



The Pilgrimage Herald

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From Our Pastor

I was talking with Jenny, our Director of Christian Ed, about kids and faith, and she spoke of a “window of opportunity”, a time when kids are more open to learning about faith and exploring their faith. And it got me thinking about this season we are about to begin – Advent and Christmas.

Advent, for those of you who don't know, is a season of preparation for the coming of Jesus into our world. Generally the texts (and hymns) speak of getting ready, of being watchful, or of God's faithfulness to us, God's desire to see the world made right. Each Sunday we light candles to mark our Advent waiting until the Christ child comes.

It strikes me that Advent is a window of opportunity for those who currently do not have a faith community, a time for people to come and see. Come and see what our church is about. Come and see how we express our hope and our joy. So what I want to ask you to think about is who might you invite to our church this month.

Elsewhere in this Herald there is a list of activities. There are *lots* of options for bringing a friend or friends to church.

If you know a young family – in your neighborhood, or family friends – that might like a celebration with meaning, ask them to join you at the Tree Lighting Open House on December 5th. Free food, music, and a nativity display – what's not to like? You could also inquire about Christmas Eve plans. Our 7pm service is short and sweet, and the pageant this year will be done in a way that includes “newcomer children” as well as our Sunday school kids. And the 11pm service is just beautiful.

If you know someone who has had a hard time this year, someone for whom the holidays might be difficult, you could invite them to our Service of Comfort and Peace (December 10th, 7pm). Many churches schedule these services (sometimes called “Blue Christmas”) on the longest night, but ours is a little earlier in the month. It is a new experience of Emmanuel (God with us) to worship in this way.

Studies show that the way churches grow is from the personal invitation of members. As the angel said, “Be Not Afraid.” Be not afraid and invite a friend!

Nativities from Around the World

December 5th from 5-8pm
in the sanctuary.

Free hot dogs, chips,
beverages and baked goods
will be served and there
will be

Christmas Caroling.
All Are Welcome!

Service of Comfort and Peace

A gentle service of music, prayer, and meditation
takes place in our sanctuary on Wednesday
evening, December 10th, 7-7:30pm.

This is a wonderful service to invite someone
you know to attend with you, particularly
someone you know who may find the holidays a
challenging time due to loss,
loneliness, or some other life struggle.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: On Sunday, November 16, we celebrated the successes of the last 12 months with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth. One major project was for Bethany Casoni who was the first HFHGP homeowner 15 years ago. Volunteers recently finished a room in the basement for Bethany's daughter, now an adult in her 20's, giving her independence and a safe environment in which to live. Bethany, who grew up in The Church of the Pilgrimage, spoke at the service and was gracious in her appreciation of how much Habitat has meant to her over many years. We also celebrated the completion of a life in the home for a severely handicapped 15-year old boy in Carver. We are also pleased to announce the donation of 3 lots of land in Plymouth, donated by the Town, two of which will be built for veterans as part of the new initiative as a Habitat Veterans Build affiliate. Anyone who knows of a veteran or others who are in need of an affordable home or rehab project, please contact our office at 508-866-4188. HFHGP is extremely grateful for the generosity of The Church of the Pilgrimage, both in the extensive number of volunteers and the donations to this important effort. Many thanks.

Meet Lynne Athanase

Lynne has an interesting and historical family history...that leads back to her ancestors, Pilgrims John and Priscilla Alden. John Alden was a crewmember on the historic 1620 voyage of the Pilgrim ship Mayflower. He married fellow Mayflower passenger, Priscilla Mullins. Rather than return to England, they remained in Plymouth.

Lynne is an artist, who works with oils and watercolors. She also has a graphic design background and experience. She is willing to "give back" to the church and community making use of her field of art talents. Lynne is divorced, and has a daughter 21, and a son age 19.



Meet Barbara and Dean Anglin-Rizzo

For the past 14 years, Barbara and Dean Anglin-Rizzo have resided in the Plymouth area. They have an 11-year-old son, Mason.

Barbara is a former Catholic, who was raised in Quincy; she is with *Edibles of South Shore* magazine. Dean hails from Boston, and is currently the President of the Quincy Chamber of Commerce. Their family was attracted to The Church of the Pilgrimage by its many programs, mutual member-friends, Pastor Nablo's ministry, social-justice efforts, the music program, and the very welcoming and friendly congregation.

As for the future of the church, they are very encouraged by the Sanctuary Restorations, feeling it is important to maintain such a strong and historical icon of faith.



