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## FROM THE MINISTER

### The Future of Faith

I met this past week with a couple of our college kids for lunch. I asked a simple question: Why does church matter? They talked about the way our community serves. One of them talked about finding ways to bring other churches into the great projects we work on together: Goddard School, food pantry, and mission trips. They talked about how they wanted their kids to have what they had and that to keep them involved in their twenties, we should keep a yearly youth group alumni trip going: We're already talking about New Orleans in May 2012.

They didn't mention their faith or, did they?

I'm officially aware that faith is developed in as many ways as there are species in the animal kingdom. I had a youth group member talk about where she found her faith online. One of our 8:45 regulars finds faith golfing--for some people it's the Bible; for others it's church as a place to build friendships; one of our confirmands finds God when beating his dad at pool. There is no one way to God and no right way to build our relationship with the divine.

So what is Pilgrim Church then in an interconnected, diverse faith world?

The answer: What do you need it to be? We will find diverse ways to help hundreds, if not thousands of people each year work on their faith. We will weave each other's ways of exploring the sacred into a fabric of grace that warms us all, even as we each seek a different

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**Cheeseburger Sunday!**  
**June 12 (following Worship)**

**This year we're asking families to bring  
 a side dish or dessert:**

**\*Last names beginning with A-L bring a  
 dessert.**

**\*Last names beginning with M-Z bring a  
 side dish.**

**Please RSVP with number of people  
 attending to Debbie @  
[dherrick@pilgrimchurch.us](mailto:dherrick@pilgrimchurch.us) by  
 June 8.**

**Upcoming Spires**

*Deadline For  
 Submission of Articles*

*Date of  
 Mailing*

*August 19 (Sept. Spire)*

*August 26*

**Sr. High Youth Group**

**June Schedule**

5<sup>th</sup> – Parlor

11<sup>th</sup> – 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Car Wash

Steeple Coffeehouse Babysitting

12<sup>th</sup> – Cheeseburger/Celebration Sunday-help cook and set up

19<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day – In Church

As summer comes along, many of us take vacation from church. As treasurer, I notice that the bills still need to be paid in July and August. Would you please consider keeping up with or prepaying your pledge during the summer?

Thank you,  
 Steve Coldwell, Treasurer

**Standing Church Meetings**

Church Council	7:30 p.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday
Chancel Choir	7:30 p.m. every Thursday
Youth Choir	Following the Worship Service
Handbell Choir	7:30 p.m. every Tuesday
Buildings & Grounds	6:30 p.m. – As scheduled
Christian Education	7:00 p.m. – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday
Diaconate	7:00 p.m. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month
Fellowship	11:30 a.m. – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday
Personnel	As Needed
Parish Relations	11:30 a.m. – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month
Financial Resources	As Needed
Music	11:30 a.m. – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of month
Outreach	As Needed
Stewardship	As Needed

# Celebrations & Concerns

## Celebrations

Congratulations to Joel & Latoya Fisak on the baptism of their son, Nicholas James on Sunday, April 24.

Congratulations to Janet Locke & Steve Larson on their marriage on Sunday, April 24.

Congratulations to Emily Leist & Chris Vatis who were married on Sunday, May 15.

Congratulations to Paul & Sue Ellen Renfrew on the birth of their grandson, Andrew Birkemose on May 9.

Congratulations to Bryan Mohn who received his MBA.

Congratulations to our recent college graduates: Beth Hart, Kate Leist, Heather Landes & Will Short.

We celebrate a successful troop drive; over 500 boxes being shipped overseas.

## Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers for healing:

Bill Tsen's father

Cesar Piedra's father

The Kolk family has they mourn the loss of Nancy's father, Stanley Kustron.

The Sanford, McClelland & Roberts families as they mourn the loss of Jacque & Shari's mother, Gertrude Gaudion.

Bill & Shirley Owen as they mourn the loss of Shirley's mother, Frances Bailey.

## Deacons' Corner

Next weekend my son Charlie graduates from high school and I'm already feeling emotional and anxious. Emotional because he's our last child to graduate high school. My husband and I will so miss watching him dive, play soccer and lacrosse, and spend time with all his friends and teachers in the wonderful community where he's been away at school.

Anxious because graduation weekend will be filled with my family coming in from all over the east coast to spend time with Charlie, and I'm preparing for the inevitable complications and drama.

Does this litany sound familiar to the kind of craziness in your life?

