



THE PILGRIM QUILL

MAY 2021



Thoughts for the Pilgrim Journey

Thoughts For The Pilgrim's Journey

As we begin to gather for worship in-person once again it is interesting to reflect on what it means to be together as the Body of Christ in the world today. That is what we are all about after all. I would like to take this opportunity (even though some have been gathering for a couple of weeks) to reflect on “why we gather”. I want us to be able to attend a gathering which is truly focused on being and representing the “Christ Spirit” in the world today.

A book I have been reading, *The Underground Church* by Robin Meyers, has caused me to reflect on the fact that in order to be the true church in the world today we might consider being more closely aligned with the gatherings of faithful people of the first century. The book, I believe, gets to the heart of what it take to be a successful church.

It is about trust.

When asked recently about my feelings surrounding coming back into “in-person” worship and why I felt as I did about not roping off pews and creating specific areas where people could and could not sit, I was initially stumped as to why I felt the way I did. But here is my answer ... if we have to tell you where to sit, how far to stay away, and what you can and cannot do in church ... then it sends a message that we do not trust you, as thinking adults, to be responsible members of this faith community. I truly want to trust people to do what is right.

Robin Meyers, in the book I mentioned says this, *“In the Underground Church, faith will be a form of radically embodied trust, and that will confuse everybody. Labels like liberal and conservative fall away in the presence of someone who embodies trust instead of trying to win arguments. Trust, together with forgiveness, is the way human beings act like God. It is a derivative of grace. It bears repeating that Christianity was not born a religion. It was born a collection of hearts on fire.*

These Jesus People were not debaters. They were not fighters. They were not just another society of the elect. They were people who believed in the radical notion of universal access to God—not just access but also limitless love.”

I believe our hearts can be on fire for “being the church”, for trusting one another to follow healthy protocols, and to embody trust. We are, after all, striving to be the body of Christ in the world today whether gathered or scattered. I believe that the notion that we can trust one another is what can lead Pilgrim to success as a church in this community. And I believe the gathering of the faithful, whatever they are called in the future, will be gatherings of people who trust one another.

The early first century gathering of the followers of The Way were people who had to trust one another, their lives were at risk when they gathered. Trust was always a key component. If we are going to be the church in the world today it must begin with trust. But trust, once lost, is hard to regain. We all know the feeling when we have been lied to, or when our trust has been violated, by someone whom we have trusted. There is deep loss. There is separation (sin in my vocabulary remember). There is a wall that begins to be built which takes a lot to remove. There is no room for walls in our relationships as members of a faith community.

I believe we can trust one another to do what is right. And if someone does not want to abide by the appropriate safety and health protocols, we will love them anyway. It is what we do as a faith community.

Blessings Friends.

Richard

The quote is from: Meyers, Robin. *The Underground Church* (p. 122). SPCK. Kindle Edition



More from the Pastor

Worship Themes for May

May 2

Sermon Title: Abide In Love

Theme: Living and loving

Psalm 22:25-31

Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

Contemporary Reading: *In God's Womb: A Spiritual Memoir* By Edwina Gateley

May 9

Sermon Title: Live The Love / Live The Rules

Theme: Literalism and life

Psalm 98

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17

Contemporary Reading: *Losing Moses on the Freeway: The 10 Commandments in America*
By Chris Hedges

May 16

Sermon Title: Sanctified By Truth

Theme: Truth – What is the truth

Psalm 1

Scripture Reading: John 17:6-19

Contemporary Reading: *Old Turtle and the Broken Truth*
By Douglas Wood

May 23 -Pentecost Sunday

Sermon Title: Sighs Too Deep For Words

Theme: The Spirit Among Us

Psalm 104:24-34

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Contemporary Reading: *Setting the Gospel Free: Experiential Faith and Contemplative Practice*
By Brian C. Taylor

May 30

Sermon Title: Let's Talk Tough

Theme: Dealing with some uncomfortable words

Psalm 29

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-17

Contemporary Reading: *Western Spirituality: Historical Roots, Ecumenical Routes*
By Matthew Fox

Remember, we are meeting in-person for worship starting Sunday April 25th at 9:00 a.m. We will also continue to stream live on YouTube.

