

The Meeting House Times

The Congregational Church of Salisbury, United Church of Christ
November, 2008

Worship in the Manner of the Pilgrims

On Sunday, November 16th, the congregation will be asked to assemble on the Library lawn before the morning worship service. Each of us will be provided with a collar resembling those worn by the Pilgrims. You're encouraged to do more. (See "Want to Dress Up as a Pilgrim?" elsewhere in this issue.) As was the custom, we will be "drummed into church." The girls and women will enter first and be seated on the north side of the Meeting House. The boys and men will then take their places on the South side. Deacons will sit in the "Amen pews," and the Minister will enter last.



No musical instruments were allowed in the early churches; the psalms will be "lined out," and the congregation will respond. We will also have a tithingman who will be prepared lest any worshippers begin to doze off. Ron Jones has accepted responsibility for delivering the sermon.

You may be glad to know that it will be a modified service. According to the customary practice the "long prayer" would have lasted for at least an hour and the sermon more than two!! In any event, if anyone has access to a large hour glass, it would be fun to have. The young people will be excused for Church School at the regular time.

Youth Fellowship Trip

On Friday, November 14th, our Youth Fellowship group will board the train for New York City. They will be staying at the historic Marble Collegiate Church on Fifth Avenue and will be experiencing some of the work of the church in the city. They will return Saturday evening.



World Community Day

Friday, November 7th 2:00
Christ Church Episcopal
Granite Avenue, Canaan

"God's Wisdom Sets Us Free," whether we are bound by our own human failings or by prison walls. All of us need to change and grow, like caterpillars that spend time in cocoons or chrysalises before they can become beautiful butterflies with wings that will let them soar high and free. This celebration explores how we can reach out with God's wisdom and love to those behind bars, whether made of steel or by human limitations. The National Ecumenical Celebrations Committee has written this service, calling us to look at the struggles in our own lives as we reflect on how we are called to minister to others, especially those in prison. Our own Rev. Alvord Beardslee will be sharing his experiences and insights on prison ministry.



All are invited to join us at this unique celebration. Please bring an article of men's or women's winter clothing - winter jackets, a sweater, hat, gloves etc., used but in good condition. **For more information, please call Heather Schaufele 435-0439 or Ruth Tyrol 824-1358.**

Stewardship Month

November is stewardship month, and a letter and pledge card should reach you soon. Trustees Ward Belcher, Larry Blades, and Bob Newman, who are coordinating the Every Member Canvass this year, will be in touch with everyone in the congregation to ask for your support.

Transition always brings challenges. In 2009 we will want to build upon the work of Dick Taber, support our interim minister and the work of the search committee, and remain a vital, strong congregation planning for the future. Please help by making a generous pledge.

Sue Morrill, for the Board of Trustees

Taber Talk

I am so grateful to be an American! I am so proud of the ways in which our Pilgrim faith and practice have influenced the development of our democratic institutions, beginning with the Mayflower Compact. With all its faults and shortcomings, that agreement is still a shining example of what can happen in a country where the people rule and in a place where the rights of minorities are respected.

I am encouraged by two developments:

- We will have either an African-American president or a female vice president. We are living out the implications of what the founding fathers meant when they declared that "all men are created equal!"

- And maybe it's too much to hope for, but I do hope that the message of this campaign and the congressional elections which took place two years ago is that negative campaigning does not work. The people can make decisions based on discussion of the issues.

As I write this piece I do not know whether Senator McCain or Senator Obama will win, but I do know that the new president will need our prayers. The tasks which lie ahead, especially the economic crisis, are truly daunting. Perhaps our new president will say as Abraham Lincoln said, "I get on my knees when there is nowhere else to go."

