



Pilgrim's Progress

June 2018

Senior Minister Search Committee Update

After 13 months of discernment, your Senior Minister Search Committee is at a final stage. We will be recommending a candidate for a congregational vote on June 17. We are also planning an informal gathering on Saturday afternoon, June 16 to give you a chance to “meet and greet” our candidate at the Church. Please mark these important events on your calendar and plan to attend! Look for the formal announcement communication on our candidate this week. The Search Team thanks all of you for your prayers and support over the months of deliberation. You helped us realize the presence of God in all the work we did.

A Message from our Interim Senior Minister

Good news...no not that chariots are coming...but that the Senior Minister Search Committee has a candidate to present to you, the members of this church! I can just hear your sighs of relief. I can feel your joy. And please do not worry that I take it personally. I truly understand how hard the waiting is and how much you have longed for the sense of peace and stability that a settled pastor brings to the church and its members.

Again, I offer my congratulations to the Senior Minister Search Committee for their hard and faithful work. Theirs is some of the most important work that members of the church can undertake. That they have done is so carefully and with such integrity is a reflection on them and the church. And I offer my congratulations to you, the members and friends of the church, who have so generously supported them in their work.

As I work with the leadership of the church to plan the next few months your continued support for the leaders and members of the boards and committees of the church will be very important. And, ultimately, when your next Senior Minister arrives, your support for their ministry will be of utmost importance for their future success at the church and the church's success as well.

Rev. Peggy

A Message from our Minister of Visitation

Yes, indeed, our invaluable, enjoyable Summer Days are flowing in to warm our hearts and bodies and remind and assure us, that Our Creator God is the provider of changes that draw us away from drudgery and darkness.

When we have these amazing changes in our lives, we are also aware of the struggles and challenges that fill our hearts and minds with concerns for those we know and love, and for our world.

When we stop along a walk in a park or on the beach, we pause in prayer for thankfulness for all the beauty and wonder we share in our lives. We offer our prayers for those folks dear to us and those we may have just come to know. Our times in prayer help us to settle ourselves and focus on those for whom we pray. Our prayer group knows this well. Maybe you might want to join us.

I am deeply touched by our friends here at Pilgrim Church, I have gotten to know and share time with in prayers and Communion.

Please let me know the names of our friends in your concerns, so that we may bring them time for peace and prayer.

Blessings to you all,
Rev. John

Memorial Service Information

Jim Pye, long time beloved member of Pilgrim Church and active member in the Duxbury community and beyond, died on Saturday May 26 after a courageous battle with cancer. Our prayers are with his family.

Jim's memorial service will be at Pilgrim Church on Saturday, June 9, 2018 at 11:00am.

Congratulations to Pilgrim Church Graduates

High School Graduates 2018

Brad Backlund, Katherine Barry, Julia Bettencourt, Elise Brayer, Matthew Farius, Annie Gardner, Peter Gardner, Nicholas Kania, Kathryn Kelley, Caroline Murphy, Natalie Warren

College graduates 2018

Noah Brayer- UMass Amherst

Garrett Walker - University of South Carolina



Christian Education

We started off May with some great volunteer work at Camp Wing!

Here's what Ben Palmer, our Crossroads for Kids coordinator, had to say:

Hi Angelique,

A more formal acknowledgment will follow, but I just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone that came down yesterday, and to all of you for organizing the volunteer day and for supporting Crossroads. They did a fabulous job helping to get the Camp Wing kitchen open, as well as clearing a lot of branches that had come down across the site AND raking our volleyball court. We had a good blend of adults and kids, and a lovely selection of cookies (that I may still be enjoying today...).

We hope that the volunteers enjoyed their time and that they know how much we value them. They can look out for posts on our social media sites too! We look forward to continuing the great Duxbury partnership between Pilgrim Church and Crossroads.

*With lots of gratitude,
Ben*

Then, we celebrated the women in our lives on Mother's Day with handmade coasters and carnations for all! Sarah Wood's beautiful solo moved everyone to tears of joy!

On Pentecost Sunday, we confirmed 23 youth of our church. It was a glorious day of reflection and celebration.



We wrapped up the month of May with an incredibly successful (and hot!) carwash that raised over \$1,300! (Initial count was slightly off, no doubt due to heat and over-exuberance 😊)

Now we look forward to June! Our last church school class for kids in grades K -8 will be June 17. However, nursery and infant care will be available all summer. Thank you, Kelsey!

- We will recognize Pilgrim Church high school and college graduates on June 3rd.
- **I will not be available to teach on June 10, so in order for church school to happen on June 10, we need volunteers to teach. Sign up here!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054daeab2aa20-teach>

- We will celebrate our dads and the men in our lives on the 17th! This will be our last official church school class.
- On June 24, twenty-three of our youth and eight adult chaperones will be heading to NYC to work with St. Bernard Project, a fabulous organization helping those hit by natural disasters, specifically, the homes hit by Hurricane Sandy in Rockaway, NY. See <http://sbpusa.org> for more information. We will also be visiting the 9/11 Memorial and Trinity church I downtown Manhattan.

