

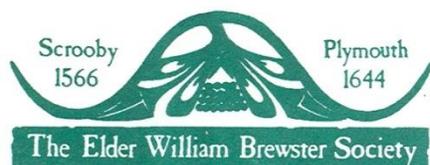
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of last report, 08/30/17
\$38,245.34

Receipts

Membership Dues	\$85.00
Brewster Pin Sales	\$350.00
Donations Cem Proj.	\$150.00

Subtotal \$585.00

Expenses

Memorial Wreath	\$53.13
Hotel 1620 – Dinners	\$3105.54
GSMD Enrollment Fee	\$250.00
Total subtractions	\$3408.67

Balance as of 09/30/17 \$35,421.67

Respectfully submitted
Jane Cobb, Treasurer

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Triennial Meeting in Plymouth. Both the meeting and the Dinner we a success.

REMINDER Dues: If you see 2017 on your mailing label or membership card, you need to renew. Those of you who receive the newsletter via email, will need to check your membership cards. Please renew, so we don't lose you as a member!
Members who receive the newsletter via Postal mail: \$20.00
Members who receive the newsletter via Email: \$15.00 (Feel free to send me an

email, if you are not sure of your date. (It is important to keep us up-to-date if your email address changes).

Send checks payable to: **The Elder William Brewster Society** to:

Mrs. Jane Cobb, Treasurer
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Respectfully,

Jane Cobb, Treasurer
Bwater1@comcast.net

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

I am pleased to report that I have approved 24 new members for this six month period. Please welcome all of our new members.

1. David Scott Olson
2. Mary Helen Short
3. Matthew Kennedy
4. Bonnie Mai Kelms
5. Susan Sheets Hosler
6. Charles David Burt
7. Doris Speer
8. Karen D. Herman
9. Lavonne Speer Beck
10. Taylor Henshall
11. Katharine Marie Swanson
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15. Liam Christopher McGuire
16. Maxwell Ryan McGuire
17. Janet Lyons Blanchard
18. Mary M Long Antonelli
19. Laura A Henderson Gabbard
20. Darilyn Mathis Rice
21. Karen L. Pogoloff
22. Nancy Pharr Haines

23. Thomas Rogers Knapp
24. Susan Anagnost Hughes
25. Steven Scott Martin
26. Richard Drake Curtis
27. Matthew Clark Antonelli
28. Olivia May Antonelli

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello everyone. It was nice to meet and greet so many of you at our Triennial Meeting held on Saturday, September 9th in Plymouth, Massachusetts. I appreciate everyone's contribution to making this event successful. For those of you who couldn't make it this year, PLEASE, mark it on your calendar for 2020. A big celebration will be happening with the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower.

Two of the items that were discussed at the meeting was Vice-President, Stew Brewster's idea for an essay contest with a prize attached to the winner. We are looking for someone with good editing skills and maybe have experience as a teacher in the past or present. Please let us know if you are interested.

The second item, was the removal of the name of "Wentworth" as the maiden name of Mary on the headstone that was placed by our society back in the 70's. As we all know, the name "Wentworth" has never been proven as her maiden name. We would like to have this removed by sandblasting. If anyone know of a good tombstone company in the Plymouth, Ma area that could do this for us, please let us know.

President, John Bradford Towle

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NOTES FROM THE TRIENNIAL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 09, 2017

President John Towle called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

Renowned Mayflower Researcher, Caleb Johnson asked to do a presentation to us about his upcoming research on Jonathan Brewster and the transcription of the Brewster Book. We had about 13 guests from the Massachusetts Mayflower Society sit in on this presentation.

Caleb went on to tell us, that a transcription of the Jonathan Brewster Book. Commonly called “The Brewster Book” had been done, but it was primarily compiled using the vital records that were included in it. However the book contains many other items of interest, including lists of items to bring for a trip to the New World, Recipes, and various other interesting items. He is in the process of transcribing the entire book and hopes to have it published before the 2020 celebration. Caleb spoke for about 30 minutes after which time our Massachusetts members departed and Jane handed out the meeting agenda sheets.

Jane Cobb gave her treasurer’s report.

Greg Thompson gave his membership report and Historian’s report and announced that he would be looking for someone to take over his duties and would be training them throughout the next three years and in 2020 he would be retiring from the position after about 25 years.

