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BRIDGING GENERATIONS
Continuing the Legacy

Turning Dreams Into Reality

By Dave Cairns

Do you have a dream, a vision or a goal to accomplish?

I graduated from Drake University in May of 1992. After four years of studying, it felt great to have the experience come to a conclusion. I had the privilege of running track during my time at Drake. It was an incredible opportunity to compete, see the country and represent my school. As college ended, a new journey began.

Each April Drake hosts one of the country's premier track meets in the Drake Relays. Collegiate and professional athletes congregate in Des Moines, Iowa, for a week of races. Within the race schedule, they include one Masters race for those over 40. Eighteen years after graduating, I returned to the blue track of Drake to compete in the masters 800m this spring. It was the culmination of training, sweat and more than

a few aches and pains—a dream that became reality after many years.

Pilgrim Pines is living into a new reality as well. For over 50 years, God has drawn generations of families to Pilgrim Pines Conference Center. During this time, our facilities have served us well. But as the needs of our guests have changed and the buildings have become tired, two primary facility needs have been identified:

- Rebuilding the Squanto Dining Hall,
- Constructing a Multipurpose Activity Center at Mayflower.

Squanto Dining Hall

Fifty years of nonstop use and nearly 200,000 meals has taken a toll on the Squanto dining hall. Without a major rebuilding effort soon, the dining hall would most likely face closure in the future—significantly impacting our entire youth

ministry. In addition, Squanto is a summer only camp, meaning we cannot welcome youth year round. Many young adults are missing the opportunity to meet God in safe, inspiring surroundings.

We believe that rebuilding the dining hall, encompassing a winterized facility that would allow for small groups year round, will expand opportunities for ministering to youth through Camp Squanto.

Multi-purpose Activity Center

A multi-purpose facility constructed on the Mayflower grounds will increase its ability to host groups throughout the year. A winterized structure that incorporates recreational and classroom space, presents increased opportunities to engage youth,

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Winter's motion: Memoirs of an intern

By Mike Bingeman

My life changed one fateful afternoon in June of 2005. We were approaching the end of staff training, and I was mere days away from living out my dream of becoming a Squanto counselor. This was during a time in Squanto's history that I experienced a slew of staff nick names, and now it was my turn. There I stood before the staff, anxiously awaiting my new moniker. A moment later I returned to my spot in the crowd as Uncle Zenith, dumbfounded as

to why they named me after a line of old television sets, and without a clue that it would become part of my identity over the next five summers.

Being on Squanto's summer staff is like being in a state of perpetual motion, but in more ways than Newton would have it. Things are moving physically during games of Atom Ball and the rowdy worship of Round Up. They move emotionally as personal relationships develop and campers bloom into independence. Most importantly, there is spiritual motion as God

works on the hearts of every person there; staff and camper alike. I came to identify this motion as an essential part of camp, and it is the part of camp that I love the most.

I started my year-long internship at Pilgrim Pines last September, and I went into it expecting to see camp as stillness. On the surface, I was right. There were times during the week when it felt like I was the only one on Swanzey Lake, and the cold weather would keep a lot of our groups inside. Beyond that though, Pilgrim

Pines is still a place of motion. It was still a place where people fostered existing relationships and developed new ones, and not even cold weather can keep the Holy Spirit from moving in the lives of our guests.

As the summer quickly approaches and my first venture into the retreat season draws to an end, I reflect on my experience as an intern and my changed perspective of the retreat season. I like to think of it as an old friend with a new haircut. Sure, it looks different on the surface, but it is still the same at heart.

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individuals and families through sports, workshops, small group and fellowship activities. Increased recreational facilities located further away from the Strand Chapel will benefit guests by allowing for more hours of operation and a wider range of activities, especially during times of inclement weather.

Pilgrim Pines is undertaking the Bridging Generations Capital Campaign as the way to make

this dream a reality. For many years, Pilgrim Pines has discussed similar projects, but now it is happening!