If you would like to help financially, we need funding for our group tee-shirts (approx. \$250) and tips for the 2 bus drivers who will be driving us to and from South Station -approx. \$50 each)

Many, many thanks to those of you who have already donated to help defray the cost of our trip!

We are so proud of our fund-raising efforts. We have raised almost \$3,000 to give to the charities with whom we will be working. The kids did this by preparing and serving the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner, auctioning off their services at our Silent Auction, and sweating it out in the hot sun at our carwash. In addition, they have built bonds with each other during other events – collecting and sorting for Cradles to Crayons, sorting clothing at the Plymouth Coalition for the Homeless, and participating in our Second Sunday Youth Services. They are an incredible group of young adults – and our adult chaperones are pretty awesome too!

Thank you for your support in all that we do here! It sends a wonderful message to our young people that they are valued.

Happy summer!

Peace,

Angelique Kania

Fair Trade Sales

Fair Trade sales will be held June 3rd and June 10th in the vestry after church. This will be your last chance to stock up on coffee, tea, & chocolate before the summer hiatus. We need to reduce stock; some items with freshness dates over the summer are reduced in price. Your purchases are helping small farmers and craft artists earn sustainable incomes.

Thank you for your support for Fair Trade, we will return in October!

The Fair Trade Ministry Team



MUSIC News

A graphic featuring a blue musical staff with a purple treble clef. Several colorful notes (red, green, orange, blue) are placed on the staff, with some notes having stems pointing upwards and others downwards.

Young Musicians:

I would like to thank the youth of the church for their participation in the May Sunday Services. Our youngest participant was Sarah Wood from the Junior Choir who sang the solo “The Nicest Thing About Your Mother” at the Mother's Day Service. The 23 Confirmands sang a special song “Say It! Sing It!” for the Pentecost Service following their Confirmation.

Bell Ringers:

The Bell Ringers did a beautiful job adding a special 'note' to the Mother's Day Service. We wish them a relaxing and refreshing summer and thank them for the joy and delight their music brings.

Senior Choir:

The Senior Choir continues in their ministry of music through the end of June. They will be singing anthems of hope, joy, and peace, as we celebrate graduation, Father's Day, the awarding of the Blackington Scholarship, and looking to the future of Pilgrim Church.

Summer Special Music:

Start thinking about sharing your musical talents over the Summer. Watch for the “Rainbow of Gifts” flyers to provide special music in July and August, while the Choirs are on Summer break. The music specials will take the place of the Choir or Bell Ringers anthem during the worship service. All are welcome: vocalists, instrumentalists, interpretive dancers (solo, duet, trio, or ensemble). Come and Praise the Lord! To sign-up for a special please contact Marcia after church service or call at 937.408.4757 (call or text) or email me at music@uccduxbury.org.

Marcia

Marcia Ritschard-Sell, Interim Choir Director/Organist



Koinonia will be in the church Vestry on **Monday, June 11th at 2:00pm**. Please call Elaine Guilfoyle if you have any questions.

The Bulletin Board

We are looking for a volunteer that would like to update the “Pilgrim Church Members in the News” bulletin board (located in the hallway by the Vestry). It’s a fun task – read the Duxbury Clipper and collect news and pictures of our church members.

Once the pictures are taken down from the bulletin board, they are put in Lynn DeHart’s (Pilgrim Church Historian) folder in the work room; Lynn then archives these pictures. It’s that simple and it is fun!

Thank you to Joanne Morton who has done an excellent job keeping us updated for the last 5 years!



Pilgrim’s Pantry

Please don’t forget our Pilgrim’s Pantry during the summer months. We are here for our neighbors in need 12 months a year (the last Saturday of the month). ***Donations are always welcome and needed!***

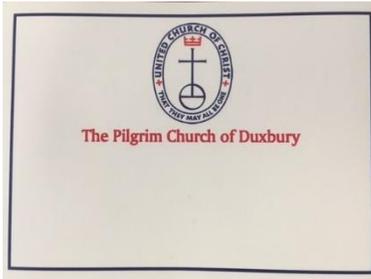
Flower Committee

The Flower Committee would like to thank all those who made flower donations to beautify our sanctuary over the past year. We invite anyone who would like to commemorate a particular Sunday to contact the office or any member of the Flower Committee. There is a calendar on the vestry bulletin board where you can see which Sundays are available through the rest of the year. If you would like to select a Sunday, the flower committee will contact you ahead of time for the wording you choose to have in the bulletin to commemorate loved ones or a special event. The flowers will be arranged for you and you can pick them up to keep that Sunday or they will be delivered to a member of our church family, if that is your preference. A donation of \$35-50 is appreciated to cover the cost of the flowers. Thank you.