My brother and nephew will be coming up on Friday night from Philadelphia fighting the Memorial Day traffic to attend Friday night's festivities, but then turning around Saturday to get back home to enable my nephew to study for his final exams.

Then my uncle and family comes up from Philadelphia to attend the Sunday morning graduation ceremony and luncheon.

And, my elderly-like parents are traveling up from South Carolina, but stopping off in Pennsylvania first to see my niece graduate Saturday morning. They will arrive Saturday night exhausted from all the driving but trying to stay positive for Charlie's big day.

Finally, my daughter Lucie's plans are still up in the air, as it's graduation week end at her college and she has friends graduating and parties to attend.

And, all of this will happen at the end of a very busy work week for both my husband and me.

I'm exhausted just writing this.

But wait, Charlie's accomplishments and preparedness for college are more than we ever could have ever envisioned even a short year ago-- as we continued to nag him to write his college essays and study more for the SATs. We should be celebrating! Really celebrating and treasuring this time! In just a few months, Charlie will be off to college, my daughter back for her final year of college, and my husband Wayne and I officially empty nesters.

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## Dates to Remember

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### *Sunday, June 5*

Children & Communion  
Children's Sunday

### *Mondays, June 6, 13 & 20*

9:30 a.m. – Healthy Living Group

### *Tuesday, June 7*

5:00 a.m. – Our Father's Table

### *Tuesdays, June 7 & 14*

9:30 a.m. – Yoga Class

### *Wednesday, June 8*

7:30 p.m. – Council Meeting

### *Saturday, June 11*

7:30 p.m. – Steeple Coffeehouse

### *Friday, June 10 – Saturday, June 11*

Women's Retreat

### *Sunday, June 12*

Celebration Sunday  
Cheeseburger Sunday

### *Monday, June 13*

7:00 p.m. – Deacons' Meeting

### *Sunday, June 19*

Father's Day

### *Sunday, June 26 thru Sunday, September 4*

9:30 a.m. – Summer Services

### *Saturday July 30 thru Saturday, August 6*

Sr. High Youth Group Mission Trip to Chicago

Congratulations to the following students who were confirmed on Sunday, May 15:

Sarah Crothers  
Cameron J. Field  
Maiya Hackett  
Kaylee Harrison  
Jen Hendrick  
Michaela Horne  
John (Jake) Adams Krapf  
Kenneth Robert Kuchnir

Kendall Merritt  
Alexandra (Ali) Mills  
Samantha Ann Needels  
Maddie Partridge  
Mark J. Rotermund  
Christopher Schoener  
Brian Sweeter  
Melanie J. Wagner

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## *Sunday, June 26 through Sunday, September 4*

### *Summer Services Begin @ 9:30 a.m.*

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CAMP TAKODAH.....is coming!

Well, Spring has finally started and Summer is on its way. I know we are all busy but I am going to make a pitch to you to consider Camp Takodah this year. It is worth making the sacrifice to some of the other multitude of choices that you may have on your plate.

I can honestly say, it is a highlight for my family. We enjoy the time out in the woods, experiencing the beauty that God has given us. Woods, open land, crystal clear lake water and friends. This is about a community of people that can all be together and enjoy some of the basics of life.

It's an amazing time and is the kick-off to another wonderful year that is ahead of all of us as members of the community we know as Pilgrim Church.

So, are you in? Please register (see form included in this newsletter) – or at least let me know if you are considering coming. Thanks.

~Katherine Hennessy     [kate247365@aol.com](mailto:kate247365@aol.com)

**From the Minister (cont.)**

kind of warmth. The only people who can't work on their faith at Pilgrim are the people who don't want to work on faith. We're not a place that will tell you what to do or give you the answers. We're not going to fix all your problems or take away the troubles of being human.

What we can do together is pray, celebrate, be thankful, sing, play, read, write, create, and serve our way into a way of looking at the world where we have our own answers and when the problems and troubles arise, we know how to face them.

The future of faith around the world? It is actually what we're already doing: Nurturing people where we are and finding heaven together.

