



THE PILGRIM QUILL

OCTOBER 2020



Thoughts for Pilgrim's Journey ...

We have now completed four months together. Well, sort of, we can hardly say "together" can we! I have met a few of you, maybe 40 – 50. Most of those have been in person at the outdoor gatherings some have been online through ZOOM meetings and coffee hour chat time. Ministry is of course all about relationships and relationships are difficult to nurture and build on when we cannot be together in person. Ministry is about compassion and understanding and listening as much as it is about teaching and preaching. Back when I said "yes" and accepted the position to serve as your Interim Minister COVID-19 was only in China and no one, at the end of February, could have imagined that we would be out of church for this long.

Yet here we are struggling to imagine new ways to do "church". The Ham Dinner group is worried, and rightly so, as it takes a lot of people being in close quarters for an extended period of time to make it happen – then there is the simple logistical effort of serving 600 meals more or less as people pass through the driveway or sit in the parking lot.

The October self-assessment meetings are coming up and I am worried about being in person for that (we'll be spread way apart IF WE PROCEED). BUT PLEASE DO sign up as it will be your opportunity to have input about who we are as a church, where you want to go and what kind of leader to take you there.

The Mission and Outreach Committee is fretting over the loss of all the Christmas giving opportunities that will be missed. We will miss the opportunity to give but others will suffer the loss of not receiving! There will be no gift fair. And there will be no Faith Formation classes for a while.

On the PLUS side however we have begun some Adult Education opportunities and the Search Committee has actually met. There will be some opportunities for giving through the Angel Tree and Pilgrim will once again gather Coats for Kids and Toys for Tots.

We are being the church.

There are more ways that you can be active and involved. Remember just reaching out to make a phone call can make someone's day. Calling a friend or someone new can brighten a day and strengthen a relationship. Try looking through the directory and calling someone you haven't seen for a while just to "catch up." Try writing a note or sending an email to a person you always thought you might want to get to know better. Just lifting up the phone and dialing up a number and saying you are a fellow church member at Pilgrim and wanted to say, "Hello," can really make a difference.

I believe that at its very basic level the church is about being relational and we can do that even when we are distant from one another. Connections make a difference! In a former life 45+ years ago I went off to live in Aspen, Colorado and it was the weekly letters from my mother that kept me connected. No matter what happened or how I felt it was always great to feel that connection with home. Today we have lost the art of writing letters but it can and does still mean a lot. Let someone know you are thinking about them. You can make a difference in someone's life.

Blessings Friends,
Pastor Richard



More from the Pastor

October Themes

October 4 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost -
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sermon Title "The Capstone Once Discarded"

Psalm 19

Scripture Reading Matthew 21:33-44

October 11 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title "Celebrate the Sacred"

Psalm 23

Scripture Reading Philippians 4:4-9

October 18 - Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title "Who Is the Best Skier?"

Psalm 99

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:2-9

October 25 - Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title "It's The Law"

Psalm 1

Scripture Reading Matthew 22:34-46



A Note from our Council President

Richard has been doing an outstanding job adapting Pilgrim to Covid-19 restrictions. Gary Ring and his Search Committee have started their incredible challenge of replacing Ted. Since I, as Council President, am not directly involved in these major projects, I will revert back to my previous format for the Quill – some contemporary, thought provoking comments, this one from a somewhat non-religious person:

When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down, "happy!" They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life.

When you do something noble and beautiful, but nobody noticed, do not be sad. For the sunrise every morning is a beautiful spectacle, and yet most of the audience sleeps through it.

Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans.

Possession isn't nine-tenths of the law.

It is nine-tenths of the problem.

I believe in God, but not as one thing, not as an old man in the sky. I believe that what people call God is something in all of us. I believe that what Jesus and Mohammed and Buddha and all the rest said was right. It's just that the translations have gone wrong.

I challenge you to determine the author, who will be revealed next month.