Greg also gave a report on the Newsletter and said that he would be looking for someone to do the newsletter as well and if

anyone was interested, to please let him know.

Greg also gave an update on the Brewster Cemetery Project that was spearheaded by our member, Fred Burdick of Stonington, Ct. Fred has done a marvelous job of fixing broken stones, and arranged for the Jonathan Brewster Stone to be sand-blasted into the monolith that was placed in the cemetery years ago by the Colonial Dames. This project cost \$2,000 and was paid for by donations from our generous members and the CT Mayflower Society. This has ensured that no more damage to the stone will occur and will safeguard the stone for another few centuries.

Two Items voted on at the meeting.

1. Greg discussed that the membership was absorbing the cost of membership cards, certificates, and other new member materials that were not being covered by membership dues. He asked the membership to approve a one –time \$25.00 application fee to cover these expenses. It was voted on and UNANIMOUSLY approved.
2. The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is offering Family Mayflower organizations a partnership with them where they will notify new members that they exist, send out brochures with their new member packages and promote the membership of the organization in ways that can help increase membership substantially. Also, at the Triennial Congresses there would be a room set up for Family organizations to use for their members for meeting and greeting members. The cost of this would be \$250.00 per year. It was voted on and UNANIMOUSLY Approved.

Vice-President Skip Brewster talked about creating an essay contest for interested students where a small scholarship would be awarded to

the winners. However, we need people who would be interested in running the contest and who have experience with this sort of thing. If interested, please email him for details.

President Towle brought up the fact that the Wiki listing for William Brewster was far from a scholarly posting and was looking for someone who would be willing to update it with more scholarly information. Email John if you are interested. JohnBTowle@aol.com
The meeting was adjourned at about 5:45 p.m.

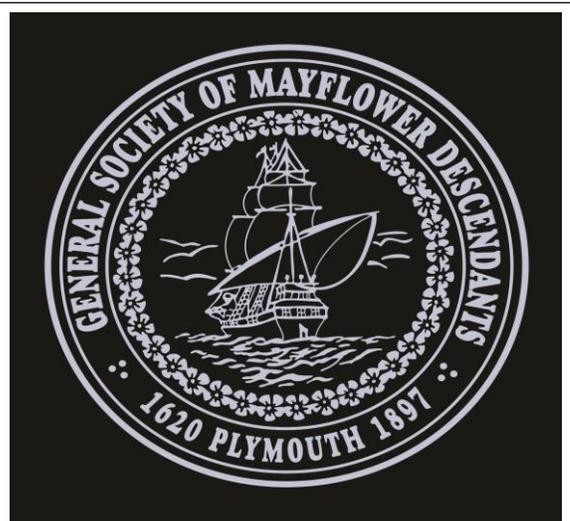
At 6 pm we all got together for drinks and a nice dinner buffet which consisted of Turkey, Stuffing, Peas, Squash, Mashed Potatoes, Salad and rolls and butter, assorted deserts.

While we were eating our desserts, Greg Thompson our Historian introduced Fred Burdick from Stonington, Ct who spoke to us on his work at the Brewster Neck Cemetery, in Preston/Norwich. A great power point presentation was enjoyed by all. THANK YOU FRED!!!! For filling us in on your work at the cemetery.

GSMD FAMILY ASSOC. PARTNERSHIP

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants has been offering Pilgrim Family Associations a chance to partnership with them with the hope of attracting new members to both our Society and the GSMD. At the Triennial Meeting it was voted on unanimously by the membership to join this group. The cost will be \$250.00 per year. In doing so, certain benefits are given us as shown under the Meeting Minutes. We are also allowed to put the local shown below on our website to let people know we are a part of this association. Since William Brewster Descendants are one of the largest group of new members in the GSMD we are hoping to attract many new members in the coming years. Working together with the general society is a win-win situation.

Fred Burdick giving his presentation at dinner



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**NEWSLETTER EDITOR
WANTED !!!**

The Elder Brewster Society is looking for someone to take over the editing of the "Elder William Brewster Press" We are looking for that creative person who has time to do a 12 page newsletter and to make sure that the copies get out by the 15th of May and the 15th of October each year. This newsletter is done using word, but you may use whatever program you feel comfortable with and you can change the format anyway you like. You will also be responsible for sending out the electronic copies of the newsletter to members who wish to receive it by email, presently about 40 percent of our members. You can live in any state to do this. If you are interested, please email me at Gthomp5749@aol.com for more information or questions.

