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THANKSGIVING REMEMBRANCE SERVICE TO TAKE PLACE IN PALM, PA

by The Rev. Judith A. Meier, SMDPA Elder

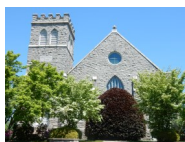
Modern-day Pilgrims will be traveling out into the Pennsylvania German countryside for the annual "Divine Worship on the Sabbath Day in Commemoration of the First Harvest Festival in Plymouth Colony in 1621 and in Memory of Members of the Society Who Have Died during the Past Year." We will gather together on

Sunday, November 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at

Palm Schwenkfelder Church

833 Gravel Pike (Rte. 29)

Palm, PA, 18070.



Palm is a village in rural

central Montgomery County. The church is just a short way south of Rte. 100.

[Editor's note: and just .7 miles north of the Thanksgiving Dinner. For directions from Interstate 476, see page 2] The church is easily accessible from both Rte 422 and the Interstate 476 (Northeast Extension). The phone number is 215-679-5321, and the website is

www.palmschwenkfelderchurch.com

The Schwenkfelders were followers of Caspar von Schwenckfeld (1487-1541), a German nobleman who originally was a follower of Martin Luther. Luther rejected Schwenckfeld, however, when the latter, espousing Spiritualism, emphasized the believer's inner relationship with God, perhaps giving too much attention to the divinity of Christ to the exclusion of His humanity. Schwenckfeld was recognized as a leader in the Radical Reformation. In 1734 Schwenkfelder immigrants fled their homeland in Silesia (modern-day Poland). They settled in what is now southeastern Montgomery County. Schwenkfelders still celebrate Gedächtnistag, or Day of Remembrance, on September 24, marking the day the St. Andrew landed at Philadelphia.

In 1895 the Schwenkfelder Church resumed the practice of baptism (adult) and communion. In 1909 they became incorporated as a denomination consisting of five congregations. They valued an educated (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)

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Please **bring
canned goods**
to donate to
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2018 ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER Reservation Form

	Adult \$35	Child Under 10 \$9.95
Member's Name: _____	_____	_____
Guest's Name: _____	_____	_____
Guest's Name: _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____ \$ _____

Your Phone Number _____ Email _____

----- Cut here and mail above reservation form with your check -----

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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clergy and sent their prospective ministers to Congregational seminaries. Several of the congregations became affiliated with the United Church of Christ in 1959, calling graduates of Lancaster Theological Seminary, a UCC seminary with roots in the German Reformed Church.

There are four congregations in existence today: Central Schwenkfelder Church outside Lansdale, Olivet-Schwenkfelder United Church of Christ in East Norriton, Palm Schwenkfelder Church in Palm, and Schwenkfelder Missionary Church in Philadelphia. The Perkiomen School in Pennsburg was founded by the Schwenkfelders; Schwenkfeld Manor, a retirement facility, is under their oversight. The Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center is an outstanding museum and archive, interpreting not only the family histories of Schwenkfelder descendants but also southeastern Pennsylvania German culture.

The Rev. Nicholas Pence, pastor of Palm Schwenkfelder Church and incidentally a seminary classmate of mine, tells us that the congregation is excited about welcoming the Mayflower Society to their church.

DIRECTIONS: to the SCHWENKFELDER PALM CHURCH—Take **I-476 (Northeast Extension)** exit 44 for **PA-663**. In 5 miles, turn right on **PA-29** (Gravel Pike). The Church will be on your right in 3 miles.

Make checks payable to **SMDPA**
by **November 8** and mail to:

Deborah Markowitz
603 Worthington Drive, Exton Pa. 19341
dwinne-markowitz@yahoo.com

TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

by Deborah Markowitz, Social Events Chair

Dinner following the church service will be just a few minutes away at

Schultheis Carriage House Restaurant

745 Gravel Pike (Route 29)

East Greenville, PA 18041.

