



April Update



Spring has arrived at Camp!

Greetings from Swanzey Lake!

I hope this newsletter finds you well, enjoying the warmer temperatures, the emerging green landscape, and all that spring brings forth. I am excited to put away the winter coats, break out the light sweatshirts and get ready for summer!

I have spent the last several months visiting our conference churches and experiencing unique Sunday morning services throughout New England. It has been a great privilege to enter into these local congregations and share the ministry of Pilgrim Pines. I enjoy the opportunities I have to partner with our conference churches for meaningful ministry. The good work that our conference pastors, youth

pastors, and church leaders continue to do, day in and day out, is amazing.

As I reflect upon my faith journey, my formative years attending Evangelical Covenant in Riverside, Rhode Island, were filled with faith building and growing times. Spiritual role models emerged, scripture was learned and much grace was shown. I was fortunate enough to be introduced to Pilgrim Pines there. My foundation of faith was built in that church and through the help and encouragement of the church leaders, I was able to attend Camp Squanto. My years at Squanto were filled with meaningful times of growth and it is where my faith became my own. No longer was it the faith of my mother or my family, but a time when Jesus became real to me. I am so thankful for the church and their investment, prayer, and encouragement to me as a young person. And here's the best part.....this is not a unique experience. This continues to happen all over our conference! Our church leaders continue to invest in youth and families and, as our East Coast Conference grows, more are hearing about the good news of Jesus and experiencing the gift we all have in Pilgrim Pines.

Just a short time ago, I received a letter seeking support from a former summer staffer for an upcoming mission trip. I was excited as I read the letter. I was able to sense the passion and desire to serve Jesus in her words. My reason for excitement was twofold; first, this was an opportunity to respond to the Lord's call to give. Second, it gave me an opportunity to participate in something I would likely never do. I am grateful to play this small part in broadening God's Kingdom.

I believe people today are hungry for something like this to be passionate about. We have an innate desire to be part of something bigger than ourselves. Do you feel that way when you give to Pilgrim Pines? I hope so.

Please know that when you give to camp it is our desire for you to be filled with gratitude for the gift of playing a part in something bigger, in expanding the Kingdom through the ministry of Pilgrim Pines. Quite honestly, I am grateful for the opportunity to ask you to partner with us. Are you looking for an opportunity? If so, please check your mailbox. Just last week we mailed out our spring scholarship appeal. Are you looking for other ways to partner with us and make a difference? Please contact me as I would love to come and meet with you to share more.

We have a dynamic summer schedule and program in store for the 2017 summer season. New people, new programs, new experiences and of course all your camp favorites.

I encourage you, as partners with us in ministry, to share Mayflower Family Camp and Camp Squanto with friends and family and help others to experience Pilgrim Pines.

Thank you for coming alongside this incredible ministry and helping us to continue to move forward. We are here to serve and partner with our conference churches as an extension of the local church ministry. Let's continue to grow together.

Great days ahead!

Pastor Jim Condap

Acting Director

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Stay up to date



Make sure you are staying up to date with all of our news and promotions.

Volunteer Spotlight



A special thank you to our volunteers this past month. Last weekend we hosted a fantastic women's group from New York Covenant Church in New Rochelle, NY. This week we thank Pastor Tim Ramgren and the youth group from ECC Springfield, MA for helping around camp.

Thank you so much for your time and energy to help Pilgrim Pines gear up for summer.



Work and Worship

May 26-29, 2017



Father-Child Retreat

August 25-27, 2017



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Register Here

Summer 2017



Camp Squanto

We are so excited for the upcoming summer season at Camp Squanto! Activities include big games, waterfront, climbing tower, arts and crafts, camp store, great meals, crazy skits, but even more importantly, great worship, skill development and great activities with your friends & cabin mates. Each week of camp we invite guest speakers to come and talk to the campers about their faith. Music is led by the summer staff and is always a crazy and moving experience. Camp Squanto campers love to sing!

Fast Pass Deadline Approaching!



Camp Squanto

Fast Pass

ZOOM to the head of the line on Registration Day!

With Camp Squanto just around the corner we want to remind you that the Fast Pass deadline is May 1st, 2017.

