



# Pilgrims' Progress



The Monthly News of the People of Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
Warwick, Rhode Island  
December 2012

## From Pastor Kohl

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

It's hard to believe that it is December 2012 already. The year seems to have flown by for me. Much has happened over the past year. That's true for all of us. People have come and gone, challenges have been presented, blessings have been bestowed, friendships have grown or dwindled, some days we have thought life is boring and other days life has felt overwhelming. Life comes filled with ups and downs.

And into the lives of Christian people comes Advent and Christmas: these seasons of waiting, patience, anticipation, and rejoicing. This is December, the end of the culture's year and yet a time when the Church calls us into God's future, knowing what God has done for us in Jesus.

We need these seasons breaking in our lives to remind us that in the midst of all that life brings to us God has not forgotten us. God calls us to rest, to peace, to hope; but our busyness may well keep us from hearing this call, just as worry may keep us from hearing God's call, or our inability to live in the present moment may cause us to miss God's call. We are people who are easily distracted from what really matters.

So on Wednesdays in Advent at 6:30 we will gather for a period of reflection, doing what Christians have done for centuries: we will pray together and listen to Scripture together and sing together. In doing this we will share life with one another for the good of the world, our families, our fellow workers, our classmates, the people life brings our way every day. We need this because in a world rushing toward Christmas we need to be reminded that God has not forgotten us, that God has created us to be in communion with God and other people.

### *From the Pilgrim Staff...*



*Hail, the heaven born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings.*

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
ELW #270 - C. Wesley/F. Mendelssohn

*Warmest wishes to our Pilgrim Family  
for a blessed Christmas and a  
New Year filled with peace and joy.*

<i>The Rev. Dennis Kohl</i>	Pastor
<i>The Rev. Robert Harris</i>	Associate Pastor
<i>Denis Brunelle</i>	Minister of Music
<i>Elisabeth Remming Vergun</i>	Parish Assistant
<i>Bill Brinson</i>	Treasurer
<i>Beth Fish</i>	Financial Secretary
<i>Adam Kohl</i>	Sexton

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**2013 Offering Envelopes will soon be available in the narthex (the hallway outside the church)—please take yours home as soon as possible.**

**Thank you!**

And when the night before Christmas comes, we will gather at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. to welcome the source of life and truth and hope: Jesus. His birth as a human ennobles our flesh and life because in this little one it is God who comes. God comes to share our life with all its challenges and changes, with the people who come and go, with the joys and sadnesses that we have faced and will face. God is "incarnated" (comes in our humanity) to show us that there is nothing that can separate us from God's love. This God seals for us in a baby who needed to have his diapers changed and who settled into the warm embrace of his mother, who slept among God's other creatures and died as we all must. This God who comes is a God we can trust because no matter where we go in life, God has been there also.

So join us, this family in Christ, in these holy seasons set apart for knowing God's true nature. Bring all that you are (both joys and turmoil) and receive all that God is (both love and forgiveness), and carry them with you. God gave up power and majesty to give you peace and hope. That was never a fair swap, but it is one that shows us we are loved because of who God is.

Blessings!

*Pastor Kohl*



## **Pastoral Acts**

### **Baptisms**



Christian Mark Ahlborg  
Bryce Charles McCarthy

### **Funerals**

Joan Beck  
Alfred Derkaz  
Hildur Johnson  
Shirley Patti  
Allen Pryor



## **An important reminder from Elisabeth!**

Please submit any articles or any other information to be included in the January 2013 *Pilgrims' Progress* as **soon as possible**. (This includes all Sunday server information.)

Please note that **no submissions will be accepted later than Saturday, December 15, 2012.**

Send submissions to both  
parishasst@pilgrimlutheranri.org and  
eremmingvergun@cox.net.

Many thanks!

*Schedule of Services for*

*Christmas Eve*

*December 24, 2012*



Candlelight Holy Communion  
5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

## Welcome New Members

Pilgrim Church will welcome new members into our community of faith on Sunday, December 16. If you are interested in joining us in ministry, please speak with Pastor Kohl.



# Thanks

Dear Fellow Pilgrims,

Thanks to all of you who contributed your time, effort, support, and goodies to the Bazaar here on November 10 and 11. A lot of preparation and behind-the-scenes work goes into a successful event, which this one certainly was!