Welcome to our new members: Bill and Joan Misata, Linda and Frank Montague, Elsie Hurter, and David Snow.

News from the Membership and Evangelism Committee

We will be displaying a collection of loaned creches in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 5th from 5-8pm while the church is open for the annual town Christmas tree lighting. This Nativity Display was an amazing success last year with about 35 creches from around the world, loaned by church members. If you have a family creche, perhaps one with a story behind it, please consider lending it to the church for this event. You may drop off as many as you'd like to the church office between Monday-Thursday, December 1st to December 4th. Please include your name and note on each

one (forms available in the upper vestibule). On that Friday evening, several of us will be in the Sanctuary greeting visitors. Creches will be arranged on platforms, and we will print any stories given to us to help illuminate the importance of the creche to you. Hot dogs and hot chocolate will be offered in Allerton Hall to warm up our visitors. Church members are asked to help with donations of cookies to share on that evening. Cookies can be dropped off in Allerton Hall anytime before 4pm on Dec. 5th. The Nativity Display will be taken down at 8pm on the 5th. If you have loaned a creche, please pick it up then. Nativities not picked up will be packed and held in the pastor's office for pickup. For more information, please call the church office at 508-746- 3026 or Peggy Jewett at 570-350-6467 (mjewett@nd.edu) or Ellie Reinhardt 508-224-1495 (efreinhardt@gmail.com).

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 14th-Christmas Caroling at the Newfield House at 2:30pm Please join us as we once again spread the sound of Christmas through familiar carols and songs of the season. We promise that as much joy as we bring to these residents each year, your heart will also be singing from helping to share God's love. Open to all ages! If you have any questions, please call Marna Blomberg at 781-826-2543 or Barbara Northrop at 781-582-2050. We hope to see you there! Feel free to bring a bag lunch to eat at church with those of us who will not be going home in between worship and caroling.

Are we the good stewards God call us to be?

Today I would like to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and a question for the stewards of our beloved Church of the Pilgrimage. The following was written by Joyce Rupp in her book "Fragments of Your Ancient Name."

"God of All Generations"

“From endless ages, in the most ancient of times
Your unique DNA of love spiraled into existence,
Giving humanity's heart the gene of your presence.
You stirred our ancestors toward their best
Even though they sometimes lived their worst.
With every human birthing came a fresh possibility
To activate the purest form of loving kindness.
Will our spiritual DNA survive and thrive?
Will we be a strong connection for living our best
So your love can pass on to the next generation?”

Let's be sure our spiritual DNA is activated as our Board of Trustees prepares to complete our 2015 operating budget. If you are pledging for 2015 please be sure your pledge card has been mailed to the Church Office or dropped in the offering plate. The next generation awaits our action.

Nancy E Reed, Stewardship Chair

News from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee met on Wednesday, November 5th at Steve Triffletti's office. We discussed the current vacancies and reviewed some of the by-laws. Members serving on boards and committees will be contacted in regards to continuing on for future terms. The Board of Trustees has changed the budget meeting from December to January. There is a vacancy on the Nominating Committee that needs to be filled though 2015. Many thanks to Larry Foster for the time he served on this committee. We appreciate Pastor Helen's attendance and input into our meetings. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 8:30am at Steve Triffletti's office.

Deacons' Notes

By now, November has come to a close and the second of two Visioning Conversations was held after church on November 30th. These structured yet informal gatherings allowed us to express our ideas and opinions about our faith and our church with folks we may not always have the opportunity to engage in this type of conversation. A small committee has been established to look at the information that was gathered and put it into a format that can be shared at the January 10th Leadership Retreat.

The season of Advent is a busy one here at The Church of the Pilgrimage and we hope you will be able to attend some of the activities and services that have been planned:

- Friday, December 5th – Open House with Nativity display
- Wednesday, December 10th - Service of Comfort and Peace - 7:00pm-7:45pm
- Wednesday, December 24th – 2 services
 - Christmas Eve Pageant - 7:00pm
 - Candlelight Service – 11:00pm

Burglar Alarms

The Board of Trustees is putting out an appeal to please be diligent when alarming either the church building or the John Robinson Center. Before setting the alarm, please check ALL doors to make sure they are secure and locked. We have had several alarms lately and each one is now costing us \$75. This will be charged to your committee if it is a direct result of a function or meeting by your committee. Instructions for setting the alarm are posted by the alarm. If you have additional questions, please call the church office.

