



# The Pilgrimage Herald

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## *From Our Pastor*

For some months now, the Board of Christian Education of our church has been looking at our confirmation program. We love our teenagers, and we want them to be involved, to give their gifts, and to feel like the church is a place where they can learn, serve, and grow. So we've been wondering how confirmation can assist in that.

Here's what we've come up with:

*We sense it needs to be more active.* We know that young people reflect on questions of faith much better when they are having particular experiences (a new way of worshipping, visiting an older person, participating in an urban mission project) out of which questions and insights arise – *their* questions and insights.

*We sense it needs to be more relational.* Some of us have been reading an article entitled "Sticky Faith: What Keeps Kids Connected to Church?" by a youth minister named Jen Bradbury. Bradbury points to research that says that "teens who had five or more of the adults from the church invest in them during the ages of 15 to 18 were less likely to leave the church after high school."

Finally, we sense that confirmation likely makes more sense if it is celebrated in the ninth grade, because there is a greater overall maturity level in ninth graders than eighth graders.

So some changes are a coming. We will begin with this year's eighth graders, and have a two-year process. The first year will be more about having experiences of the church in action, and about developing a relationship with an adult mentor. The second year will build on that year, and again be experiential – though there will be some formal classes. For instance, rather than just discussing prayer, we might go to Hanover and walk the labyrinth and later reflect on the experience. Rather than talking about mission, we might begin with a Bible study, and then have people who serve at Monday Meals come in and talk about why they do what they do, or we might encourage mentors and students to make cookies or soup for Monday meals and come and serve one day.

Adult mentors will be an important part of the new approach. We will have specific ideas about what the mentors should be doing by way of assignments with the youth. The beauty of this is with today's busy kids, scheduling will be flexible, depending on what works for the young person and their adult mentor. The mentors will also be invited to attend some of the classes that happen in the second year.

### **Visioning Questions**

Please save the dates of **October 26<sup>th</sup>** and **November 30<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars and join us for an extended coffee hour – forty five minutes of lively conversation in a "world café" style on where our congregation is headed as we move toward the 2020 anniversary of the Pilgrim landing. We want you to be around the table!

Will the mentor be someone the young person already knows really well? Not necessarily. We are hoping to broaden the number of adults “invested” in our teenagers, and confirmation class is a good place to begin. The Christian Education committee will, therefore, recruit mentors and match them with each confirmation participant.

I’d like to share another observation from Jen Bradbury. She says that when we recruit adults to serve in youth ministries, we “need not look just for the stereotypical youth worker – the outgoing, funny young adult in his or her twenties or thirties. Instead, we must also look for parents, empty nesters and senior citizens who are willing to spend time with teens, asking them questions and then listening to their responses and encouraging them.”

She goes on to say that successfully changing the adult to student ratio in our youth ministries means we will need to enlist parishioners from all walks of life to invest in youth outside of our youth ministries. We show young people they matter when we learn our teenagers’ names, when we greet them each week, and when we ask them a question in coffee hour and then follow up on that the following week.

I am grateful to the Christian Education Committee, the members of the Youth Visioning Team and to Jenny Healy for working in this area of our church’s life, brainstorming how we might be more effective and vital in ministry with young people, and in being a truly intergenerational church.

### ***Pastor Don Remick to speak on Vision and Church Leadership***

On Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Reverend Don Remick, Associate Conference Minister with the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, will speak to a leadership gathering on “The Road is Made By Walking.” How do we find our course in the dramatically evolving landscape of faith, spirituality and our world? Reverend Remick’s remarks will be followed by a time of conversation. Invitations have been sent to board members and committee chairs, but all are welcome. The gathering will be from 7-8:30 pm and includes dessert and coffee.



### ***Heifer International and the Difference It Makes***

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, following morning worship, there will be an extended coffee hour featuring a photo/talk by Pastor Helen on her Summer 2014 trip to Honduras. Learn more about the difference Heifer is making – see it for yourself! A light lunch of rice and beans and fruit salad will be served.