Together, these two projects are anticipated to cost \$4.18 million, including a budgeted 10% margin for building contingencies. In addition, Pilgrim Pines continues to depend upon yearly donations to sustain its current ministry operations. It is estimated that operating funds of \$520,000 will be needed to continue the ongoing programs and ministry of the camp during the campaign.

The enduring ministry of Pilgrim Pines is possible today because of the legacy of those who saw the vision and seized the opportunity for reaching people of all ages for Jesus Christ through Christian camping. Their gifts of finances, prayer and volunteer support were an investment that continues to pay dividends in the lives of youth and adults every day.

Now we have the opportunity to expand their vision. We have the distinct honor of continuing

that legacy to reach even more people for Christ through annual ministry support, year-round facilities and increased recreational space throughout Pilgrim Pines.

As He did nearly 50 years ago, God is already moving in the hearts of our Pilgrim Pines community and preparing the resources needed to fulfill His future vision for the camp. The Board of Directors for Pilgrim Pines has unanimously endorsed the decision to launch this comprehensive \$4.7 million campaign, and have been among the first to contribute to its goal by pledging support for both annual operations and the new facilities of Squanto Dining Hall and a multi-purpose building. A comprehensive campaign allows for financial support that is directed toward a capital project, while also reinforcing the importance of continued annual support to sustain the ministry programs of Pilgrim Pines. Additional leadership gifts to support this campaign have also been received, reminding us once

again that God is at work.

We have prayed diligently, listened carefully and worked hard to identify the primary benefits and concerns this comprehensive project represents. We are confident that moving forward with this campaign is in keeping with the mission and God's direction for the life of the camp.

For years, campers, staff and board members have looked at the Squanto dining hall as an area in need of improvement. The Bridging Generations Capital Campaign is turning this dream into a reality. We anticipate ground breaking to occur in the late summer of 2010 and the building being in use for the summer of 2011. Construction on the Multi-Purpose Activity Center would follow. For more information or to participate in the campaign, please contact Dave Cairns.

As the Pilgrim Pines family has learned during seasons of both celebration and difficulty over the past 50 years, God is faithful.

Squanto Wish List

- Instruments (drums, guitars, bass, keyboard)
- Large safe
- Bunk beds
- Slacklining supplies (webbing, carabineers, etc.)
- Computer (something relatively fast, with Word, Excel, Powerpoint, etc.)
- Small Coffee makers

Exploritas: Friends old and young together

Let me introduce you to the oldest and the youngest persons in attendance at a Pilgrim Pines Exploritas. It happened during the hottest Exploritas ever, the middle week of August 2009. Ninety-two year old, Leslie Curry from Montreal, Quebec, and 20-month-old James Hart from Avon, CT, met and became friends. This is their story:

My name is Les Curry. My present home is Montreal, Quebec, and I was born and raised in Toronto, Ontario. I served in the R. C. A. F. (radar) during WWII, and after the war, I became a student at the University of Toronto where I graduated with a degree in Engineering. My daughter, Maureen, was about the age of my new friend James when I started the University and was almost five when I finished.

I have participated in many Exploritas programs, mainly in the U.S.A. and Canada, so many that I have lost count. I



have never had a bad experience at Exploritas and most have been excellent. I attended one here at Pilgrim Pines (with my daughter) over a year ago and was so favorably impressed that we returned for this program.

My name is James Hart. My present home is Avon, CT, where I live with my mother Susan, father Craig, older sister Talia and older brother David. This is my very first Exploritas experience.

I came to this Exploritas because my mom and dad were teaching a class on opera. They told me that this was the 18th

year of being instructors at Pilgrim Pines. My grandparents, Bob and Gloria Wilson came along to play with me while mom and dad taught opera.

My sister Talia is learning to play the violin. When she was performing for Exploritas at our family concert, I came running to help my mom at the piano and bonked my head on the piano bench. You guessed it! I cried! You would too!