Many folks were here on Friday setting up – in addition to all the advance at-home work and coordination that many did in getting ready for this church fundraiser. Over \$1,000 was raised!

Thanks again from the Pilgrim Bazaar Team, and peace to all.

## Altar Guild Dates



### Christmas Decorating

Saturday, December 1 at 10:00 a.m.

### Christmas Brunch and Meeting

Sunday, December 2 at 11:30 a.m.

### Christmas Dismantling

Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

## Church School Christmas Program Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m.



Be sure to mark your calendar! Please come and enjoy the Church School's Christmas program on Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m.

After the program, everyone is invited to the Christmas party in the Christian Life Center.

Please bring sandwiches for your family plus one more person and a goodie for all to share. Beverages will be provided.

Parents, rehearsal for the program will be on Saturday morning December 15 at 10:30.

## Eucharistic Minister Meeting

People serving and those interested in serving as Eucharistic Ministers are invited to meet with Pastor Kohl following the 9:30 service on Sunday morning January 13, 2013. If you would like to be part of this ministry caring for our shut-in or hospitalized community, please join us. If you have questions about this ministry, please speak to Pastor Kohl.

## *A message from the Altar Guild...*



The Altar Guild is now accepting requests for altar flowers for 2013. What a wonderful way to honor family and loved ones by remembering anniversaries and other special occasions throughout the year.

Flower envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex. For each request, we ask for a \$30 donation. Once completed, envelopes may be placed in the offering plate or dropped off to the Altar Guild mailbox in the church office with your donation.

The flowers will be distributed after the late service each week at the Pastors' discretion to those that are ill, shut-in, or celebrating a special occasion.

*The Pilgrim Lutheran Church Altar Guild*



**CASH CARDS  
MAKE GREAT  
HOLIDAY GIFTS!**

Every Sunday, Cash Cards are available for your purchase in the Christian Life Center after services. Each card you buy is worth the full dollar value, and Pilgrim gets a bonus...a percentage anywhere from 2% to 13%, depending on which card you buy. Currently, some retailers are offering an additional discount by way of a coupon—ask your Cash Card person which stores are offering what.

Why not give a Cash Card as a gift? Cards from Dunkin' Donuts, iTunes, Barnes & Noble, and Bath and Body Works make great teacher gifts and stocking stuffers! You can give someone a card to their favorite place to shop...they'll love you for it, and Pilgrim will, too!

If you have any questions or need more information about using Cash Cards, see Carolyn Vittner or Kristen Resendes.

It's Not Too Late...

...to return your indications of willingness to share your financial support to Pilgrim Lutheran Church in 2013.

Should you need a pledge card, they are available on the table in the narthex.

**Pilgrim Mitten Tree Ministry**



The Mitten Tree is in the narthex and ready to be decorated! Donations of new mittens, scarves, and hats will be gladly accepted and passed on to those in our community in need.

Thanks for being a part of this ministry of warmth and care!

*Christmas Poinsettias*



The Altar Guild is currently accepting contributions for Christmas Poinsettias. If you would like to make a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please fill out an envelope (in clear print), enclose your free will contribution, and place it in the collection plate. You may also send your envelope to the church office to the attention of the Altar Guild. Christmas Poinsettia envelopes can be found in the pews and on the table in the narthex.

The Christmas Poinsettias will decorate our main sanctuary, the chapel, and other areas of the church building throughout the Christmas season.

**All Christmas Poinsettia envelopes MUST be received no later than Sunday, December 16, 2012.**

**Pilgrim Middle and High School  
Monthly Integrated Youth Gathering**

**Saturday, December 1  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

We'll be meeting at the church. We hope you can make it for the whole time, but if you cannot, come to what you can.

- 10:00 - 10:30 Getting to know you games
- 10:30 - 11:30 Making Christmas gifts
- 11:30 - 12:00 Making lunch (pizza)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Playing indoor volleyball
- 1:00 - 2:00 Making sandwiches for those in need

This will be a joint activity with the youth of Pilgrim and the youth of INSIGHT. INSIGHT promotes "independence and opportunities for people with vision loss." Our group meets on the first Saturday of each month.

