



PILGRIM CHURCH



November 2019



Last year at a Deacon’s meeting, I was lamenting about what a struggle it is to get folks to come to church on Sunday mornings in 2019. So, I kvetched! About how every retail shop is open and the movies and art endeavors and bike races and running events and everything else happens on the seventh day, no more culturally agreed upon sabbath. I observed how youth and kids’ sports are regularly scheduled throughout the weekend, from morning to evening, putting parents in a really hard spot if you’ve got a son or

daughter who just loves to play. I shared with them the exhaustion of many “two working parents” families; kids going full tilt six days a week, Mom and Dad doing fifty hours at the job. Come Sunday morning, sometimes they just need to sleep in, make pancakes, and stay in their pajamas.

Now I can complain with the best of them but I know I need to move on at some point, ask God to help me look at things in a new way. And then one of the Deacons, who helps manage a local over fifty men’s soccer team, offered this wisdom. “You have no control over all those things John. All you can do is go with the players you have on the field.”

Go with the players on the field.

He’s right. We in the church cannot turn back the clock or overcome new social norms about Sunday or worst of all, try and guilt folks. That never works and is not Godly. What we can do is this: always offer inspiring, beautiful, God-blessed Sunday worship for those who come AND celebrate that people are also spiritually fed at Pilgrim Church the rest of the week too.

Imagine this: the life saving and life celebrating and life giving and life loving spirit of Jesus is present whenever two or more folks gather in God’s name, God’s love, God’s hope. That’s absolutely Sunday morning and that’s absolutely the rest of the week too.

Like the 30 to 40 or so middle and high school youth and adults who show up Sunday night in church for youth groups and sexuality class and confirmation. Like the more than 100 folks seeking recovery and a connection with a higher power, who find their way to Alcoholics Anonymous here on Wednesday nights. Like the many Pilgrim Church members and friends who can’t come to worship in a given week but can listen to a sermon podcast and read the EWord. Like the seniors who find their way here on Thursday for lunch and fellowship, to escape the sometimes lonely life of getting older. Like the neighbors we care for when we do a funeral or a wedding for folks who have no spiritual home.

One of the truths our Pilgrim Church 2020 Task Force has come to recognize is that we may no longer be a Sunday morning focused church, not as we move into the years ahead, not as we seek to serve a world so, so different than the one our parents and grandparents called home. But I truly believe: as God’s people, our job is to serve the world as it is. To reach out to and engage people where they are at in their lives. To love them, to love Creation, always remembering that where two or more are gathered—Jesus is always there. Jesus is here at Pilgrim Church, 24/7.

And that’s a good thing and that’s a God thing.

Peace, Pastor John

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

BY ANDY MEYER, MODERATOR

I arrived at a client appointment a few minutes early the other day, and happily, having left my phone in the car, had the opportunity to just sit quietly for a moment, waiting for the meeting to start. As I sat there, I started making a little mental assessment of things I had to do, and things I was worried about. It turned out to be a pretty impressive list. And in fewer than 5 minutes, I felt myself feeling dejected by almost all of the items on it. It just hit me, like a punch to the gut, at how much there is to do, and how worried I was about getting it all done.

I decided to take some of my own advice, which I had just a few days earlier dispensed to my son. I closed my eyes, took another breath, and reminded myself that I was not alone in this, and that I had a system.

Here's how my system works. In it, I am fully responsible for exactly half of the direction of my life. In my half, I am required to plan, worry, work hard, be honest and dependable, and to serve others to the best of my ability. That is the challenge set before me, and it is in deep gratitude that I take it on. Gratitude for what? The gift of grace offered to us by God through the life of his son Jesus Christ. My way of saying thank you to God is to work as hard as, and as joyfully as I can, for my family, my friends, and my community.

The other half of the system is supplied by God. I do my half and God handles the rest. When my life reaches a point in which I cannot hold on to any more, I hand it over to Him,

So as I sat there outside my client's office, I reminded myself that I was doing all the things that I was supposed to do, and that I could simply hand my worries and concerns over to God with faith and trust that He would, as always, help me. All I have to do is look back into my own life, for countless examples in which things have turned out far better than I could have ever predicted they would at the time.