Council President

Coming Together

We are coming back together in person...on April 25th. Seeing one another in person will be good after this long absence.

This past 6 months I've been able to participate in Fond du lac's Humanity Project representing Pilgrim Church. This program was created in 2016 out of a concern over growing racial tensions in our country as well as Fond du lac. They believed the answer lies in first understanding the history of racism. Various leaders, educators, and many community members have come together via this virtual learning experience. Learning what black Americans have experienced both past & present has been insightful. It is helping me to better understand how I can respond more thoughtfully to racism when witnessing it.

A member of our congregation, Tracy Abler, is one of the leaders of this project. Her dedication is amazing to this as well as for all her work with the United for Diversity organization.

The Humanity Project plans to restart another 8-month program in the fall. Find them on Facebook for information and updates. If you are interested please contact Tracy personally or email humanityprojectfdl@gmail.com

Pilgrim is unique and progressive with its focus on understanding of diversity. I share that with others and hope you do as well.

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success"
Everett Edward Hale, 1822-1909, American author & minister

Barb Geiger



Search Committee

April 5, 2021

RE: Search Committee Update

Dear Pilgrim Friends in Christ,

The Search Committee has been working diligently in the Search and Call process under the guidance of Rev. Jane Anderson from the NE Association Conference. The committee has written our church profile which was finished and submitted for listing on the National UCC website in December. We started receiving candidate profiles in January and continued to receive profiles through March. We chose 4 candidates with whom we had initial interviews via Zoom and then decided to have second interviews via Zoom with 3 of those candidates. Our next step was to select the top 2 candidates and schedule in-person visits so we could hear them preach to the committee members. These top 2 candidates came to Pilgrim Church in late March to provide the committee members with a mini-worship service, to tour our building and to spend some social time face to face.

Upon meeting these 2 top candidates in person, we decided one candidate was not a good fit for our church but the other candidate was clearly our top choice as someone we wanted to serve as our next pastor. A verbal "call" agreement was made to this top candidate but after a couple of days of prayerful consideration, the top candidate declined our verbal "call" and did not accept our calling. It was unfortunately not a good fit for both parties involved but we trust in God that this was the correct decision even though it was not what the committee was hoping to hear.

Rev. Jane Anderson suggests that we remove our church profile from the National UCC website for a while which will give our committee some time to update and refresh our church profile to restart the process again. Please rest assured that we will find a new pastor but it appears that it will take some more time in our search. Pastor Richard and his wife Peggy have agreed to continue as our Interim Pastor until we find a new Pastor.

I am extremely proud of the efforts made by the Search committee to date and ask that you keep all of us in your prayers as we continue our search process. Please feel free to contact me or any committee member if you have any questions at this point.

Sincerely,
Gary Ring
Search Committee Chairperson

Jim Bentley, Peg Bradley, Barb Roder, Drew Mueller, Tony, Prus, Sue Schmitz, & Jeff Siemers



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.

May 2 Virtual Coffee Hour

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.

May 16 & 23

Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee
Leader: Steve Hecky

Recognizing and respecting cultural and spiritual diversity among all people, the mission of the Committee for Interfaith Understanding is threefold:

- To provide educational opportunities leading to mutual understanding
- To address our common concerns, and
- To share special celebratory events in the light of various religious traditions

We come together offering the richness of each unique heritage to our community and the world around us.

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 remainder of the season.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?pwd=cGxJa0pJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09>

Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384

Passcode: 762316

Mar 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."

May 5: Why We Struggle -Un-Trivializing Mythic Wisdom

May 12: Impermanence and Death as Sacred - Embracing Limits

May 19: Staying Sane, Sober and Inspired in Contracting Times



Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

Greetings to Everyone,

I hope this continues to find everyone doing well and continuing to stay safe. With the celebration of Easter and the Resurrection of our Lord comes much light and hope. The church will have a "soft opening" of returning to in-person worship this Sunday, April 25th for those feeling comfortable, but please note that our online worship services will continue to be available. It will be important that we all follow the guidelines being set forth by our worship ministry who has been working hard to make this day happen safely for everyone. With all this being said, we will only be opening for worship services at this time as we look to hopefully resume in person Sunday school classes in the fall. Please continue to read your monthly Quill for more information and happenings around Pilgrim.

