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Dear Friends,

November 19th has been designated Covenant Sunday at The Church of the Pilgrimage. Throughout this year (2006) periodic attention has been given to the Scrooby/Leyden/Plymouth Covenant which is now in its four-hundredth year. In 1606 a group of zealous Christians formed a "church-estate" on the basis of a Covenant. A Covenant is a simple agreement between God and people, and among members of the church thus established on the Covenant. Those who "owned" the Covenant in 1606 did so at great peril. The Scrooby congregation joined themselves in a "covenant of the Lord" outside of the jurisdiction of The Church of England which was the national Church. That is the reason those who came to be called the Pilgrims received the name Separatists. They severed themselves from the nationally established Church which made of them not merely religious radicals, but it made them treasonous, as well.

The 1606 Covenant was the reason that a small congregation sought refuge first in Leyden, Holland, finally in Plymouth in 1620. There is a sense, therefore, in which the year 1606 is more significant than the year 1620. There would not have been a Pilgrim settlement in New Plymouth of the sort it was without the sacrifices made by the Covenant-congregation dating to 1606.

On November 19, 2006 the morning service will focus on a reaffirmation of our unique lineage as contemporary bearers of the Scrooby Covenant. We will "reown" our own church Covenant and an updated version of the 1606 covenant. The Covenant will be "sealed" by a special celebration of the Lord's Supper.

In the evening at 7:00pm a presentation of "A Pilgrim Canticle" will be offered in the sanctuary. I first organized and wrote the text for the Canticle in 1996. It tells the Pilgrim Story through word and music. I think the Canticle is a powerful testimony to our unique Covenant inheritance and a fitting and inspiring preparation for Thanksgiving.

We are hurriedly sending out invitations to churches in the area and to community organizations. I ask that you attend the Canticle presentation and tell others about it, as well. Our superb choir and our magnificent organ are to be featured along with the text. I am grateful to Bill Richter for taking on the task of a special presentation. I am also delighted that Elizabeth Chapman Reilly will be at the organ console. To perform the Canticle is a great deal of work, but it is a work of love, too. It has not been performed for several years and may not be for several years in the future. So, please come! It think you'll have a memorable experience and be uplifted by our legacy as living bearers of the Scrooby Covenant now in its four hundredth year!

Love,

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Our First Annual Intergenerational Advent Workshop & Potluck Saturday, December 2nd from 4:00-6:00p.m.

Children, youth, and adults of all ages are warmly invited to come to Allerton Hall on the first Saturday in December for a wonderful event. We'll have all kinds of Advent and Christmas crafts including cookie decoration, ornament making, Advent wreath construction, and much more. Crafts will be geared towards different ages and abilities—there should be something for everyone to enjoy. We'll experience the joy of the season as well as the gift of Christian community by sharing a potluck meal, so bring a dish to pass. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome the special season of Advent before we get caught up in the hectic busyness of December. We do hope you'll join us for this fun event.

Celebrating the 400th Anniversary of the Scrooby Covenant

On November 19 we will be serving Pilgrim style goodies during the Coffee Hour after church in Allerton Hall. Come on down!

The Missions and Evangelism Committee

Flowers

November 5, 2006: In loving memory of Linda Prentice Cadorette. Given by her family.

November 12, 2006: On the altar- In loving memory of Ralph and Helen Gilbert. Given by their sons, Thomas and Stephen. On the right side of the sanctuary- In loving memory of Danielle McNeeley from Mom, Darryl, Holly and Kevin.

Greeters

November 12, 2006: Anne and Eugene DiFrancesco, Pia and Ramona.

On Our Church Calendar

Sun, Nov. 12: *Morning Worship*, 10:00am, Rev. Heather Moody will be the preacher; *The Annual SERRV Sale* will be following the worship service in Allerton Hall during the Coffee Hour.

Mon. Nov. 13: *Monday Meals of Hospitality* in Allerton Hall.