Guild News

The Guild met on November 14th for a fascinating presentation by Barbara Lincoln, a volunteer for NEADS, a program that trains canine assistants for people who are deaf or have a disability. Barbara brought along Boris, a five month old yellow Lab in training. Boris will spend the next 18 months in training by volunteer inmates as part of the Prison Pup Partnership. On weekends, Boris is taken out of prison, and his training will be reinforced by a volunteer family who will socialize and train him from Friday to Sunday. Truly a bonding experience for all involved. Assistance dogs, such as Boris, bring life-changing independence, companionship and connection to people with a disability or hearing loss. Amazingly, these service dogs are trained to pick up dropped items, turn on and off light switches, tug doors open, alert people who have hearing loss to sounds such as a door knock, alarm clock or smoke alarm, fetch a cordless phone in an emergency, offer valuable assistance to social challenges faced by autism, be a Trauma Assistance Dog for Veterans with Post-traumatic stress, and meet a multitude of needs. We all would have taken Boris home, but he is much too adorable to discipline. The program was heart-warming and moving, and some tears of compassion were shed. God Bless our Canine connections!

Another interesting Guild program is scheduled for December 12th at 1 PM in Allerton Hall. Reverend Rosemary Peters, a retired Baptist minister, leads Bible study groups in Carver with a focus on women in The Bible. Reverend Peters will take on the persona of Mary and Martha and reenact their story from a woman's perspective in the present. Susan Miller, who attends Reverend Peter's Bible study, will be our Hostess. All are welcome to attend our December meeting and Christmas gathering.

Also, at our December meeting, we will continue with our Mission Goal of Teen Gifts for The Salvation Army. If any anyone would like to help us with this mission, please bring new clothes or toys for teenagers to the John Robinson Center. Guild members will bring their contributions to our December 12th meeting.

Merry Christmas to All!

Jane Dolan, Guild President

Missions Not Impossible

The Missions Committee is very happy to welcome new member Sandra Locke, who has already demonstrated that she is a valuable addition to our ranks. We still have room for another member so if you're interested, please speak up!

Ebola Project: \$250.00 was donated in collections. Also, Newfield House donated germicidal wipes and gloves.

Overnights of Hospitality: WE SORELY NEED YOUR HELP!! WE ARE ESPECIALLY LACKING IN OVERNIGHT HOST VOLUNTEERS. PLEASE CONSIDER CONTRIBUTING TO THIS CHURCH-WIDE EFFORT. Talk to any member of Missions and we can tell you what it's like and/or refer you to someone who has already done it.

New or gently used men's coats, jeans, underwear, white socks (especially sizes small or medium), blankets are needed. Donations can be left in the collection receptacles in the upper vestibule.

For the first week of Overnights we have hired a security guard on a trial basis. We hope this enhances our Overnights for guests as well as hosts, and that it will ultimately prove to be affordable. Donated: The cot needed for an overnight host was donated by a generous church member.

The Overnights of Hospitality is a wonderful effort to help alleviate the homeless situation in Plymouth. It is also a very labor-intensive endeavor that requires lots of cooperation and coordination of many people, supplies, and activities. An Overnights of Hospitality Committee is being formed to streamline the organization and administration of the Overnights. So far, Meg Bross and Pete Wilson are on this committee. More news on this in the future. If you are interested now, please contact any Missions member.

Alternative Christmas Fair: This year's Missions Fair is a wonderful place to do some of your Christmas shopping, beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving. We will be set up in Allerton Hall during coffee hour. Here's what you can expect to find there.

Heifer Fund gifts, mostly in the form of gift donations in the name of the recipient, may be purchased to support this worldwide organization that gives people the means to self-support, thrive, and pass on the gift to others.

SERRV orders are being taken until December 7. Catalogs of the many beautiful and varied gifts are available after church in Allerton Hall to peruse or take home. You can place your order (and also pick it up when it is delivered) Sundays in Allerton Hall. *SERRV* will return 25% of orders placed through the church to the Missions Committee.

Delicious *Equal Exchange* coffee, chocolate, cocoas, and teas will be on sale.

MISSIONS FINANCES FOR OCTOBER

Spending

St. Rock Haiti	\$500
Monday Meals	\$250
<u>UCC Collections (administered by Missions)</u>	
OCWM	\$9525
(Our Church's Wider Mission-collected over time)	
NIN Collection	\$519

Received

October Pledges	\$1016
Monday Meals Donation	\$25
Heifer Contribution	\$108
(from Pastor Helen's talk)	
Ebola Project	\$250
NIN (Neighbors in need)	\$519

Hi-Tech Pilgrims?