Since we do not traditionally have an election day service, perhaps we could post this prayer I found in Chris Webber's "An American Prayer Book" on night stands or refrigerators and say it on November 4th:

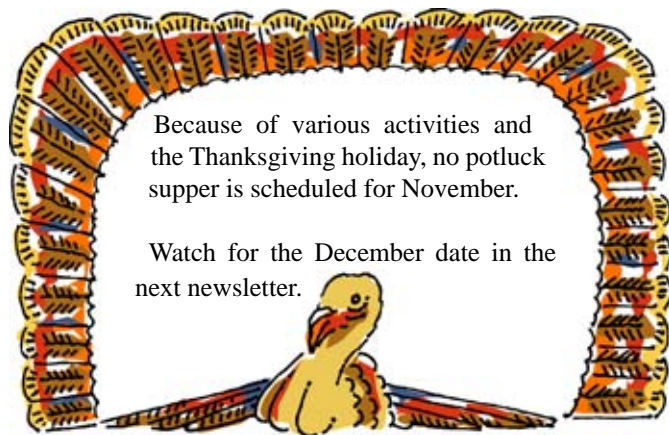
At the Time of an Election

"Under your law we live, great God, and by your will we govern ourselves. Help us as good citizens to respect neighbors whose views differ from ours, so that without partisan anger, we may work out issues that divide us, and elect candidates to serve the common welfare; through Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen."

The Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church in the United States, 1946

May God's blessings be upon you,

Dick



Want to Dress Up as a Pilgrim? Try this:

Girls and women: begin with a solid-colored long dress or skirt and top, add collar and cuffs ((which can be made of felt and pinned to your costume) and an apron. Add a bonnet if you like.

Boys and men: dark pants and shirt or jacket (or vest), white cuffs and collar. The men's pants usually hit just below the knees, so you might want to hem your pants, or use Velcro or some other means of gathering and holding the pants up on the leg. Then finish the costume with white tights or socks and black shoes.

For an interesting article on Pilgrim clothing, visit:

<http://members.aol.com/calebj/clothing.html>





in November

2nd	Elizabeth Palmer
3rd	Jonathan Habacker
4th	Sarah Rydingsword
5th	Sue Morrill
6th	Charlotte Blais, Terre Lefferts
8th	Betty Leech, Joslin Taber, Janet Kaufman
9th	Sara Wardell, O'Jane Dwelley, Ann Perse
10th	Laurie Slotnick
11th	Allyson Good
12th	Ethan Kinzinger
14th	Shayna Blumert
15th	Kathy Mera
16th	Betty Scribner
17th	Caleb Rand
18th	John Arnold, Mindy Fitting
19th	Katherine Rich, Elizabeth Rich
20th	David Olsen, Mary Wadsworth
23rd	Herb Gustafson, Mason O'Niel
24th	Jennifer Good
26th	Ellen Blais, Paul Tierney
29th	Matthew Heck, Damian Crain

“Were there no God, we would be in this glorious world with grateful hearts, and no one to thank.”

- Christina Rossetti

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Remember, just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than sitting in your garage makes you a car.

Special dates

- o All Saints' Day - Saturday, November 1st
- o Daylight-Saving Time ends -
Sunday, November 2nd
- o Election Day - Tuesday, November 4th
- o Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11th
- o Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 27th
- o First Sunday of Advent - November 30th

Our November Calendar

Sunday, the 2nd: Worship with
Communion - 10:00
Board of Trustees - 11:15

Friday, the 7th: Men's Bible Breakfast - 7:15
Bible Study - 9:00
World Community Day -
Christ Church, Canaan - 2:00

Sunday, the 9th: Worship and Church School - 10:00
Board of Christian Action - 11:15
Youth Fellowship - 5:00-7:30

Wednesday, the 12th: Prayer group - 10:15

Thursday, the 13th: Salisbury Visiting Nurses
Memorial service and reception - 5:30

Friday, the 14th: Men's Bible Breakfast - 7:15
Bible Study - 9:00
Youth Fellowship trip to New York City

**Sunday, the 16th: Worship in the Manner
of the Pilgrims**
Congregation forms on the Library lawn - 9:50
Worship and Church School - 10:00
Church Council - 11:15

Friday, the 21st: Men's Bible Breakfast - 7:15
Bible Study - 9:00

Saturday, the 22nd:
Dinner and performance - Parish Hall - 6:00

Sunday, the 23rd: Thanksgiving Sunday
Worship and Church School - 10:00
Community service - St. Mary's - 4:00

