

# Pilgrim's Progress

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## *From the Pastor*



Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer—with meaningful experiences and time with family and friends. As sad as it can be to see the summer go, it's often nice to get back into our routines. The transition from vacation back to "the real world" can be rough going, but more and more, I am discovering beauty in the familiar.

It's nice to get back from where we may have been and see the sights that make us feel at home. It's nice to get back into fall routines and there's nothing like sleeping in your own bed after a long vacation! After all, Chinese writer Lin Yutang once said, "No one realizes how beautiful it is to travel until he comes home and rests his head on his old, familiar pillow." There's beauty to be discovered in being away, wherever that happens to be for you and your family. But there's just as much beauty in returning home to rest and recover after that time away!

In the fall, we have some familiar and fun worship services and fellowship events at Pilgrim Church. We get back into the practice of weekly worship at 10:30. We bless our children's backpacks as they begin a new school year and we bless the water we collected from our summer travels and the bikes we use to ride around town. We enjoy each other's company while eating great BBQ and once again we will watch a family movie together on the front lawn of the church. September at Pilgrim provides a time for us to get back to our routines and the familiarity of life in Lexington.

I hope you will join us at many of these worship services and fellowship events!

### **Sunday September 7 (Regular Worship resumes @ 10:30 AM)**

We'll be back to 10:30 worship in the sanctuary—the choir and Dan will be back in the chancel, a liturgist will be back at the lectern, I'll be back in the pulpit, and you all will be back in the pews. We'll have Communion together as we celebrate the beginning of another church program year—it's Welcome Back Sunday!

### **Sunday September 14 (Service of Blessing @ 10:30 AM)**

You're invited to bring the water you collected from your travels to add to our holy water supply. The children of our church are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed during the Children's Message. All are invited to bring their bikes for our fourth annual blessing of the bicycles. Feel free to ride your bike to church or bring your bike helmet if you'd rather! Water, Backpacks, and Bikes—blessings abound!

### **Sunday September 14 (All Church BBQ immediately following worship)**

We'll also continue the Pilgrim tradition of our all church barbeque right after worship. We hope you can stay for food, fellowship, and fun.

### **Friday September 19 (Family Movie Night @ 7 PM)**

We will watch *The Lego Movie* on the front lawn of the church with a great outdoor screen, speakers, and some popcorn to complete the evening. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your family and friends for an enjoyable event.

See you in church~

*Lauren*

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14 – SERVICE OF BLESSING

Remember to bring your water back from your summer travels to church on September 14 when we will have the customary blessing of the water. We will also bless children's' backpacks and everyone's bicycles that day as well. **So on September 14—bring your water, backpacks, and bikes to church to be blessed!** We will be having a "Blessing of the Animals" service on **Saturday, October 4.** More details to come soon!



ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING FOR THE FALL 2014

Lauren will offer a six week Adult Education class on the Beatitudes beginning on October 1. We will explore the Kerygma course *Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes in Scripture and in Life*. Most of us have heard the Beatitudes of Jesus—the “blesseds” he speaks in both the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. This course will help us to explore more in-depth what Jesus taught then and why his ethical teachings still matter now. The sessions are:

- The Poor in Spirit—October 1
- The Mourners and the Meek—October 8
- The Merciful—October 15
- The Pure in Heart—October 22
- The Peacemakers—October 29
- The Prophets of Righteousness—November 5

We will meet on Wednesday mornings at 11 AM during the month of October and the first Wednesday in November. Kerygma has a Resource Book that every participant must have for the class and it will be \$5. Please sign up by Monday September 22 by e-mailing Lauren ([pastor@pilgrimcongregational.org](mailto:pastor@pilgrimcongregational.org)) so she can be sure to order your book!

Hope that you will take advantage of this interesting Adult Education offering on Wednesday mornings this fall!



### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Pilgrim Church BBQ will be on Sunday, September 14 following worship. We hope you are planning on joining in the fun!



### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 AT 7 PM

Join us on the church lawn Saturday evening at 7 for an outdoor screening of *The Lego Movie*. We'll have popcorn and so much fun. Feel free to bring your friends and family too!

#### BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, September 16 at 11:00 am. Group vote – we will begin with the Book of Daniel this year. All are welcome!

