

Kids on Sunday: Our nursery is always open for infants and toddlers. Ask an usher to show you where little ones hang out. PreK–grade 6 start in worship & go to classes after a Children’s Message (Communion Sundays they start in their classrooms).

Visiting? Please sign our guest book by the front door and join us after the service for refreshments and fellowship. For information about the church or to hear from our pastor, talk to a deacon or usher.

Chancel Altar Flowers

In loving memory of my parents, Reverend and Mrs. A. Boynton, from Nancy Prindle.

(The Altar/Flower chair for the month of May is Jeanie Kahus.)

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

May 24

In loving memory of Shirley and Clarence Norcross by their son Howard.

May 25

Remembering Lois Donadio who has joined her mother, Lee Lindholm in Heaven. Care Committee

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

Large print bulletins & hearing assistance system (see an usher) are available. Access ramps are available from all parking areas. 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 May 24, 2015
PENTECOST SUNDAY &
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**



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 to our worship service.*

We are glad to have you with us this morning. Please join us for refreshments and time for fellowship immediately following the service.

(Chimes begin our service. Please turn off/silence phones.)

Chimes

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *Enter His Gates With Praise!* arr. R. A. Williamson

+**Gathering Hymn** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Pilgrim #429

Unison Prayer: Holy God, today we remember those who gave their lives for the principles of peace and justice. As we remember, sow within us the seeds of their strength and courage, also, send the Holy Spirit of Pentecost, to fill us with Christ's love and compassion. Then call us again to live as Christ taught. Help us be your agents of peace and love in our fractured world. 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.

Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Anthem *America, The Beautiful* arr. Craig Curry

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, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.*

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-13 (N.T., pg. 119)

Sermon Being the Surprise Rev. O'Connor

+**Hymn** *God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand* Insert
(We recess to the flagpole on the front lawn while singing this hymn)

Memorial Day Litany (responsively)

Holy God, we pause to remember all who serve our country.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember those who served in the past and thank them all for offering their lives.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember all who serve today and give our thanks.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember and thank those who keep us safe at home.

Lord, hear our prayer.

This Memorial Day, as we remember those who lost their lives in service to country, we pray for peace so those who serve today and tomorrow may never know the horrors of battle again.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Taps

Robbi Laak

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.

Lay Reader: George Wailgum **Head Usher:** Jeanie Kahus

Interim Minister: Reverend Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

PILGRIM CHURCH CARES: NEPAL EARTHQUAKE

HELP: The UCC Disaster Ministries is asking for funds to buy & ship supplies locally & regionally and for our prayers. They expect to be in Nepal for years. Make checks payable to Pilgrim Church, with Nepal Earthquake Relief on the memo line.

Team Izzy needs: men's pants only, men's bicycle, two pairs of size 9 ½ men's sneakers, back packs, duffle bags and a microwave.

Handbell Concert – the 13 member English Handbell Choir of Pilgrim Church will present its annual concert on Friday, June 5th at 7:30 P.M. – directed by Thom Dutton. The program will feature music by classical composers Grieg and Handel as well as movie music and Irish drinking songs. Thom will also be playing his Celtic Harp with the bells. A free will offering will be taken during the program. For more information please email: caresidemusic@comcast.net.

The Board of Directors of the Cape Cod Council of Churches cordially invite everyone to a reception honoring Diane Casey Lee on the occasion of her retirement as Executive Director of the Cape Cod Council of Churches on Sunday, June 14th from 3:00 – 5:00 P.M. at Saint Pius X Parish Life Center, 5 Barbara St. S. Yarmouth. RSVP by June 9th to 508-775-5073 or email: cccouncilofchurches@gmail.com. See the bulletin board for more information.

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

Remember in your prayers: Jesse Nash, Joyce Dutton, Laurieann Galer's granddaughter Eva, Mark Oberle, Christian Antoine, Maggie Schneider's niece, Kristen, Bonnie Hall, Beverley Suyematsu, Jayson Newell.

This Week at Pilgrim Church– May 24

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:00 AM 5:00 PM	Coffee Hour Mid Cape Chorus Concert
<u>Monday:</u>	Church Office Closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 6:30 PM	MLS Tour Team Izzy Thrift Shop NO Nurse All Chair/Co-Chair/Staff/ Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Dance Thrift Shop Choir Rehearsal Chimes Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 7:00 PM	Thrift Shop Joyful Prayer Group Handbell Choir Rehearsal
<u>Friday:</u>	10:00 AM 6:30 PM	Thrift Shop Search Committee Mtg.

***Happy Memorial Day
From The Staff, Minister and Deacons***