



To say that April was a difficult and tense month in the greater Boston area is an understatement. The Boston Marathon Bombing is still likely on our hearts (it's certainly still in the news) as we continue to contemplate how something so awful could happen on a day that historically brings so much joy and unity to our area. Being with Dana and our Senior High Youth Group in Washington D.C. that week brought home to me how helpless we often feel in the face of such hatred and animosity, and how much we innately want to protect one another and be there for each other when tragedies occur.

I was also acutely aware that in times like these, we often yearn for some good news. We yearn to see some light in the darkness. Therefore, I used Mr. Rogers' quote, "*When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.' To this day, especially in times of 'disaster,' I remember my mother's words and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers—so many caring people in this world*"<sup>1</sup> to help anchor my sermon the next time I was with you. And I stand by this sentiment—in times like these, we have to look for the helpers.

Worship is about sharing the Good News of God's love for us, it's about getting grounded in God's presence to sustain us in this life, and figuring out how we can be the helpers Mr. Rogers' mother lifted up. Preaching (to me) often entails wrestling with difficult aspects of our faith and our tradition, and yet bringing forward the light in our wounded and wonderful world. As the summer will soon be upon us (if you flip the page or scroll down in your e-mail you will be hearing from the Worship and Music Committee about needing some summer worship volunteers), I wanted to get your input on a sermon series I can preach in the fall. (Last year, I preached on the 7 Deadly Sins in October and November, and I'm perfectly okay with a happier sermon series this time around!)

So I'm putting this out there before the summer is upon us (this is also a test to see who reads Pilgrim's Progress thoroughly)—what would you be interested in me preaching about for 4-6 weeks in the fall? What topics/issues/faith questions/etc. have you been thinking about in your own life, and what would you like to hear about in worship? Keep in mind that you would be hearing about said faith question/issue/topic 4-6 times as would the rest of the congregation!

Send me an e-mail with your suggestion ([pastor@pilgrimcongregational.org](mailto:pastor@pilgrimcongregational.org)) by May 20th and I'll bring your sermon series suggestions to our Church Staff and have them vote on the top 3—only I will know who put forward what specific suggestion. Then, I'll put out the top 3 suggestions in June's Pilgrim's Progress and you can e-mail me your vote. What faith questions/topics/issues will we explore together in a few months? I can't wait to find out.

See you in church.

*Lauren*

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<sup>1</sup> The Fred Rogers Company, <http://www.fci.org/new-site/par-tragic-events.html>



### CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The following church members have been elected to Church Council for the 2013 – 2014 church year:

**Suzanne Abair**  
**Jeff Boehm**  
**Carol Chytil**  
**Jeanne DeSanto** (completing  
the second year of Peter  
Saradjian's term)  
**Derek Gardiner**  
**Beth Kurth**  
**Lesley Morrison**  
**David Nuss**

These members will be joining **Joe Carabbio, Susan Carabbio, Mary Mackie, Dave McClave, Chris Reaske and Duncan Todd** as they serve the second year of their terms. In addition, Suzanne Abair, Lesley Morrison, Dave McClave, and Jeff Boehm will be installed as officers for the 2013-2014 church year.

Thank you to everyone who was elected and agreed to serve Pilgrim Church and to everyone who voted too. The installation service will take place on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Friends and families of the Pilgrim Church School, this is just a reminder that Children's Sunday will be held on **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Children's Sunday is an opportunity for our young pilgrims to share their many gifts and talents with the congregation through spoken word and song. Also, it is an opportunity for our many teachers and volunteers to be publicly recognized and thanked for their service this year in the Pilgrim Church School. If your child would like to participate this year, I would like to encourage your family to attend church in the next two weeks before Children's Sunday so that he or she can practice his or her part in the service. Finally, our last session before we break for summer from Sunday school will be on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please be in touch if you have any questions!

Faithfully submitted by Eric Sherlock  
Minister of Christian Education

### PILGRIM'S PROGRESS DEADLINE

The next issue of Pilgrim's Progress will be published June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send all submissions to Diane ([admin@pilgrimcongregational.org](mailto:admin@pilgrimcongregational.org)) by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.