### ***Plymouth Interfaith Youth Initiative***

A first meeting was held on Sunday evening September 21<sup>st</sup> at Zion Lutheran, with 22 youth from four different churches in attendance. We shared a meal, conversed about what matters to us, and set up a “steering committee” to plan future events. We also watched a brief portion of “A Place at the Table” about hunger in America. A full screening of the film may be a next step of this group, which will also help prepare for the Martin Luther King Day of Service. Questions? Speak with Pastor Helen or Jenny to learn more.

## *News from our Director of Christian Education, Jenny Healy*

What a terrific start to the school year with a wonderful intergenerational worship (always a joy to have the choir back!) followed by, perhaps, our best attended church picnic at Stephens Field. There was a great representation of folks across the ages who came out to enjoy a picture perfect September afternoon by the ocean. A big thank you to the Deacons and members of Membership and Evangelism who provided delicious salads to balance off the hot dogs and chips! And a thank you to Ann Motyka for securing the spot and bringing playground equipment. Look for the pictures we've included below.

Sunday School registrations are rolling in. I started the year with 13 young people in my 3rd-5th grade class! The JRC is abuzz with exuberance these last couple of Sunday mornings as teachers ease our children back into their fall routine. I am very excited to welcome several new teachers to our ranks with lots of positive energy in our first teachers meeting of the year as well as welcoming new children to our classes, another cause for celebration! Registration happens all year long, so don't hesitate to ask your child's teacher for the necessary forms; if the classroom is out of them, see me.

School supply donations will continue to be collected through the first Sunday in October when the Sunday School will do the final assembly on the school kits.

Helen and I are very excited to have John Blomberg, Kelly Danner, Alice Hyslop, Joyce Ashley and Paul Dion to support us in continuing to offer programming for our teens. We had our first interfaith youth meeting on September 21 at the Zion Lutheran Church in North Plymouth where we had a great showing from COTP (see Helen's note for more on that). Once we have some dates set with that group we will set our own schedule for the year so families can plan accordingly; our hope is to not overbook. This year, youth group will include young people in 8th grade and up.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions concerning youth group, Sunday School, crib room or any other matter related to our children, feel free to seek me out by email, phone or live and in person.



## ***From the Moderator, Bob Taylor***

I hope by now you've heard about the upcoming capital campaign. You'll be hearing more about it through the fall, including the results of the feasibility study. The vote to proceed or not will take place at the Budget Meeting, now scheduled for January 25, 2015. The Board of Trustees has voted



to hold the Budget Meeting on this date in order to have final figures for 2014, rather than just projections as has been the case in the past.

Our church needs to undergo major repairs. The list is extensive. There has been extensive water damage due to leaks in the roof. The new roof is already in place, but the damage inside still needs repair. New siding, including insulation, is required on all sides of the church. New handrails along entrance ramps are required. We need to repair or replace various windows. The Bell Tower needs extensive work, perhaps even replacement. We must repair various damage in the Sanctuary and then repaint it. Insulation in the attic will save on heating costs and provide some relief in the summer.

During the fall, there will be several opportunities to see for yourself the damage that needs repair. We'll be hosting some tours after church services for those that are interested. It is not always easy to spot the damage, but when pointed out, the need is obvious.

We are hopeful that the results of the capital campaign will allow for some improvements as well. High on the list are ceiling fans and/or air conditioning for the Sanctuary. We would like to be able to install an elevator to make it easier to get to the Sanctuary to and from Allerton Hall. Whether we can achieve these goals will depend on the amount pledged.

What will all this cost? At the Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees had estimates that totaled \$589,000 including a 20% contingency. That figure does not include fans, air conditioning, an elevator or the costs to repair additional damage in the bell tower, which have recently been identified by the contractor. We are awaiting the final cost estimates and will share them when they are available.

The campaign itself, assuming the congregation votes to go forward, will start in February and run through June. Pledges would be paid over three years. The work would be completed by 2018, in time for the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. If you have questions, please feel free to talk to me, Don Reinhardt, chair of the feasibility committee, or any member of the Board of Trustees. A successful capital campaign can be very energizing for a church. It leads to a "can do" spirit and represents a group accomplishment of which everyone is proud.

### ***Adult Education Opportunity***

Want to brush up on the Ten Suggesti—I mean Ten Commandments? Peter Causton will be offering a one-day class after Church on October 12<sup>th</sup>, "The Decalogue in New Testament Context." BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible). Meeting in the Marks Room at 11:30ish.