Bayard Frederick



Search Committee

Dear Fellow Members of Pilgrim UCC,

The Search Committee was formed in August and approved by the Church Council to include; Jim Bentley, Peg Bradley, Drew Mueller, Tony Prus, Gary Ring, Barb Roder, Sue Schmitz, and Jeff Siemers. Gary Ring will be the chairperson. As members of the Search Committee, we want to express our gratitude for the trust you have placed in us. Our first committee meeting was held on 9/16 for an orientation with the Rev. Jane Anderson from the N.E. Association of the WI Conference who will continue to work closely with us.

Here is a brief summary of the Search and Call process in the UCC.

We seek your perspectives on our church and its ministry through the church assessment sessions that Pastor Richard is holding on October 3 & 10 from 9:00 AM until noon. Your attendance, input and ideas about new pastoral leadership will be incorporated into the "Local Church Profile" that we will develop.

Our vacancy for a Settled Pastor will then be listed in the "UCC Employment Opportunities."

Persons who have been authorized to complete a UCC Ministerial Profile will submit their profiles to us through the WI Conference/Association office. The candidate Profiles will include information such as the candidates educational background, experience, a detailed faith statement, eight written references, a background check form, and a criminal background check.

While the work on the Local Church Profile requires the input of many in the congregation, the names of all candidates are held in strict confidence within the Search committee and we ask you to respect the essential confidentiality of this process. We will make every effort to keep you informed about our progress on a regular basis.

We will share our Local Church Profile with candidates, and we will begin to follow up with persons in whom we have particular interest. The follow up will include telephone reference checks, telephone interviews, and requests for sermon tapes or videos. While pursuing these steps, we will continue to evaluate new Ministerial Profiles.

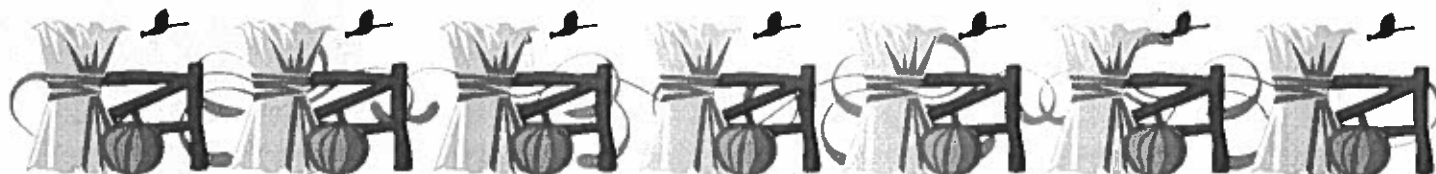
We will select a small number of candidates for personal interviews, following which we will make arrangements for our Search Committee members to worship with them, most often in a neutral church setting arranged by our WI Conference/Association office.

We will invite at least two candidates back for second interviews, following which we will seek God's guidance and prayerfully make a decision on a candidate.

If the candidate we recommend chooses to accept, compensation arrangements will be clarified, and a date for a "candidating Sunday" will be established. You will have an opportunity to meet the candidate (and family) that weekend in an informal setting as well as a formal worship service where the candidate will preach. A congregational meeting will follow worship offering members an opportunity to ask questions of the Search Committee, and to vote on the Call to our new pastor.

We are grateful during this time for the excellent interim leadership of Pastor Feyen. We profoundly trust that God will guide both our candidates and the members of the Search Committee. We ask you to pray for us regularly. We are blessed with a wonderful church community; with hard work and God's guidance, we will be blessed with a wonderful new pastor to guide us as we minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Ring, Search Committee chairperson.



SCRIP

Hi Church Friends,
 I just want to continue to put in a plug for Pilgrim's SCRIP program. While I know it's not as convenient as it used to be by just coming up to the SCRIP table in the narthex on any Sunday morning, I will do my best to make it as easy as possible for you to still be able to obtain your SCRIP cards and support Pilgrim at the same time. I'm just a phone call away...904-5740.

So please consider getting back into the habit of using SCRIP for your weekly needs such as groceries, gas and restaurants or any of the other regular businesses you purchased from.