Tue, Nov. 14: Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the church office 10am-12pm.

Wed, Nov. 15: Rev. Marks will be in the office, 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the church office, 10am-12pm; *Choir Rehearsal*, 7:30pm, Sanctuary; *Evening Prayer* in the sanctuary, 7:00-7:30pm.

Thurs, Nov. 16: Rev. Moody will be in the church office 10am-12pm.

Fri, Nov. 17: Rev. Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am; Rev. Moody will be in the church office 10am-12pm; *Confirmation Trip to Congregation Beth Jacob*, 7:15pm.

Sat, Nov. 18-*Eagle Scout Ceremony* in the sanctuary and Allerton Hall in the evening.

Outside Groups Meeting at Our Church

Monday: Aerobics, 9:15-10:15am, Allerton Hall; Pilgrim Festival Chorus, 7-10pm, Sanctuary; Brownie Girl Scouts, 4-5:30, Allerton Hall; Junior Girl Scouts, 6-7pm, Great Hall; Brownie Girl Scouts, 5:30-7:15, Stewart Room (every other week).

Tuesday: Brownie Girl Scouts, 3:30-5:30, Stewart Room; Aerobics, 6:30-7:30pm, Allerton Hall.

Wednesday: Aerobics, 9:15-10:15am, Allerton Hall; Cub Scouts-Boy Scouts, 6:30pm-10:00pm, Great Hall; Daisy Girl Scout Troop, 4-5:30pm, Stewart Room (every other week).

Thursday: Aerobics, 6:30-7:30pm, Allerton Hall; Brownie Girls Scouts, 5:30-6:30, Stewart Room; AA, 7-8pm, Great Room.

Friday: Aerobics, 9:15-10:15am, Allerton Hall.

Coming Events:

Nov. 19- Covenant Sunday Special Service of Worship in which the Covenant will be "renowned" and "sealed" by a special celebration of The Lord's Supper. "A Pilgrim Canticle" will be performed in the sanctuary at 7:00pm (please note the time, 7:00pm, since it had once been listed at 7:30pm).

Nov. 23-Thanksgiving Day Open House at The Church of the Pilgrimage, 9am-noon; Rev. Marks will give a talk on the Pilgrims at 11:00am in the sanctuary; The Plymouth Area Interfaith Clergy Association will host its annual Thanksgiving Day Union Service at First Parish, UU at 10:30am; The Pilgrim's Progress begins at 10:00am at the Mayflower Society House and ends with a service on Burial Hill.

Dec. 3-The First Sunday in Advent.

CHURCH RECORD

Weddings

- On November 4, 2006 Rev. Marks conducted a wedding service for Andrea Lynn Baker and Cidenir Francisco Nunes in the sanctuary.

Hospitalized

- Nancy Canducci, Jordan Hospital.
- Lillian Knowles, Boston Medical Center.

Church Membership

If you have an interest in church membership, please speak with Rev. Marks or call the church office 508-746-3026.

Evening Prayer

Wednesday Evening Prayer has resumed in the sanctuary. The service is from 7-7:30pm and will be held each Wednesday evening unless otherwise announced. The Evening Prayer Services are times of meditation upon selected Scripture readings, prayer and reflection. Please feel welcome to attend these times of "spiritual centering."

SERRVice Mission Mart

The SERRVice Mission Mart (SERRV Sale) returns for its 15th year at The Church of the Pilgrimage! Hand-made craft from 30-40 developing areas around the world will be on sale in Allerton Hall on Sunday, November 12th immediately following the church service.

Proceeds from the sale help artisans in many ways. Children of crafters can go to school; medicine and healthcare are made possible; good food in sufficient quantity is enabled; housing and clothing become available; small but measureable gains against poverty are realized. As a bonus, indigenous crafting skills are kept alive.

The gift you give gives twice! Your purchase gives the artisan income, dignity and hope while it gifts the recipient with a unique handicraft.