Well, Talia waited until I was outside and everyone knew I was going to be okay, then she resumed her playing and singing as if nothing had ever happened.

My big brother David also performed in the family concert. I love to play, eat and read books. When you come to visit me at my house you will hear lots of music. Sometimes when Dad sings it is so loud that I have to cover my ears. It seems that mom is always playing the piano and the sound of violin music is everywhere. I don't know what I will do musically. I do know that when many people ask me so many questions and I don't want to answer, I give them a raspberry. (The sound of a raspberry is made when I put the back of my hand on my mouth and blow). Did you hear me?

P.S. The Exploritas program name was officially changed last year. Look for the new name to appear in the press, television and at Pilgrim Pines. Come and have fun with us! All programs are listed on Pilgrim Pines website.

*Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Anderson, Coordinator*

Summer: Exploritas at Pilgrim Pines

June 6-11

- "Painting the Springtime Landscape in Southwest New Hampshire"
Justine Coleman, Simsbury, CT
- "Adams and Jefferson Revisited"
Robert Miller, Bettendorf, IA
- "Operas of Verdi"
Frank Behrens, Keene, NH
- "Explore Your Creativity – Get Potted"
Loretta Babcock, New York, NY

August 15-20

- "Broadway Musicals of '20s & '30s"
Frank Behrens, Keene, NH
- "Opera in the Works"
Craig & Susan Hart, Avon, CT

- "Stained Glass of the Monadnock Region"
James Smart, Keene, NH

August 22-27

- "Forensic Psychology"
Instructor: TBA
- "My DNA, New Discoveries"
Molly Fitzgerald-Hayes, Amherst, MA, Frieda Reichsman, Shutesbury, MA
- "Contemporary Poets"
Pat Fargnoli, Walpole, NH

August 29-Sept 3

- "History of Jazz"
Don Baldini, Keene, NH
- "Magnificent, Complex Pipe Organ"
Royce Eckhardt, Wilmette, IL

- "Greek Tragedies Today"
Frank Behrens, Keene, NH

Sept 12-17

- "Painting the NH Autumn Landscape: Watercolor for Beginners"
Sarah K. Dyer, Barre, MA
- "What Makes a Great President? A Brief Look at a Few"
Charles Wiberg, Chicago, IL
- "The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly—Discussable Bible Stories"
Jim Perry, Dennis, MA
- "The Wicked World of Operetta"
Frank Behrens, Keene, NH

Sept 19-24

- "Painting the NH Autumn Landscape: Watercolor for Intermediate and Advanced"
Louise Anderson, North Reading, MA
- "China's 'Communist Capitalism': What Does That Mean & Where Is It Going?"
Charles Wiberg, Chicago, IL
- "19th Century Romanticism in the Aftermath of Beethoven"
Greg Athmos, Chicago, IL
- "Three Show Biz Profiles: Jimmy Durante, Josephine Baker, Betty Boop"
Bernard A. Kaplan, Marcellus, NY

For more info visit www.exploritas.org through www.pilgrim-pines.org or call 877-426-8056.

Registration Procedure

Please call or e-mail the office if you are interested in registering for a week this summer. At this point, we only take reservations for a week at a time. If you would like to come for less than one week, please call to check availability. If we have any spaces left at that point, we can book for a shorter period. Space is limited already. Call (603) 352-0443 or e-mail: info@pilgrimpines.org.

Scholarship Assistance

Available: Contact the camp office for details.

OUR MISSION

Pilgrim Pines invites all people from their routines into opportunities to grow, experience renewal, and enjoy recreation and relationships, so that they will experience God through Jesus Christ.

OUR CORE VALUES

- Biblically Based
- Ministry Driven
- Model Christian Values
- Provide Exceptional Hospitality
- Strive For Excellence
- Honor Our Heritage
- Reflect Stewardship
- Create Community
- Embrace Change
- Live Integrity

Our Vision

The Vision of Pilgrim Pines is to be a ministry which partners with churches, to create shared experiences of Christian formation, recreational activities, and ministry opportunities for families, youth, and adults.



