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Dear Friends:

By the time you read this letter the Harvest Fair will be over and the Stewardship Committee will have launched its campaign for 2010. You will recall that the church elected to run a six-month Stewardship appeal in order to reorient its fiscal year to coincide with the calendar year. The Harvest Fair Committee has put a huge effort into making this year's event a success and to add much needed income to the church's annual budget. I can attest that the Stewardship Committee is a hard working group of people who want to restore the church's budget to good financial health so that the church can carry out its ministry and mission without constantly having to worry about paying its bills as its primary focus. We really do have more important works to do than to be preoccupied with what we must cut in order to finance what are the basic necessities of our ministry!

Both the Harvest Fair and our Stewardship efforts have to do with our faith and the works we do for the sake of being the latter day disciples of Christ. I would not have become, or remained, a minister were it not for my conviction that there is no more important works in the world than to minister in Christ's name for the sake of a world desperately in need of God's love. Faith, of course, is a free gift, but putting faith to work takes money. Yet, we dare not separate faith from the works of faith.

John Selden catches my meaning when he offered this image which speaks to both faith and works. He said, "In my intellect, I may divide faith and work, just as in the candle I know there are both light and heat; yet put out the candle, and both are gone."

It is true that faith is about God's truth and light, but the light of faith also produces heat. We need to sustain both light and heat as in a candle. We can't have one without the other.

I hope that the hard work and dedication of those who provide the Harvest Fair has been rewarded with great financial success. Those blessed people have tried to put their faith to work. I also pray that we support our Stewardship appeal beyond expectations so that the light and heat of faith are kept aglow today and for tomorrow.

Let us all pray and work for the ministry of our church both locally and globally. We must make a strong stand here for the sake of the gospel of hope and peace. Please give in accord with your ability to keep the light and heat of faith alive, well and thriving at The Church of the Pilgrimage.

Love,

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On Our Calendar

Oct 25: Morning worship 10:00am, Rev. Gary Marks preaching. The Cherub Choir will sing. The Junior Choir will rehearse. New Member Class in the JRC Conference Room, 11:30am-12:30pm. Cropwalk at Zion Lutheran Church, 12:30pm.

Oct 26: Rev. Marks will be in the office at 9:30am. Monday Meals of Hospitality in Allerton Hall, 11am.

Oct 27: Rev Marks will be in the church office at 9:30am. The Advisory Board will meet at 7pm in the JRC Conference Room.

Oct 28: Rev. Marks will be in the office at 9:30am. Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm.

Oct 29: Rev. Marks will be in the office at 9:30am.

Oct 30: Rev. Marks will be in the office at 9:30am.

Coming Events:

Nov 1: New Member Class, 11:30am-12:30pm in the JRC Conference Room. The Church of the Pilgrimage will host homeless men of Plymouth for a week beginning today in Allerton Hall.

Nov 3: The Missions Committee will meet at 7:00pm in the JRC Conference Room.

Nov 5: The CE Committee will meet at 7pm in the JRC Conference Room.

Nov 8: New Member Class in the JRC Conference Room. Confirmation Class will meet.

CHURCH RECORD

In Memoriam-On October 17, 2009 Rev. Marks conducted a funeral service for Deacon Mahlon Walker in the sanctuary.

N O T E S

The flowers are in loving memory of **Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Delano Sr.** Given by the Clarence Jr. and Family.

Betty Sander has now returned home to Plymouth to continue recuperation from her fall. She thanks everyone for her cards.

If you are considering **becoming a member** of The Church of the Pilgrimage, it is not too late to join the next class on October 25th. Just call the church office to indicate your interest. If you are a church member and know of someone who should be contacted about membership, please contact Rev. Marks or call the church office.

We are reviewing our **membership rolls** and have found that some names are not on our Active Roll. Over the years some members have become inactive for a period of time, and according to our by laws inactive names are not kept on the rolls indefinitely. If there is any question about your membership, please call the office.

If your organization would like to make an **announcement during Sunday services**, please let the church office or Gary know by Friday.

