



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF: November 27-December 4, 2016

HYMNS FOR TODAY: 8:00 AM & 10:45 AM
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WEEK OF November 27, 2016

Sunday

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

Monday

9:00a Preschool
6:00p Jazzercise

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:00a Preschool
1:00p Preschool Board
2:30p CCPL Mobile Library
6:00p Advent Dinner
7:00p Advent Midweek Worship—Vespers

Thursday

8:45a Exercise
9:00a Preschool
9:15a MOMs Group
9:30a Large Print
11:30a Bible Study
6:00p Handbell Rehearsal
6:00p Jazzercise
7:00p Choir Rehearsal

Friday

9:00a Preschool
1:00p Christmas Brass Reheasal

Saturday

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

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 Fine Arts Committee
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

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 work.” Continue the fellowship by staying for a pizza and salad lunch in Fellowship Hall. You do not need to bring anything, but we do need a head count for how many will be staying for pizza. So, please sign-up on the sheet 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, 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 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, 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.

FIRST SUNDAY! FOOD SUNDAY! Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month so, please remember to bring your contributions to either service: **Food contributions** may be placed outside the Food Pantry door or near the sanctuary entrance (there

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will be a sign). **Monetary gifts** may be placed in the offering plates during the service (please designate "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 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!**

VOTER'S MEETING is Sunday, December 18th, 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 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.

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

ADULT LEARNERS—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.

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. Thanks so much!

~Pat Goertemiller