

Celebrating the Pilgrims

Come join with us for the annual Thanksgiving gathering on Sunday, November 19th. The event will be hosted by Covenant Family Church at the facilities of St. Stephen UMC (101 St Stephen Ln, Troy, MO 63379). We will gather for our program (5:00pm-6:15pm) after our afternoon fellowship meal (3:15-4:30 PM), which you are invited to join as well. Our regular worship service is at 1:15-2:30pm, and you are certainly welcome to join us for that also.

During the 5pm service, we will thank God for the Christian heritage of the Pilgrims and the biblical lessons we can learn from them. Author and historian Dan Ford (legacylibertyproperty.com), as well as our own Jeff Hamann and Peter Bringe, will be speaking. There will also be some great congregational singing of hymns and psalms! At the end we will enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dessert. Come one, come all!

The Pilgrims had much to thank God for—they survived the first harsh winter, they grew a bountiful crop due to the wise advice they received from Squanto, they brokered a lasting peace with the local natives, and the Lord gave them an abundant harvest with much promise for the future. We can draw much strength and encouragement from our spiritual forefathers—the Pilgrims! Let us thank God for their spiritual legacy.

If you are joining us for dinner, please bring a main dish and/or a salad or dessert. If you have any questions about the event you can email Peter Bringe at peterjb@truevine.net or message our church on Facebook.

“So many therefore of these believers as saw the evil of these things, in these parts, and whose hearts the Lord had touched with heavenly zeal for his truth, they shook off this yoke of anti-christian bondage, and as the Lord’s free people, joined themselves (by a covenant of the Lord) into a church estate, in the fellowship of the gospel, to walk in all his ways, made known, or to be made known unto them, according to their best endeavors, whatsoever it should cost them, the Lord assisting them. And that it cost them something this ensuing history will declare.”

—William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation*