



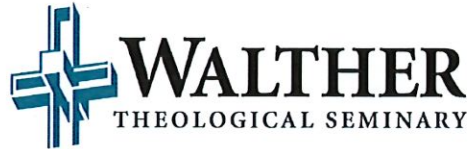
# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 45

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Newsletter Deadline: 9 A.M. Wednesday

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.

#### ATTENDANCE

11/21 Sun 8:00 service: 104

11/21 Sun 10:45 service: 83

11/21 Adult Bible Classes: 102

11/21 Sunday School N3-Gr 12: 12

Thanksgiving Day Service: 61

#### Advent begins!



#### 2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

are in the narthex. Please pick up at your earliest convenience. Thank you.



Fridays: 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved

#### OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 11/21

General: 12,578.00

Walther Theological Seminary: 40

Christian Sharing: 100

Sunday School: 4.25

Memorials Doris Pokey: 280

CDs: 19 Postage: 3.76

Thanksgiving Food: 630

Donuts/Milk/Coffee: 93

Total: 13,748.01



**MITE OFFERINGS** ... ALL Pilgrim members are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box at your convenience. Thank-you. DECEMBER mites will go to Braille Work.

## !! COMING EVENTS !!

12/3 11:30 Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon at Everyone's East End Grill at the Decatur Airport 910 S Airport Road Limited to 30 for seating. The sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



12/4 9-10:30 Dress rehearsal for the Sunday School Christmas Program  
12/11 The Sanctuary and all-purpose room are reserved.  
12/12 3:00 Fill your heart with joy while awaiting the Savior's birth! Come to *Symbols of Salvation* our Sunday School Christmas Program.



12/20 6:30 Council Meeting  
12/24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service  
12/25 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day service



12 David Ireland  
13 Jeff Cotner; Steve Goebel; Harvey Thompson  
W Bryant & Martha Bomball 62 yrs  
14 Razjada Brown; Marsha Crowe  
W Phil & Marge Beach 64 yrs  
W Mark & Carla Luka 25 yrs  
15 Marvin Rau  
19 Suzie Beltz  
20 Greg Whisnant  
22 Jennifer Gensler; Joe Wisner  
24 David Pangrac; Donna Phillips  
W Wayne & Barbara Buesking 67 yrs  
26 Gloria Parton  
28 W Jim & Carrie Snow 25 yrs  
29 W Greg & Lesa Mills 37 yrs  
30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman  
31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Sarah Farrar; Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills

**YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING** for Chuck Barnes address. He and wife, Kelly would be glad to hear from their Faith Family. The address is: UChicago Medicine Center for Care and Discovery - 10 East Chuck Barnes 5720 South Drexel Ave MC 8051 Chicago IL 60637-1470

Ron & Lois YaDeau  
Hickory Point Christian Village  
565 W Marion Ave  
Forsyth IL 62535  
Lois is in room 219 Ron is in room 309

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

28 Dona Bailey; Alex Maddox  
W Tim & Lynette White 40 yrs  
29 Bill Bork; Emily Musgrove  
30 Betty Potrafka



1 John Mickler  
4 Patti Newlin  
5 Grant Abbott; Karalee Misner  
W Derek & Samantha Ames 12 yrs  
6 Michelle O'Bryan; Scott Perry  
7 Drew Gensler; Mary Jo Thacker; Tim White  
8 Kevin Ripple  
9 Drake Gensler  
10 Sandy Norris; Stan Roberts; Gary Winchester  
11 Betty Conover; Eva Snow

## SERVING THE LORD

Communion Assistants 12/1 Wed 12:00 and 7:00 Allen Kilzer 12/5 Sunday 8:00 Tom Greenwood 10:45 Greg Collingwood  
Ushers 12/1 Wed 12:00 Ron Kelm; Joe Marsaglia; Dave Schroeder 7:00 Don Mast's Team 12/5 Sunday 8:00 Tim White; Derek Ames; Mark Ames; Scott Perry; Cory Ritter; Ron Kelm 10:45 Craig Goepfinger; Stan Lange; Dave Pressley; John Wainwright  
Coffee Servers 12/1 Wed Class Ted & Linda Workman 12/5 Sunday Class Erica Bryan & Bob Meadows



Financial Counters 12/5 Rich Lanier; Rick Leath;  
Steve Musgrove; Gary Schueller  
Communion Set-Up/Clean-Up 12/1 Sunday Jane  
Martin; Bev Myrvold 12/5 Sunday Dian Centers;  
Shirley McMillen; Bev Myrvold; Linda Ripple;  
Tom & Lynn & Amanda Block  
Greeters 12/5 Sunday 8:00 Marlene Crawford;  
Janie Lewis; Phyllis Kunzeman 10:45 Sarah  
Marsaglia; Bonnie Engel

## WHAT DO THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

**MEAN?** The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.



*First Sunday  
of Advent*

The first candle lit is purple, symbolizing hope. It is sometimes called the

“Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the “Angel’s Candle,” symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the “Christ Candle” and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity – because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

# December 2021

| SUN   | MON             | TUE | WED  | THU                                    | FRI  | SAT  |
|---|-----------------|-----|--|--|--|--|
| During Advent we offer two Wednesday worship services, 12:00 and 7:00.  |                 |     | 1 10:30 Adult Bible Study<br>12:00 & 7:00 Worship<br>Communion<br>4:15 Midweek<br>Gr 7 & 8<br>5:00 Gr 1-6  | 2 8:00 Braille at LSA<br>8:00 Quilters | 3  | 4 9:00-10:30 Dress rehearsal for the Sunday School Christmas Program   |
| 5 8:00 & 10:45 Worship<br>Communion<br>9:30 Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School   | 6               | 7   | 8 10:30 Adult Bible Study<br>12:00 & 7:00 Worship<br>4:15 Midweek<br>Gr 7 & 8<br>5:00 Gr 1-6               | 9 8:00 Quilters                        | 10   | 11 11:00 Bryan and Meadow Wedding  |
| 12 8:00 & 10:45 Worship<br>Communion<br>9:30 Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School<br>3:00 Sunday School<br>Christmas Program | 13              | 14  | 15 10:30 Adult Bible Study<br>12:00 & 7:00 Worship<br>Communion<br>4:15 Midweek<br>Gr 7 & 8<br>5:00 Gr 1-6 | 16 8:00 Quilters                       | 17 Organ Tuning  | 18   |
| 19 8:00 & 10:45 Worship<br>Communion<br>9:30 Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School  | 20 6:30 Council | 21  | 22 NO Classes or Midweek Worship   | 23                                     | 24 7:00 p.m.<br><br>Church Office closed at noon. | 25 9:00 a.m.<br>  |
| 26 8:00 & 10:45 Worship<br>Communion<br>9:30 Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School<br>12:30-6:00 APR reserved                 | 27              | 28  | 29 NO Classes or Midweek Worship   | 30 8:00 Quilters                       | 31 7:00 New Year's Eve Worship<br>Communion<br><br>Church Office closed at noon.   | 1/1/2022<br>A New Year Begins<br><b>Isaiah 41:10</b><br>...fear not, for I am with you;<br>be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. |