**Congratulations to Rob Himebaugh...**

...whose most recent movie, "Eaglewalk", won the prize for Best Makeup/Special Effects at the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Rhode Island Horror Film Festival. Rob's film was in competition with 63 other films from 20 countries.

Congratulations from your Pilgrim Family, Rob!



**Bishop (on a Bike) Jim Hazelwood**



...will be at Pilgrim Lutheran Church on Wednesday, December 19, joining us for the 6:30 Evening Prayer service that night.

Bishop Hazelwood was the pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Charlestown, Rhode Island and was elected our bishop in June. He was installed in September and has been busy travelling around New England, nurturing both congregations and leaders in those congregations. His approach to understanding the church and the ministry the church does in Jesus' name is a call to consider what it means to be the people of God in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

You can learn more about Bishop Hazelwood and his ministry at [www.bishoPONABike.com](http://www.bishoPONABike.com) or the N.E. Synod webpage [www.nesynod.org](http://www.nesynod.org).

*Pilgrim's Prayer Shawl Ministry*

The dedicated women of Pilgrim's Prayer Shawl Ministry have been busy! At last count, they have created 150 shawls, 36 lap robes, and 175 infant hats and booties. The lap robes were given to Brentwood Nursing Home and the infant items are donated to local hospital nurseries.

The prayer shawls are delivered by Pastor Kohl to the sick and shut-in in our community.



Front row: Rose Reed, Ruth Lesieur, Gudrun Gegenbach, Ina Fuchs  
 Back row: Nancy Lewis, Helga Hoffman, and Ruth Lundin  
 Not pictured: Alice Burnham

**Join Your Dilegrim Friends for Christmas Caroling at the East Greenwich Stroll!**



All are welcome!

Thursday, December 13, 2012

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Meet at Hair Plus, 97 Main Street at 5:45 p.m.  
 Park in the municipal parking lot across from the Odeum Theater or on Rosemont Street.

**The Pilgrim Library Christmas Wish List**



Why not give a Christmas gift to the library this year? Here are a few books from which to choose:

The series by Alister McGrath which includes *Incarnation, Resurrection, Creation, and The Christian Vision of God: An Introduction to the Trinity.*

These books consist of poetic prayer and theological reflection, illuminated by a series of fine art paintings. Each book costs \$4.80.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Brief Life*

by Renate Bethge \$7.50  
 Accompanied by family photos, Bonhoeffer's dramatic life is sketched in this short volume, which also features excerpts from his writing.

The following books can help Christians to face difficult times:

*When You Are Depressed*  
 Barbara DeGrote-Sorenson \$6.99

*God's Tender Words for Life's Tough Moments*  
 Margaret Houk \$8.99

*When You Have Doubts*  
 Alvin Rogness \$2.10

## November 2012 Congregation Council Meeting Highlights

Knute Ogren, Director of Development at Camp Calumet, made a presentation concerning the "Calumet for Today" appeal which is being held throughout the New England Synod. More information about this will be brought to the congregation at a later date.

### Finances

Income to date for budget expenses: \$199,941.27

Total income (including holding accounts and special funds): \$228,400.27

Expenses to date for budget: \$197,020.75

Bishop Jim Hazelwood will be at Pilgrim Church at the midweek Advent Evening Prayer service on December 19. The midweek services will be on held Wednesday evenings December 5, 12, and 19 at 6:30 p.m.

Christian Education reported that the Sunday School Christmas Program will be held on Sunday, December 16 at 4:00 p.m.

The Property Committee reported the removal of two badly rotted trees.

Worship, Music and Arts reported that Mary Brinson was elected as new chair of the committee. On Sunday December 9 at 4:00 p.m. there will be a program of seasonal music for Advent. This will be followed by a time of refreshment. Beginning the First Sunday in Advent, December 2, the themes of Advent (waiting, preparation, seeking God's presence, etc.) will be emphasized in our life together. Christmas Eve services will be held at 5:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

In response to the meeting of the congregation on October 14, the Spiritual Gifts Committee held its initial meeting. This group will be meeting on a weekly basis. You are welcome to join. Linda Hughes is also facilitating the group to develop a mission statement for Pilgrim Church.

