



THE PILGRIM QUILL

AUGUST 2021



Thoughts For A Pilgrim's Journey

As I sit here preparing some worship planning for the balance of the summer I am struck by the quiet. It is a peaceful, hot, hazy, lazy day of summer. The kind of day that leaves one feeling like enjoying the breeze on the deck, the air conditioning in the house or office, or just relaxing poolside (if you are that lucky). But it is also a day for quiet reflection.

So pick a light topic to think about – something like ... What is God?

One of the things we rarely have time for in a Sunday message is a decent discussion about just what God is. What is God for you and just what does that question even suggest? We'll see, but first, one thing God is not, is a being or entity sitting someplace listening to a billion requests a second and trying to govern creation from a heavenly throne where Jesus sits next to the side as her helper providing parking places for hurried soccer moms. God is not the great concierge in the sky.

Of course the answers are going to vary a lot. No one is going to be telling you what the answer *should* be. I will tell you what I think and I will hope that you can envision an answer of your own which may be similar and it may not.

First, the word "god" itself is simply defined (and I like to keep things simple) as "what a person or persons worship". So what do you worship? I ask. You say, "God." What is God? IT is what I worship. And we can begin going around and around for a long time. Or, as Moses encountered the Sacred, "I AM THAT I AM."

There is indeed, for many of us, god, something we worship. So there is a god. Not an anthropomorphized entity but perhaps a broad and overarching idea that love can win over all else. There is love, passion, compassion, a driving desire to behave in such a way that the world is better because of it, an eagerness to help and provide a calming presence for others. There is unity and community, and a longing to live for the benefit of all people, not just self-interest.

Jesus, the Christ, which again simply means savior or (again more simply) the one who reveals "god", the sacred one (unity), to us. Jesus taught that "love of neighbor" encapsulated all that God is. And so in all things if that one thing is lifted up as the most important, then that is what we are worshipping. That is to say, our God, or again, what we worship, is a desire to promote love among all living things and respect for all the earth.

God then occurs in community when what we are doing is coming together for the purpose of promoting love of all people. What we worship is a desire to live in an orderly and peaceful way with all people, where all people have the opportunity to be treated with kindness and respect.

Put simply, God is (or you may say, 'is in') the love we share when we are sharing for the sake of others. I am that I am.

Just a thought for the journey we are on.

Blessings Friends!

Pastor Richard Feyen



More from the Pastor

Themes for AUGUST 2021

AUGUST 1 Richard is going to be on vacation

August 8th

Sermon: Imitators of the Sacred

Theme: Righteousness

Psalm 130

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Contemporary Reading: *Good is the Flesh: Body, Soul, and Christian Faith*; by Jean Denton

August 15th

Sermon: Wisdom in The Words

Theme: What does eating the flesh and drinking the blood really mean.

Psalm 111

Scripture Reading: John 6:51-58

Contemporary Reading: *The Wisdom Jesus: Transforming Heart and Mind - A New Perspective on Christ and His Message*; by Cynthia Bourgeault

August 22nd

Sermon: Clothed In the Sanctity of Life

Theme: Tools of our trade ...

Psalm 84

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Contemporary Reading: *Teachings of Rumi* by Andrew Harvey

August 29th

Sermon: Unstained By the World

Theme: Doers of the word ... action vs. learning

Psalm 15

Scripture Reading: James 1:17-27

Contemporary Reading: *The Book of Job: Annotated & Explained*; by Donald Kraus

Family Fun Night Thursday, August 12th 6:00-8:00 PM

Please join us for an night of carnival games, balloon animals, Minute to Win It games, a cake/cookie walk and many other fun things!!!

This a free event for all!!

Invite your neighbors and neighbors!!



A Note from our Council President

A lot is happening at Pilgrim even though we are in the lull of a warm summer season. The search committee continues to meet & review potential candidates. On July 12th, many members went to Catherine Krail's home to sing happy birthday to celebrate her 102th year. Amazing!

The first stage of the new carpet was installed in the narthex/front hall, lounge, the hall down to & including the main office & pastor's study all the way through the nursery room. Many thanks to ALL who helped with moving furniture & other items back. We also were able to move several of the pews in greatest need of repair from the sanctuary down to the east side of the fellowship hall. Thanks to Avery for coming up with a process to move the really long pews. He is also replacing Tom Kirchoff on the Property & Maintenance Ministry. We are very grateful to Tom for his long dedication on this ministry. I'm also very grateful for Avery stepping in as there are multiple projects needing attention (moving pews & various items in sanctuary when carpet installed sometime in August; parking lot repairs, multiple outside repairs/ maintenance).

