

May 2019



Greetings to Vintage Ventures Campers,

Vintage Ventures is June 10 – 13, 2019 and will most likely be warmer than last year, as that was the coldest week we have ever spent at Pilgrim Lodge. This year's camp is a week later than last. Margaret and I have both had challenges with the flu and respiratory illnesses much of the winter but now are regaining our strength and enthusiasm for Vintage Ventures! While Vintage Ventures is usually lightly attended, there is always room for more; so bring a friend whether UCC or not, as well as out-of-staters! All are welcome!

The theme of this year's camp is **PEACE WORKS, Empowering the Next Generation of Peacemakers**. Use of the associated scriptures will be sprinkled throughout the week in the form of Bible studies, morning Chapel, and evening Vespers. With respect to Chapel and Vespers, we are taking a different approach. In previous years we have expected cabin groups to plan these services with little guidance from us. This year, while we would like to have the campers assume some of this responsibility, we will encourage only those eager to actively participate; and we will facilitate this endeavor wherever needed, as well as prepare for services where there are no volunteers.

Luke 14:15-24	Hospitality	1Corinthians 12:1-27	Community
Genesis 27:1-26	Responding to Conflict	John 13:1-17	God's Reconciling Love
Mark 12:28-31	Self-sacrifice for Unity	Luke 10:25-37	Active Peacemaking
John 14:	Going Out		

Pilgrim Lodge supports a different mission each year and this year's is the ongoing relief effort in Puerto Rico. We have all heard that the cleanup has been nowhere near timely, and that the residents continue to suffer the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. Details of Pilgrim Lodge's mission will come throughout the week.

Vintage Ventures support for mission comes in the form of an auction with Auctioneer Extraordinaire Margaret. Campers bring items wrapped to add to the mystery and comedy. Each camper brings a maximum of two gifts valued at \$5-\$10 each. Regifting is acceptable and even encouraged! For the auction, we bid using change and small bills. Additional donations are placed in the collection taken at our Communion service on the last morning of camp. These contributions may be made in cash or by check made out to the Maine Conference UCC.

The daily schedule includes wake-up at 7:00a, breakfast at 8:00a, Chapel at 9:00a, lunch at noon, ice cream at 3:30p, supper at 6:00p, vespers at 7:00p, and evening activities and programs depend on the will of the campers. There is no 'curfew'.

Highlights of the week include the Monday evening sharing of puzzles, games, and crafts under the guise of acquainting and re-acquainting. Tuesday's supper is VV's cookout (inside if it rains) followed by the auction. Wednesday is our Shalom celebration dinner which includes decorating the tables and dressing for the occasion (dress up or down). This is followed by Skit Night where we display our varied talents for music, poetry and skits. Thursday morning, we close camp with Communion after breakfast before transitioning back to our daily lives. The camp store will be open after ice cream on Tuesday and before Communion on Thursday morning.

Throughout the week as time and weather permit, there will be swimming, canoeing, and kayaking; as well as opportunities to experience the Chapel and the Labyrinth, both of which are accessible to all. There will be free time to share favorite games, movies, musical instruments, songs, and/or projects with the group; and don't forget to bring money for mid-afternoon ice cream!

For early June weather, bring warm clothing for cool days, cool clothing for warm days, and clothing for those in-between days; and don't forget your bathing suits and rain gear, just in case!

All cabins have wood stoves, hot showers, bunk beds, porches, and rocking chairs. Be aware that the mattresses are narrow and not soft, so some form of padding (egg crate foam, etc.) is recommended. You will need bed linens/sleeping bags, towels, and toiletries (don't forget your prescription(s), and **completed health forms for the camp nurse**), and anything else needed for your comfort.

On Monday, June 10th, please arrive between 9:00am and 11:00am. Meet and greet will begin at 11:00 and lunch served at noon. If you are running late, please call Pat's phone (207-751-2819) with the understanding that we will start without you.

If you have any other questions about Pilgrim Lodge, please call Karen Steelhammer at PL, 207-724-3200 (camp office). For questions about Vintage Ventures, call Pat Seaward at 207-751-2819 or Margaret Proctor at 207-645-3185.

Be ready for some fun and reacquainting with former VV'ers and meeting new ones.

Travel safely.

Peace,

Pat and Margaret