The Carriage House will serve a typical Thanksgiving dinner starting with the house specialty corn chowder being served, then a buffet. The cost is

\$35.00 per person (cash bar). Children 10 and under will have chicken fingers for \$9.95. **Please fill out the reservation form (above) and mail to me with your check by November 8.**



To the CARRIAGE HOUSE RESTAURANT from the Palm Schwenkfelder Church: turn left on Gravel Pike (PA-29) and go 7/10 of a mile. The Restaurant will be on your left.



Message from Acting Governor Reed Kneale

Exactly 398 years ago, 102 brave souls set out for a better life without any guarantees, just faith. We are their fortunate descendants and it is our duty to preserve their stories.

We just finished our audit and tax returns, and yes, we are in very good shape! We are setting up budgets for the next three years to include activities to build our membership and to create interest in our society.

Our Thanksgiving Service in Palm, PA will be both spiritual and build our fellowship together on November 18 at 2 p.m. Please see the article (*on the front page*) for details and come to celebrate our mutual heritage. Plan on coming to the Thanksgiving Dinner (*see page 2*) following the Service. Also, you may choose to join our vibrant West and Susquehanna Colony meetings this fall (*see pages 8 and 9*).

If you are thinking about a vacation in 2020, why not consider Plymouth, MA, for a trip of a lifetime? The four-hundred-year celebration will be in full swing with the Mayflower II back in Plymouth harbor after reconditioning.

We are reviewing our technology and social media presence with upgrades under discussion for our award-winning website. Stay tuned.

You can find us at
sail1620.org
and on Facebook.

Our leadership on the Board of Assistants is dynamic. We select officers every year at our annual Spring meeting and our Nominating Committee has been authorized to start the search. **If you have time to volunteer and skill sets that will help**, please contact me or Joan Miller to be considered for our new slate of candidates. You are always welcome to reach me personally at thekneales@aol.com.

Thanks so much for your membership, we are working to enhance your benefits in our society!



Acting Governor Reed Kneale at the SMDPA Annual Meeting in April. Photo by Jim Buckner.

GSMD BOARD OF ASSISTANTS MEET IN CHICAGO

by Reed Kneale, Acting Governor

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants Board of Assistants (GSMD BOA) meeting in Chicago from September 6 to 9 was very productive. I am trusting that you will appreciate some aspect of this information. This was a very informative meeting for me as your Acting Governor.

1. **Life Membership** offers were a topic as the cost to service is not equal to the initial payment. Some states have discontinued life membership, while others use actuary tables rather than flat fees.
2. **Revolutionary War Patriot to Passenger project:**
themayflowersociety.org/patriot-to-passenger
under the Members Only tab has downloadable six-, seven-, and eight-generation lineages in PDF form.
3. **IMIS project** at GSMD, a **membership** (CONTINUED ON PAGE 4)



The Mayflower Guard presented our flag and colors. Very exciting!



GSMD BOA (continued from page 3)

management system, is being implemented to create a database combining over six different lists. This may take two years to complete. The system will give states better access to member information, better reports, a Historian tracking dashboard, and will speed up membership applications.

4. *Mayflower Journal* is ending with one more issue and combining with *Mayflower Quarterly*.

5. A financial map through 2020 is being created. We may want to consider doing the same because **2020 may have an unusual financial look**.

6. **Dan Studley is our member-at-large on the Executive Committee.**

7. The annual GSMD report has just been published.

8. Since most members will never tour our GSMD society home, the **audio tour** (see below right) makes good sense.

9. **“Dress like a pilgrim”** motion was passed to encourage the use of costumes in 2020.



MORE FROM CHICAGO GSMD BOA

Ideas from other states

1. Many of the state societies offer a **paid Historian** service in addition to the use of volunteers, something to consider as we expect applications to increase.

Texas Historians use a Dropbox for all documents and share the applications.

2. **Scholarship** offers in other states vary. We did not award a scholarship this year for several reasons. Other states pay the colleges directly and ask the colleges to vet the submissions. Scholarships are offered to graduate students in history. A Mayflower Society membership is not always a requirement. We may want to review our process and requirements.