By the time my meeting started, I was feeling great; as though a great burden had been lifted off my shoulders. It's a system that works for me, and one I am more than happy to share with others.

May God bless you,

Andy Meyer
Moderator

Clocks back one hour Saturday, November 2nd!



DEACON'S CORNER

BY RAE DEARBORN

The Story Behind the Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

From Ancient Greek, doxa meaning glory, and logos meaning speaking, the Doxology is an expression of praise sung to the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Ghost). The Doxology **was written in the late 1600's by Anglican Bishop, Thomas Ken.**

Thomas Ken was orphaned as a young child and was raised by his older sister, Ann, and her husband, Izaak Walton. Ken was ordained around 1661/1662 and was chaplain to multiple royals, including King Charles II. Ken made a name for himself when he refused **to vacate his bishop's residence for Charles's mistress, Nell Gwyn. Surprisingly, Ken's faithful protest led to him being named Bishop of Bath and Wells by King Charles. After Charles's death, his brother King James II succeeded. Ken was one of seven bishops to oppose James's Declaration of Indulgence. For this he was imprisoned in the Tower of London but was later acquitted. Despite this disagreement, Ken remained loyal to James and was later deprived of his bishopric for his refusal to swear allegiance to the new regime of William and Mary.**

Ken was also very involved with Winchester College and Cathedral, and it was there that he published a book of prayers to help motivate and uplift the spiritual lives of the students. **The book was entitled, "Manual of Prayers for the Use of the Scholars of Winchester College."** Included in this book were three hymns: a morning hymn ("Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"), an evening hymn ("All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"), and a midnight hymn ("My God, I Now from Sleep Awake"). The Doxology we sing today is the closing stanza of these three hymns. The students were originally instructed to sing the hymn in private because at the time it was believed that hymns should only contain biblical text. Ironically, this once secretive hymn became the most commonly used hymn among Protestants during presentation of the offering.

Ken later died in 1711 in poverty, and at his request, was carried to his grave by six of the poorest men in his parish.

Save the Date! Miracle on 25 S. Main Street

Food insecurity affects nearly 400,000 households in Massachusetts. These are families that, at some point during the week, don't know where their next meal is coming from. Pilgrim Church wants to help.

On December 8 from 11:30-2:00, Pilgrim is hosting the 5th Annual Miracle at 25 South Main Street, Pilgrim Church's biggest community event. Filled with the spirit of the holidays, church members and community friends work together to create meals from bulk ingredients. At just 25 cents per serving, one dollar can feed a family of 4. According to Pastor John, "I am excited to join with Pilgrim church members for the 5th year to pack meals that will go directly to kids and families in our neighboring towns. Not only are we strengthening our community, but we are strengthening each other in the process."

Ten people around one station can pack 1,600 meals in 1 hour. With your help, we are aiming to package and donate 30,000 meals again this December. For the past four years, the majority of the expense of this wonderful event has been generously underwritten through anonymous donations to Pilgrim Church along with a fundraiser held in the spring. Additional fundraising by the Middle School Youth Group and member donations on-site have allowed us reach the goals of 30,000 meals each year.

Information and sign-ups will be available in church during coffee hour starting November 10, or you may contact the church office during the week to add your name to the list of volunteers, admin@pilgrimsherborn.org or (508) 655-1667.

Last year's meals were donated to My Brother's Keeper in Easton, A Place to Turn in Natick, and many area food pantries. Deliveries were made possible by several 2019 confirmands and mentors.

Miracle at 25 South Main Street is done in partnership with End Hunger New England, a division of The Outreach Program.

Don't miss it! It's a wonderful day of goodwill, community and purposeful work for our neighbors in need. With your help, we expect more than 120 volunteers for this wonderful, valuable event.



Confirmation Orientation
will be held for all 8th grade students and their
families on November 3 from 11:30-12:15 in the Sanctuary.

New Member Sunday

New Member Sunday will be November 3 during our regular 10am service. This is the day that those choosing to affirm membership with Pilgrim Church are welcomed by the congregation. If you would like to know more about what it means to be a member of Pilgrim Church, (or would like to join on November 3), please reach out to Janet Walsh, dcm@pilgrimsherborn.org.