SAVE THE DATE! On November 8th and 11th The BoT (Board of Trustees) needs YOU (and your kids, neighbors, friends, strangers, and guests) to help clean up our properties. After our yearly walk-through, we realized there is LOTS to do to get ready for winter. We'll need two days (and some equipment rentals) to do some light chores, projects, maintenance and groundskeeping in and around the Church, JRC, and Parsonage. If you're not a "chore type" person, we would love to have you come and enjoy the fellowship, and help out with non-chore activities like food, logistics, coordination, and oversight! More details to come soon--if you have questions, see Jess Hague or any member of the BoT (Ed Marks, Verna Ross Hoyt, Allen Bottomley, Jenny Henrique, Norm Bingham-Maas, and Dawn Durmis).

Choir Concert CD's On Sale

At last summer's initial concert on July 14, our Sanctuary Choir recorded a CD of favorite anthems. This was made possible by a donation from the estate of Miss Jane C. Burns. The Music Committee will be selling copies of the CD after church services for the next few weeks as well as at the Harvest Fair. The price is \$15/copy. All proceeds go to the Church. The choir sounds as good on this album as they do in a live service. The recording also features an outstanding organ solo by Michael, our organist. Thanks to Kelley DePasqua for organizing this concert, Doug Post for designing the album cover and our choir for a memorable performance.

Habitat Home Dedication

You are all invited to the new Habitat Home on Grove Street in Kingston on October 25 at 2:00pm. It was very special to welcome the Silvia family, Jason and Kathy Silvia and their four children, to our October 18th service of worship. The family is delightful and are very worthy recipients of a brand new house provided by **Habitat for Humanity**. The Church of the Pilgrimage is a Covenant Church with Habitat.

Attention Senior High Youth !!!

Please join us this Sunday, October 25, from 5-7pm at the Second Church, 518 State Road, Manomet, as we share pizza and our favorite music. If you have a music video or just a CD (or tape) of a song that has meaning for you, please bring it along. It would be great if everyone could share the lyrics, so please send yours to pastor.judy@verizon.net beforehand, so that she may make copies for everyone. All youth grades 9-12 are welcome--hope to see YOU there!



CROPWALK TODAY - October 25 @ 12:30-Zion Lutheran Church in Plymouth

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations, raising funds and

awareness to combat hunger at home and around the world.

Please see a member of the Mission and Outreach Committee if you have questions or would like to participate/donate.

Here we come a Wassailing!

Celebrate the Winter Solstice with the Christmas Revels! Join a group of your friends on December 12 at 7:30pm at Sanders Theater in Cambridge for an American celebration featuring Appalachian folksong, rousing spirituals, Shaker dances and Native American music and stories. Tickets are \$38-47 for adults, \$25-34 for children 11 and under. They can be ordered during coffee hour on October 18 & 25 and November 1.

Please contact Hannah Woodbury for more information at 508-728-2120 or hannah0272@hotmail.com.

SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE BELLRINGERS

NEEDED...Nov 9TH thru Dec 24th

Volunteer and paid seasonal positions available. Be a part of a Christmas tradition and help us raise money to help others in our community. Contact Lt. Tim at The Salvation Army 508-746-1559 ext. 201.

The Mahlon Walker Fund for the Homeless

The Missions and Outreach Committee of the Church of the Pilgrimage is pleased to announce the establishment of "The Mahlon Walker Fund for the Homeless." Mahlon established this



fund with generous contribution of \$5000 in memory of his wives, Rae C. Walker and Marion Nickerson Walker. Sadly Mahlon died on October 14th. It would be a fitting tribute to Mahlon if contributions were made to

this fund in his memory. Expenditures from the fund will be used for the immediate needs of the homeless people in Plymouth. The fund will be monitored by the Missions and Outreach Committee. Questions, please contact Rosalee Sinn, dansingoat@aol.com or Carol Johnson, rollincarol@comcast.net.

HARVEST FAIR is THIS Saturday, Oct 24, 9:30-2:00

Get there early to get your Dr Fred's Restorative Donuts!! He's been practicing and refining his method. It won't be long now! Don't miss the luncheon across the street too – we will be offering home made soups and Bongi turkey sandwiches, as well as the crowd-pleasing hot dogs!