Thank you to those of you who have been continuing to keep Pilgrim in mind when needing SCRIP!

Blessings,
 Karen

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Coats for Kids

Have any warm coats you have outgrown or can no longer use? Or did you see a great sale on winter jackets? Please donate them to the annual Coats for Kids campaign here in the Fox Valley. A collection bin will be placed between the doors at the entrance for your convenience. . Collected coats will be cleaned and then given to kids who are in need during the long Wisconsin winter. Brrrr! Gently used or new coats are welcome, including sizes infant through adult. Many high schoolers wear adult sizes. The collection will be for the month of October.



Coats for Kids

Ham Dinner

Due to Covid 19 concerns, the Ham Dinner/Fall Fest for 2020 has been cancelled.

Please watch for a letter explaining our thoughts about the dinner.

Randy & Linda Stutz
 Church Council



Ham Dinner

Congregational Assessment

The meetings scheduled for October 3 & 10 to share your thoughts about what you would like to see in our next Pastor have changed. Due to the rise in Covid numbers we are scaling the meetings back to 10 per meeting.

We will contact all the people who have signed up and "rearrange" the meeting times.

If you have not signed up....please do!! We do want input from as many members of the congregation as possible.

Call the office (921-0415) or email Jill at jill.barbeau@pilgrimuccfd.org

Thank you!



Adult Education

Given the Covid-19 restrictions, our Adult Education programs this fall will be presented virtually. We encourage you to join us from the comfort of your own home with no masks required!

Adult Forum
10:15-11:15 ZOOM
SUNDAY

We will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:15 to 11:15 via Zoom. The link for these meetings is the same as the link for virtual coffee hour. We will have a few minutes to chat before the program begins promptly at 10:15.

October 4th Virtual Coffee Hour

October 11th & 18th
"Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence"
Leaders: Randy & Linda Stutz

This video addresses the critical issue of gun violence prevention by moving the conversation away from the polarizing extremes that have long dominated the debate and lifting up the voice and experiences of those who seek common ground and a new way forward.

October 25th
"Protecting the Flock: How Safe is your Church?"
Leaders: Randy Stutz and Avery Geiger

"What do we call the place we worship in? We call it a sanctuary. Yet that doesn't mean we don't take steps to keep it safe." - Rev. Dr. Philip Oehler

Bible with Bagels
9:00-10:30 ZOOM
Wednesday

BWB meets Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 via Zoom. The link for these meetings will remain the same for each Wednesday throughout the fall semester.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?pwd=cGxJa0pJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtJYzNoZz09>

Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384
 Passcode: 762316

September 23rd - October 28th
Beyond Belief: A Marcus Borg Perspective
A "Living the Questions" series
Leaders: Neal Sieglaff & Jim Thomas

This video series contains favorite moments, core teachings and extensive never before seen material of Marcus Borg from the LtQ archives plus commentary from Rev. Marianne Borg.

- Centered in the Spirit
- Meeting Jesus Again
- Followers of the Way
- Reading the Bible
- An Emerging Way
- Beyond Belief



Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

Sunday School News

Hi, I hope this finds everyone getting back into the new "norms" of our various school routines. The CE Ministry recently met and have a few ideas we would like to share with you our Sunday school families at this time.....

ZOOM BINGO

We will be setting up a zoom meeting for Friday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. to play BINGO! There are a variety of ways to obtain a BINGO card if you wish to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship....You can print one off of the internet, you may have a BINGO game at home and you can just use a traditional card from that game or you can reach out to Miss Karen and I will be sure to get you a card to play along on. A suggestion for marking off the numbers called should be something such as pennies, cheerios, M&M's, raisins, popcorn kernels or anything else that you can reuse as we will play several games. Any prizes won (and of course there will be prizes!) will either be mailed out to the winners or dropped off at their homes while social distancing, of course. This will be a great opportunity for kids and adults to be able to safely gather for fellowship and fun and allow us the opportunity to say hi too many familiar faces we haven't seen in a while. The zoom link has not been set up as of yet but will be available soon through Pastor Richard's weekly emails or by emailing Karen who will be sure to get it to you. This is an intergenerational event so we encourage any and all to join us.