Send in your final balance and all health forms by May 1, 2017 (postmarked) and we will send you a Fast Pass. With a Fast Pass you will ZOOM to the head of the line on Registration Day! How cool is that?

Register Here

Spring Scholarship Appeal



You should have received our Scholarship appeal in your mailbox. We want everyone to be given the opportunity to attend camp, but sometimes it's not financially feasible. Our Scholarship fund directly impacts how many kids are given the opportunity to go to camp. Consider what impact your donation could make. Camp matters! Your contribution matters!

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[Family Camp 2017](#)

Many families say that their week at Mayflower Family Camp is a hybrid between a traditional New England summer camp and a fun filled, memory making family vacation. Mayflower Family Camp creates a unique oasis for adults and children alike. Parents can choose to participate in morning Christian education time with outstanding speakers from across the country while their kids learn new skills, discover Biblical lessons and share new experiences with their new friends. Everyone has the chance to develop an appreciation for new friendships and God's creation.

[Check out the 2017 speakers and dates.](#)

[Camping Area 2017](#)

Camping at Pilgrim Pines provides a fantastic environment for families needing a place to get away in God's creation. Our camping area is full of wonderful families who create real community while enjoying a safe and caring environment. Open Memorial Weekend-Columbus Day Weekend, camping families are encouraged to participate in the 7 weeks of Mayflower Family Christian programming.

- RV or Tent campsites with electric and water hookups
- Bath Houses with hot showers
- Laundry facilities
- Swimming and Recreation areas
- Picnic Pavilion

You are invited to join us in the Camping Area for the entire season, for just a week, or simply for a night. Call us today to make a reservation!



**Family Camp is filling up fast!
Limited Availability!**

[Current Family Camp Availability](#)

Looking for a specific unit for a specific week, view our current availability.

There are also campsites available.

Call the office to make a reservation at 603-352-0443
or email us at erik@pilgrimpines.org

Road Scholar



Did you know that Pilgrim Pines has been hosting Road Scholar (formerly called Elderhostel) programs for over 25 years? Road Scholars provide educational classes for adults on a wide range of subjects. Pilgrim Pines hosts close to 20 courses during the school year. The few examples of topics show how wide ranging the courses are: "The Films of Ken Burns", "Celebrating the Autumn Tapestry and History of New Hampshire", "Greek Dramas", "The Great Depression".

For more information, [Road Scholar at Pilgrim Pines](#).
Registration is processed directly through [Road Scholars](#).

Recipe of the Month

COOKING AT CAMP



A RECIPE FROM OUR KITCHEN FOR YOURS

Baked Oatmeal

Preheat the Oven to 350 degrees.

Mix together:

3/4 Cup Oil
1 1/2 Cups Sugar
3 Eggs

Mix the above together then add:

4 1/2 Cup Oatmeal
3/4 Tablespoon Baking Powder
1 Teaspoon Salt
1 1/2 Cup Milk

Bake at 350 for 45 minutes in 8 x 8 greased pan.



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Product and Service Donation

Imagine owning a home with hundreds of beds, 96 toilets, multiple electronics, multiple wifi locations, a fleet of vehicles, power equipment, etc. As you can imagine it takes lots to keep the place going.

Pilgrim Pines is always looking for more partners in its ministry. If you are interested in partnering with us, there are several ways you can contribute. Take a look at our [product & services page](#) for ways you can help. Or feel free to make a direct donation by clicking the DONATE button below.



Our hope is that you will continue to faithfully walk with us, as you have in the past. So, we are asking you to please consider joining us on this journey with your gifts of talent, time, and treasure.



Volunteer Opportunities

Pilgrim Pines welcomes volunteers all year long

Whether you come by yourself, with your family or through a church group. We are blessed by volunteers who help in the kitchen, serve as weekend hosts, assist in the Mayflower office and work on maintenance projects. We can really use some volunteer help now and into the fall as we are clearing some areas of overgrowth in the camping area.

Your church may even be interested in our "**Adopt-a-Cabin**" program. When a church adopts a cabin they commit to an annual donation toward its maintenance and often send a volunteer group to specifically tend to their cabin's needs. Contact [Jim Condap](#) if your church is interested in volunteering or the Adopt-a-Cabin program.

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