As reported in last month's Quill, church camps at both Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach are happening this summer and while they may look a little different than in the past, these are still wonderful opportunities for both youth and families to experience faith experiences through the outdoor ministries being offered at these 2 beautiful locations right here in Wisconsin. As always, here at Pilgrim, the CE ministry along with the church council, wants to be sure everyone wanting to have the opportunity to experience a summer church camp event has that ability so scholarship are always available. Please contact Karen (904-5740) if you have a financial need for attending church camp. For more information about the variety of camps being offered you may visit United Church Camps at ucci.org/events



I continue to read a weekly story that can be viewed through our church's Facebook page any time after 10:00 a.m. on Monday mornings.

I send my thoughts and prayers to all of you and look forward to seeing many of you soon!

Blessings,

Karen



Parish Nurse

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Compared to surveys done before the pandemic, there has been an increase in the number of adults who report symptoms of stress, anxiety and depression. Self-care strategies that help the mind, body and spirit are more important than ever.

Taking care of your body:

Get enough sleep. Go to bed and get up at the same times each day.

Participate in regular physical activity. Find activities that include movement, such as walking, dance or exercise to help reduce anxiety and improve mood.

Eat a balanced diet. Avoid loading up on junk food and refined sugar. Caffeine can aggravate stress and anxiety/restlessness, so try to avoid.

Avoid tobacco, alcohol and drugs. Nicotine (smoked or vaped) increases the risk of lung disease, high blood pressure and cancer, and using alcohol to cope can actually reduce coping skills.

Relax and recharge. Even a few minutes of quiet time can help reduce anxiety. Many people benefit from practices such as deep breathing, tai chi, yoga or meditation. Bubble baths, music, reading, hobbies - whatever aids relaxation that is enjoyable should be practiced regularly.

Taking care of your mind:

Keep a regular routine. In addition to sticking to a regular bedtime routine, keep consistent times for meals, bathing and getting dressed, work or study schedules, and exercise. Also set aside time for activities for pure enjoyment and/or relaxation. Predictability can help feelings of being in control..

Stay informed, but limit exposure to news media. Limit media that hypes rumors and false information. Look for and at information from reliable sources.

Stay busy. A distraction can help break a cycle of negative thoughts. Doing something positive is a healthy coping strategy.

Focus on positive thoughts. Maintain a sense of hope, work to accept changes as they occur and try to keep problems in perspective.

Set priorities. Set reasonable goals each day and take credit for every positive step - no matter how small.

Taking care of your spiritual life:

Tap into a spiritual belief system. Belief systems can bring support, strength and comfort.

Connect with others and strengthen relationships. Find time each day to make connections by email, texts, phone, or snail mail.

Do something for others. Find purpose in helping others..

Stress is a normal psychological and physical reaction to change, and everyone reacts differently. Despite best efforts, feeling helpless, sad, angry, irritable, hopeless, anxious or afraid takes a toll on the ability to concentrate, on appetite, sleep, and general body functioning. When these feelings cause problems in carrying out normal responsibilities, it's time to be upfront about those feelings and ask for help.

Contact a minister or spiritual leader.

If available, contact the **Employee Assistance Program.**

Call a **Primary Care Provider or Mental Health Professional** to ask about appointment options. Contact organizations such as the **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** or the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)** for help and guidance.

If you're feeling suicidal or thinking of hurting yourself, contact your primary care provider or a mental health professional. Or call the **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)** or use its webchat at **suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat**.

The ways of medicine and how mental illness is treated have changed drastically over the past 20 years, but there are still stigmas, questions, guilt, and controversy over diagnosis and treatment - at all ages and levels of society. A mental illness is a medical condition that disrupts a persons' thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others and daily functioning.