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
WANTED !!!!!**

The responsibility of the Membership chairman is to receive and pre-verify all applications that are received through the website or by postal mail. You would record the number of inquiries and the number of applications forwarded to the Historian. Using available databases you would verify the preliminary application and report back to the prospective member what else is needed for the application. Once the application is ready to go, you would forward it on to the Historian for final approval. You will be provided with the

books and materials that you need to accomplish this task. Please email me at

Gthomp5749@aol.com if you are interested in this position.

HISTORIAN WANTED!!!!!!

After 24 years, I have decided that it's time to move on from this position. I have really enjoyed meeting all the new members that I've met over the last two decades. This Historian position would involve a long-term commitment of at least 6 years. I would hold the position and train you up until the 2020 Triennial meeting at which time you would be placed on the slate for election.

The job involves verifying and approving all applications received from the Membership chair, including making up membership cards and certificates, keeping records of all new members in a database of your choice, receive membership dues and application fees which will be forwarded on to the treasurer.

I would prefer someone with lineage application experience, or at least someone who is an experienced genealogist, as you are going to have the final approval for membership.

If you are interested, please let me know, again, this position will involve excellent training by myself.

Email me if you are interested:

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DONATIONS TO THE CEMETERY PROJECT IN NORWICH/PRESTON, CT

We have received in the last few months a total of \$2,260.00 in donations for the improvement of the Brewster Neck Cemetery. Here is the list of our recent donors.

Arthur F. Young
The Mabee Family Foundation
Merritt & Jeanney Horn
Rae Meiser
Judith Quinn
Helen Haywood Mains
Benita Towle
Karen Pogoloff
Raymond Raser

We thank ALL OF YOU for your generous donations in our quest to improve this cemetery for the future generations.

DEATH OF MEMBERS

We are very sad to report the loss of Mary Sherwood, Mary was a director for many years to the Elder William Brewster Society, as well as she wrote the book, "**Pilgrim, a Biography of William Brewster**" Below, please read her obituary.

Mary B. Sherwood (99) a retired-writer editor for the U.S. Information Agency died May 3, 2017 at her home at Goodwin House, Alexandria. For several years she wrote a column for the agency. "The Week in the United States" about domestic matters ranging from civil rights to politics, which was widely published in overseas newspapers. She covered news assignments at the White House and State Department, as well as Republican and Democratic national party conventions. As a member of the press, she accompanied presidential

campaign tours of Richard Nixon, Hubert Horatio Humphrey, and George McGovern, and traveled with Pat Nixon to Peru and Africa. In her retirement her hobby was genealogy and she wrote a book about one of her ancestors, "Pilgrim, A Biography of William Brewster" which is still in print. She also wrote a booklet about her Irish immigrant grandparents, "Nicholas Burke and Margaret Shannon: Their descendants and a Few Ancestors" She was born in Red Oak, Iowa, November 23, 1917, and graduated in journalism from the University of Iowa. She spent most of her life as a resident of Falls Church. Her husband of 70 years, Robert B. Sherwood of Annapolis, MD, and Venice, FL, a son, Nicholas A Sherwood of Reston, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Graham Road Methodist Church, Falls Church. Pi Beta Phi Social sorority, the Society of Mayflower Descendants, The New England Historical Society, The Elder William Brewster Society and the National Press Club.

Our condolences go out to the family of Ms. Sherwood and she will certainly be missed by those members of the Elder William Brewster Society who knew her.



