



PILGRIM CHURCH



December 2018

From the Pastor...



"And it came to pass in those days..."
--Luke 2:1

Time never cares about humans' schedules. Instead time always comes on its own terms. Time cannot be rushed. Time cannot be slowed down. Time can only be experienced as it unfolds and we as humans are immersed in it.

I hope that's not too heavy or philosophical. But the point I'm trying to make is actually pretty simple. As a gift from God, time is wonderful but: we do not have any control over it. All we can do is accept it. I'm acutely aware of time this time of the year, this time in the church year, this time as the natural light wanes and the earth pulls within itself, and we wait for the 25th.

Christmastime: you see that cannot be rushed. I seem to relearn that lesson every year. Post Thanksgiving it can feel as if our world goes into high gear, all of us traveling very fast downhill towards the holiday and the holy day. Quick. IT'S COMING! So much to do and prepare. Presents and a tree and baking and making vacation plans and cards and wrapping....So little time, right? So many things to experience as well: open houses and parties, worship at church and service opportunities too and special music.

It might seem counterintuitive but I think the best way to experience Advent (which comes from the Latin word for 'coming') is to instead slow down. Savor the days as they click by one by one toward solstice and the month's end. Practice doing just one Christmas task at a time and actually enjoying each activity: the hymn that always makes you cry, the joy of assembling a meal in the miracle on 25 South Main Street, the quiet of the street on the first snowfall.

Yes Jesus is coming but not yet. Even though the world wants him to already be here. Nope. Christ comes when he comes--not a minute early, not a minute late, instead on God's schedule, not our schedule.

So my prayer and hope for us in this season of Advent and Christmas is that we wait. We look at the night sky and wonder. We deeply enjoy and be engaged in every holiday thing we do--be alive to it, not just rushing off to the next thing.

O come, O come Emmanuel: just not yet. But he is on the way.

With Advent prayers, Pastor John

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

By ANDY MEYER, MODERATOR

The time I almost set the church on fire. True story.

I was serving as a deacon a Sunday or so before Christmas. The sanctuary had been beautifully decorated for the season. It looked lovely, as it always does. That particular year, a string of garland had been placed on the little shelf above the altar.

Toward the end of the service, we seemed to be without an acolyte. So I jauntily picked up the candle lighter / snuffer and set out to extinguish the candles. Now, we all know that the proper technique is to put out the first candle, light the candle lighter from the one that is still burning, and then snuff it out as well. After that has been completed, one turns to face and walk through the congregation with the flame, signifying our desire to carry our light and our faith out into the world

I extinguished the first candle, and lit the candle lighter from the second. That is when the problem arose. The candles that week, for some reason, were not sitting in the front, center of the altar. Rather, they had been placed against the back wall, an important fact I did NOT discover until I snuffed out the second candle, thereby placing an open flame directly into the green Christmas garland resting on top of the altar wall.

In what was one of the least pleasant sounds I can ever remember hearing, the garland immediately began to crackle. It was almost instantaneously on fire. I heard the congregation behind me gasp. Before the magnitude of what I had just done settled into my brain, I turned

the lighter over and used its bell to begin damping out the fire in the garland. I used the snuffer three, four, five times, and each time, miraculously, it worked. It actually smothered the fire, leaving little glowing red bits that darkened as they cooled. I turned toward the congregation, and let out a huge sigh of relief, made the OK finger sign, and walked out. Polite, nervous, applause followed me out.

The teasing began immediately. And happily so. Had I not succeeded in extinguishing the blaze, we would have had a problem far too big for teasing. We also had a chance to review our safety practices, our fire exit strategies, and the placement of fire extinguishers throughout the building. So truly, no harm came from this scary incident. Maybe, even, a little bit of good.

I make it a daily practice to focus on the ways in which my life has been blessed by God. I can find something small but meaningful every day. But there are days, occasionally, when it is hard to identify a little miracle; days when I might feel low or discouraged. That's when I remember my personal Christmas miracle, and thank God all over again for the way in which he has directed my life.

May God bless you all with a rich Christmas season filled with love, laughter, joy, and the peace of Christ.

