



This month will conclude my **Sermon Series on the 7 Deadly Sins** based on a fantastic book by UCC Pastor Robin Meyers.¹ So far, we've covered gluttony, greed, pride, and anger. And I hope that you don't think I've labeled us all as a bunch of prideful, angry, gluttonous, greedy jerks so far! Out of gluttony, I spoke about the virtue of communion, about the importance of inviting all to Christ's table to share our holy and simple meal. When covering greed, I tried to emphasize wanting wisely. I lifted up the democratic nature of football as an example and encouraged us not to be entitled (and was seemingly able to get some temporary divine intervention for my beloved Cleveland Browns in the process!)

When I spoke of pride, I wanted us to leave church that day feeling worthy and loved, as I deeply believe that we are all beloved sons and daughters of God. Using the words of Marianne Williamson I ended with, "We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God."² Finally, I preached on anger and on the difference between anger and righteous indignation. I encouraged us to be indignant when we see injustice and people being treated poorly and to have the courage and passion to do something about it.

In November, we will turn to our final 3 Deadly Sins:

- **LUST**—November 4 (Virtue: Holy Eros)
- **SLOTH**—November 18 (Virtue: Contentment)
- **ENVY**—November 25 (Virtue: Emulation)

These may be some of the hardest sins to cover so far. I sometimes wonder about the shape we're in as a society—that we seem to accept that "sex sells" and not question if that's okay in the first place. I lament unhealthy views of sex and the body that we have historically held in Western Christianity, and I want to talk about how this came to be. I wonder about attitudes of apathy and not caring for other people's plights, this acceptance of things being just the way they are. Isn't this a modern form of sloth? Or what about how jealous we can feel of one another, when our neighbors may build a house bigger than ours or our friends have the perfect marriage and A+ students or whatever it is that makes us feel envious. Can't there be a healthy form of emulation that can come out of envy? These are some of the issues I'll explore in November.

Gluttony, greed, pride, anger, lust, sloth, and envy are not particularly uplifting topics to hear about on a Sunday morning—this fact does not escape me! But I hope you've come to see the virtues that can come out of these vices. And please remember, "We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others."³ May it be so!

See you in church,

Lauren

¹ Robin Meyers, *The Virtue in the Vice: Finding Seven Lively Virtues in the Seven Deadly Sins*.

² Marianne Williamson, "A Return to Love," http://www.worldprayers.org/archive/prayers/meditations/our_deepest_fear_is_not.html

³ Ibid.



Please note that Lauren will be on a brief vacation from Thursday November 8th-Sunday November 11th. Rev. Jed Mannis of the Outdoor Church will be preaching on Sunday, November 11th. The Sermon Series on the 7 Deadly Sins will conclude on the last two Sundays of November.



ALL SAINTS DAY OBSERVANCE

On **Sunday November 4th**, we will commemorate All Saints Day, a day in the Christian calendar when we acknowledge the loved ones in our lives we have lost over the past year. You are invited to send Diane (admin@pilgrimcongregational.org) the name(s) of any friend or family member you have lost over the past year. Lauren will read the names of all these saints during worship on November 4th and we will give thanks and praise for their lives. Please submit your names today.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The **Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association Thanksgiving Service** will be **Tuesday, November 20th** at First Parish UU Church on 7 Harrington Road at 7:30 pm. Clergy who represent Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism are all participating in this interfaith service. The service is open to everyone and will be a chance to celebrate across many faith traditions and count all our blessings.



VISIONING LUNCHEON

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

On **Sunday, November 4th**, we will be discussing our aspirations as a congregation and the types of programs, activities and events we should be offering our church community. Council and related committees will be seeking your input on three areas previously identified as important to the congregation.

Whether you have been attending Pilgrim for years or are brand new, we need your voice at the table. The program will be held immediately following the worship service. Light lunch and child care will be provided. Come one, come all and bring your ideas and visions!

Submitted by Suzanne Abair and Lesley Morrison,
Council Members

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF PILGRIM CHURCH!