3. Texas created **30 second advertisements** that were provided to local TV and radio using public service time. The ads were in story form. We have so many stories to tell!

4. The Rose Bowl Parade will feature a **Mayflower float** on January 1, 2020.

Nice work by the California Society!

5. New York Society will be celebrating 2020 with a **debutante cotillion**.



VISIT PLYMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS, WHILE STAYING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Online 36-minute audio tour*

Right click <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/audiotour>

“To enhance guest experiences and to share the tour with our members far and wide, **the Mayflower Society House museum in downtown Plymouth has launched a user-friendly audio tour through UniGuide!**

Created by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants and UniGuide, a free smartphone app, the Mayflower Society House tour is now one of hundreds of audio tours all across the United States but the first house museum to utilize this technology in Plymouth. Now, when patrons visit the Mayflower Society House, they will have a choice of the UniGuide tour or a docent-guided tour. The two tours are available during museum hours from 11 AM until 4 PM Thursday through Sunday and are included in your admission price.

‘Each tour option offers its own set of benefits. As 2020 approaches and people from all over the world come to Plymouth, we considered how to broaden what we can offer to cater to as many different visitors as we can.’ GSMD Executive Director Susan Belekewicz explained, ‘This audio tour will open up so many doors for us in terms of accessibility, and at the same time, most of our docents have over 10 years of experience on the Mayflower House grounds. Depending on what you prefer, it’s really the best of both worlds.’

The audio tour was donated to the General Society of Mayflower Descendants by Vlad Andreev, CEO of UniGuide. As technology evolves, it is thanks to generous donations like this that we have the ability to carry on the Pilgrim legacy into future generations.”

[Your editor listened to the audio tour while editing this newsletter—at her desk in Pennsylvania.]

***And now you can watch the Plymouth tour as a video! Youtube**

keeps track of where you stopped watching, by the way. Right click on this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZTAeyUeUNr4&utm_source=General+GSMD+List&utm_campaign=833d1e3648-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_09_24_03_34&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_98f503a42e-833d1e3648-451560953





These SMDPA Officers and Board of Assistants are new to their office. BACK ROW: Membership Chair Steve Dargitz, Treasurer Scott Bond, BOA George Wilcox, Education/Scholarship member Kevin Pauly. FRONT ROW: Assistant Registrar Sue Henning, Newsletter Editor Cathy Smith, Co-historian Ginny Fossa, BOA Dot Lees, Assistant Treasurer Judi Biederman, Sales/ Fundraising Chair Bruce Miller, Assistant Secretary Laura Tyndall. Missing from photo: Secretary Brent Jones and Publicity/Community Relations Chair Christine Hoffman. Photo by Sharyn Davis.

2018 BOARD OF ASSISTANTS

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 Joan Miller and Tom Kellogg, Esq.



Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS AND THEIR ANCESTORS

from Co-historians Ginny Fossa, Cinda Hartman,
Sara Droddy and Christine Remley

- Robert James DiGiacomo** 11th generation descent from Isaac Allerton
- Kay Vaughn Todd** 10th generation descent from John Howland
- Peter Keene Gifford** 12th generation descent from William Brewster
- Marcia Coleman** 11th generation descent from Francis Eaton

IN MEMORIAM from Registrar Pamela Kolyer

- Erma Jean Breese Thomas** (member Since 2006) — Descent from John Alden
- George Shaffer Wood III** (member since 2009) — Descent from Richard Warren
- Alma E. Sickler Skopic** (member since 2004) — Descent from Edward Doty



The members of the Board of Assistants of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in Pennsylvania, would like to express their sympathy to the family and friends of all departed members.

FESTIVAL, FAIR AND A REENACTOR

article and photo from James Buckner, Education/Scholarship Chair

On June 4, we had two tables set up at the **Haverford Festival**, one for the Juniors and one for information (see photo below). We had many people stop by and quite a few indicated that they have done research and believe they are related to the Pilgrims. Many children stopped at the Junior's table to make sun visors.

