



THE PILGRIM QUILL

APRIL 2021



Thoughts for the Pilgrim's Journey

It has now been a year of COVID-19. That is not news but it is well worth reflecting on for a few moments.

It is beginning to feel like spring. Easter will be upon us very shortly being April 4th this year. The new life, the victory of the message of love for all and the rejoicing we share at the love of Christ alive in the world; is with us all at this time. There is a "mood in the air" that is calling us to move about outdoors. The temperature is in the sixties and I even heard reports of Sand Hill Cranes, Red Wing Blackbirds being sighted and a flower inching up through the soil.

New life is upon us in many different ways.

A year ago when COVID-19 first hit none of us ever imagined that we would be struggling like we are a full year later. That said we are seeing a light at the end of this long dark tunnel. We are talking about being back together in worship in a few weeks. And we are picturing ourselves, at least in small numbers, gathering together and experiencing the compassion of the church alive among us.

It has been a long struggle. But this struggle has also taught us some very positive messages. Personally I am "seeing," via ZOOM, my mother and sisters and brother every other week. Our daughters and Peggy and I are having "face to face" gatherings via video conference every week and spending some fun time together which includes most of the grandchildren.

As a church the upgrades in electronics continue to enable us to improve our on-line presence and a commitment has been made to continuing to "Live-Stream" our worship services long term.

The Church Council, the Worship Ministry Team and other committees have learned to function remotely in very meaningful ways and meeting via video conferencing will always be an option from now on for time when weather keeps us indoors.

Our lives have been permanently changed and there are positive benefits to the COVID-19 pandemic.

One other positive that has grown out of people being away from church for a while is that when a person come back they tend to see the building with "fresh eyes". We look at things differently after being gone a while. The wear and tear shows up, the walls that need patching and the ceiling mildew all show up a lot more after you have not seen it for a while. And the carpet ... many people have seen how old and tired the carpet looks. There is already fresh paint, a number of ceiling repairs, and some new art and wall hangings. The Christian Education / Parish Nurse office has been given a significant overhaul and looks great. Now it also appears that we will be having new carpet throughout the administration and worship wing of the church by the time we have a new minister.

There is MUCH to look forward to in Pilgrim's future.

Our lives have been permanently changed and there are some positive benefits.

Blessings to you Friends!

Richard



More from the Pastor

WORSHIP THEMES FOR APRIL

April 1st

Maundy Thursday: A Service of Tenebrae
Sermon Title: Proclaiming Jesus' Death

April 4th Easter

Sermon Title: ALIVE ... In You and I
Theme: Living in Spirit Among us
Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24.
Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18

April 11th

Sermon Title:
Guest Ministers Revs. Tom and Debbie Payden
Psalm 133
Scripture Reading: John 20:19-23

April 18th

Sermon Title: Children ... All of Us
Theme: One in the spirit of the Anointed One
Psalm 4
Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:1-7
Contemporary Reading: A Journey with God in Time:
A Spiritual Quest *By John S. Dunne*

April 25th

Sermon Title: Doing and Doctrine or Devotion
Theme: Beliefs or actions
Psalm 23
Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-24
Contemporary Reading: Interreligious Prayer: A Christian
Guide *By Thomas Ryan*



Let's Talk About Gathering For Worship

It is unquestionably something we all miss. And we do want to be back together. When we do it will be different. There will be no singing. There will be no hugging or hand shaking, or fist bumps of peace. We will not be standing around inside chatting, having coffee or finding solutions to world affairs together. We will be wearing face-coverings and we will be social distancing and we will be using plenty of sanitizing wipes. And we will do it with love and compassion for one another. That said we are moving towards some of us being together in worship on April 25th. With love and compassion we want first to be thinking of those who have no internet access and who have not been able to attend worship virtually. We are envisioning having people come and gather as you are comfortable. And we are calling it a "Soft opening". That means we are not having a, "Whoop it up ya'll come back now" party. We are soft-selling the re-gathering and encouraging people to continue to worship via the live-stream YouTube event if that is where they are more comfortable. We want everyone to be smart about it and we trust you will.

What we don't want to do is have people; make reservations, use on-line sign up forms or have to call the church first. We don't want to have to worry about policing the numbers and sending people away. We don't want to have a church adorned with yellow tape closing off pews. All of you know how far six feet apart is we are certain. Nor do we want the ushers to have to be saying, "You keep apart now." We expect and trust that all of you will "self-police", keep a respectful distance, and watch how many people are coming. We will keep doors open for airflow, keep the service to 45 minutes, and we will be together with and in the love of God. There may also be a live stream feed into the fellowship hall if the sanctuary gets too full for comfort. If you think you can worship with these thoughts as your guide we will be together either via YouTube or in person on April 25th, 2021.

