’s Interim Choir Director/Organist. Marcia was substitute organist for Pilgrim Church in July while Katie was away. Marcia comes to us with great experience and looks forward to working with the choir, Pilgrim Church musicians, and enhancing the musical experience during worship. If you are interested in joining the choir, please do! New members are always welcome!

Adult Education

FAITH AND FICTION
Laura Dunn

We continue our discussion of works of fiction that reflect the challenges of immigrants or non-Christians assimilating into a largely Christian American culture. October’s meeting will focus on selections from Jhumpa Lahiri’s short story collection Interpreter of Maladies. We will meet in the parlor at 7 pm on Tuesday, October 24. A limited number of books will be on reserve at Westwinds for our group. Please email me at laurawalkerdunn@gmail.com if you are interested in this October meeting. Prior participation is not required. All are welcome.

Pledge Reminder

Hey folks, this is just a friendly reminder to get in your 2017 pledges! Don't forget there are a few financial planning strategies to consider such as directing part of your minimum required distribution from your IRA directly to Pilgrim Church. It's a win win strategy. You don't have to report the income and the church benefits directly. The same holds true for stock and mutual fund transfers. You avoid the capital gains tax! Of course, if these strategies don’t apply to your financial situation, we will gladly accept a check or bank transfer. If there are any questions, contact Nancy von Stackelberg at nsvonstack@gmail.com.

Coffee Hour

There is a 2017-18 sign-up chart for coffee hour/hospitality on the bulletin board in the vestry. As always, baked goods are supplied, so all you need to do is set up and make the coffee. If you have any questions, please contact Janet Ritch.
As Chair of your Church Council, I want to let you know that all of your Board and Committee members this year were provided with a copy of our church’s **Covenant for Christian Communication**. This document is based on New Testament instructions for how to approach others when we feel they may have said or done something we find hurtful or offensive, or we simply don’t agree with an action they have taken. Jesus himself tells us to go and speak to that person whom we believe has sinned against us; and to go when we will be alone with that person and can speak privately (Matthew 18:15-17, 21-22). I don’t know of anyone serving on a Board or Committee, especially the Chair, who won’t stop and answer any question you may have about the work they are doing.

This **Covenant for Christian Communication** is not just for those involved in Board and Committee work; it is an instruction sheet for all of us. In Christ’s church, no one should be harboring hurts, feeling slights, or questioning decisions that boards and committees are making at their meetings. Go to the source, and clear your curiosities by gaining facts and closure, rather than letting worries ruminate in your mind. If someone has said something to which you took offense, don’t let wounds fester, or worse, share it with someone who wasn’t party to when it happened, or is in no position to change behavior toward you or offer apologies.

Remember that everyone at Pilgrim Church is here because they want to learn more about God and that makes them a good person. We are all practicing Christians...not now of us is perfect! We have to be understanding of each other’s human limitations, while we strive to stay positive and loving towards each other. We have to get this communication piece right between each other, because, when we are peaceful within our walls, we will be better able to reach beyond our walls to help others.

We, on Church Council, encourage you to read the Covenant for Christian Communication. Capture its spirit! And feel free to contact any of us at any time.

Faithfully, Joan Barrington - Council Chair- sixbears@mac.com
Lynne Devnew, Clerk - Lynne.Devnew@gmail.com
Drew Thawley, Member At Large - drewmthawley@yahoo.com
Greg Hunter, Member At Large - greg@hunterdux.com
Heidi Hadley, Chair Trustees - h2hadley@gmail.com
Don DeHart, Co-Chair Deacons - dmdehartjr@gmail.com
Covenant for Christian Communication

As people called to follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we acknowledge His teaching in Matthew 18:15-17, 21-22 and the Holy Spirit’s leadership in Ephesians 4:15 concerning communication. As a Christian congregation in covenant with Christ as the Head of the Church, we accept responsibility to make God’s teaching our watchwords.

Scripture Regarding Communication

Matthew 18:15-17, 21-22

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. …”

Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”

Ephesians 4:15

Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into Him Who is the Head, into Christ.

Guidelines Concerning Communication

1. When we hear something that raises concerns for us, we shall first make every effort to speak directly, one-to-one with the person involved. A deacon or the pastor(s) may be asked to coach us in advance, or to be present to witness communication as Jesus specifies at step two of the Matthew 18 process. If talking one-to-one or with one or two others fails, then concerns may be referred to the relevant group in the church or as a last resort to the whole congregation.

2. In order to speak truth in love, we shall speak for ourselves using “I” statements, not claim to represent others or use accusatory “you” statements.

3. When difficult subjects need to be named, we shall pray for all concerned and seek guidance of the diaconate and/or pastor(s) for help in speaking truth in love.

4. We accept that understanding and respecting each other does not necessarily mean agreeing with each other.

5. We affirm that the Holy Spirit may speak through any of us, so that all of us deserve a respectful hearing, even though congregational decisions are made by majority vote.