BREWSTER SOCIETY INSIGNIA

We are pleased to have a new supply of Brewster Society insignia. My apologies to those who ordered when we were out of stock. In any event, we have a new supply and they are available to Brewster Society members for \$35.00 PLUS, \$5.00 shipping. Please mail your request to:

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17 David Drive
East Haven, Ct 06512-1125

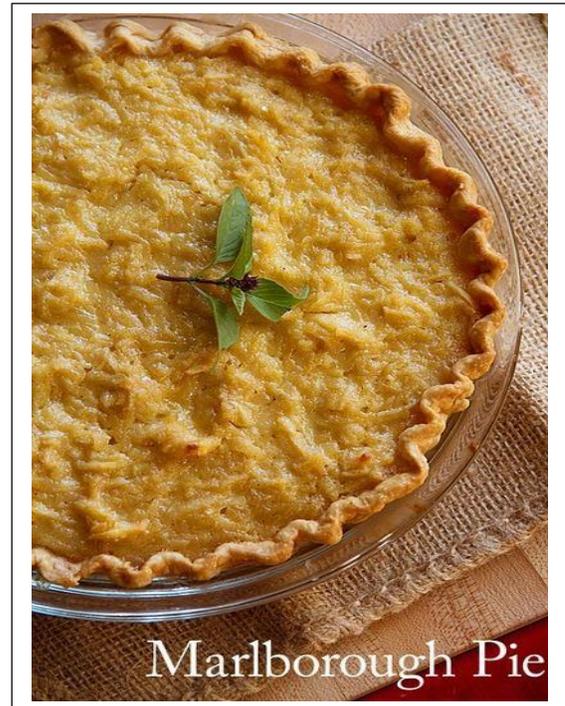


These make nice Christmas gifts for members and for those who are impossible to find a suitable gift because they have everything. If you order before the 10 of December I can guarantee you will have them for Christmas.

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MARLBOROUGH PIE RECIPE

The following recipe was submitted by our member, Charles Wharton. He says that he has made this pie before, basically, it's an apple custard in a pie shell. The sherry and nutmeg make it. Pretty easy he says, really good and a nice alternative to pumpkin. He comments that almost every web site that he's seen claims that this Marlborough Pie is a classic and traditional New England Thanksgiving dessert, but like him, I've never heard of it before.



INGREDIENTS:

- Raw pie pastry (enough to line one 9 inch pan.)
 - 2 pound apples (peeled)
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½ cup granulated sugar
2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice.
2 tablespoons dry sherry
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
3 large eggs (lightly beaten)
1 cup heavy cream
1 pinch freshly grated nutmeg
1 pinch ground cinnamon

Directions

Set your oven rack to the middle position and preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

On a lightly floured surface, roll the dough out to a 12 inch circle, about 1/8 inch thick. Carefully transfer the dough to a pie plate and gently press it up the sides. Drape any excess crust over the edge, then fold under and crimp decoratively. Use a fork to prick holes in the bottom of the dough. Line the dough with parchment or foil and fill with dried beans or pie weights. Bake for 8 minutes. Carefully remove the weights and parchment or foil, then continue baking for another 5 minutes, or until the crust is dry and pale in color. Remove from the oven and set aside on a rimmed baking sheet to cool. Lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees.

Meanwhile, using the medium holes on a box grater (or other hand-held grater) set in a large bowl, coarsely grate the apples down to the core. Sprinkle the apples with sugar, lemon juice, and sherry. Discard cores.

In a large nonstick skillet, melt the butter, then add the grated apples with their liquid, and cook, stirring, until the liquid begins to boil. Reduce the heat to low, then continue cooking, stirring occasionally, until the

apples are tender and most of the liquid has evaporated. 12 to 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and let cool at least 10 minutes.

In a large bowl, whisk eggs, cream, nutmeg and cinnamon. Stir in the cooled apples until well mixed. Pour the custard into the partially baked pie shell.

Transfer the pie, on its baking sheet to the 350 degree oven. Bake until the custard is barely set and a little puffy, but not yet browned, about 35 minutes. Serve at room temperature or chilled.

Mmmmm Mmmmm Good !!!

Thank you Charles for sending this recipe in that he found on the internet.

ELDER WILLIAM BREWSTER 1567-1644. (Written by Francis Robinson)

William Brewster was born about 1567 in Scrooby England, estimate of his birth dates vary considerably. A 1656 date matches better with subsequent life events. He married Mary in 1590 or 1591 (her maiden name has never been proven) and he died on 10 April 1644 in Plymouth Colony nearly 80 years of age (his actual place of death is unknown, some researchers say Plymouth, others say he was buried near his property in Duxbury.)