Blessings Friends.



A Note from our Council President

Renewal is happening & we are moving forward. Outside we see signs of Spring. Easter is approaching. We are striving toward 100 acts of Kindness during Lent. And, as I've noted previously there is renewal happening within our Church building with the painting and updated Education office. It looks great! Thanks to all who have been a part of this.

We've been working on a plan to replace the carpeting in the Church wing.

Our constitution & bylaws are getting a few updates to be more current with the needs of our Church.

The pastoral search committee is diligently moving closer to finding our new pastor.

It has been an a very challenging and uncertain year in our world, but there is plenty of energy building at Pilgrim.

If you haven't checked out the updated Church website, please do. On the home page the Quill is easily accessed and you can really "hear" the pages turn as you read through it. Thank you Neal!

Barb Geiger



E-MAIL ADDRESSES

We are considering NOT mailing a paper copy of the Quill every month but moving to an email distribution system instead. If you have been receiving the Friday email on a weekly basis then you have nothing to worry about, you will continue to receive the Quill without interruption.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING A WEEKLY FRIDAY EMAIL from Pilgrim Church ... send your email address to pilgrim.pastor@pilgrimuccfdl.org to guarantee that you continue receiving the Quill uninterrupted.

This move will save trees, work, time, money, pollution and aggravation . . . plus it will make Jill's job easier. Rev Feyen does not have 20 email addresses of people who are listed in the Pilgrim Church directory. If one of those is yours please send it in. Thank you!

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Christian Outreach

In the month of April we like to send a small gift to our college students. Due to Covid and some colleges being virtual and some are in session, we are in need of addresses for your college student!!

Please email Jill with an address where we can reach your college student...at home or away!

Thank you!

jill.barbeau@pilgrimuccfdl.org

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SCRIP NEWS

Lots of good news happening!

People are starting to get vaccinated!

Spring is coming!

And yes, I am still selling SCRIP for Pilgrim Church!

So please, remember, if you need SCRIP for any of our local or national businesses, please reach out to me via phone and I will do my best to make it as easy as possible for you to use Pilgrim's SCRIP program.

As always....a huge thank you to those who are faithfully calling me with their SCRIP orders. Every little bit makes a BIG difference.

Look forward to hearing from you soon!

Karen Goodacre 920-904-5740



Adult Education

Until the Covid-19 situation dramatically improves, our Adult Education programs this winter and spring will be presented virtually. We encourage you to join us from the comfort of your own home with no masks required!

Adult Forum meets 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.

Apr 11 Indian Trails in Wisconsin
Leader: David Tovar, Avocational Archeologist

This presentation will discuss evidence of human activity across the landscape of Northeastern Wisconsin represented in the form of "Indian trails". Included in the discussion will be events that occurred along those trails by explorers, soldiers, clergy, and other itinerant travelers.

Apr 18 Creating an Inclusive, Welcoming Fond du Lac
Leader: Tracy Ablor, President of United for Diversity (UFD)

The mission of the UFD is to celebrate, educate, and advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion in the Fond du Lac community. Tracy will share the work her group and others are doing and will challenge Pilgrim to consider its role as a leading church in these efforts.

Apr 25 & May 9 "I am Greta"
Leader: Isabelle Schilling

I AM GRETA follows Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg during the period in which she came to international prominence. The film combines home videos with intimate footage of Greta, often accompanied by her father, as her one-person school strike quickly grows into a global phenomenon. We learn about Greta's childhood and aspects of her Asperger's syndrome, from Greta as well as from her parents. We see Greta at home, with her pets, on the road, and eventually crossing an ocean, as she's invited to speak at marches, strikes, and summits around the world.

Bible with Bagels 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.

Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384
Passcode: 762316

March 31 - May 19

ProFuture Faith - The Prodigal Species Comes Home
Featuring Rev. Michael Dowd
(A Living the Questions study)
Leaders: Peg Bradley, Debbie Wolf & Diana Beck

Featuring eco-theologian, author, and TEDx speaker, Rev. Michael Dowd, ProFuture Faith is a dynamic eight session DVD and internet-based course that bridges the gap between head and heart, science and faith. Each session includes conversation around the readings, a 20 minute video presentation and guided discussion. What would you say is the core message of ProFuture Faith?