Susan Moffitt lives in Needham with her husband Michael and daughters Julia, Madeleine, and Eleanor. Susan is an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at Brown University. Susan enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and outdoor activities.

Michael Clark lives in Needham with Susan, Julia, Madeline, and Eleanor. Michael is a Program Manager for the Air Force, and enjoys sports and outdoor activities.



OCTOBER COUNCIL HAPPENINGS

The following is a summary of our October Council meeting:

- **Committee Reports** – Each of the 14 members of our Church Council is required to serve on one of our Pilgrim committees. In many instances, the Council member acts as the Chair of the committee he or she serves on. One of the primary reasons for this is to ensure good communication and coordination between Council and our committees. We began our October meeting with each Council member giving an oral report of the activities of his or her respective committee. Each report was followed by a brief question and answer period. In an effort to better inform the congregation of the workings of our committees, we will be highlighting one committee each month in Pilgrim's Progress. If you have a question regarding any of our committees or are interested in joining a committee, I strongly encourage you to reach out to the Council member serving on that committee. A listing of which committee each Council member serves on can be found on the back of our weekly bulletin.
- **New Heating System** – Acting upon a recommendation from the Finance and Administration Committee ("F&A"), Council approved the installation of a new heating system for our church. The heating system will be installed during the summer of 2013. The anticipated cost of the new heating system is \$150,000. F&A recommended and Council approved funding \$110,000 of the anticipated cost from existing funds with the balance to be raised through a special fundraising initiative to be undertaken in January of 2013.

Submitted by Suzanne Abair,
Pilgrim Church Moderator

SPOTLIGHT ON....

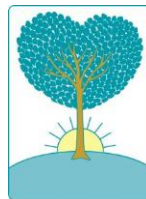


The Educational Ministries Committee works to further the educational mission of the church. The primary work of the committee is in support of the church school. **Jennifer Velis** is the chair of the committee and our Minister of Christian Education, **Eric Sherlock**, provides the focus and agenda for the meetings.

The committee chose a new curriculum, **SPARK**, for the church school starting this September and much of our recent work has been in ironing out the details of this exciting new curriculum. We are exploring new formats of worship for the children and also re-thinking the communion curriculum. The committee is driven by a love of Pilgrim's children and a desire to make sure all are welcomed and educated in the Christian faith.

In addition to **Jennifer and Eric, Mary Mackie, Barbara Yates, Shelly Moeller, Beth Kurth and Lesley Morrison** are also on the committee and we welcome anyone who would like to get involved. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by Lesley Morrison, Educational Ministries Committee



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DICK KIMBALL

A celebration of Dick Kimball's life will be held on **Saturday, November 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at Pilgrim**. Dick passed away on June 14th. Family and friends are invited to attend this time of reflection and remembrance of a life well lived; a reception will follow in Pilgrim Hall.



SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY

On **Sunday, November 18th**, we will be celebrating Special Music Sunday. Plan to attend worship to hear the chancel choir perform John Rutter's Te Deum. This uplifting setting of the traditional Christian hymn of praise is one of Rutter's best-loved choral compositions.



PILGRIM HANDBELL CHOIR FORMING NOW

To celebrate the holidays, we're restarting Pilgrim's Intergenerational Handbell Choir. Adults, youth, and children (age 8 and up) are encouraged to join -- no previous experience with bells or ability to read music is required. Rehearsals will be after church beginning in mid-November. For more information, contact David Mislin at (617) 223-1270 or david.mislin@gmail.com.

Submitted by David Mislin, Minister of Music

YOUTH NEWS

From Saturday, October 20th through Sunday, October 21st, the Pilgrim Senior High Youth Group completed an overnight service project volunteering at the Boston Rescue Mission located in the heart of Downtown Boston. During this project the teens helped paint a room at the Boston Rescue Mission that will eventually be used for outpatient counseling and consultation. They toured the facilities and had an opportunity to talk with a formerly homeless man about his experience with addiction and the harsh realities of homelessness. The youth spent the night at The First Church in Charlestown and attended worship there the next morning. Overall the experience was fun, informative and was an opportunity for the youth to better connect with those that they serve.