Andy Meyer
Moderator



A Very Special Advent Offering for All Ages A Traditional Moravian Christmas

Wednesday, December 12

Featuring the Putz: a handcrafted super-sized diorama that tells the Christmas story through lights, figures, music and narration.

Two times to view....

4:30 pm (great for the younger set: 45 minutes) and 7 pm (for those with a later bedtime!)

Where: at the home of Linda & Brooks Zug, 202 Farm Rd., Sherborn

One of the most unique traditions of the Moravian Church is the Christmas Putz. A Putz is more than just a manger scene or crèche. It is an elaborate presentation of the Nativity which was developed years ago to help people gain a more vivid appreciation of the story of Christmas. Come and see the Christmas story in an amazing way and share holiday fellowship and refreshments.

CHURCH ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT UPDATE

BY JIM CAMPBELL

This is the eighth and last in a series of reports on the status of the capital project that encompasses a commercial elevator for the sanctuary, an inclined platform lift from the sanctuary to the education wing and improved drainage for the south side of the sanctuary.

Success! November saw the completion of the elevator installation as well as the inclined platform lift. We were aided in solving the interface issue between the **elevator alarms and our building's aging central alarm system by our new alarm maintenance company Phoenix Security Systems.** Earlier in the month the incline platform lift was certified by a State inspector. And in late November the elevator itself was also certified by a State inspector so our project is now fully operational and ready for use by churchgoers. In the upper photo is Don Jusseaume, project supervisor for the general contractor, R.P. Valois Inc., shown next to Jim checking out the new elevator. The elevator is self-operated and easy to use. Identical to that found in most office buildings, the new elevator is always available for use and no longer requires assistance from the Deacons.



In the lower photo Thurza Campbell is taking the inaugural ride on the inclined platform lift. The lift, while designed to be self-operated, is somewhat more complicated to operate because of the separate controls to raise and lower the safety bars and to move the lift up or down the ramp. The Church staff is being trained to operate the platform lift and will be available to assist those needing assistance.



The project continues to track within the overall budget of \$375K including funds sufficient to cover the tasks remaining to be done in the spring – the final painting of **the elevator shaft's exterior and the restoration of the lawn on the south side of the church** and the former Rocking Horse playground area. In summary we are pleased to report that the Accessibility Project has been successfully completed on time and within budget thanks in large part to the responsiveness and diligence of our general contractor.

Doug Peterson and Jim Campbell
Project Managers for Pilgrim Church

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 16, 4:00pm

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

--John 1:1

Join us for an intimate service of music, prayers and candlelight to mark **the entry of God's light into our world on one of the longest nights of the year.** If you seek light or need light or desire a quiet space in the midst of this busy season, you are welcome.



DEACONS' CORNER...

BY JIM HARTMAN

A few years ago, this Midwestern-born young man went to the Big Apple to see Rockefeller Center and the big Christmas Tree. Wow, that was amazing. Enormous tree with big ornaments and so many lights. Thousands of people smiling and lines of people waiting to skate. Now **that's Christmas, right?** Maybe you have ventured into Boston to see the big tree that comes from Nova Scotia every year. (Side note, this tree is given by Nova Scotia every year **since 1971 as a thanks for Boston's assistance after the 1917 Halifax explosion...Wikipedia**) When I was a kid, my parents would load us into the station wagon (you know the one with the fake wood on the sides) to go look at the lights around town. The bigger the better! **Personally, I think it's** funny to watch the T.V. ads for the gift of a crazy expensive (you name the car brand) with a big bow on top. **That's** certainly a nice BIG gift to get on Christmas morning. Even aside from Christmas, big is always better. Which country has the tallest building or who has the largest GDP. Walmart is filled to the brim with gifts and holiday accessories. Offices are planning big parties with big platters of food and always plenty of overflowing cocktails.

But, when I take a minute, clear my head and think about what Christmas means to us as people of the Christian faith, I think about a tiny little baby who was born in a simple stable. I can even imagine a big inn was full of people enjoying the night, but a small stable was just fine. A small baby holding close to His mother and father. The most vulnerable of times in our lives. We are never smaller than the moment we are born.

