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Happy
Thanksgiving

(Hi! This is Dorothy. Usually an essay from the pastor would fill this space. . . I've chosen an interesting article about the pilgrims from a website called joyfulheart.com. Hope you enjoy it.

In this issue you will also find a note from Dennis Croswell, Senior Elder, concerning interim preaching and pastoral duties, a note from Sandy Emrich about the Giving Tree, the birthday list, November's calendar, an advert for the Election Day Dinner, information about the Movies with Meaning Dinner and poinsettia orders.

Enjoy! Peace.)

How the Pilgrims Got their Name

By Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

It wasn't until 1840 that the term "Pilgrim" came to refer to the early Mayflower settlers.

The Pilgrims (though they weren't called that at the time) originated with the members of a Separatist congregation from Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, England, whose pastors were Richard Clifton and John Robinson.¹ This congregation suffered difficult persecution in England because they dissented from the state Church of England. William Bradford, one of the original Mayflower emigrants, wrote that

"[The church members] were hunted and persecuted on every side, so as their former afflictions were as flea-bitings in comparison of these which now came upon them. For some were taken and clapt up in prison, others had their houses beset and watcht night and day, and hardly escaped their hands; and most were faine to flie and leave their howses and habitations, and the means of their livelihood. . . Yet, seeing themselves thus molested, and that

there was no hope of their continuance there, but a joynt consent, they resolved to goe into the Low Countries, where they heard was freedom of religion for all men. . ."²

The congregation moved to Holland in 1607 where religious freedom was greater. Some who were in prison didn't get there for another year.

They settled in Amsterdam for a year, but then moved to Leiden, Holland, where they lived for a dozen years. But life was difficult for these expatriates. As foreigners they were deprived of a chance at the best jobs, and struggled to maintain even a low standard of living. Times were tough. But what caused them to move were their teenagers. They had religious freedom but

"many of their children . . . By the great licentiousness of youth in that countrie, and the manifold temptations of the place, were drawne away by evill examples into extravagante and dangerous courses."³

They were losing their young people and struggling at the bottom of the economic scale. If they returned to England they faced severe persecution and imprisonment. So in 1620 many from the congregation decided to emigrate to America, to the New World. Three groups came on the Mayflower:

Saints — Members of the Separatist Leiden Congregation.

Strangers — members of the church of England who were emigrating for economic reasons, and

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Crew members — seamen aboard the Mayflower, some of whom were contracted to work in the Plymouth Colony for a year or longer.

The “strangers” weren’t non-Christians. They were probably members of the Church of England and would count themselves as Christians. But they didn’t share the Separatists’ refusal to be part of what they considered to be the corrupt state church.

We ought to make a couple of distinctions here. Strictly speaking, Separatists were pious Christians who had given up on the Church of England and formed their own congregations. Puritans, on the other hand, were members of the Church of England who wanted to purify the Church from its worldliness and corruption. Instead of separating (in the early days), they formed religious societies within Anglican congregations. A number of these groups, like the Mayflower group, fled to Holland. They were the beginnings of the Congregationalist and Baptist churches that put down early roots in America.

Though the Plymouth Colony was the first Separatist colony in New England, the Puritan Massachusetts Bay Colony was established by royal charter in 1629. But apparently the Massachusetts Puritans had something in common with the Plymouth Separatists even before they sailed to America — the autonomy of the local congregation and a restriction of membership to “those predestined to be God’s elect.”⁴ As time went on the churches in Plymouth and the Massachusetts Bay Colony came to resemble each other.

But the Plymouth colonists still weren’t called Pilgrims, not for many years, not until 1840. At that point someone resurrected William Bradford’s original phrase describing the Saints that had left Leiden to travel aboard the Mayflower to the New World. They left Leiden, he said, “that goodly and pleasante citie which had been their resting place for near 12 years; but **they knew they were pilgrims**, & looked not much on those things, but lift up their eyes to ye heavens, their dearest countrie, and quieted their spirits.”⁵

Since the 1840s the Mayflower settlers have been referred to as the Pilgrims, echoing the verse from the Bible that Bradford had in mind:

“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were **strangers and pilgrims on the earth**. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city” (Hebrews 11:13-16 KJV)

References:

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2. William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation (1620-1647)*, chapter 1.
3. *Ibid.*, chapter 4.
4. Stratton, p. 41.
5. Bradford, chapter 7.

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The seasons come and go....

Come enjoy the beauty of
Stickley Gardens while the garden
is still in bloom.

The leaves are turning and
autumn's crisp air is upon us.

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gives to us – for HE is everywhere –
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and in our hearts.

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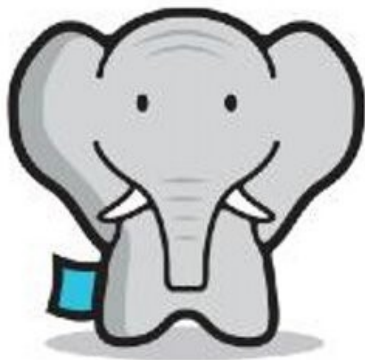
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**NOVEMBER 19 — ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
AFTER WORSHIP.**

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 4	Fall Clean Up Day
November 7	Election Day Dinner
November 8	Social Solos
November 17	Movies with Meaning
November 19	Annual Congregational Meeting
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Service
November 23	Thanksgiving

MISSION OF THE MONTH: October
has flown by and we thank all of you
for your generous contributions to
help the unfortunate millions who
have suffered from the natural dis-
asters that have taken place.

November's mission will be "Doctors Without
Borders." This organization has volunteers through-
out the world and is sorely needed. God bless them.