#### DEADLINE FOR PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Please note that the deadline for the October issue of Pilgrim's Progress will be September 21. Thank you!



As we head into September, it's that time of year where things are starting up again. It is my hope that you will consider participating in the Music Program here at Pilgrim. As I mentioned when I started in January - ALL ARE WELCOME! You do not need to have a background in music, nor do you have to be a certain age to participate in either Choir or Handbells. This program year, with the exception of September, the Handbells will play once a month and the choir will sing the other Sundays. I have posted a schedule in the Music Office that will show what Sundays which ensemble will be in the service. Feel free to take a look!

Here are items to note:

September 7 - Choir Resumes with a Breakfast at 9:30am and rehearsal at 10.

September 7 - Handbell meeting right after the service (5 Minutes)

September 11 - Thursday Choir Rehearsals resume - 7:30pm - Pilgrim Hall. You are not required to make Thursday rehearsal (I know how schedules can be) to be able to participate - we meet on Sundays at 9:30 to review.

September 14 - Choir 9:30am; No Handbell rehearsal - Church BBQ after worship

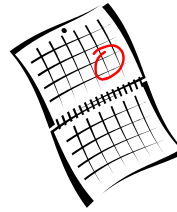
September 21 - Handbell Rehearsal resumes!!! - 11:45-12:15 in the Balcony. (So we don't have to set up and tear down every Sunday!)

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to speak with me before or after church or send an email.

I hope you will consider participating in Music this year! Thanks.

Dan

**FROM LISA HULBERT:**



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

As my calendar quickly begins to fill I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone of the some important dates to keep in mind.

On Sunday, **September 7** worship will return to the sanctuary. Children are invited to join myself and some of the Sunday School teachers in Lower Fellowship Hall for Children's Church where we will be exploring the power of prayer to conclude the theme from the summer. On this Sunday Junior High students are invited to join in Children's church but are not expected to report to the Youth Room. **September 14** will be the church wide Service of Blessing. This service is a family service that will include the Blessing of the Backpacks, Blessing of the Water and Blessing of the Bikes. Immediately following worship is the Church Bar-B-Que where we expect to see many smiles. The third Sunday in **September, the 21<sup>st</sup>**, will be the first Sunday of traditional Sunday School. Children and teachers alike will report to their designated classrooms to learn the teachings of God. This will also be the first Sunday the Junior High Youth Group will meet in the Youth Room. I am very excited to begin a fun filled year here at Pilgrim Congregational Church.

Lisa Hulbert  
Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries

**NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE**

Pilgrim Church has wonderful and unique summer worship services. Services are held in the air conditioned Pilgrim Hall. They tend to be more intimate and have the tradition of Lay Leadership. This year's themes were about Prayer and Sabbath. The Worship & Music Committee would like to thank all of our 2014 Summer Lay Preachers: **Dick Edmiston, Jeanne DeSanto, Susan Bennett, Warren Johnson, Beth Kurth, Lesley Morrison and Michael Clark.** We recognize that for many, preaching can be a daunting task. Each of you rose up to the task admirably. The gift and service you

have provided this summer has been very much appreciated by all who attended. Thank you!

We would also like to recognize this year's Summer Worship Coordinators, without whom the service would not have flowed so easily: **Sylvia Ferrell-Jones, Barbara Munkres, David Nuss, Carol Chytil, Stephanie Shore and Dave McClave.**

Last, but not least, a huge thank you goes out to our Summer Hosts who worked behind the scenes to provide a time of fellowship and socializing, along with making sure that the hall was ready for each service: **Eleanor Smith, Lisa Urben, Claire and Don Moir, Marge and Matthew Saradjian, Sandy and Derek Gardiner, Bob and Carolyn Beckwith, Son-Mei Chiu, Mary Mackie, and Jim and Barbara Munkres.**

The Worship & Music Committee would also like to recognize and appreciate **Derek Gardiner and Dave McClave** for their hard work this summer with the Music Office renovations and the new heating system in the Sanctuary. Both look wonderful and will be a huge improvement!

Regular Sunday Morning Worship will begin again on September 7 at 10:30 am in the Sanctuary.

