



# Pilgrim's Progress



## 2018 JANUARY





**Greetings, in the Name of the LORD!**

**Question: "Why is church attendance / going to church important?"**

**Answer:** The Bible tells us we need to attend church so we can worship God with other believers and be taught His Word for our spiritual growth. The early church "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). We should follow that example of devotion—and to the same things. Back then, they had no designated church building, but "every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts" (Acts 2:46). Wherever the meeting takes place, believers thrive on fellowship with other believers and the teaching of God's Word.

Church attendance is not just a "good suggestion"; it is God's will for believers. Hebrews 10:25 says we should "not [be] giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Even in the early church, some

were falling into the bad habit of not meeting with other believers. The author of Hebrews says that's not the way to go. We need the encouragement that church attendance affords. And the approach of the end times should prompt us to be even more devoted to going to church.

Church is the place where believers can love one another (1 John 4:12), encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13), "spur" one another to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24), serve one another (Galatians 5:13), instruct one another (Romans 15:14), honor one another (Romans 12:10), and be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32).

When a person trusts Jesus Christ for salvation, he or she is made a member of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:27). For a church body to function properly, all of its "body parts" need to be present and working (1 Corinthians 12:14–20). It's not enough to just attend a church; we should be involved in some type of ministry to others, using the spiritual gifts God has given us (Ephesians 4:11–13). A believer will never reach full

spiritual maturity without having that outlet for his gifts, and we all need the assistance and encouragement of other believers (1 Corinthians 12:21–26).

For these reasons and more, church attendance, participation, and fellowship should be regular aspects of a believer's life. Weekly church attendance is in no sense "required" for believers, but someone who belongs to Christ should have a desire to worship God, receive His Word, and fellowship with other believers.

Jesus is the Cornerstone of the Church (1 Peter 2:6), and we are "like living stones . . . being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). As the building materials of God's "spiritual house," we naturally have a connection with one another, and that connection is evident every time the Church "goes to church."

In HIS Service

Pastor Erv



**DECEMBER VOTERS MEETING** -Due to the fact that there was not a quorum present, the meeting was declared an emergency voter's meeting in order to vote on the nominees for the slate of officers. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and was opened with prayer and devotions led by Pastor Hutter. The minutes were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Bill McDonald. Bill Cataline seconded the motion. The financial secretary's report and treasurer's report were presented. A motion to accept the reports as presented was made by Bill McDonald and seconded by Bill Cataline. OLD BUSINESS: The nomination of officers was addressed. A motion to accept the slate of officers was made by Dolores Mast and seconded by Bill Cataline. The grant from CEF has been mailed and should be received by us within a few days. The grant total \$2157.25 to cover charges from Begick Nursery, refinishing of the main exterior doors, and One man and a Brush. When One Man and a Brush submits his invoice CEF will also send us 10% of his total charge. That will leave a balance of \$7.74 that will not be covered by CEF grants. ELDER'S REPORT: There was no report. TRUSTEE'S REPORT: Bill McDonald is the contact person for December and January for the Trustees. Consumer's Energy conducted an audit on the Church building. They will come and replace necessary light bulbs at no cost to help us become more energy efficient. The signs for the restrooms have been received. BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The children's program is called "God's Promise came true". The program will take place during the next Sunday service. The board is still trying to organize bringing shut ins to the services. More volunteers are needed to pick them up. PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor presented a video presentation of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary service. There were 109 people attending the service. NEW BUSINESS: No new business. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed. The meeting closed with prayer led by Pastor Hutter at 7:30 p.m.

## **PILGRIMS SERVING IN JANUARY**

### **Elders:**

**Saturday** - Mark Anthony

**Sunday** - Aaron Sofian

**Altar Guild:** Dolores Mast & Wendy Dominowski

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JANUARY 18<sup>th</sup>**

**2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** – The 2018 envelopes have been placed in your church mailbox. If you have not picked yours up yet, please do so as soon as possible. The church mailboxes and envelope numbers have changed!