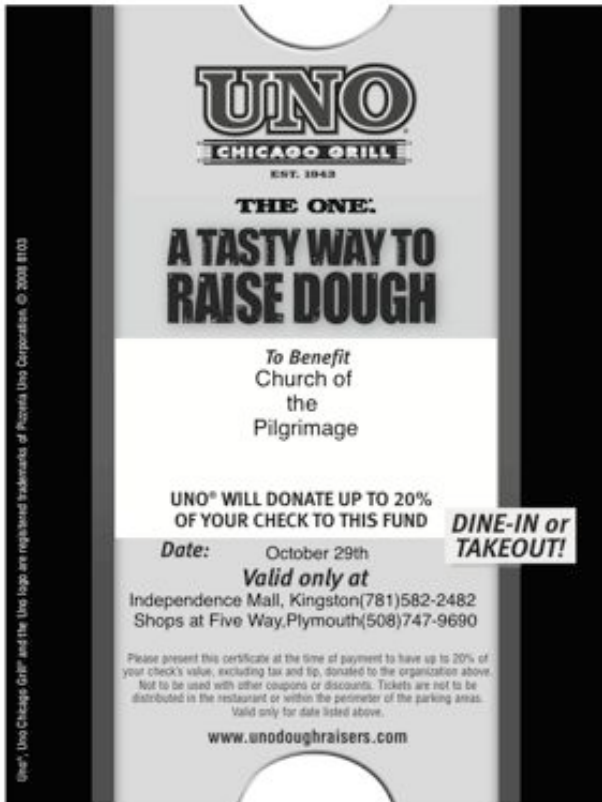
Lots of great tables, lots of great stuff. Come early and stay all day!

RAFFLE TICKETS: Raffle tickets will be sold during the Fair on Saturday. The Harvest Fair is an important fundraiser for our church and the raffle tickets are a large part of that. Although we have MORE donors than ever before - our raffle ticket sales are DOWN! Won't you help out by buying? It's the best bargain in town - 6 tickets for \$5. There are FABULOUS raffle prizes this year ranging from services to \$50 gift certificate from: Bangkok Cuisine, Benny's, Cape Auto Body, Target, Cranberry House, Elegant Nails, Ernie's, Fedele's Chocolates, Healthy Appetites, Hearth & Kettle, Hess, HotLocks Salon, Isaac's, Jenny's Bread (!!!), Kiskadee, Mama Mia's, M&Ms, Marc Connolly, Martha Stone Soup, Ming Dynasty, Morrison's Home & Garden, Nail & Spa, Panera Bread at Colony Place, Peaceful Meadows, Pinewood Lodge, Pizza Factory, Pizzeria Uno, Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth Tire & Alignment, Quintal's, Sam Diego's, Special Tees, Shaws, Starbucks, Stop & Shop, The Market at Pinehills, The Painted Lady, Tuscany Salon, Valentines Florist, Yoga Connection....and lots MORE!


SPECIAL DRAWING RAFFLE TICKETS: We also have some fabulous Special Drawing prizes. Only 100 tickets will be sold! The drawing this year is for: 2 nights away at the Williams Inn, 2 Plymouth Philharmonic Holiday Pops tickets, an oversized quilt hand-made by our own Diana Budge and a vacation getaway timeshare!!! All worth the \$10 price!

SILENT AUCTION: We have been hard at work and will have some amazing silent auction items - bid early and often! Items include: a black & white framed photograph by Bill Harting, 4 tickets to the South Shore Ballet Theatre's Nutcracker (featuring our own Isabel Mallon!), an Estee Lauder gift basket worth \$350, a photograph by Heidi Harting, de-cluttering service from Get Organized!, Learn to Knit basket from our own Diana Budge, Night at the Movies (Plimoth Cinemas passes & more!), Mom & Child Winter Skating Basket, Captain John Boats and lunch basket, Pamper Yourself basket, T-Bones BBQ basket and MUCH more. We are very excited about these items this year and hope you will be too!

THANK YOU so much for the support and help we've received from everyone. SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!




With all that's going on this busy time of year, why not take a break from the kitchen and use this coupon to treat yourself to a nice meal from Uno's?! A generous Harvest Fair sponsor, Uno's will give our church back 20% of your total food and beverage bill on **Thursday, October 29th** on "*The Church of the Pilgrimage Dough Raiser Day.*" Simply present this coupon at either Uno's location (or ask for one at the door; extras will be there). All proceeds will go to the Harvest Fair to benefit our church. Thank you for your support!



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