The gift card program is up and running once again. Many thanks to the Vittner and Resendes families for coordinating this.

Mark Cheney's resignation from the council was received with regret.

The council also thanked Beth Fish who has begun her position as the Financial Secretary, as well as Kathy Gremel for filling in during the transition time.

### WARWICK SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA INVITES US TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON

Exciting works by Schubert, Dvorak, Vaughn Williams, and more!

**Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 p.m.**

Pilgrim Senior Center  
27 Pilgrim Parkway, Warwick

**Thursday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m.**

Community Covenant Church  
615 Tremont Street, Rehoboth, MA

**Sunday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m.**

St. Francis of Assisi Church  
114 High Street, Wakefield

**Thursday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.**

Salvatore Mancini Center  
2 Atlantic Blvd., North Providence

Admission: \$8

*W.S.O. has been using our Christian Life Center as its rehearsal space on Thursday evenings.*

## *"Where is God Among Us?" Advent Kiosk*

Advent announces the coming of God's presence into the world around us. Jesus came into a broken political world, into the lives of people who sought him and followed him into his healing community of life with God. The brokenness of the world is still a reality today, and the presence of God in Jesus still comes to us. Advent urges us to be alert to the signs of God's kingdom being present. The question the Pilgrim community asks this Advent is, "Where does God's presence break in among us as the baptized people who live on the rock of Jesus?"

Jesus is present in the bread and wine of communion, as well as in the daily occurrences where justice, peace, and healing touch people broken by storms, disease, and loss. During Advent, Pilgrim people are called to celebrate God's presence in our daily lives. Where does God surprise us with presence? Where is Jesus born into lives and events with the gifts of life?

During Advent, look for God's presence and post it on the Kingdom Kiosk that will be in the narthex (front hall). Bring news articles, photographs, and personal experiences to attach to the kiosk. During coffee hour following worship, take the time to share where God is seen among us. Where is God present in daily news and our lives? People of Pilgrim, cover the kiosk with so many signs of God's presence that the walls of the kiosk will be hidden beneath Advent stories of Jesus coming among us. Seek and we shall find the presence of God!

### **Moving With a Mission**

**Presented at the Special Congregational Meeting of October 15, 2012**

"One of the most powerful and influential leaders of all time articulated his mission statement in a single sentence two thousand years ago: 'I came that they might have life, and have it more abundantly.' Every activity that he undertook - whether turning water into wine, playing with children, holding seminars by the sea, or challenging the current religious system - was a result of his mission statement. That statement covered not only his work life, but also his personal and leisure time, as well. It also helped him determine and focus on his activities. When the woman caught in adultery was brought before him, he refused to judge her, saying again, 'My mission is not to condemn, but to give life.' Knowing his mission helped him decide how to act, what to do, and even what to say when challenging situations arose."

From *The Path* by Laurie Beth Jones

Ten Reasons for a Mission Statement for Pilgrim:

1. To engage as many people as possible to move toward a common mission (purpose) for our church.
2. To foster and deepen a vibrant community at Pilgrim by engaging people in learning more about and participating in a process; to enable decision making by the people in community.
3. To fulfill one of the constitutional expectations of the role of church council ("to lead the congregation in stating its mission").
4. To be able better to direct our energies and programs toward the mission of our church - to be more organic in our work together.
5. To assist decision makers on what is part of our mission and what is not; to be able to set ministry goals.
6. To share our mission/purpose with newcomers and new members so that they can join with us in its fulfillment.
7. To be mutually accountable to the mission as a congregation and staff, to celebrate successes and to learn from our mistakes.
8. To participate in a synod-wide hope and expectation that congregations will engage in reflecting and purposing what God is doing in a given geographical area; to engage in conversation about biblical implications for why we are here.
9. To be able to report our mission on the congregational profile.
10. Your reason...

*For more information or to be part of the planning*

*group, contact Linda Hughes at 739-4345.*

## Sunday Readings – December 2012

### December 2 - Advent 1

#### Jeremiah 33:14-16

The prophet looks forward to the day when God's promises to the people will be fulfilled. This will be a time of peace and security.

