



**PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**WEEK OF: December 4-11, 2016**

**HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM**  
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**Sunday—Starry Nite Gifts are due!**

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
 9:00a Youth Bells  
 9:00a Social Ministry Food Pantry Touchbase  
 9:30a Sunday School  
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion  
 12:00p Social Ministry Food Pantry Touchbase  
 12:00p Hanging of the Greens and Pizza

**Monday**

9:00a Preschool  
 6:00p Jazzercise  
 7:00p Evangelism and Communications Meeting

**Tuesday**

8:45a Exercise  
 9:00a Preschool  
 9:30a Large Print  
 5:30p Christian Youth Theatre

**Wednesday**

9:00a Preschool  
 2:30p CCPL Mobile Library  
 6:00p Advent Dinner  
 7:00p Advent Midweek Worship—Vespers  
 7:30p Combo Group

**Thursday**

8:45a Exercise  
 9:00a Preschool  
 9:15a MOMs Group  
 9:30a Large Print  
 1:00p Bible Study @ Marge Ellsworth's  
 6:00p Handbell Rehearsal  
 6:00p Jazzercise  
 7:00p Choir Rehearsal

**Friday**

9:00a Preschool  
 6:30p Kids in Christ

**Saturday**

9:00a Cookie Walk  
 12:00p United Church of God

**Sunday**

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion  
 9:00a Youth Bells  
 9:30a Sunday School  
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion

**TODAY IS FIRST SUNDAY FOOD SUNDAY!!** If you forgot to bring in your contributions this morning, please bring them in next week! **Monetary gifts** may be placed in the offering plate. (Please designate for "Pilgrim Food Pantry")

**THE PILGRIM FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP.** In order to provide more personal service and reach out to our neighbors in need, the Pilgrim Food Pantry hours will be changing to specific hours two days a week. The new hours will be **Tuesdays 12 PM – 3 PM and Thursdays 11 AM – 2PM.** We need volunteers willing to staff these times and work with our clients to provide the assistance they need. These hours will officially begin Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. There will be very brief organizational meetings **TODAY immediately following both services in the small conference room on the first floor.** If you are interested in helping, please contact Tammy Donley at 317.773.8499 and plan to attend one of these informational sessions.

**ADULT LEARNERS**—Today Dave Hunden and Annalea Robeson will teach a class together. The topic is absolutely spooky: Back in 1963 Andy Williams sang the festive favorite "*It's the Most Wonderful Time Of The Year*." Part of the lyrics are: *There'll be parties for hosting,  
 Marshmallows for toasting  
 And caroling out in the snow.  
 There'll be scary ghost stories,  
 And tales of..huh?? WHAT? Scary Ghost Stories!!?  
 On Christmas?? So come to class today and learn a bit of **chilling** history.*

**CHRISTMAS IS A-COMIN'!** "*The Hanging of the Greens*" **TODAY following the 10:45 AM service.** Please join us to decorate for the Christmas Season. "Many hands make little work." Continue the fellowship by staying for a pizza and salad lunch in Fellowship Hall.

**ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES and DINNERS**—Advent is coming! Please plan on attending Advent worship services each Wednesday during the season of Advent at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Thanksgiving Eve, 11/23/2016—13  
 Sunday, 11/27/2016—146  
 Wednesday, 11/30/2016—30

as we prepare for the birth of our Lord. The worship services will be preceded by a dinner at 6:00 PM in fellowship hall hosted by the following groups:

- December 7—The Elders
  - December 14—Evangelism/Communications
- Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex for more information and to sign up for the dinner.

**COOKIE WALK**—Once again Pilgrim Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring the annual Christmas Cookie Walk **next Saturday, December 10th, from 9-11 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. We are inviting all members of the congregation to donate homemade Christmas cookies (one batch 3-4 doz.). The more cookies, the better selection. We prefer no chocolate chip cookies. If your cookies have nuts in them, please label **WITH NUTS**. Cover your cookies. Cookie donations can be brought to the church kitchen beginning December 4 and anytime up until the morning of December 10th. Ladies wishing to help set up the Cookie Walk can meet in the kitchen on Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 AM. Monetary donations will be accepted in lieu of cookies (WELCA). Proceeds will be used to support the women's activities at Pilgrim and the Women of the ELCA. Questions: Judy Hunden 317.846.4373.

**THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY** will meet on **Thursday, December 8th at 1:00 PM** at the home of Marge Ellsworth 12264 Charing Cross Road, Carmel, IN. 317.669.2666. (In the case of a big snow/ice storm—we will wait to meet next year.

**POINSETTIAS SIGN-UP**—Help beautify our church and chancel for Christmas by providing poinsettia plants for Christmas Eve. The cost of a 6" plant with foil and bow will be \$14.50; the plants may be taken home after Christmas Eve worship to be given as gifts, or to decorate your own home. Sign up on the credenza in the narthex. **The deadline to order your poinsettia is next Sunday, December 11th!**

**VOTER'S MEETING** is **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 AM**. Important agenda items: 1) approval of a 2017 Budget for the congregation; 2) election of new leaders; Show your support for our leaders and staff, and your support for our mission and ministry as a congregation, by attending!

**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2017** is available in the Narthex for sign ups. Please note that there

are no flowers during the Lenten and Advent seasons. Cost is \$40.50 per vase, there are two vases.

**ELCA GOOD GIFTS** - ELCA Good Gifts provides more than 50 different gift-giving options that grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. These gifts, starting at just \$10, provide direct support for the churchwide ministries of the ELCA. This form of gift giving makes it easy (and fun!) for your family, your congregation and your community to say "goodbye" to traditional gift-giving and "hello" to meaningful gifts that really make a difference in the world. **Ready to shop now?** Visit the ELCA Good Gifts store at [www.ELCA.org/goodgifts](http://www.ELCA.org/goodgifts).

**A VERY SPECIAL BIRTHDAY REQUEST**—Are you able to help me reach my goal? My mother, Janet Mooney is going to be 100 years old on December 15th. I am trying to amass 100 birthday cards for her big day! If you could help, please place a card in the preschool director's mailbox and I will pick it up (by December 11th). Or you may mail it to my home (7421 Wood Stream Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46254). Thanks so much! ~Pat Goertemiller

**ADD TO THE PILGRIM FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREES**—You probably have noticed the two trees on either side of the narthex. The ornaments for these trees have been contributed by Pilgrim members over the last many years. If you are new or somewhat new, a long standing member who may not have put one on, or someone who might just want to add another one, please put your family name some where on the ornament and 2016 and choose a spot on the tree. They bring back so many memories of members who are now in the presence of God, children who are now adults with families of their own, and just the warm feeling that this time of year brings as we await the coming of our Lord. These ornaments may be brought in any time between now and Christmas Day. Join in the building of memories.

**"BEAUTY AND THE BEAST" AT THE CIVIC THEATRE IN CARMEL**—Aiden Shurr is cast as "Chip" and Maximus is volunteering tech help with spotlight. The shows run from December 9—January 1. Church Members can receive a \$10 discount on an adult ticket by contacting: **Christine Carlisle**, Group Sales Manager at Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre—3 Center Green, Suite 300, Carmel, IN 46032, (317)853-6311. **DISNEY'S BEAUTY & THE BEAST** [www.civictheatre.org](http://www.civictheatre.org)