Rev. Dowd - "We are living in challenging and confusing times and religion and science each has a vital role to play in assisting humanity in coming home to reality. Given our impact on Earth's climate, soils, seas, forests, and other species, we are already in the early stages of, what could be called, The Great Reckoning. The good news is that this could also be The Great Homecoming: humanity, the prodigal species, after squandering our inheritance, coming home to Life by honoring evidence as authoritative and ecology as the heart of theology."

Mar 31: Un-Trivializing God - Reality as Thou

April 7: The Purpose of Religion & Necessity of Science

April 14: The Epic of Evolution - A Cosmic Timeline

April 21: Thus Sayeth Reality - What is Inevitable;
What is Needed

April 28: Thus Sayeth Reality - What is Futile;
What is Urgent

Please join the Bible With Bagels group as we tackle this timely and challenging subject.

Suzette Curtis



Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

Sunday School News

Thank You

A special thank you to all the people involved in the renovating of the Christian Education office. I won't name you all as I am sure I would inadvertently miss someone. But the office is beautiful and I for one appreciate everyone's efforts to have it redone after so many years. A special thank you to Tim Flaherty for making us such beautiful new bookcases. I look forward to when we are worshipping back in person and everyone can see it!

Game Night

The CE ministry will be hosting another family fun game night on Friday, April 23rd via zoom. Please consider joining us if your schedules allow for an evening of fun and fellowship. I know many of you have not seen one another in a very long time and this would be a great way to pop on and say hello. I will send out a zoom meeting code as the event gets closer.



Camp News

Good News!! I have spoken with staff over at Pilgrim Center and plans are underway to once again to offer a variety of camps available to all ages. This year there are no brochures available but you may go to United Church Camps at UCCI.org to view the many different camps being offered.

I was advised that space will be limited to approximately 15 per camp

BUT was told to pass along that you should definitely put your name on the waitlist if the camp you are interested in is full because they may consider adding additional ones if they can fill a cabin for that particular camp.

You should also be aware that masks will be required while at camp this summer, both inside and outside. You will find more information regarding the guidelines for attending camp this summer at their website or you may ask questions by calling them personally.

Finally, as always, we here at Pilgrim UCC want to be sure to let you know that scholarships are available for anyone wanting to attend camp this year. We do not want money to be a barrier to participation at church camp. I was also told that scholarships are available through the United Church Camps Outdoor Ministry. So please speak with Karen if you are in need of financial assistance to attend camp this summer.

Blessings to all,

Karen



Parish Nurse

April is Health Care Decisions Month

At the most basic level, health decisions - or how we take care of ourselves - happen all the time. (e.g. to eat breakfast, to get a yearly check-up, to floss...) Higher level decisions may include e.g. surgery, medication, or needing care at home vs moving to an assisted living apartment.

With estate planning and wills, people make plans for their things. Health care planning is for the self, and everyone 18 years and older has the right to make their own healthcare decisions. Advance Care Planning includes completing a "Power of Attorney for HealthCare" that appoints someone to make healthcare decisions (basic and complex) if the person is unable to speak for themselves.

Power of Attorney for Healthcare paperwork does not require an Attorney. Your Primary Care Provider can direct you if you don't have one. (e.g. to their Social Worker or Care Manager)

Spring Cleaning and your Lungs

A year ago we heard, "The virus can last up to 3 days on plastic or hard surfaces." (Joe Rubino, Microbiologist) and the use of cleaning products skyrocketed. Even those without asthma or chronic lung issues soon discovered that some of these products made them cough and feel short of breath. Fragrances, the fine chemical particles in aerosols and airborne powders (as with dry carpet deodorizers) can trigger an "attack" - shortness of breath, coughing, and increased congestion - in anyone. Remember, if you can smell it, it's in your lungs.

Disinfectants kill germs. Detergents clean. Some products contain one and some contain both - it will say so on the label. To make your own disinfectant for non-porous surfaces, mix 1 Tablespoon bleach to 1 quart of water in a spray bottle. When applying, let it sit for 3-5 minutes before rinsing with clean water and then drying. Many commercial disinfectants also recommend a "sit time" before rinsing and wiping - check labels. And remember to use all disinfectants in a ventilated area and even walk away while the product sits. Cleaners can be made using baking soda, vinegar or lemon juice - there are many "recipes" online - I tend to use "healthline" or the EPA sites.

'Tis the season for spring cleaning - opening more than one window to allow God to blow the germs away, capturing dust bunnies and marveling at how dirt got between 2 windows that have been locked for the past 6 months!