**2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** - The 2017 contribution statements will be in your church mailbox by the weekend of January 14<sup>th</sup>. Please check yours for any errors or omissions.

**SPECIAL THANKS** - A special thanks is extended to everyone who helped plan and decorate the Church for Christmas. Thank you for the hours put in to make our church look special in honor of the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ! Thanks for all your hard work! We will be undecorating the church on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Many hands are needed to make the work go faster.

**HOLIDAY BAKE SALE RESULTS** – The Holiday Bake Sale was a huge success. Our profit was \$850.00. Thank you to everyone who brought baked goods and/or purchased something.

**THANK YOU** – The Hutters and the Setzers would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to Pilgrim members for your Christmas greetings and gifts. May God bless you richly through the coming year and enable us to minister effectively together in His church.

**PILGRIM PRAYER NETWORK** – The Prayer Network wishes a safe and Happy New Year to all our Pilgrim members and their families. You may call the church office, 893-7224, anytime that you have a prayer request. Next meeting is January 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm.

## **Pastoral Acts in December**

Baptisms:

Ruby J. Cornejo 12/17/2017

No Confirmations, Funerals or Weddings.

**ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTIONS**

<u>SAT</u>	<u>SUN</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>H.C.</u>	<u>GEN. FUND</u>	<u>+ OR -</u>
		11/22=43+			
11/25=26	11/26=66			2,912.50	- 107
12/02=80	12/03=64	12/06=30*		3,507.54	+ 702
No Service	12/10=109	12/13=10*	87	2,979.00	+ 173
12/16=19	12/17=78	12/20=26*	78	2,394.00	- 412
12/23=23	12/24=39	12/24=117#			
		12/25= 25@	97	<u>4,418.00</u>	<u>+1612</u>
Totals				\$16,211.04	+ 1968

+Thanksgiving Eve, \*Advent, #Christmas Eve, Christmas Day@

SPECIAL GIFTS: Thanksgiving, \$288.00; Advent, \$505.00; Adopt-a-Student, \$5.00; Christmas Eve, \$552.00; Christmas Day, \$835.00; Together in Mission, \$20.00; Anniversary Dinner Decorations, \$55.00

<u>OUR STEWARDSHIP TO THE LORD</u>	
PILGRIM'S 2017 BUDGET	\$145,900.00
BUDGET THROUGH DECEMBER 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$143,094.23
CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 25 <sup>th</sup>	\$138,877.61
CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER BUDGET NEEDS	\$ 7,022.39

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – The officers for 2018 are as follows:

- President – Gary Leinberger
- Vice-President – \*Vacant\*
- Secretary – Sandra Davis
- Treasurer – Carol Borchardt
- Board of Elders: Paul Pett, Mark Anthony, Dan Johnson, Ryan Morley, Kim Mielens, Jeff D’Archangel, and Aaron Sofian
- Board of Trustees: Robert Setzer, Tom Dagneau, Don Jones, Sr., Bill McDonald, Bill Cataline, Robert Stiefel, Jim Mallory, and Ron Jankens.

Board of Christian Education:

- Joni Klepser, Ruth Manke, Adeline Wicker, Tonya Swartout-Wrege, and Sharon Weiler.

Installation of Church Officers will take place on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> during our regular Worship Service. Please plan to attend.

**Wednesday Bible Study Begins Again!** Beginning on Wednesday, January 10, we will be continuing our study of St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians. Our sessions will run from January 10-February 7. 5 weeks of in depth Bible study, brought to life and understanding. Join us Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30.

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – January 2018 Newsletter**

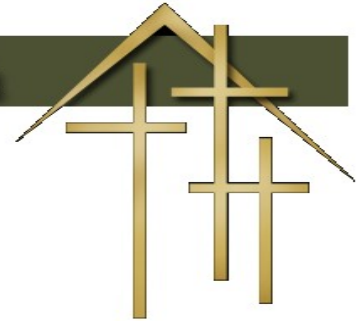
Thank You .... To those helping with the Sunday School Christmas program of “God’s Promise Came True.”