Submitted by Dana Ellis
Director of Youth Ministry

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



STEWARDSHIP

**"All shall give as they are able,
according to the blessings your
God has given you."**

Deuteronomy 16:17

Our annual Stewardship pledge drive began on Sunday, October 28th and will conclude on Sunday, November 18th. During the course of our Stewardship campaign, we will be hearing testimonials from three of our Pilgrim Church members and on Stewardship Sunday, November 18th, Lauren will lead us in a blessing of the pledges.

Each of us on the Stewardship Committee sees pledging as a responsibility and an opportunity to contribute to the ministries at Pilgrim that allow us to ensure a positive church experience and a vibrant church community. We hope all of you share that view.

During the first week of November, you will receive a letter and information on the proposed 2013 budget from the Stewardship Committee along with a pledge form. We are asking that all, who are able, bring their pledge envelopes to church on Sunday, November 18th, so that the pledges can be consecrated at that time. If you aren't able to attend church that day, please mail or email your pledge in time for it to be included in the consecration on Pledge Sunday. After the service we will be celebrating the special day during coffee hour.

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who pledged so generously last year and allowed us to reach our Stewardship goal. We ask that you listen to the presentations during this Stewardship drive with an open heart and mind and give according to the blessings God has given you.

Submitted by David Nuss
Stewardship Committee



A Chance for All of Us to Be Thankful At Thanksgiving

We need your help to make the Holidays festive for everyone! Each Thanksgiving, our friends at **East End House** provide hundreds of individuals and families with Thanksgiving Baskets that include turkeys and all of the fixings for a traditional Thanksgiving meal.

To help out, Pilgrim is having a food drive. Please bring in non-perishable holiday foods to church for collection. Here is a list of preferred foods:

- Stuffing
- Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes (box)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Pumpkin
- Desserts (non-perishable)
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Baby food and formula
- Donation of \$10 gift cards to Shaw's or Market Basket as turkey vouchers

The deadline for all food donations is **Tuesday, November 13th, at 5pm.**

Submitted by Mona Roy, Mission Committee



UPDATE ON CROP WALK IN CONCORD FOR 2012 BY TEAM PILGRIM

The 32nd CROP Walk for the Hungry was held in Concord, MA on Sunday, October 14, 2012. Five Pilgrim members participated in the walk – Sandy and Derek Gardner, Son Mey Chiu, Claire and Don Moir. A total of \$630 has been contributed to date by Pilgrim members, representing a significant fraction of the nearly \$11,800 raised in the Concord CROP Walk.

CROP Hunger Walk funds go to support community-based suppers and pantries located in Concord, Bedford, Acton, Sudbury, Maynard, Groton/Littleton and Townsend, and the Gaining Ground organization as well as world-wide hunger and disaster relief and community development through Church World Services (CWS). It is still not too late to contribute; you may make your donation anytime online at:

<http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/Pilgrim-Lexington>. Thank you to those who contributed.

Submitted by Don Moir

PUMPKIN



Pilgrim's Second Annual Pumpkin Patch has been a huge success so far. On October 6th we received a half a truck load of pumpkins, totaling over 1100 pumpkins. It took a crew of 50 to unload these in just over an hour. As most will agree, some of them were very large and we had a wonderful assortment this year. We have had better weather as the month has gone on, which has only helped our sales. Many young people came back for a second time, referring to us as the "Pumpkin Church." We received publicity from Jim Shaw of the Colonial Times and the Lexington Minuteman. Many thanks to everyone who volunteered and a HUGE thank you to **Dave McClave** and **Mary Mackie!** Your support has made this all possible.

