

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. They will be glad to help answer any and all questions.

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, Heather and Jennifer Hughes.

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

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

April 5: In memory of Walter Stratton

April 7: To Bonnie Martha Hall, Happy Birthday from the family.

April 8: In loving memory of Jean my wife of 51 plus years, Dick Ash.

(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. Dorcas Room has a wheelchair lift.

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Pilgrim Congregational Church United Church of Christ



Sunday April 6, 2014

Pilgrim Church Mission Statement

The mission of this Church is to provide a warm, safe, non-judgmental, and welcoming environment for all who wish to worship God; to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to celebrate the sacraments; to experience Christian fellowship and unity with all members of this Church family and the greater community; to render loving service toward all humankind; and to strive for righteousness, peace, and justice in the world. (Church Council Nov 2011)



Welcome to Pilgrim Church

Founded in 1854, Pilgrim Church is a Christian congregation dedicated to seeking a deeper understanding of God through study of and belief in Jesus Christ and through Christian service.

Through worship, education, music, and fellowship we share with others God's love. Thank you for being with us today.

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

Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Rachel's Song* David M. Combs

Call To Worship

+**Gathering Hymn** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Pilgrim #11

Prayer of Confession

O God, our Lenten path grows long. We long to shout Alleluia. Help us to be patient. Help us to resist the temptation to skip ahead to Easter. Show us the value of walking with Jesus day by day. Grant us the grace to feel your love for Him and for us. Help us to see His face and your presence in others. Then, Holy God, lead us to the joy of Easter. Amen.

Silent prayer.

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Anthem *Prayer To Jesus* George Oldroyd

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 God*

Scripture Readings Matthew 26:41 (N.T. pg., 30)

Sermon "The Temptations" Rev. O'Connor

Communion Hymn *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* Pilgrim #290

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Communion Prayer

Sanctus

Words of Institution / Prayer of Consecration

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.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup (We use juice, not wine.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We thank you God for life in the Spirit of Jesus; for love that cannot die; for peace the world cannot give; for joy in the company of friends; for the glory of creation; for the mission of justice you have made our own. Amen.

+**Hymn** *High in the Heavens, Eternal God* Pilgrim #82

Benediction

+**Benediction Response** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again*

*God be with you till we meet again;
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you:
God be with you till we meet again.*

Postlude

Cortege

Flor Peeters

We invite you to sit and listen to the postlude.

*If you must leave, please do so quietly so as not to disturb those who stay.
Thank you and may God bless you this week.*

Head Usher: Debra Hemeon **Lay Reader:** Debra Hemeon

Greeter: Bethany Holley Craig **Acolytes:** Sarah Babb, Lucy Mawn

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

Congratulations: To Rev. Peggy and her family on the birth of granddaughter, Miriam (Mira) Isabelle.

Italian Lunch: The Youth are hosting lunch TODAY in Monbleau Hall. Free Will Offering goes to the Marine Conservation Institute.

Looking for God? Spiritual Journey *today* Noon–1PM cross making from broken & found objects. 1PM–2 Intro to QiGong (Like Tai Chi, can be done sitting or standing). Find God in strong & peace filled moves.

Easter Egg Hunt: after church April 20 on the front lawn. We need plastic Easter eggs and individually wrapped candy (no nuts). Donation box is outside Monbleau Hall. Thank you for your generosity.

The Deacons Are Listening! –We want to know what you think about our church. Talk/call/email/send a letter; Tell us what’s on your mind.

Izzy’s team needs – men’s jeans in waist size 32, 34, 36, 44 and larger. Clean used under shirts and t-shirts. Vacuum cleaner.

Thrift Shop Information Forum April 13: All those interested in hearing more about the as yet unnamed Pilgrim Thrift Shop are invited to an information session at 11:30 in the sanctuary. Following worship go to Monbleau Hall for a cup of coffee/tea and some treats. At 11:30 return to the sanctuary for a presentation from the Thrift Shop Committee. They will share background information that led to the decision to launch this project and whatever facts and figures they have at that time. They will also try to answer any questions you may have.

The Visioning Begins

Discovering Pilgrim Church’s Unique Vision starts Sunday April 27. The Vision Team is the search committee plus Mike Sekerak and Margie Welsh. The process will take eight months. During those months there will also be opportunities for members and friends of the church to be involved in the process. So, watch for these events. Make them a priority...because every voice is important...yes, even yours!

This Week at Pilgrim Church– April 6

<u>Sunday:</u>	8:30 AM 11:15 PM 12:00 Noon	Bible Study (Snow Parlor) Youth Lunch/Coffee Hour Spiritual Journey
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Monday: Church closed

<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM 2:00 PM 7:00 PM	Team Izzy Nurse Noah Cooking Scout Meeting
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<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Dance PWF Board Meeting Staff Meeting Choir Rehearsal
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<u>Thursday:</u>	9:30 AM 3:30 PM 4:45 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Care Committee Joyful Prayer Group Music Committee Christian Ed Meeting Handbell Choir Rehearsal
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<u>Saturday:</u>	9:00 AM	We Are The Men Reh.
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Pastor’s office hours: Sun. 11– 2; Tues. 10– 4; Wed. 9–4; Thurs. by appointment. Church phone: 508-432-1668; Cell 1-781-635-2318.

To Request Payers – Call the church office by Noon on Friday with your prayer request or leave it/drop it off in the office on Sunday. They will be included in the Sunday bulletin.

Prayer Requests *Please remember in your prayers.*
Herb Peterson, Susan Huckman, Fred Spencer, Jesse Nash.

Members in Hospital: Fred Spencer, Delray Medical Center, Delray Beach, FL.

HOLY WEEK AT PCC

(Pilgrim Congregational Church)

Palm Sunday: April 13 at 8:45 AM

An Ecumenical Palm procession from Doane Park to Pilgrim Church, Palm blessing. Representatives from area churches will take palms to their church services. At **10:00 AM** our Palm Sunday service begins with a Procession of Palms led by the children who will then distribute them to the congregation.

Maundy Thursday Service: April 17 at 6:30

Join us in the Sanctuary for our traditional Maundy Thursday service. We will celebrate Holy Communion, which Jesus instituted this night so long ago. Then we will hear about his last night with the disciples, including his arrest and Peter's denial. Come and contemplate the wonderful gift of communion that Jesus gives on this hard night and contemplate the evil that anger and fear gave birth to that night.

Good Friday Meal: April 18 at 6:30

Rejoin us in the Sanctuary for a Good Friday experience that I promise will change your experience of Easter. We gather at 6:30 to hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion and death. Then...well I don't want to give it all away but we will share a meal and program in Monbleau Hall. You will be moved.

Easter Sunday Services: April 20

Sunrise Service at 6AM: Bring a folding chair and join us at the Winstead Beach Resort for our annual Easter service on the beach. Following the service Greg Winston will host a reception inside...where it will be warm!

Easter Service at 10AM: Come to our family friendly Easter Service and celebrate the resurrection! Sing and shout Alleluia for the first time since Epiphany! Following the service there's an Egg Hunt for children outside on the lawn...weather permitting...or inside if it rains. Have your child bring a friend...it will be fun!