



Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 1

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"Where the Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God"



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**Patti's office is open: Mon-Thurs 7 a.m. to Noon
and 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to Noon.**

COMING UP

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved
1/6 Midweek School classes RESUME
1/10 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Worship
9:15-9:50 Sunday School
9:15-9:50 Adult Bible Study
11:15-11:50 Adult Bible Study
1/18 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting
.....God willing.....

**Reservations are accepted 8:00 a.m.
Mondays through 2 p.m. Thursdays each
week. You may call me (Patti) at 877-2444
OR email me at
plc@pilgrimlutherandecatur.org
HELP MAKE MORE PEWS AVAILABLE ...**

Families...if all family members are agreeable ask for a seat for parents and children, grandparents, etc.

Singles and Couples...if other members are agreeable make one reservation for your group. Please make your own arrangements and then let me know so I can try to get a pew for everyone in your group.

When you make a reservation I need to know how many people are sitting together and the names.

I cannot guarantee a particular pew. The pews are set up for various numbers of people and I need to stick with that guideline.

Thank you for your cooperation. —Patti Newlin

OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 12/27

General: 37,069.09
Loose: 40
ULMA: 850
Memorials Frank Rozzell: 100
Memorials Ilene Henrichsmeyer: 100
Angel Tree: 25
Christian Sharing: 50
Walther Theological Seminary: 30
Total: 38,264.09



MITE OFFERINGS ... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box to the church office at your convenience. Thank-you.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

- 1.1 GREG COLLINGWOOD; TONY GREITMAN
W RON & CAROLYN WAGNER 39 YRS
- 1.3 MARK AMES; WENDY BICKES; PHYLLIS
KUNZEMAN
- 1.6 COLINE GANLEY
- 1.7 DEBRA HOFFMAN
- 1.10 ELIZABETH MARTIN
- 1.11 ERIN RIPPLE; KAREN SVENDSEN
- 1.12 JODI PIERCEALL
- 1.13 DIANE JONES; DARLENE LEAR
- 1.14 GENE SNYDER; MARY TESCHNER
- 1.15 GLORIA CASNER; MAKENNA HAKSASILA
- 1.16 ERIN IRELAND; BLAKE LUKA; JUDY
MCQUALITY; GLENDA SINNARD
- 1.17 SUZANNE HEINKEL
- 1.20 CELIA RITTER; LEANNE ROBERTS; JOHN
WAINWRIGHT
- 1.22 STEVE GENSLER; TIM LAESCH; RITA WISE
- 1.23 JANE MARTIN
- 1.24 PAT ABBOTT; ELLIS A. BUTH; BETH KIRKLAND
- 1.25 CATHY ANDERSON; BOB ELLIS; HELEN
HENRICHSMEYER; SHIRLEY MCMILLEN; BRAD
SAUL
- 1.26 JARED POTRAFKA
- 1.27 DON MAST
- 1.28 MILA COERS
- 1.30 JORDAN LETTERLY; PETE WILLIAMS

DEAR PASTORS, CHURCH STAFF, ORGANISTS, USHERS AND TEACHERS,

We just wanted all of you to know how much your efforts have been appreciated during this pandemic. It is obvious everyone involved has worked through details we often take for granted--especially preparation for sanctuary settings with distancing and minimizing handled materials. A year ago, no one would have imagined the ramifications from the corona virus. Despite all the restrictions, we still have a church body that can attend worship service, Bible class, and children can attend Sunday School plus put on a Christmas program. Thank you all for so much extra labor, thought, creativity, and concern to keep this flock intact. Examining the entire new workload is somewhat exhausting. Even though technology sometimes gets a bad rap, it was invaluable for delivering the worship services and Bible study. Frankly, it has been impressive. Some

church bodies we know have not had any services since the end of March. That is tragic. Furthermore, it appeared that all our members have taken this scenario in stride which is an indication of the faith this Pilgrim Family possesses.

Since none of us knows exactly what the future holds, we can know that our faith family will be present in tribulation times, and that we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.

In Christ,
Tim & Lynette White

THE COMING YEAR

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master let us be,
In working or in waiting
Another year with Thee.

Another year in leaning,
Upon Thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness;
Of quiet, happy rest

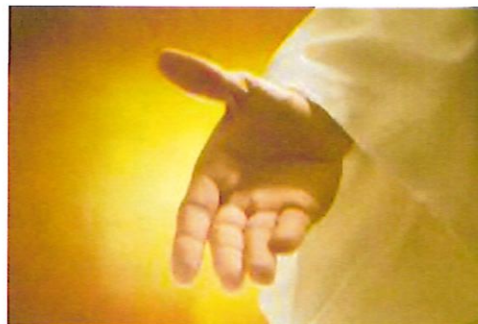
Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness,
In the shining of Thy face;

Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."

Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master let it be
On earth or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee.

Author Unknown



HE LEADETH ME

In pastures green? Now always; sometimes He
Who knows best, in kindness leadeth me
In many ways where heavy shadows be.
Out of the sunshine warm and soft and bright—
Out of the sunshine into darkest night,
I oft would faint with sorrow and affright,
Only for this — I know He holds my hand;
So whether in the green or desert land
I trust although I may not understand.

And by still water? No, not always so;
Ofttimes the heavy tempests round me blow,
And o'er my soul the waters and billows go
But when the storms beat loudest and I cry
Aloud for help. The Master standeth by
And whispers to my soul, "Lo, it is I."
Above the tempest wild I hear Him say,
"beyond the darkness lies a perfect day.
In every path of thine I lead the way."

So whether on the hilltops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where
The shadows lie — what matters? He is there.
So where He leads me, I can safely go,
And in the blest hereafter I shall know
Why in His wisdom, He hath led me so.

— Rev. John F. Chaplain

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON	NEW YEAR'S DAY OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 WEDDING REHEARSAL	3:30 COLLINGWOOD AND HISE WEDDING
3 WORSHIP AT 8:00; 10:00 AND 12:00 9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL N3-HS 9:15 & 11:15 ADULT STUDY	4	5	6 MIDWEEK SCHOOL 4:30-6:00 GR 7 & 8 5:00-6:00 GR 1-6	7	8	9
10 WORSHIP AND CLASSES	11	12	13 MIDWEEK SCHOOL	14	15	16
17 WORSHIP AND CLASSES	18 6:30 P.M. COUNCIL	19	20 MIDWEEK SCHOOL	21	22	23
24 WORSHIP AND CLASSES	25	26	27 MIDWEEK SCHOOL	28	29	30
31 WORSHIP AND CLASSES						