Thanks to the former SMDPA Governor Peter Adams, schools in the Philadelphia area are lined up for the reenactor from the **Plimoth Plantation**. The reenactor is scheduled to be in the schools October 22-26, 2018.

We are scheduled to have an information table set up at the **Bucks County Ancestry Fair** on November 17. The Fair will be held at Delaware Valley University, Doylestown, in the Life Sciences Building. Information about the Fair can be found at

ancestryfair.org

[Editor's note: As of October 14, the Fair is SOLD OUT. Only if there are cancellations will new registrations be accepted. Check the website.]



BACK ROW: James Buckner, Cathy Smith, Peter Adams.
FRONT ROW: Debby Markowitz, Joan Miller, Sue Henning.

GSMD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

www.themayflowersociety.org/blog/scholarships

The application will be online by December 1.
The application deadline is December 31.

SMDPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please go to the next page for the Pennsylvania application. The submission deadline is June 1, 2019.





**SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS
IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship Award Application

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Full name of the Relative who is an active member of SMDPA _____

State Society # _____ Your relationship to this member: _____

High School in Pennsylvania: _____ School Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Extracurricular activities and School Honors: _____

Community Service exclusive of High School activities: _____

Employment History: _____

College that you plan to attend: _____

Address _____

Course of study and academic plans for the immediate future: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

This Scholarship is open to all graduating high school seniors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who are members of, or directly related to an active member of, the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Submit this application along with the following documentation:

1. Official Transcript of high school grades with class size and rank by the school counselor on school letterhead.
2. Verification of acceptance to an accredited college or university.
3. Essay of five hundred words on the following topic: What bearing does the government established by the Pilgrims have on the government we have today?
4. A photo of yourself

Send this application and required documents, postmarked by June 1, 2019 to: James Buckner

200 Wild Cherry Lane Marietta, PA 17547



News from the Colonies

SUSQUEHANNA COLONY FALL MEETING

by Co-editor Sharyn Davis

The Susquehanna Colony of the SMDPA shared their annual fall meeting and meal together on Saturday, October 13, 2018. The event was held at the historic **Hotel Edison** in Sunbury, PA.

Constructed in 1871 by Edward T. Drumheller, the hotel was opened for business in January 1872 and was known as the City Hotel. In July of 1883, the hotel became the first building in America to be lit with Thomas Edison's three-wire electrical system. In 1922, during Sunbury's 150th Anniversary celebration, the City Hotel was renamed the Hotel Edison.

Twenty members and guests including past Susquehanna Colony Governors James Buckner, Deborah Georgantis-Miller, and Joan Miller (also the current GSMD DGG), were in attendance. The event began with a time for fellowship while guests could enjoy hors d'oeuvres, a vegetable tray with dipping sauce, and crackers and international cheese selections.

Colony Governor Dan Lute conducted the business meeting. A drawing was held, and some lucky attendees walked away with 2020 coffee and travel mugs, Mayflower prints and a 2020 calendar produced by the Connecticut Mayflower Society. Colony Elder James Buckner opened with a prayer after which we enjoyed a buffet of herb-stuffed chicken, roasted vegetable lasagna, a side salad, rosemary roasted potatoes, and steamed garden vegetables. Desserts of chocolate chip cookies and brownies served with coffee and tea ended the meal.

Later, Colony members and guests loaded into their vehicles for a quick 2.6-mile trip across the Susquehanna River to the town of Northumberland, PA. There, a tour of the **Joseph Priestley House** was taken. The Georgian-style home with Federalist-style accents was designed by Mary, Joseph Priestley's wife. Unfortunately, Mrs. Priestley died in 1796, never seeing the completion of the home.