Submitted by Susan Carabbio

ZAMBIA CWB SUMMER 2013 TRIP

Communities Without Borders (CWB), our partner for mission activities in Zambia, has announced two travel opportunities to Lusaka Zambia this summer, Trip 1 from 27 Jun – 11 Jul, and Trip 2 from 11 Jul – 25 Jul. The goals of the trip are to: 1) make friends and build relationships with our communities in Zambia (NG'ombe and Mandevu), 2) make an impact on our partner community in the areas of health, education and economic wellbeing, 3) understand more about the Zambian culture, history, people and how AIDS has impacted the population, 4) bear witness to what you experience and make a covenant of how you would like to continue support for CWB upon return.

The cost of the trip is expected to be between \$3700 - \$4000 and will include airfare, lodging, in-country travel, food, and a contribution to CWB for wider work in Zambia. If you are interested in hearing more about the trip there are two chances to attend an orientation meeting for interested or first time travelers, 7:30 PM 1 Nov at Pilgrim church and 7:30 PM 8 Nov at FUSN in Newton.

Contact Tom Murphy (who is a trip co-leader) or Ruth (Litchfield) Hickox for more information.

Submitted by Tom Murphy



NOTES FROM THE LEXINGTON INTERFAITH GARDEN

Would you believe that the Interfaith Garden could grow 79 pounds of kale in one season? That happened this year, and the kale may still be growing. As of the end of September, this year's garden had yielded 1,552 pounds of food for the Lexington Food Pantry, which serves several towns. Figures for prior years are interesting: Year 1 (2010), 995 pounds, Year 2 (2011) 854. Some gardeners believe the new fence has prevented

rabbits, woodchucks and squirrels from sampling their favorite vegetables.

Two more Lexington faith communities joined the Interfaith Garden this year: Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and the United Methodist Church for a total of fourteen communities. Check the Lexington Minuteman for an article that shares the story of a 10 year old boy who visited the garden many times with his mother this year. There were some special rewards for their hard work!

Once again members of the Pilgrim Youth Group went to the Garden, and once again the day was NOT bright and sunny! In spite of a steady mist falling from the sky **Fiona McClave, Olivia Byrd, and Ted Kirby** joined **Dana Ellis** in digging, planting and washing vegetables. They remained cheerful and helpful in spite of the damp weather. Other Pilgrim workers in the garden this summer were **Mary Mackie, Christina Sym, Son-Mey Chiu, Sandy and Derek Gardiner, Deborah Burger, Kat MacDonald and Duncan Todd**. Thank you all for continuing Pilgrim's commitment to the Interfaith Garden.

Barbara Munkres



COMMUNITY EVENTS AT PILGRIM

On October 16th, the Lexington Historical Society held their Cronin Lecture at Pilgrim. The event featured a re-enactor portraying President James Madison discussing the War of 1812.

On October 24th the Lexington High School Chorus sang at Pilgrim. There were 180+ people attending the concert, and the high school chorus group was fantastic. The sound was magical.

If you or an organization you are affiliated with would like to rent space at Pilgrim, please contact Kat MacDonald at katmacdonald@verizon.net.



Each Sunday an individual/s or family provides a flower arrangement for the altar at Pilgrim Church. These are often given to commemorate a special occasion, in memory of someone special, honor of relatives, or to celebrate someone or something! Donors sign up for a date and decide on the words which will be printed in the bulletin.

1. Contact me (Ruth Litchfield) to determine which Sunday you would like to provide the flowers or sign up during Coffee Hour at church.
2. Wilson Farms of Lexington will make the arrangements and deliver them to the church. The cost is \$35 plus \$10.00 delivery. You will pay Pilgrim directly (\$45.00) by placing your check in Derek Gardner's mailbox and then Dave McClave will pay Wilson's directly each month. This will save each of you the tax.
3. If you have something special in mind in terms of flowers, you may contact Mark Messier, head of "Cut Flowers" individually and speak to him (or Nancy May, Mark's assistant) to express your personal wishes. **781-862-3900 ext. 223**
4. After the service is over, you can either take the flowers with you or leave them for the Care Committee to distribute. Please tell Ruth if you are taking or leaving the flowers on your Sunday.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Ruth Hickox
781-862-9565 or ruthhickox@gmail.com



