

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.

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 Flowers

To our loving parents and grandparents, Ruth and Peter Hughes, Tessa and Stan Balakin – we miss you so very much. Linda, Peter and Jennifer Hughes.

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

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

April 26

Happy Birthday to Gladwin Kelley

April 27

Remembering Shirley Norcross on her special day from her son Howard.

(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***



Sunday April 26, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Easter



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.

Chimes (*The chimes begin our service. Please turn off/silence cell phone.*)

Welcome & Announcements

Mission Moment Cindy Eldredge

Call to Special Congregational Meeting Laurie Gillespie-Lee

Introit Jesus Loves Me arr. David Paxton

Call To Worship

+**Gathering Hymn** *Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People* Pilgrim #189

Unison Prayer

Holy God, we revel in the Good News of Easter. But we know that for the disciples it was a time of great confusion. It took them time to understand the Good News. Help us, we pray, to stay present to their story throughout Easter. Temper our joy with questions. What the resurrection means to us. What does the resurrected Jesus asks of us? Then, dear God, help us to follow the path He sets for us. In His 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.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Leila Joy-Anne Pellegrino & Thomas James Maguire Pellegrino. Children of Thomas & Rachael Pellegrino. Deacon Assisting: Molly Chapman

Congregational Response (unison)

Leila Joy-Anne and Thomas James-Maguire, 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
(Children go to their classrooms during the singing of the hymn.)

Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Anthem *Alleluia* William Boyce

Offertory Response

*We give you but your own, whatever it may be,
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response *Breathe on Me, Breath of Life* Pilgrim #234

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life a-new.

That I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.

Scripture Reading John 20:19-23 (N.T., pg. 115)

Sermon Surprise! The Congregation

+**Hymn** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* Pilgrim #30

Benediction

+**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 and live each moment in peace eternally,

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude *The Strife Is O'er* arr. Lani Smith

Thank you for worshiping with us. May God bless you this week.

Head Usher: Janet Cymbala **Lay Reader:** Dave Brown

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

All church fundraiser May 1 at 6 PM. – Join us for “Viva l’Italia,” live Italian music by John Murelle & Friends. Menu: antipasto, salad, lasagna (meat & meatless), Italian pastries. Tickets \$30.00 thru April 30; \$40 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at coffee hour, in the church office and the Thrift Shop.

The Annual PWF Luncheon– Wednesday, May 20th, at noon at the Hearth ‘N Kettle, Route 28 in South Yarmouth. Reservation forms are in the April’s Pilgrim’s Progress. Guests are welcome. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday May 13, 2015

Canes needed. The Harwich Council on Aging needs canes. If you have one to donate please see Margie Welsh or Vera Darby.

One Great Hour of Sharing – A UCC Global Ministries’ program helping refugees in Iraq & the Democratic Republic of Congo people after natural disasters, and Honduran vocational students. Won’t you help? Offering envelopes are in the narthex or on the back hall table. Make checks payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church with memo: OGHS.

Team Izzy needs: Size 9 men’s flip flops, clean used sneakers; sandals, bed pillows, can openers, toasters, a trifold screen, radio, TV, dishes, drinking glasses, mugs, small pots and pans, broom and dustpan. **Please no more clothes!**

Prayer cards – Call the church office or drop off your prayer requests by noon on Friday. They will be included in the Sunday bulletin.

Please pick up a copy of the 2014 Annual Report. Copies are in the narthex and on the back hall table. Please take one report per family. The Special Congregational Report Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 3rd immediately following the worship service.

Please remember in your prayers: Jesse Nash, Joyce Dutton, Laurieann Galer’s granddaughter Eva, Christian Antoine, Mark Oberle, Suzy Blodgett, Maggie Schneider’s niece, Kristen, Bill Craig, Paul Welsh.

This Week at Pilgrim Church– April 26

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:00 AM	Coffee Hour
	11:30 AM	Thrift Shop Meeting
<u>Monday:</u>	Church Office Closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	8:30 AM	MLS Tour
	9:00 AM	Team Izzy
	10:00 AM	Nurse
	6:30 PM	Scout Meeting
	7:00 PM	Church Council
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM	Dance
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop
	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Chimes Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	2:00 PM	PCC Cooking
	3:30 PM	Joyful Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday:</u>	6:00 PM	Viva l’Italia
<u>Saturday:</u>	9:00 AM	We are the Men Rehearsal

Call to Special Congregational Meeting

A Special Congregational Meeting of the Pilgrim Congregational Church will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2015 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 16, 2014.**
- 2. Receive the Annual Report for 2014**
- 3. Building Committee Update**
- 4. Fundraising and Thrift Shop Update**
- 5. Old Business/New Business**