“The Beautiful Struggle – Finding Hope and Glimpsing Glory”

Week 1 June 26-July 3

As the followers of Jesus, we are called to be reflections of Christ’s light to a darkened world.

And there is no greater opportunity to reflect that light, than when we walk in the valley of shadows; when our lives are filled with challenge.

What if we saw our struggles as opportunities for God’s glory to be revealed?

What if we saw our trials, and our responses to them, as the symbols of hope so desperately needed in our world today?

How would that impact our view on our lives, and in particular, our times of hardship and pain?

Throughout our week together, we will explore how the struggles of our lives, can in Christ, become beautiful witnesses to our great and amazing God of love and mercy.

*Rev. Johnny Agurkis, Pastor
Covenant Congregational
Church - North Easton, MA*



“Re: Life”

Week 2 July 3-10

Life can seem complicated and messy. It is messy but it does not have to be complicated.

The stuff of life comes to and flows out of four key categories: Jesus, Self, Love, and Relationships.

Begin to understand these four and life will begin to make sense.

*Peter Sung,
Director of Church Planting,
Evangelical Covenant Church*



“Isaiah”

Week 3 July 10-17

Exploring the themes of spiritual renewal coming from the presence of God, discipleship during times of struggle, and God’s justice exhibited by God’s people.

*Soong-Chan Rah
Milton B. Engebretson
Associate Professor of Church
Growth and Evangelism
North Park Theological
Seminary, Author of The Next
Evangelicalism*

Welcome Ministry Staff Interns

We welcome JC Barber and Kristin Moulton to our staff as ministry staff interns. JC & Kristin are no strangers to the Pines as they both have spent many years with their families playing at the Pines.



They have been former summer staffers and we’re excited that they’ll be spending more time with us!



Look for JC & Kristin during your next visit to Pilgrim Pines.



“What Makes it a Difference?”
Week 4 July 17-24

We will study and ponder the claim that Christian faith makes a difference. We will take a ride into some biblical personalities experiencing that very difference. We will travel the road of earlier revivals and challenge and question ourselves today in the light of them. And we will dig into what is going on in our churches nowadays when lives change and irreligious people find Jesus and become new creatures. It sometimes takes small steps to find the magic step and this week could be part of that journey.

*Runar Eldebo, Ph.D.,
Leading Pastor in the Eastern
Conference of The Mission
Covenant Church in Sweden*



“An Adventurous Life: Lessons from the life of King David”
Week 5 July 24-31

From the heights of success to the depths of heartbreaking failure, the life of David offers a rousing story and a wonderful case study of a person pursuing God’s intention for his life. Like us, David was loved, called, and blessed by God. And, like us, David found that life was nevertheless still full of agonizing choices, alluring temptations, and difficult circumstances. His story speaks to us in our everyday lives as we seek to trust God’s love, hear God’s call, and fulfill God’s purpose.

*Mark Pattie, Pastor
Salem Covenant Church,
New Brighton, MN*



“Sidewalks in the Kingdom: Why Community and Community Development Matters”
Week 6 July 31-Aug. 7

Community is the new buzzword in the religious and secular world, but what does “community” really look like? Why does it seem like that’s what everyone’s looking for? What does it mean for the church to be a good “community” or to be a part of the larger community in their city? What is community and community development from a biblical perspective?

*Rev. Amy & Adam Rohler,
Director of Ministries,
Community Helping Hands,
Jamestown, NY*



“Changed by the power of His love”
Week 7 Aug. 7-13

We’ll interact this week as we discuss the way Jesus touched the lives of people he encountered along the way.

Those people went home changed by his power and love. God’s word has the ability to transform our lives and make us different people.

We’ll also explore how Jesus shows us that we all are loved more than we tend to understand. Looking forward to a great week.