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Per NAMI: *“You are not alone. Now more than ever we need to find ways to stay connected. No one should feel alone or without the information, support and help they need.”*

Here are a couple more things to add to your May calendar:

Review Emergency Plans. In May we go from snow emergencies to tornados, flooding and heat. Go to <https://www.ready.gov/plans> for recommendations on being prepared for any scenario and update your plan. (Then go out and enjoy the beautiful weather without a second thought!)

Screen Free Week (Digital Detox Week) May 3-9. Screens have been literally front and center for over a year, and they have been life savers. It’s important to have some time away from them also...like at the dinner table, or during a picnic, hike and a picnic. How about a screen free Saturday, or one evening a week of board games?

Fond du Lac’s Outdoor Farmers Market on Main Street begins Saturday, May 15th - 8:00-12:00.

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Future Mailings

Our goal at Pilgrim Church is to be as “green” as we can. One way to help the environment is using less paper. With that goal in mind we are planning on sending most communications (including the monthly Quill) through email.

We need your help by sending us your email address if we do not have it at this time. Please email the office at pilgrim.info@pilgrimuccfdl.org If you do not have an email address, please call the office @ 921-0415 and let us know that you would like to receive your communications through the mail. Thank you.

P.S. Remember you can always go to our website @ www.pilgrimuccfdl.org to catch up on all the news and upcoming events.

Christian Outreach

If you would like to help others this summer, the following is information for the Salvation Army.

Salvation Army Brown Bag Summer Lunch Program

Mid-June - August,
Tuesday and Thursday from about 8AM - 11:00 AM
Volunteers to help make lunches for children. Lunches delivered to four locations.
Call Salvation Army, 920-923-8220 or Barb Thill (920-904-5388) or email Connie at ConnieMillard@usc.salvationarmyorg.

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SCRIP

SCRIP NEWS

While we will soon be having a “soft opening” to in person worship, I want to bring to everyone’s attention that the SCRIP table in the narthex will NOT be open for business just yet. Because we want to be respectful and avoid gathering in groups in the narthex, SCRIP will still only be available by ordering through the phone, email and text messages directly to Karen. With that being said....I am happy and willing to bring any orders to church on any given Sunday morning that you may be planning to attend and we can just hand off your envelope with your preordered SCRIP and you can hand me a prewritten check (or cash). Otherwise, PLEASE continue to support Pilgrim’s SCRIP program the way you have for this past year during this pandemic by contacting me with what you would like and I will make arrangements for you to pick it up or deliver it to you. The SCRIP program NEEDS everyone to continue to support it!

As always many blessings to those of you who have continued to utilize the SCRIP program!

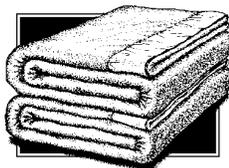
Thanks,
Karen Goodacre 904-5740



Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday Mother's Day May 9, 2021

May 9th is Mother's Day. Mother's Day is also Blanket Sunday. Our mother wraps us with love and comfort. Our mother is there to warm us when we experience the cold cruel world. Our Mother is there to keep the rain and snow of life off our head. Our Mother goes with us when we leave home by preparing us for life as an adult. Our mother does so many things often without so much as a thank you. Church World Service Blankets are very much the same. They are a blanket to keep people warm. They shelter people from the cold and the heat. It is even a piece of luggage. For \$10 you can purchase a Church World Service Blanket in honor or memory of your mother or grandmother. This gift may go clear around the world to an area torn by war OR just around the block to someone surviving a flood or tornado.



There is a form in this issue of the Quill. Please donate to Blanket Sunday.

Lawn Care

Spring is here.....and summer is around the corner! And with that...we are looking for volunteers to help cut the grass.

If you are able to give the church a few hours a week, please come in and sign up for the week(s) you are available. Hopefully we will have enough people sign-up to avoid having to hire an outside service to take care of the lawn.

Thank you in advance for your help.