MAKING CONNECTIONS

BY JANET WALSH, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES

Would you enjoy being more involved, share community, make a difference? There are so many great opportunities and we are always looking for folks who would like to jump in and go deeper at Pilgrim Church and in the wider community. Committees and small groups at Pilgrim Church have a wide range of talent and experience; from Hospitality or Missions work to becoming a deacon, to joining the choir or just helping with a one-time event - all are welcome! Do you have **technical experience you'd like to share**, do you like to fix things, or are you good with numbers? Reach out and let us know! If you have interest or want to know more about our committees or small groups and ministries, please contact Janet Walsh, dcm@pilgrimsherborn.org or call the church office. We begin forming our yearly committees by January. Let us know if you are interested!

Family Promise Awareness

During coffee hour on November 3rd, you will be invited to help **re-Fresh our Family Promise Furnishings!** Our Family Promise guests are in need of some fresh bedding, simple bedside tables & lamps, and small room air conditioners, all to make their stay with us as comfortable as possible. We will invite you to make a donation from \$20 to \$50, which will equal a set of twin sheets, blanket and mattress cover or a cozy comforter, a pair of bedside lamps, or a pair of simple bedside tables - and we will do the shopping to replace worn out items. In addition, because we regularly host guests during the warm summer months (and the classrooms do not have air conditioning), we are seeking donations for the purchase of several portable air conditioning units - reach out if you would like to help with these larger donations.

Please look for volunteers at the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall following the service on November 3.



Two events from Family Promise in early November:

Family Promise Metrowest still has tickets available for **Keep the Promise** on November 2. They have a wonderful line up of restaurants this year from 17 local venues and are excited about the addition of 3 additional tasting stations. **They're welcoming back Look Out Farm** with their tastings of hard cider and are pleased to have Exhibit A Brewery and a Bourbon Tasting sponsored by Horizon Beverages. (Bourbon tasting will be during the 6-7:00pm hour only.) This year they have a wonderful line up of Silent Auction items which can be bid on right from **the convenience of home if you can't attend. Go online, <https://e.givesmart.com/events/dy7/>** and register yourself, bidding begins on Monday, October 28. Some offerings: Patriot vs Kansas City Chief tickets, Hamilton tickets on Broadway with a 2 night stay at the Lexington Hotel in Manhattan, **Chef's dinner in your home, Day of Sailing in Newport and lunch** and many other exciting items.

AND

[Clothing and Linen donation drive](#) - November 11, 2019, 11:00am-6:00pm, Family Promise is hosting a Savers Fundrive. To participate, please bring donations of clean, bagged clothing, shoes, accessories, linens, and towels to the Family Promise Day Center at 6 Mulligan St., Natick, on Monday, November 11 from 11 am to 6 pm. Volunteers from the National Charity League of Wellesley will unload your car and get your donations into our truck. Your unused items will turn into cash that will not only raise funds to house our families in a hotel during the December holiday week, it will keep the clutter out of your closets **and discarded items out of the landfill. It's a win-win-win!**

Clothing Drive



SACRED ARTS

BY DAVID TIEDMAN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

Creche Sunday – December 15

On December 15th at the 10 AM service, Pilgrim Church will dedicate it's new outdoor Nativity Set. The Sacred Arts Committee has been working on this project for the last year, and, after considering different sets and checking with other churches, has selected a set from Stemper's of Milwaukee, WI, a church supply company. Permission to purchase a set was secured from the Parish Board and funding for the purchase was provided by the Memorial and Endowment committee; the set is scheduled to arrive sometime in November. An "in-house" carpenter committee headed by Pastor John is building the stable.

As part of the dedication activities, Sacred Arts is asking the congregation to bring their personal creches for a display in Fellowship Hall that Sunday. The committee will be hosting Coffee Hour and will coordinate the display. To add a personal touch to the display, please provide a short paragraph describing why the set is important to you or your family. All creches can be brought to the church anytime from December 8th to the 14th; they will be carefully and safely stored and then set up on Saturday, December 14th, along with the descriptive paragraph about each set. Perhaps it is an old set that has been in the family for years, or it is one that was purchased on a special trip, etc.; something to tell of its importance to the donor. Sets can be taken home following Coffee Hour.