Joseph Priestley was a British theologian, dissenting clergyman, physical scientist, natural philosopher, educator, and political theorist. He is best known for his discovery of oxygen. In 1794, the Priestley family fled the political turmoil and religious persecution in Britain and emigrated to the United States. The home in Northumberland was where Joseph Priestley discovered carbon monoxide. He resided there until his death in 1804. Joseph Priestley Jr. lived there until 1811 when he emigrated back to Britain with his wife. The home site is supported by the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission. (Priestley information was found on Wikipedia.org and Brittanica.com)



1. Treasurer Dot Lees (above left) and Governor Dan Lute (above right). Photo by James Buckner.
2. Elder James Buckner. Photo by Sharyn Davis.
3. The Joseph Priestly House. Photo by James Buckner.



WESTERN COLONY THANKSGIVING MEETING by Sara Droddy, Recording Secretary
The annual Thanksgiving meeting of the Western Colony of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will be held **Saturday, November 17, 2018** at **Oakmont Country Club**, 1233 Hulton Road, Oakmont, Pennsylvania 15739. Our guest speaker will be Jack



Puglisi. His topic will be “The Election of 1800” and he will discuss the race between Thomas Jefferson and John Adams. Reservations must be made by contacting one of the following Western Colony officers:

Lois Lang, Colony Governor, at 412-367-7483 or llangpgh@aol.com

Diane McVicker at 412-487-3065 or dianemcv39@gmail.com

From *Mayflower Lynes*, Spring 2018,
Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Delaware.



David Bradford
Governor

Spring Greetings!

At this time each year I am re-energized by the new life and hope that accompany the change in season and declare another end of a cold, lifeless winter. The brutal weather and the unusual intensity of this year's flu

bug made this particular spring more welcome than normal. Yet, as bitter as this past winter seemed, it was comfortable compared to the winter of 1621 at Cape Cod.

The first spring on the shores of North America as described by William Bradford was surely the most welcome one of the Pilgrims lives. The harshness of the dreadful living conditions and the “sharp and violent (winters being) subject to cruel and fierce storms,” along with the devastating afflictions and death that occurred in January and February 1621, claimed over half their number. Bradford recounted at the end of that winter, “*The spring now approaching, it pleased God the mortality began to cease amongst them, and the sick and lame recovered apace, which put as [it] were new life into them, though they*

had borne their sad affliction with much patience and contentedness as I think any people could do. But it was the Lord which upheld them, and had beforehand prepared them; many having long borne the yoke, yea from their youth.” This remarkable passage reveals two huge lessons for us today.

First, Bradford understood and acknowledged the providential hand of God in the midst of their suffering. The biblical worldview reflected in his commentary, so iconic of our pilgrim fathers, seems to be lost on many Americans living today. A growing number of our fellow citizens appear apathetic, ignorant or openly hostile



to the most basic understanding of God, His purposes and the role individuals play in His redemptive plan for humanity. The enormous faith of the pilgrims, and later, that of our nation's founding fathers, remain an important testimony of God's faithfulness to His people in this land. It was a faithfulness for which we should be grateful and never allow to be forgotten. As President George Washington admonished the citizens of our new nation, “*No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men, more than the people*” (CONTINUED ON PAGE 10)



PILGRIM PLEDGE

I pledge myself to hold aloft the lamps of civil and religious liberty lighted by the Pilgrims at “Plymouth Rock”;

to recall and cherish the sacrifices and struggles made by them for the common good;

to study their lives, deeds, faith, courage, and character;



to draw inspiration there from;

to emulate their spirit to be loyal to the flag and institutions of the country whose founding was so greatly aided by their work and wisdom;

to do everything within my power to deserve and preserve the heritage,

and at all times and in all ways to profit by their Pilgrim examples.



BRADFORD

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of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of Providential agency.”

Second, Bradford viewed their present hardships as preparation for future trials they were ordained by God to face. Too often we regard life’s struggles as the result of a failure on our part to impose our will upon the world around us. Or we see hardships we face as simply the efforts of others which, intentional or not, keep us from achieving the outcomes we expect or think we deserve. Rarely do we stop and

absorb the sobering truth that our perception of control is more illusory than fact. The unusual patience and contentedness displayed in that first springtime in Plymouth was attributed by Governor Bradford to the convictions of the faithful - that they were accomplishing the work that Divine Providence had prepared for them to do. I believe William Bradford would think us well-served to humbly reflect upon these lessons this spring and throughout 2018.

