



Kathy Keler, a Pilgrim and graphic artist, created an image [see background] that could be used throughout the sabbatical period that reflected our themes of connections and clarity. What do you see in this image? This is what other Pilgrims had to say:

Kathy Keler *“For me the loops represent energy flow between people, which often happens in unpredictable patterns.”*

Gerry Hendershot’s first reaction to the image:

I think that mental ambiguity may be what gives the strip its spiritual quality--it challenges normal perceptions. There is other symbolism in the strip. For instance, it looks like a 3-dimensional infinity sign. It also reminds me of the labyrinth in that it involves a journey in and a journey out. In the labyrinth this is a journey in to the center and a journey out to the world. On the strip it is a journey "under" and a journey "over."

Jean Stewart’s interpretation:

My response to the lovely image that Kathy Keler created for the sabbatical period is similar to Gerry Hendershot's in that I immediately thought of the infinity sign when I saw the loop--our connections inward and outward are without defined limits, a wonderful idea to me. The figures are facing inward, but leaning outward, another symbol of the inward and outward journey. The loop also looks like a link, linking us together in community, and like a Mobius strip, a concept of mystery and wonder.

Margee Iddings’ (our upcoming retreat leader and guest preacher on May 20th) interpretation:

Such a strip symbolizes the vital connection between the inner life of the mind and spirit with the outer life of service and community. It also symbolizes the strength that comes not just from a rectangular strip made into a circle, but the even stronger sense that is inherent in the simple twist of that circle.

“What do you see in this image?”

Sabbatical Retreat

May 19, 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. at Pilgrims

Join us on May 19th for a day long retreat, celebrating the ways we are connected at Pilgrims and thus to the city and the global village in which we live. It is to be a time for getting to know one another---long time members and newcomers and all who are in-between. We will not sit still for very long. Instead, we’ll be active and interactive, creative and heady. If anyone is missing we’ll be diminished! So, do plan to come and join us for this day of spiritual formation and community building! Our retreat will be led by Rev. Margee Iddings, Presbyterian minister and former Executive Director of a spiritual retreat center in Western Maryland.

Questions? Contact Ashley Goff at ashley.goff@verizon.net or 202-387-6612. †

Sabbatical Preaching Schedule for May

- May 6th: Rev. Ashley Goff
- May 13th: Rev. Hector Mendez, First Presbyterian Church, Havana, Cuba
- May 20th: Rev. Margee Iddings
- May 27th, Pentecost: Rev. Ashley Goff †

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION IN MAY

May 6th:

Connection and Clarity: Explore the lectionary texts for May 6th worship. Led by Ashley Goff.

May 13th:

Connection and Clarity: Explore the lectionary texts and connect with our guest preacher, Rev. Hector Mendez from First Presbyterian Church, Havana, Cuba.

May 20th:

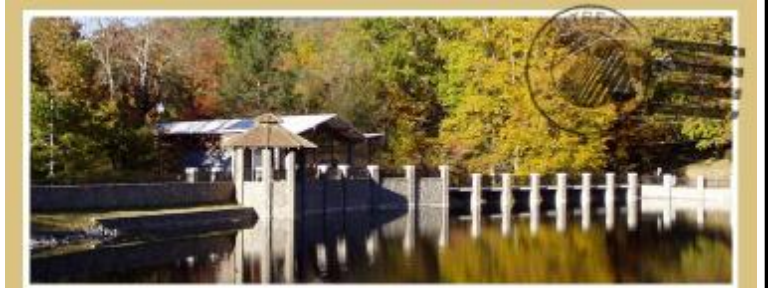
Connection and Clarity: Explore the lectionary texts and connect with our guest preacher, Rev. Margee Iddings.

Sunday School classes for all ages is at 9:30 A.M. on Sundays
✚

MISSION AND OUTREACH

PC(USA) Peacemaking Conference, 2007

Making plans for summer? Consider attending the Presbyterian Church (USA) annual Peacemaking Conference, July 3-8, in Montreat, NC. Montreat, one of the conference sites owned by PC(USA), is located in a secluded forested area in the "Land of the Sky" near the Blue Ridge Parkway in the mountains of western North Carolina.. (About a 9- hour drive from Washington).