KIVA

Human Stories Touching Hearts Around the World

I have been writing articles about KIVA for the Quill since we began the program in 2012. We have given 75 loans in 32 countries. All of the people we have loaned money to have had great need and difficult lives. This month we loaned money to Taiana who lives in Patangata, Tonga and her story truly touched my heart. I wished we had more money to help her. Before I share her story, I want to remind you what KIVA does. 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.

Taiana lives in Tonga where the average annual income (USD) is \$5,000. Tonga is a Polynesian sovereign state and archipelago comprising 169 islands of which 36 are inhabited. It is located in the southern Pacific Ocean.

Taiana is a 48 year old widow with six children. She and her children live in their own little house near the shore. Taiana's two eldest sons go fishing almost everyday enabling them to not only have something to eat, but also sell the fish to earn income for their living. However, their fishing boat was damaged in bad weather and can't be used. Taiana requested a loan through KIVA to repair the boat. With the loan, she and her sons will resume their business, have food for the family and hope to save money to build a better house.

The KIVA website which told her story included a picture of Taiana standing in front of her house. The house is tiny. It would make the American fashionable "tiny homes" look big. It is made of tin. I can't imagine how she and six children live there together. I'm sure it doesn't keep the rain out. I hope and pray that her dreams for her family come true. Thankfully, our church family has the opportunity to help Taiana through the KIVA program.

Peg Bradley
Outreach Ministry



Thank you...

Dear Pilgrim Church,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$500 to The Salvation Army.

Your donation is at work—helping our neighbors with food, shelter and clothing. But more than that, your compassion is an example of the healing that's possible during times of great crisis. Your kindness uncovers hope in the midst of despair.

Sincerely,
Major Jon Welch
Corps Officer

Dear Pilgrim Church,

On behalf of the students and staff at Fond du Lac High School we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$500 to our Student Aids Fund to help students who are in need of assistance.

With your donation we were able to provide a student with shoes that were needed due to a foot issue & help to get food for families in need...the list goes on.

The staff at FDL High School truly appreciates your commitment to building a better future for our students.

Sincerely,
Matt Steinbarth
Principal
Fond du Lac High School

To my Church Family,

Thank you so much for the well wishes as I begin my new life. It has been a blessing to be part of this great family. May God be with each of you as Pilgrim continues on its path.

Blessings,
Sharon Menger

A week of tributes to Mom

To celebrate the special woman in your life, use a quote a day the week before Mother's Day, or honor her with tributes the whole week after. Write one of these (or one of your own) on a card, make a message into a placemat, tape one to the bathroom mirror — get creative! Every day of the week is a good day to celebrate her love and show her yours.

"There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one." —Jill Churchill

"The art of mothering is to teach the art of living to children." —Elaine Heffner

"An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest." —Spanish proverb

"When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway." —Erma Bombeck

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom." —Henry Ward Beecher

"Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal human being to do the impossible." —Marion C. Garretty

"Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had." —Linda Wooten

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY





Fond du Lac County

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

459 East First Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

For General Information & Services for
Mental Health, Alcohol & Drug Abuse (920) 929-3500
Children's Long Term Support (920) 929-3919
Fax (920) 929-3129

Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

Thank you.

Two very small words that on behalf of myself and the clients of day treatment for all of your kindness and generosity amidst the COVID 19 pandemic. It has been a difficult year for us all, but we take heart in knowing there are good, honest people who are always willing to lend a hand. We are humbled with the space you lent us to provide us the sense of purpose and community we so desperately longed for.

I read a phrase on your website as I was preparing to write this letter that read "no matter who you are of where you are on life's journey you are welcome here," and I simply smiled. It is a true testament to the compassion your church has to help out the community of Fond du Lac and those in need. I have received numerous comments from the clients about how grateful they were to be able to gather together again, in a space you provided.

Because of you, we were able to hold small gatherings where we got to cherish the company of one another and find a sense of normalcy.

Because of you, we were able to learn that what unites us amidst our trials is certainly greater than what separates us.

Because of you, we were able to see that kindness still exists and that the world needs more love, selflessness, and humility.

Because of you, we were able to feel grounded in our strong sense of community and learn how to use gratitude to overcome the trials we face.