Do you know anyone who is shut in and lonely, wishing for a way to re-connect with their friends and family who are perhaps far removed from them, a way that virtually brings them together in real time without the need for travel? Modern technology, with the assistance of computer literate members of our church, young and old, may be an answer to their prayers! The Board of Deacons is exploring the idea of using the well-known Skype® video communication program to do just that, enabling such folks to talk face-to-face with anyone else in the world, and at no cost. The idea, which came out of COTP's Wednesday Morning Bible Study group, is actually not brand new; it is being done with great success in other places around the country, in family homes as well as nursing homes, senior centers, hospitals and any place with internet and/or cellular phone service! For more reading about how Skype is being used in this way, see the following links (<http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/queens/senior-centers-turn-skype-article-1.982714>; <http://www.research.va.gov/currents/spring2014/spring2014-12.cfm>), or simply Google "Skype for shut-ins."

The Deacons are just beginning to research this idea to better understand who it could serve in our own membership and the details of how it would work. Initially we see this as a possible youth group or confirmation class ministry, but it could easily include adults who are so inclined. COTP's Visitation Ministry might find it to be a very effective and fun tool as well. Surprisingly, the technology is the easy part! (All it takes is internet access and a computer with a small, inexpensive video camera. Where internet access is not available, a wireless "hot spot" device can be used to access the internet via cell phone signals. If someone doesn't have their own computer, which will often be the case, all this can be done with a properly equipped laptop computer which our visitors could carry with them.) We may find logistical issues such as setting up our visits and scheduling the Skype calls to be the bigger challenges.

So many of our elders and shut-ins find themselves feeling quite alone. Yet, our busy lives make it hard to find time for them. And simply opening a conversation with them can sometimes be hard for us, especially if we don't know them. Facilitating a Skype conversation for them might not only be the perfect ice-breaker but also a wonderful way to get to know them and allow them to share their story.

Please speak to Pastor Helen, Sam Butterfield, or any one of the Deacons if you would like to work with us on this project. We're pretty excited about this and hope some of you will be too.

Memorial Poinsettias

Christmas is fast approaching. By your loving purchase of poinsettias, we can enhance the beauty of our church for the Christmas services. Sign up in the lower vestibule following the service for the next two Sundays. An insert listing the donors and those memorialized or honored will be included in the December 21st Sunday Bulletin. The suggested donation for a poinsettia is \$15, although a donation of any amount is welcome. The flowers may be designated for shut-ins, or picked up **after** the Christmas Eve services or the following Sunday. Volunteers will be welcomed to take flowers to shut-ins following the December 21st Sunday service.



Notes

From Bob and Carol Taylor: Bob and Carol Taylor would like to thank those who sent cards and offered condolences and prayers on the death of Bob's mother.

From Susan Miller: A big thank you to all who provided cards, encouragement, hugs, visits, meals and especially prayers during my recent orthopedic adventure. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring faith community. God bless you all!

November Flowers

November 9: The flowers were in memory of family members. Given by Cynthia and Ed Marks.

November 16: The flowers were in loving memory of Danielle McNeely. Given by Mom, Darryl, Holly and Kevin.

November 23: The beautiful Harvest Table was arranged by Cynthia Marks, Dottie Bottomley and Carol Taylor.

November 30: The flowers were in memory of Linda Prentice Cadorette. Given by her family.

Confirmation Class to begin in January

The start of the new two-year confirmation class will be Sunday, January 4th. We will begin with a breakfast for both student participants and mentors. The students will receive Bibles that day in worship and be blessed for the start of their intentional faith exploration.

Participants we are aware of at this time are Ryan Anderson, Katrina Bingham-Maas, Hannah Blais, Maddie Gallagher, and Will Healy.

Gift of a Hymnal Dedication

Once again this year we are offering the opportunity to make a gift of a hymnal dedication. A dedication inside the front cover of our pew hymnals is a thoughtful gift and for everyone who opens the hymnal in years to come, a reminder of generosity and affection by and for someone. Dedications are \$25 each and the gifts will be listed in the Order of Worship on December 21. Please call the church office or Bill Harting for more information.