For your Calendar

April 18-24 - Earth Week - Time to De-Slug!

We have a physical, emotional and spiritual connection to nature and the command to be caretakers of this world (see Genesis). Earth Week is a reminder to get up and moving...clean up, repurpose, recycle, reduce plastic dependency, wise use of resources, and get outside. A walk outside changes the chemicals in the brain - it helps relieve stress, improves mood, and boosts feelings of well being.

National Public Health Appreciation Week - April 5-11th

If we were in person, I would put cards out for you to sign; thanking our Public Health Department for all the work they've done - and continue to do - to help keep us safe. They stepped up, educated based on science and have not wavered in their caring for (and about) our community during this pandemic.

Since we are not at worship together yet, please send your own card. Fond du Lac County Public Health Department - City/County Government Center, 3rd Floor, 160 S. Macy Street Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Wednesday, April 22nd

Administrative Professionals Day - Again - the perfect opportunity to let Jill know just how much she means to the day to day running of Pilgrim - like everything!



Loaves and Fishes Announcement

I recently heard from a member from Loaves and Fishes that they are in the process of trying to restart the local Loaves and Fishes program here in Fond du Lac. They were inquiring as to how each of the groups felt about it and the new procedures that would be put in place to make this safely happen.

I replied that Pilgrim would continue to be involved with this very worthwhile and much needed program in our community. Our first serving date would not happen until **June 23rd**.

But like many other events beginning to restart, Loaves and Fishes will also look different than in the past. Below is an outline of what I received and how the program will look moving forward at this time.

The L&F Board met and are seeking to resume serving curbside pickup for **carry out only** beginning **Monday, April 5th**. Details below:

Board Members will be there to help in the first month or two

If you are unable to serve on your date, try to switch with another group contact me. If a group is willing to pick up another date, let me know as well.

Group members will wear masks and gloves while preparing food. Masks, Clorox wipes and hand sanitizer will be provided, if needed.

No registration will be done

Limiting 8 meals per family

Food should be packaged cold and in containers as we have always done

Clients should enter CoP parking lot from Ruggles Street and proceed to the North and then turn East to pick up food under the church covered carport. They will then exit on to Military Ave. Cones will be setup to help in the first month or so. If you have extra help, someone can help with traffic control. A map will be created to help.

Since we are unsure of numbers there are 750 cans of soup in the pantry to hand out if you run out of food

At the carport, ask the client to either pop their trunk or place food in back seat to limit distance between the serving group and clients

Flyers will be distributed to the Salvation Army, Blessed Bites and Fondy Food Pantry to let clients know of the opening date including a map for curbside pickup Instructions

Bakery will still be dropped off so the groups can add some to each bag

Plan to start with 150 milks per serving date (300 per week). Numbers will be watched to see if that count needs to change

Packaged silverware will be available if someone asks for some

No bathrooms will be available for clients

“Car number cards” will be used to know how many meals are needed for each car (similar to how Gilles has numbers on the car for the server)

We will continue to need many volunteers from Pilgrim to help with this program on the assigned nights that we serve.

Karen Goodacre



KIVA & Pilgrim Continue to Work for the Poor During Pandemic!

Through KIVA Pilgrim is able to continue to help families around the world. While our country is suffering from the covid pandemic, poorer countries have less resources with which to cope. As we reinvest repaid loans we are helping individuals keep food on the table during this difficult time. KIVA is a 501(C)3 U.S. nonprofit organization. KIVA's mission is to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. KIVA works with micro finance institutions on five continents to provide loans to people without access to traditional banking systems.

Our first loan this month went to Carmela Guadalupe who lives in Ecuador. She is 43 years old. She is an enterprising woman who works preparing and selling breakfasts and lunches from her home. This has enabled her to generate income and support her family economically. Carmela's loan will increase her working capital and allow her to remodel her workspace. This will increase her sales and improve the quality of life for her household.

Sopheap also received a loan. She lives in Kampong Cham, Cambodia. She is 41 years old, married and the mother of two children. Her husband is a soldier. She makes and sells fried bananas. She has been running this business for three years. She will use her loan to buy bananas for making her goods to sell at the market. She will be able to earn more income to continue her business as well as support her family's living standards. Sopheap hopes that she can grow her business, renovate her home and send her children to school. The average annual income in Cambodia is \$2,600.00.

Seyla is 21 years old, married, and is the mother of two children. Her husband is a worker. She sells corn at the market which she must cook over an open fire and then package. She has been running this business for two years. The KIVA loan will be used to buy corn and a new carriage to carry her goods to sell at the market. She hopes she can grow her business, renovate her home and send her children to school.