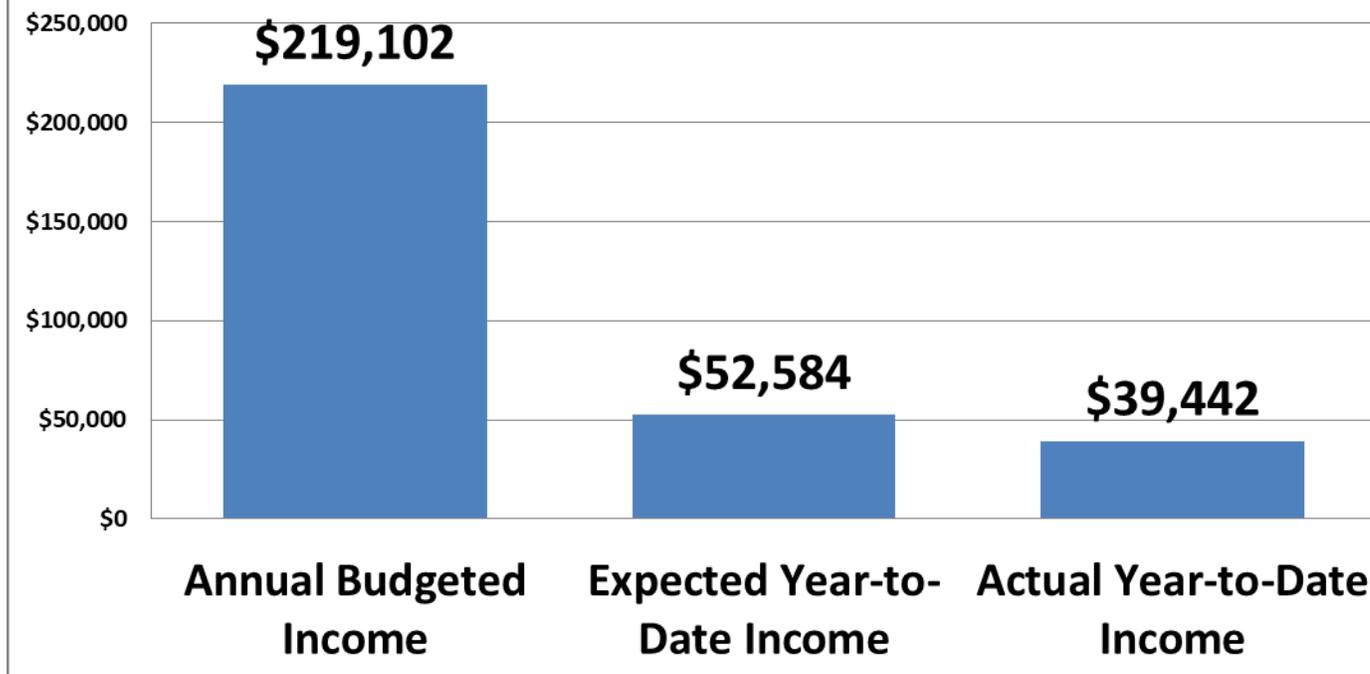
Because of you, we were able to heal, support one another, and find comfort in a time where social isolation, depression, and anxiety were at record highs.

Because of you, we were able to be us again...and because of that it gives us a greater appreciation for you and the church.

With hearts full of gratitude,
The Day Treatment Program

Pilgrim Church 2021 Total Income

As of March 31, 2021



We are \$13,000 behind where we should be in our giving at this point in the year, if we are to reach our annual budget.