So the challenge is this; can we take a moment this Christmas season to think small. Look, really focus and look for those small moments, images or experiences that remind us of the small baby born in a stable. **Maybe it's that little** cape-style home on your drive that has just a candle or two in the window. **Maybe it's a small gift given to someone** who least expects it. **Maybe it's sending a simple note to** someone you know who might be struggling. **Maybe it's an** extra five minutes of prayer for someone you have been thinking about. **Maybe it's.... you fill in the blank.** It **doesn't need to be BIG.** God gave us a small baby and we can also think small. Now, let me say big is not bad. **I'm** sure God loves how excited we get remembering and celebrating the birth of His Son Jesus. But I trust He also loves seeing our small acts of grace and demonstrations of thanks.

From the Board of Deacons, we wish you (an early) Merry Christmas.

MIRACLE ON 25 SOUTH MAIN STREET—Dec. 9th!



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

- Matthew 25:35

Hunger affects every community. In The

United States, 1 in 7 individuals suffer from hunger. Nearly 400,000 households in Massachusetts do not know where their next meal is coming from. There are thousands of families struggling to keep food on their tables every day right here in our own back yard.

Pilgrim Church wants to help.

On December 9th Pilgrim Church will host our 4th annual Miracle at 25 South Main Street food-packing event that provides low cost, nutritious meals at just 25 cents per serving.

In 2015, End Hunger NE came to Pilgrim Church for the first time. It was a booming success! We originally hoped for 80 volunteers and 150 showed up. We challenged ourselves to make 25,000 meals and we ended up with funding for 38,827. 2016 and 2017 saw equal outpourings of support. Perhaps the greatest gift of those days was that people of all ages worked together to make it all happen.

Please join us to make 2018 equally as wonderful for our membership and the people we serve. Information and sign ups will be **available in church. It's a wonderful day of** goodwill, community and purposeful work for our neighbors in need.

Volunteers gather in teams of ten people. One station can pack 1,600 meals each hour. With your help, we will package and donate 30,000 meals on that day. This year we have decided to commit to 30,000 and will not be fundraising for additional meals on site.

Many thanks to all who have volunteered with this wonderful church-wide community opportunity. Special thanks to the Pilgrim Church Middle School and Senior High Youth Groups for their help with this event.

2020 – AN UPDATE

BY MATT BEAUDET

Our 2020 committee has been conducting interviews and we have been able to speak with a majority of our fellow members to answer the question of what is the most important thing about Pilgrim Church to you. We have received valuable insights into those aspects of our congregational fabric that are so important we never want to change them.

We want to be sure that everyone understands the process as we move forward. Please understand that we have **not “hired” a consultant because the church is in some kind of crisis. This is decidedly NOT the case. Our interviews** have shown the level of satisfaction within our congregation to be very high. But we all know that our own population is aging and the involvement of young families is probably less than it once was.

Why then are we studying these issues? It is a fact that, in our modern society, faith communities of all sorts are having progressively smaller influence. On the other hand, there seems to be no lack of need for folks in general to connect to faith or a spiritual life. So, we are exploring the following questions:

- How do we put forth our faith – for all the wonderfully positive things it includes – to a modern society that is much different from what it was even 15 or 20 years ago and will only continue to change in unforeseen ways in the future?
- How do we extend the extravagant welcome of our congregation beyond the walls of the church in a way that is meaningful and promotes our Christian ideals?

So our actions are not due to any short-term concerns or perceived failings but, instead, because we recognize the need to explore ways to be more responsive to the demands of this crazy 21st century. The role of Barb, our consultant, is not to do an audit or outside evaluation of the church. We are doing that ourselves. Her role is to be an impartial observer and to provide spiritual guidance and to coordinate tasks within our strategic framework.

If you have not had the opportunity to discuss your special relationship with Pilgrim, or have any further questions, please contact any one on the committee or Pastor John. We very much want to hear from you.

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Family Promise is coming to Pilgrim Church — January 20 through February 3!



Sign-ups for the many jobs available during those two weeks will begin December 16 – look for us in Fellowship Hall then!

