

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

In loving memory of Kitty & Van Thomson from Alec & Cissy Thomson.

In loving memory of John D. Thomson from Alec and Cissy Thomson.

Narthex

In loving memory of my parents, Rev. & Mrs. A. Boynton from Nancy Prindle.

(The Altar/Flower Chair for May is Jeanie Kahus)

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

May 30: In fond remembrance of a strong uncle, a veteran, and captain of his own fishing boat; may you be sailing in fair waters eternally. Elaine Vakalopoulos.

(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 May 25, 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 *American Medley* Arr. Jonathan Robbins
(Robbi Laak, trumpet)

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

Unison Prayer

God of peace and love, you call us to be peace makers and agents of your life changing love. We know this and yet we let our fear build walls of separation. On this Memorial Day, as we remember those who have given their lives for the principles of peace and freedom, sow those seeds deep in our souls. Let your Spirit wrap us in courage and fill us with compassion. With these gifts embedded in our hearts, call us again to live as Christ taught so we become 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 *God Bless America* Irving Berlin

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* 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 Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (O.T., pg. 163)

Sermon Preserving Memories Rev. O'Connor

+**Hymn** *God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand* (insert)

Memorial Day Prayer (responsively)

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

Lord, hear our prayers.

We remember those who served in the past: those who returned home and those who did not; and we thank them all for offering their lives.

Lord, hear our prayers.

We remember those who serve today and offer our thanks for their dedication to country.

Lord, hear our prayers.

We remember those who serve and keep us safe in our communities: police, firefighters, doctors, nurses, pilots and others.

Lord, hear our prayers.

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

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

Taps – (Robbi Laak, trumpet)

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.*

Head Usher: Al Eaton **Lay Reader:** Mike Sekerak

Greeter: Randy Sacht

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

Pastor's office hours: Sun 11– 2; Tues. 10– 4; Wed. 9–4; Thurs. by appointment. Ch. phone: 508-432-1668 ext 11; Cell 1-781-635-2318

Search/Vision Committee: The Search/Vision Committee (Rev. Peggy, the 9 Search Committee members plus Mike Sekerak and Margie Welsh) have met several times for 4 hour sessions on Sunday afternoons. We have come together as an excellent team, working well and in tune with each other. Our Vision will be based on our own church's uniqueness, for we, like every church, are not like any other. We are achieving clarity of who we are, where we are going, what we want. You could say, we are stepping back to be able to see the forest as well as the trees. We invite you, members, friends, frequent visitors, & teens to join us on Sunday, June 22, after our service. We want and need you to be part of this journey – please mark your calendar and join us. We are all available for questions and conversation about this quest for a vision and settled pastor for Pilgrim Church at any time. Thank you. Sally Hayes on behalf of the Search/Vision Committee

Summer Concert Series: season passes for sale during coffee hour after church May 4 thru June 29th.

Win a Paul Tougas Painting: Proceeds benefit the church. Buy a chance at coffee hour (\$3 for 1, \$10 for 5). Drawing: June 8th.

Please donate to One Great Hour of Sharing: Envelopes in the pews.

Falk Foundation Education: Help Jeff Falk fund education for children in the Dominican Republic (see May's Pilgrim Progress). Donation envelopes are on the large table outside the sanctuary. Please make your checks payable to Pilgrim Congregational Church with "Falk Foundation" written on the memo line and put it in the offering plate or the Mission Box. And thank you for your generosity.

Cape Cod Cares for the Troops: envelopes (address of PO Box 1444, Harwich, MA 02645) are on the large table to use for your donation to collect items for care packages for our deployed troops overseas and to help with the cost of shipping. Please add a stamp and mail, and many thanks. Their goal is to fill a 18' truck with supplies and raise \$18,000.

How You Can Change The World: A free public talk by Tom McElroy, a Christian Science Practitioner. Hear how spirituality can make a valuable, unique contribution to today's world. Saturday, May 31, 2 p.m. at the Chatham Community Center 702 Main St, Chatham. Sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Harwich-Chatham.

Mid Cape Chorus presents *Our American Songbook* to benefit The Homeless Prevention Council & the Mid Cape Chorus. **Sun. May 25th Pilgrim Ch. at 5:00 P.M.** \$15.00 at the door or call 508-398-0781.

Have you included Pilgrim Church in your will? See a member of the Stewardship Team or Rev. Peggy for more information.

DORCAS CONSIGNMENTS AND GIFTS

OPENING THE FIRST WEEK IN JUNE

With a Chicken Barbecue

Come enjoy barbecue chicken with homemade baked beans, cole slaw, and cookies/ brownies on Saturday June 7, 2014 from 1 to 6:30 pm. at Pilgrim Church. Adults \$10; children under 10, \$5.

Our thrift shop is opening soon. Please support it!

How? There are two ways:

Be a part of the church thrift store volunteer team! It is easy! Just commit to a three hour shift on days of your choice. Contact Bev Winston, our volunteer coordinator to sign up.

Check your garage, cellar, attic, or closet, and call us to consign or donate to your thrift store.

Consigned goods share a 50/50 split of the final sale with our church. For donated goods you will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

We will accept new and *gently worn and cleaned clothing*, very good quality household items, games, cds, dvds, small appliances, glassware, dishes, recently released books, holiday items, lamps & office supplies.

We cannot take tvs, computers, large appliances, exercise equipment.

Thank you in advance for your support. Let's make our thrift store the best on Cape Cod.

This Week at Pilgrim Church– May 25

Sunday: 11:15 AM Coffee Hour
 5:00 PM Mid Cape Chorus

Monday: **Church closed**

Tuesday: **Church Office Closed**
 9:00 AM Team Izzy
 9:00 AM MLS Meeting
 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday: 9:30 AM Dance
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 3:30 PM Joyful Prayer Group
 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal

Saturday: 8:00 AM We Are The Men

Prayer cards – Call the church office by noon on Friday with your prayer requests or leave your request in the office on Sunday or during the week. They will be included in the Sunday bulletin.

Prayer Requests *Please remember in your prayers....*
Jesse Nash, Herb Peterson, Rev. David Houseal, Clarence Norcross.