## ***Are You Ready to Talk About Your Church?***

Let's assume a family moves into your neighborhood and you're having a conversation about the area - where to shop, schools, local doctors, dentists.... and the question of church comes up. How would you respond?

*"What's your church like?"*

- (a) "Well, just like any other church, I guess, we have our share of problems."
- (b) "Really welcoming, and full of all kinds of great people. I leave worship ready and inspired for the week!"
- (c) "Well, to be honest, I don't get there all that often, so it's hard to say."

*"United Church of Christ...what do they believe exactly? I had a cousin who attended the Church of Christ. Is that the same thing?"*

- (a) "No way! We hate those people."
- (b) "Actually, they're two very different denominations, almost the opposite to be honest. I should refer you to our UCC website ([www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)) so when you have a chance you can learn more about who we are and what we believe. I think you'll like what you see."
- (c) "Umm, I'm not sure. You should ask our pastor. I think we can sort of believe whatever we want. Maybe they are the same."

If you answered "b" to these questions, you are ready to invite your neighbor to church!

## ***Stewardship: "To be, or not to be, that is the question."***

While Hamlet was comparing the pain of life against the fear and uncertainty of death, the dilemma of the good stewards of the Church of the Pilgrimage is, on the surface, rather benign in comparison. Still, some of us do wrestle with this decision: **"To pledge, or not to pledge, that is the question."**

Many of our Church members and friends choose to pledge for three important reasons. First, the act of pledging is for them a spiritual practice; a promise to God, to their Church and to themselves. Second, they are better able to keep their giving on track through the use of weekly envelopes and quarterly statements from the Church office. And third, they like knowing that 11% of their pledge will go to missions.

For many of us funding missions is an important part of why we choose to pledge. We know that the Church is always in need of more funds but we also know that the wider mission of our Church is equally important. The Monday Meals and the Overnights of Hospitality are prime examples of programs that benefit both the giver and the receiver. And, whose heart hasn't skipped a beat when one of our once shy and quiet youths enthusiastically shares stories of his/her experiences with Local Youth/Local Missions. You don't have to look very far to see that we are truly changing lives.

By the time you read this you will hopefully have seen or heard not only from the Stewardship Committee, but also from Missions and Christian Education. One of our goals is to help everyone see what goes on besides our Sunday morning service and coffee hour. We want everyone to be aware of the many opportunities available to help grow our faith, our understanding, and our service.

In a few weeks you should all be receiving a pledge card packet from the Stewardship Committee. One thing I want you to know is that I am well aware that not everyone is ready or able to pledge. I also know that for some folks there are personal reasons for giving in other ways. However, I do hope that the majority of you will seriously consider pledging. No matter what amount you are comfortable with, the important thing is to make the commitment. Once you do this and complete your pledge, you too will know the “joy” we often speak of.

As you contemplate your pledge please remember the words of Anthony B. Robinson when he wrote, “Stewardship is a spiritual practice, one that like other spiritual practices, has the potential to change us, to heal us and to deepen our faith and our lives.” It is this understanding of stewardship as a vital part of our worship that has the power to make us a congregation of generous people. The long history of the Church of the Pilgrimage is a testament to the good stewards who have come before us. They did their part and now it’s our turn to follow in their footsteps.

God Bless the Stewards of our beloved Church,

Nancy E Reed, Stewardship Chair

### ***Deacons’ Notes***

Wow! It’s October already and so great to see everyone back. It is also a blessing to know that so many of you are working diligently through your committees to enrich the life of our congregation.

Alas, it has been disheartening to watch the continuing demise of our candelabra and each week it seems that another candle gives in to its age. This problem should be resolved in the coming months as the Memorial Committee is looking into the best way to restore, refresh or replace our candle system.

Please remember that the Deacons continuously offer support through several “mini- ministries.” You can contact anyone of us, Pastor Helen, or Shellie in the church office if you or someone you know could use help through the “Writing Ministry,” the “Ministry of Meals,” the “Prayer Chain,” the Visitation Team or the blessing of receiving communion at home.

