

MARCH 2020 PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

LIFE IS SHORT.
SO, RUSH TO BE KIND.
BE SWIFT TO LOVE.

**Worship with David Roth &
Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell
March 8 @ 11:00 AM**



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My Way or the Highway: Living in a Partisan World

Polarization has never been worse, according to a study by Pew Research. Three years ago Pew reported that Americans hate the polarization in our nation, and then this fall new research revealed that these divides have only increased over the last three years. Nine out of ten Americans told Pew that they are frustrated by these divisions and the acrimony that goes with them. These divisions create political gridlock, but they also take an emotional toll on us.

Living in a society where people are so divided is more taxing than we realize. I hear about heated arguments in beauty parlors and restaurants, in locker rooms and schools. In business and family gatherings people learn how to navigate topics where someone might “go off” but the stress of it starts to wear on you and make us all feel sad somehow. It takes a toll on your soul.

If you look up the definition of partisan you find “Someone who is a strong supporter of a party, a cause or a person.” The second definition says - “A partisan is someone who is a member of an armed group formed to fight secretly against occupying forces, as they did in Yugoslavia, Italy or Eastern Europe during World War II.” Prejudiced in favor of a particular cause, someone who is partisan is so convinced that they are right that they will fight hard to promote that cause.

The problem with partisan politics is that it is such a slippery slope. When people become entrenched in their feelings they cannot budge. They get rigid, and unable to be flexible. Then it is all about winning the argument or the vote. It is hard to watch this going on and easy to feel helpless. We may not have the opportunity to address the gridlock in politics, but we can decide whether we want to live in communities which are rigid or inflexible.

We might not be able to wave a magic wand and change Washington but we can decide how we want to treat the people we know. We can make changes in our lives that help us avoid being quite so partisan. We can shape our communities and our families to reflect our commitment to open conversation.

Growing up, my favorite book was "To Kill a Mockingbird". The scene I remembered most wasn't the one in the courtroom, but the last one. The main character in the novel was a girl named Scout, and she spends most of the book taunting a simple but reclusive man, Arthur Radley. Scared of him, she and her friends call him Boo. In the end he proves to be a hero and Scout quietly discovers he is kind and good, despite her fears. It is a life-changing revelation.

When she walks Mr. Radley home that night, she lingers on his porch and for the first time, she sees the world through his eyes. The novel ends with this hopeful image. What if the world could be a place where we find the grace to walk around in each other's shoes? What if we, like Scout and her dad, Atticus Finch, could find a way to live in a partisan world and yet stand for true community? What if even

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Sermons March 2020 Called to Community - A Series Based on the Ten Commandments

March 1st: "Priorities -
Who's Number one?"

March 8th:
David Roth -
Worship with
Rev. Cartmell & Singer
David Roth

March 15: "Respect -
Living with Others"

March 22: "Life - The
Ultimate Value"

March 29: "Relationships"
(Confirmation & bell
choir)

April 1: "Truth"
(Palm Sunday)

Come . . .

Lenten and Holy Week at Pilgrim . . .

Soup Suppers and Taize Worship on Wednesdays in Lent

This Lent Rev. Susan will lead services in the Chapel with readings and simple singing, using music from Taize, a world-renowned retreat center in France. Taize was started after World War II by a Catholic brother who started a sanctuary and retreat center where people could work and worship together in an effort to build world peace following the war. Every summer Taize attracts thousands of youth and young adults from every continent. Speaking so many languages they come together every evening to worship in the common language of music. Their worship has evolved and brings to life simple hymns that are beautiful and easy to learn. Taize worship has become a favorite for people of faith in Europe and Asia, Africa and the US. Our hope is that you will find these services inviting, inspiring and uplifting. If you are interested in learning more about Taize look up their website and listen to the voices.

Each Wednesday, through April 1, soup, salad and bread will be served in Monbleau Hall at 5:15 p.m. The candlelight worship begins at 6:15 p.m. and will be over at 6:45.

Holy Week

Maundy Thursday, April 9: Worship 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 10: 6:30 PM -- Meal and Readings

Easter Sunday, April 12:

6:30 AM Sunrise Service and Winsted Inn (Bank St)

9:00 AM Family Service

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt on the Lawn

11:00 AM Service with organ, choir & trumpet

Come . . .

David Roth -- where song, spirit, and speaking meet



Sunday, March 8 - Worship with David Roth

David Roth is a musician well known on the Cape and beyond. He strikes many chords, hearts, and minds with his unique songs, offbeat observations, moving stories, sense of the hilarious, and powerful singing and subject matter. As singer, songwriter, recording artist, keynote speaker, workshop leader, and instructor, David has earned top honors as a premier songwriter and taken his music, experience, and expertise to a wide variety of venues in this and other countries full-time for three decades.

