

Pilgrim's Progress

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Thank you!

Kudos: a periodic shout-out of thanks from Council to folks at Pilgrim. Thank you to:

- **Michael Clark**--for running the Annual Meeting so well
- **Jim Munkres**-- for substituting for Dot and blessing us with your gift of music
- **The Search Committee**--for your dedication
- **Max, Dot, our soloists**--for all the music and our dedicated musicians
- **Mike Stevens and Sydney Stevens**--for videotaping and editing our Sunday service every week
- **Dave McClave**--for his tireless work with rentals and his professional raccoon wrangling skills

Inviting Friends and Neighbors to Easter

Part of our work as the church is inviting others to join us. We all know many different circles of people in our lives. One of them might like a place to attend Easter services and know at least one other person there. Take a card or two (or 10) that list our Holy Week worship services and invite folks you know. You might be surprised that they are only waiting for an invitation from someone. Cards are by the front door at church and in the Sun Room.

Saying Goodbye to Fellow Pilgrims

As a congregation we have lost three Pilgrim members or friends in recent weeks.



- Warren Johnson died Feb. 12th and a memorial service celebrating his life was held March 30th
- Burton (Burt) Smith died March 17th. Private services were held.
- John Cavanagh died on March 30th. John Cavanagh and Beth Graham were long time Pilgrims. If you would like Beth's address in TX, please contact Deborah Burger.

Lent-Easter

Lent is an important season of reflection, repentance and spiritual renewal. We engage with Lent in many different ways and I'll share more about that next month. For now, here is an abbreviated look at what is coming up in Lent.

Sunday April 14, 10:30 am: Palm-Passion Sunday--we welcome Jesus with palms and journey with him through the ups and downs of Holy Week leading to Good Friday

Thursday April 18, 6:30 pm: Early Christian Meal—Pilgrims will gather to eat an Early Christian meal together, featuring foods common to the Middle East of the time.

Thursday April 18, 7:30 pm: Maundy Thursday--this Tenebrae service traces Jesus' last meal with his disciples, his long night of trials and suffering and his last commandments to his disciples. The service ends in darkness yet with a flame of hope.

Sunday April 21, 10:30am: Easter Sunday--we celebrate resurrection and the victory of love over hate, and life over death. An Easter egg hunt happens on the front lawn!



Christian Education News

Dear Pilgrims and Friends,

As we continue our Lenten focus on the Saints, we turn our attention to Saint Francis of Assisi. He is the Patron Saint of the Environment and Animals. We will learn more about him, reading some stories about his life and work, remember why the saints are special, and honor our environment in a special way. Barbara Munkres will bless us with a special, hands-on lesson. While the younger children continue to learn about the saints, the older kids will spend time in worship as is the practice on the first Sunday of the month! On Sunday, April 28, we will have a special guest and some very interesting visitors! Stay tuned...

Please note that on April 14th, we will have an Intergenerational Service for Palm Sunday. On Easter Sunday, both Children's Church and the Junior Youth will join together to make our semi-traditional Resurrection Rolls for coffee hour. They look forward to making these for Pilgrims, friends, and their visitors who will join us for the sacred observance of Easter!

Peace,
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Interfaith Garden - a local mission



Some Pilgrim folks have noticed that snowdrops and even daffodils are blooming near the front door of the church. Volunteers at the Interfaith Garden report that garlic and rhubarb are already poking up through the soil there, as well. This is a banner year for the Garden, our 10th!! and work began on Saturday, March 30th. Volunteers spread compost on the garden from the large bins, cleaned out the asparagus beds, and even planted a few flowers. Another good sign: beekeeper Alix confirmed that each of the hives survived the winter and volunteers on Saturday noted that the bees were active. Each congregation has already been assigned work dates. So stay tuned for dates when Pilgrim is assigned to

the garden, and join our group of volunteers who work Tuesday afternoons (4:30 to 6) or Saturday mornings (around 8:30 to 10). Like many of us, you might enjoy being part of this exciting project which provides fresh organic food for people in need at the Lexington Food Pantry. For more information, email Barbara at barbjim.munkres@gmail.com.



There are various things you could do to help the clients of Lex RAP. Contact Naomi Rosenthal to volunteer to help make the Hand in Hand Café a community event to be held at First Parish a success! (Email: Naomi.rosenthal@verizon.net).

Contact Ingrid Klimoff to volunteer to help with the Redeemer Pancake Breakfast (a fund raiser) or to help with the Spring Dinner at Hancock Church. (email: iklimoff@charleshornig.org)

Contact Barbara Freedman to volunteer to help with the monthly Lunch in Lowell at the IINE (International Institute of New England). (Barbara.a.freedman@gmail.com) Sandy Gardiner (Sandra.gardiner.02420@gmail.com) helped with the preparation of food at Barbara Freedman's house on February 26. A different organization is going in March. We will be going again on **Tuesday, April 23rd**. Save the date!

Contact marianne.boswell@gmail.com if you are a knitter and would like to knit hats for our 26 children! Thank you!

Sandy Gardiner

Sign Up to Volunteer at Pilgrim!

To sign up to be a liturgist, greeter, coffee hour host or to volunteer with Pilgrim's Children's Church, please click [HERE](#). Thank you!

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



Recent Sermons

Please feel free to watch or read recent sermons on our website. [HERE](#) is the link to the most recent sermon.



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From the Complaint Department

By: Mary Luti

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How long, O Lord? We need the world you promise. We need you to vindicate our sticking with you all this time, to redeem our suffering and crown our deaths with life.

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