Please be advised that cash and checks are acceptable, but that credit cards cannot be processed by the Mission Mart.

We look forward to being with you.

Elizabeth and John Minott, Managers, SMM

Meeting of the Church Council

On November 19, 2006 the Church Council will meet at the John Robinson Center immediately following the worship service. Each committee is asked to send a representative to this important meeting. Please see Marylyn Colburn for questions.



PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES, WE HAVE HAD TO CANCEL THE NOV. 19TH MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL. PLEASE WATCH THE HERALD FOR A RESCHEDULE DATE FOR SOMETIME IN JANUARY. THANK YOU.

The Pilgrim Festival Chorus

The Church of the Pilgrimage was pleased to be able to host The Pilgrim Festival Chorus on November 4th. It was a fabulous concert! Our Music Director, William Richter, is the conductor. Elizabeth Chapman Reilly was splendid in her accompaniment on our spectacular pipe organ. A large number of our Pilgrimage Choir are in The Festival Chorus. The Chorus has become a Plymouth cultural treasure, as is our own choir.

PAC/TV

We are hoping that someone will come forward to learn how to tape our Sunday services for airing on PAC/TV. It could be a valuable asset to a young person to learn such a skill. Rev. Marks frequently hears comments about how much people miss the telecasts. The televised services are a ministry to shut-ins, and they present an alternative to other types of religious broadcasting. Please contact Rev. Marks or the church.

Thanksgiving Open House

Once again, The Church of the Pilgrimage will be hosting a visitor open house on Thanksgiving morning from 9:00 am to 12:30pm. Refreshments will be served and Rev. Marks will be conducting a short talk on the Pilgrims at 11am in the sanctuary. The congregation is asked to donate baked goods for this annual event. Anyone wishing to help with a food donation can drop it off at Allerton Hall anytime after 8:00am on Thanksgiving morning. If you would like to volunteer to help at this wonderful community gathering or you would like to drop off baked goods before Thanksgiving, please call Liisa Budge-Johnson at (774)454-8268.

Upcoming Confirmation Events

Confirmands and Mentors will meet at the John Robinson Center (the JRC) Friday, November 17th at 7:15p.m. Together we'll walk over to Congregation Beth Jacob for the 7:30p.m. Shabbat service. Afterwards, we'll meet with Rabbi Lawrence Silverman who will talk to us about the Torah and answer any questions we may have. We'll return to the JRC by 9:00p.m. We'll have our regular Confirmation meeting on Sunday, November 19th from 11:45-1:15p.m. Confirmands and Mentors are strongly encouraged to attend our 10:00a.m. worship service that morning as we will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of the covenant that founded our congregation. (Besides, you'll get to see Rev. Heather in a Pilgrim outfit.)

Junior High Fellowship News

Our next meeting for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders will be Sunday, November 19th from 4:00-5:30p.m. We hope you'll join us for fun games, lively discussion, and a tasty snack. Share the good news about Junior High Fellowship and bring a friend!

Senior High Fellowship News

On Sunday, October 29th, the Senior High Fellowship had its first meeting. The Kodak Kapers Scavenger Hunt was a terrific success. Be sure to join us for our next Fellowship event: Bowling on Sunday, November 26th. This is the Sunday following Thanksgiving—by that time you may want to take a break from your family to come have fun with your peers and some wonderful Adult Leaders. We hope to see you there, and bring a friend!