Choir to present Fauré's *Requiem*

The Pilgrim Church Chancel Choir is going to present Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* on Good Friday, April 10, as part of the service. **They are extending an invitation to anyone in the congregation who would like to join them for this special event.** Rehearsals will begin in January on Thursday nights from 7:30 to about 8:15. For the performance, the choir will be accompanied by an orchestra of strings, organ and harp. Guest soloist will be Ron Williams, a well-known baritone in the area who often sings with Boston Lyric Opera and various Boston choral groups. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please speak to a choir member or David Tiedman, director.



This beautiful work by Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924) is perhaps one of the most famous Requiems ever written. Fauré began working on it in 1887, following the death of his mother that year and that of his father two years earlier. Like so many works that did not receive immediate publication, different versions arose. Some movements were added later. The "final" version which will be done consists of seven movements, not all of which actually come from the liturgical Requiem. The composer conceived the work as a 'petit Requiem', as he described it in a letter to a friend. His choir of men boys at the Church of the Madeleine, Paris, where it was first performed, consisted of no more than 20 or at most 30 voices, making it ideal for a church choir.

SHERBORN BOY SCOUTS TROOP 1

BY RON JANTZEN

Sept 15 – Troop 1 Annual Kickoff Picnic and the Crossover Ceremony from Pack 10 was held at the O’Neill’s house in Sherborn welcoming 8 new Scouts into the troop, which is fantastic! During the ceremony, the new scouts crossed over the ceremonial rope bridge to symbolize their transition from Cub scouts to Boy Scouts. The picnic was well attended and weather great.



Sept 17 – The first weekly meeting of the year welcomed our new scouts who were given a summary of what the troop does in a typical year, describing our advancements, overnight campouts, day trips, summer camps and community activities – **Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day Parades** and community service. The Scouts worked on advancements, taught the new scouts knot tying and held a knot tying racing game.

Sept 24 – Continued working on advancement skills; practiced setting up tents with our new scouts and took a tent inventory.

Oct 5/6 – Overnight campout at Mt. Washington State Forest and Catamount Aerial Adventure Park / Bash Bish Falls.

October 22 – Troop Court of Honor recognizing advancement to date.

Annual Wreath and Candle Sale

A town-wide mailing just went out. November meetings will focus on making decorations for the wreaths and applying them and taking orders. We hope that you will support this fundraiser with your order.

Scout Alex Kapilian is coordinator:
508-545-2766.

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

Upcoming Events in November:

Nov 5 – Tuesday – Metacomet District Roundtable, 7 p.m.: Medfield Senior Center, 1 Ice House Road, (Sherborn, Rt. 27S to Hospital Road, to Harding Street, to West Mill Street, to Ice House Road.)
Information & ideas Exchange

Nov 14 – Monday – Troop Committee Meeting/ PC, 7:30 p.m.

Troop Meetings

Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Scoutmaster: Douglas Peterson, 508-653-0821
Com. Chair: Jeff Waldron, 508-653-4399