Planning ahead, we also have several dates you may wish to add to your calendar:

- Sunday, October 5 – Worldwide Communion Sunday
- Saturday, October 25 – UCC Super Saturday Event in Framingham
- Sunday, November 2 – All Saints Sunday
- Saturday, November 15 – Adult Retreat at Miramar in Duxbury.

### ***Music Committee News***

Now that the repairs to the Roche organ are complete, what will happen with the little temporary organ? The plan is to move this organ to the Great Hall at the John Robinson Center. However, in the meantime we are going to take the rare opportunity to explore some of the musical repertoire for TWO pipe organs! During the worship service on October 19<sup>th</sup> the choir will offer the *Kyrie* from the *Messe Solennelle* composed by Louis Vierne. Vierne (1870-1937) was the titular organist at the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. Although blind since birth, Vierne wrote for piano, string quartet, orchestra, voices and much music for the pipe organ. He died during a recital while at the console of the organ at Notre Dame with the composer Maurice Duruflé at his side. Many of the large churches in France have a modest organ near the altar to accompany the choir and a ‘Grand’ organ in the west gallery. The *Messe Solennelle* for choir and two pipe organs was premiered in

1901 at Saint Sulpice in Paris with Vierne at the choir organ and Charles-Marie Widor at the grand organ. Widor is best remembered for the *Toccata* from his *Fifth Symphony* for organ.

We are looking at other music for choir and two organs for the second anthem.

Don Glover, a friend and colleague of mine at the Andover Organ Co., will be joining us on October 19<sup>th</sup> to play the 'other' organ parts. We will also play compositions for two organs by Gerhard Scronx and Léon Boëllmann for the prelude and postlude.

We are ever grateful to the memory of late Robert MacKenzie and his executor Larry Stefl for the gift of the little Moller pipe organ. Mr. MacKenzie's estate is also underwriting the expense of moving the little organ to the JRC. This move will occur soon after the Harvest Fair.

Mike Eaton, Organist

**Organ Recital- SAVE THE DATE:** There will be a re-dedication recital for our newly reconditioned organ on Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. Brian Jones, organist from Trinity Church, Boston, who performed the original dedication concert, will be guest organist again. Come hear what amazing sounds our organ can produce!

## ***November 15 Retreat-“Active Faith”***

Where are you on your Faith Journey? Are you actively moving forward or do you feel you have been somewhat stagnant recently? In August, Pastor Helen preached on Faith being an activity and not a possession. She spoke on Peter's act of Faith in stepping out of the boat to walk to Jesus and she asked us, "where are you actively Faithing"?



The Adult Education Committee thought this was a good subject for a retreat and an opportunity to answer Pastor Helen's question to us (especially as we prepare in November for Advent.) Our own retreat facilitator extraordinaire, Rev. Dr. Rosemary Mackay, will be our leader along with Val Baumann. The date is Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 4:00pm at the Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury. Miramar is beautiful with walking trails, contemplation gardens and even a labyrinth for us to enjoy. The cost is \$20 per person and includes coffee and muffins in the morning and lunch. Funds are available to defray the cost if needed. Just see Pastor Helen. Carpooling will also be available.

Because of space limitations, the event will be limited to 40 people. Youth age 15 and older are also invited to attend. Sign up begins after Services on October 19<sup>th</sup> or contact Val directly to register or if you have questions.

Come and take some time with others to consider ways to become more active in your Faith! We look forward to seeing you there!

## ***Remember The Cookbooks***

The Guild cookbooks will be available for sale through the holidays as long as they last. Be sure and get yours. They make great Christmas gifts and hostess gifts. We are a little prejudiced, but we think that they are very special.

## ***Guild News***

Our Welcome Back Fall Luncheon was well attended by a group of energetic members to help us kick off the bright beginning of another Guild year. It was announced that Miss Piggy is back from her summer vacation, and asks you to remember saving your coins to continue generating funds for our kitchen in the JRC. Precious Miss Piggy has been on a weight loss program, and returns hungry and looking for sustenance from The Church of the Pilgrimage.

Our Guild cookbook, "Feed the Flock," inspired by Psalm 23, received a heralded kickoff. The cookbook, hot off the press, was enthusiastically introduced and well received by our members. There is so much to cherish in our cookbook that represents such sharing amongst our congregation. It is our hope that "Feed the Flock" will continue to be well received when it is on sale at our coffee hours after our Sunday services.

