

Kids on Sunday: Our nursery is always open for infants and toddlers. Ask an usher to show you where the little ones hang out. Children PreK - 6th start in worship and then go to classes after the Children's Message except for Communion Sundays when they start in their classrooms. Ask any usher for help in finding the right resource for your child.

Visiting? Thanks for joining us for worship today. We hope you enjoy the service and that it hits a chord deep in your soul. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex by the front door and join us following the service for refreshments and fellowship. If you would like more information about the church or to hear from our pastor please let a deacon or usher know.

Chancel Altar

In loving memory of husband and father, Russell "Rusty" P. Morris, Jr. from his family

(The Altar/Flower Chair for April is Muriel Colthart)

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

April 17 – With joy for my cousin Val and her husband Jim (of Oglesby, Illinois) celebrating their golden wedding anniversary today, Love, Carolee.

(To light the steeple please see Carolee Wentworth at coffee hour.)



Large print bulletins, and a hearing assistance system (see an usher) are available. Handicap parking is in the rear parking lot and off of Route 28 and Pilgrim Rd. Access ramps from all parking areas are available. An accessible unisex restroom is off the hallway at the right front of the sanctuary.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ



April 17, 2016



Our Mission Statement

*We welcome ALL
to share the teachings of Jesus Christ
to care for one another
to grow in spirit and
to serve others with compassion and love.*

Welcome! Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Call to the Annual Report Meeting Laurie Gillespie-Lee

Introit *O Perfect Love* arr. Stan Pethel
(Youth Ensemble)

+**Hymn** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Pilgrim #8

Unison Prayer: Holy God, as spring rain nourishes the earth and color returns to your world, our hearts are gladdened. Budding flowers remind us of your Son's Resurrection. Hope blooms in our hearts and souls. Help us, we pray, to embrace our faith more fully so that our hope is stronger than our doubt. Help us accept you into our lives more deeply than ever before. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison) Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Holy Baptism for *Jase Gray Wisniewski* child of Joshua and Clair Wisniewski. Deacon Dona Webber is assisting.

Congregational Response (unison)

Jase Gray Wisniewski, may you always walk as a child of the light. May your light so shine before you that others will see your good works and give glory to God. When the time comes, may you go to meet our Creator and all the saints. Amen.

Baptismal Hymn *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* Insert

Gifts and Tithes

Invitation

Offertory *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Lloyd Larson

+**Response:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.*

Offertory Prayer

Scripture Genesis 1:1-3; 31a; John 3:16-17 (OT pg. 1&2, NT pg. 94)

Sermon Believing in God Rev. O'Connor

Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* Pilgrim #4

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

*Breathe on me Breathe of God, fill me with life anew;
that I may love the way you love and do what you would do.*

+**Hymn** *Great Is Your Faithfulness* Insert

Benediction

+**Response** Let There Be Peace on Earth

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God our creator, children all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now,
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment & live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

Postlude *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* arr. Pethel
*Thank you for worshipping with us.
May God bless you this week.*

Head Usher: Frank Cacciapouti **Organist:** Fred Drifmeyer

Interim Minister: Rev. O'Connor **Reader:** Randy Sacht

Youth Ensemble: Linda Kidd, flute; Alice Drifmeyer, clarinet; Nick Gould, trumpet; Robbi Laak, trumpet; Emily Vanryswood, trumpet; Emily Newell, alto sax; Abby Pollock, alto/soprano sax; Lucy Pollock, alto sax; Jayson Newell, tenor sax.

PWF General Meeting April 20th at 12:30 PM in Monbleau Hall. Color Me Beautiful Speaker and Workshop. Desserts, beverage will be served.

PWF Annual Spring Luncheon will be held at Hearth ‘N Kettle on May 18th. RSVP by 5/11/16. Forms are available in the narthex and on the back hall table as well as Pilgrim’s Progress.

ARMS of Love Capital Campaign. Accessibility, Renovation and Mission. Help us raise \$400,000 to replace old heating/ventilation/equipment; install a lift for greater accessibility; repair the steeple clock, replace worn/dangerous floor tiles & start a ‘mission ignition’ fund to serve the Lower Cape. Fill out and return your pledge card to us today. For a home visit to discuss the campaign and your gift call the church office at 508-432-1668.

ARMS of Love Capital Campaign UPDATE: We have received 41 pledges for a total of \$307,435, which is an increase of \$67,435 since 3/1/16. Thank you to all who pledged in this time period! Haven’t pledge yet join those who have in supporting Pilgrim Church as we position ourselves for the next 25 years!

Team Izzy needs: Men’s belts; casual men’s summer clothing, small rugs; one runner; radio. **Team Izzy needs** deodorants for the month of **April** – please deposit your donations in the two baskets in the church.

Life Line Screening will be at Pilgrim Church on Friday, April 29th in Monbleau Hall. We have one free screening coupon worth \$149.00. Please contact Marjorie Welsh at 508-432-2415.

Prayers: get your prayer requests to the office by noon on Friday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Please remember in your prayers: Jesse Nash, Bruce Wellnitz.

This Week at Pilgrim Church – April 17, 2016

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:00 AM 11:30 AM	Coffee Hour Walk for Hunger Mtg.
<u>Monday:</u>	Church office closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 4:30 PM	Team Izzy Thrift Shop Diaconate Meeting
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 12:30 Noon 7:00 PM	Dance Class Thrift Shop PWF Meeting Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 4:30 PM 7:00 PM	Thrift Shop Joyful Prayer Group Music Committee Mtg. Handbell Choir R.
<u>Friday:</u>	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop
<u>Saturday:</u>	10:00 AM 3:00 PM	Thrift Shop Spring Ring (Community Center)

Call to the Annual Report Congregational Meeting

The Annual Report Congregational Meeting of the Pilgrim Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016 in the Sanctuary immediately following the worship service.

The purpose of the meeting will be as follows:

1. Adopt minutes of the Annual Meeting held on November 8, 2015.
2. Receive the Annual Report for 2015
3. Updates
 - a. Building Committee
 - b. Capital Campaign
 - c. ONA
 - d. Fundraising (Thrift Store and Fair)
 - e. Search Committee
4. Old Business/New Business