Regarding the sanctuary we now have a mix of chairs & pews as we consider our options after the carpet is replaced. It gives us the opportunity to decide what we want going forward and time to explore possible repairs to several of the pews. There will be some re-arranging here and there. Please try out the different seating options & Let Us Know what you think. Contact myself or Pastor Richard.

Also, a big thank you to our lawn mowing volunteers: Doug Baltz, Ben Roder, Dennis Sabel, Pete Tadych, & Avery Geiger. It requires at least 3 hours to mow the lawn each time they do, plus I know Doug puts in additional time with addressing the weeds. I'm sure others do additional as well.

Thanks to Fran Schmid for replanting & maintaining the north side of the building with some beautiful flowers & ground cover plants. Check it out.

I'm thankful to all who put in their time both outside and inside.

I've been putting in a lot of time with some church maintenance projects myself and often is a good way to connect with others who are coming and going at church. When time allows I take care of my own wellbeing by joining Jean Wright's yoga class via zoom from the comfort of my home. Yes, she has faithfully been leading this class on Monday's & Thursdays. There is a zoom link on the Pilgrim's webpage under Health & Wellness.

Jill's retirement will be recognized during the worship service on July 25th. Congratulations to Jill!!

Looking ahead to August 12th, Pilgrim is hosting a Family Fun night. I'm sure Karen is working hard on this event and if you can help her out, give her a call.

Barb Geiger

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Retirement

As many of you already know, July 30th is my official retirement.

I wanted to thank all of you for the wonderful years I had with you. I really enjoyed working with all of you and getting to know so many people. Pilgrim members are the best and easy to work with.

You will still see me around Pilgrim and I will see you on Sundays and at other social gatherings!

Please stop by and introduce yourself to our new secretary, Cathy Drew. She will be starting on Monday, July 26.

Thank you for the past 11 years. They were wonderful and hopefully I will enjoy retirement just as much.

Sincerely,
Jill Barbeau



Adult Education

We have an exciting schedule for Adult Education this fall. Between Adult Forum and Bible with Bagels, there is sure to be something of interest to everyone. Our intention is to hold our meetings both in person and via Zoom. We hope to accommodate everybody who wishes to attend, so we will keep you informed as to how this will work. Please look for more information in the September Quill!

Suzette Curtis & Adult Education Committee

Adult Forum

Sunday Morning

September 19 - "A Social Dilemma"

September 26 - Netflix Documentary

We tweet, we like, and we share— but what are the consequences of our growing dependence on social media? This documentary-drama hybrid reveals how social media is reprogramming civilization with tech experts sounding the alarm on their own creations.

October 3 Coffee Hour

October 10 Riverside Preachers
Leader: George Curtis

"That which we are called upon to do does not come under the category of generosity. It belongs to justice. The term reparation insures that insight. The Good Samaritan was generous. He only found his victim in the ditch; we put ours there."

October 17 Cybersecurity
Leader: Keywon Brown, FDL Police Department

With an increasing number of users, devices and programs in the modern enterprise, combined with the increased deluge of data -- much of which is sensitive or confidential -- the importance of cybersecurity continues to grow. The growing volume and sophistication of cyber attackers and attack techniques compound the problem even further.

October 24 –31 Non-Canonical Old Testament Books
Leader: Dr. William Urbrick,
Professor Emeritus UW-Oshkosh

In evangelical Christianity, the term canon of scripture refers to those Christian writings which are judged to have been inspired by God. That is to say, these books have been subjected to examination to determine that they are inspired literature, thus having ultimate authority. The term "Apocrypha" (which means hidden or secret) is usually applied to a collection of books from this period, ranging from eleven to sixteen in number. These books have a strange history. Ecclesiastical opinion in different periods has differed widely as to the value of this literature, and as to whether any of these books are divinely inspired.

November 7 Coffee Hour

November 14 - Non-Canonical New Testament Books

November 28- Leader: Dr. Kathleen Corley Schuhart,
Religious Studies UWO

As with the Old Testament, there were many more writings from the time of the New Testament that were not included in the biblical canon. These writings included more details about Christ's birth, his childhood, and the life of Mary and Joseph. They also include more details and knowledge about Christ as communicated by the apostles and evangelists.

