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A NOTE FROM DAN SCHMIDT

Life is full of changes. As my time comes to an end at Pilgrim, I'd like to thank you all for working through the many changes we've had in the last 3 years. We tried new music, new formats for music, adding guest musicians and working together to provide great programming. It has been great to have bells, choir and on occasion the children's choir perform during worship and give us a way to praise God together. We all find differing kinds of music to feed our souls and we should continue to nurture the various musical backgrounds we have. I know the music program will continue to thrive with the next director and will help feed your souls.

Feel free to keep in touch, whether via social media, mobile phone or email (dleguenschmidt@gmail.com)!

Always, Dan

RECENT SERMON

PLEASE feel free to watch recent sermons on our website. <u>Here</u> is the link to the most recent sermon, from Children's Sunday.



UCC Stillspeaking Daily Devotional

The Joy of Dependence June 5, 2017

"Dependence" is frowned upon in our society, while "independence" is seen as a good thing.

Continue reading **HERE**.

PILGRIM JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Joy and celebration for recent high school and college graduates!
- Continued prayers for all those who have had recent injuries and illnesses.
- We ask for prayers for Pilgrim Church as we continue to shift and undergo transitions, and ask that God help guide us in a positive direction.
- Diane Blair asked for prayers as her beloved 13 year old dog passed away over the weekend.

THE OPEN CIRCLE WORKSHOP WITH REV. JONATHAN GOODELL

Please join us on **Wednesday, June 14th at 7:00 pm** in Pilgrim Hall for a 90 minute workshop. Pastor Jonathan will be talking about how a community uses relational building blocks to create stability and grace for its future. This is a workshop about the personal power we bring to every relationship that we invest in, with a special focus on building strength into the church.



A reminder that Sunday, June 25, 2017 will be the final Worship service at 10:30 am until September. Beginning Sunday, July 2, summer worship will be held in beautiful air-conditioned Pilgrim Hall. Friday, June 23, 2017 is the last day that the office is open Monday – Friday. Beginning Tuesday, June 27, the church office will be 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!

SUMMER PREACHERS NEEDED!

We are looking for lay preachers for July! If anyone is interested we have a few dates available. Please reach out to Susan Carabbio at s.carabbio@comcast.net if interested.



PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS!

Please wear name tags to make it easier for Jonathan to get to know us all. If you need a new name tag, please let Beth or Diane know! Thank you.



NOTES FROM THE VITALITY COMMITTEE



Please remember that Pilgrim is a **NUT FREE** space. Please refrain from bring anything with any nuts for Coffee Hour, Events or activities! Thank you!

Additionally, as a new feature at Coffee Hour, a platter of goodies will be placed on a table for our elder members and coffee/beverages will be brought to you so you don't have to navigate around the kiddos!

FRIENDS OF FLORES

A group called the Friends of Flores, who are people who spun off from the former Patranato Board (Board of Selectmen) are thrilled with the success of the Book Sale. They are incredibly dedicated individuals who love helping their community. They also will be getting help from the parents in the community in order to create a safe playground for the children in the mountain community above central Flores.

They needed the money to buy the needed materials. The labor is always willingly given. They thank you all for making this possible. The playground that they built in central Flores a few years ago was built of wood and plumbing supplies purchased from the proceeds of a former Book Sale. That playground is much loved! Money is needed even for simple supplies like plumbing supplies. Pilgrim has again supplied the needed cash for another playground with the 2017 Book Sale! They are so excited! And Pilgrims, you should feel proud of what you did!

The Mission Committee





DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LEXINGTON'S INTERFAITH GARDEN?

All welcome to join us. We grow fresh produce that is donated to the Lexington Food Pantry. The Garden is supported by local faith communities including Protestant, Jewish, Catholic, and Islamic congregations, along with many community friends.

Over 10,000 pounds of fresh produce has been delivered to the Lexington Food Pantry. No experience needed!

Come work with us. Bring your kids or a friend. (LHS community service hours available.)

Where: At private garden across from the Lexington Green

When: Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings April thru October

For more info or to sign up, go to our website www.interfaithgarden.org.



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.