The Visitation Team is always interested in knowing who would like to be receiving visits from the ministers and our team. If you would be interested in having that contact or if you know of anyone who would like to receive visits, please contact John Brink at revjcbrink@gmail.com or Lindy Keay at rlkeay@outlook.com. We also welcome

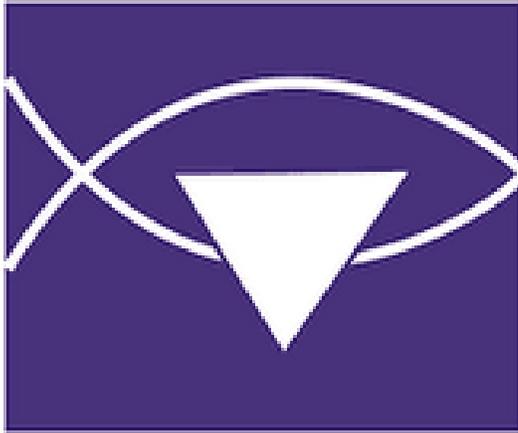
any individuals who would like to be involved in this ministry of the church as a visitor, to contact us as well.



Pilgrim Church Name Tags

Please contact the office during the next week if you would like a NAME TAG printed for you. It is very helpful to get to know one another if we can address each other by name, so please wear your name tag and let us know if you do not have one or need a replacement. An order is going soon!

Open and Affirming (ONA)



United Church of Christ

Open and Affirming (ONA) Session

Tuesday, June 12, 7:00 – 8:30PM, Vestry

Come and learn what Biblical scholars believe about the Bible's teachings regarding sexuality. Are Old and New Testaments at odds with each other? What does Jesus really have to say on the subject? Is the ONA movement in line with Christian belief?

Two experts, our own Dr. Jeffrey Jones, and Rev. Katrina Clinton, retired UCC minister from North Attleboro will enlighten us in this, the third ONA open session. Presentations will be followed by ample time for Q&A.

There might even be cookies.



Locks

The locks on the church front door, side door, and memorial garden door will be changed on Tuesday, June 5th.

Churches are encouraged to change locks on outer doors every 2-3 years, but we do not believe we have done so in over 10 years!

If you are the chair of a committee/board or need access to the church when we are normally closed, please read the new procedure below. This policy is to help us keep track of who has a key to the church.

To get a key: come to the office, sign for a key, and leave a \$20.00 deposit.

When you have completed your term/need for a key: Return the key to the office and you will receive your \$20 deposit back.

Praise and Prayer List

People listed below need our continual prayers for God's blessing and are not restricted to church members. Names are usually listed for two weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

Prayers of Healing

Sue	Priscilla Wonkka	Joan	Aubrey Cole
Wylie	Helen	Nancy	Lindsey
Emma	Bob	Bob W	Carolyn Houghton
John	Jeannine Ferro	Jason	Walter Baker
Laurie W.	Jill	Barbara Schultz	David Tenney
Jim Grim	Stet Howland	Janice Galka	Teagan
Neil Fields	Bill	Nicholas	Lynn Tenney
Ann DeKlerk	Bebe Watson	Ross	Elaine Plakias
Margaret	Brandon	Donald Porteus	Katy Kendall
Lynn Saltzman	Norma George	Aine	Jake Nelson
Charles Samson	Jamie Hughes	Chuck Heiser	Jen Henriques-Forker

Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, look with your gracious favor upon all who are ill. Bless all means used for their recovery. Stretch forth your hand, according to your will, and restore them to health and strength, we pray, that they may live to praise you for your goodness and grace, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Prayers of comfort and solace to the family and friends of Jim Pye, beloved member of Pilgrim Church.

Prayers of Support and Safety for those serving our country

David Whitney, Jackson Sinnott, Christian Clapp,

Jeff Warrington, Brian Kelley, Andrew Shea

We pray for Christ's peace to rest upon communities in our country and throughout the world, for all those who serve the cause of peace, for members of our armed services, aid workers, volunteers and missionaries. We pray for Christ's mercy to rest upon refugee communities around the world and for our homeless brothers and sisters in America. We pray for all those persecuted for their faith, for our fellow Christians throughout the world, and for members of other faith traditions as well. May the grace of God rest upon them all.

June



- 4 Carol Lindaberry
- 12 Michael Barry
- 13 Molly Schaeffer
- 21 Jack Edwards, Lynne Devnew

We must have more Pilgrim birthdays to celebrate in June! Let us know the month and date of your birthday, so we can share your special day! Email

Melissa office@uccduxbury.org or call the church office 781-934-6591.

Wishing all our Pilgrim Church fathers a very Happy Father's Day ~ June 17th.

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