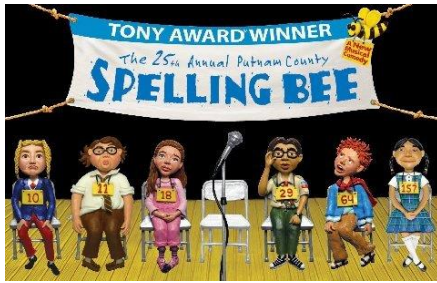
2012-2013

One of the things that sets our church apart is that every Sunday we have people who, at the request of the Fellowship Committee, host coffee hour - providing hospitality and refreshments for our members and friends. However, over time, the same folks have ended up hosting coffee hours several times a year, bearing an unfair share of the responsibility. This fall, at the request of Church Council, we'll begin a new practice at Pilgrim Church for coffee hour with the goal of each family hosting just once during the year.

How will this work? The Fellowship Committee has created a schedule whereby two families, couples or individuals will be paired together and invited to host coffee hour on a specified date. Everyone will be notified of their date and their co-hosts by the Fellowship Committee. Procedures will be in place to accommodate changes to the schedule. If everyone hosts just once a year, no one will have to host twice! And remember, hosting coffee hour does not mean you have to provide elaborate refreshments – it's about the fellowship, not the desserts.

On page 9 you will find the schedule for coffee hour hosting, for 2012-2013. If you have any questions or concerns about your date, or you need to change your date, please reach out to Susan Carabbio at s.carabbio@comcast.net.

We thank you for your continued support at Pilgrim Church.



**THE LEXINGTON PLAYERS PRESENT:
THE 25th ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY
SPELLING BEE**

Break out your dictionaries; it's time for "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"! Our Minister Lauren Lorincz, Susan Carabbio, and Sylvia Ferrell-Jones have won roles of Guest Spellers in The Lexington Players new award winning musical.

"Spelling Bee" is a hilarious play about six eccentric middle-schoolers and three equally quirky adults who participate in the highly anticipated Putnam County Spelling Bee. The musical is being performed at Hancock Church on **November 9th and 10th at 8:00 pm**. Tickets, \$18.00 and \$16.00, are available online at:

http://www.lexingtonplayers.org/ticket_stage.htm

or at The Crafty Yankee and Wales Copy Center in Lexington.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 8 AM.

The Lexington Town Celebrations Committee & The Lexington's Veterans' Services Office are pleased to announce a Veterans' Breakfast on **Saturday, November 3, 2012 at 8:00 am** in Keilty Hall at Saint Brigid Church, 2001 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington. All Lexington Veterans and a guest are invited. Breakfast will be catered by Neillio's. There will be a Guest Speaker and Door Prizes. Advance registration is required by calling the Lexington Senior Center at 781-861-0194. Any questions can be directed to Ryan Lennon, Lexington's Veterans' Services Agent at: rlennon@lexingtonma.gov or the Town Celebrations Committee at: lexingtontcc@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE FOR 2012 - 2013