December 5 Coffee Hour

December 12 *Freeing Jesus*
By Diana Butler Bass
Leader: Ellen Sieglaff

The award-winning author of *Grateful* goes beyond the culture wars to offer a refreshing take on the comprehensive, multi-faceted nature of Jesus, keeping his teachings relevant and alive in our daily lives.

December 19 "Pagan Origins of Christmas & Tradition History" Documentary

Many traditional elements of Christmas pre-date Christianity. In other words, Christmas was pagan before it was adopted (and renamed) by Christians. The Catholic Encyclopedia of 1908 states that "Christmas was not among the earliest festivals of the Church. Irenaeus and Tertullian omit it from their lists of feasts" - those authors lived into the 3rd century.



Adult Education (Continued)

Bible with Bagels

September 8 - 29

Wisdom From the Woods, Navigating Life's Unexpected Challenges

Leaders: Virginia Gilmore & Duane Trammell

Through this book you will be guided to enter your own stories - noticing what inspires you, exploring tools and disciplines to strengthen your hope, and propelling yourself forward with renewed energy.

October 6 - 27

Bible Study - Gospels of Matthew & Mark

Leader: Brian Smith,

Professor Emeritus Ripon College

Brian will lead us through an in depth study of the Sermon on the Mount in the book of Matthew followed by discussion of Jesus' true Messianic mission and guidelines for becoming a disciple in the book of Mark.

November 3 -10

"Kiss the Ground"

Leader: Irv Possin

Kiss the Ground is a full-length documentary narrated by Woody Harrelson that sheds light on an "new, old approach" to farming called "regenerative agriculture" that has the potential to balance our climate, replenish our vast water supplies, and feed the world.

November 17, December 1-8

On the Brink of Everything

by Parker Palmer

A brave and beautiful book for all who want to age reflectively, seeking new insights and life-giving ways to engage in the world. "Age itself," he says, "is no excuse to wade in the shallows. It's a reason to dive deep and take creative risks."

December 15

Christmas Social Brunch

SCRIP

PLEASE consider Pilgrim's SCRIP program as you begin to prepare for Back to School needs and end of the summer vacations (gas for the vehicles) or even just your daily needs at the grocery store. While I may not be sitting weekly at the table in the narthex, I am still selling SCRIP. It's as easy as a phone call to me to let me know what your needs might be and a GREAT way to help support Pilgrim church! I'd love to hear from you!
Karen Goodacre 904-5740



Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

Sunday School News

Family Fun Night

Good News! The CE ministry is once again bringing back to Pilgrim's lawn, our annual Community Family Fun Nights. Please plan to join us on **Thursday, August 12th from 6:00p.m- 8:00p.m** for an evening of carnival games, balloon animals, a craft, a snack, Minute to Win It games, a cake/cookie walk and much more fun. This is a free event for all! Invite your friends and neighbors! If you can help with the games or other activities, please call Karen @ 904-5740.



More Good news!



At this time, the Christian Education ministry is planning to have the return of Sunday school classes this fall. Like most things these days, changes are taking place and that I not different with Pilgrim's Sunday school program.

This year we will be looking into using a one room Sunday school curriculum for grades Prek-5th. The 6-th thru 8th grade (and those in confirmation class) will continue to meet as a class using the

Groove Book series.

This is all good news as we look forward to once again being able to gather together as we learn about the love of Jesus in our lives. We will be looking once again for volunteers to help with teaching and shepherding the children and youth of Pilgrim, so if you are willing and able to help please speak with Karen or a member of the CE ministry.

Rally Day

On **Sunday, September 12th**, immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service, we will gather in the fellowship hall for our annual Rally Day Pancake Breakfast. We will be doing things a little differently this year in order to keep things as safe as possible so we will be asking the cooks to also be servers in the serving line so as to have less handling of the food and utensils. So please mark your calendars for this important date as we look forward to being together in person once again!



Jr./Sr. High Youth Group Gathering

We are inviting all Jr. and Sr. High youth to join us for an evening of fun and fellowship on **Tuesday, August 17th**. We will begin with having pizza at church at 5:30 p.m. as we discuss plans for the youth groups going forward and then we will go to Fondy Sports Complex for some fun activities of mini golf and go karting. This will be a wonderful opportunity to gather and meet some of your church friends that you may not have seen in a long time. The CE ministry will be sponsoring this event so there will be NO cost to the youth.

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, August 12th 6-8 p.m. Family Fun Night

Tuesday, August 17th 5:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.- Jr./ Sr. High Youth Group Event

Sunday, September 12th - Rally Day/Pancake Breakfast following 9:00 a.m. worship

Sunday, September 19th - 1st day of Sunday school classes!