Both Sopheap and Seyla place a high value on education for their children. They work very hard to try to make that happen. All parents understand this desire and those of us at Pilgrim don't have to worry about whether our children will go to school. It is our good fortune to be able to help these two dedicated women. If you would like more information about KIVA look on their website www.kiva.org.

Emergency Action Plan

The Membership & Evangelism Ministry has created an abbreviated Emergency Action Plan. No single set of directions can handle all possible scenarios of emergencies that might occur. However, the mental rehearsal of scenarios and considering response options in advance will assist you in quickly selecting your best course of action. Therefore the plan is included in the Quill for your review and preparation. It will also be located throughout the church, including pews, as a continual reminder to consider responses in advance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Avery Geiger.



EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

The mental rehearsal of scenarios and considering response options in advance will assist you in quickly selecting your best course of action.

A floor plan of the building is on the back of this sheet. Doors, windows, safe areas, fire extinguishers, and medical equipment are highlighted on the floor plan.

When calling 911. Be prepared to give the following information:

Your name and telephone number. The Office number is (920) 921-0415.

Your Location: Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 535 Stow Street

Number of people involved.

Nature of injury or illness.

Are there any medically trained personnel on scene.

FIRE, EARTHQUAKE & BOMB THREAT

Calmly announce there is a fire, earthquake, or bomb and where the fire or bomb are located.

Exit the building through the safest route. Consider doors and windows.

Designate one person to call 911.

TORNADO & SEVERE WEATHER

Calmly announce there is a tornado or severe weather.

Move to the interior hallway shown on the back of this document.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Calmly ask for assistance from anyone who is medically trained.

Designate one person to call 911.

See the floor plan on back of this document for location of the medical kits and Automatic External Defibrillator.

UNRULY PERSON

Use care and extreme caution. Do not try to corner or block them.

Calmly ask for assistance from someone in church who has training with de-escalation.

Work in pairs if possible.

Try to keep the person away from children's areas or groups of people.

If the individual(s) become threatening or are brandishing any type of weapon(s) designate someone to call 911 immediately.

ACTIVE SHOOTER

There is no definitive best response during these scenarios, but maintaining a **RUN, HIDE, FIGHT** mindset can increase the odds of surviving. Individuals need to decide what action is appropriate based on their locations.

Yell "gun" to alert every one of the situation.

If someone yells "carrying", get down. Yes, no one is supposed to have a gun in church, but this is just in case they do.

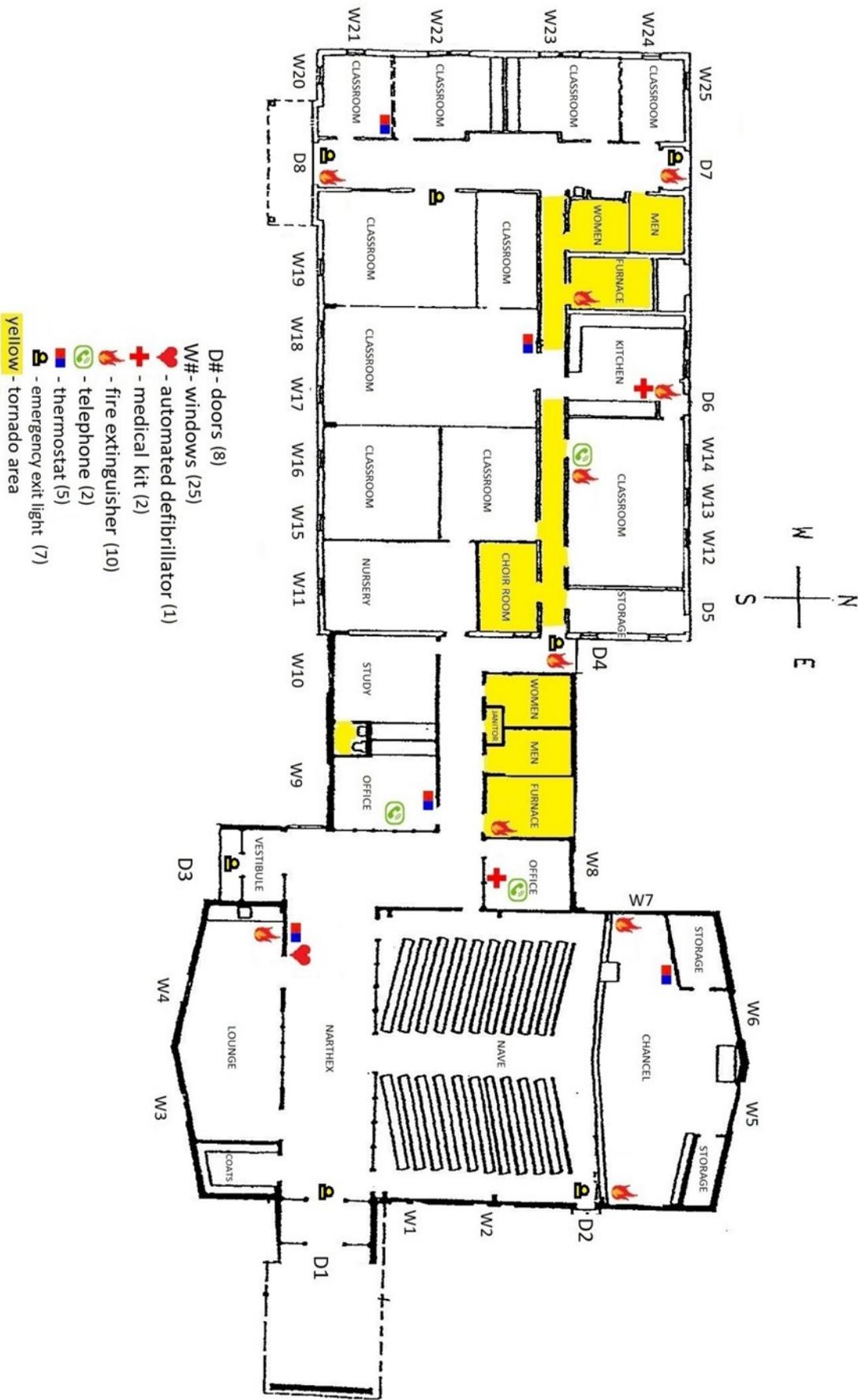
If you are not next to the shooter, **RUN**. Exit the building through the safest route. Consider doors and windows. The further you are from the shooter the harder it is to hit you.