*Bill Paige,
Assistant to the President,
Young Life,
Montclair, NJ*

2010 Mayflower Summer Staff

- Haley Anderson, CT
 - Faith Anderson, RI
 - Heather Bennett, NH
 - Olga Cauble, NH
 - Paul Chavira, NH
 - Megan Dowling, CT
 - Steve Ericson, MA
 - Kyle Gildea, MA
 - Cari Hogberg, RI
 - Krista Holtin, TX
 - Sonja Holtin, TX
- Sommar Johnson, CT
 - Bob Kalbfleisch, CT
 - Tyler Kelly, CT
 - Jessica Lee, MA
 - Mary McLaren, NH
 - Rob Morgan, MA
 - Michelle Moss, RI
 - Vin Neffinger, MA
 - Andrew Nitchie, VT
 - Kayla O’Donnell, FL
 - Amanda Palmeira, FL
- Dan Perednia, CT
 - Ben Poor, CT
 - Tessa Rawlings, CT
 - Kerric Stevens, MA
 - Hilary Vigeant, CT
 - Larissa Vigeant, CT
 - Hannah-Joy Waechter, NH
 - Mary White, CT



Sunday Night Concert Series

Strand Chapel @ 7p.m.

June 27 – TBA

July 4 – Bob Dvorak - Brown Hymnal Society

July 11 – Scott Lee

July 18 – Paul Paoli Band

July 25 – Salvation Road Band

August 1 – Tom Bielecki & Friends

August 8 – Jake Armerding

Pilgrim Pines Board Members

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Swansey, NH

An exciting year for Squanto

By Eric Hedberg
Camp Squanto Director

This is an exciting year for Camp Squanto. We are coming off the momentum from a great CHIC last summer, and 4 fantastic winter retreats for our Trailblazers up through our Senior Highers. I have received phone calls, heard testimonies and read e-mails from campers, parents and staff that have made it so clear that God has done amazing things through Camp Squanto over this past year. I am excited to continue that into this coming summer season.

We have another 7 wonderful weeks lined up. Again we have a strong group of speakers coming to Camp Squanto to preach the Word and to love the campers and staff throughout the week.

And once again God has brought an amazing staff to us. Whether it be on kitchen staff or in a leadership role, the young men and women coming to work at Squanto this summer are coming to serve the God they love and who loves them miraculously and unconditionally.

Our theme verse for the summer is Romans 12:2, “Do not conform any longer to the



pattern of this world, but be transformed ... then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

We all live in a world that is broken, you don’t have to open the newspaper beyond the first page to see that. There have been terrible tragedies around the world and in our communities and families. It is easy to get discouraged in that, wondering, “Why do you allow this to happen God?” We are, however, assured as Christians that God is good.

God desires us to be transformed in love.

Camp Squanto desires to be a place where campers can feel God’s love in new and transformational ways. My prayer for all who come to Camp Squanto this summer is that they feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in the beauty of creation and the relationships built. *Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*
Eric Hedberg, Camp Squanto Director

2010 Camp Squanto Speakers

Pathfinders (entering grades 2-3)

June 30-July 3 *Speaker:* Staff

Trailblazers (entering grades 4-5)

I: July 4-10 *Speaker:* Darren Catron/
Chris Gredenius

II: July 18-24 *Speaker:* Jim Bergquist

Junior High (entering grades 7-9)

I: July 11-17 *Speaker:* Christina Tinglof

II: July 25-31 *Speaker:* Phil Beatty

Navigators (entering grades 8-10)

August 1-7 *Speaker:* Ben & Andrea Zable

Senior High (entering grades 10-12)

Aug. 3-9 *Speaker:* Josh Throneburg

Register now at

www.pilgrimpines.org

Where are they now?