BINGO				
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6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

Looking for Participants

Since the Sunday school classes are not in session at this time and we will not be performing an Advent/Christmas program this year, we were thinking that it might be nice to allow for an opportunity for our students to showcase their many talents which could then be shown on a Sunday morning live streaming worship service. Maybe your son/daughter plays a musical instrument, or likes to sing or dance...well we would encourage you to have them practice and then videotape them. You would then send this video to Karen or Neal and we will compile them to be shown during a live worship service. Our target date for this would be for the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th, so we would want to have all videos prior to this date. Please contact Karen if you have any questions regarding this event. 920-904-5740

Sharing Jesus' Love

The CE ministry will be putting together monthly little craft bags with the supplies to make a craft and a small message and then share that craft with someone (example: maybe making a friendship bracelet to give to someone to show them God's Love). This is still a work in progress but watch for something soon.

Until next month....Stay safe, and stay well
Blessings,
Karen



Parish Nurse

Medicare sign up

Every year there are changes to Medicare benefits and supplements, and the yearly opportunity to make any changes is October 15 - December 7. The Senior Benefit Specialist for FDL County is able to provide a free meeting/review of plans for FDL County residents aged 60 and older. She is the go-to person for current, accurate, non advertisement information about Medicare and types of supplements. She does not sell anything - she educates on options.

Due to Covid 19, there are no in person meetings, but you can schedule a phone meeting by calling 920-929-3521 or emailing shari.null@fdlco.wi.gov. If interested, please call soon - she gets really busy during this time of year!

Virus Information Contact Tracing

Close contact is defined as contact "within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes". When someone tests positive for Covid, a person hired by the Public Health Department calls them to ask about these contacts. Based on that information, they will call that persons' close contacts to tell them that they have been exposed to Covid. They will ask about that persons' contacts, talk about quarantining for 14 days, monitoring for symptoms, resources for testing and numbers to call with questions/concerns. The goal is to slow or even stop any further spread from that positive case. These discussions are confidential. Names and situations are not shared with any contacts. Unfortunately, cons and scams don't stop during pandemics...legitimate contract tracers will never ask for financial information, or social security, insurance or Medicare numbers!

Wash your Hands!

It takes about 20 seconds to sing the Doxology - a perfect song to wash your hands by. Think about the words as you sing - it can help shift thoughts to blessings and gratitude.

Influenza

The recommendation from the CDC is that all persons 6 months and older (who do not have contraindications) be vaccinated against seasonal influenza by the end of October. With seasonal influenza, there is a 1-4 day incubation period and people are infectious before they experience symptoms. (So, they can pass on the virus

before they know they have it...it's the nature of any virus...) After vaccination, it takes about 2 weeks for a full antibody response.

I know people have strong feelings one way or the other re: getting a flu shot. Personally, I do believe in the benefit of vaccinations and will recommend talking with your Primary Care provider if you have any questions or concerns - one way or the other. There are many opportunities to receive a flu shot in Pharmacies and Clinics now. Some Pharmacies advertise "walk-in" services. Agnesian's flu shot clinics require an appointment.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

For the record...A person does not have to have a family history to get breast cancer, and caffeine, deodorants, implants, microwaves, or cell phone overuse do not cause breast cancer. Cancer is defined as "an uncontrolled cell growth of abnormal cells". The abnormal cells form a "glob" of cells - and sometimes break off and travel to other areas of the body to form new "globs". Routine Mammograms continue to be the gold standard test for early detection. The general recommendation is yearly between 45-54 years old and then every 1-2 years after the age of 55. This is a conversation to be had with a Primary Care Provider as personal factors such as family history, breast density, history of chest radiation, a history of breast cancer, and/or hormonal therapy, may change the recommended frequency of testing. Breast Cancer deaths have been declining since 1989. Regular screening, early detection and better treatments are being attributed to this (wonderful) statistic. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Covid 19 does not preclude getting preventative testing for (any) cancer. Please contact your Primary Care Provider if you are "due" for a screening Mammogram or if you have any questions.

