

# The Crier

Pilgrim Congregational Church of Taunton  
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*Sharing Christ's Love through Worship, Fellowship, and Missions in the Congregational Way.*

Worship Service Sunday 10:00 A.M.  
Contemporary Worship Service Saturday 6:30 P.M.

Interim Pastor Raefield Perteet



Genesis 32: 24 states: “Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.” Without profound exegesis into the scripture this language should immediately capture our attention.

What should immediately capture our attention in this passage is its direct contradiction to modern life. Few people wrestle with anything. Modern society seeks to eliminate tension. The “dominant script” of modern culture seeks to eradicate absolute truth, right and wrong, and in its place substitute a simplified relative moral ethic. Our society asks whether it feels good and not if it is good. This thinking leads to a paralyzed community.

A life without tension is seen as good. Our culture seeks to eliminate tension in government, religious institutions, and personal life.

In our religious life it appears that the church has forgotten its purpose, which is “to call to account... areas where society has been least honest and least faithful to Jesus.” And yet in areas where the Church is called to offer a critique it seems to remain silent. In an effort to maintain its status as a relevant and vibrant institution its main agenda has been compromise, not correction.

In individual life, our society is full of examples of those who have chosen to take a path of least resistance. A glance at consumerism will show that our objective is comfort, not truth. People are no longer seeking a healthy tension between personal freedom and communal responsibility, but “when voting for the American Idol becomes more compelling to most people than voting for an American President,” they have surely chosen personal freedom.

In the midst of this all stands the story of Jacob, a story that reminds each believer that we have an obligation to continue struggling to find truth. That in a society that often calls wrong right and right wrong, we are called to be maladjusted. To stand against the status quo and in so doing offer a ray of hope and life, in the midst of a society whose once strong light of truth have now dimmed with the refusal to keep a healthy tension of truth against the lies.

Jacob wrestles why his family is sleeping. Yet it is his struggle that provides not only his but their success. Perhaps like Jacob it is the act of a few believers who are willing to remain strong in faith while continues to sleep.

Perhaps the church and those who remain conscious in it function as a small but effective air purification system, “planted somewhere within a giant smoke-filled room. Its success won’t be measured by whether it clears the air immediately but by whether it keeps its filters clean.” [end edit]It is not surprise that we live in a culture where the smoke is getting thicker, and like the deadly fumes emitted by carbon dioxide lack of tension is slowing putting most to sleep. However if a few Christian are willing to remain awake to the truth perhaps we may indeed purify the air around our environments to the place were our society may once again begin to wake up out of its drossy stupor.

Blessings,

-Rae

## Board of Education

Susan Orsini (Co-Chair) Beth Munroe, Nancy Witherell, Lynne McIntyre, Sue Keogh

The Board of Ed is looking for volunteers to help with Saturday's Children's Church and Sunday School. No experience necessary, just a love for children.

## Youth Group News



Don't forget to check [www.pilgrimcc.net/youth](http://www.pilgrimcc.net/youth) for upcoming events and pictures.



## Mission News

Board of Missions: Lisa Wezowicz and Greta Ferreira, co-chairs, Judy Sylvester, Jenny McNee, Kris Maher, Maria Coutts, Jim Ritchie – Treasurer

### Ongoing Collections:

The recycling bin in the kitchen is for items used at the church only. PLEASE DO NOT BRING IN RECYCLABLES FROM HOME!!

We have a new collection box to put your Box Tops for Education in. The box is on the shelf under our bulletin board. Box tops can be found on General Mills and Betty Crocker products. Remember to bring in Campbell's Labels for Education, aluminum can tabs, Shaw's receipts and used ink cartridges. We will donate all these items to organizations that use the money raised from them to fund their programs.

We are no longer collecting used eyeglasses. Two places that you may take your used glasses to are Eyecare-Eyewear at 45 Cohannet St., Taunton (508) 824-4100) and Vision Works Express on Rt. 44 at the Shaw's Plaza in Raynham (508-822-8692).

Don't throw away paper and cardboard used at church!!! WE have a recycling bin in the office.