Marilyn, Linda, Deb, Rebecca and Lee



*Thank
you*

I thank all that wished
me well for my recover
after my recent stroke.
The visits, cards and
phone calls were appreci-
ated. Thank you all for
the prayers and concerns.

Ron Every

November

Birthdays

Iris Cordero	3	Drew Milne
John Henning	10	Julianna Schaffrick
Chloe Dumas	14	Joe Burns
William Schaffrick	14	James Gregory
Anne Glass	15	Kathy Musialkiewicz
Bill Merrill	16	Allan Dumas
Daniela Sumerano	16	Matthew Croswell
Jay Burgess	17	Art Harder

Anniversaries

17	Todd & Julie Jordan	9
17	Leslie & Darryl Shambo	10
19	Shirley & Ron Burns	13
22	Sandie & Jim Gregory	30
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MINISTER UPDATE: Although the transition team/search committee continue their effort for a new “call” minister, it’s obvious that one will not be in place at the time of Rev. Gram’s departure on October 31, nor is it likely that one will be available for the remainder of this calendar year. On the advice of Rev. Titus, the supervising minister assigned by Classis to assist us in our search, we will be employing pastoral supply (weekly substitute ministers) for the remainder of the calendar year. Consistory will reassess our pastoral needs at its December meeting based on the progress of the transition team and will provide ongoing updates. **The ministers preaching for November are as follows: November 5: Rev. Charles Stickley; November 12, 19 and 26: Rev. John Needham.** During this time frame without an onsite minister, Reverends Eric Titus (Red Hook), and Kendra Van Houten (Fair St.) as well as Rev. Stickley have offered their services to provide pastoral care (home/nursing home/hospital visitations) or any other ministerial needs of our congregation. If you are in need of such care, please contact Dennis Croswell (331-5944), Dorothy at the church office (331-4121) or the Deacon of the month as listed in the weekly bulletin.

Dennis Croswell



THE GIVING TREE: Our annual helping area families in need for Christmas will be up just before Thanksgiving. Please be on the lookout for the Christmas tree. It will be adorned with tags for you to pick a tag, purchase the item listed on the tag & then you return that item unwrapped. If you have any questions please see Lisa Longto or Sandy Emrich. Thank you for helping us make a little Christmas magic for someone.

Sandy Emrich



Election Day ***PORK DINNER***

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

5:00–6:30 PM

HURLEY REFORMED CHURCH

331-4121

\$14/Plate

**Pork loin, Baked Potato, Apple Sauce,
Sweet Potato, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Pie**



MOVIES WITH MEANING: Enjoy a fellowship with a movie and potluck dinner on November 17. The movie is “The Milagro Beanfield War.” Robert Redford directs this absolutely delightful comedy of everyday people caught up in extraordinary circumstances. When a Chicano handyman from the Milagro Valley decides to irrigate his small beanfield by “borrowing” some water from a large and potentially destructive site, he unknowingly sets off a chain reaction that erupts into a humorous culture clash. The developers then try to stamp out the modest plantings, forcing the handyman’s friends to team up with the spirited “rebel” to protect and preserve their way of life.



It's That Time Again!!!

Once again it's time to place your orders for poinsettia plants to adorn the sanctuary for the Holiday season.

Plants are one size, one color, and one price: red at \$7.00 each.

POINSETTIAS



Number of plants: _____ @ \$7.00 each: Total due _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

We are requesting that you take your plant home or deliver it to someone special.

Make Checks Payable to: **HRC Women's Guild**

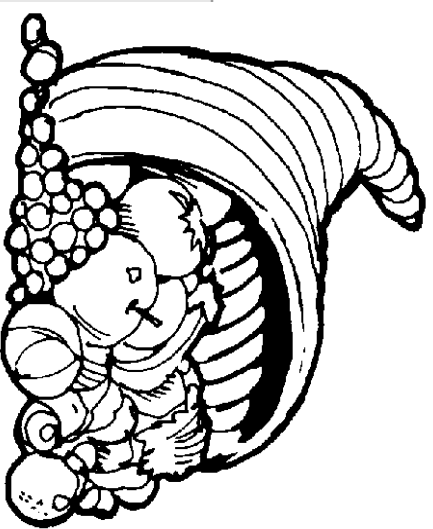
Give to Kathy Jansen after worship or mail to:

223 Hidden Valley Road, Kingston, NY 12401

Payment must be received by December 3, 2017

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			5:30pm - Dog 7pm - Boy Scouts	9:30am - Badminton 1:30pm - Hurley 4:45pm - Dog 6pm - English as a 7pm - Choir 7pm - Sisters in 7:30pm - 1st Capitol		<div>Fall clean up day</div> <div>2pm - English Dance</div>
<div>10am - Worship @</div> <div>11am - Prayer Chain</div>	<div>9:30am - Guild</div> <div>1pm - basket class</div> <div>3pm - Quilting @</div> <div>5pm - Dog Training</div> <div>7:30pm - Al-Anon @</div>	<div>Election Day Dinner</div> <div>9:30am - Badminton</div> <div>11am - balance</div> <div>1pm - Women's</div> <div>4:30pm - PC 101 @</div> <div>7pm - Boy Scouts</div>	<div>12pm - social solos</div> <div>5:30pm - Dog</div> <div>7pm - Local 1582 @</div>	<div>9:30am - Badminton</div> <div>4:45pm - Dog</div> <div>6pm - English as a</div> <div>6pm - nursery</div> <div>7pm - Choir</div> <div>7pm - Sisters in</div>	<div>7pm - Motorcycle</div>	<div>10am - Genealogy @</div> <div>11am - nursery</div> <div>6pm - Swing Dance</div>
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