Parish Nurse

So... about that 8 cups of water/day.....

You've heard the advice to drink eight cups of water a day - in fact, I've nagged on that for years. Truth-be-told, for some people, fewer than eight cups a day might be enough, and other people might need more. And water is not the only fluid that "counts". What a person eats provides a portion, as well as liquids like milk, juice, lemonade, smoothies, iced tea, and sodas (as long as they don't contain alcohol or caffeine). Water continues to be a good choice since we are made of approx 60% water, (We literally replace what's "lost" with more of the same!) there are no calories to count and it's essentially free from the tap.

Symptoms of dehydration include unclear thinking, mood changes, decreased body temp regulation (e.g. feeling cold when it's hot) and dizziness. Even slight dehydration over time can contribute to constipation, digestion problems, sore joints and kidney stones.

Fluid intake is probably adequate if one rarely feels thirsty and urine is colorless or light yellow. Eight cups (as in measuring cups - not 8 glasses) of fluid/day is easy to remember, and it's a reasonable goal for anyone who does not have an underlying health condition that they need to restrict their fluids. Activities that make a person sweat, hot humid weather, and health factors (e.g. fever, vomiting, diarrhea, bladder infection, kidney stones, pregnancy) are reasons to increase fluid intake beyond the basic 8 cups.

Staying hydrated is one of the most important health practices any time of the year. In a Wisconsin August, staying hydrated becomes critical as we balance being active in the heat with overall physical and mental health.

August is National Immunization Month, highlighting the importance of vaccinations for people of all ages. Parents, this is where I remind you to check your child's vaccine record to see if they need any immunizations for school and/or school sports in September. If you are unsure, please contact your Primary Care Provider or check the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) online. Now enter Covid-19 and its variants...and more discussions about vaccines. To be upfront, I do believe in being vaccinated. I also believe and respect that this is a personal decision, and want to be able to dialog with people on "both sides of that fence".

As your Parish Nurse, I will be taking part in the Covid-19 Vaccine Outreach Project through the Wisconsin Council of Churches. (See below) This is a project that Rev. Dan Schultz is working on, and I'm hoping Pilgrim will be able to utilize - to help our church and community be and stay healthy - mind, body and spirit.

"Wisconsin has been a leader in vaccinations against COVID-19 with more than 1 million residents fully vaccinated. However, barriers to vaccination remain across the state in information, cost, and hesitancy. Honoring its commitment to peace, health and equity, the Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) has entered into partnership with the State of Wisconsin to address these barriers through a COVID-19 Community Outreach program focused on all people who interact directly or indirectly with a church or faith-based nonprofit in our network. Within this broad population, we have identified smaller communities of particular interest and attention: Black, Hispanic/Latino, LGBTQ, justice-involved individuals, and rural populations."

For your Calendar: (Every day is a cause for celebration!)

Aug 3 National Watermelon Day - Watermelon is low in calories and a decent source of Vitamins C, K, and A. It also hydrates and tastes delicious!

Aug 7 National Mustard Day - Low in fat, and generally high in fiber, iron, magnesium, and thiamin (The Mustard Museum is in Middleton - Free admission and an overwhelming array of mustards. Road trip!)

Aug 15 National Thrift Shop Day - Care for the environment - reuse and repurpose to help the local community. (This year the 15th is a Sunday...so just pick a day that week to check out what St. Vinnies and Second Impressions thrift stores have waiting just for you!)

August 17 "I Love my Feet Day" - There are 8000 nerves, 26 bones, 33 joints and 19 muscles in each foot. Be amazed!... We are fearfully and wonderfully made!

Aug 21 National Honey Bee Day - Without bees, we would also be without many fruits and veggies...and honey! Support practices that are good for bees.

Aug 22 Full Moon - beautiful...simply beautiful.



Search Committee Update

The Search Committee continues to work diligently as we are presently having Zoom interviews with candidates. The Rev. Jane Anderson has been a great asset at the NE Association level but since she is on sabbatical the committee has been working with Rev. Franz Rigert, the Conference minister.

Our Local Church Profile has been attracting candidates and we are currently at step #11 in the process as outlined below.

