



FROM OUR PASTOR

Welcome back from your summer travels, wherever they have taken you! Another school year has begun for our children and youth, and the Church Year is off to a great start already. I am thrilled that we have Eric Sherlock, our new Director of Christian Education, on board and settling into his new position here at Pilgrim. I trust that you will welcome Eric with open arms and see how wonderful an addition he already is to our church staff.

I wanted to alert you to our upcoming worship events in September. Every Sunday is special in its own right as we come together to worship God and walk with one another on our respective life journeys, but there are some unique aspects of worship in September that you should know about.

Sunday September 9 (Regular Worship resumes)

We are now back to 10:30 worship in the sanctuary—the choir will be back in the chancel, David will be back at the organ, a liturgist will be back at the lectern, I'll be back in the pulpit, you all will be back in the pews, and we'll be taking communion. Welcome back!

Sunday September 16 (Service of Blessing)

You're invited to bring the water you collected from your travels to add to our holy water supply, and the children are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed for the start of the school year. All are invited to bring their bicycles to church to have our second annual blessing of the bicycles. Blessings abound!

Sunday September 23 (All Church BBQ and Silent Auction)

We'll continue the Pilgrim tradition of having an all-church barbeque right after worship. This year there will also be a silent auction with some great items and experiences available. Great food and great fun!

Sunday September 30 (Zambia Service)

This summer there were seven Pilgrims who traveled to Zambia with Communities Without Borders: Jeff and Chloe Boehm, Lisa and Douglas McIlrath, Tom Murphy, Ruth Hickox, and yours truly. We will have a Zambia themed service on the 30th, including reflections on our trip. For all of you who've wanted more information on CWB and what experiences we had this summer, this will be the Sunday to hear more!

Obviously I'm biased since I do most of the worship planning around here, but I sincerely think that worship in September will be phenomenal. From being back in the sanctuary, to our service of blessing, to great food at the barbeque and a fun silent auction, to hearing more about the work seven Pilgrims did this summer in Zambia, I hope that you will be there to participate in these worship opportunities. See you in church.

Grace and Peace,

Lauren



WORSHIP NEWS

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday September 11th at 11 AM**. Last year, we read the Gospels of Mark and Luke, and left off in the middle of **Matthew** in the spring. Please join us this year as we finish Matthew and move onto **John** to finish our exploration of the Gospels. *Remember, you don't have to be an expert to participate!* Hope to see you there.

Help Around Town

If you need help with odd jobs or would be interested in performing a few yourselves, please see HelpAroundTown.com. This site has proven tremendously helpful to senior citizens, busy parents, and non-profit organizations. Help Around Town is run by Reem Yared, who has been instrumental in Room at the Table events, and the site was recently featured in *Colonial Times*. To learn more, there are fliers on the literature table in the narthex or please see:

<http://helparoundtown.com/>

<http://colonialtimesmagazine.com/need-help-around-the-house-find-it-at-helparoundtown-com/>



WELCOME TO ERIC SHERLOCK!

It is with great joy that we announce that Eric Sherlock has been called as Director of Christian Education at Pilgrim. Early last spring, we spread the word far and wide that we were in search of the right person

to lead our children and youth and to minister to our families. We interviewed several qualified applicants, but nobody seemed to be the right fit for Pilgrim. We knew we were being somewhat picky,

but all of us felt strongly that we were not willing to settle for less than the best. We went ahead and prepared to begin the 2012-2013 Church School year still in search of our candidate. We were thrilled when we received a letter and resume in late July from Eric and couldn't wait to meet with him. As Lauren put it, "He seems awesome!" The enthusiasm in the interview room was palpable on both sides, Eric feeling as drawn to Pilgrim as we were to him. We excitedly offered the position to Eric (who had 3 other offers on the table!) and were ecstatic when he said yes.

Eric's bio speaks to the many reasons why we feel he's a great fit for Pilgrim:

"Dedicated to spiritual formation, Eric believes children and youth are the church of today and not of tomorrow. He has a passion for liturgy, worship and faith formation as well as the Christian tradition's embrace of children and youth in all aspects of the church. Preparing to one day be a local church pastor, Eric is currently in his final year of studies at Boston University School of Theology as a candidate in the Master of Divinity Program.