Our October meeting and program will be held in Allerton Hall on Friday, October 10 at 1pm. "Calico Family Album" will be presented by our own Guild member, Carol Fortini, and Carol will feature a retrospective, brief history and display of quilting for her family. Carol, a passionate and talented quilter, will present many of her handmade creations with family meaning and a story to tell. Carol's presentation is sure to be full of nice surprises.

We continue to welcome all women of our congregation to our meetings. We encourage particularly new members as this is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun, as well as a chance to get to know other members of our church family better. Hope to see you on October 10th! As usual, our business meeting and program will be accompanied by a lovely tea.

Jane Dolan, President

## ***Do You Knit?***

Please help yourself to yarn in the bin in Allerton Hall and help us provide hats, mittens, scarves and baby sweaters for the Harvest Fair on November 1. Some patterns are provided as well as needles and I have many more. Call me at 508-746-4514. Diana Budge

## ***Thursday Evening Knitting Group***

Join us on Thursday evenings at 7pm at 15 Oak Street, Plymouth for fellowship and knitting help (if you need it). All are welcome whether you are new to the craft or experienced. Tea and goodies are served and good company enjoyed.



## ***Thank You to Ushers for August***

David and Linda Kegel, Ed and Cindy Marks on Aug 3

The Anderson family on Aug 10

Bob and Carol Taylor, Deb Cheney and Sue Powell on Aug 17

The Soliwodas and the Healys on Aug 24

Jeanette Jamieson, Eileen Ganem and the Porters on Aug 31

My thanks to all of you for making it easy to fulfill my deacon duties. Diana Budge



## Coffee Hour

Please consider volunteering to “host” Coffee Hour. It is not difficult, and advice/help is available. Let’s see some “new” faces behind the counter.

Also, please inform Hildegard (her phone number is in the directory) if you are planning an event which will take the place of coffee hour. She sets the schedule, and needs to know which weeks she doesn’t need to cover.

## Missions Committee Snapshots

**Missions Members Needed!** First, we need 2 members!! If you are interested in a really feel good committee where you help to put our church’s beliefs into action, and with wonderful people to work with, please let us know NOW!! Feel free to contact any of our members to ask your questions or join up—or attend our next meeting on Thursday, October 9 at 7:15 in the Marks Room! We welcome all interest, but we also want to point out that there is a definite lack of men on the committee right now!

**Missions Committee Transparency:** We want everyone to know exactly how our pledged Missions dollars are spent. We hope you all were able to take in the informative and beautiful *Missions Committee posters and handouts* on display in Allerton Hall during the Stewardship Sunday event on September 21. If you haven’t seen the display, please ask any one of us for a handout. There also will be other occasions where we may use this display again. Thanks to Jeanette Jamieson, who organized this effort, spent a great deal of time and thought on it, and who made the posters; and thanks to members Joyce Ashley, Karla Wood, and Judy Donn, who helped with ideas. A special thanks to Doug Post who added his design expertise to turn the posters from words on paper to computer-friendly works of art!

**School Kits:** Each year our church contributes school kits to the UCC effort to give children in impoverished schools, refugee camps, or other difficult settings some of the basic tools for learning.... Because of the crisis in Syria, stock supplies of School Kits have dwindled. This led the UCC Disaster Ministries team to offer financial support to congregations to kickstart the effort to restock these essential supplies. Joyce Ashley applied for and received a \$250 UCC matching congregation grant to buy supplies for these kits. In addition, supplies have been contributed by generous church members. We now have enough to prepare 50 church kits. The Missions Committee will coordinate with Jenny (Director of Christian Education) so that the kits can be assembled by Sunday School classes. In 2013, 836 UCC congregations sent the UCC 1,192 school kits. [Some of the information in this paragraph is from the UCC website.]

**Honduran fare on October 5<sup>th</sup>.** Hear about Helen’s Heifer Trip to Honduras during church on Sunday, October 5, and then sample a Honduran meal in Allerton Hall. To complement Helen’s

### Neighbors In Need

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 5, supports the UCC’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. The other third supports the UCC’s Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal congregation in Minneapolis. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM as are more than 1,000 individuals who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S. (Excerpted from UCC’s NIN flyer).

talk, the Missions Committee will prepare a light meal to mimic Honduran fare. There will be a Honduran rice dish, fruit salad, and coffee. Please come join us after church!

