



Pilgrim's Progress

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Welcome to Our First Issue

Welcome to MPP-Detroit's first newsletter.

It has been a longtime coming but finally it's here and I am looking for contributors (that means You pilgrims).

So many of us have found renewed faith after our 3-day walk with Christ and have gone back to our home churches to do amazing things in Christ name. This Newsletter needs YOU!!!!

All of us in the Fourth Day Community left our weekend changed by our experience:

- Some found a deeper relationship with Christ
- Others went home and began reading and studying the Bible
- Many realized they had leadership skills and became elders or

deacons

-Still others wanted to put their faith into action through volunteering at church and in their communities

-Many experienced profound feelings during their weekend, while others found quiet renewal in their Christian values.

I'm asking you to share some of your pilgrim stories and how you've put your faith to work back home.

All you need to do is type it up and email it to me, Judi Armstrong, Editor, at judirae49@gmail.com or call me at 586-557-3203.



Watch your email for the next issue coming in April.

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MPP Detroit is On the Move

After nearly 10 years of holding Pilgrimage at Howell Nature Center, our Leadership Council decided to seek a more suitable, handicap accessible setting that would also prepare our meals. They found it-

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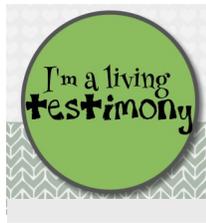
Echo Grove Camp and Retreat Center
1101 Camp Road
Leonard, Michigan.

This is a great time to join us on Team and have a renewal weekend serving our guests.

Call Terry Urwin, Rector
586-322-9272.

The Weekend That Keeps on Giving

I remember vividly driving home from my Pilgrimage Weekend in 2010. Bonnie and Karen from my church were in the car and there was a strange silence as we drove out of Howell Camp. I broke the silence as we got on the expressway with, "so this Fourth Day thing sounds a little bit cultish!"



Karen agreed and we were off and running with conversation on all that we had experienced in those three days. The joys, laughter, meals, meditations, talks, the Clowns, music and the renewal of faith we had experienced.

I knew that I wanted to serve on team, they appreciated the weekend but couldn't see themselves serving on team in the future.

Nine years later and at least 15 pilgrimages, delivering 10 talks and serving in most every capacity, I am happy

to say that my greatest takeaway from my weekend was that I put Christ in my everyday life in a big way and though life has managed to shake my faith, the Lord has stood by me through it all!

And all God's children said AMEN.

Judi Armstrong

Food For Thought!?!

"When finding yourself in a difficult situation, think before you speak and ask yourself what you are about to say: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?"

Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. (Luke 6:31).

Throughout the BIBLE (the Book of Life that God provided for man), scripture teaches us about God's desire for us to live in a positive relationship with our fellowman. More importantly, in the New Testament Jesus provides us with parables and examples of how God would want us to behave.

On Sunday mornings we sit in church and listen to sermons that attempt to apply

scripture to our everyday lives in 2019; we leave with good intent to try and apply what we have learned on Monday morning.

Monday morning arrives and you find yourself at a standstill in traffic while your mind is running through the uncomfortable meeting you are already late for.

An hour later you are in the midst of a brainstorming session gone bad! Everyone wanting to be right and everyone sure their idea is

The sermon pops into your head: *when finding yourself in a difficult situation think before you speak and ask yourself if what you are about to say: Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?*

In a calm but firm voice I said, "All of these ideas have merit, but we need to work together to find the ones that will work in this particular situation." Enough said..... everyone took a deep breath and settled down.

Is it true? Is it necessary? Is it kind?

Somebody's Praying, I Can Feel It

Remember the feeling you had on your Weekend when the Prayer Banner was unfolding? Wow, so many people praying for me?

Share your love and support for the Pilgrims and Team. Reserve your 30 minute prayer time slot on the MPP #46 Prayer Banner at prayerbanner.org OR contact Bev Matlas mppdetroit@gmail.com and she will reserve a spot for you.

