



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS WEEK OF: November 20-27, 2016

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
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#490 and #789
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WEEK OF November 20, 2016

Sunday

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

Monday

9:00a Preschool
11:15a Preschool Thanksgiving
6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

8:45a Exercise
9:00a Preschool
9:30a Large Print

Wednesday

2:30p CCPL Mobile Library
7:00p Thanksgiving Eve Worship
w/Holy Communion

Thursday

OFFICE CLOSED—Happy Thanksgiving

Friday

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Saturday

8:30a Jazzercise
12:00p United Church of God

Sunday

8:00a Worship and Holy Communion
9:00a Youth Bells
10:45a Worship and Holy Communion
w/Reception of New Members

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Fran Willis and her family at the death of her aunt and Godmother, Frances Mathews, who passed on October 25th, at age ninety-nine. She was known to say, "I hope I haven't missed anything good by staying alive so long!"

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.

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP—Join us for Thanksgiving Eve Worship on **Wednesday, Nov. 23rd at 7:00 PM** as we give thanks to God for all of his many blessings over the past year. Please plan to join us for this evening of friendship and giving thanks. Questions? Contact the church office at 317-846-2221 or pilgrim@pilgrimindy.org.

"EATING HUMBLE PIE" - My sincere apologies for wrong information that was put out about the Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social. We are unable to have the pie social this year because so many of our committee will be traveling. Please keep your eyes on the announcements in the bulletin, the narthex TV, the web-page, and Pilgrims' Progress for upcoming events. We look forward to fellowshiping with all of you when we do the **Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, December 4**. Help decorate the church for Christmas and stay and enjoy pizza and salad with your Pilgrim family. **GOD'S BLESSINGS AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU.** Carol Dahoney, Congregational Life

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 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:

- November 30—Handbell Choir
- 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.

CHRISTMAS IS A-COMIN'! *"The Hanging of the Greens"* will take place on **December 4th**. Plan to stay after the 10:45 AM service to help decorate for the Christmas Season. "Many hands make little

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
Wednesday, 11/16/2016—13
Sunday, 11/13/2016—160

work.” Continue the fellowship by staying for a pizza and salad lunch in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up starting November 15th. You do not need to bring anything, but we do need a head count for how many will be staying for pizza. The sign-up sheet will be on the credenza under the Narthex TV.

COOKIE WALK—Once again Pilgrim Women of the ELCA will be sponsoring the annual Christmas Cookie Walk on **Saturday, Dec. 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 Dec. 4 and anytime up until the morning of Dec. 10th. Ladies wishing to help set up the Cookie Walk can meet in the kitchen on Saturday, Dec. 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.

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 – 3 and Thursdays 11 – 2**. 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 3rd, 2017. There will be very brief organizational meetings on **Sunday, December 4th 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 brief informational sessions.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY will not meet in November. However, we 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 December 11th!**

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is looking for individuals to serve for the following open positions: **Vice President, Director of Administration, Financial**

Secretary, and Youth. Each position is a two-year term that would start on January 1, 2017. The health of our church and congregation rests with our volunteers. Faithfully consider serving your church and your congregation in one of the roles. Please contact Greg Rexing at (317.431.3337 or gregrexing@sbcglobal.net) for more information. Additionally we have three Elder positions open beginning January 1, 2017. Those are three-year terms. Our Elders are responsible for worship and the spiritual care of our members. Contact Bob Schumacher at (robertwschumacher@yahoo.com).

SERVLIFE NEEDS YOUR HELP - ServLife International, a ministry supported by Pilgrim, needs help the two weeks after Thanksgiving. Volunteers will help process hundreds of letters from sponsored children to their sponsors. These letters are being collected in India and Nepal right now. If you can help weekdays during business hours please contact Tim Kurth at 630.956.4575 or by email tim@servlife.org to arrange a time that fits your schedule. The ServLife office is located at 1000 W. 42nd St on the campus of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

THANK YOU SO MUCH to Karen Schumacher and Ruth Stanley for their offer of beds. What a fast responding church. ~Fran Willis

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE: A reminder to our Sunday school faithful's. **NO Sunday school classes on Sunday, November 27. Sunday school resumes Sunday, December 4.**

ADULT LEARNERS—Lynn Willis' series of adult Bible studies on the Scripture readings continues **today at 9:30 AM** in the Adult Study Room.

Looking ahead to December: 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??
Come to the Adult education class on December 4th and 11th and learn a bit of **chilling** history.

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