Feasibility Study

The feasibility study to determine our ability to raise the funds to make the necessary repairs to our aging sanctuary is progressing on schedule. Fifteen members were interviewed by our consultant, Reverend P. William (Bill) VanderWyden of VanderWyden Consultants, on November 20, 21, 24 and 25. Reverend Bill will prepare a written report detailing his findings, which will be presented to the entire congregation at the church meeting on Sunday, January 25th, 2015. In the meantime, Trustee Tom Mudgett (along with Trustee Roy Mathis) who has been instrumental in working with the contractor, will continue to provide brief walking tours of the church after worship to give folks an "up close and personal" view of the extensive and long overdue work that is required. Poster boards with several pictures of our bell tower and other damaged areas are available in Allerton Hall during coffee hour. I'd like to especially thank Rosa Cook for her persistent, diligent hard work in scheduling all of the interviews and also Diana Budge for her willingness to provide lots of refreshments while the interviewees awaited their session with the consultant. I will keep you in the loop as we progress towards this monumental decision in 2015. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Don Reinhardt, Feasibility Study Chair.

Monday Meals of Hospitality

First of all, we are delighted to report that, for the second year, Monday Meals has received a donation from the Lions Club of Plymouth. The club increased their gift this year to \$2000 in recognition of the importance of feeding those in need. We especially thank Diana Budge, who brought our program to their attention. Diana attended the Club's Charity Awards Dinner to receive the gift ---- which, as it happened, was presented by her nephew, the Master of Ceremonies. If you should meet anyone in the Lions' Club, please do mention how happy we all are to receive this wonderful gift.

In other news, there has been a noticeable increase in attendance at Monday Meals this season. We were anticipating 30 to 40 people when we opened in early September, but 55 people came in for a meal that day. Over the past ten weeks, participation has averaged in the mid-fifties and reached 67 on one occasion. In order to try to control costs, and to make sure that we have an adequate amount of food to cover all who come, the MM Steering Committee has decided to limit the servings of hot meals to only one per person. Take-outs are still provided to those who have to leave for one reason or another, or those taking food to the homeless who can't manage to come in. Unfortunately second helpings are no longer encouraged --- a difficult decision, but we'll see how it works. To compensate somewhat, we have nearly doubled the number of take-out bagged sandwiches and now routinely prepare 46 each week – up from 24 originally.

Planning is underway to again hold a dinner on Christmas Day. Last year most of the Homeless as well as many of our regular MM participants joined in. Although T-Bones Restaurant usually generously provides most of the dinner, extra desserts are always welcome.

Again, we thank all of the volunteers and members for their time, ideas and generous donations, all of which make the program possible.

If you are interested in volunteering or would like to learn more about Monday Meals, please call us.

Team Leaders: 1st Monday of the month: Diane Flood (508 209-0266) & Gay Flood 2nd Monday: Rosa Cook (508 759-0020) & Lynnette Lancaster 3rd Monday: Pat Mudgett (508 224-7296) & Gloria Souza 4th Monday: Meg Bross (508 957-2196), Alyce McAuliffe & Pat Svajian.



Active Faith Retreat: Sarah and Judy using a small boat to illustrate their team's commitment to be like Peter and "get out of the boat" on their next step in faith.

NOTICE

In accordance with the Bylaws of The Church of the Pilgrimage, a Business Meeting will be held on January 25, 2015, following the Service of Worship.

The Purpose of the Meeting shall be:

1. To approve, subject to amendment, the 2015 Budget of the Church
2. To receive the report of the Nominating Committee and take any action thereto
3. To hear the results of the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study
4. To vote on whether to proceed with a Capital Campaign

All Church Members are urged to attend this important Meeting.

Lois E. Post

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lois E. Post".

Clerk

Church Record

On September 28, 2014, the following people were received into church membership:

Matt Anderson	by affirmation of faith
Susan Lindsay	by affirmation of faith
Sandra Locke	by affirmation of faith
David Lowry	by letter of transfer
Marjorie Lowry	by letter of transfer
Kristen McKinney	by letter of transfer
Jacqueline Tauber	by affirmation of faith

On November 9, 2014, Pastor Helen baptized Hudson Scott McLean, son of Kaytee (Runnels) & Ryan McLean; Charles McLean Davis, son of Nathan Davis & Johanna McLean; Kayla Rose Gwardyak, daughter of Joyce (English) & Michael Gwardyak; Lilah Jo Maccaferri and Reis Mattie Maccaferri, twin daughters of Jamie (Valente) & Kelly Maccaferri.