*Jon*

# Happy Anniversary

**June**

- Bob & Deb Flot 2
- Randy & Tory Dinjian
- Buddy & Ellen Burton 9
- Dan & Lynne Guilford 9
- Joe & Mimi Hodgkins 12
- Kevin & Wendy Crothers 15
- Bruce & Elaine Davidson 16
- David & Sarah Hile 19
- John & Diana Garton 21
- Peter & Connie Anick 21
- Paul & Catherine Weber 25
- Steve & Joan Pflug 26
- Jeff & Carol Cullen 27
- Jim & Emily Decoulos 27
- Joe & Anne Bartulis 29
- John & Heidi Krapf 30

**July**

- Louis & Karen Kuchnir 4

**July (cont.)**

- Sanjeev & Joan Choudhary 5
- Garth & Sandy Maynard 6
- Kirk & Price Carter 9
- Paul & Sarah Carter 11
- Grant & Elizabeth Whitney 13
- Brian & Verrill Edwardsen 14
- Tim & Marie Lescalleet 21

**August**

- Bryan & Amy Mohn 5
- James & Kim Rizzitano 5
- Peter & Cindy Torilli 9
- Jon & Jen Wortmann 9
- Bill & Shirley Owen 14
- Jack & Ann Cowern 15
- Kirk & Sharon Westphal 17
- David & Shel Tscherne 17
- Valerie & Rod Moreland 18
- Marshall & Joyce Hudson 24

## GRIEF AND HEALING WORKSHOP

You are invited to a workshop to reflect on the ongoing journey of grieving. As people of faith, we will explore the role of spirituality in the healing process through ritual, sharing, and prayer. This workshop will take place on Wednesday, June 1 from 7:00 - 9:00pm in the Pilgrim Church parlor and will be facilitated by Julie Cedrone.

**On Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 7pm, the award-winning Trottier Middle School Big Band presents an evening of jazz featuring the great Southborough-native saxophonist, Dave Pietro (Matt Pietro's brother who played for Steeple Coffeehouse in February). This event is for all ages to enjoy. It takes place at the P. Brent Trottier Middle School Auditorium at 49 Parkerville Road in Southborough, MA. To attend the event, simply bring a cash or dry/canned goods donation for the Southborough Food Pantry.**

*When one door closes, another door opens.....but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us. ~ Alexander Graham Bell*

**PRE-K Needs**

And so is the case for us here at Pilgrim Church. Stephen Coldwell and David Hile have been exceptional volunteers and for two years, they have been our leaders and teachers for the Pre-K program. As of this coming Fall 2011, we will need some new teachers for this wonderful program. We are hoping that a number of you can stand up to "team teach" these bright, young children. We have a thriving program and a great curriculum and Christian Education committee that can support you. If you would like to be involved or have any interest, please be in touch. This is an open door that could be an incredible experience.

Thank you for your consideration.

~Katherine Hennessy, Superintendent of Christian Education

## Deacons' Corner (cont.)

As I listened to Jon read Psalm 100 during the spiritual conversation yesterday, I was instantly calmed..."Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness...For the Lord is good and his love endures forever..." (I was so moved that I offered to read the scripture to the congregation.) Yesterday's Music Sunday was just what I needed to re-juvenate my soul and refocus me on what's really important. I know that through prayer and reflection this week I will be able to be 'in the moment' and enjoy the wonderful week end ahead. Pilgrim Church and our wonderful faith community are so important to our lives to keep us grounded in what's really important in life.

And, just in case I forget...I'm carrying Psalm 100 to remain mindful of God's love, no matter how much drama unfolds.

*Pam Norley*

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## Body and Spirit: A Women's Retreat

Dinner on Friday, June 10 - Dinner, Saturday, June 11  
St. Benedict's Abbey in Still River, MA

Prayer, Ritual, Yoga, Meditation, Spiritual Conversation, and  
Friendship!

The cost of this retreat is \$75. Please make out checks to Pilgrim Church with a notation: Women's Retreat and put it in the envelope in Maynard Southard's mailbox in the office.

Led by Jess Joslin and Julie Cedrone



## Car Wash

Saturday, June 11  
8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Southboro Transfer Station.



Please help support this  
Sr. High Youth Group fundraiser.

The funds raised will go towards their trip to  
Chicago this summer.

## The Goddard School in Worcester Summer Program 2011

We are currently working with the school's administration on the details for this year's summer program at the Goddard School. This will be for students advancing to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades next September. There will be approximately 60 students (4 groups of 15) in total grouped by grade and will rotate between two different activities every afternoon with a snack back in the cafeteria in between (15 minutes). The children will be released from the cafeteria at 2:30pm.