Be to make your plans to join your Mayflower cousins in Delaware at the Spring Reception on Sunday, May 20th at the Hale-Bymes House in Stanton, Delaware. This will be a grand occasion to bring along Junior Members. 🍷



From www.themayflowersociety.org/the-pilgrims/pilgrim-history



2018 DUES REMINDER

by Treasurer Scott Bond

The end of the year is upon us. If you have not yet paid your 2018 annual dues, please do so as soon as possible. Dues are \$40.00 for Regular members and \$15.00 for Junior members.

Life and Emeritus members owe no dues.

Of course, we encourage members to make **additional contributions** to the SMDPA program (s). All contributions are tax deductible under 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Tax Code. You can designate contributions to

- **The Education Fund**
- **Katharine F. Little Distinguished Achievement Award Fund**
- **Elizabeth Tilley Howland Scholarship Award Fund**
- **Unrestricted Fund for discretionary use.**

Please pay your dues promptly so that our Society's financial obligations can continue to be met on a timely basis, and your membership status remains in good standing. If you have any questions, please contact Judi Biederman at:

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Attn: Asst Treasurer
929 South High St., Suite 135
West Chester, PA 19382
judi@biederman.net



From www.themayflowersociety.org/the-pilgrims/children-on-the-mayflower

Corrections to the Summer 2018 issue

- October 13, 2018 Susquehanna Colony Fall Meeting
- November 17, 2018 Western Colony Thanksgiving Meeting
- April 27, 2019 SMDPA Annual Meeting at the Desmond Hotel, Malvern, PA

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

A Note from Your Editor, Cathy Smith

First of all, thank you to everyone who made my life as Junior Co-chair easier: Junior Co-chair Debby Markowitz and helper Sue Henning. Also, Joan Miller who asked me to be the Co-chair, and now your SMDPA Newsletter Editor. As such I can still have fun thinking up activities for the Juniors.

In my new position as an editor, Joan has continued to be a help as has her daughter Deb. Sherri Smith (the former Editor and no known relation of mine) gave me an amazing jump drive with every possible piece of information I could want: past newsletters and the bits and pieces that went into their creation.

And last, but definitely not least, I would like to thank Sharyn Davis, Co-editor, for her quick replies to a great variety of questions about the editorial process. We say we work well together — I like the layout process and she prefers proofreading. Joan and Deb were proofreaders for this issue, too.

IN THE SPRING 2019 ISSUE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MAYFLOWER

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A QUESTION FOR YOU

Who or what gave you your first clue that you are a Mayflower descendant? We'll print some of your answers in the Spring issue.



Please send proposed articles and photos for the

Spring 2019 issue by February 15 to

Editor Cathy Smith PennMayflowerNews@gmail.com

or Co-editor Sharyn Davis sharynsdavis@gmail.com

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LOOKING FOR ALL JUNIORS

by Debby Markowitz, Junior Chair

We are looking forward to seeing more of our juniors in the coming year.

Would love to hear your thoughts on our society and what we can do to

make belonging more interesting - fun and educational. We are open to all

your suggestions and hope to hear from you.



ARE YOU COLLEGE-BOUND?

Check out info about the Scholarship applications on pages 6-7.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

November 18

Wear one of our costumes

...or not. Girls can wear a cap

and apron. Boys the hat.

Then march to the beat

of the drum. Dinner afterwards will be a buffet,

or chicken fingers for children under 10. See you there!



A RARELY TOLD STORY

of the determination of your ancestors in their desire to establish a colony where they could create their own liberties.

Turn the page and read what it was like on the ship called the *Mayflower*.

Keep sailing ~

"Reach for the moon, because if you don't make it you'll land among the stars" - William Cullen Bryant, poet, descendant of Pilgrims John Alden, Priscilla Mullins, William and Alice Mullins





Internet photo

Trivia Question
What was the name of the other ship that the Pilgrims sailed on?
See answer on Page 74.