The many "WAYS" of Stewardship

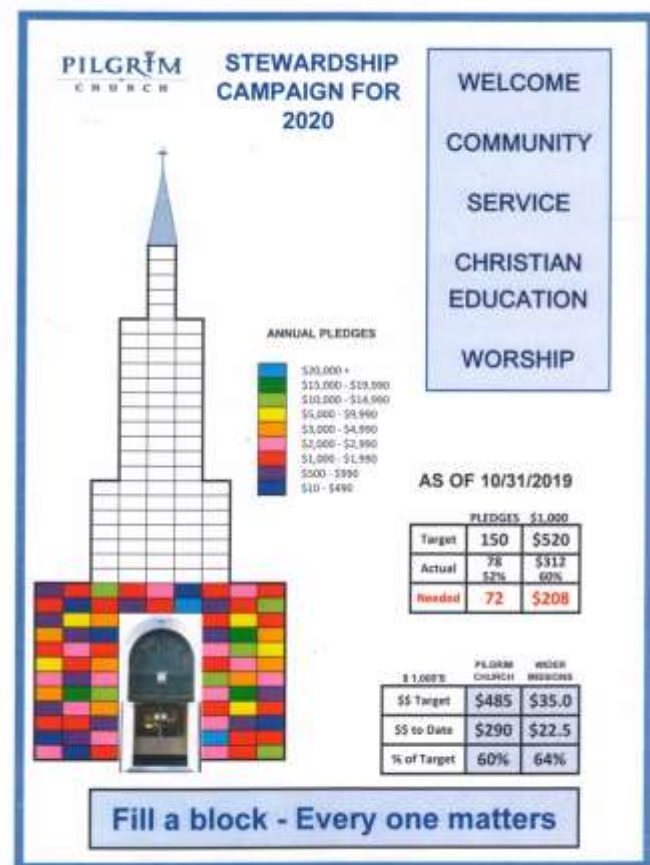
Stewardship this year is nothing if not flexible. We have so many "Ways" to do things that being a good steward of Pilgrim Church has never been easier. We have no fewer than 5 "Ways" to make a pledge and next month we will tell you of 6 different "Ways" you can fulfill your pledge.

[Making a pledge](#)

Already dozens and dozens of you have pledged by mail or dropped your pledge card in the Sunday offering plate. **Thank you, thank you, thank you**

For those of you who have yet to pledge, there are now **so many "Ways."**

1. You may use [the pledge card you received in the mail](#). Fill it in and send it to the church, or drop it off at the church office, or put it in any Sunday offering plate.
2. You may use one of the new [pledge cards found in the pews](#). Fill it in and place it in the offering plate or take it home and return it to the church when you are ready to pledge.
3. You may send an [e-mail to Pledge@pilgrimsherborn.org](mailto:Pledge@pilgrimsherborn.org) and your pledge will be recorded.
4. You may [call the church office](#) and make a verbal pledge. The call will be documented and your pledge will be recorded.
5. The newest and most convenient way to pledge is now functional [on-line at PilgrimSherborn.org](#). It is a simple fill-in form that only requires a click of **your mouse on the "submit" button**.



However you choose to pledge, know that your promise is important. Pledges form the foundation on which the annual church budget is based. Without your pledges, the church cannot plan how we will keep all the programs running, and worship engaging, and others helped around the world. All the planning is based on your pledges, your promises to keep supporting your church. Thank you.

The Stewardship Committee:

Matt Beaudet, Kevin Flynn, Peter Liffiton, Carole Marple, Steve Solomon, Kitty Sturgis

Oberammergau Passion Play Trip



The trip to Southern Germany and Northeastern Italy planned around the Oberammergau Passion Play is fast approaching. Although sponsored by Pilgrim Church, anyone may register for the trip, scheduled for May 13-24, 2020; the cost is \$4998 per person, double occupancy. A Land-Only price and single-supplement price are available. The price includes airfare, hotels, transportation, guides, entrance fees, all breakfasts, three dinners, ticket for the Passion Play, and all tips, including bus drivers and the tour guide. Not included are lunches, remaining **dinners and whatever trinkets and souvenirs you can't live with-**

out. The tour leaves Boston on May 13 for Munich, Germany. The performance date for the Passion Play is Sunday, May 17. The return flight will be from Milan, Italy, to Boston. Brochures are available in the church narthex and the church office, and for further information, please contact David Tiedman, tour coordinator, at 508-655-1667.

An initial payment of \$1800 per person is due by November 15. After that, late registrants may be subject to a higher price. Travel insurance is available. Should you wish to, you can plan a pre- or post- trip extension on your own. You can notify the tour company in writing and they will schedule your airline tickets accordingly. There may be an extra fee for this.

The Oberammergau Passion Play originated in the 17th century as a pledge to God by the people of Oberammergau to perform the Passion every 10 years if they could be spared from the plague. With few interruptions – 1940, for example, because of WW II – it has been done every 10 years since then. Only residents of Oberammergau can be in the play; rehearsals begin at least a year in advance, and it is an honor to be in the cast. From May to October about 100 performances are done and performances are generally sold out, as the play has become world-famous. **Passion Plays recount the final week of Christ's** life on earth – Holy Week. In the United States, there is one done in the Black Hills of South Dakota every summer that has become well known; there may be others around the country. None have attained the fame of the Oberammergau play.