#### 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

First Thessalonians is probably the oldest literature in the New Testament. It is a letter of thanks for the faithful and growing ministry of the Christ community gathered in Thessalonica.

#### Luke 21:25-38

Jesus calls his people to look beyond the present to see the fulfillment of the new creation which God has planned. In this message we are called away from living in worry and fear, trusting that God will fulfill all promises.

### December 9 – Advent 2

#### Malachi 3:1-4

The prophet looks forward to the messenger who will come to prepare the way for God to come to be with the people. This messenger calls the people to reflection and consideration of how their lives are not in accord with God's purposes.

#### Philippians 1:3-11

[God] "who began a good work among you will bring it to completion." The work of salvation is God's work according to Philippians, sure to be completed by Jesus.

#### Luke 3:1-6

One of the things which Luke consistently does is places the story of Jesus in the history of the world by naming rulers of both the secular as well as the religious world. It is into history that John came announcing the arrival of Jesus.

### December 16 – Advent 3

#### Zephaniah 3:14-20

In this reading we hear both the prophet and God proclaim what is to happen. The promise from both is that God will set all things right and stand with the outcast and exiled people.

#### Philippians 4:4-7

The apostle calls us to rejoice in the Lord because God is near, and God comes to bring the gift of peace.

#### Luke 3:7-18

John the Baptizer calls for repentance from the people. The people respond asking what they should do. John has specific guidance for them. He also encourages them to look forward to the one who will come after him, the one who will baptize with God's Spirit.

### December 23 – Advent 4

#### Micah 5:2-5a

As we stand at the threshold of another Christmas, we are called to look backward to how God is fulfilling ancient promises in Jesus. Jesus is born in Bethlehem, the home of the great king of Israel, David.

#### Hebrews 10:5-10

Jesus was born a human to do God's will. This is accomplished by serving others and living in peace.

#### Luke 1:39-45

Mary visits the mother of John the Baptizer before either of their children is born. By the work of the Spirit Mary proclaims God's overthrow of the world's assumptions and ways.

### December 30 – First Sunday of Christmas

#### 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

The child Samuel grew up in the temple at Shiloh in the care of Eli the priest. Samuel's mother and father continued their yearly pilgrimages to the temple, bringing gifts and items to care for the boy. This is a sign of their devotion and desire to do what is right in God's sight.

#### Colossians 3:12-17

The birth of Jesus shapes the life of his followers. In this reading we hear a number of practical ways in which we live differently from the world.

#### Luke 2:41-52

At twelve years of age, Jesus goes to the temple in Jerusalem with his parents. Even at this young age he shows himself as the child of God, listening to the teachers and asking them questions about God's will.

# SERVING in DECEMBER 2012

## GREETERS

**December 2** Linda and Emily Hughes  
**December 9** Marion Kullberg  
**December 16** Fred & Laurie Linden  
**December 23** Liz LaPlante and Andrew Hughes  
**December 30** Muriel Lundin

## READERS

**December 2** Allan Reed  
**December 9** Helen Varin  
**December 16** Roy Wagner  
**December 23** Joanne Lozy  
**December 30** Carl Lozy

## ALTAR GUILD

**December 2** Priscilla Angelo  
Mary Brinson  
Carol Dupre  
Pam Himebaugh  
**December 9** Jennifer Cardillo  
Pat Frazier  
Kitty Johnson  
Marion Kullberg  
**December 16** Jo-Anne Doyle  
Muriel Linden  
Linda Phillips  
**December 23** Cindy Cote  
Maureen Johnson  
**December 30** Nancy Derby  
Joanne Lozy  
Connie Radican  
Susan Simundson

## ASSISTING MINISTERS

**December 2** Tina Carlson  
**December 9** John Carlson  
**December 16** Karin Kohl  
**December 23** Carl Lozy  
**December 30** Tina Carlson

## COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

*Communion Assistants are needed for the month of December. Sign up on the sheet posted on the office bulletin board if you are able to help.  
Many thanks!*

## ACOLYTES

**December 2** Caileigh Blackmer  
**December 9** Alexis Olson  
**December 16** Sarah Lowell  
**December 23** Jacob Resendes  
**December 30** Stephen Johnson

