

On Sunday May 17th, we welcomed six new Members into the fellowship of the Church of the Pilgrimage.

Melanie Densmore

Melanie Densmore joined our Church by an affirmation of faith. She's originally from Toronto. She and her husband Tim moved to Plymouth over 20 years ago because of jobs in Boston and wanting to be near the ocean. Her son Sean is 19 and a sophomore at his parents' alma mater, St Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia. Her daughter Sarah is 17 and a junior at Plymouth South.

Sixteen years ago, she became a psychotherapist. She loves her work and is now in private practice. In her spare time she enjoys her miniature poodle, yoga and reading. When I asked what she likes about our church, her response is "it just feels right, I feel like I belong".

Jay Dziezic

Jay Dziezic joined our church by an affirmation of faith. He grew up in Bristol RI and was raised a Catholic. He and his wife Michaela moved to Plymouth 9 years ago. They have two children. Their 8 year old daughter Lily attends Sacred Heart School and their 6-year old son Xavier attends Federal Furnace School. Jay works at Citizen's Bank in Technology and Cyber Risk.

He was drawn to our church because of the history and the progressive culture. He likes that it is open and affirming and the Social and Environmental Missions. He enjoys the message, the music and the people. He has some wonderfully creative ideas about ways we can better use technology and social media to spread information about our church.

William (Bill) and Kathy Evertsberg

Kathy Evertsberg joined our church by letter of transfer from the Kenilworth Union Church in Illinois. Bill Evertsberg served as pastor at the Kenilworth Union Church for 12 years, and is now a retired Presbyterian Minister. He is a member of the local Presbytery, so he will join our church as an Associate Member.

Both Kathy and Bill grew up in Grand Rapids MI. Before Illinois they'd lived in Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Kathy is a retired Dental Hygienist. They moved to Plymouth 4 months ago to be nearer to their son and his wife in Duxbury. They also have a daughter and son-in-law in Greenwich CT.

When Kathy and Bill looked for a new church home, they found the people at our church to be very open, warm and welcoming. They enjoyed Bill McCoy's book study. They both love the traditional service, the sermons, and the choir. To quote Bill Evertsberg, there is one more reason for joining, "the organist Rocks".

On May 31st, when Rev Tim is on vacation, Bill has very kindly agreed to be our preacher.

Janice and Nicholas Stephen

Janice and Nicholas (Nick) Stephen, mother and son joined our church by affirmations of faith. Both previously attended the United Parish of Carver, which recently closed. Janice was a member of this church from 1991 to 2025 and Nick was both baptized and confirmed there. Both are Plymouth residents and indicated that they were searching for a new local church home and the Church of the Pilgrimage is a good fit as they felt very welcomed here.

Janice is retired. Her previous job was as the Customer Experience Manager at Michaels. She has also worked for two agencies as facilitator and educational advocate for those with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Janice has performed in various choirs and loves to sing and participate in or direct musicals.

Nick's primary occupation is as an artist. He has his own business for customized weaving called OrcaRex Creations. He is also an Associate at Stop and Shop. Nick enjoys weaving, swimming, walking and playing the piano. He is an advocate for those on the Spectrum.