If you already know of dates you would like to fill, feel free to contact Jennifer Searle (JenniferRSearle@gmail.com) or Janet Walsh (JanetPBWalsh@gmail.com) ahead of time!



The First Christmas Story

Friday, December 14th
4-5 pm, at Pilgrim Church

For the second year, Pilgrim Church is again opening its doors and heart to the wider community, to invite any and all to experience the Christmas story, for the first time, for the hundredth time! For neighbors, friends and of course, for all Pilgrim members and friends too! Join us for a low key, fun gathering for children and young families. There will be a craft project, with a take home ornament or keepsake for each child; hot chocolate and cookies (with gluten free options), and a chance to see up close symbols of the season: stars and candles and angels. No need to RSVP. For toddlers and kids up to third grade, even a bit older. Parents can enjoy time to visit too! Come enjoy the story. All are welcome.

If you would like to participate in this event please call the Pilgrim Church office at (508) 655-1667 to sign up, or you may email admin@pilgrimsherborn.org.

Bring a canned food item for donation, please invite friends and neighbors too!

Christmas Services at Pilgrim Church



O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL!

Sunday, December 23rd

10 am worship with the theme of Joy and THE CHRISTMAS TABLEAU!!!! Come see the youngest and young at heart tell the old, old story.

Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve:

4 pm service for the young and young at heart
(Please note earlier start time)

7:30 service led by our senior high youth group

10 pm traditional Service of Lessons and Carols

HANDS TO WORK, HEARTS TO GOD

We still have openings for volunteers to fill in the HTWHTG Sunday Service sign-up through January, and beyond! We are especially in need of coffee hour hosts in December and January, and a few lay leaders.

If you would like to help you can sign up anytime online by clicking [HERE](#) to get to our HTWHTG schedule. Or you can call the office at (508) 655-1667 or email Janet at DCM@PilgrimSherborn.org and she will be happy to help you!



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2019

BY KRISTEN FLYNN

We ask you to Pledge for all the good reasons that are in the testimonial below, given by Kristen Flynn on November 4.

For those that don't know me, my name is Kristen Flynn. My husband, Kevin and I have been part of the Pilgrim community since we baptized our younger son Michael.

I have to be honest. When Steve called me with John's request to reflect on the theme of Values that Pilgrim brings to us, I had a little bit of a hard time narrowing down exactly what I want to say.....because there is so much I could say about the Value of the experiences my family has had as part of the Pilgrim community.

I am a "learn by doing" kind of person. I think a lot of kids are like that too. We don't teach them how to tie their shoe by giving them a set or written directions, or how to read a book by telling them to look it up on YouTube. We don't teach them how to play a sport by giving them a workbook. Or give them an instrument and just say 'play'. We model that behavior. We encourage them to practice. We hold them in our laps and patiently work them through the steps of tying their shoe. We snuggle them at night with a favorite book which begins with us reading to them and progresses to them reading to us....And maybe we drift off first a time or two. We practice throwing the ball, holding the bat, playing Jingle Bells. Over and over and over. And then we celebrate their progress and success. We cheer for them because we have practiced with them.

Values are like this too. We can talk, and talk and talk about the Values we want our kids to have, trying to instill those values in them. But just like with tying their shoe, kids need to practice by doing in order for the instruction to stick. A few examples from my own experiences at Pilgrim come to mind:

My kids tease me, but I am moved to tears every year when the youth circle around the sanctuary to sing Silent Night by candlelight. God is present in the glow of the flame reflected back in the brightness of their smiles passed back and forth between each other. The peace and wonder they witness at that moment is indescribable.

I have held my mother's hand and listened in awe while Emily preached from her heart about the value of Peace. She connects in her own special way serving as youth Deacon.