Jorie Ramgren Judisch 93-94 Camp Squanto

Miss Jorie worked at Camp Squanto for two summers, way back in '93 & '94! I was a counselor in Cabin #5, the furthest one back in The Village!! I loved it back there and some days miss the peace I woke up to on weekends when no one else was out there!



I loved being a counselor, although I also had one of the most difficult challenges of my life while on staff. When a camper goes through a trial and depends on you to see them through, it can be very challenging to say the least! I think a lot of the other staff was even unaware of what we went through together! It taught me to depend fully on God while leaning on some other female staff as well. God is good!

I am currently living in the Dallas, TX, area after over 15 years in Minneapolis, with my husband Jason and my two girls Annika and Sadie. I am a stay at home mom and love almost every minute of it!

Pete Pearson 84-86 Camp Squanto

I was the Director of Camp Squanto during 1984, '85 and '86. I have recently retired from the Biology Department of North Park University after 33 years.



My family thoroughly enjoyed the summers at the Pines. My wife, Lynn, returning to her roots as staff at Mayflower and my sons, Jeff and Greg, getting involved with camp activities.

My fondest memories of Squanto involve the lifelong friendships that I made with the camp staff. I saw several of them last fall at Homecoming at North Park University returning for their 25th reunion.

Squanto is truly a special place. I am excited to hear about the plans for the future.

Scholarships Make a Difference!

Each year, scholarships have been provided to make it possible for children and families to attend Camp Squanto and the Family Program at Mayflower. Through generous gifts from donors we provided over \$8,000 in scholarships last year. In these variable times of economic stress for families, these scholarships have made camp possible. Again we are asking for your help by making an investment in the Scholarship Fund. If you are looking for a place where your gift will make a difference and where it will be used to full value, this is the place. Please send the attached form along with your check to Pilgrim Pines or call us at (603) 352-0443 if you have questions. Thank you for your prayers and continued support of our children, youth and families.

Scholarship Fund

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ for the Scholarship Fund.

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Please send your gift to Pilgrim Pines Conference Center, Scholarship Fund, 220 West Shore Rd., Swanzey, NH 03446

Pilgrim Pines Family Circle

Your link in our circle is so necessary to our ministry. Please complete the information below and send it to us.

Yes! I want to join the Pilgrim Pines Family Circle

I would like to make a monthly contribution of:

- \$10/month \$25/month \$50/month
 \$100/month \$250/month \$_____/month

Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ to Pilgrim Pines

- Check VISA MasterCard Discover Card

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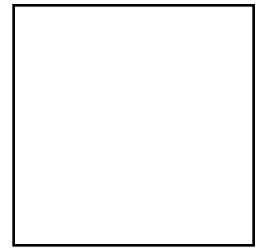
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2011 Squanto dates

Pathfinders: June 29 – July 2	Senior High: August 7-13
Trailblazer 1: July 3-9	LIT Program: July 3-30
Junior High 1: July 10-16	Voyager 1 (Grades 7-9) July 10-16
Trailblazer 2: July 17-23	Voyager 2 (Grades 10-12) July 17-23
Junior High 2: July 24-30	
Navigators: July 31 – August 6	

2010 Pilgrim Pines Events Calendar



PP staff volunteering in Swanzy replacing the Mt. Caesar Library front lawn.



August
15-20 Exploritas
22-27 Exploritas
27-29 Father/Child Retreat
29-Sept. 3 Exploritas

September
10-12 Women Ministries
Retreat I

12-17 Exploritas
17-19 Women Ministries
Retreat II
19-24 Exploritas
26-Oct. 1 Exploritas

October
3-8 Exploritas
8-10 PP Men's Retreat

11-14 PP Fall Foliage Retreat
15-17 Pumpkin Festival
17-22 Exploritas
24-29 Exploritas

November
19-21 Mother/Daughter
Retreat
24-26 Thanksgiving at PP

December
5-10 Exploritas

For more information about any Pilgrim Pines Event, please call (603) 352-0443 or e-mail us at info@pilgrimpines.org