The bottle and can drive to benefit local charities has begun. Please bring in returnable bottles and cans (no glass please) to place in our trash can in Fellowship Hall. This month's collection will benefit Pilgrim Church's Relay for Life Team.

### **Food Donations**

Please bring in food items for the food pantry box and for the emergency food supply cabinet. Any non-perishable food item is welcome. Items specifically needed for the emergency food supply are items for children, such as cereal, kid's pasta, graham crackers, boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, apple sauce and canned soups.

## **Board of Deacons**

Peter Witherell (Chairperson), Sylvia Cross (Secretary), Steve Kosta, Charlene Sisson, Bob Hunt, Shirley Ragusa, Lynne McIntyre, Deborah Cozzens.

**Reminder:** The loose money offering on Communion Sunday is given to the Deacons Fund to help the local poor.

## **RUMMAGE SALE**



For the past twelve years Ruth McIntyre and I have served as Co-Chairmen of the Rummage and Yard Sale held to benefit Pilgrim Church. While we have enjoyed the fellowship of those who assisted us, we have come to the conclusion that we are no longer able to perform the duties that the chairmanship of this project requires.

Sincerely,

Carol Ritchie

Sylvia Cross has volunteered to take us in a new direction. Her new idea is the rental of tables, either craft or yard. You pay \$15.00 per table, set up, sell and clean up your tables and keep your profits. If you wish (weather permitting), you may be inside or outside.

The church will offer a bake table and lunch (if we have volunteers).

**SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 2, 2010**

**TIME - 9 AM - 2 PM**

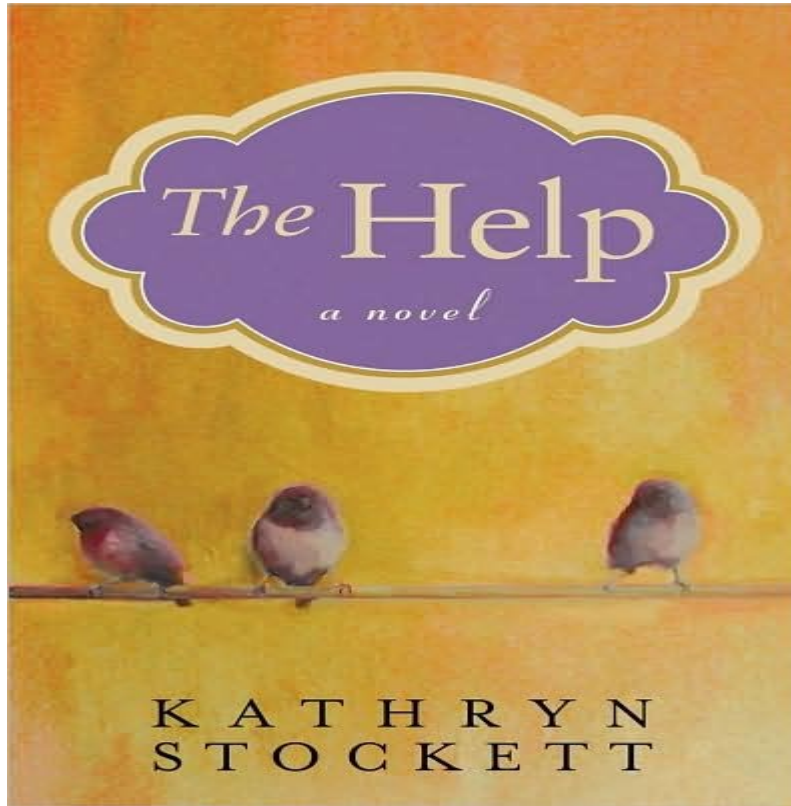
**See Sylvia or call at 1-508-824-6774.**

**DEADLINE - WEDNESDAY - SEPTEMBER 29, 2010**

**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN IN THIS FUN FILLED FELLOWSHIP!**

## Elizabeth Pole News

The Book Group will be meeting on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 to discuss



A Potluck luncheon will follow.