The conference will provide you with a

chance to meet with other peacemakers and hear inspiring speakers from all around the world. The program includes a great combination of worship, Bible Study, plenary sessions, and spiritual growth opportunities. Stimulating activities are planned for youth and children of all ages, many of which will be intergenerational.

Our presbytery's Peacemaking Team has rented a large cottage near the center of Montreat, where members of local congregations may obtain housing at a reduced cost -and enjoy the fellowship of shared domesticity with folks from other NCP churches!

Registration forms are available online at www.pcusa.org/peacemaking, and information about housing is available from Nancy Lawrence Hill at 240-430-1295 (nlawhill@yahoo.com) or from MaryLib Pate, Pilgrims' Peacemaking contact. Register by May 14 for the best rates. ✚

During "Dear My Friends" --Thanks to Pilgrims from Indonesia worship on

the Sundays of Advent 2006, Pilgrims made special offerings to four organizations, one of which was the *Reksa Putra Orphanage* in Indonesia, which was brought to Pilgrims' attention by Pilgrim Tari Gregory, a native Indonesian. The orphanage has separate facilities for boys and girls, and Pilgrims' gift was used to make much needed repairs to the boys' facility. Both boys and girls wrote thank you letters to Pilgrims and included pictures of themselves. All of the letters and photos will be on a bulletin board near the church office. Included here is a letter from Sekti Yani ("Yani"), who aspires to be, among other things, a novelist. (Yani is pictured giving the peace sign.)

Yudi, from the boy's facility, wrote: "Thank you for your kindness to me. By God's grace, through you, now my



house is pretty, clean, and neat. ... The new school year is almost here; please pray for me so that I can move on to the next higher class. May God bless our

friendship."

In a letter covering the children's thanks, the directors of the boys and girls facilities—Kriyono S. H. and Endang Isananto—wrote "Thank you for your love and care, and always for your prayers, because our children need the support for their upcoming final examinations. Hopefully, they are always fine and stay healthy so they can study well. Best wishes for the pilgrims and sisters and brothers in [your] Sunday School." ✚



A Pilgrim Story of Connections and Clarity

Throughout the sabbatical period, we will be hearing stories in worship, The Pilgrim and weekly Updates and Invitations email from Pilgrims based on our sabbatical themes of "connections and clarity." Each Pilgrim "storyteller" was given a reflection exercise to help name and articulate a story of connection and clarity from their experiences at church. This story of connections and clarity comes from Calva Leonard.

I first came to Pilgrims in 1969, and what comes to mind from those days is working with other young Pilgrims in staffing the Stone's Throw Coffee House, a ministry on Friday nights to the youth in the Dupont Circle Area - in those days there were a lot of runaways in the area. The other memory that strikes me from that time is sleeping in the hogans (something like wooden tents) and sitting around the campfire with the Whites and the Wolfs and our children at Camp Glenkirk, the Presbytery's former camp and conference center. I was away for about five years and then I came back to DC alone and it was to Pilgrims I came, where I had felt connected.

In my second life at Pilgrims, twenty years now, there are many personal connections made when we reach out to one another in love, some-

times to help, sometimes just to hug. And, over, around and through that, there is for me this umbrella of connection I feel with all other Pilgrims in the more intimate forms of worship - those times when we gather around the font or the table, when we pass communion one to the other, anoint one another, or wash hands at Maundy Thursday service. These times of experiencing worship as a community are transcendent.

I've been a Pilgrim for a long time and I know I feel connected to this place, but I never looked at it in quite this way before. As I went thru the reflection exercise that Ashley gave me, I was surprised at the length of the list I made without stopping to think, and surprised by the number of names on my list. Experiences and people just rolled out and I feel blessed to be a Pilgrim. †

Donald M. Terry, an active member of Pilgrims throughout the 1950's and 60's, died on January 21st, 2007 in Richmond, VA. He had spent the last 10 months of his life struggling to overcome multiple disabling conditions resulting from an auto accident last May in Danville, VA, where he and Harriet had settled in 2000 to be near their son.

