



Pilgrim Lodge

Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

Young Adult Weekend

Thursday, June 27 - Sunday, June 30

Welcome, Camper! We're so glad you've signed up for camp!

This is a brand-new camp weekend designed with you in mind. Whether you're a long-time PL camper or new to camp, we're aiming to create space for reflection, fun, and growth. As your deans, we are passionate about cultivating spaces for spiritual question-asking, growing and engaging. This weekend we have plans to learn about ways to give back, plans for reflection and meditation, walking on a spiritual journey together, and learning about our own agency to be leaders in our world and even the wider Church. As young adults, we're in the place in our lives where we're asking questions, and we hope you're looking for the space to do exactly that. Here are some of the questions we're pondering as we plan our weekend at camp:

How would we describe our faith? What are we passionate about? Where does the commitment for activism come from? What issues (climate change, inequality, racism, etc.) find traction in your heart? Does the Church address our most concerning public issues? How are we called to provide leadership in the context of today's world?

We're hoping this weekend provides sacred space in both locations - on Cobbosseecontee Lake and in making sacred space for our hearts and minds.

We'd love to hear what you'd like to do this weekend. Maybe there are some PL favorites, or maybe there's something you're dreaming about that this weekend might be able to be! (Stargazing? Camping on the island? Kayaking? Fun games? Meditation? Campfires?) Please send us an email with ideas and requests!

In addition to all this, this year's mission project for PL's adult camps is the UCC Disaster Ministries work with Puerto Rico. September 2017's Hurricane Maria was the worst natural disaster on record to hit Puerto Rico. UCC Disaster Ministries is working hand in hand with the Iglesia Evangélica Unida de Puerto Rico to meet partners' requests for generators and other necessities, give preparedness workshops, funds for tuition assistance and pastoral support, and provide fieldwork teams to restore homes. A group of Maine Conference folks volunteered as a fieldwork team in 2018 and will be leading the mission presentation. To support these efforts in Puerto Rico, we will be taking a mission offering during camp.

Campers are encouraged to bring an offering (donation) to help support the important work the UCC Disaster Ministries and the Iglesia Evangelica Unida de Puerto Rico are doing.

Some info about your Deans:

Emelia Attridge is native to NH, a former staff member of Horton Center, and a volunteer for Pilgrim Lodge. She *loves* everything about Outdoor Ministry and is currently in the process of seeking ordination in the United Church of Christ. She's passionate about art and camp, and can't wait to spend the weekend listening to the loons and walking the Labyrinth at camp.

Gil Healy is a retired United Church of Christ minister now living in Weston, VT with his partner, Dr. Heidi Root. They live one mile from the Weston Priory (a Benedictine monastery) where for many years Gil visited for week-long spiritual retreats. He has developed a close friendship with the brothers and assists them on a variety of projects. This year Gil has been sharing his carpentry skills to assist with P.L. site improvements. Gil has a deep love for P.L. and looks forward to this camp experience.

Things you'll need to know for camp:

- Please arrive between 1 – 1:30 pm on Thursday, June 27. Departure will be on Sunday, June 30th at 11 am.
- Make sure you send your health forms in (this includes allergy and diet information that camp staff will need to know about!)

We are so excited to meet you!

Blessings,

Emelia Attridge & Gil Healy

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