If you can, please give by:
Smartphone text at 920-796-9933

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

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

BLANKET SUNDAY/MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 9, 2021

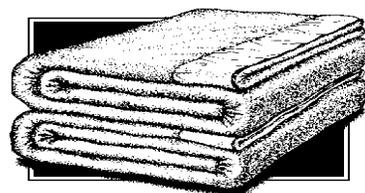
SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR BLANKET DONATION ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

GIVEN BY: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Number of blankets _____ @ \$10.00 each



Birthdays

- 1 Nolyn Stutz
- 2 Missi Etheridge
- 4 Jeanne Koepke
Jill Stenson
- 5 Gerald Rusch
Martial Blanc
- 7 Connie Anderson
- 8 Jessica Westphal
- 12 Michael Steinke
- 13 Mary Mundl
Cameron Olson
Cooper Olson
- 17 Jean Fischer
Jill Barbeau
- 18 Barbara Roder
Donna Jost
- 20 Karen McCreedy

- 21 Teresa Prus
Erika Schilling
- 22 Heather Connor
Peg Bradley
Stephanie Caulfield
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Pat Caulfield
- 26 Rhonda Mueller
Tony Prus
- 28 Mike Fedyszyn
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Lilly May Luckow
- 31 Albert Curl

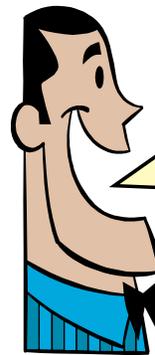


Anniversaries

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| Jason & Lisa Laudolff | May 3, 2002 |
| Mike & Tracy Abler | May 11 |
| Brad & Becky Dietenberger | May 22, 1999 |
| Avery & Barb Geiger | May 24, 1980 |
| Len & Ellen Hyneh | May 26, 1962 |
| Tom & Margaret Zedan Richardson | May 31, 1986 |



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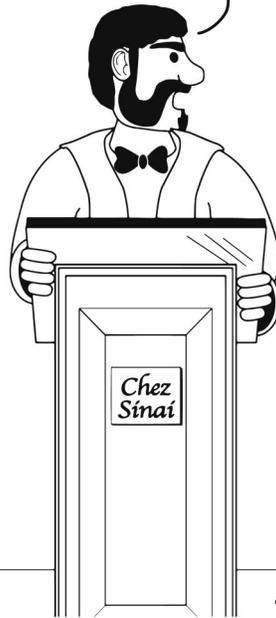


"Take a stand for what's right. Raise a ruckus and make a change. You may not always be popular, but you'll be part of something larger and bigger and greater than yourself. Besides, making history is extremely cool."
– Samuel L. Jackson

The children of Reuben, 46,500
The children of Simeon, 59,300
The children of Gad, 45,650 ...



HEY! Who took these reservations?
We only have 50 seats!



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: _____

Ushers for	
Date	9:00 Service

Worship Leaders for May	
Date	9:00 Service
May 2	Linda Stutz
May 9	Noreen Henderson
May 16	Donna Jost
May 23	Ellen Sieglaff

HEALTH MINISTRY

Blood pressure checks will now take place on the 2nd Sunday of the month before and after the 9:00 worship service.

There will be a different person each month, all certified to take your blood pressure.



REMEMBER TO PURCHASE YOUR SCRIP CARDS. THE CARDS ARE SOLD EACH SUNDAY AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICES.

PURCHASING SCRIP HELPS OUR CHURCH EARN MONEY!

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL KAREN GOODACRE (904-5740)



Opportunity knocks once;
Temptation bangs on your
door forever!!

The Billboard

Church Council Meeting
March 15, 2021

Present: Pastor Richard Feyen, Barb Geiger, Patty Burns, Patty Minter, Tom Kirchhoff, Karen Goodacre, Wendy Ellison, Fran Schmid, Gary Ring.

1. Welcome acknowledgment of quorum at 6:05 PM by Barb Geiger.
2. A reading and a prayer presented by Pastor Richard.
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2** changes to the January minutes to be made by Wendy Ellison and resent. Minutes accepted by Unanimous Acceptance after corrections are made.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** included in packet.

A. Bobbie has been helping Karen with the new spread sheet.

B. There is some discrepancy with the salary of the Choir Director as far as what is budgeted and what is spent.

Patty Burns will follow up with Donna Jost upon her return for clarification.

Minutes accepted by Unanimous Acceptance.

5. **PASTOR'S REPORT** included in packet.

A. Pastor has asked Zach to provide additional music for the Easter Service

Report accepted by Unanimous Acceptance.