If you cannot exit, **HIDE**. Lock, wedge, or block all doors between you and the shooter. The block may be your body.

It's better to be shot in the arm or leg and not let him in then being shot face to face in the head. Be quiet including turn off your mobile phone.

If neither running nor hiding is a safe option, **FIGHT**. Fight with fire extinguishers, chairs, computer equipment, etc.

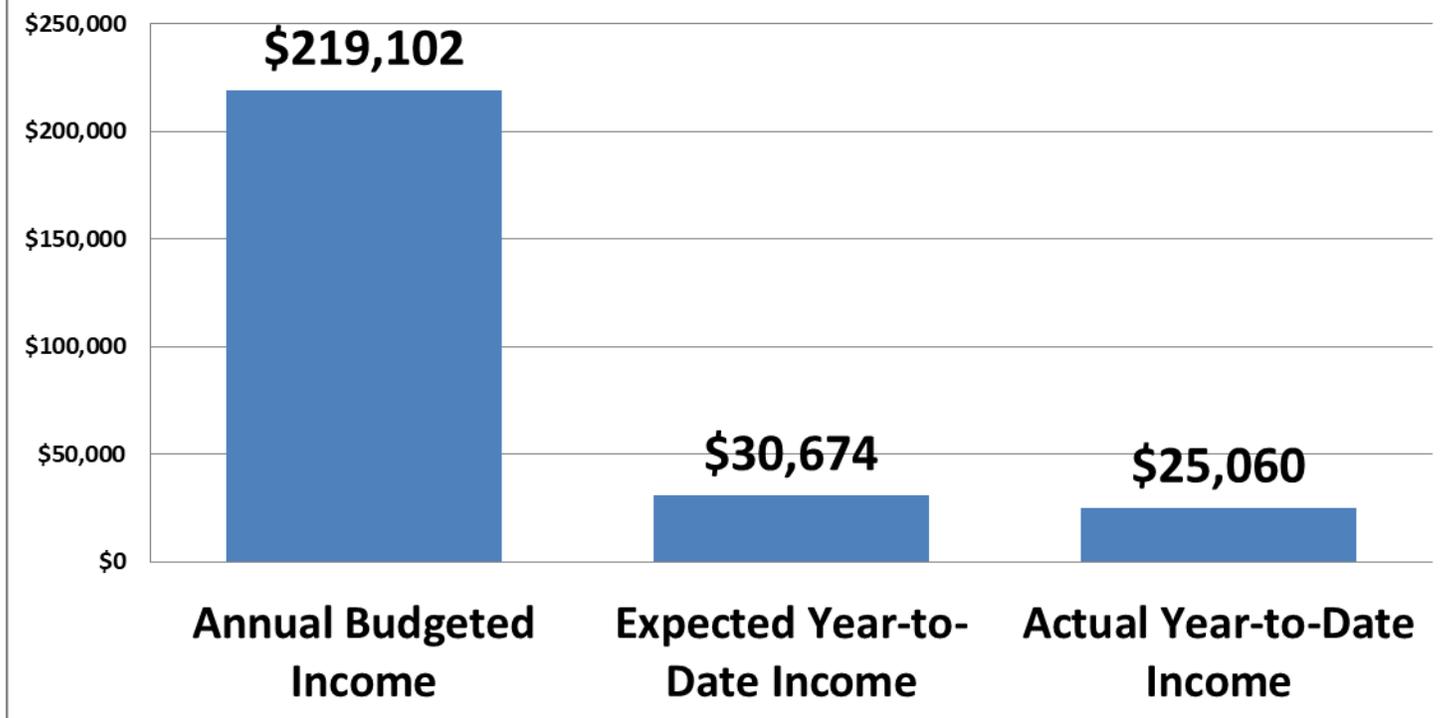
Distract the shooter by throwing hymnals, cushions, purses, etc at him.



