



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF: December 3-10, 2017

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

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WEEK OF December 3, 2017

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
 9:00a Youth Bells
 9:30a Sunday School
 10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
 11:45a Hanging of the Greens and Lunch

Monday

9:00a Preschool
 6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

9:00a Preschool
 9:30a Large Print
 6:00p Board of Elders @ Schumacher's
 7:30p Poetry Plus

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
 12:30p CCPL Mobile Library
 6:00p Advent Dinner
 - Evangelism and Communications
 7:00p Advent Worship with Holy Communion
 7:30p Congregational Life Committee

Thursday

9:00a Preschool
 9:15a MOMs Group
 9:30a Large Print
 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 (Sale)
 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
 11:45a Outreach Kit Preparations and Lunch

ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICES & DINNERS—

Please plan on attending the Advent worship services each Wednesday during the season of Advent at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary 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:

- **December 6—Evangelism/Communications**
- **December 13—Elders**
- **December 20—Dan Murphy and Pilgrim Men**

Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex for more information and to sign up for the dinner.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24, 2017

10:45 AM Advent 4 Worship Service
4:00 PM Christmas Eve Worship
9:00 PM Music for the Holy Night
9:30PM Christmas Eve Worship

DECEMBER 31, 2017

10:45 AM Worship and Holy Communion

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL—Pastor Rudy will lead a new study beginning today. The Advent Stories ... Priests struck dumb; mysterious visitations; unexpected pregnancies. The biblical stories leading up to the birth of Jesus are filled with humor, suspense, and some interesting twists and turns. Today and next Sunday, Pastor Mueller will lead conversation around those stories and characters as one way we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Word made flesh. We meet in the Adult Sunday School room from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Today following the 10:45 AM worship service is our Annual Hanging of the Greens. After greeting Pastor, please return to the front pews and we will give you instructions on getting started. Many of you are pros at this, but we also want to get newer members involved. All ages are encouraged; it is wonderful seeing a family working together to decorate a tree or hang the garland. Following the decorating we will have a salad and pizza luncheon.

VOTER'S MEETING is Sunday, December 17th, at 9:30 AM. Important agenda items: 1) approval of a 2018 Budget for the congregation; 2) election of new leaders; Show your support for our leaders and staff,

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Thanksgiving Eve Worship—23
 Sunday, November 26, 2017— 121
 Wednesday, November 29, 2017—16

and your support for our mission and ministry as a congregation, by attending!

ADVENT OFFERINGS WILL GO TO THE HAMILTON COUNTY HARVEST FOOD BANK, Inc. (HCH) for this season. Pilgrim has provided and continues to provide support for this organization that helps with food insecurity in Hamilton County. For each dollar received as a donation by Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, Inc. this year thru December 30th, can be used to buy two dollars for food cards at Meijer, essentially a dollar for dollar match. was established in 2009 when several of the food pantries in the county joined together and set up a new non-profit entity to assist all Hamilton County pantries with their food inventory needs. The Noblesville White River Christian Church (WRCC) provided the newly formed food bank warehouse space in their building at 1605 N. 10th St. in Noblesville. (same location as the WRCC Food Pantry). Since our inception, we have collected and distributed over 275,000 lbs. of food for local pantries; this past year alone has seen a 53% increase in the amount of food required. A majority of our food will come through the school holiday drives, but more and more Hamilton County businesses and organizations are now helping out (over 37 donors this year have helped with either food drives or collection points). All donated food will be sorted and distributed to more than 28 local pantries at no cost to them. Many of the same volunteers who work in their local pantries will graciously donate their time to serve as food bank volunteers (HCH is manned 100% by volunteers).

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the Lorenz family. Lori Lorenz, a former member of Pilgrim from age 3 until her marriage to David Salmanson, died suddenly of a blood clot this month, leaving 3 children. Her Memorial Service will be Saturday, December 16th at 11:00 AM at St. Martin in the Field, 8000 St. Martin's Lane, Philadelphia PA 19118. Memorials may be given to the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania, Attn. Development Department, 330 Manor Road, Miquon, PA 19444, or to Cottonwood Gulch Foundation www.cottonwoodgulch.org/campaign.

May God bless all who mourn through the care of family members and friends, and through the work of the Great Comforter, the Holy Spirit.

DONTATE COLD-WEATHER ITEMS FOR "KEEP WARM" KITS

Pilgrim is collecting cold weather items to prepare "keep warm kits" for our local Gennesaret Free Clinics. Our goal is to collect enough items to create at least 100 kits! **Please see the goldenrod half-sheet insert for more details.**

STARRY NIGHT—The Starry Night gifts are due today!

MEMBER CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS—The

two trees that are on either side of the narthex are being decorated with ornaments that you as members have brought in over the years. If you are a newer member or a long standing member who has yet to add to the tree, please find an ornament that represents you or your family and place on one of the two trees. Please write on the ornament your individual name or your family name and the year you donate it. If you've placed an ornament on the tree in the past, please feel free to add an additional one if you would like. Please take time to look at the ornaments that are on the trees.

WELCA Cookie Walk! It is once again time for the annual Pilgrim Cookie Walk (sale). We are requesting homemade Christmas cookies to be donated. (one batch equals 3-4 dozen) **No chocolate chip please.** Then we all come and purchase a great assortment of yummy cookies for family and friends for the holiday season. This year the date for the Cookie Walk is **Saturday, December 9, from 9-11:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. Cookies can be delivered to the church kitchen starting **December 3rd**. If your cookies have nuts in them, please label them as such. The funds raised will be used to support the women's activities at Pilgrim and the Women of the ELCA.

ATTENTION SUPER SENIORS—Those of us who will be attending the Beef and Boards play "**A Christmas Carol**" on Tuesday, December 12th will have an added treat. One of Pilgrim's own youth, Aiden Shurr will be in the play. He is playing *Peter Cratchit* and *Young Scrooge*. Aiden is the son of Tim and Stacey Shurr. He has an older brother Max who is in the 8th grade; Aiden is in the 4th grade. Word has it he will come out following the play and greet us. Looking forward to our time of fellowship together. If your schedule has changed and you are now able to attend, today is the last day to purchase a ticket. We still have eight of the initial forty left. The cost is \$35. Please add your name to the sign up sheet on the credenza under the TV.

SURVEY FOR SUPER SENIORS DUE TODAY! Please leave your survey in the basket on the credenza under the TV to help us plan for next year. Thank you very much for taking the time to do this.

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 \$14.00; 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 Sunday, December 10th!**