



Pilgrim Lodge

Maine Conference, United Church of Christ

Pilgrim Lodge is a multi-generational summer camp and retreat space centered on the spirit of extravagant welcome. Ours is a ministry of inclusion: no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, all who come in love have a seat at the table. We believe in providing space to slow down the rapid pace of modern life in order to tend to community.

MIDDLER ISLAND CAMP 2025 DEANS LETTER

Registration: July 27 @ 2-3PM in the Lodge
Pick Up: August 2 @ 9:30AM at the Dining Hall



Dean Antonio



Dean Sara



Counselor Frank

HELLO CAMPERS!

Welcome campers! Join us for a week of adventures on Manitou Island and beyond. Each meal is prepared over a campfire, we'll be sleeping under the stars in our tents, we will venture out on the lake in search of adventure, we will have nightly campfire circles, and we will play manhunt games!

At Middler Islander Week, find the spirit of adventure!

Sara Bartlett is the settled pastor at Second Congregational church. This is her eighth year deaning Manitou Island! Sara has previously volunteered at Senior High camp, led Youth ministry, and Pilgrim Fellowship programs, and best of all, was a PL camper growing up! Sara is most excited to swim, participate in “Manitou Chopped”, and hear campers play “capture the flag”.

Frank is retired after 42 years in education covering everything from running his own preschool, teaching Special Education Reading and English, to designing and teaching Advanced Placement Literature to high school seniors. He first attended Pilgrim Lodge as a 13-year-old middler himself. He has counceled all age groups, Deaned several sessions of Middlers, served on the Maine Conference and National UCC Outdoor Ministries Committees. He looks forward to camp every summer where his grandchildren now represent the third generation of his family to enjoy their time at PL.

Antonio Pulsoni is a long time PL Camper, Counselor, and Dean. His love of the great outdoors has landed him here, with Middler Island Camp on Manitou Island! As a hiking and camping, and campfire cooking enthusiast, he very excited to share the wonders of the Maine Outdoors with you. He’s most excited to have fire cooked meals, play games, swim, and go on boating adventures around the Cobbosseecontee.



Dear Campers,

Welcome to Middler Island Camp! Have you ever wondered what a small tight-knit community of adventurer-campers can accomplish at Pilgrim Lodge?

Come join us for a week of campfires, island swimming, boating adventures, and game, games, games! At Middler Island Camp, you can expect to cook meals over a campfire, hike the mainland and island trails, venture out on the Cobboseecontee, worship in nature, play sardines and manhunt, hear the loons- and see the stars, nightly from your tent!

This week will be entirely spent as one with nature! All of our common areas are open sky, surrounded by the trees and wildlife. The campfire circle will serve as our home base for mealtimes and events, and general hang time. Vespers and Evening Services will be held at the Island Chapel, southern cove, or even on the water! Days on the island are filled with arts and crafts, games, Worship, swimming and boating, helping prepare campfire meals, or an adventure. Evenings are more games around the fire, or you can partake in manhunt if you choose! Then we'll retire to our tents and be lulled to sleep by the loons, just to do it all over again tomorrow!



Middler Island Camp Packing List

Must Have:

- Bug Spray and Sunscreen (Your only break from being outside is when you're in your tent! -These two items are a **MUST** have!)
- Waterbottle
- Flashlight/Headlamp + applicable batteries
- Rainjacket/Windbreaker
- Sleeping Bag
- Closed Toed Shoes
- Swimsuit + Towel
- Environmentally safe soap (to bathe while swimming!)

Preferred:

- Tent, preferably a 1-3 person (Smaller footprint) tent
- Foam or Blow-up camping pad/mat
- Comfy blanket
- Sandals or Croc-Like shoes for general wear/swimming/boating



PILGRIM LODGE SUMMER 2025 MISSION: MAINE IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS COALITION & MAINE MOBILE HEALTH PROGRAM

This year, Pilgrim Lodge is supporting two Maine-based organizations dedicated to supporting our immigrant neighbors:

The mission of the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition (MIRC), is to improve legal, social, and economic conditions for immigrants in the state of Maine.

The Maine Mobile Health Program (MMHP) is one of the organization of the Maine Immigrants' Rights Coalition. The mission of the Maine Mobile Health Program is to improve the health status of Maine's seasonal workers and their families.

*An option to make a donation to our Summer 2025 mission organizations will be available at registration. We will collect donations in the form of cash, check, or tooth brushes!



[Link to Camper Guide with full Packing List](#)

SEE YOU AT CAMP!

Questions? Email or call Pilgrim Lodge:
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