Remaining steps in the Search & Call Process:

Step 9: *Revising/updating Local Church Profile & resubmit for posting on UCC web site (done 4-29-21)*

Step 10: *Second meeting with ACM for orientation to reading candidate profiles and candidating weekend and beyond. (done)*

Step 11: *Start receiving candidate profile and work through discernment of best candidate, prepare questions for first & second interviews and review all candidate profiles. (May 7 to ongoing)*

Step 12: *Interview process typically includes:*

Practice interview with neighboring pastor (done on 1-11-21)

Zoom first interview with candidates

Check references with prepared questions via telephone

Association Conference Minister (ACM) reference check before second interviews

Zoom second interview of 2-3 finalists if in-person is not an option

Invite top finalist(s) to visit our church for an in-person meeting and tour of the church building

Arrange with ACM for a neutral pulpit sermon visit ~~and/or~~ listen to taped video sermons via YouTube or Facebook. (ongoing)

Prepare Call Agreement for top candidate and negotiate terms with top candidate.

Step 13: *Arrange a candidating weekend in-person visit so Congregation meets the final candidate who leads worship followed by a special Congregational meeting to vote on a call.*

Make all travel lodging and hospitality arrangements for the candidate and family

Coordinate worship service lead by candidate and worship committee.

Step 14: *Newly called pastor arrives and begins ministry.*

Step 15: *New Pastor meets with the Association Minister and works with them on an installation service and date.*

Step 16: *Installation of new Pastor and celebration by Congregation.*

Respectfully submitted by Gary Ring, Search Committee Chairperson

Committee members:

Tracy Ablor, Jim Bentley, Peg Bradley, Barb Roder, Drew Mueller, Sue Schmitz, & Jeff Siemers



**Pilgrim Funds More KIVA Loans
from the
United States to Timor-Leste**

The Outreach Ministry recently funded four KIVA loans. We had \$493.63 available from previous loans which had been repaid. 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.

We have four stories to share from around the world. We begin in the United States where the average annual income is \$54,800. Next we visit Ecuador where the average annual income is \$10,600. From Ecuador we travel to Kenya where the average annual income is \$1,800. Finally, we arrive at Timor-Leste a small island north of Australia where the average income is \$6,800. KIVA helps us understand the problems people face around the world and gives us the ability to lessen their suffering and empower them to be independent. KIVA is a gift for us and for them!

Crystal owns a seafood restaurant in Middle River, Maryland called Pisces Crab and Seafood. The restaurant provides employment to people in her community and offers second chance employment to people with criminal records who need to provide for their families. The business has been successful and gives the employees pride and self-respect for their hard work. They also donate to the local community. Crystal wants the restaurant to be around for a long time and show the younger generation it's possible to own a business and be a minority. Our loan of \$125.00, combined with loans from many others, will be used to update equipment (a broken convection oven and steam table). Some of the funds will be used to update menus and for marketing to boost sales.

Parmenia requested a loan to buy chickens and corn. Parmenia is Colombian and for the past seven years has lived in Ecuador. She is the single mother of two school age children. She and her children live in a rented house in the village of Santa Rosa. Everyday Parmenia tries to find work as a day laborer, but many times she is not successful in finding work. In addition to working as a day laborer, she raises chickens. She wants to increase this business and have a stable source of income so she requested a loan to buy chickens and corn. Growing her business will allow her to have a larger income and improve her ability to support her children.

Sharon lives in the remote town of Siongiroi in Kenya which has an average annual income of only \$1,800. She is married, age 33, and has three school age children. Thanks to her daily efforts, she has managed to give her children a good start by providing them with a quality education. Sharon's primary sources of income are crops and animal farming. The Siongiroi area is a favorable area for farming, so she is seeking a loan to buy another cow that she will fatten and later sell at a profit. Being a woman and accessing funds in Kenya, especially the Siongiroi area, is very challenging but Sharon feels relieved knowing there are institutions such as KIVA that help enterprising women like herself.

Finally, we meet Rita who lives on the island of Timor-Leste. She is 28 years old and married. She's a talented woman with a good understanding of business. She has a small, handmade fuel station which she's been running for three years with her own capital. It is a very common activity for people to sell fuel in bottles by the road in East Timor due to the lack of a big fuel station. Her business is well located next to the main road linking her village to others, so people come daily to buy fuel. The business is very important to Rita because since she first started it her family's life has improved. Our loan of \$75.00 will allow her to buy more fuel to resell in bottles and expand her business. She is grateful for all the lenders who help make this possible.

If you would like to learn more about KIVA see their website www.kiva.org or talk to Peg Bradley or one of the Outreach members.

Thank you.....