6. While all people are welcome in Christian communities, behavior that is unchristian (for example: threatening, taunting, demeaning harassing or attacking) conflicts with Christ’s teaching and will not be tolerated.
The PCCP Board of Directors celebrates Michelle Manganaro Kelly’s
20 years of PCCP leadership
&
July 15, 2017 marriage to Rich Kelly

Pilgrim Child Care and Preschool Board Members past and present gathered at the Winsor House on Monday, September 18th to celebrate the extraordinary 20 years that Michelle Manganaro Kelly has been the director of PCCP and her marriage on July 15th to Rich Kelly. Not everyone on the board had already met Rich, so he had an opportunity to meet Michelle’s fan club, and we had the opportunity to wish the Kellys well.

For entertainment, we shared wonderful recollections of our PCCP/Michelle adventures. We had stories of the first days of PCCP from Dottie Collins, remembrances of interviewing Michelle for the director’s role from Helen Barrow and Roger Ritch (and some recollections from Michelle of difficult questions Tom Biffar asked). Tom Biffar and Joan Barrington (sharing Mark’s recollections) recalled the start-up days when finances were very scary. Some of the funniest stories were from a few months of the one term of Kate Wonkka (wonder why she only served one term) of the pipes bursting twice, squirrels running around the attic, and a dead mouse in the wall. Janet Ritch reminded us of the period when the economy shifted and we had open spaces (in recent years we’ve always had waiting lists). We had lots more wonderful memories from other board members, past and present and from Michelle. Other former board members attending were Marlene Biffar, Diana Hamilton, Lee Tenney, and Bob Warrington. Current board members attending were Lynne Devnew, Dottie Collins, Brenda Alexander, Connie Ennis, Nancy Kolstad, and Lori Evans. Several spouses also enjoyed the event.

Another highlight of the evening was the attendance of the other half of the powerful duo who, together, lead PCCP. Dawn Kerivan, who has been our business and administrative guru since we opened PCCP in 1996 shared a wonderful recollection of Michelle’s calmness under pressure and great conflict resolution skills. And, we all had the opportunity to also get to meet Dawn’s husband, David.

It was a wonderful night for remembering how important PCCP is to Pilgrim Church, how important Pilgrim Church is to PCCP, and the leadership team that has made PCCP so successful.

Calling All Instrumentalists

I am looking for instrumentalists in the congregation to participate in the music during Sunday Services and for special seasonal events. Piano, strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, guitar or whatever your musical talent consider sharing it with us. There are beautiful choir anthems which use flute, violin, drums and other instruments to add tonal color and interest to the songs. If we have brass players, perhaps we could put together a Brass Choir of our own for Christmas and/or Easter. Come share your talents with Pilgrim Church. Family and friends are welcome!

~ Marcia
Koinonia will meet on **Monday, October 9th at 2:00** at Ginny Hunt’s house. If you have any questions, please call Ginny or Elaine Guilfoyle.

**Hallelujah Bridge**

Hallelujah Bridge met Thursday, September 7th. We had three tables playing for two hours in the late afternoon. Can you believe that our treasurer, Jim Garrett, had zero points at the half way mark and Skip Schippers beat “the pants off him”. Bob Mustard opened his table’s play with a perfect three no-trump game. Yes, we had an enthusiastic group playing casual bridge. We had supper together afterwards and decided our future 2017 gathering dates. We will play October 19th, November 2nd and December 21st.

Please feel welcome to join this fun frolicking group of church casual bridge players. Call Becky Garrett or Nancy Von Stackelberg to join us or with any questions.

**Birthdays of the Month**

Our warmest wishes for happy belated birthday to everyone born in September (sorry, forgot to include birthdays in the September Pilgrim’s Progress) and a very happy birthday to everyone with an October birthday!

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We would love to include you in our birthday wishes! Please email Melissa at office@pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org or call 781-934-6591 with your information.
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Bible Crossword Puzzle

Bill Brinkworth

Across:

2. Place of torment
8. Lamb
9. Jesus' brother
11. David's father
14. Tribe of Israel
16. __ commandments
18. Peter
19. Abraham's wife
21. Wilderness food
22. Jesus' betrayer

Down:

1. Leader of Israel
3. Satan
4. Born again
5. Whale's supper
6. First worship building
7. Used a fleece
10. Last O. T. book
12. First born son in Bible
13. 23rd O. T. book
15. Isaacs's father
17. Prophet of Ahab's day
20. Became a serpent for Aaron
November 2017 Highlights

Sunday, November 12th 9:00am in the Vestry – New Member Meeting - come and learn about becoming a member at Pilgrim Church. Next dates to join: December 10, 2017 and March 11, 2018.

Sunday, November 12th - Youth Sunday and Baptism

Sunday, November 19th – Bell Choir, Fair Trade Sale and Stewardship Luncheon

Sunday, November 26th - Hanging of the Greens and Baptism

Also in November, we have a Memorial Service for Harriet “Happy” Chapman – Friday, November 24, 2017 at 4:00pm.