For April Spring Break Pilgrim's senior high teens went to Washington DC for a mission trip to help with homelessness and hunger prevention. During this week the teens worked at various nonprofits dedicated to helping the large homeless and at-risk populations in Washington DC. Overall, the group did a lot of good work and it was a great and memorable experience for everyone! Above are some pictures of the group during our time on the mission trip. Some of photos are of the teens hard at work at DC Central Kitchen and SOME (So Everyone Might Eat).

Submitted by Dana Ellis  
Director of Youth Ministry



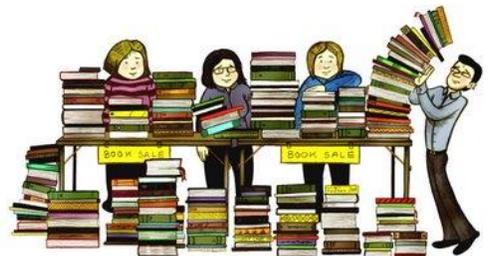
## SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

Also, this is a reminder that the date of the Youth Group Spaghetti Luncheon fundraiser is **Sunday, May 19th** immediately following church downstairs in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer to help with set-up or break-down please email Dana ([pilgrimyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:pilgrimyouthmin@gmail.com)) or anyone on the youth support committee (Lisa and Jeff Boehm, Kat MacDonald, and Sharon Lawler).



Please spread the word about Pilgrim's **BOOK SALE!** The book sale will be held on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 4 pm, Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 11:45 – 12:45, and Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>, - 9am to 4pm.** There will be both hard cover and soft cover books for children and adults. We also expect to have CDs, tapes, DVDs, LPs, etc. You will not only find that something special but you will be aiding an effort to start a small library in the town of Flores, Honduras.

Submitted by Sandy Gardiner  
Mission Committee





## Summer Preachers Needed

Have you ever thought that you would like to share your thoughts with fellow Pilgrims? Are you looking for a challenge and willing to step out of your comfort zone? Every summer at Pilgrim we have a wonderful tradition of lay-preaching. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other in a more meaningful way. Services are held in Pilgrim Hall and are generally smaller in numbers. Sometimes a member will preach alone, or a couple will preach together, or even a parent and child!

We are looking for 7 people who would be willing to share their thoughts, ideas and experiences during Sunday morning worship this July and August. The preaching theme for this summer is "Finding religious meaning in your day to day work." You do not have to follow this theme, it is intended as a guideline for those that might not have an idea readily at hand.

Over the past couple of summers, I have preached twice and have found it to be a wonderful experience! It may seem intimidating, but it is not and is truly a way to give back your talents to Pilgrim. If you have any questions or are willing to say "I can preach!!" please contact me at [carol.chytil@gmail.com](mailto:carol.chytil@gmail.com) so that we can get you your preferred date immediately!!

Submitted by Carol Chytil  
Worship and Music Committee



## CPR/AED INSTRUCTION SUNDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

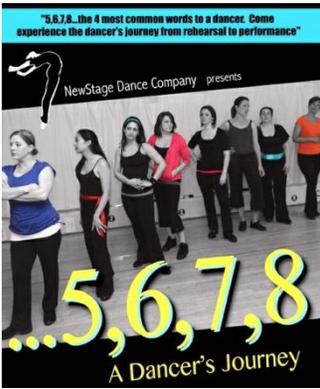
On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> following worship, Pilgrim member (and paramedic) Mike Stevens will be teaching a CPR class which will include how to use our **automated external defibrillator (AED)**. The class will be about 1.5 – 2 hours, and you should plan to wear comfortable clothing. Although this wouldn't provide you with certification, it is a great opportunity to learn valuable information that could save a life!! RSVP to the office at [admin@pilgrimcongregational.org](mailto:admin@pilgrimcongregational.org).



## OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THE VICTIMS OF THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS

For those interested in donating to the people most affected by the tragic events of April 15th, please see The One Fund <https://onefundboston.org/> formed by Boston Mayor Tom Menino and Governor Deval Patrick. (Or if you'd prefer sending a check by mail:)

**One Fund Boston, Inc.**  
800 Boylston Street #990009  
Boston, MA 02199



**PLEASE JOIN  
NEWSTAGE DANCE  
COMPANY FOR  
"...5, 6, 7, 8 ~ A DANCER'S  
JOURNEY"**

NewStage Dance Company will be performing "...5, 6, 7, 8 – A Dancer's Journey" on **May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** at Arlington

Center for the Arts. Performances are at 7:30pm Friday and Saturday night; or there is a 3pm Saturday matinee. Tickets are \$15 and available at the door or online:

<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/357681>.

**NewStage Dance Co** is a Lexington-based women's dance company under the direction of **Wendy Costello**.



**WALTHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA  
CONCERT – SATURDAY, MAY 11 AT 8 PM.**

The **Waltham Symphony Orchestra**, conducted by Pilgrim member Patrick Botti, will be having their annual Mother's Day concert on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm. at the Kennedy Middle School Auditorium. Free admission, donations gratefully accepted at the door. The program includes: Tchaikovsky, Andante Cantabile for Cello and Strings, Herbert, Second Cello Concerto, Tchaikovsky, Symphony No 4.

Also, save the date for their next concert on **Saturday, June 1st 2013, 8:00 p.m.** at First Unitarian Society of Newton. The Waltham Symphony will present a Concert to Benefit **Community Without Borders** and its Humanitarian Action in Africa. Featuring music by Bach, Mozart, Honegger, Sarasate, Bizet. For more info, go to: [www.walthamsymphony.org](http://www.walthamsymphony.org).

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE 2013:

May. 5	Communion	Wood	Hutson
May. 12	Mother's Day	Taylor	Velis
May. 19		Williams	
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	

### Pilgrim Congregational Church Youth Group

## Spaghetti Luncheon and Fundraiser!



**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Right after Church in Fellowship Hall!**

**Cost: \$10 for adults**

**\$5 for Kids (\$30 cap for families)**

**Help the youth group raise money for our mission trip and all the cool things we're doing this year! If you're interested in purchasing tickets or would like more information, you can contact Dana at [Pilgrimyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:Pilgrimyouthmin@gmail.com) or Lisa Boehm at [lisapboehm@gmail.com](mailto:lisapboehm@gmail.com).**

# May 2013

April 2013							May 2013							June 2013						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Apr 28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4	
10:30am Worship 11:45am Stand Against Racism Discussion 1:00pm Lex Open Doors Day	Lauren Away						7:00pm Adult Ed Class w/Eric (at the Taylor home)
					Set up for Book Sale	9:00am Book Sale 10:00am Special Musicians	
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Lauren Away		11:00am Bible Study	7:00pm Adult Ed Class w/Eric (at the Taylor home)			9:00am Book Sale 10:00am Special Musicians	
Project Bread Walk for Hunger 10:30am Worship 11:45am Book sale	7:30pm Mission Mtg.	7:30pm Ed. Min. Mtg.					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
10:30am Worship/Children's Sunday 11:45am Book Sale 1:30pm Recital 3:30pm Recital 4:00pm Jr. High Youth Group	9:00am Staff Mtg. 7:30pm F&A Mtg.	11:00am Bible Study	7:00pm Adult Ed Class w/Eric (at the Taylor home)				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
10:30am Worship/Council Installation/STC Offering 11:45am Youth Group Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser	10:00am Care Mtg. 7:00pm Council Mtg.	11:00am Bible Study 7:00pm PNS Committee Mtg.	7:00pm Adult Ed Class w/Eric (at the Taylor home)			10:00am Special Musicians	
26	27	28	29	30	31	Jun 1	
10:30am Worship	Office Closed 7:30pm Mission Mtg.	11:00am Bible Study			8:00am PNS Graduation Party/PH & FH	10:00am Special Musicians 10:00am Jr. & Sr. High YG - SkyZone Trampoline Outing (Time TBD)	