Dear Pilgrim,

Despite it being a blustery day, Pilgrims' first show-up at the third annual Pride Picnic on June 27th was felt to be a success. Many people stopped by our table to ask who we were and what we represented. Some took brochures and all sincerely thanked us for being there.

Thank-you to: Tracy Abler, Sue Schmitz, Richard and Peggy Feyen, Fran Schmid, Randy Stutz, Dianne Hammer, Chris and Bayard Frederick, Peg Bradley, and Judy Goetsch/family for letting us use their canopy.

Membership and Evangelism Ministry

Dear Pilgrim,

I just wanted to say thank you to the many people who provided food and or time to work when Pilgrim Church served Loaves and Fishes on June 23rd. We served 111 meals to those hungry in our community. While things were definitely different this time due to the changes made by the Loaves and Fishes board, everything went smoothly and Pilgrim can feel proud to be a part of this worthwhile organization.

Again, THANK YOU to all who helped in any way.

Karen Goodacre

Dear Pilgrim,

What a surprise, the parade of friends who stopped by on my birthday. UNBELIEVABLE. A huge thank you to Karen Goodacre for organizing it. And to Chris Frederick for the balloons and poster. Where, but at Pilgrim Church could this happen? I thank God for directing me there so many years ago.

Heartfelt gratitude to everyone for a day I will never forget.

Catherine Krail

Dear Pilgrim,

Thank you Pilgrim for providing me a scholarship for camp and taking care of me and my friends. I look forward to going back next year.

Adrian Johnson

Dear Pilgrim,

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Fond du Lac County and The Solutions Center sincerely thank you for your gift of \$1000 towards the St. Katherine Drexel Homeless Shelter.

Thank you

Dear Pilgrim,

Thank you for your donation of \$500 to Mahala's Hope. Your kindness and ongoing support is greatly appreciated. Please know you are making a difference in the lives of the women we serve.

In Deepest Gratitude,
Sandy

Dear Pilgrim,

Thank you for your generous gift to Back Bay Mission. Your gift to *Friends of the Mission* makes it possible to meet the most urgent needs of the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Grace and Peace,
James Pennington
Executive Director



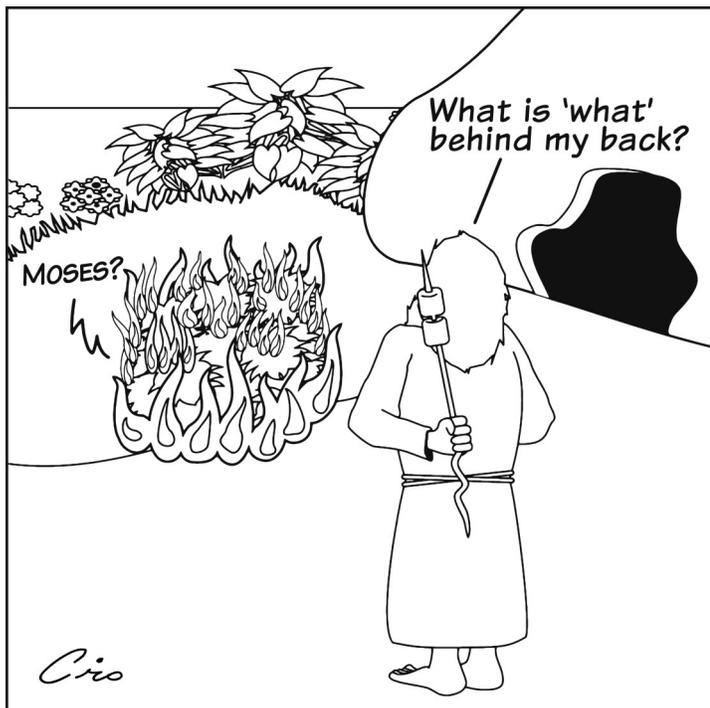
August Birthdays

2	Todd Moely Bob Cornell Jean Cornell	23	Julia Etheridge
3	Verabelle Pattee	27	Nell Kirchhoff
4	Barb Spies	28	Reilly Johnson Gretchen Schadeberg
5	Marion Schneider	29	Kerm Giles
9	Donna Overbo	30	Nyles Priest
11	Amber Kilawee Peter Tadych	31	Charlene Abitz Barb Mittelstaedt
13	Wendy Ellison		
14	Jason Laudolff		
15	Lynne Zwerg Bart Dahlke		
16	Tammy Steier		



August Anniversaries

Rich & Peg Bradley	Aug. 5, 1967
Albert & Whitney Curl	Aug. 5, 2004
Neal & Ellen Sieglaff	Aug. 11, 1973
Patti & Mark Ingram	Aug. 20, 2011
Kristie & Patrick Luckow	Aug. 22, 2009
Doug & Joanne Baltz	Aug. 30, 1980
Gary & Joni Greenfield	Aug. 31, 1965



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!