He is also the founder/director of the Cape Cod Songwriters Retreat and creator/host of the Cape's "Full Moon Open Mic", which connects musicians while collecting donations for local non-profits.

Sundays March 1, 8, 15, & 22 @ 10 AM

Join Doug Wheeler and others to discuss an historical approach to Bible Study using the book ***Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*** by Marcus Borg. Borg was an American New Testament scholar and theologian. As a Fellow in the Jesus Seminar, he was a major figure in the scholarship that has explored the historical Jesus. Borg's writings are among the most widely known and influential in progressive Christianity.

COMING IN APRIL.....

A look at life and death using the book ***Being Mortal***, by Atul Gawande.
Led by Rev. Peggy O'Connor and Rev. Ed Farrel-Starbuck, retired Methodist Minister, currently serving as a hospital chaplain.

Loving and Using Your Bible...

In loving memory of Nicki Palmer

Test yourself:

How big is a CUBIT? (recalling Noah's direction for ark building...)

Lectio Divina:

Psalm 32:7

More to the Story:

Speaking of marching ... what happened when Joshua tried to get the Israelites to cross the Jordan into the "Promise Land"?





Library Committee, Karin Larson, Chair

Listed below are the Library's newest acquisitions that are on the top shelf above the earlier acquisitions:

- *Prayer Poems* and *What Kind of Christians Are You?*, written and donated by Jill Gabriel.

Reading the Bible for the First Time, by Marcus J. Borg has been donated by Doug Wheeler, who is leading a Bible study group based on this book.

Five mysteries, listed below, each with historical and geographical background, were written, self-published and donated by Matt Hart. Matt is a Harwich resident who is very actively serving as chairman of the Harwich Waterways Commission and the Harwich Accessibility Rights Commission:

- *The Portuguese Triangle: Nantucket, Cape Verdes, and the Azores*
- *A Sole Surviving Son* (see Brittany Smith's book review on library desk).
- *A Pacific Princess*
- *A Case of Mistaken Identity*
- *Tanyl: Strait of Hormez*

Due to winter/early spring travel by a majority of the Library Committee, we request that new donations be delayed until mid-May. You can, however, still sign out and return books in the library as usual.

PCCWF

SAVE THE DATE:

Wed., April 15, 12:30 – 2pm

Monbleau Hall

Pilgrim Women's Fellowship invites you to come and learn more about the ties that run long and deep between Harwich and the island archipelago of Cape Verde. Cape Verdeans helped rebuild the Cape's economy after a withering post-Civil War depression and became influential in the success not only of the Cape's cranberry and fishing industries, but also in the development of its infrastructure. Al Raneo will present a lively program.

All are welcome. (Free will offering.)



Missions Committee

In February, the committee approved \$1,300 in requests:

Perkins School for the Blind - \$300

The Children's Center - \$500

Gosnold - \$500

♥Lifting Spirits on Valentine's Day

A beautiful bag of Valentine gifts is a joy to receive. Happily, the homeless men and women at St Joe's Shelter, Baybridge Clubhouse, Elise House, Eve's House in Hyannis, and Cove Clubhouse in Harwich can look forward to that each year. The tradition started sixteen years ago when Midge Dey learned that Izzy and her team at Pilgrim Church assist the homeless by continually gathering donations of clothing, toiletries and other necessities and giving them away to those in need.

Midge realized she could do something to support those efforts by reaching out to involve her own circle of women friends in the wider community. Like throwing a pebble on the water, she decided to have a yearly Valentine's party and ask people to come with a contribution of small useful items or treats like gift cards for Dunkin Donuts. Her friends responded generously, and it has become an annual event.

After the party, the women form a team to help sort the hundreds of items donated at the party. They fill and decorate beautiful bags for the women and assemble baskets full of items for the men to choose. The extra gift cards are given to Izzy's team for distribution to the homeless throughout the year.

On Valentine's Day, Midge and family or friends deliver the bags to the shelter, transitional residences and the clubhouses mentioned above. This year's delivery totaled eighty bags for the women and 3 large baskets full of items and treats for the men to select from.

All the gifts had a message of love tucked inside and were indeed a bright spot again this winter for everyone who received AND for all who gave. ♥



Cape Cod Council of Churches Hands of Hope Food Pantry

As you know, Pilgrim collects food for the Hand of Hope Food Pantry. (The donation box is located under the coat rack outside Monbleau Hall. Note that often, these items are on special -- check the grocery stores circulars! The following items are of particular need this season:

- Stew, Hash, Spam
- Granola or Oatmeal
- Canned Tuna
- Coffee or Tea
- Hamburger Helper
- Crackers
- Jelly
- Cereal
- Hamburger, Chicken or
- Tuna Helper
- Chef-Boy-R-Dee
- Products
- Ketchup or Mayo
- Pasta Sauce
- Hand held can openers

Last year's collection brought in over 900 cans and boxes from Pilgrim alone, so we hope to donate at least 1,000 this year! The Council helps 250-300 families each month with two cans of soup, so their supply dwindles very quickly. Remarkably, so far in 2020, the Council has collected 1,458 cans from its member churches! So please know that our donations are greatly appreciated as demonstrated in the email below from the Council representative.