### The dates are currently set for the following weeks:

Week 1: Tuesday, July 5 – Friday, July 8th  
Week 2: Monday, July 11 – Friday, July 15th  
Week 3: Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22nd  
Week 4: Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29th

This year's theme will be centered on the one school read of ***Sadaku & the 1000 Paper Cranes***. This is a story about one child's courage, perseverance, peace and friendship.

We need volunteers to help assist the students in the following rotations from 12:00pm to 2:30pm each day over the weeks outlined above. I will post a sign up board in Fellowship Hall. We encourage all families to participate even if it's for one day. We ask that you arrive at 11:45am. The first activity begins promptly at 12:00pm.

**Activity Segments: 12:00pm to 2:30pm Daily (Segments TBD after seeing space)**

Community Garden – cultivates and plant food for area families  
Arts & Crafts –activities will stem around theme  
Reading/Computer/ Board Games  
Indoor / Outdoor Games – Soccer, tennis, volleyball, baseball, golf, etc.

As I learn more, I will continue to share new information on how our families will help make a difference in supporting the kids from the Goddard School along with the lives of our own families who participate.

If you have any questions please call me at 508-485-5689 or email me at [sfodor2@verizon.net](mailto:sfodor2@verizon.net).

Thank you, Sally Fodor

## Small Group Opportunities

**Sunday 8:45 a.m. Spiritual Conversations** (every Sunday mid-September thru mid-June) Rev. Jon Wortmann 508-786-0677  
Email to: [jwortmann@pilgrimchurch.us](mailto:jwortmann@pilgrimchurch.us).

**Women's Spirituality Group** (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 7:30-9 p.m.)  
Debbie Herrick 508-485-4847 Email to:  
[dherrick@pilgrimchurch.us](mailto:dherrick@pilgrimchurch.us).

**Koinonia** (every Tuesday @ 8:00 p.m.) Fran Rosenquist 508-485-7971 Email to: [frannyro@yahoo.com](mailto:frannyro@yahoo.com)

**Family Outreach Projects Group** Sally Fodor 508-485-5689  
Email to: [sfodor2@verizon.net](mailto:sfodor2@verizon.net)

**Chancel Choir** (every Thursday @ 7:30 p.m.) Grace Choi 978-467-5588 Email to: [graceatpilgrim@gmail.com](mailto:graceatpilgrim@gmail.com)

**Handbell Choir** Carla Mason (every Tuesday @ 7:15 p.m.) Email to: [carlapm@townisp.com](mailto:carlapm@townisp.com)

**"Littlest Angels" Children's Choir** (3-6 year olds) Barbara Porter & Joan Pflug (most Sundays following worship) Email to: [brbrprtr1@aol.com](mailto:brbrprtr1@aol.com)

**"Celestial Singers" Children's Choir** (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders) Grace Choi (most Sundays following worship) Email to: [graceatpilgrim@gmail.com](mailto:graceatpilgrim@gmail.com)

**Sr. High Youth Group** Sarah Hile 508-329-1381 Email to: [sarahjhile@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjhile@gmail.com)

**Jr. High Youth Group** Steve Gutro (every Sunday 10:15-11:00 a.m.) Email to: [s.gutro@comcast.net](mailto:s.gutro@comcast.net)

## Small Groups (cont.)

**Girls Night Out** Deb Wilson (every 5-6 weeks) 508-481-6326  
Email to: [debbiedepp@fenemoregroup.com](mailto:debbiedepp@fenemoregroup.com)

**Sex, Drugs & Kids Education** Sarah & David Hile (quarterly)  
508-329-1381 Email to: [sarahjhile@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjhile@gmail.com)

**St. Patrick's Manor Worship Group** (every third Wednesday October thru May) - Jon and The Chapel Choir provide a 3:30 p.m. ecumenical worship service for residents of this Framingham nursing home. Barbara Porter 508-435-9205 Email to: [brbrprtr1@aol.com](mailto:brbrprtr1@aol.com)

**Men's Club** Bill Harrington (as scheduled) 508-485-8737 Email to: [banjobillo@verizon.net](mailto:banjobillo@verizon.net)

**Bible 101** Jon Wortmann (second Sunday of each month during the school year @ 11:30 a.m.) 508-786-0677 Email to: [jwortmann@pilgrimchurch.us](mailto:jwortmann@pilgrimchurch.us)

**Our Father's Table** Joan Anderson 508-481-0644 (1st Tuesday of the month) Email to: [janderson56@verizon.net](mailto:janderson56@verizon.net)