Don arrived in Washington in 1951, having graduated from Cornell University, to work for the State Department (CIA employee of the cold War era were not permitted to use the words "CIA"). He began attending Young Adult activities at Pilgrims, and met his wife, Harriet Wilson, here. They were married by Dr. Bird in 1954, and added to our Sunday School not only a teacher but also three children: Sally, Russell, and Cynthia. Don served several terms as a deacon and was part of the "Fisherman's Club" (an early predecessor of today's "Theology on Tap"). The Terrys later moved their membership to Trinity Presbyterian near their home in Arlington. Don served as Trinity's treasurer for many years, and was also active in Meals on Wheels and other service projects.

A memorial service for Don was held at Trinity, with his daughter, Rev. Cynthia Terry, as one of the eulogists. She quoted from a prayer written by her father expressing his hope that you (family and friends) may experience the great joy of receiving God's gifts, ...seek knowledge and understanding of His will, and receive the love and power to carry (it) out". These words reflect the goals Don sought to reach throughout his life. †

We are saddened to share the death

D e a t h A n n o u n c e m e n t s

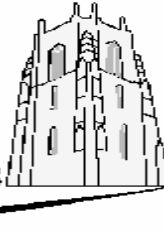
With sadness we also share the

of Catherine Lawson McCorquodale. She died on April 2. Catherine was a long-time member of Pilgrims who served the church well in many capacities for many years; for the last three years she resided in a retirement facility in South Carolina to be nearer her relatives. We'll share more about Catherine in an upcoming issue of *The Pilgrim*. A memorial service was held at Pilgrims on April 14.

death of Rito Jaramillo. Rito attended church occasionally with his wife, Estela. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church in Mexico. Their daughter, Maria Guadalupe (Jaramillo) Neal, is a member of the Pilgrims. She has been away for the past several years with her husband, Ron, who serves in the military. (Last Easter, memorably, we welcomed and offered prayers for their foster child, Chance, whom they are in the process of adopting.) A funeral service was held on April 6.

POSTMASTER,
SEND ADDRESS CHANGES TO:
The Pilgrim
Church of the Pilgrims
2201 P St., NW
Washington, DC 20037

Church
of the
Pilgrims



Periodicals
Postage Paid
Washington, DC
USPS 602-620

Voice: 202-387-6612
Fax: 202-387-6614
pilgrim.mail@verizon.net

"Where all are Pilgrims, but none is a stranger."

www.churchofthepilgrims.org

*If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter please e-mail,
fax or call in your request to the church office.*

Join us
on Sundays for
Worship, 11:00 A.M.

May Happy 13th
Mother's Day

For the fourth summer in a row, Pilgrims will be hosting a summer intern. Rob Heppenstall, a rising senior at Davidson College in North Carolina, will be our intern this summer. Like our previous interns, Rob is a "Lilly Scholar." The Lilly Foundation has given colleges across the country grants to develop vocational programs to identify church leadership among young adults. Rob is one of eight Lilly Scholars at Davidson this year. When Ashley went down to Davidson to interview for this intern position, Rob was her top pick! We are thrilled to have Rob joining us this summer.

WELCOME

**Pilgrimage Summer
Intern Rob Heppenstall**

Rob has an impressive resume with a back ground in experiential learning and a clear commitment to social justice. Rob is a political science major with a minor in French and has global experience of service learning through a trip to China through Davidson in spring of 2006. Currently, Rob is living in Columbia, South Carolina where his dad is a pastor at a Presbyterian church.

Rob will be working with The Pilgrimage this summer, participating in church life, worship leadership and working a few hours a week at the National Coalition for the Homeless. Rob will join us on this Pilgrim journey the first weekend in June. †

The Rev. Jeffrey K. Krehbiel is on sabbatical. He will return to his pastoral duties in mid-July.