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

A. Ongoing discussion of ongoing de-cluttering, decorating, and updating of the church.

Report Accepted by Unanimous Acceptance.

7. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

8. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Update on the carpet choice. It will be a while for the carpet to be installed due to ordering and then delivery.

B. Review of agenda for the Congregational meeting.

C. Discussion regarding the continued building updates and sprucing up.

1. Patty and Bill Burns will look at either building or recovering the bulletin board.

D. Returning to Worship in person. Pastor Richard has looked at a 'soft' opening for April 25th, 2021. He will put something in the Quill.

E. The task of updating the church electronics is on-going.

9. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Personnel Committee: Pastor Richard explained the purpose and those who should be involved in this committee. The first appointee's should include those that are familiar with personnel issues, management, and supervision. The tasks at hand in establishing policies and job descriptions will be some of the tasks at hand.

B. Electronic Newsletter: Discussion ensued as to the benefits of moving away from mailing 'The Quill' to every member and send or deliver to those that do not have any access to a computer as well as having some available in the Narthex. Everyone is encouraged to explore 'The Quill' on the church website.

10. **MINISTRY/ COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES (as necessary)**

Worship & Music – Linda Stutz Minutes included in packet

Christian Education – Karen Goodacre Minutes included in packet. At this point Pilgrim Center will have camping sessions. Stay tuned for more info as it is made available.

SCRIP Update- Karen Goodacre. Purchases are still lower than the past. New spread sheet is being used.

Property & Maintenance- Tom Kirchhoff. The issue of mice has been remedied.

Lay Life & Leadership- Patty Minter

Stewardship & Finance

Membership & Evangelism – Fran Schmid. A Bleeding control kit will be added to the Emergency Response Plan. The kit will be kept by the AED machine.

Nominating Committee- Patty Burns & Gary Ring. There were four candidates who have had the first interview. One was eliminated, three had second interviews. One withdrew after accepting a call from another church. There are 2 candidates left one male and one female. The next meeting will be on March 17th.

Ham Dinner & Bazaar

Christian Outreach- Jean Wright. Loaves and Fishes will be starting up again. They will start with cold foods and a 'drive through'. Pilgrim is on the schedule to provide food on June 23rd.

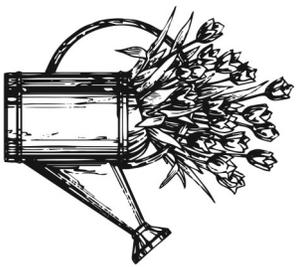
The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for **April 19th, 2021 @ 6:00PM**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wendy Ellison, Secretary



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2 9:00 Worship In person & YouTube 10:00 Coffee Hour	3	4	5 9:00 Bible w/ Bagels Zoom	6	7 6:00 Al-Anon	8
9 9:00 Worship In person & YouTube 10:00 Adult Forum Mother's Day	10 4:00 Christian Ed 5:30 Worship Mtg.	11	12 9:00 Bible w/ Bagels Zoom	13 <i>ASCENSION</i> <i>day</i>	14 6:00 Al-Anon	15
16 9:00 Worship In person & YouTube 10:00 Adult Forum	17 11:00 Membership 6:00 Council Meeting Quill articles duel!	18 12:30 Christian Outreach	19 9:00 Bible w/ Bagels Zoom	20 9:30 Quill mailing	21 6:00 Al-Anon	22
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- Interim Pastor..... Rev. Richard Feyen
- Church Council Secretary..... Wendy Ellison
- Church Council Vice President..... Patti Burns
- Church Council President..... Barb Geiger
- Church Council Treasurer..... Donna Jost
- Choir Director..... Zachary Ball
- Choir Accompanist.....
- Adult Education Director..... Suzette Curtis
- Youth Director.....
- Sunday School Director..... Karen Goodacre
- Parish Nurse..... Sue Schmitz
- Administrative Assistant..... Jill Barbeau
- Organist..... Helen Gilsdorf
- Custodian..... Nick Bonnell

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.

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