On November 23 the following people were received into church membership:

Elsie Hurter	by letter of transfer
Bill Misata	by letter of transfer
Joan Misata	by letter of transfer
Frank Montague	by affirmation of faith
Linda Montague	by affirmation of faith
David Snow	by affirmation of faith

Heifer Living Gift Market

On December 6, 7, 13 & 14 from 10am-4pm at Heifer International in Rutland, MA, you may honor friends and family with animal gifts that help others. Have your photo taken with animals, roast chestnuts, decorate gingerbread animals and shop fairly traded goods. For more information: <http://www.heifer.org/farm> or 508-886-2221.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

Plans are well under way for a Day of Service on Saturday, January 17th to honor the Reverend Dr. King – his life and his life’s work. There is a particular emphasis on youth involvement and the first time brand, new event will be a combined effort of Plymouth Youth in Action and the Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association.

The event, which will take place at Zion Lutheran Church in North Plymouth, will run from 9:30 in the morning and conclude at 1 pm. There will be a lunch and a time of remembrance to wrap up the day. The major service project will be food packaging, though people will be needed to help in the kitchen for the lunch. There will also be some participants doing some visiting and activities at a local nursing home. There is a registration form available through our church office. Speak with Jenny Healy, Michaela Coombs, or Helen Nablo if you have any questions.

If you would be willing to help prepare a lunch that day, please speak with Pastor Helen. We need one lead person and at least five other helpers. We have a set menu (salad and the packaged food prepared), so we just need willing worker bees.

Also, we are looking for business/corporate sponsors to assist us in paying for the food that will be packed and distributed through local food pantries. Please call the church office if you or your company would like to be a sponsor.

Scenes from Thanksgiving Sunday, November 23, 2014



We thank the Pilgrims Progress for the use of the Pilgrim costumes for our Thanksgiving Celebration!

The Church of the Pilgrimage

December 2014 Calendar Events

- Dec 1: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.
- Dec 2: Board of Deacons Meeting, 7pm, Susan Cotta's home.
Pilgrim Festival Chorus dress rehearsal, sanctuary.
- Dec 3: Nominating Committee Meeting, 8:30am, Steve Triffletti's office.
Bible Study, 11am, Marks Room.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Sanctuary.
- Dec 4: Board of Christian Ed Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.
- Dec 5: Open House with Nativities from Around the World, 5-8pm.
- Dec 6: Pilgrim Festival Chorus Concert, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.
- Dec 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent with Communion, 10am.
Youth Group Coffee & Conversations, after worship, youth room.
Pilgrim Festival Chorus Concert, 4pm, Sanctuary.
- Dec 8: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Marks Room.
- Dec 9: Church Council Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.
- Dec 10: Bible Study, 11am, Marks Room.
Service of Comfort and Peace, 7pm, Sanctuary.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:45pm, Sanctuary.
Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:45pm, Marks Room.
- Dec 11: Missions Committee Meeting, 7:15pm, Marks Room.
- Dec 12: Guild Meeting, 1pm, Allerton Hall.
- Dec 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent with Toy Drive, 10am.
Christmas Caroling, 2:30pm, Newfield House.
- Dec 15: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.
- Dec 16: Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7pm, Marks Room.
- Dec 17: Bible Study, 11am, Marks Room.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.
- Dec 19: Pilgrim Festival Chorus Messiah Sing, 7:30pm, Sanctuary.
- Dec 20: Youth Group, "Black Nativity" trip to Boston.
- Dec 21: 4th Sunday of Advent, with Baptisms, 10am.
Christmas Workshop for Children, during Worship.
Pageant Rehearsal, after Worship.
- Dec 21-28: Overnights of Hospitality, Allerton Hall.
- Dec 22: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.
- Dec 23: Board of Deacons, 7pm, Marks Room.
- Dec 24: Church Office Closed.
Family Service, Christmas Pageant with Congregation Participation, 7pm
Candlelight Service with Communion, 11pm
- Dec 25: Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed
- Dec 28: First Sunday of Christmas, Worship, 10am
"PJ Sunday" for Sunday School
- Dec 29: Monday Meals of Hospitality, 11am, Allerton Hall.
- Dec 31: Church Office Closed.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 AM



WE ARE UNITED IN STRIVING TO KNOW THE WILL OF GOD, AND TO WALK IN GOD'S WAYS, MADE KNOWN OR TO BE MADE KNOWN TO US.