- D# - doors (8)
- W# - windows (25)
- automated defibrillator (1)
- medical kit (2)
- fire extinguisher (10)
- telephone (2)
- thermostat (2)
- emergency exit light (7)
- yellow - tornado area

Pilgrim Church 2021 Total Income

As of February 28, 2021



Giving by:

Smartphone text at 920-796-9933

Computer internet at <https://pucfdl.breezechms.com/giv/online>

Check/U.S. Mail at Pilgrim UCC, 535 Stow St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935

April Birthdays

- 1 Chris Steinert
- 2 Owen Olson
- 3 Cynthia Fischer
Susan Michler
- 5 Sally Turk
Marilyn Hoch
- 8 Kaitlynn Zick
Skye Henderson
Arianna Steier
- 11 Dawn Dahlke
- 12 Avery Geiger
Linda Stutz
- 14 Olivia Olson
- 15 Connor Mueller
- 16 Dan Mueller

- Gail Vandenack
- 17 Chris Frederick
- 19 Brian Johnson
- 20 Michael Stephany
Jacob Lax
Gregory Prus
- 22 Jim Bentley
Michael Potter
- 24 Patrick Friedel
Joni Greenfield
- 26 Gary Ring
Molly Abler



Anniversaries

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| Sue & Don Schmitz | April 4, 1981 |
| Pete & Barb Tadych | April 4, 1964 |
| Ron & Sharon Murphy | April 24, 1971 |
| Paul & Wendy Dille | April 26, 1986 |



**“God writes the Gospel, not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers, and clouds and stars.”
Martin Luther**



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
February 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by Barb Geiger via Zoom.

Pastor Richard opened with a reading and prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barb Geiger, Pastor Richard, Linda Stutz, Karen Goodacre, Jean Wright, Patti Burns, Tom Kirchhoff, Fran Schmid, Patty Minter, Wendy Ellison.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Linda Stutz made motion to accept. Karen seconded the motion. Accepted by Unanimous consent

TREASURER'S REPORT: Donna brought up the donations are 5% of the budget. They are working on a spread sheet for SCRIP which will show the accounting of SCRIP and inventory.

Written report attached.

Linda made a motion to accept; Patty Minter seconded the motion. Unanimous consent to accept made.

PASTOR'S REPORT: No additions to written report made. Unanimous Consent to accept made.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Barb reported that there were several packages of coffee, tea, and hot cocoa found in the lounge area. Several had past 'best used by' dates on them. They have been put out for anyone to use/take with a free will offering donation envelope. There will be an inventory spread sheet developed.

Patty Minter volunteered to maintain the inventory and will work with Jill on this.

Unanimous Consent to accept made.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Patty Burns brought up the topic of returning to 'in person' council meetings and expressed how important that is. This could be accomplished with everyone wearing masks and with social distancing in space available. Discussion ensued. Pastor Richard said that if anyone was not comfortable with this they can email him with concerns or dissent. This will be discussed at the Executive committee meeting.

If no issues the plan will be to return to 'in person' council meetings on March 15th.

Unanimous consent to accept made.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Clean/replace carpet?

