



PILGRIM
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Pilgrim's Progress August 1, 2017 - Vol. 58 No. 8

What's Happening on Sunday, August 6, 2017?

9:30 am Worship in beautiful air-conditioned Pilgrim Hall

Rev. James Gannon preaching

Jim Munkres – Music

Mary Mackie - Greeter/Host

Childcare is provided!

God is still speaking,
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UCC Stillspeaking Daily Devotional

Don't Hide
July 29, 2017

Have you ever knocked on someone's door and hoped they wouldn't answer?

Continue reading [HERE](#).

RECENT SERMONS

Please feel free to watch recent sermons on our website. You can find them [Here](#).

Click [HERE](#) to access Pilgrim Church's Calendar.



PILGRIM JOYS AND CONCERNS

- We continue to ask for healing prayers for Lisa Boehm who is recovering from hip replacement surgery. Cards and visits are welcome!
- We hold Fred Johnston and his family in our prayers as he passed away July 14th.



A reminder that summer worship is held in beautiful air-conditioned Pilgrim Hall at 9:30 am. **Childcare is provided.** Additionally, the church office is open on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 1:30.

Summer Worship is a really wonderful experience, as the service is led by guest preachers as well as lay leaders. What a great way to worship! We hope to see you then!

WELCOME REV. KAREN GALE!

We are excited to announce that Rev. Karen E. Gale will be starting with us in mid-August as our Interim Minister. Rev. Gale has served as Pastor and Teacher in the UCC since 1998. Karen moved many times while growing up including stays in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. She went to the University of Virginia for undergraduate work and received her MDiv and MA at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, CA. After seminary Karen went to Durban, South Africa as a UCC missionary. There she taught theology and facilitated workshops on many topics including understanding domestic violence. Karen served as the Pastor at a large college town church in East Lansing, Michigan for ten years and worked with the congregation to grow the church into a multi-staff, social justice oriented community. Karen, her wife Jeanne, and their son Kai then traveled around the world for a year before moving to Plymouth to be closer to family. For the past few years Karen has been working in adult literacy and started a small organic farm. In her free time she likes to be outside, travel, knit, practice playing the ukulele (badly), and continually remind her eight year old son that his bug collection stays *outside* the house.

Special thank you to Dick Edmiston & Ed Bond, and everyone who worked on this committee!

Sincerely,
Susan Carabbio

WELCOME DOT BOWE!

In case you have not yet heard, we are thrilled to announce that Dot Bowe will be joining us as our full-time organist beginning in September. Dot has extensive experience playing in church settings and brings a wealth of talent with her. Dot is a familiar face at Pilgrim and we are very excited to have her join the music staff.

The interview process is ongoing for the Music Director, who will be in charge of the choir and the overall planning of the music program. Dot and Jim Munkres will be providing music through the summer worship season.

Music Search Committee

Lesley Morrison, Jim Munkres, Stephanie Shore and David Nuss

WELCOME SEAN WATLAND!

We are very pleased to announce the hiring of Sean Watland to be our Director of Music, starting September 1st. Sean is a recent graduate of BU, with a degree in choral conducting. While at BU he was the Conducting Fellow (student conductor) of the Marsh Chapel Choir and has strong experience working with church choirs, in Illinois, Indiana, and Boston. He has worked with Methodist and Lutheran church choirs and the Boston Choral Ensemble. In addition to planning our music and leading the choir, Sean will be working at Boston Trinity Academy in Hyde Park as the grade 6-12 choral director.

Again, I want to thank the Committee, David Nuss, Stephanie Shore and Jim Munkres, for their time and contributions.

Lesley Morrison



**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A LEXRAP MEETING
AT PILGRIM CHURCH ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 AT 7:15!**

You ask: What is LexRAP? Lex stands for Lexington. (There are groups like this in some other communities.) RAP stands for Refugee Assistance Program. Their web address is: www.lexrap.org. The website says : "Our focus is to make Lexington a welcoming place for refugees and to help them directly." LexRAP has been doing its best work: with refugees and asylum seekers who need more or longer help than the Federal resettlement program gives them. These clients are NOT undocumented NOR are they illegal immigrants!

LexRAP works to find appropriate housing for their clients and when necessary pays for it. At least 2 Lexington families are hosting individuals or families. One family in Concord, another in Bedford, another in Carlisle and others are also opening their homes to these people in need. One refugee is in a hotel in yet another town. LexRAP is trying to help them in any way that is needed.

Two items that many of the clients need are: bicycles and laptop computers that are no older than 3 years old. Bicycles for both adults and children are needed. Regarding the laptops: There is a volunteer who is refurbishing the laptops. He only works with laptops that are no older than 3 years old. If you have a laptop or a bicycle to donate please contact me at: Sandra.gardiner.02420@gmail.com

There is also a group of people who are tutoring those who need educational help.

There are people who working to help the people of Lexington to better understand the clients of LexRAP. They come from various cultures which we do not necessarily fully understand. The next educational opportunity will be: Tues. July 25 at 7pm at Temple Isaiah. There will be a "Muslim Teach In". (That is the night you will be getting this email.) Put on your calendar that the Monroe Center for the Arts will have an event on Sat. Nov. 11 at Cary Hall to support LexRAP.

This summer I have been attending LexRAP meetings. I hope that you can attend the meeting at Pilgrim on Tuesday Aug 15 at 7:15. I will be there by 7 pm to host. I'd love to have other Pilgrims with me. I have been so impressed with the work this group does. I do hope that Pilgrim Church can find our own way to help this group.

Sandy Gardiner



Please Save These Dates for the Concord Area CROP Walk:

CROP Walk 2017 Kickoff Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017 7 p.m.
First Parish in Concord
2017 Concord CROP Walk
Sunday, October 22, 2017 1:30 p.m.
First Parish in Concord

More info will follow as it becomes available

NEWS FROM THE INTERFAITH GARDEN

Of the three August dates for Pilgrim at the Garden, two dates are already covered. The third date, **August 26**, has two slots open.

Many thanks to Mary Mackie, Ruth Hickox, Christina Sym, Son-Mey Chiu and Deborah Burger who have all volunteered this spring and summer.

If you would like to help on August 26, email Barbara at barbjim.munkres@gmail.com.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ZAMBIA!

Thanking Pilgrim as well as several individuals for their support for the children in Zambia. Several families have reached out to me as well as the Mission Committee and I am deeply touched. These funds will be well used in Mandevu, Ng'Ombe with Nina and at the Kasisi Children's Home. I cannot promise pictures this year for I will not be making the trip, but will try.

My blessings to all,
Ruth



PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

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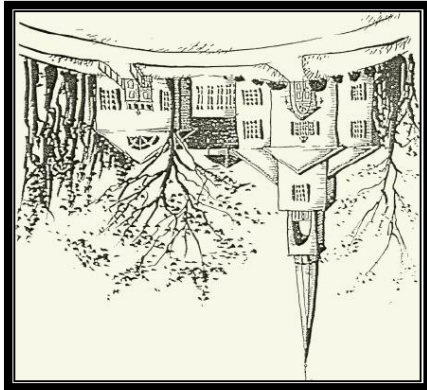
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Sunday Worship and Church School - 10:30am
Summer Worship - 9:30 am
Choir Rehearsals: Thursdays at 7:30pm

Devin Shmueli, Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries
Diane Blair, Church Secretary
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