

The Crier

Pilgrim Congregational Church of Taunton
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Sharing Christ's Love through Worship, Fellowship, and Missions in the Congregational Way.

Worship Service Sunday 10:00 A.M.
Contemporary Worship Service Saturday 6:30 P.M.



“Do not get tired of doing what is good. Don’t get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time.” – Galatians 6:9

Board of Education

Susan Orsini (Co-Chair) Beth Czepiel, Nancy Witherell, Lynne McIntyre, Sue Keogh

The Board of Ed is looking for volunteers to help with Saturday's Children's Church and Sunday School. No experience necessary, just a love for children.

The Board of Ed is putting together its annual **Valentine Italian Buffet**. Tickets are on sale now. Please see someone on the Board of Ed to purchase. Scheduled Sunday, February 14, 2009 at 5:30. Tickets are:

Adults \$10.00; Children ages 5-12 \$5.00 and under 5 free.

Mission News

Board of Missions: Lisa Wezowicz and Greta Ferreira, co-chairs, Judy Sylvester, Jenny McNee, Kris Maher, Maria Coutts, Jim Ritchie –Treasurer

Ongoing Collections:

We have a new collection box to put your Box Tops for Education in. The box is on the shelf under our bulletin board. Box tops can be found on General Mills and Betty Crocker products. Remember to bring in Campbell's Labels for Education, aluminum can tabs, Shaw's receipts and used ink cartridges. We will donate all these items to organizations that use the money raised from them to fund their programs.

We are no longer collecting used eyeglasses. Two places that you may take your used glasses to are Eyecare-Eyewear at 45 Cohannet St., Taunton (508) 824-4100 and Vision Works Express on Rt. 44 at the Shaw's Plaza in Raynham (508-822-8692).

Don't throw away paper and cardboard used at church!!! WE have a recycling bin in the office. Remember to recycle bottles, cans, and aluminum used at church in our kitchen recycling bin.

We will be starting a monthly can and bottle drive to benefit a local charity soon. Be on the lookout for a large trash can in Fellowship Hall.

Food Donations

Please bring in food items for the food pantry box and for the emergency food supply cabinet. Any non-perishable food item is welcome. Items specifically needed for the emergency food supply are items for children, such as cereal, kid's pasta, graham crackers, boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, apple sauce and canned soups.

American Red Cross

Pilgrim Church will be the site for a blood drive on Wed. February 24th from 1 pm to 7 pm. We will need volunteers to help with registering blood donors and handing out snacks to donors after they have given blood. Look for more info in upcoming bulletins and a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall later in the month.

The Christmas offering envelopes totaled \$400.00

Board of Deacons

Peter Witherell (Chairperson), Carol Ritchie (Vice Chairperson), Steve Kosta (Secretary), Charlene Sisson (Treasurer), Bob Hunt, Shirley Ragusa, Lynne McIntyre, Deborah Cozzens.

Reminder: *The loose money offering on Communion Sunday is given to the Deacons Fund to help the local poor.*

Elizabeth Pole News

Elizabeth Pole Society

Arlene Pimenta gave the Quilt Ladies the 12 squares which make up the top of this year's quilt. In honor of her generosity we have named the Quilt – Arlene's Gift. We have enjoyed putting together and are now ready to start quilting. Come join us on Wednesdays as we quilt away!

THANK YOU

Dave and Jean Dean want to thank everyone who has been supporting them through this long health crisis. In case you don't know, Dave became totally paralyzed on the Fourth of July and was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome. GBS is a rare occurrence when one's antibodies jump the track and attack the nerve roots, which shuts down all messages from the brain to all affected muscles. He has survived one of the most severe cases ever seen at St. Elizabeth's neurological ICU. After months in two rehabilitation centers, he was allowed to come home in time for Christmas.

Both Jean and Dave want to take this opportunity to thank people for their prayers, cards, phone calls, food, rides to Boston, and other support too numerous to list. The many kindnesses shown will never be forgotten. There is still a long road ahead, so please keep them in your prayers.