**Food Pantry** Steve Pflug (Tuesdays 7-8 p.m., Fridays 10-11 a.m.) 508-832-2263 Email to: [joansteve@juno.com](mailto:joansteve@juno.com)

**Pastoral Care Team** Fran Rosenquist (monthly) 508-485-7971  
Email to: [frannyro@yahoo.com](mailto:frannyro@yahoo.com)

**Healthy Living** Jon Wortmann (9:30 a.m. on Mondays with the exception of holidays) 508-786-0677 Email to: [jwortmann@pilgrimchurch.us](mailto:jwortmann@pilgrimchurch.us).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** (As scheduled) Sheryn Carew 508-624-0706 Email to: [kelonac@aol.com](mailto:kelonac@aol.com)

**Spiritual Healing** (As scheduled) Dick Wallace 508-481-2565  
Email to: [dickwallace01@gmail.com](mailto:dickwallace01@gmail.com)



# Happy Birthday



# Birthdays (cont.)

## June

Meredith Cormack	5
Bob Flot	5
Amy Mohn	6
Julie Younis	6
Samantha Sexton	7
Rachael Ziolo	7
Joan Clark	9
Will Short	10
Bryan Mohn	11
Vale Southard	11
Emily van Nort	12
Reed Southard	12
Julian Hreczuck	13
Toby Snow	13
Deb Flot	14
Kristen Selden	14
Casey Altamura	14
Bev Worters	15
Kathryn Younis	15
Barbara Dumont	16
Dawson Markey	16
Joan Baumann	17
Alan Snow	17
Denise Honey	17
Logan Snow	17
Toby Snow	17
Andrew Wallace	17
Lucy Ulfelder	18
Chris Leist	19
Courtney Wilson	20
Steven Ulfelder	21
Jillian Rizzitano	21
Abigail Hennessy	21
Laura Dunderdale	22

## June (cont.)

Matthew Dunderdale	22
Mitchell Klokman	22
Sarah Douglas	23
Atsushi Suzuki	23
Jason Honey	24
Meaghan Douglas	26
Amanda Honey	27
Bill Harrington	28
Ryan Harrison	28
Cindy Moore	28
Jay Rizzitano	28
Sally Coldwell	29
Maiya Hackett	29
Stephen Monroe	29
Katie McGuire	29
Michael Mills	30
Abigail Roberts	30

## July

Jon Flot	1
Dan Maurice	1
Joe Wagner	2
Lois Abel	2
Cate Mercadante	2
Janet Short	3
Sarah McHenry	3
Jerry McGuire	4
Cameron Field	4
Alison Hart	5
Ruth Russo	7
Ben Schoener	7
George McClelland	8
Peggy Randel	8
Sophia Stilla	9

## July (cont.)

Jamison Hackett	10
Jake Klein	10
Louis Kuchnir	11
Brady Martin	12
Bill Tsen	13
Mindy Hreczuck	13
Alex Kern	14
Eric Sweeter	14
David Tscherne	15
Kathleen Hendrick	15
Matthew Leger	15
Trudi Bessom	16
Steven Kolk	16
Caden Ruggles	16
Grace Tscherne	16
Sandy Maynard	18
Barbara Porter	19
Debbie Wilson	20
Brian Rotermund	20
Amelia Partridge	20
Ali Maynard	21
Jonathan Willis	22
Janet Beck	23
Samantha Ruggles	24
Kim Hixson	25
Luke Mason	27
Jenna Kuchnir	27
Anthony Moore	27
Paul Carter	28
Judy Rist	29
Shelby Aker	29
Patrick Gardner	29
Bob Sanford	30
Virginia Sweeter	30
Taylor Moore	31

## August

Ann Cowern	1
Benjamin Balcom	1
Brian Kolk	4
Nicole Mills	4
Sandy Rynning	6
Mark Anderson	6
Rebecca Snow	7
Robby Stewart	7
Joyce Hudson	8
Isaiah Hile	10
Kevin Crothers	12
Maynard Southard	13
Dotty Clark	13
Frederica Gillespie	13
Sloan Wilson	14
Cassie Short	18
Jack Roberts	19
Tim Dunderdale	20
Cindy Torilli	22
Johnny Cowen	24
Shaelyn Sibley	24
Bill Davis	25
Cameron Molina	26
Kaleb Molina	27
Reid Roberts	28
Sandy Altamura	31
Bruce Merritt	31
Julia Markey	31
Carol Sherwood	31