**Overnights of Hospitality:** We've begun initial planning for the overnights. Sarah is working to schedule our church's contribution to efforts of local churches to provide overnight food and shelter for the homeless during the winter months. As soon as we know, we'll let you know which weeks we will host this effort. Please consider contributing a meal and/or your overnight presence. This is a huge effort and we need and very much appreciate lots of cooperation.

### **Financial Report:**

*Heifer Fund:* a record \$4,190 was raised last year for Heifer International.

*Approved Spending:* \$500 for teacher salaries for the St. Rock Haiti Foundation\* and \$350 for a freezer for the local Food Warehouse.

*Future needs/budget:* \$2,000 will be budgeted to donate to Habitat for Humanity next year. A cot and 2 pillows are needed for host use during the Overnights.

**\*Snapshot of St. Rock Haiti** Saint Rock is a rural community, located in a mountainous zone of Haiti. It is located 3 km from Port-au-Prince's city center and has a population of approximately 25,000. With non-existent infrastructure, the area is difficult to access and is faced with challenges on both socio-economic and administrative levels. As a result, the people of Saint Rock, along with many other communities across Haiti, lack access to their most essential needs: primarily health care and education. Established in 2002, the Saint Rock Haiti Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency working to provide health care and social services to the Saint Rock community. As the foundation has grown, our mission has expanded to also include several community outreach programs. We are dedicated to empowering the Saint Rock community by promoting healthier and more self-sufficient lifestyles. **Because we are volunteer based, 94% of all funding going directly to our medical clinic and community outreach programs.**

### ***Member Spotlight (a new addition to the Herald)***



Meet Tom Barnes a long-time Plymouth resident and member of The Church of the Pilgrimage. He was very active in the Antiquarian Society where he served on the Board of Trustees. Professionally Tom spent 35 years in banking—at one time at Plymouth National Bank. One of his hobbies is restoring antique homes; he spent 32 years restoring an antique house in Kingston. Tom loves classic automobiles...his last car was a 1996 Buick station wagon (with wide white walled tires). His brother always makes certain Tom has a classic-car magazine. He is very fond of animals, and always had a collie bred dog.

In 1948, at the age of 18, Tom was baptized; beginning his church-activities by singing in the junior choir, along with being a member of English bell ringers. He served in the adult choir (using his bass voice) for 15 years. Later, he made the Treasurer's report and every week made Sunday collections, participated in counting the collections, prepared the weekly report, and deposited funds in the bank.

A visit to Tom, at Emeritus Senior Living, in Plymouth, is very enlightening. He is very "upbeat," loves sharing stories about his wide range of experiences and personal relationships (for both the town of Plymouth and the Church) Tom attributes his continued good health to once being a regular walker.

## **Notes**

*“John and I want to thank our church family for the many expressions of sympathy and support during this difficult time of my dad’s passing. It is very comforting to be in the midst of such a caring community. Love, Judy Mitchell”*

Please make note of the following in your directory:

New address for the May family: 11 Overlook Terrace, Plymouth, MA 02360.

New address for Jacqueline Tauber: 28 Kate’s Glen, Plymouth, MA 02360.

New address for Gil & Karyl Silva: PO Box 620, No. Woodstock, NH 03262.

## **Church Record**

On August 30, 2014, Pastor Helen performed a marriage ceremony in our sanctuary for Nate Butterfield and Amy Binder.

On September 3, 2014, Pastor Helen performed a memorial service at Cartmell Funeral Home for long-time church member, Ruth Brenner, who died on September 1. Our sympathies are extended to her husband, Jacob and family.

On September 14, 2014, Pastor Helen performed a memorial service in our sanctuary for Helen Brewer Chadwick, who died on September 1. We extend our sympathy to Helen’s family.

On September 19, 2014, Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter performed a memorial service in our sanctuary for Paul Michael Diesel who died on September 13. Our sympathies are extended to the family.

On September 21, 2014, Pastor Helen baptized Erik Alexander Bachi, son of Sarah & Keith Bachi and Julian Michael William Lather, son of Victoria & Christopher Lather.