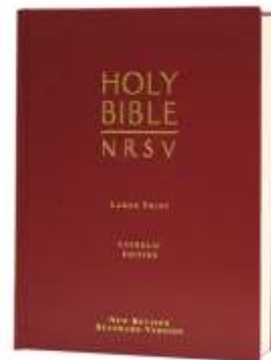


Christian Education

By Angie Johnson, Director of Christian Education

Third Grade Bible on Sunday, November 24

Pilgrim Church, through its Memorial and Endowment Bible Fund, has traditionally given a study Bible to all third graders on Bible Sunday, which will be celebrated this year on November 24. This year's gift is the **Spark Bible, New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**, published by Augsburg Fortress. The NRSV is the same as our pew Bibles and the lectern Bible. It is the modern version of the Revised Standard Bible, which many of us remember from our childhoods, and incorporates newer archaeological finds and current linguistic scholarship. The Spark Bible scatters helpful sidebars throughout the text that offer more information about people and places, highlight key verses worth memorizing, and point out how Biblical teaching might apply to our own lives. It also contains colorful maps, illustrations and a timeline.



If you're a third-grade parent, please take some time to sit down and **browse through your child's new Bible together**. **If you're an interested friend**, ask the nearest third grader to show you his/her new *Spark Bible*. And we ask everyone to **consider a gift to Memorial and Endowment's Bible Fund to continue this long-standing commitment to passing our faith to the next generation**.

WHAT'S NEW IN CHRISTIAN ED?

As a parent I find that I want for my children to be happy, fulfilled, and good citizens. The question for me is how? I have come to realize that the only thing I can do is to give them the foundation and tools to live a life of purpose and meaning, and that is why I want to provide an enriching church school experience. Will they remember every detail? Probably not, but I do think when you teach and then do something hands on it makes the lesson stick. So on Sunday mornings at Pilgrim Church you may hear giggles in the garden as the kids are doing a scavenger hunt as part of the Bible Skills and Games rotation. Your stomach may be rumbling and you will smell the scent of apple muffins the cooking rotation is making to symbolize the forbidden fruit in the garden. At coffee hour you may see kids running around with fabric snakes they made in the art rotation.

This year we are trying some new things in Christian Education. We are cooking, creating, experimenting and mixing up the ages so we are in a community together. How is this possible? **We are using the "Rotational Model" in our curriculum. The rotational model has different hands on workshops that children attend. We are all studying one common theme and**

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What's new in Christian Education (continued)

exploring it each week a little bit more and in a different way. We divide the kids up in 3 different rotation groups and each week a group will visit a new rotation. This is a great way to **explore more of the story and if a child is absent they don't miss the whole story.** As for teachers it is easier as you are only preparing for that particular area that you love. You prepare your area and different ages come to you on a weekly basis. Change is sometimes hard but also exciting. The fun thing about the rotations is that kids do not know where they are going **until that morning.** **If you really wanted to cook and haven't yet, it gets you out of bed wondering what fun awaits.** If you have any questions or want to know more please email me at ce@pilgrimsherborn.org. Also, I am still in need of teachers so if you have a talent and would like to share I would love to have you!

Teachers are **STILL NEEDED** for the following classes:

SESSION 3: 4 Teachers	<u>Jan 5 – Feb 24</u> (No Feb 16)
SESSION 4: 6 Teachers	<u>March 1 – Apr 5</u>
SESSION 5: 2 Teachers	<u>Apr 12 – June 7</u> (No April 12 or 19)

Thank you to our wonderful
Teachers

Kelly Adduci, Kate Marion, Katie & Ben Molloy
and Addy Mae Weiss



YOUTH MINISTRY

BY REV. DIANE ANDERSON



We had a special guest attend our most recent Kindness Club meeting - Judy Cranshaw who is a longtime member of Pilgrim Church and is currently serving on the Church Fair Committee. Judy told KC members about the history of the Church Fair & Yard Sale and about how it supports both the needs of the church and the Senior Youth Group Service Trip. Judy brought supplies and instructions for KC members to make crafts that were sold at the fair. The craft-making was fun and will support a wonderful cause! Last week's Kindness Club Challenge for members was to do an act of kindness for a young child by reading them a picture book.