Don't forget we are also reading *The House of Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorn and hope to visit Salem after our discussion, probably in October or November.

## TECH CENTER

The Tech Center is looking for volunteers for Saturday and/or Sunday. Anyone interested can contact Debbie Cozzens, Arthur Guidotti, or leave a message in the Church office.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Congratulations to Albert and Eleanor Orsini who welcomed the birth of their great-grandson MASON EDGAR CRETE on June 7, 2010. Mason was born in Concord, NH, and weighed 9 lbs 3 oz . He is the son of Albert and Eleanor's granddaughter Darcie Orsini Crete,

## September Coffee Hour



*September 5*  
*September 12*  
*September 19*  
*September 26*

*Volunteer*  
*Board of Missions*  
*Board of Deacons*  
*Board of Managers*

## Fellowship Groups

**Fellowship is one of the backbones of the Christian life as well as our Congregational tradition. This fall you are invited to check out one of the many wonderful, warm, and inviting groups here at Pilgrim. We all have different worship and fellowship needs, so we encourage you to find a group that is right for you!**



<b>Fellowship Group</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact Person / Additional Information</b>
Christian Meditation	Chapel	Wed. 6 – 7 pm	Sylvia Thornton (508-947-3160)
Elizabeth Pole Society	Parlor	Wed. 10 – 11:30 am	Carol Ritchie (508-824-5011)
Bible Study	Parlor	Thurs. 10-11:00 am	Barbara Hunt (508) 822-0683
Bible Study	Parlor	Tuesday 7 pm	Rev Raefield Perteet 508-822-1472
Contemporary Worship Team	Parlor	Wed. 7 – 8:30 pm	Dan LeBrun (508-837-9482)
Pilgrim Choir	Fellowship Hall	Tues. 7 – 8:30 pm	Jim Moore (508-285-6699) <i>Now Meeting</i>
Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	Wed. 8 – 9 am	Frank Ragusa (508) 822-9265

## FLOWERS

**Flower Committee: Jean Johnson, Carol Ritchie, Bob Dickerman, Barbara Hunt, Dora Hackett, Suzanne Kosta**

*Flowers given on June 20<sup>th</sup> were given in memory of Constance A. Reed Marcoux by JP Marcoux.*

*Thank you to Sylvia Cross and Eleanor Orsini for the beautiful flower arrangements that decorated the sanctuary during the summer months.*

*Thank you to Sylvia Cross for her continued dedication to the church garden.*

## REMINDER

Reminder about Event Planning:

We have many different groups and activities taking place at the church each week. If you have an event (big or small) that you are planning, please remember to check first with Dawn Matthews in the church office to avoid any scheduling conflicts. Most events are also now conveniently listed on our website at [www.PilgrimCC.net](http://www.PilgrimCC.net).

## Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open **Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm.**

**Phone: (508) 822-1472 Email: [pilgrimcc@verizon.net](mailto:pilgrimcc@verizon.net)**

Change of address, telephone number or email; please let us know so we can update our contact information.

## Prayer Concerns

### *Thanksgiving for:*

Children and Youth of Our Church  
The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ  
Men and women serving in the Military today and their families

### **Prayers for Healing:**

Steve Kosta	John MacRae
Sheila Cook	Winifred Padelford
David Dean	Everett Fisk
Bud Orsini	

### **Prayers for Comfort:**

The Family of Francis Osenkowski  
The Hovestadt Family  
The Family of Emerson Strange  
Sandra Savadyga in the recent death of her mother Gladys Perry  
Edward Dooley in the recent death of his sister Margaret Mary Morin

### **Prayers for Loving Guidance:**

Our church family, Boards, Committees, Pastor  
Prayer for our country and world peace  
Our President that God will guide him with his decisions  
Missions – local, national, and international

To list a prayer concern or joy, call the Church office at (508) 822-1472 or email us at [pilgrimcc@verizon.net](mailto:pilgrimcc@verizon.net). All prayer requests will be printed in the Sunday bulletin for one month and once in the Crier. If you need to renew a prayer request, please contact the Church office.