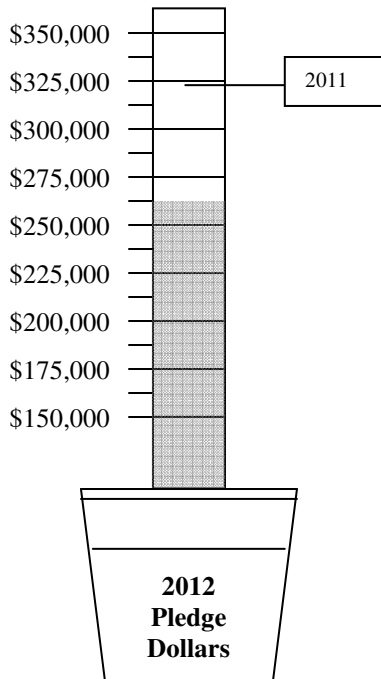


2012 Stewardship Campaign

December 4th, 2011

Pilgrim Church is
Our Spiritual Home



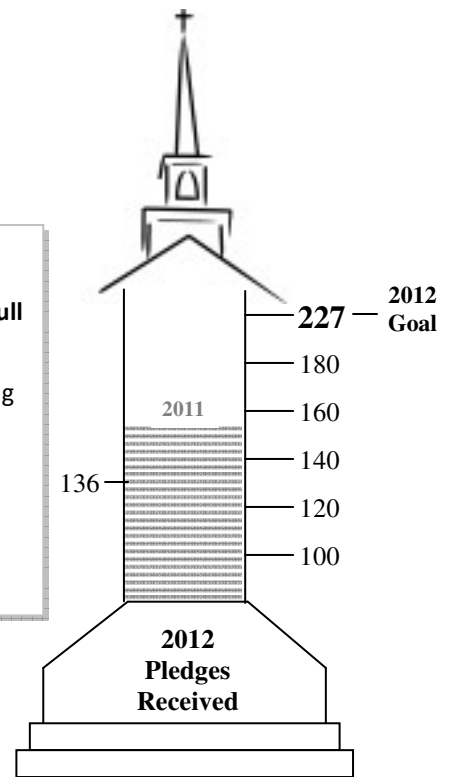
Support for Pilgrim

We can accomplish great things through full participation from the congregation

- Significant repairs on the main church building
- Successful mission trips each year
- Extended local outreach programs
- Meeting the increasing monthly expenses

Help us reach our goal of funding our needed church repairs through

We are now emailing and calling to followup on pledges. Please help us by responding quickly.



Pilgrim Church is our home - our spiritual home. We want to care for it as if it were our own the place where we live and get nourished; a place where we want to be and we want others to be too; a home that has the ability to feed and nurture us in a safe environment for generations to come. This is the theme of our 2012 Stewardship campaign. Our spiritual home needs the same love, attention and yes, financial investment that our personal residences require as well.

We have been sending out weekly slide shows to provide views into some of the many aspects of Pilgrim Church. A short description and link to the first three slide shows are below. We hope they will inspire you and thank you for the heaven you build.

Why Wall

In the fall of 2010, the stewardship committee asked people a simple question: "Why?" Why Pilgrim? What is it about this place that makes it your spiritual home, the community where you work on your faith and share your gifts? We got hundreds of beautiful answers and we celebrated with our most successful campaign in the church's history. Here are a few of people's "Whys".

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RZXRTsjx_w

Mission Trip

For eight days this summer in the 100 degree heat of Chicago, 50 of our high school teens and accompanying adults had the privilege of experiencing firsthand their chosen mission to "Give and Receive Love." The group had the opportunity to give their gifts of labor and love to the underprivileged communities they served. In the evenings, the group was able to meet and reflect upon where they each received love back in return. It was an opportunity for our kids to go beyond their normal lives and to get back far more than they gave.

The photos below are wonderful. Enjoy them as you too consider your pledge to Pilgrim Church where we trust you get far more back than you had ever hoped.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfOSJEF7qJM>

Our Church Needs Some Repairs!

Our faith community focuses on the many ways we minister and tend to each other. Yet we cannot ignore the physical space where the bulk of these experiences take place. Just as a residence requires upkeep so too does the physical plant of our spiritual home. The photos that follow give you an idea of the work we need to do. Do you know where each of these shots was taken?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JjrEAFNM_a0

Food Pantry

The Southborough Food Pantry at Pilgrim Church was born to help our neighbors in need, those in the Town of Southborough and those in the then six sponsoring Southborough Churches. The

help continues to this day with about 25 volunteers from the now five sponsoring churches, serving about 125 people and available to them once a week. As you consider your 2012 pledge to Pilgrim Church, remember that our building is not only your spiritual home but home to the Southboro Food Pantry, a lifeline to many trying to feed themselves and their families. If this isn't doing God's work here on earth, what is? Your pledge will help keep the doors to our church building open to all those seeking God's love and God's mercy. Thank you for your generosity to and support of Pilgrim Church.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVYuKogeUxk>

Celebrations

Opportunities to celebrate and to nurture the connections with our spiritual home community are numerous: gathering, playing and communing under God's canopy at Camp Takodah; generations young and old sharing in the great cheeseburger repast; the pride and emotion experienced when young people join our community through confirmation; a moveable feast where members open their homes to the breadth of our faith community. These are just a few examples of the many celebrations linking us to Pilgrim Church.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EuLAfT_Uqb4

Retreats

Pilgrim Church has over a dozen small groups with a focus on everything from fellowship to spiritual growth to outreach. Some of these groups also hold retreats where quality time can be spent together. Click on the link below to see examples of these retreats from the Men's Club doing work for Habitat for Humanity, to the first Women's retreat this past fall, and to the Koinonea winter retreat on Cape Cod/

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j1iNm2Rq36U>

Outreach

Your spiritual home, Pilgrim Church, not only provides us a place to worship but also provides us with a foundation from which we can focus our energies to reach out and help others.

The Pilgrim Church Men's Club helps raise the roof on new affordable housing through Habitat for Humanity in Portland, Maine. Through the "Our Father's Table" food ministry, we serve dinner to upwards of 100 "guests" on the first Tuesday evening of each month. The "Care Packages for Troops" drive enlists the enthusiasm of our youth fellowship to help prepare shipments from home to our service men and women overseas. Each summer, volunteers from Pilgrim Church provide fun and learning to students at the Goddard School in Worcester. School students throughout Metrowest receive their school supplies each fall through the "Back-to-school Backpack" program, lovingly provided by members of Pilgrim Church.

Yes, it's a beautiful "white church on the hill" but Pilgrim Church doesn't just stay on the hill!! It reaches out to our neighbors, as seen in the attached pictures, to try and create a little bit of heaven here on earth. Your Stewardship pledge helps make you a part of these great efforts.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ImkYCI4PviA>

Pilgrim Church and the cycle of life

The most precious moments in life; in joy, celebration and in sadness add to the poignancy and complexity of our spiritual life. The cycle of life comes full circle within the bounds of our spiritual home. Isn't it worthy of nurture, care and support?

http://youtu.be/8fNsnTMO_7w