Subject: Thank you

Please thank your Congregation for the terrific response!

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TAX TIME IS A GOOD TIME TO THINK ABOUT LEGACY GIVING

Two years ago the Trustees adopted, and the Congregation approved, a new Gifts and Investment Policy intended to encourage legacies and other special gifts to our Church.

WHY LEGACY GIVING? The impetus for special giving – through legacies or extraordinary one-time gifts – is the same that motivates us to provide our regular annual support: God has generously blessed us. Anything we give, in whatever form, is in response to those rich blessings. Legacy giving is giving that allows you to continue your support of Pilgrim Church beyond your lifetime and into the future. It joins you in a long tradition of people who have provided for our Church beyond its present needs.

Pilgrim Church would not exist, certainly not in its present form and potential, if it were not for the forward-looking generosity of all those legacy and special-gift donors who gave in the past. In that sense, all such gifts are legacies, in that they ensure the Church's future fiscal health, essential to the future fulfillment of the Church's mission here in Harwich.

HOW TO GIVE. Most legacy and special gifts to Pilgrim Church are made without restrictions on their use, allowing the Congregation and Trustees to apply the gifts where the need is greatest. Other gifts are made to honor and support a ministry of the Church, such as music or outreach, or to make a purchase that will fulfill a specific need.

For those donors who want to direct a gift toward a particular purpose, the Stewardship and Gifts Committee will work with you and find ways to associate your gift with your special interest, while keeping in mind the Church's overall needs.

Some of the ways that you can participate in legacy and other special giving are:

Current Gifts of Appreciated Assets such as Real Estate or Securities; Current Gifts of Cash or Other Assets – given now with potential tax advantages.

Bequests – a gift made in your will, either a specific dollar amount, a specific asset, or a percentage of your overall estate.

Retirement Plan Assets – a specific dollar amount or percentage of the amount remaining in your retirement account at your death.

Life Insurance – where you designate the Church to be the beneficiary of an existing policy.

Charitable Gift Annuity – where you fund an annuity that gives you income for life, with the remainder going to the Church.

Charitable Remainder Trust – where your gift goes into a trust that pays you income during your life, with the remainder going to the Church.

Your individual needs and estate planning goals will determine the type of giving that best suits your circumstances. The Pastor or a member of the Stewardship and Gifts Committee can talk with you in confidence about the various options, and you would act only after thorough discussion with your legal and tax advisors.



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now we find a way to teach empathy to our children? It's probably no wonder that "To Kill a Mockingbird" has played to sold out crowds on Broadway for months now, because we are all so hungry for its fierce hope.

Lately, I found a new podcast called Ear Hustle. Recorded in a radio studio at San Quentin, one of the most dangerous prisons in California, Ear Hustle takes you inside the prison. In stories from inmates who have served for years you hear about struggle and hope, humor and human community. It is hard to listen to these men without feeling a powerful connection with them. It was hard not to listen to Ear Hustle without finding my spirit lifted in a way I did not see coming.

It is not easy to live in a partisan world without becoming swept up in the fray. The fighting is so seductive. Jesus stumbled on this. For all his openness, Jesus could be partisan, too. Both Mark and Matthew's gospels include the story of the meeting between Jesus and a foreigner, a woman from Syrophoenicia. She came to him seeking a healing, but he refused her at first, and turned her away with a racial slur; he called her a dog. But this brave woman proved to be a match for Jesus that day and the hero in the story. She held her ground. She refused to be shamed by his rebuke and so impressed Jesus with her tenacity that she broke through the barrier between them. He conceded her humanity and he saw her as another child of God.

That's the key, isn't it? It is to try to begin to see each other as children of God, nothing more, but nothing less, either.

Blessings,
Rev. Susan

SNOW/ELLIS CIRCLE OF THE FOUNDER'S SOCIETY ... A GENEROUS LEGACY GIFT



Chet Berg, a longtime member of Pilgrim Church who died recently, has made a legacy gift to the Church of approximately \$8,000. In his will Chet gave the Church 2.5% of his residual estate, and the estate's attorney recently notified Pastor Susan of the bequest. The Church's Gifts and Investment Policy, adopted in 2018, created the Founder's Society to celebrate and recognize gifts like Chet's. Chet now joins the Snow/Ellis Circle of the Founder's Society, named for two of the Church's original founding families. His gift, like theirs, embodies in a tangible way his deep and abiding faith in the ministry of Pilgrim Church and his desire to continue his support for the Church into the future.