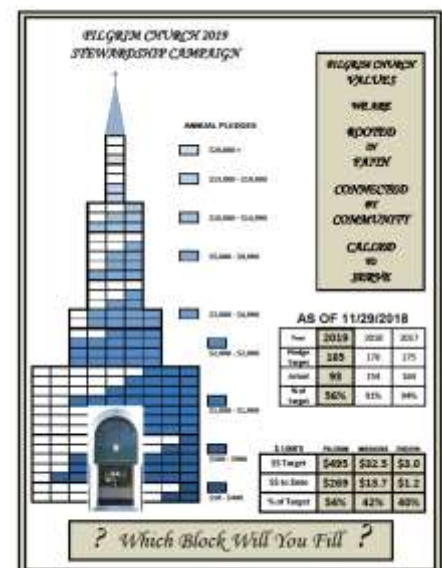
I have witnessed my son MJ's delight in being able to connect and communicate with a Russian speaking neighbor about what fruits she would like in her Thanksgiving bag while serving in Brighton. And then I have held his hand in the silence of the car ride home as he comes to terms with just how abundant our table is.

I have laughed at the surprise on the faces of the MSYG kids when my son Michael uses slight of hand in a well practiced card trick. **These MSYG kids that come together every year to continue Joan Whitman's tradition of hiding small red hearts with a big message.** One of those hearts fell into my hand last Sunday when we opened the Hymnal - **and it couldn't have happened at a more needed time.**

Participating in the Angel Tree ministry, by selecting a child similar in age and then shopping for things as simple as a set of sheets, or a puzzle. A new set of sneakers. **Really living the idea that making your Christmas list isn't about making a list of what you want but making a list of the ways you can give.**

We can talk until we are blue in the face, but it's these experiences, these moments of faith in action, that instill the values like love and kindness that John spoke to last week, and that strengthen their faith and fill their hearts.

Kevin and I give to Pilgrim out of gratitude for having these opportunities to put our faith into action. Compassion. Contribution. Giving of yourself. To borrow a phrase - You are Loved. and I would add that You have love to give. **That's what this community has brought to our efforts to instill values in our kids.** We give what we can, when we can, because we will be forever grateful for this home and what it has given our family. I encourage you to reflect on the value Pilgrim has had on the sustenance of your own faith and values.



Christian Education

BY ANGIE JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

PREPARE FOR THE CHRISTMAS TABLEAU



Some years ago Pilgrim Church created a simple Children's Christmas Tableau that was full of meaning and low on stress – no lines to learn, no costumes to make, and only one rehearsal. The tradition continues with this year's tableau during the 10am worship service on Sunday, December 23.

Each church school class, PreK/K through Grade Five, is assigned a role and talks about its significance during class time: PreK/K are Stars; Grade One/Two are Animals or Angels; Grade Three/Four are Shepherds; Grade Five are Wise Persons; Grade Five with best attendance are Mary and Joseph; Grade Six students are Narrators and one of the youngest members of the congregation (whose parents have nerves of steel) is Baby Jesus.

We strongly encourage all children and their families to participate in this story that is so dear to our faith. The tableau is a sweet reminder of how quickly childhood passes – the little ones are awestruck, the older children mix shy smiles with mischievous grins, and the parents are blinking and sniffing.

Rehearsal: Sunday, December 16, 11:15-11:45am in the sanctuary. Volunteers needed to direct traffic during the rehearsal and the tableau itself. Please call Angie at 508-655-1667, ext. 12.

Return Angel Tree Gifts

Angel Tree gifts should be returned to Pilgrim Church's Fellowship Hall no later than Sunday, December 2. Remember to leave gifts unwrapped and securely labeled with your angel's name and number. Questions please call Jane at 508-655-1667, ext. 18



Church School takes a Holiday

Church School will not meet on
December 30.

Thank you to ...

...Barbara Ambos for her calligraphy of the third grade Bibles.

...Session Two church school teachers Kelly Adduci, Kristen Flynn, Lindsey Hancock, Kate Marion, Ben Molloy and Katie Molloy, Stacy Melanson, and church school friend Chuckie Blaney.

...*Human Sexuality from a Christian Perspective* teachers Sarah and John Hefter from the Dover Church. They deserve a big hug from every 8th grade family who participated.

YOUTH MINISTRY

BY REV. DIANE ANDERSON

Senior Youth Group

The Senior Youth Group recently had a Work Camp information meeting. There was a big turnout and we all enjoyed talking about the upcoming Puerto Rico trip! SYG also spent a fun evening decorating and filling care packages for the SYG graduates. We hope the packages will arrive during college exam week so the grads get a little boost right when they need it most! SYG will be having their annual Christmas party on December 2nd complete with a cookie swap and a grab bag! Then it will be time to begin planning for the SYG Christmas Eve Service which is always a big highlight during our year!