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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 August	
Date	9:00 Service
August 1	Bill & Patti Burns
August 8	Jim & Dianne Bentley
August 15	Gary & Joni Greenfield
August 22	Linda Stutz & Kaitlynn Zick
August 29	Linda Stutz & Kaitlynn Zick

Welcomers for August	
Date	9:00 Service
August 1	Fran Schmid
August 8	Jim & Dianne Bentley
August 15	Barb Tadych
August 22	Shannon LaLuzerne
August 29	Pat Towne

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 may knock once, but temptation bangs on the front door forever!

The Billboard

PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021

Present: Pastor Richard, Pastor Peggy, Barb Geiger, Patty Burns, Linda Stutz, Karen Goodacre, Bayard Fredrick, Fran Schmid, Donna Jost, Pete Tadych, Patty Minter, Wendy Ellison

1. **Welcome and Quorum:** established at 6:11 PM by Barb Geiger.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Richard opened with a reading from Galatians and a prayer recognizing Pride month
3. **Secretary's Report:** There is one change to the May minutes. Nominating committee has been changed to Search committee. Minutes updated.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Under cash accounts, 73 Scrip checking, YTD Balance \$4800 explanation is there was a larger order placed in May to get a large inventory and it has not evened out yet. This expected to even out over the next month.
Under Liabilities, MISC. PAYABLES, 88 cash holdings, note: (\$700) will be moved to Christian Education account for Family Fun Night. Balance Last month of \$329 is incorrect and has been corrected.
Karen made a motion to approve the report, Patty Minter seconded the motion. Report acceptance was made by Unanimous Consent.
5. **Pastor's Report:** Written report attached.
Additions to the attached report include; On June 20th the Church began Mask by Choice during service. This continues to follow the CDC guidelines.
There was a discussion with Josh and he will continue to supply once monthly special music.
The Rainbow Flag that was outside of the church has 'disappeared'. Pastor Richard ordered a new one. Perhaps we can find one that can be seen from the street but indoors so does not 'disappear' again.
Acceptance was made by Unanimous Consent. Accepted by Unanimous Consent.
6. **President's Report:** Gary Ring and the Search Committee continue to review Pastoral candidates. Avery Geiger reported that Alliant Energy still has our church under the account for St. Mark's. They are notified us that they are going to be burying some electrical lines. His committee will look into what this means for us and outdoor lighting along the side of the church with no poles present.
7. **Vice President's Report:** Patty Burns reported that initial interviews for the Church Administrative Assistant started today with 1 interview and 3 more scheduled for tomorrow. She also asked for approval to include 1 week of vacation for this position.
Motion for approval of 1 week paid vacation was made by Linda Stutz. Motion was seconded by Fran Schmid. Acceptance was made by Unanimous Consent.
8. **Old Business:** The carpet has come in, Barb will check to see when it can be installed. The installation can be done first in the Narthex, lounge, and offices first. Then the Sanctuary which can be held off for an additional week if necessary.
9. **New Business:** Sanctuary seating: Visual aides were handed out. Linda stated that she had one member strongly felt the seating should remain the same way as it is, and 3 members believe that change is a positive. Discussion furthered with discussion. The sanctuary sits approximately 200 people. Discussion regarding seating options ensued. Look at the visual aids and provide some possible seating arrangements. Remember the seating arrangement does not have to be permanent. We can try out different options to allow the congregation to try them out and provide feedback.

With the carpet installation the pews will be removed and placed in the fellowship hall. There will also be an inspection as to the condition of them and how many can continued to be reused. It is quite costly to have them refurbished.

Discussion also ensued regarding the sturdiness of not having the pews secured to the floor. The feeling is they are heavy enough and sturdy enough that no one would tip backwards when using the pews.

A submission in the church weekly email will be made regarding the condition of the pews and that trying out new seating arrangements is opportune due to the carpet installation and having to remove all the pews.

Barb will also be in touch with Neil Sieglaff to develop an announcement to be put to the screen which will be prerecorded which can be put up during a church service as well as on-line services.