Education:

Dame School or "Petty" school. Learned to read, write and do sums. Typical entrance

age 5 years old. Boys and girls studied together. Grammar School provided 2,000 hours of instruction a year, twice as long as today. School day began at 6 am until 5 pm five and a half days per week in summer, 7 am to 3 pm in winter with two weeks for holidays. Studies included Latin, Greek, Mathematics, philosophy and literature. Students were expected to converse in Latin while in school and discipline was strict. The nature and range of subjects were different for girls who more often were tutored at home.

Cambridge University. Three year matriculated. No BA degree. Age 15 typical entrance age as a student. Brewster was a "pensioner" one who could pay the tuition. A "sizer" worked to pay his fees.

Home Life:

Appears to be happy, secure, good parents, solid and prosperous.

Career Highlights:

By 1585 Brewster was in the employ of William Davison, Queen Elizabeth's Secretary of State. For Brewster this would be first of two diplomatic trips to the Netherlands with Davison. In 1586 when William Davison was appointed Principal Secretary of State and to the Privy Council, Brewster became one of the 500 or so bureaucrats and courtiers of Queen Elizabeth I's entourage that rotated from "sweet castle to sweet castle."

In 1590 upon the death of his father, Brewster replaced him as bailiff and postmaster. Also in 1590 Brewster married his wife Mary.

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By 1603 +/- William Brewster was attending Separatist religious services conducted by two ministers, Rev. Richard Clyfton and Rev. John Smyth who preached in the Gainsborough Old Manor Hall. He first meets Bradford and Robinson there.

1606 is the year of "Friendly Division" Pastor Clyfton's group that included Brewster, Bradford, and Robinson moved their religious services to Scrooby Manor.

In 1606 the first written Congregational Covenant known as The Scrooby Covenant with Richard Clyfton, pastor: John Robinson, teacher: William Brewster, elder. "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 to them according to their best endeavor, whatever it should cost them, the Lord assisting them."

In 1607 the Scrooby group hired a ship to take them to Holland to escape the persecutions of the King and established Church. The English shipmaster betrayed them to the authorities and the men captured, robbed of much of their money and their leaders including Brewster and Bradford were imprisoned for seven weeks in two tiny Boston jail cells. Their second attempt to escape though better planned was no more successful. In small groups during 1608 they eventually reached Holland, hoping to join forces with John Smyth's congregation. However this group was plagued with constant bickering, internal strife, and conflicting theological interpretations.

1609, after a disappointing year, Pastor Robinson and Elder Brewster led their flock

numbering 101 to Leiden. Brewster supported his family by teaching English and Latin to University of Leiden students.

1616-1617 – Brewster established the Choir Alley Press in partnership with Thomas Brewer, printing banned religious books for sale in Scotland and England.

In 1617 Edward Winslow arrived in Leiden and spent three years under the tutelage of Brewster and the pastoral influence of John Robinson.

The Perth Assembly was the book that radically altered Brewster’s life in 1619. The crown placed a price on his head, his printing equipment seized. He remained in hiding only to emerge on the Mayflower when it sailed from South Hampton.

November 1620 the Mayflower Compact. The Pilgrims had 14 years of experience with independent church governance before writing the Mayflower Compact.

1621 the Peace Treaty with Massasoit may in large part come from Brewster’s recollections of the English/Dutch “Mutual Defense Pact,” which Davison drafted for Queen Elizabeth. Brewster accompanied Davison on two diplomatic missions to the Netherlands.

After arriving in the Plymouth Colony, Brewster continued his vital role as church elder for life and served as a pulpit minister for the Colony whenever an ordained minister was not available. For the first nine years, Brewster was their only pulpit minister and filled in the vacancies between departure and arrival of ordained ministers.

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At first church services were held in the common house for one and half years. By the summer of 1622, services were conducted in the fort on Burial Hill: men on the left, women on the right all seated on wooden benches. Baptism and Holy Communion could not be administered, as Elder Brewster was not ordained. During these years, Bradford wrote, “William Brewster preached powerfully and profitably, and taught twice every Sabbath. To the Great contentment of the hearers and their comfortable edification, many were brought to God by his ministry” “Brewster was quick to suppress an error of contention that might begin to arise.”

Shortly after Brewster died, William Bradford wrote about his friend in “Of Plymouth Plantation.” He had lived with the Brewster family while in Scrooby and in Leiden until his marriage. In the early years, Brewster served as a father figure or mentor for the young Bradford. They developed a trust and bond that was to endure until Brewster’s death forty years later.

