



Pilgrim's Progress

January 2017

For those of you who were unable to worship with us on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, we missed you. For all of you...I hope that your Christmas celebrations were full of JOY.

Joy is one of the major themes of Christmas. The angel says to the shepherds on a cold hillside at night, "I am bringing you good news of great joy." That good news is the news of the birth of a baby in Bethlehem. Inspired by the angel's words, the shepherds leave their flocks and go in search of the baby. The good news of great joy, which we all receive at Christmas, is what fuels our search as well. It is what fuels our faith.

As we approach and enter the New Year it will serve us well to embrace the joy of Christmas, because, joy does not come to us by chance. Joy is dependent on our making choices between what is fleeting and what is constant, what is temporal and therefore perishable and what is timeless and so is indestructible.

This approach to life, choosing between the worldly and the godly, is what the Christmas story lays out before us every year. It repeats itself word for word, not so we can recite it to impress family and friends at parties, but so we can, over the years, absorb the words and develop our ability to discern between what is lasting and what is temporary. These are the roots of joy.

As a church and as individuals, we will be known by the choices we make. Primary among those choices is the decision to allow the joy of Christmas to fill and guide us in 2017. The joy of the birth of Christ can and will transform us into joyful people of faith and a joy filled church that will truly be a beacon of hope, peace, love and joy to a world that is sorely in need of these things.

So I wish you all a joyous 2017 and I pray that your joy will fill our church so that it becomes a beacon and a fountain of joy for all of Duxbury and the surrounding areas.

Blessings,
Rev. Peggy



Meals for Missions

Monday, January 5, 6:00PM

Come one, come all to our Meals for Missions Dinner on Monday, January 9th at 6PM in the Vestry, hosted by the Outreach Board.

We are planning a delicious meal of spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, drinks and dessert. Following the dinner will be a brief presentation by Josh Roberts. Free will donations will be used to support their program. We look forward to seeing you then.

The Outreach Board



Kononia Meeting

Will meet **Monday, January 9th at 2:00pm** at Helen Barrow house, please call Helen if you need directions.



We will be ordering Offering envelopes next week, so far, we have 14 families that have requested envelopes. If you would like weekly offering envelopes and you have not requested them for 2017, please call the office, as soon as possible.



High School Youth Group ~ Cooking Day

January 28th Chili Cooking Day.....the youth of the church will gather to cook chili and corn bread to sell for The Super Bowl on February 5th! A sign-up genius will be sent out later. We will take orders for chili on 1/15 & 1/22. There will also offer order slips in the bulletins and an email address to place orders.



Adult Christian Education

Continuing our series of evening adult Christian Ed offerings, we are happy to announce that Jeff Jones, retired professor at Andover-Newton Theological School and former pastor at First Baptist Church in Plymouth, will be leading a discussion group in February. Our text will be *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr, renowned spiritual leader and prolific author.

“In *Falling Upward*, Fr. Richard Rohr seeks to help readers understand the tasks of the two halves of life and to show them that those who have fallen, failed, or ‘gone down’ are the only ones who understand ‘up.’ Most of us tend to think of the second half of life as largely about getting old, dealing with health issues, and letting go of life, but the whole thesis of this book is exactly the opposite. What looks like falling down can largely be experienced as “falling upward.” In fact, it is not a loss but somehow actually a gain, as we have all seen with elders who have come to their fullness” (Amazon.com review).

We plan to meet on **Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 7: 00 pm in the church parlor** to explore the evolving relationship between life and faith and ways to deepen that relationship. If you’d like to join the group, contact either Jeff at jdjones17@comcast.net or Laura Dunn at laurawalkerdunn@gmail.com. We are happy to speak to you Sundays at church if you have any questions. All are welcome.

We ask that you purchase the book and read the introduction and the first two chapters before the first meeting, Wednesday, February 1. Copies of the book will be on reserve for the group at Westwinds and are available on Amazon (a Companion Journal is also offered on Amazon, so be sure you order the original book, not the journal).



A Word from the Deacons

Patti MacLennan, Laura Dunn, Donald DeHart, Dawn Backlund, John Morton, Aidan Tokarski, David Cheever, Amy Holbrook, Gwynne Zisko

Please join us in making our Pilgrim Church services a warm and inviting place for worship. Sign up as an **usher, greeter, or liturgist**. To share your talents, please contact Patti MacLennan at pmaclen6@yahoo.com if you’re interested in ushering or Melissa MacDonald at office@pilgrimchurchofduxbury.org to sign up as a liturgist or greeter. **Many thanks** for your prayerful consideration.



Fair Trade News

Happy New Year and a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Fair Trade Ministry during October through December. Your enthusiasm and support of the addition of SERRV non-food products was overwhelming and much appreciated by artisans around the world, many of them women who depend on a sustainable wage from goods sold to support their families.

We will continue to sell Equal Exchange coffee, tea, chocolate, and snacks in 2017. For those of you who are milk chocolate lovers we recently added a *pure* Organic Milk Chocolate candy bar along with an Organic Milk Chocolate Caramel Crunch with Sea Salt bar. The combination of sweet and salty is always “**yummy**”! Cacao used to make these bars is sourced from small-scale farmer co-ops in Peru and the Dominican Republic. The sugar and vanilla, also organic and fairly traded, is grown by farmer co-ops in Paraguay and Madagascar.

The next Fair Trade sale will be **January 22**, the fourth Sunday. We will return to the usual 3rd Sunday in February.

See you 'round the Fair Trade Table in the Vestry after church during coffee hour on **January 22**.

Judy, Jeff and the Fair Trade Ministry Team



I would like to thank everyone at Pilgrim Church for such a lovely ordination service. The flowers were beautiful! The reception was so wonderful as well! I loved seeing all of the teacups. I just cannot thank everyone enough who helped make the day so very memorable.

My deepest gratitude to each and every one of you.

+Rev. Emily Johnson Kellar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Year's Day • No Jr Choir Rehearsal • Worship 10am - Communion 	<u>2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Closed 	<u>3</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deacon Mtg 7:00 Library 	<u>4</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Bridge 12:30pm Vestry • Pilgrim Ringers 6:30pm 	<u>5</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Choir 7:00pm 	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10:00am 	<u>9</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals for Missions 6:00pm Vestry 	<u>10</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Ed Mtg 7:00pm 	<u>11</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Ringers 6:30pm 	<u>12</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCCP Board Meeting, 7pm, Library • Adult Choir 7:00pm 	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism 10:00am • Worship 10:00am 	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Ringers 6:30pm 	<u>19</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Choir 7:00pm 	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair Trade Sales 11:00am • Worship 10:00am 	<u>23</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outreach Mtg 6:30pm Parlor • 7pm Council Meeting 	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Ringers 6:30pm 	<u>26</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Choir 7:00pm 	<u>27</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healing Prayer Grp 10:00 Youth Room • Volunteer at Pine Street Inn 3:30PM 	<u>28</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chili Cooking Day -Youth Mission Fundraiser • Pilgrim Pantry noon-2pm
<u>29</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship 10:00am • Annual Budget Mtg. following worship 	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>1</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilgrim Bridge 12:30pm Vestry • Pilgrim Ringers 6:30pm 	<u>2</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Choir 7:00pm 	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>