10. Ministry/Committee Reports and Updates (as necessary)

Worship & Music – Linda Stutz - Nothing new to add.

Christian Education- Karen Goodacre - Minutes attached.

SCRIP update – Karen Goodacre – Nothing new to add.

Property & Maintenance – Pete Tadych - Minutes attached. Additional information: Repair to the parking lot is necessary. There is an area in the center which is breaking up and frequently has water in it after a rain and after as well. Pastor Richard stated that he has observed water bubbling up. There was a resurfacing/repair approximately 5 years ago for \$17,000. If we want it to last 20 – 25 years it would cost approximately \$100,000. The council supports getting more estimates for the parking lot repair. They should also look into some eco-friendly options. Barb will pass this on to the Property and Maintenance committee.

Lay Life & Leadership – Patty Minter – Minutes attached. They will support a recognition for Jill as she retires. Suggestion was made that we provide a SCRIP gift card for Amazon from the Church Council. Patty is looking at supplying, through lay life, flowers, cupcakes, coffee and punch. Pastor will firm up a Sunday with Jill in which she will be present.

Stewardship & Finance – Bayard Frederick - Minutes attached. They are strongly encouraging members to utilize Breeze to make their contributions to the church.

Membership & Evangelism – Fran Schmid - Minutes attached. Pride festival is covered.

Search Committee – Patty Burns – No new additions

Ham Dinner & Bazaar – Linda Stutz- This is a large fund raiser for the Church. In keeping with the CDC guidelines and not having large indoor gatherings they are looking at a 'Take-Out' only dinner with limited delivery. Please give Linda and/or Randy Stutz your input.

Christian Outreach - Jean Wright - There was \$800 in blanket sales for Blanket Sunday. Remember Back to School is coming and plans are starting to be made.

Memorial Committee

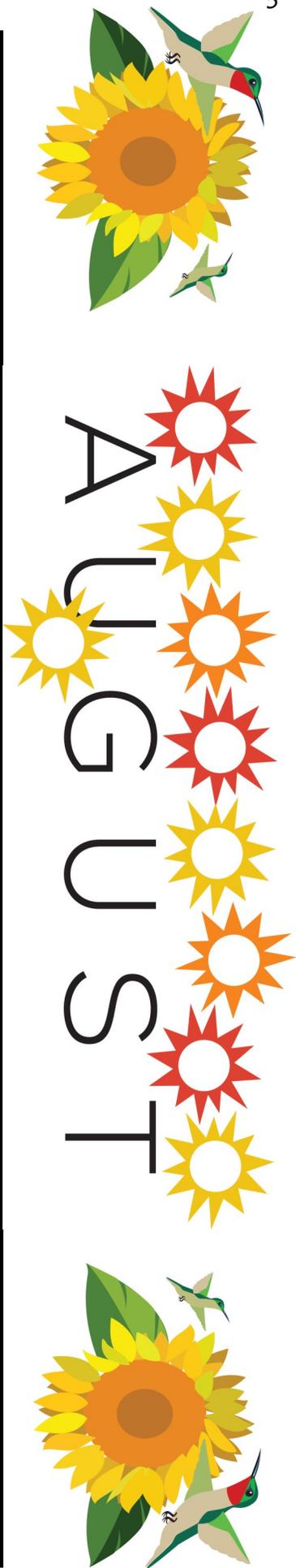
Trust Fund report.

11. Celebrations: Barb Geiger wants to celebrate everyone's turn out and input as well all the support she is given.

12. Information sharing

13. Adjournment: The meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Ellison, Secretary.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship	2	3	4	5 6:00 Al-ANON	6 6:00 Al-ANON	7
8 9:00 Worship	9 4:00 Christ. Ed 5:30 Worship 6:00 Property	10	11	12 6:00-8:00 Family Fun Night	13 6:00 Al-ANON	14
15 9:00 Worship	16 6:00 Council Quill Week	17 5:30 Youth Group	18	19	20 6:00 Al-ANON	21
22 9:00 Worship	23	24	25	26	27 6:00 Al-ANON	28
29 9:00 Worship	30	31				

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- Parish Nurse..... Sue Schmitz
- Sunday School Director..... Karen Goodacre
- Youth Director.....
- Adult Education Director..... Suzette Curtis
- Organist..... Helen Gilsdorf
- Choir Director..... Zachary Ball
- Choir Accompanist.....
- Custodian..... Nick Bonnell
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- Church Council Vice President..... Patti Burns
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