

The Crier  
Pilgrim Congregational Church of Taunton

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



Moving Forward

That time of year is here again a time when we can look upon the New Year that lies before us as a blank slate and a new beginning. One of the major obstacles that could stand in our way hindering one from seeing all of the beauty and potential that come with the new year; is that not everything changes on 12:01 January 1<sup>st</sup>. Although the New York ball has dropped and most of our physical clocks changed, there was no magical switch that changed our internal clock. Internally we still carry all of the memories of the previous year all of the success stories and the struggles. This can be a problem, why? Well because one thing is certain and, that is, it remains impossible to navigate the future effectively if we are stuck looking backwards at the past. Paul in the letter to the Philippians church with clarity and insight gives us an encouraging word to dilemma, he says, “no, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.” (Philippians 3:13)

What Paul is essentially saying is everything is not all it should be in my life up till now, but I will not allow my energies to be consumed by what is or is not. Instead one thing, “I will do” from this point forward is “forget the past and look forward to what lies ahead.” In this brand New Year I challenge you to do likewise. Take a moment and consider all that God has in store for you. It does not matter what has happened in the past in fact God says, “my mercies are new every morning”. If God’s mercies are new and he has forgiven you, now you have to forgive yourself (Lamentations 3:22-23). Today make a decision to stop looking behind you and to press forward towards the good that God has set before you with new determination and focus this year.

Blessings,

Rae 

## Philippians 3:13

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## Board of Education

Susan Orsini (Co-Chair) Beth Munroe, Nancy Witherell, Lynne McIntyre, Sue Keogh, Jennie McNee & Margaret Strange.

Anyone with the love of children is still able to volunteer time with our Sunday school children.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AND PARTY

The Christmas Pageant and Party took place on **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.** All participants of both Pilgrim Church and Casa de Adoracion showed their spirit by fellowshiping together during the pageant and after with a party. A fun time was had by all.

## MITTEN TREE WEEKEND

### Mitten Tree



Mitten Tree weekend was held December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We collected 14 hats, 3 scarves, 14 sets of mittens and 27 pairs of gloves. All items were donated to Citizens for Citizens for distribution to the community.

## Mission News

Board of Missions: Greta Ferreira, Judy Sylvester, Kris Maher, Art Guidotti, Alton Hambly & Frank Gallagher

Associate Members: Lisa Voveris, John MacRae and Lynne McIntyre

### Ongoing Collections:

Please bring in your returnable bottles and cans (no glass please) to put in the missions barrel in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from these returnables will be used towards the 2011 Relay for Life event. The recycling bin in the kitchen is for non-returnable plastic, glass and metal items **USED AT THE CHURCH ONLY!**

We continue to collect box tops for Education, Campbell's labels, Shaw's receipts, aluminum can tabs and used ink cartridges to benefit local organizations. Kindly note that 19 ink cartridges were given to the library for the museum pass program. Thank you to all who have brought in used cartridges as we are able to help the community.

Don't throw away paper and cardboard used at church!!! We have a recycling bin in the office.

## Food Donations



### Food Pantry Donations Needed

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, applesauce and canned soups. Also, gift cards to local supermarkets are welcome.

## Micro Mission Committees

Would also at this time like to call out for volunteers to serve on our upcoming micro-mission committees. IE: Cookie Bakers, Meal Makers, Note Card Writers. These are committees that will be activated as necessary when there is a need within the church. Meal Makers will be called to come together and create a complete meal for families possibly going through a death in the family or sickness. Members of this committee could alternate courses as needed. Cookie Bakers would be called upon for the recognition of deeds done that we would like to reward. Note Card Writers is somewhat self explanatory, but each member would be called upon when there is a need reported or called to our attention. Any interested volunteer, please contact any member of Missions.

Greta: [garbo1127@gmail.com](mailto:garbo1127@gmail.com) (508) 333-6683

## COFFEE HOUR

A grateful thank you to all those who hosted a coffee hour during 2011. Particularly between June and December, when individuals rather than Boards hosted. As of January, 2012, Boards will once again host the coffee hours. However, the first Sunday will be hosted by individuals and Sylvia Cross will be responsible for signing people up to host. Please say yes.

## Board of Deacons

Peter Witherell (Chairperson); Bob Hunt, Charlene Sisson, Sylvia Cross, Shirley Ragusa, Debbie Cozzens, Lynne McIntyre and Paul Ferreira.