Eric brings with him experience in both children's and youth ministry. Before joining the Pilgrim community, Eric served two years as seminarian at Hancock United Church of Christ in Lexington and two years as the Youth Minister for North Congregational Church, UCC in Middleboro. In addition, in 2010 Eric earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Bridgewater State University."

We are eager for you to meet Eric and welcome him to Pilgrim—his office hours will be **Tuesdays and Sundays from 9 AM-1 PM**.

With Peace and Gratitude,
The Director of Christian Education Search
Committee

Beth Kurth
Lesley Morrison
Lauren Lorincz



PILGRIM CHURCH FALL BBQ AND SILENT AUCTION

On **September 23rd** we are having a **Silent Auction!** We are looking for donations for this auction which will be held downstairs **during our fall BBQ**. We are looking for approximately 12-15 items. Here is a list of possible items: Tickets to games such as the Red Sox or Celtics; use of a vacation home; gift cards you may have that you are not planning to use such as restaurants or department stores. Some items already donated include a special night out for dinner (including babysitting!) and use of the Depot building for a private function. If you have any items that you can donate for this event, please email **Susan Carabbio** at s.carabbio@comcast.net. Thank you very much! We appreciate your support! Susan.



THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING, THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING...

No, not by horse, but by truck this fall! Please save the date of **October 6th**, when our truck of pumpkins is arriving. A sign up sheet will be available in September in Pilgrim Hall to help with unloading of the pumpkins as well as the sale during the weeks from **October 6th through October 31st**. Thanks to everyone last year for making this sale fantastic. We are excited about our 2nd Annual Pilgrim Pumpkin Patch. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Susan Carabbio** at 781 862-7633 or s.carabbio@comcast.net



Pilgrim Youth Group ended the year with a trip to SkyZone trampoline park which was a huge success and a great time!

For our 2012-2013 year there will be both a Junior High and a Senior High Youth Group which is sure to be a lot of fun and a great way for Pilgrim Youth to help the greater community and grow in a sense of fellowship, reflection and worship. Please stay tuned for the complete Junior and Senior High Fall 2012 schedule!



HONDURAS HAPPENINGS



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND FLIP-FLOPS NEEDED

Please consider picking up bargain items for the children in Flores, Honduras. Students often leave school before finishing the primary grades due to the lack of resources. Footwear will help prevent many illnesses and injuries. Small items including: pencils, colored pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, sharpeners are especially needed. Thank you for your support.



PILGRIM ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

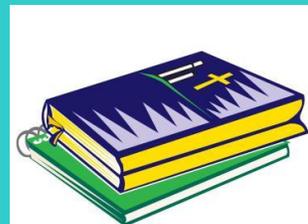
Highly recommended: A film at Cary Library on **Wednesday, September 12 at 7:30 to 9:00 pm.** Here Comes the Sun will be shown in the Large Meeting Room downstairs. "Every half hour on the Earth's surface there is enough light to provide energy needs for the whole world in a year. We don't have an energy problem, we have a conversion problem". Come and learn about what is possible both locally in Massachusetts, and beyond. Sponsored by Lexington Global Warming Action Coalition.



A NOTE FROM JEAN MOSELEY

As many of you saw in an earlier e-note this summer, Jean Moseley, who passed away in August, had a special message she wanted the congregation to receive as she was nearing the end of her life. Jean had wanted the note to appear in Pilgrim's Progress, as she worked so hard on past issues during her time with the congregation. So here is Jean's message again:

*Fellow Pilgrims, I am here at Bourne Manor surrounded by your thoughts, prayers and God's love. I feel content and fulfilled. Please celebrate with me the many ways God allowed me to serve you from May breakfasts, through church offices, and the Antique Show with much in between. Rejoice with me while I realize the wonders of this world He showed me with friendships, raising children, and some of the beautiful wonders of the world. Now that I feel my life is complete, I ask each of you to have a party to help send me to my next phase of existence. It's your party so celebrate your way - a day at the beach, an extra glass of wine, tell stories, or even the truth. Thank you for your part in my life.
Jean Moseley.*



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Please note that Bible Study will resume on **Tuesday, September 11.**