The Deans truly enjoy visitors, but have a busy schedule of in-home therapists and visiting nurses. If you are thinking about dropping in, it is best to call first. Dave's positive attitude and strong character have allowed him to call this "an adventure."

February Coffee Hour

February 7	Volunteer
February 14	Board of Missions
February 21	Board of Deacons
February 28	Board of Managers

CRIER DEADLINE FOR MARCH INFORMATION

Kindly note that the DEADLINE for submitting information for the March Crier is February 22, 2010.

Fellowship Groups

Fellowship is one of the backbones of the Christian life as well as our Congregational tradition. This fall you are invited to check out one of the many wonderful, warm, and inviting groups here at Pilgrim. We all have different worship and fellowship needs, so we encourage you to find a group that is right for you!



Fellowship Group	Place	Time	<u>Contact Person / Additional Information</u>
Christian Meditation	Chapel	Wed. 6 – 7 pm	Sylvia Thornton (508-947-3160)
Elizabeth Pole Society	Parlor	Wed. 10 – 11:30 am	Carol Ritchie (508-824-5011)
Bible Study	Parlor	Thurs. 10-11:00 am	Barbara Hunt (508) 822-0683
Contemporary Worship Team	Parlor	Wed. 7 – 8:30 pm	Dan LeBrun (508-837-9482)
Pilgrim Choir	Fellowship Hall	Tues. 7 – 8:30 pm	Jim Moore (508-285-6699) <i>Now Meeting</i>
Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	Wed. 8 – 9 am	Bob McIntyre (508-824-9871)

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

All correct information is available in the Annual Report. See Dawn Matthews for a copy of the Annual Report for 2009.

convert it into a nursery for our very littlest Congregationalists. At this time the entrance we use today was opened from the parking lot into the Primary school area.

REMINDER

Reminder about Event Planning:

We have many different groups and activities taking place at the church each week. If you have an event (big or small) that you are planning, please remember to check first with Dawn Matthews in the church office to avoid any scheduling conflicts. Most events are also now conveniently listed on our website at www.PilgrimCC.net.

Church Office Hours

The Church Office is open **Monday through Friday from 9am to 1pm.**

Phone: (508) 822-1472 Email: pilgrimcc@verizon.net

Change of address, telephone number or email; please let us know so we can update our contact information.

In Memoriam

Sympathy is extended to Stephen Kosta and his family in the recent death of his uncle Sevo J. Dimitri on January 15, 2010.

Prayer Concerns

Thanksgiving for:

Children and Youth of Our Church

The life, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ

Men and women serving in the Military today and their families

Prayers for Healing:

Susan Sheperd

Kathy Albert

Emerson Strange

June Moore

Paula North

David Dean

Susan Lee

Carol Murphy

Steve Kosta

Kristen Peirce

Dick Estes

Donna Perkins

Lynn Singley

Sheila Cook

Judy Sylvester

Fred Elder

Prayers for Comfort

The Family of Sevo Dimitri

Prayers for Loving Guidance:

Our church family, Boards, Committees, Pastor

Prayer for our country and world peace

Our President that God will guide him with his decisions

Missions – local, national, and international

To list a prayer concern or joy, call the church office at (508) 822-1472 or email us at pilgrimcc@verizon.net. All prayer requests will be printed in the Sunday bulletin for one month and once in the Crier. If you need to renew a prayer request, please contact the church office.



**Easter Plants
Sunday, April 4, 2010**

The cost this year will be Lily \$9.00, Tulip \$7.50, Daffodil \$8.50 each.
Please order your plants by March 29, 2010 deadline.

Fill out the form below and include it with your payment. Checks should be made payable to ***Pilgrim Church Flower Committee.***

Your participation in helping to decorate the sanctuary is most appreciated by the Flower Committee.

Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Number of plants:

Lily: _____ @ \$9.00 each

Daffodil: _____ @ \$8.50 each

Tulip: _____ @ \$7.50 each

Total Amount \$ _____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given by:

Disposition of Plant(s):

) after church.

_____ Flower Committee may deliver to shut in