Submitted by Carol Chytil  
Worship & Music Committee Chairperson



### HONDURAS HAPPENINGS



Please consider donating pencils, pens, markers, crayons, erasers, and scissors for the children of Flores, Honduras.

**We are also collecting black school shoes.** There are many children who cannot attend school because families can't afford these items.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Tom and Emily Collins



We are collecting boys clothing (size 10-12, and 4) for two patients from Honduras who will be living with us. Please drop off donations in the coat room.

Thank you.  
Emily



### AN INVITATION FOR CROP WALK RECRUITERS AND FRIENDS

#### *PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF INFORMATION AND INSPIRATION ABOUT OUR WALK*

CROP Walk 2014 Kickoff Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14, 2014 6:45 pm at First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road. The featured Guest Speaker will be Bert Marshall, Northeast Regional Director, Church World Service / CROP.

#### **RESERVE THE DATE!**

**Concord CROP Walk  
Sunday, October 19, 2014  
First Parish in Concord**

**Walker and Banner Contest registration begins at 1:30 p.m.**

**Concord-Carlisle High School Pep Band plays from 1:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Walk steps off at 2:15 p.m.**

**After the Walk:**

**Refreshments in the Parish Hall  
Yankee Stompers Dixieland Jazz Band  
Art Contest**

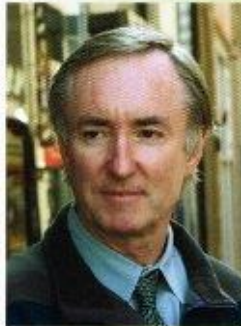
For additional information, visit Church World Service/CROP at: [www.cwsglobal.org](http://www.cwsglobal.org) or our local Walk at [www.concordcrop.org](http://www.concordcrop.org).



To access the calendar for Pilgrim Church, please click [here](#). Thank you!



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<b>2014 – 2015</b>		<b>Hosts</b>	<b>Hosts</b>
<b>Sept. 7</b>	Communion	Carabbio	
<b>Sept. 14</b>	Church BBQ	None	
<b>Sept. 21</b>		Mackie	
<b>Sept. 28</b>		Abair/MacDonald	Bond
<b>October 5</b>	Communion/Family Sunday	Brieby	Bennett
<b>October 12</b>	Special Music Sunday	Youth	
<b>October 19</b>		Chiu	Cherry-Brown
<b>October 26</b>		Church School	
<b>November 2</b>	Communion/All Saints Day	Burger	Todd/Carothers
<b>November 9</b>		Chen/Edmiston	Kurth
<b>November 16</b>		Chytil	Clark/Moffitt
<b>November 23</b>		Council	
<b>November 30</b>		Clarke	Dayton
<b>December 7</b>	Communion/Advent I	Gardiner	German
<b>December 14</b>		Fellowship	
<b>December 21</b>		F. Johnston	Ferrell-Jones
<b>December 28</b>	Hymn Sing	The Munkresses	
<b>January 4</b>	Communion	Greene	Vega
<b>January 11</b>		Hopkins	Huston
<b>January 18</b>		Mission	
<b>January 25</b>		Kimball	Collins
<b>February 1</b>	Communion	Labbe/Clark	Lawler
<b>February 8</b>		Care	
<b>February 15</b>		LoBuglio/Royer	Logan
<b>February 22</b>		Mason	McClave/Shore
<b>March 1</b>	Communion	Carabbio	Mitchell
<b>March 8</b>		Moir	Morrison
<b>March 15</b>		Munkres	Murphy
<b>March 22</b>		Nuss	O'Brien
<b>March 29</b>		Porter	Ramacciotti-Mahiou
<b>April 5</b>	Communion	Reaske	Rogers
<b>April 12</b>		Roy	Council
<b>April 19</b>		Saradjian	Carabbio
<b>April 26</b>		Velis	Schwartz
<b>May 3</b>	Communion	Stevens	Taylor
<b>May 10</b>		Council	
<b>May 17</b>		Snipe	Carabbio
<b>May 24</b>		Pilgrim Nursery School	
<b>May 31</b>			
<b>June 7</b>	Communion		
<b>June 14</b>			
<b>June 21</b>			
<b>June 28</b>			