Barb met with Service Master regarding cleaning all the areas where there is 'blue' carpet. An estimate to clean all areas would be approximately \$978. However this would not rectify all the 'spots' as they are related to the use of a non-compatible chemical. Barb also got a tentative estimate to replace all the 'blue' carpet. That estimate is approximately \$40,000.

B. Painting update

All areas with the exception of the coat room are completed and it looks wonderful.

The welcome table will remain where it is. Discussion continues about the replacement of bulletin boards in the hallway.

C. Computer/Sanctuary electronics

a. Neal has up graded Jill's computer and there will be 2 screens which should make her job easier when it comes to the services.

b. A new microphone system is being installed in the sanctuary to improve sound.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Congregational Meeting

A date for the next Congregational meeting was discussed. Tentative date will be March 21st. The agenda will include: Addition of a Personnel committee, Updates in the constitution and some wording (refer to the November 2020 council meeting), as well as the proposal for carpet replacement.

B. Flooring.

The carpeting at the back entrance by the Pastor's study is full of mold and mildew. This area is beyond the scope of cleaning. Twohig's is willing to provide a free remnant of carpeting and install it for \$250. Discussion ensued. Decision was made not to move forward with replacement at this time but wait until that whole area is replaced. Discussion ensued regarding replacement of all of the 'blue' carpeting. This will need to be brought to the congregation. A three step plan to replace will be presented as well as the total amount planned. Unanimous Consent to accept made.

C. Guild Room.

Closets in the Guild room need de-cluttering and cleaned. Whoever is responsible for the closets are to take ownership and accomplish this task. In addition Patty Minter volunteered to go through the kitchen area and discard any outdated food items and place others in containers. Unanimous consent to accept made.

MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES (AS NECESSARY)

Worship & Music- Linda Stutz: written report attached. Linda also read a letter to the congregation regarding returning to in person services which will be placed in the Quill.

Christian Education- Karen Goodacre: Lenten packets were sent out to all the Sunday School families. Karen also continues with on line weekly story time.

Scrip: Karen Goodacre: Sales are very slow at this time.

Property and Maintenance- Tom Kirchhoff: The book cases have been completed. Request to attach the book cases to the walls was made to reduce risk of them tipping.

Lay Life/Leadership- Patty Minter: No new reported

Stewardship & Finance: No reported

Membership/Evangelism- Fran Schmid: Report as well as safety diagram attached.

Nominating Committee- Patty Burns: No new report

Ham Dinner and Bazaar- Linda Stutz: No new report

Christian Outreach- Jean Wright: Dinner was served at the Warming Shelter. There were approximately 15 meals served. Left overs were saved for next month. There is also a donation box in the Narthex for the Family Resource Center. Message in the Quill.

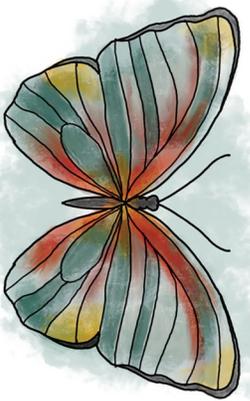
Memorial Committee: No Report

Celebrations: Happy Birthday Barb!

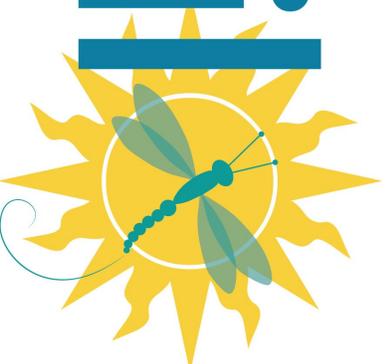
The meeting was closed at 8:20 with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting is Monday, March 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Minutes respectfully Submitted by: Wendy Ellison.



April



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. Service/ YouTube	2 Good Friday	3
4 9:00 Worship/YouTube	5	6	7 9:00 BWB/ ZOOM	8	9	10	
EASTER <i>Worship From Home</i>							
11 9:00 Worship/ YouTube 10:00 Adult Forum/ZOOM	12 11:00 Membership 4:00 Christian ED 5:30 Worship Meeting	13	14 9:00 BWB/ ZOOM	15	16	17	
18 9:00 Worship/ YouTube 10:00 Adult Forum/ZOOM	19 6:00 Council Meeting Quill articles due!	20 12:30 Christian Outreach	21 9:00 BWB/ ZOOM	22 9:30 Quill mailing	23 Family Game Night	24	
25 9:00 Worship/ YouTube 10:00 Adult Forum/ZOOM	26	27	28 9:00 BWB/ ZOOM	29	30		

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