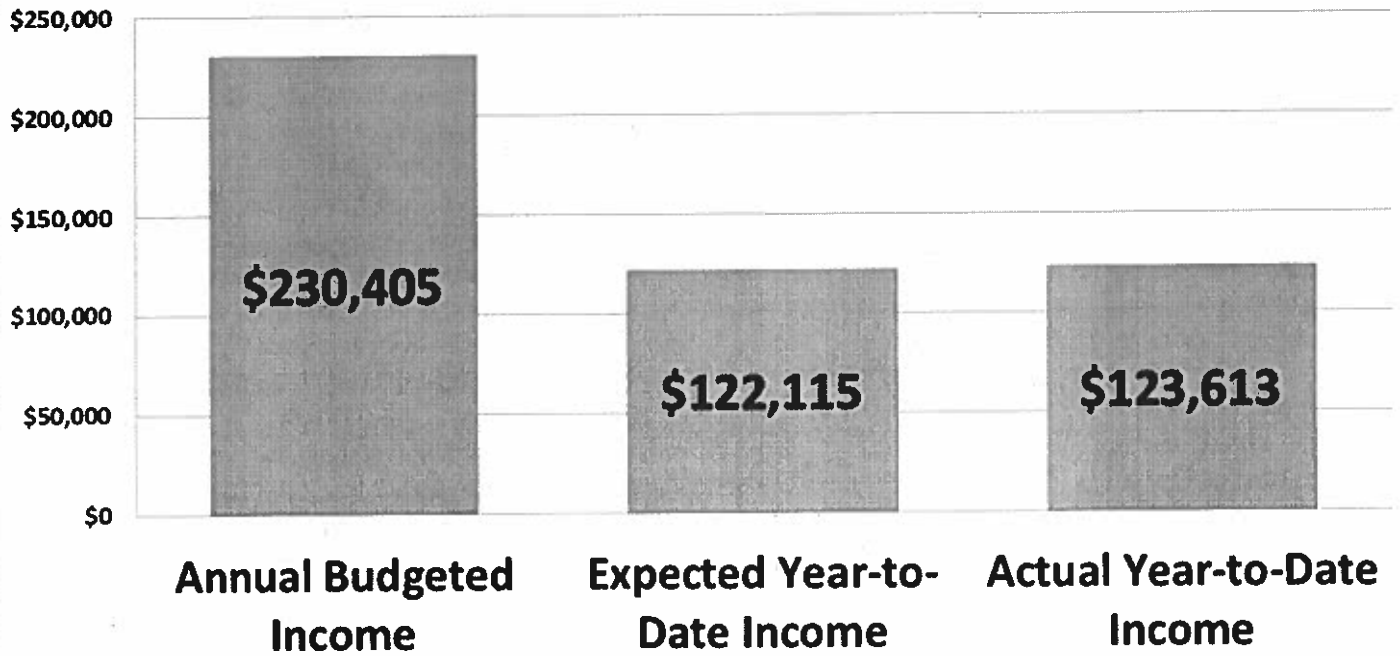
National Candy Corn Day - October 30th

Candy Corn was created in the 1880's and was first marketed as "Chicken Feed". The candy is basically sugar, corn syrup (more sugar), and a little salt. 1 serving = about 19 kernels, and 140 fat free calories. Over 35 million pounds are made/consumed each year. Now you know.



Pilgrim Church 2020 Total Income

As of August 31, 2020



EMPOWERING THE CONVERSATION

SMALL FARMERS, BIG CHANGE



Join us virtually to celebrate
Fair Trade Month and
Global Climate Change Week

October 14th
7PM CST

[Register for this virtual event here: bit.ly/eesmallfarmers](http://bit.ly/eesmallfarmers)

For thirty-four years Equal Exchange has been working to build alternative models that connect small farmers and small-farmer cooperatives to consumers. We strive to create a food system that benefits farmers, workers, and consumers and are always asking ourselves the question of who are the people behind our food? Please join us for a **virtual** conversation around the intersection between sustainability, authentic Fair Trade, and ways to get involved in the community of Fond du Lac and at Equal Exchange.