What must it have been like on board the Mayflower...

What must it have been like on the *Mayflower* after having been aboard this cargo ship since early August and making three failed attempts to sail to America? On this small wooden ship were Separatists, strangers, the ship's crew, children, four of which were traveling alone, two dogs and a few small farm animals. The 102 passengers were packed onto the *Mayflower* like the barrels the ship normally carried.



The Pilgrims lived for several months "tween deck", packed like the cargo that the ship normally transported. Internet photo

...with "102 passengers, 2 dogs, and farm animals?"

The Separatists, who were later called Pilgrims, were anxious to leave the changes in England's religion that King James I had made into laws. The Separatists were determined to worship in the same manner they had worshiped for fifty years prior, so they wanted to "separate" from the church. Many of the strangers aboard the *Mayflower* were recruited for work or for the contributions that they would later make when arriving at their planned destination in America. The destination was patented (permitted) by the English government for a Virginia colony.

The long voyage actually began on August 5, 1620, and the plan was to sail across the Atlantic Ocean on two ships, a small ship *Speedwell* and a slightly larger ship, *Mayflower*. In July, the *Speedwell* had made a successful voyage from Delftshaven, Holland, to Southampton, England, with about 35 English Separatists. They had left England twelve years earlier to live in Holland in an effort to escape religious persecution in their own country.

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August 5 must have been an exciting day for everyone, especially the enthusiastic children, as they looked forward to this adventure. The *Speedwell* and *Mayflower* left Southampton, England, but soon after setting sail, *Speedwell* developed a leak. The detour for repairs at the port in Dartmouth delayed the dual Atlantic voyage nearly 25 extra days.



The Mayflower and Speedwell in Dartmouth Harbor by self-taught artist Leslie Wilcox (1902-1984)

Why did they have to return to port?

After repairs were made to the leaking ship, the two ships set sail once more for a future colony in America. The first 300 miles were likely a huge relief and a time of giving thanks. Unfortunately, the captain of the not-so-*Speedwell*, claimed that the ship was leaking ... again. The two ships circled back to England, stopping at the port of Plymouth (Plymouth in England). William Bradford had his questions about the "leak" aboard the *Speedwell*, when he later wrote in his journal, "...no special leak could be found, but it was judged to be the general weakness of the ship, and that she would not prove sufficient for the voyage...the leakiness of this ship was partly by being over-masted and too much pressed with sails; for after she was sold and put into her old trim, she made many voyages and performed her services."

Passengers and crew of the two ships were understandably upset at the many excuses and waste of time. Seasoned seamen knew that the most challenging weather over the Atlantic Ocean was now something that they would have to face.

Most of the Pilgrims, strangers, crew, animals and cargo transferred onto the remaining ship, the *Mayflower*, while others decided to stay in England, at least for the time being.

On **September 6, 1620**, 398 years ago today, *Mayflower* set sail from Plymouth, England, with many of the 102 passengers praying for safe passage across the Atlantic Ocean in route to a new colony in America. William Bradford wrote of the September 6 departure, "These troubles being blown over, and now all being compact together in one ship, they put to sea again with a prosperous wind..."

To the very young passengers who later became ancestors of yours, their "adventure" began in July of 1620 and ended in the early spring of 1621, while living aboard the *Mayflower* for eight very long months.

<http://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/homework-help/who-were-pilgrims>

<https://worldhistoryproject.org/1620/9/16/the-mayflower-departs-from-southampton-england>