There is no portrait or likeness of Brewster, nor any physical description even by Bradford who thought of him as a dear and loving friend. He described him as “wise, well spoken, very cheerful spirit, very sociable and pleasant amongst his friends of a humble and modest mind.”

Children of William and Mary Brewster

Jonathan – born August 12, 1593, married Lucretia Oldham, April 10, 1624 in Plymouth, Ma. He died August 7, 1659,

buried in the Brewster Cemetery, Preston, Ct

Patience – born about 1600, married Thomas Prence, August 5, 1624. She died in an outbreak of “pestilent fever” in 1634.

Fear – born about 1605, married Isaac Allerton about 1625. Died in 1634 during the outbreak of “pestilent fever”

Love – born about 1607, married Sarah Collier May 15, 1634. He died in Duxbury in 1650. Often called Truelove by his grandchildren.

Wrestling – born about 1611 in Leiden, died in New England date unknown.

The above article was contributed and written by Francis Robinson of Cape Cod.

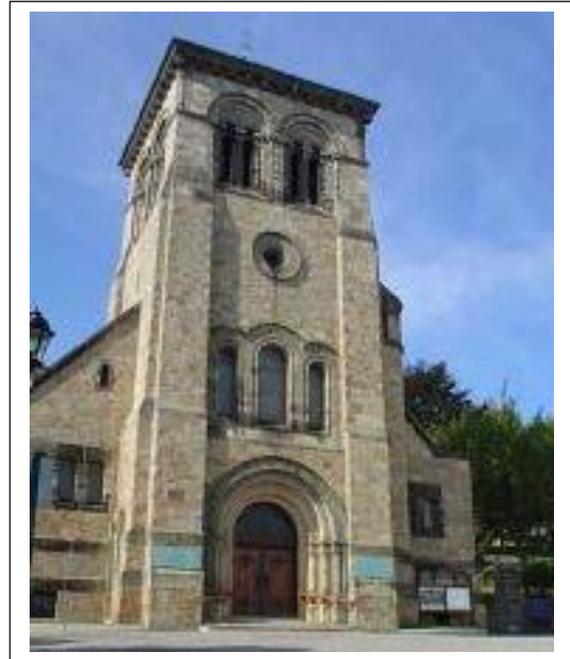
GSMD has entered into an agreement to possibly purchase the First Parish Church of Plymouth, Ma.

The first Parish Church, in Plymouth as it stands was built in 1899. It is located on the same spot that the original church was built by the pilgrims in the 1600s. There were 3 previous churches built on this spot.

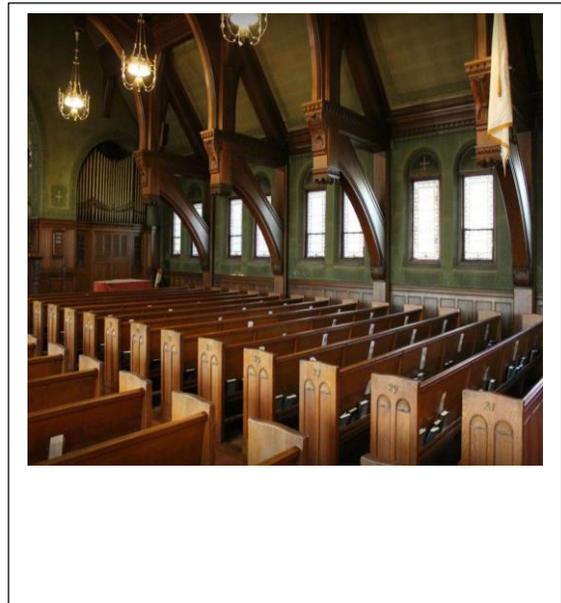
The church has approached the General Society of Mayflower Descendants on a possible gifting by the Church to take over this building which needs a lot of updating and repair.

An agreement was made, that if the GSMD could raise three Million dollars before 2020 the church would be transferred to the Society. The Society wishes to use it as a visitor’s center. The Congregation will still have use of the church for their worship services, but the GSMD would own it and have it available for functions and other

activities. Please watch the news for fundraising activities and new about the church.



First Parish Church of Plymouth



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