Partnering Organizations

Farm2Table Co-op & Café • Fond du Lac County Audubon • Just Fare Market • Sustain Fond du Lac
Moraine Park Technical College • UW Oshkosh • Sustainability Institute for Regional Transformations (SIRT)
Congregation of Sisters of St Agnes (CSA) • FDL Fair Trade Towns • 5-Stones

Birthdays

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| 2 Mark Schmidt | 19 Alex Wright |
| 7 Chase Westphal | Matthew Steier |
| 9 Weldon Peterson | 23 Jean Wright |
| Susan Roloff | 24 Rachel Caulfield |
| 12 Sharon Menger | 25 Jessica Goodacre |
| 14 Donna Vande Zande | 26 Samantha Curl |
| Ted Drewsen | 28 Phyllis Schmidt |
| 16 Thomas Kirchhoff | John Westphal |
| 17 Maddie Abler | 30 Barb Tadych |
| 18 Linda Friedel | Trevor Clementi |
| James LaLuzerne | |



Anniversaries

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| Dave & Judi Faubel | Oct. 1, 1977 |
| Barb & Ron Spies | Oct. 3, 1970 |
| Jeanne & Arvin Koepke | Oct. 4, 2003 |
| Jason & Jolene Schmid | Oct. 4, 2014 |
| Kim & John Olson | Oct. 27, 1990 |
| Randy & Linda Stutz | Oct. 27, 1990 |



Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and your name is not on the list, perhaps we don't have your information. Please call Jill in the church office (921-0415) or fill out the form below so your name can be included next year!

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary listed in The Quill, just fill out this form and return it to the church office.

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Bayard Frederick via Zoom
Pastor Richard shared a passage from Birdlike and Barnless which was followed by a prayer.
Members present: Pastor Richard Feyen, Bud Browning, Linda Stutz, Bayard Fredrick, Sharon Menger, Patti Burns, Karen Goodacre, Jean Wright, Avery Geiger, Barb Geiger, Tom Kirchhoff, Donna Jost (attending for Treasury) and Patty Minter.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Reports from June 15 and July 20, 2020 were reviewed. A motion was made by Bud Browning and seconded by Karen Goodacre to accept the June report. A motion was made by Linda Stutz and seconded by Karen Goodacre to accept the July report. Motions carried.

Treasurer's Report:
The treasurer's report was reviewed. The report was accepted as presented.

Pastor's Report: See written report
In lieu of visits to hospitalized and homebound members regular notes are being written and sent.
Current office hours continue to be Monday – Wed 9 am -5 pm.
Monitoring Covid-19 FDL Co Health Dept. website.
Meeting with church committees that are meeting
Nicole Hawkins has resigned from Youth Ministry however; Ian Hawkins will continue and has attended CE Committee meeting.
Enjoying working with the Pilgrim congregation.
Scheduled vacation Sept. 7-Sept. 13.

Vice President's – In process of completing annual staff review. Thank note sent to the Wright family for the memorial gift.

President's Report: None

Old Business:

A search committee consisting of Gary Ring, Jim Bentley, Tony Prus, Peg Bradley, Barb Roeder, Sue Schmitz, Jeff Siemers and Drew Mueller has been formed. A motion was made by Karen Goodacre and seconded by Barb Geiger to approve the search committee with Gary Ring and the chair, Motion unanimously approved.
Regathering – The Worship Committee has met and discussed. Pilgrim will not regather Sept. 13. This is per the recommendation of the Council on Church's guidelines. The congregational survey indicated that the congregation is content with online worship. At this time Regathering will be indefinitely postponed and will be reviewed monthly. Beginning in September Adult Education will follow the worship service via Zoom. The council voted to accept the recommendations of the Worship Committee.
As part of the new pastor search the Executive Committee recommends that the congregation complete a Self-Assessment. They recommend having 2 small in person meetings (if possible) for the congregation to discuss. Dates for these meeting are set for Oct 3 and Oct. 10, 2020. Times to be announced.
Fond du Lac Co Day Treatment Program has been meeting in the church as agreed on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays under the direction of Linda Stutz. Linda reports that this is going well and that the participants are appreciative of being able to gather.