A Notice to all Committee Chairs

At your earliest convenience, would you please call the church office and notify Shellie who the chair is for your committee as well as secretary, treasurer etc. If you have already done this, I thank you. 508-746-3026

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH NEWS-----

The UCC Coffee Project - With coordinator Pat Harper, the Missions and Outreach Committee will begin serving Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee during the coffee hour on Sunday, Oct. 15th. Coffee will be available for sale sometime soon. A number of people have made donations to make the purchase of this coffee possible. If you wish to purchase a pound or more to support this ongoing project, please find the sign-up sheet next to the "Now Serving" sign or speak to Pat Harper. *Through the UCC Coffee Project farmers can earn a fair price for their product, have access to affordable credit, and gain a long-term trading partner they can trust. With you support these communities are able to invest in education, health care, and agricultural improvement.*

SAVE THE DATE: the fifteenth annual **SERRV SALE** will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2006. (Additional information in this issue of the Herald) We will need volunteers to help the Minotts unpack on Saturday, Nov. 11th from 1-3pm and to pack up again on Sunday after the sale. Please call the office if you can help.

The Monday Meals of Hospitality began serving a hot dinner to those in need in our community. If you would like to be part of this ministry to a growing number of people in need in Plymouth, please contact the coordinator, Diane Flood at 508-209-0266.

UNICEF: Please return the UNICEF boxes to someone in Missions as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting programs to help children around the world.

Harvest Fair Messages of Thanks!

I would like to again thank everyone who helped make this years Harvest Fair so successful. This years fair brought into our church \$10, 435.09. It was truly an amazing and wonderful experience enjoyed by many. Thanks to you all. Sincerely, Laura Curtin

There will be a post Harvest Fair meeting at my house on Monday November 13th at 7pm to discuss new ideas for next year. All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

I would like to thank those of you who helped set prices, donated or bought items or helped work the "Linen & Things" table. I couldn't have done it without you. Thanks so much!! Yours in Pilgrimage, Gayle S. David

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Knitting Nook and the Calico Corner tables this past Harvest Fair. We were very successful and generated over \$1000 in profit for the day. I would like to include more of the talented people with which we are blessed in this congregation on my endeavors for next year. If you have even basic skills in knitting or sewing, we can use your help. I plan to hold several small gatherings at my home this coming year to work on simple projects for next year's fair and would welcome some help. It would be an opportunity for me to get some new ideas for items as well. If you would like to be included, please call and leave your name and telephone number so that I can reach you down the road. Several people approached me at the fair and expressed an interest and I am anxious to get in touch with them, as well. Please call me at 508-746-4514. Diana Budge

Attention Girl Scout Leaders and parents of Girl Scouts

I have a selection of new Girl Scout items that are close-out priced at half-off the catalogue price. Sizes are limited but all items are new. They include: small brownie vests, x-large vests, brownie and junior sashes, brownie and daisy long sleeved jerseys, asst. brownie pants and skorts, daisy pants, assorted small items such as scrunchies, sox, beanies and fly-up unicorn bean babies. Call for a full list if interested and I can let you know specifically what I have. I hate to throw these items away if someone can use the. 508-746-4514.....Diana Budge

A Stewardship Moment

We needs a Will, I'm invincible!

When we were single and in our 20's, I am sure that creating a Will was the last item on our list of priorities.

Times change as each of us travel along life's path—marriage, the birth of children, promotions at work, start of a new business, death of a parent all make us think about our future. A Will is a legal document that creates a blue print of our wishes should we not survive. It makes sure that our assets are distributed in accordance with our life's plan and that the members of our family are taken care of according to our wishes.

When thinking about a will you may wish to leave a portion of your estate to your Church. Your gift (a bequest) might be in cash, stock or property. If, for instance, you are interested in making sure that the Church Sanctuary is always well maintained, you might limit you gift to be used for Church maintenance. Be sure that your gift restrictions are broad enough to allow the Church to use the restricted fund.

Although all of us tend to procrastinate when it comes to facing unpleasant realities, it is important to work with your attorney to make sure that the people and institutions you love are taken care of in accordance to your wishes should the inevitable happen.

Your generous gift to the Church will help future generations serve our community and the world. Remembering The Church of the Pilgrimage in your will is a way of giving back to God a share of the many blessings that God continues to bestow upon you.

We appreciate your consideration of a gift to the Church in your Will and in your financial planning.

God Loves You, The Stewardship Committee