## **Pilgrim Association News**

At the request of The Second Church of Plymouth at Manomet, the Pilgrim Association will gather for an Installation Council & Worship Service at 2pm on Sunday, October 19, 2014 at Second Church, 518 State Road, Manomet, MA. The afternoon begins with an Installation Council immediately followed by a Service of Worship at 3pm, during which the Association, in covenant with The Second Church of Plymouth, will install The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Everett as pastor. Prior to the service, clergy will meet together to robe and process. Following the Installation Service there will be a reception.

## **Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department Announces New Free Safety Program**



The Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department recently kicked-off the “Safety Assurance” program, a daily calling system for Plymouth County residents that live alone. This service provides a daily telephone “check-in” for registered clients between the hours of 6am and noon. Clients can choose the time of the call and the program is FREE. For more information, pamphlets are available at the church office or by contacting the Sheriff’s Department at 800.622.4300.

# ANNUAL NATIVITY DISPLAY

**WHAT:** The Church of the Pilgrimage's Second Annual Nativity Display  
(in conjunction with our community open house)

**WHEN:** December 5<sup>th</sup> - the evening of Plymouth's Tree Lighting and other festivities

**WHERE:** The Sanctuary - during our open house the evening of December 5<sup>th</sup>

**HOW:** Loan your special nativity (or nativities) for the evening  
Last year we displayed more than 35 nativity scenes. They ranged from child-friendly plastic figures to beautifully crafted crèches and figurines. Each had a unique memory attached: some nativity scenes were from foreign countries; some were works of art; some were created by loved ones and some were simply beloved by a family. All created a special opportunity for our community to celebrate the Advent Season.

**WHO:** We would love to have many more people participate by loaning their nativity scenes for the evening.

Please fill out the form below and include it with your nativity scene, crèche or figures. You can drop it off at the church office up until December 4<sup>th</sup>. Since the display is only for one evening, you will have your nativity back immediately after December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH YOUR NATIVITY (If you are contributing more than one, which is encouraged, please fill out one form for each nativity scene).**

YOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR NATIVITY

How did it come to be in your family? \_\_\_\_\_

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Where is it from? How old is it? \_\_\_\_\_

What makes it meaningful to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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## *The Church of the Pilgrimage*

### *October 2014 Calendar Events*

- October 1: Nominating Committee Meeting, 8:30am, Steve Triffletti's Office.  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.
- October 2: Bible Study (this week on Thursday instead of Wednesday), 11am, Marks Room.  
Leadership Event with Don Remick, 7pm, Allerton Hall.
- October 4: Pot Pie Making, 8am-2pm, Allerton Hall.
- October 5: Morning Worship with Communion, 10am, Sanctuary. This is World Communion Sunday.  
Neighbors in Need Offering will be accepted.  
Heifer/Mission Luncheon & Presentation, after Worship, Allerton Hall.
- October 6: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.
- October 8: Bible Study, 11am, Marks Room.  
Music Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Stewart Room.  
Board of Trustees, 7pm, Marks Room.  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.
- October 9: Missions Committee Meeting, 7:15pm, Marks Room.
- October 10: Guild Meeting, 1pm, Allerton Hall.
- October 12: Morning Worship, 10am, Sanctuary.  
Adult Education/Ten Commandments, after worship, Marks Room.  
Membership & Evangelism Committee Meeting, after worship, Stewart Room.
- October 13: Columbus Day Holiday, church office closed.  
Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.
- October 14: Church Council, 7pm, Marks Room.
- October 15: Bible Study, 11am, Marks Room.
- October 19: Worship, 10am, with guest preacher, Rev. Don Remick, Assoc. Conference Pastor.  
Talk back in Allerton Hall with Rev. Remick during coffee hour.
- October 20: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.
- October 22: Bible Study, 11am, Marks Room.  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Marks Room.
- October 25: Super Saturday in Framingham.
- October 26: Worship to include Chest of Joash, 10am, Sanctuary.  
First Session of Visioning during coffee hour.
- October 27: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.
- October 28: Board of Deacons, 7pm, Marks Room.  
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7pm, Stewart Room.
- October 29: Bible Study, 11am, Marks Room.  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.
- October 31: Harvest Fair set-up.



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