Junior Youth Group

JYG has had a busy month! There was the traditional service day at the Brighton Food Pantry where JYG members helped distribute bags filled with food for a Thanksgiving meal to those in need. This special day is always one of the highlights of the year! JYG members also handed out red cups after worship on November 18th. These cups will be used to collect money for the church wide Miracle on 25 S. Main St. service day on December 9th. JYG members also decorated gingerbread houses that will be sold at coffee hour on December 2nd. The money raised will be used to purchase Walmart cards. These cards will be delivered to Family Promise so that they can be given to homeless families to do some Christmas shopping. Everyone is looking forward to the JYG Christmas party on December 16th! It will be a fun and festive meeting!



missionsministries



It is a common misperception that domestic violence increases during the holidays. However, the holidays are certainly an opportunity to increase public awareness that domestic violence does not stop during the holidays and that the abuse and violence experienced by victims may be exacerbated by the financial stress and alcohol consumption that often accompany the holidays. Victims and survivors of domestic violence may experience additional stress and unique challenges over the holiday season and may turn to advocates at domestic violence organizations or to other resources in the community for needed support, such as safety planning specific to the holidays, food, gifts for their children, etc. Please see our spotlight organization below to which we provide support.

The Missions Stewards have been working on the 2018 charitable gifts of support. We have been educating you on the various organizations we support through our Mission Moments and here in the newsletter. In the next newsletter we will be sharing all these gifts with the congregation.



A service provided through SMOC, the mission of Voices Against Violence is to end sexual and domestic violence. Staff members work to empower victims and survivors to help themselves and their children. Program Advocates work in partnership with individuals and families to ensure their safety, create stable home environments, gain independence, and to develop personal and economic self-sufficiency. Voices is also a social change organization, working toward the elimination of violence on a societal level through community education, primary prevention and increased public awareness and action. Voices also works in close collaboration with public safety and criminal justice professionals throughout the region. Voices provides free and confidential services to victims and survivors of sexual and domestic violence in the MetroWest area. Services include a 24-hour hotline, crisis intervention, confidential short term emergency shelter, counseling and support groups, information and referrals, and medical, legal and criminal justice advocacy. To learn more about Voice's services, how to volunteer or provide support visit their website at <http://www.smoc.org/voices-against-violence.php>



New Life Furniture Bank

January 12

8am—12noon

Join the Pilgrim church team as we help New Life in their warehouse. All persons, 14 and older are welcome. (see page 11 for details).

Family Promise

January 20th-Feb 3

We are hosting homeless families from Family Promise the last 2 weeks of January. Please watch for sign-ups in the coming weeks. This is an all-church, all hands on deck mission experience.

NEW OPPORTUNITY

LOCAL MISSION for ADULTS & Young Adults

- JUST ½ WORK DAY -

Saturday Morning, January 12th

New Life Furniture Bank of MA is a local mission based in Medfield, Massachusetts that collects lightly used furniture, cleans and/or refurnishes it and offers it free to families moving out of being homeless and getting into their new homes. They need Saturday morning work crews every weekend. Any able bodied person 14 years or older may join “the crew.” First need is for workers 18 or older who can lift 50 lbs. or more. Those folks will go out with the company truck to pick up donations that are too big for donors to bring to the warehouse in Medfield. More workers are then needed to accept donations at the dock in the warehouse and move them to the showroom or the refurnishing area. Additional help is needed to aid newly housed families to load up furniture to furnish their new homes. Different tasks have different work schedules, but all work starts after 8:00 a.m. and ends by noon. ***Quick and easy, but such a huge help to a worthy mission.***

Pilgrim Church has volunteered to staff a crew on Saturday morning, January 12th. If you want to be a part of this mission project, please contact Janet Walsh, dcm@pilgrimshernborn.org/508-655-1667, or Peter Liffiton Liffiton@comcast.net /508-653-2833. More information about New Life is available at www.newlifefb.org/warehouse-opportunities.