Confirmation class: Heaven D’Archangel, Peyton Johnson, Brandon Manke  
 Assisting: Katie Hutter, Canton Wagner, Madison Wagner

Shut-Ins: The Board is looking for members to help organize bringing additional shut-ins to worship services, extend Christian education, and offer fellowship/visit/call opportunities. Please consider joining us to provide for our group of 18 members.



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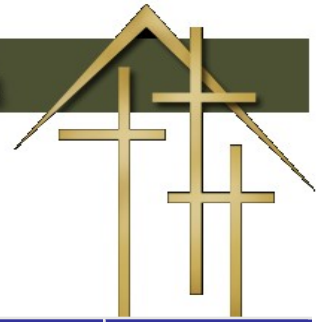


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Office Closed	<b>2</b> 9 <sup>30</sup> – Quilting 6 <sup>30</sup> - Boy Scout Roundtable	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7-Holy Communion
<b>7</b> Epiphany 9 <sup>00</sup> - Bible Class Sunday School 10 <sup>30</sup> - Holy Communion 11 <sup>30</sup> - Confirmation 6 <sup>30</sup> -Elders	<b>8</b> 6 <sup>30</sup> - Trustees 7 <sup>00</sup> - Voters	<b>9</b> 9 <sup>30</sup> - Quilting 6 <sup>30</sup> -Choir Practice	<b>10</b> 1 <sup>00</sup> -Prayer Network 6 <sup>30</sup> - Bible Class	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9 <sup>00</sup> - Take Down Christmas Decorations 7 <sup>00</sup> -Worship
<b>14</b> Epiphany 2 9 <sup>00</sup> - Bible Class Sunday School 10 <sup>30</sup> -Worship 11 <sup>30</sup> - Confirmation	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9 <sup>30</sup> - Quilting 6 <sup>30</sup> -Choir Practice	<b>17</b> 6 <sup>30</sup> - Bible Class	<b>18</b> 10 <sup>00</sup> - Pineview 11 <sup>00</sup> - Keenagers	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7 <sup>00</sup> -Holy Communion
<b>FOOD PANTRY WEEK</b>						
<b>21</b> Epiphany 3 9 <sup>00</sup> - Bible Class Sunday School 10 <sup>30</sup> - Holy Communion	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9 <sup>30</sup> - Quilting 6 <sup>30</sup> - Choir Practice	<b>24</b> 6 <sup>30</sup> - Bible Class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7 <sup>00</sup> -Worship
<b>28</b> Epiphany 4 9 <sup>00</sup> - Bible Class Sunday School 10 <sup>30</sup> -Worship 11 <sup>30</sup> - Confirmation	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9 <sup>30</sup> - Quilting 6 <sup>30</sup> - Choir Practice	<b>31</b> 6 <sup>30</sup> - Bible Class			



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Tom Dagneau  Carol Jankens  Eileen Schulz	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Monica Anthony  John Manke	<b>4</b> Spencer Killey  Mary Kochaney	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Sam Carlin  Wesley Fritz	<b>8</b> Ken Caspers  Evelyn Mielens	<b>9</b> Megan Yageila	<b>10</b> Tom Klepser	<b>11</b> Mackenzie Kucera	<b>12</b> Tyler Imker	<b>13</b> Donn Barber
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Carol Borchardt	<b>17</b> Audrina Carrisal	<b>18</b> Sarah Morse  Renee Reinke	<b>19</b> Helen Thompson	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Paige Rochefort  Loretta Rozewski	<b>22</b> Inge Cohrs  Trisha Fritz	<b>23</b> Carol Valley  Debra Wentworth	<b>24</b> Collin Spencer  Preston Toyzan	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Matt Dardas Jr.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Mason Novak  Natalie Yenglin			