Our most recent meeting was focused on preparing for the Church Fair & Yard Sale. We had two Church Fair Committee Members, Judy Cranshaw and Kay Dunlap, join us for dinner and an information session about the fair. SYG members signed up for their fair volunteer shifts and learned about all of the volunteer options. We reflected on the importance of this fundraising event... Not just because it supports the SYG work camp trip but because it is an opportunity for multi-generational church fellowship and it is an event that outreaches to the larger community.



missionsministries



Our Missions Ministries go hand-in hand with Stewardship. All of the outreach and support we as a congregation participate in provides outreach, hands-on opportunities and monetary donations to local, national and global charities. Stewards are those who are tasked with "looking after and taking care of something". Everyone of us in this church community are stewards of Pilgrim Church. The Stewardship committee specifically looks after and takes care of the financial well-being of our church. The Missions Ministry specifically looks after and takes care of our outreach and support of those in need through charitable donations and outreach opportunities. We also support the United Church of Christ's missions through an annual donation to their mission work.

The mission stewards send financial donations to about 20 local charities annually. The amount of these donations is based solely upon how much we, the congregation, donates to missions giving during the Stewardship campaign. There is a specific line on the Stewardship pledge card you have recently received for Missions giving. The donations we make are on behalf of the entire Pilgrim Church congregation. We ask that you prayerfully consider what you would like to contribute towards our Mission giving and enter a specific amount on this line. In both the old and new testaments, God speaks often of the poor and needy. He instructs us to show them compassion, give generously, and to speak up on their behalf. We thank you for your generosity.

The Angel Tree is Coming! November 10th & 17th



A long-standing Christmas tradition at Pilgrim Church has been participating in the Angel Tree program for MetroWest families who are struggling to make ends meet, limiting their ability to provide a gift or two for their children on Christmas morning.

Pilgrim Church "Angels" have spread their wings for over 20 years supporting over 2000 families during the Christmas season.

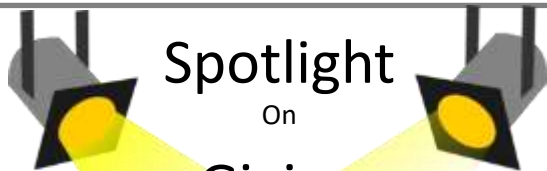
Through Project Just Because in Hopkinton, MA, we will have 150 children for you, our Angels, to adopt this year.

The Angel Tree will appear in Fellowship Hall on November 10th and 17th. Each child we sponsor will have an information sheet listing the age, gender, clothing size, and special requests. You may become an angel by selecting a child (or two!) and then purchasing items on the wish list. ***NEW THIS YEAR for our seniors, if you would like to participate but are unable to get out we will do the shopping for you! Please speak with Cindy Maguire or Eve Smith if you would like to have some helping hands.

Everyone's gifts must be returned to church no later than Sunday December 2nd. Please bring your gifts UNWRAPPED (you may include wrapping paper if you'd like) in a LARGE enough bag to fit all your gifts so the bag can be closed securely and your adopted child's info sheet attached. Thank you for helping to make a child's Christmas special this year.

Upcoming Hands-On Opportunities

- Pine Street Inn
- Miracle Kitchen
- Miracle on Main Dec 8 (See Page 4)



Spotlight On

Giving

Family Promise - November 3rd

- Mission Moment with Donna Angelico—Board Chair of Family Promise
- Special Coffee Hour and Way to Help

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10am - Sunday 3pm - Blessing of 6pm - OWL 6:45pm - Senior	28 10:30am - COA 7pm - Metrowest	29 10am - Staff 1:30pm - COA 7pm - Boy Scouts	30 9:30am - Bible 2pm - Fellowship/ 8pm - AA Meeting	31 Halloween 2pm - Fellowship Hall/Kitchen Maintenance 12pm - COA 6:15pm - Handbell 7:30pm - Chancel	1 10am - Voices of	2 10am - Voices of
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