Here are Saturday work details from their website:

DONATIONS RECEIVING: Greet donors who are delivering furniture and household goods. Provide donation receipts and inform donors on current New Life activities and needs. Inspect furniture items and assist with moving furniture into the showroom. Record furniture items into inventory. **8:45am-12:00pm**

FURNITURE MOVER: Must be able to lift 50 lbs. Help donors unload furniture from their vehicles and move items within warehouse. Help clients who have picked out furniture items to load them into their trucks. **8:45am-12:00pm**

TRUCK CREW: Pick up furniture donations from donor’s homes. Crew members need to be able to lift and carry heavy furniture and be at least 18 years old. **8:00am-12:00pm**

***We need at least 12 workers to
Staff our Saturday morning shift.
Will you be one of them?***

SHERBORN BOY SCOUTS TROOP 1

BY RON JANZTEN

After spending the last week in November decorating and collecting wreath and Hanukkah candles orders, Sherborn Boy Scouts will be making wreath deliveries in early December. We delivered sand to seniors in November, and we hope to continue to coordinate work projects with the Sherborn Council on Aging in December. Jack Mulhall will work with Scouts on winter camping and we will conduct an inventory on troop winter camping equipment. Our final meeting before the school holiday break will be a *Yankee Swap* which is always fun for all.

Calendar

Tue. 12/4 Metacomet District Roundtable, 7 p.m., Medfield Senior Center, 1 Ice House Rd.
(S. Main to Hospital Road to Harding Street to West Mill Street to Ice House Rd.)

Mon. 12/10 Troop Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Pilgrim Church

Mon. 12/24 No School – break begins, No meetings through 1/1 Monday

Troop Meetings: Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Scoutmaster: Steve Scrimshaw, 508-655-2311

Com. Chair: Jeff Waldron, 508-653-4399

Chartered Organization/Parish Board Rep.: Charlie Williams 508-395-9049



Poinsettias

If you wish to order a poinsettia as a memorial to a loved one or as an expression of your own Christmas spirit, now is the time to do so.

The plants are available at \$15.00 each. They will decorate the sanctuary through the 10pm Christmas Eve worship service.

Send this form along with your check (payable to Pilgrim Church) to the church office:

PO Box 322, Sherborn, MA 01770

Please contact Elmore Alexander at 267-980-4652 or elmore.alexander@bridgew.edu if you have any questions.

Orders must be received by Sunday, December 16.

I wish to order _____ poinsettias at \$15.00 each.

Enclosed is my check for a total of \$_____.

I wish to have the message in the bulletin read:



From: _____

After the 10:00 pm service on Christmas Eve, congregants are invited to take their poinsettias home or give to someone who will enjoy them through the holidays.

December 2018

December 2018						
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30	31					

January 2019						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SA TURDAY
Nov 25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1
2 Advent I 10:00am Sunday Worship 6:45am SWG	3 7:30pm Scout Troop Committee Mtg	4 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00am Boy Scouts	5 9:30am Bible Study 8:00am AA Meeting	6 12:00pm Senior Cafe 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	7 9:00am Sherborn Blood Drive	8
9 Advent II Miracle on 25 S. Main 10:00am Sunday 6:45am SWG	10 7:30pm Scout Troop Committee Mtg	11 8:45am Casino 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00am Boy Scouts 7:00pm Descant's	12 9:30am Bible Study 4:30pm A Moravian Christmas 8:00am AA Meeting	13 12:00pm Senior Cafe 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	14 4:00pm The First Christmas Story	15
16 Advent III 10:00am Sunday 3:30pm Pine Street Inn 4:00pm Lonquest Night	17	18 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00am Boy Scouts 7:00pm Parish Board Mtg.	19 9:30am Bible Study 8:00am AA Meeting	20 12:00pm Senior Cafe 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	21	22
23 Advent IV Christmas Tabernacle 10:00am Sunday 6:45am SWG	24 Christmas Eve Services 4:00pm Family Service 7:30pm Youth Service 10:00pm Candlelight	25 Christmas Day	26 8:00am AA Meeting	27	28	29
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