



**PILGRIM**  
Congregational Church

**UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST 

## Pilgrim's Progress July 5, 2017 – Vol. 58 No. 7

### **What is Happening on Sunday, July 9, 2017?**

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

Rev. Bill Main preaching

Dave McClave – Liturgist

Jim Munkres – Music

Mary Mackie - Greeter/Host

Childcare is provided!

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH**  
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### **UCC Stillspeaking Daily Devotional**

The Most Stressful Part of Sundays

July 1, 2017

I would rather write five sermons than lead the children's lesson at church.

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.





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 lay leaders. What a great way to hear from some other Pilgrims about their lives and experiences. We hope to see you then!

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## WELCOME REV. KAREN GALE!

In case you have not yet heard, 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 are not aware, we are very pleased 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



## LEXINGTON INTERFAITH GARDEN NEWS

The Garden is growing well, bursting with green vegetables and a few colorful ones: rhubarb, beets and radishes. Son-Mey Chiu and Christina Sym worked on a recent Saturday and reported a good harvest. Just as they finished their work a heavy rain fell, sending everyone home, thankful that it had not started sooner! There are two dates for Pilgrim in July, and Mary Mackie has volunteered for both of them. She would enjoy company to fill our quota for **Tuesday, July 11, 4:30 to 6:00 pm**. Other volunteers that day will be Follen UU and Temple Isaiah.

The other day is **Saturday, July 22, 8:00 to 9:30 am** when the other volunteers will be from the Chinese Bible Church, First Parish UU, Follen UU, and St. Nicholas Church. If you would like to try this mission, Mary is a seasoned worker at the garden and would help you get acquainted with this special place. Email Barbara at [barbjim.munkres@gmail.com](mailto:barbjim.munkres@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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### 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



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.





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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  
Dan Conley, Church Sexton  
Leslie Beatrice, Director of Pilgrim Nursery School

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