## CONFIRMATION DINNERS

### Tuesday Evenings

**December 4** Tracey Mitchell  
**December 11** **No meal** Fellowship/Service  
**December 18** **No meal** Fellowship  
**December 25** **No class** Christmas Day

## USHERS

**December 2** Scott Chappelle  
Jo-Anne Doyle  
Ron Fish  
Pam Himebaugh  
**December 9** Scott Chappelle  
Bonnie Donahue  
Courtney & Jason Petrarca  
**December 16** Scott Chappelle  
Merrill McElroy  
Carl Ostermann  
Michele Tucci  
**December 23** Scott Chappelle  
Laurie Linden  
Ruth Lundin  
Pete Mahoney  
**December 30** Scott Chappelle  
Linda and Andrew Hughes  
Liz LaPlante

## ALTAR FLOWERS

**December 2** Available  
**December 9** Bill and Tom Dugan & Family  
**December 16** The Harrington Family  
**December 23 & 30** Poinsettia Garden

## COUNTERS

**December 2** Steve Phillips and Kathy Gremel  
**December 9** Linda Hughes and Clinton Smith  
**December 16** Maureen Johnson and Chris Spencer  
**December 23** Lisa Lepore and Joan Theroux  
**December 30** Laurie Linden and Lois Williams

*Please note! Servers for Christmas Eve services at 5:00 and 11:00 are posted on the office bulletin board and will appear in Sunday bulletins in December.*



Pilgrim Lutheran Church  
Cordially Invites You to Our

# ADVENT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

December 9.  
4 pm

Enjoy the music of the season presented  
by the Pilgrim Church choir, soloists,  
instrumentalists and the St. Paul  
Handbell Choir

*A Soup and Salad* holiday meal will follow  
in the Christian Life Center

1817 Warwick Ave

739-2937





# December 2012

## Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2 Advent 1</b> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Holy Communion 10:45 First Communion Class 11:30 Altar Guild Christmas Brunch 	<b>3</b> 7:00 Lutheran What-Not 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>4</b> 10:00 Pastors' Pericope 6:30 Spiritual Gifts Team 6:30 Confirmation — The Creed I	<b>5</b> 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> 7:00 Warwick Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal	<b>7 PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b> 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>1</b> 10:00 Integrated Youth Group 10:00 Altar Guild Xmas Decorating <b>8</b>
<b>9 Advent 2</b> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Holy Communion 10:45 First Communion Class 4:00 Advent Celebration 	<b>10</b> 7:00 Adult Ed—Salvation 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>11</b> 10:00 Pastors' Pericope 6:30 Spiritual Gifts Team 6:30 Confirmation — Service/Fellowship	<b>12</b> 6:30 Evening Prayer 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 7:00 Worship, Music and Arts Meeting 7:00 Warwick Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal	<b>14 PASTOR'S DAY OFF</b>	<b>15 Pilgrims' Progress            Deadline</b> 10:00 Christmas Program Rehearsal
<b>16 Advent 3</b> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Holy Communion/Welcome New Members 10:45 First Communion Class 4:00 Sunday School Christmas Program 	<b>17</b> 7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	<b>18</b> 10:00 Pastors' Pericope 6:30 Confirmation — Fellowship	<b>19</b> 6:30 Evening Prayer - <i>Bishop Hazelwood</i> <i>preaching</i> 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>20</b> 7:00 Congregation Council Meeting 7:00 Warwick Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal	<b>21 St. Thomas, Apostle</b> PASTOR'S DAY OFF	<b>22</b> WINTER BEGINS
<b>23 Advent 4</b> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 Holy Communion 	<b>24 The Nativity of Our            Lord/Christmas Eve</b> 5:00 and 11:00 Candlelight Holy Communion	<b>25 Blessed Christmas!</b> 	<b>26 Stephen, Deacon            and Martyr</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK	<b>27 St. John, Apostle            and Evangelist</b>	<b>28 The Holy Innocents,            Martyrs</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 Christmas 1</b> 8:00 Holy Communion 9:30 Holy Communion No Sunday School—see you in church!	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b>  7:00 Narcotics Anonymous	Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Church Office Closed December 24, 2012—January 1, 2013 (No evening meetings/events during this time )				