New Business:

An outdoor evening Vespers Service is scheduled for September 20, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Bring chairs and masks.

Ministry Reports:

Christian Outreach –Canceling Alternative Gift Fair. Having discussion about Coats for Kids.

Worship and Music – Regathering continues to be discussed. Jill Barbeau and Chris Frederick are trained in the Sunday presentation software. Nick Bonnell has been hired to be the custodian. Joy Miller resigned from Visual Environment.

Christian Education – Nicole Hawkins has resigned as Youth Leader. Delivering bibles to 2nd graders. An anonymous donation to be used toward Family Fun Nights was received!

SCRIP Update – Encourage purchasing of script to support Pilgrim. Can contact Karen Goodacre. She is placing an order every other week.

Property & Maintenance –Silica plumbing is working on plumbing issues. Roof repairs and painting projects are under way.

Lay Life & Leadership - no report

Stewardship & Finance – Looking into On Line Giving.

Membership & Evangelism – Calls being placed to all members during COVID. Currently on round 3 of calls to keep the congregation connected.

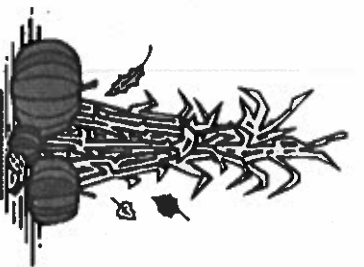
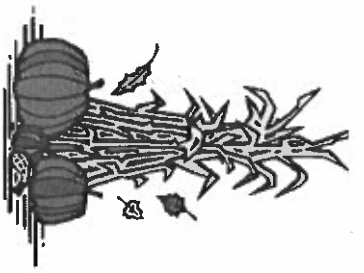
Nominating Committee - none

Ham Dinner – Discussion of possibly having Take Out Only version of Ham Dinner

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be held September 21, 2020 @ 6:00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patti Burns, Secretary



OCTOBER

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Fri

Sat

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				5:30 Bell Practice	7:00 Al-Anon	Congregational Assessment Time—TBD
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9:00 Worship YouTube 10:00 Coffee Hour (Zoom)			9:00 BWB (ZOOM)	5:30 Bell Practice	7:00 Al-Anon	Congregational Assessment Time—TBD
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:00 Worship YouTube 10:00 Adult forum (Zoom)	11:00 Membership 4:00 Christian Ed 5:30 Worship		9:00 BWB (ZOOM)	5:30 Bell Practice	7:00 Al-Anon	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:00 Worship YouTube 10:00 Adult Forum (Zoom)	6:00 Council Mtg. Quill articles due (Zoom)		9:00 BWB (ZOOM)	9:30 Quill mailing 5:30 Bell Practice	7:00 Al-Anon	
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We are happy to send you our newsletter, but if you no longer wish to receive it, please contact us and we will remove you from our mailing list.

- Interim Pastor..... Rev. Richard Feyen
- Administrative Assistant..... Jill Barbeau
- Parish Nurse..... Sue Schmitz
- Sunday School Director..... Karen Goodacre
- Youth Director..... Ian Hawkins
- Adult Education Director..... Suzette Curtis
- Organist..... Helen Gillsdorf
- Choir Director..... Zachary Ball
- Choir Accompanist..... Myra Strebe
- Custodian..... Nick Bonnell
- Church Council President..... Bayard Frederick
- Church Council Vice President..... Barb Geiger
- Church Council Secretary..... Patt Burns
- Church Treasurer..... Bud Browning

Those Who Serve

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, a theologically progressive Christian church, pursues growth in faith, social justice, and respect for all voices-with Jesus as our model for how to live and love.