<http://mayflowerhistory.com/voyage>

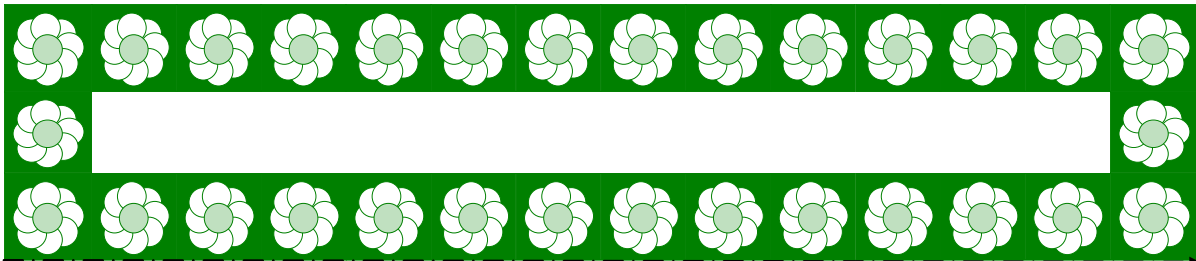
Of Plimoth Plantation, 1620-1647 by William Bradford, pages 47-58

TRIVIA ANSWER : The Pilgrims also sailed on the *Speedwell*.

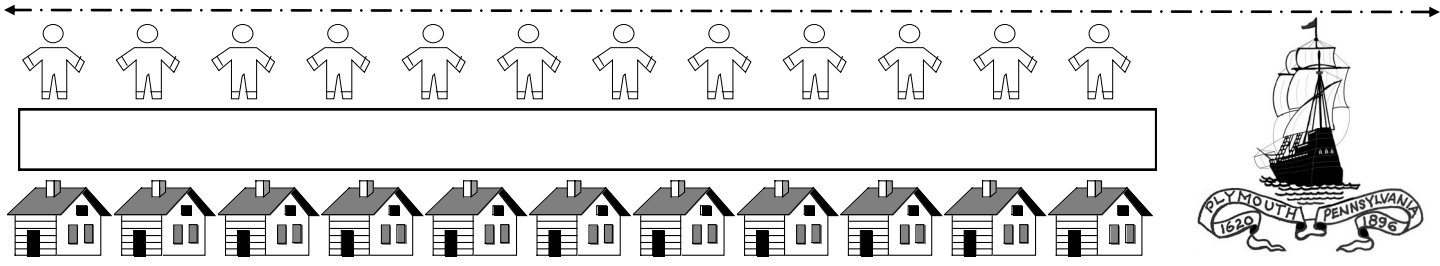
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Color one or both of these. There is room for your name. You can use it for a book-mark...or wear it as a wristband, even to the Thanksgiving Service and Dinner.



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1621 First Feast of Thanksgiving

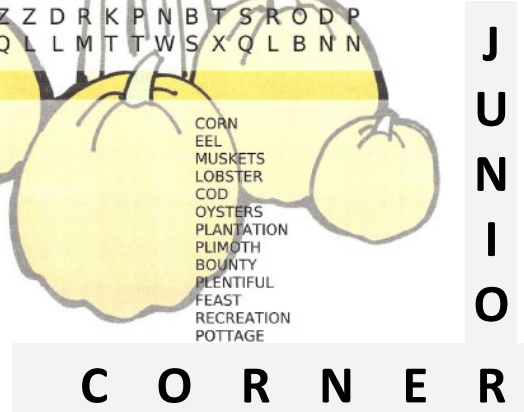
Trace the path the pilgrims need to take through the corn field to find food.



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Thank you to Archivist Peter Dustin for this link to **Indigenous Peoples Day** that was on **October 8**.
www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-american-indian/2018/10/08/indigenous-peoples-day-2018/

SAVE THE DATE

October 27 — Board of Assistants meeting

November 8— Deadline for Thanksgiving Dinner reservations!

November 17 — SOLD OUT Bucks County Ancestry Fair; at Delaware Valley University, Doylestown

November 17 — Western Colony Thanksgiving meeting; at Oakmont Country Club, Oakmont, PA

November 18 — Thanksgiving Dinner; at Schultheis Carriage House, East Greenville, PA

February 23 — Board of Assistants meeting

April 27 — Annual Meeting; at Desmond Hotel, Malvern, PA;

Caleb H. Johnson (*photo on right*)—well-known speaker
and author about the Mayflower passengers

May 4 — Susquehanna Colony spring meeting;

at Country Cupboard Restaurant, Lewisburg, PA;

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