*Please note that all cash placed in the offering on Communion Sundays goes directly to our Deacons Fund. Thank you.*

## CONGRATULATIONS BILL!!

Our very own Bill Giles was recently noted in the “Propeller”, December 2011 issue. The great article stated the following:



“The final presentation of the evening was the most heartwarming. Due to medical issues earlier in the season, Bill and Brenda Giles had announced that after 52 consecutive years of racing, Bill was retiring from the cockpit. This left the club with a dilemma: what type of retirement gift do you present to not only an icon of South Shore Outboard, but to the sport of powerboat racing around the country? The guy has won every award out there, and there is no room left on his wall of fame. So we thought about Bill’s career and all of the roads that he has traveled .... How during the ‘sixties his trailer was aptly named “The Happy Wanderers” ... in later years, his competitors would know he had arrived when they saw the legendary 3-B. Then we realized that everyone knew the 3-B. It was the lanky kid from Massachusetts in the 1960s, and the distinguished Honor Squadron Member who continued to beat kids half his age right up until this season. The ultimate honor would be to have his beloved number 3-B retired from competition. With the guidance of Gloria Urbin at APBA Headquarters and the swift action of Stock Outboard Chairman Jeff Brewster, our request to retire Bill’s number from active competition was granted. From now on, number 3-B will only be associated with the man we call the Ancient Mariner. Bill and Brenda were brought onstage and along with 100 of their closest friends, viewed a video tribute: “This is your life, Bill Giles.” The video fittingly ended with Bill running out front and taking the checkered flag in his CSH. It is an honor and a privilege to have him as a friend.”

## CRIER DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY, 2012

**Kindly note that the DEADLINE for submitting information for the FEBRUARY Crier is January 9, 2012.**

**Kindly note that the deadline for submissions to the Crier has been moved up by one week in order to provide ample time to process the Crier to be received timely.**

# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



*The Poinsettias decorating the sanctuary –Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 were::*

<u>Given By:</u>	<u>In Memory of:</u>
<i>Betsy Golder Faraci</i>	<i>Wendell &amp; Betty Golder</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Warren E. O'Brien, Jr.</i>	<i>A. Mabelle O'Brien (Mother)</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. George LeRoy &amp; Joanne LeRoy</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Louis G. Beers</i>
<i>Bettina B. Howes</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Louis G. Beers</i>
<i>J.P. Marcoux</i>	<i>Wayne Finch Family; Mr. &amp; Mrs. Jean Marcoux, Nancy Bock, and Marilyn Horan</i>
<i>Jim &amp; Carol Ritchie</i>	<i>Louise and Paulina David, Donna Padelford, Mary C.R. Tracy</i>
<i>Eleanor &amp; Albert Orsini</i>	<i>Our Parents</i>
<i>Sean &amp; Daniel Keogh</i>	<i>Our Grandmothers, Barbara Barger &amp; Fran Keogh</i>
<i>Lee, Denise &amp; Kyle Padelford</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Sylvia R. Cross</i>	<i>Dwight S. Rich, Nellie A. Rich (Parents); David A. Rich (brother)</i>
<i>Peter &amp; Nancy Witherell</i>	<i>Norma, Paul &amp; Jane Witherell</i>
<i>The Sisson Family</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Jim &amp; Inez Driskell</i>	<i>Timothy Driskell &amp; Walter Driskell</i>
<i>Laurel McGregor</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. J. Marshall McGregor</i>
<i>Capt. Bob &amp; Barbara Hunt</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Ruth &amp; Bob McIntyre</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Wilma &amp; Bob Medeiros</i>	<i>Loved Ones</i>
<i>Bill Giles Family</i>	<i>John Giles, Barbara Barger, Bette Place</i>



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<u>Given by</u>	<u>In Honor of:</u>
<i>Jim &amp; Carol Ritchie</i>	<i>Our Children &amp; Grandchildren</i>

Eleanor & Albert Orsini	Our children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren
Lynne McIntyre	Family
Bill Giles Family	Eleanor Giles
<i>Frederick Elder</i>	<i>My grandchildren; Liam Henry &amp; Julia Graci Elder</i>

*The Flower Committee appreciates everyone's help in decorating the sanctuary. If you are able to deliver a plant to one of our Shut-ins, please take a name card, Found on the table, at the front of the Sanctuary, and a plant. Thank you.*

## RAFFLE TABLE WINNERS

The following is a list of winners from the Raffle Table at the Church Fair:

Item	Donated By	Won By
Bag of Bags	Diane Ferreira	Denise Padelford
\$50. Target gift card	Bob & Ruth McIntyre	Carolyn Nichols
Charlie Brown Christmas	The Keogh's	Beth McIntyre
Dunkin Donuts #2	Padelfords	Jennie McNee
Snowball Man	Church	Martin F. Berry
Candy Plates	Roger, Robin & Taylor Sisson	Joanne Thorpe
Vera Bradley Bag	Laurel McGregor	Katie C.
Basket of Christmas Candles	The Witherells	Bethany Hovestadt
Original oil painting	Dot Gallego	Beth McIntyre
Candle holders	Eleanor Orsini	Lauren Thorpe
Christmas pillows	The Witherells	Beth McIntyre
Afghan	Judy Sylvester	Debbie Cozzens
Hot Spa	Ruth Childs	Bethany Hovestadt
Wall lamp	Church	Winnie Padelford
Shampoo & Canopy	Eleanor Orsini	Barbara
Dolls	Eleanor Orsini	Debbie Cozzens
Angel Picture	The Ritchies	JP
Dunkin Donuts #1	The Keoghs	Nancy Witherell
Tiffany light	Church	Barbara
\$40.00 gift certificate –Benjamins	Sylvia Cross	Charlene Sisson
Day After Christmas –Norman Rockwell Plate	Church	Nancy Witherell
DVM MP3 Player	?	Dot
Norman Rockwell Boy Plate	Laurel McGregor	Beth McIntyre
Car Ornament	The Roger Sissons	Diane Ferreira
Oyster Blender	Lynne McIntyre	Lynne McIntyre
Apple Peeler	Margaret Strange	Nancy Witherell

## ANNUAL MEETING AND REPORTS DEADLINE

**Kindly note the Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. As such, all reports to be included in the Annual Report are due by Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.**

## BAKE TABLE GRATITUDE

Thank you to all who donated and helped with the Bake Table. It would not have been a success without everyone who helped sell or helped bake and cook. Thank You All!! Shirley Ragusa

## **BASKETS CHURCH FAIR**

What a great response we had to our request for members to fill a theme basket and donate it for the Church Fair. As a result of the sale of baskets, a profit was realized of \$500.00. Thank you!

## **DEATHS**

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Joseph Sylvia in his recent death.

Our condolences are extended to the family of Charlotte Roux in her recent passing.

## **??QUESTION??**



Does anyone know what might have happened to 5 new long tables purchased for Fellowship Hall? They seem to be among the missing and have not been signed out.

## **E. POLE SOCIETY**

December 7th was the latest meeting of the Elizabeth Pole Society book club, and the topic was a continuation of Emily Dickinson: her life and her poetry. The group learned so much more about Emily's artwork, her love of gardening, and her accuracy of painting her beloved flowers. We learned more about her life, especially her relationships with her father, brother,

sister, and her sister-in-law. We have come to appreciate her poetry much, much more than before we began this study, and are very glad we chose this author.

Our next book is called *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford . This novel is set in Seattle, and begins with a hotel which is slated to be demolished. When this process begins, workers find that the old hotel is filled with personal items left behind when Japanese families were moved into internment camps following the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It promises to give us much to discuss, since it deals with a difficult part of our nation's history--and one we know little about.

The book club will meet on Wednesday, January 25th, at 10:30, and a pot luck luncheon will follow the discussion. New members are always welcome, so consider coming whether you have read to book or not.

## Fellowship Groups

**Fellowship is one of the backbones of the Christian life as well as our Congregational tradition.**

**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	Contact Person / Additional Information
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	Thursday 10:00 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)
Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	Wed. 8-9:00 am	Bob McIntyre, Frank Ragusa

**Bible Study with Rev Rae Wed. 7 pm**

### 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](http://www.PilgrimCC.net).

## Prayer Concerns

### *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:***

David Prado	Crystal Donnelly
Paul Frazier	Hallee Bridgeman
Martha Conde	Alice Cole

#### ***Prayers for Comfort:***

***The family of Joseph Sylvia in his recent passing.***  
***The family of Charlotte Roux in her recent passing.***  
***The family of Aylah Reed in her recent passing.***

#### ***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](mailto: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.

## Church Office Hours

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

**Phone: (508) 822-1472 Email: [pilgrimcc@verizon.net](mailto:pilgrimcc@verizon.net)**

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