Monday, the 24th - Board of Deacons - 4:30

Thursday, the 27th: Thanksgiving Day

Friday, the 28th: NO Bible study groups

Sunday, the 30th: Worship and
Church School - 10:00
Youth Fellowship - 5:00-7:30

THANKSGIVING GATHERING



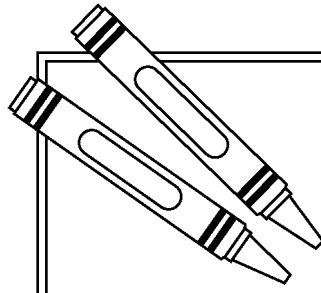
When you are with family and friends this holiday, let them know how thankful you are for them with this fun craft.

What you need:

- Photos (group or individual) of each person
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Cardstock or construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Pencil
- Envelopes

What you do:

1. Collect photos of the people you'll be seeing. For group shots, make a copy for each person.
2. On the back of each picture, use a ruler and pencil to draw vertical and horizontal lines. Space the lines 1 inch apart to make a grid with 1-inch squares.
3. Starting in the top-right corner, number the squares beginning with 1. Number the top row across, then the second row and so on.
4. Cut out all the squares and put them in an envelope. Write the correct person's name on each envelope.
5. On the bottom of each piece of cardstock, write "I thank my God every time I remember you, Philippians 1:3 (NIV)." Then sign your name.
6. Give each person an envelope and a piece of cardstock. Instruct people to put the squares in order to reveal their picture. Tell them how many numbers go across and down.
7. For a special keepsake, have people glue their finished photos onto the cardstock.



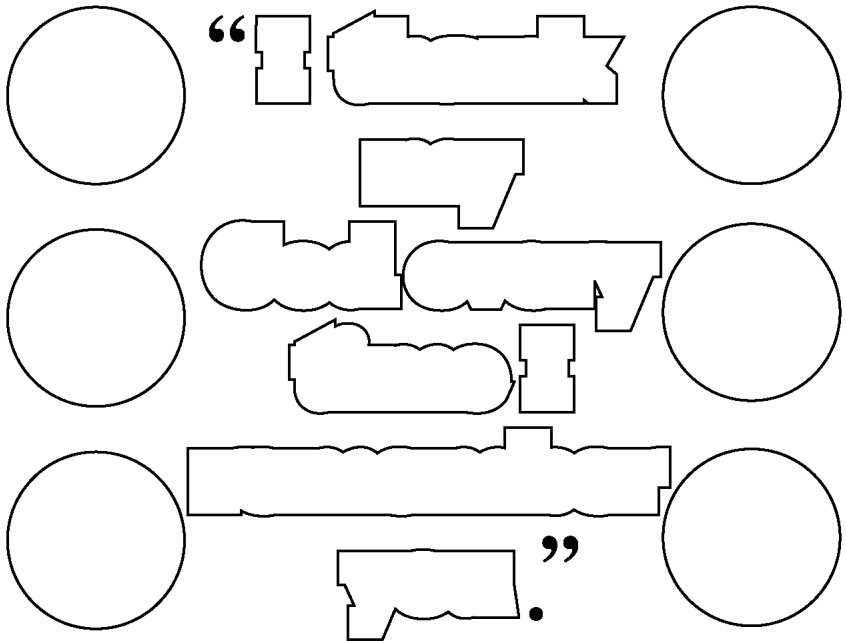
Just for **KIDS**

Thanksgiving and Prayer

When Paul sent a letter to the church at Philippi, he told his friends how he felt about them. Finish this puzzle to read what Paul wrote in Philippians 1:3.

Match words in the list below to the correct word shape. Then write the letters inside each shape. In the circles, draw the faces of people you're thankful for in your life.

WORD LIST: remember time you I God
I my thank every



Answer: "I thank my God every time I remember you."

Why God made moms: More answers given by 2nd grade school children

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.