Music Notes

We are pleased to announce that three new singers have joined our Chancel Choir this winter:

- **Deb Watson**, soprano, from Chatham
- **Trisha Beal**, alto, from Sandwich
- **Matt Reid**, filling the vacancy as tenor section leader, from Dennis.

Welcome all!

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SAVE THE DATE!

June 28 Recital

There will be a special recital taking place in our Sanctuary on Sunday, June 28th, 2020, at 3:00 PM.

The program will feature sacred piano and organ music, played by Fred Drifmeyer and guest musicians.

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CAPE COD CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT IN APRIL!! "Toward the Sea", Sunday, April 19 @ 3:00PM 2:15 Pre-Concert talk

Season Two concludes with a special commemorative work for the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's journey by composer-in-residence Cody Forrest. EJ Mills Brennan, Mashpee Wampanoag musician, painter, and artisan joins us to share her original music "Breath of Prayers". Toru Takemitsu's *Toward the Sea* (1981) for alto flute, harp, and strings was commissioned by Green Peace for the "Save the Whales" campaign, and features a movement dedicated to Cape Cod. The CCCO concludes this stormy journey with Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G minor.

Join us as we take a contemporary look at the Pilgrim's journey to America.

March Birthdays

- March 2: Mary Lou
Duquette-Maitland
- March 11: Barby Worrest
- March 18: Sean Gould
- March 19: Mary Beth Bryant
- March 19: Emily Newell
- March 30: Lois Hopkins
- March 31: Susan Mills

Happy Birthday!



Steeple Lightings

January 29th:
Aria Guertsen

February 9th:
Suzy (from Sam)

February 23rd:
Nicki Palmer

Pilgrim Church IN THE MEDIA!

Cape Cod Times:

January 19 - **MATTERS OF FAITH: Do we want to live in a world of quid pro quo?**

<https://www.capecodtimes.com/opinion/20200119/matters-of-faith-do-we-want-to-live-in-world-of-quid-pro-quo>

February 2 - **MATTERS OF FAITH: My way or the highway: Living in a partisan world**

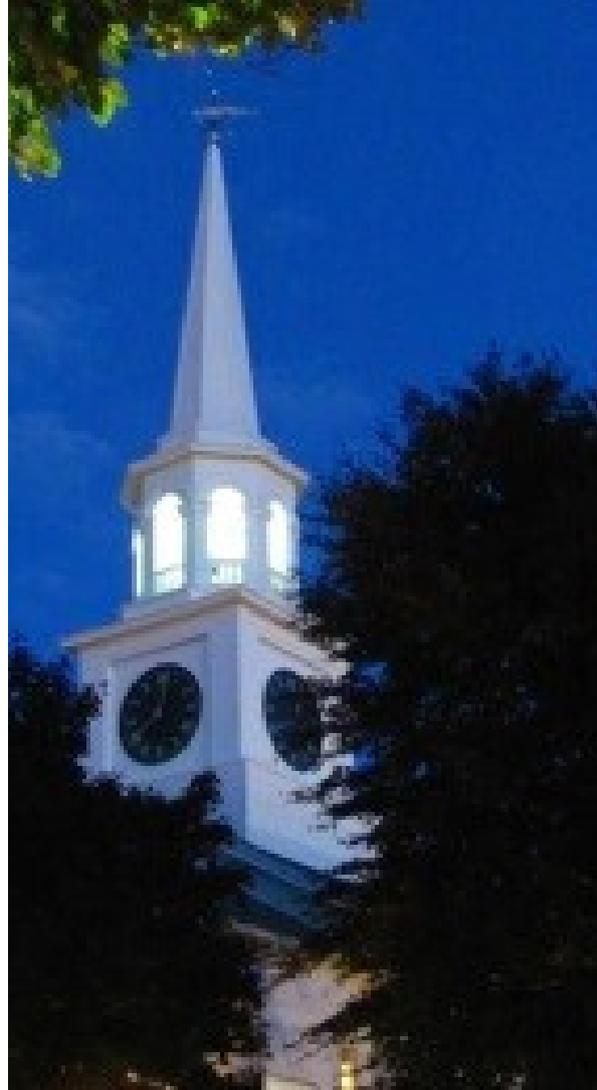
<https://www.capecodtimes.com/news/20200202/matters-of-faith-my-way-or-highway-living-in-partisan-world>

February 27 - "On the Mark" -- photos of Rev. Cartmell during "Ashes to go."

BEST BETS & CapeCodOnline: David Roth worship service

Arts Council Online Listings: David Roth Worship Service

Cape Cod Chronicle: David Roth listing in *Almanac*; Weekly listing of worship services and sermons; boxed announcements placed for Lenten services and Holy week services and events.



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