2012-2013		Host Families	
Sept. 9	Communion	Carabbio	
Sept. 16		Mackie	
Sept. 23		NONE - BBQ	
Sept. 30	Zambian Service	Boehm	
Oct. 7	Communion & Eleanor Clark Baptism	Abair/MacDonald	
Oct. 14		Beckwith	Bond
Oct. 21		Carothers/Todd	Byrd
Oct. 28		Botti/McIlrath	Breiby
Nov. 4	Communion	Burger	Chen/Edmiston
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day	German	Hopkins
Nov. 18		Cherry/Brown	Childs
Nov. 25		Ferrell-Jones	Gardiner
Dec. 2	Communion & Week 1 of Advent	Costello	Cowan
Dec. 9	Week 2 of Advent	Dayton	DeSanto
Dec. 16	Week 3 of Advent	Dinsmore	Fagerstrom/Johnston
Dec. 23	Week 4 of Advent	Collins	Kimball
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve		
Dec. 30	Hymn Sing		
Jan. 6	Communion	Bennett	Johnston (Fred)
Jan. 13		Kirby	Kurth
Jan. 20	Martin Luther King Day	Labbe/Clarke	Lawler
Jan. 27		Carabbio	LoBuglio/Royer
Feb. 3	Communion	Logan	Mahiou/Ramacciotti
Feb. 10		Mason	McClave/Shore
Feb. 13	Ash Wednesday	McKinney	Mitchell
Feb. 17	Feb School Vaca begins & 1st Week of Lent	Moeller	Moffitt/Clark
Feb. 24	Feb School Vaca ends & 2nd Week of Lent	Moir	Morrison
Mar. 3	Communion & 3rd Week of Lent	Munkres	Murphy
Mar. 10	4th Week of Lent	Nuss	O'Brien
Mar. 17	5th Week of Lent	Porter	Reaske
Mar. 24	Palm Sunday	Rogers/VanEvera	Saradjian
Mar. 31	Easter	Greene	Vega
Apr. 7	Communion	Smith (Eleanor)	Snipe
Apr. 14	April School Vaca begins	Stevens	Sym
Apr. 21	April School Vaca ends	Velis	Williams
Apr. 28		Pilgrim Nursery School	
May. 5	Communion	Wood	Hutson
May. 12	Mother's Day	Taylor	Velis
May. 19		Williams	Wood
May. 26	Memorial Day	Yates	Babson
Jun. 2	Communion	Schwartz	Smith (Burton)
Jun. 9	LHS Graduation	Ruth Litchfield	
Jun. 16	Father's Day	Mission Committee	
Jun. 23		Religious Ed	
Jun. 30		Youth	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Oct 28 10:30am Worship/Joining Sunday	29	30 11:00am No Bible Study	31	Nov 1 All Saints Day 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm CWB Mtg.	2	3 1:00pm Memorial Service for Dick Kimball			
4 10:30am Worship/Communion 11:45am Pilgrim Goal Luncheon 4:00pm Jr. High Youth Group 6:00pm Sr. High Youth Group	5 8:15am Pastoral Relations Committee	6 11:00am Bible Study	7 7:30pm Worship/Music	8 Lauren Away 3:30pm Youth Group to Bristol Lodge 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10			
11 Lauren Away 10:30am Worship	12 Office Closed 7:30pm F&A Mtg.	13 11:00am Bible Study 7:00pm PNS Meeting 7:30pm Ed Min. Mtg.; Sunroom	14 12:00pm Lauren's New Clergy Group 7:30pm Membership Mtg.	15 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	16	17 1:30pm Sr. High YG To Frog Pond			
18 10:30am Worship/Stewardship Sunday 4:00pm Jr. High Youth Group	19 9:00am Staff Mtg. 10:00am Care Mtg.	20 11:00am Bible Study 7:00pm Lexington Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - First Parish	21	22 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	23 Office Closed	24			
25 10:30am Worship/Baptism	26 7:00pm Council Mtg. 7:30pm Mission Mtg.	27 11:00am Bible Study	28	29 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	30	Dec 1 9:00am Greening of the Church 5:00pm Pilgrim Christmas Party			

**Pilgrim Congregational Church
Senior Youth Group Fellowship Fun Presents...**

Ice Skating at the Frog Pond in Boston!



Come join us for a day of fun ice skating in Boston!

Saturday, November 17th

Cost: \$8.00 (Covers Skate rental)

Drop off at 1:30PM, Pickup at 5:30PM at Pilgrim Church

*Please RSVP at pilgrimyouthmin@gmail.com no later than Wednesday, November 14th, or let Dana know in person you'll be attending before then. Please note that all attendees will have to have parents sign and return a permission slip in order to attend. If the weather is too warm or inclement, we will go to Ed Burns Arena Skating Rink in Arlington.

Bring a Friend!!! 😊