



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.

WOMEN'S FALL WEEKEND 2026 DEANS LETTER

Arrival: Thursday registrations: September 24, 1 PM onward
Friday registrations, September 25, 4:15 - 5:45 PM

Departure: September 27 @ 10:30 AM



Dean Pam



Dean Mariah

HELLO CAMPERS!

Hello! We look forward to sharing Women's Fall Weekend with you! This is the weekend when women gather together to enjoy three full days of grace and spirit on the shores of Lake Cobbosseecontee at Pilgrim Lodge in West Gardiner, Maine.

This year we are your co-deans Pam Burnham & Rev. Mariah Hayden!

Pam has been a camper, counselor, Dean and Staff member at Pilgrim Lodge over the years and sees Outdoor Ministries as a vital part of the larger church family. She has 3 grown children and 3 grandchildren living in New England which allows many visits throughout the year. A retired Family & Consumer Science teacher she loves to sew, quilt, and bake for others and her family. At this time she is serving on the ME Conference Governance Committee, Maine Disaster Ministries Team, and also the Board of Directors. In her spare time, she is volunteering at the Maine Multifaith Comm Center to assist new immigrant families to our area.



Rev. Mariah serves as co-pastor at the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono, Maine. She is passionate about food justice and faith formation, the intergenerational church, and ensuring that every child understands they are beloved and beautiful. She is a parent to twins who are headed to college in the fall, tends a flock of chickens and a large garden during the summer, and enjoys listening to audiobooks while quilting and baking.

We'll be arriving in two waves. There is an option to arrive Thursday afternoon with dinner, breakfast and lunch for 24 hours of decompressing time for just YOU!

Thursday Arrivals: Check in anytime after 1 PM. Please check in at the dining hall to get your cabin assignment. Dinner(6:15 PM) and Breakfast(8:15 AM) on Thursday and Lunch (12:15 PM) on Friday will be served, but there is no structured program throughout the day. This time is purely for you and how you would like to spend it at Pilgrim Lodge!



Friday Arrivals: Check-in at 4PM. Please check in with your deans to get your cabin assignment, sign up for wellness choices, check out hand-made crafts, and get other paperwork and a name tag for your time at camp. Dinner will be served at 6:15PM in Quitobaquito dining hall. WELCOME!

Our formal time together will begin with supper on Friday, Sept 25th and ends with breakfast followed by Communion on Sunday, Sept 27th. If you will be arriving later than the dinner and or leaving early for any reason, please let the camp know prior to arrival at camp.

Regarding Cell phones: disconnecting from the world is part of the joy/challenge of a retreat event. If you need to keep cell contact, please keep phones on silent.

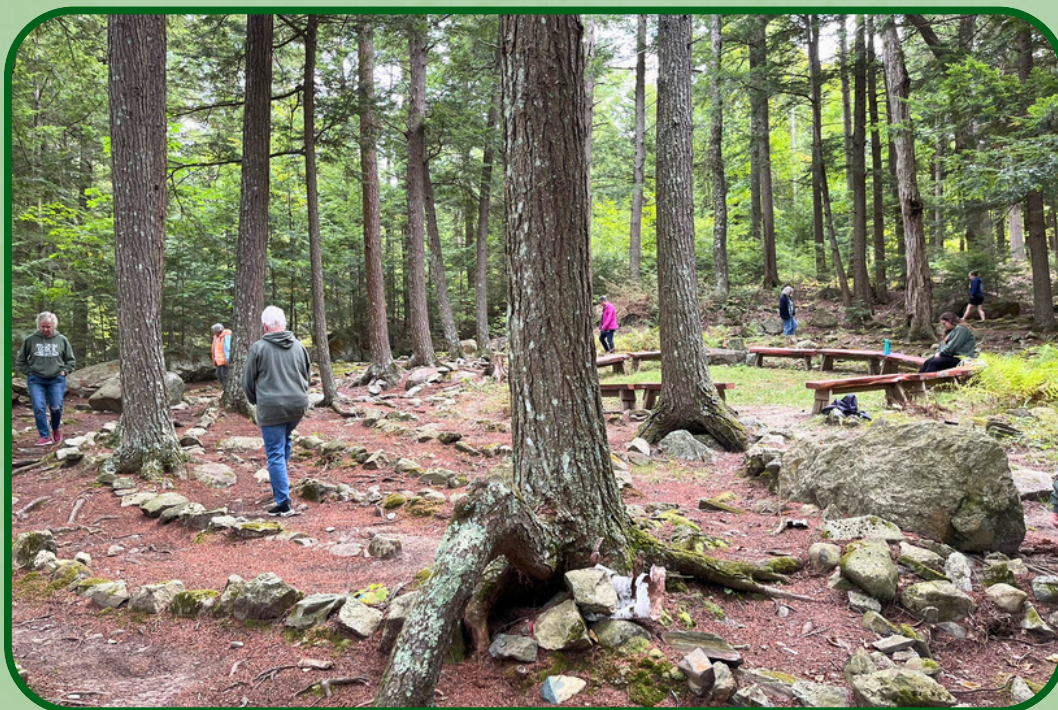
We are offering some “wellness choices” that we hope will interest you and benefit all who attend. They are volunteering at our request, but are not getting paid, so please treat them as one of the group as they are friends of other campers.

We are excited to be sharing this weekend of camp together with all of you. There will be opportunities to reset and relax, kayak and canoe, meet up with new & old friends, or try some craft projects. Morning swim, yoga ,singing, wellness choices, playing games, and time to enjoy the spirit and grace of nature. As always, we will try very hard to carry on the wonderful traditions and sacred rituals of our beloved weekend. We have worked hard to bring some talented women willing to share their skills & passions with us.

Some details to know: [The schedule for the weekend is linked here](#)

We will be taking a group photo and our choice of color are those of “fire.”

If anyone has an art/craft to share – Please let us know! We’d love that!!!
There will be Morning Swim before breakfast on Saturday for those who are interested.



PILGRIM LODGE SUMMER 2026 OUTREACH PROJECT



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Wabanaki Public
Health & Wellness

***An option to make a donation to the Summer 2026 outreach project will be available in the camp store.**

A FEW ITEMS TO CONSIDER BRINGING:

- Your own yoga mat (a small number are available at camp)
- “Stadium-style” or camping chairs if you’d like a seat with a back for outdoor gatherings
- Sleeping bag or sheets and bedding for a twin-sized bed
- Bring your own ukelele!! (PL has a small amount of ukuleles that can be borrowed)
- If you have special dietary needs or special food, they may be left in the kitchen fridge.
- A “fire” colored shirt for the camp photo
- Bring a friend!

[LINK TO CAMPER GUIDE WITH FULL PACKING LIST](#)

SEE YOU AT CAMP!

Questions? Email or call Pilgrim Lodge:

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