



THE PILGRIM QUILL

OCTOBER 2021



Thoughts For The Pilgrim's Journey

This is my last opportunity to address you as a group through the monthly Quill. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to be present among you serving Pilgrim Church for these last seventeen months. I have said that everything in life is either fun or learning. My experience with you has been both.

It has been fun to get to know you, to urge and guide you through some tough decisions and to lead you through this odd time of COVID-19 and now its Delta variant. I appreciate the confidence and respect you have afforded me in the relatively short time I have been with you. And I certainly have found Pilgrim Church to be warm and welcoming, even through all the time we could not gather in person. As we began our journey together many of you took advantage of the opportunity to come to one of the "Carport Visits", a few multiple times, I appreciated your time and your acquaintance.

There are some committed strong leaders here who want to make Pilgrim a better place for all people. Your Lay Leadership Team deserves your support and appreciation as you move forward through the weeks and months ahead, weeks and months which may, at times, contain some uncertainty and some challenges. Be patient and loving with one another as only a church family can be.

In my term with you, there are some things I have noticed which very definitely need some attention. Some you already know about, some you don't, and some you'd rather not hear about. This is a well-funded church by many standards. So if volunteers are not stepping forward to take on the maintenance tasks, pay to have it done. Be proud of your church building and care for it. People will want to come!

Consider moving the worship time. I have heard the line of thinking that went into the compromise which resulted in the 9:00AM time slot. Now read about the reasoning behind 10:00AM (or 10:15). Most of what I have heard centered on trying to make the people ALREADY coming to one or the other services happy. But what you really want to do is make it seem inviting to

those who ARE NOT already here. Families on Sunday morning are more likely to come out a little later (we have all been there trying to get our children out on a Sunday morning). Adult Forum attendees are mostly in church so they are not going to need to get up earlier. Church School can be held during church. Not my favorite but it does work better. And Coffee Fellowship time can be held after church every Sunday and in a space which provides enough room for everyone to sit down for a while.

I also feel very strongly that the future of Pilgrim Church does not lie with the youth . . . (shocking words for some to hear I know). The future of Pilgrim Church lies in its ability to provide thinking adults an alternative Progressive theology. There are many intelligent, progressive thinkers in this community who want to hear more about the multiple paths to God; who want to hear about a theology that is open to accepting LGBTQ people; people who want to identify with a theology which is accepting and open and not oppressive and a theology which lives the real presence of God in the here and now, not in some unidentifiable future life after we die. The Christ message is about life in the Community of Faith NOW. Pilgrim is the only place in town which is capable of offering that message.

There is more I will share with the Executive Committee and the Church Council. For now, these are just a couple of seeds for planting; you can water and nurture them or you can let them be. Be assured that even the learning parts have been fun. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this very unusual time of COVID-19.

Blessings Friends!

Pastor Richard Feyen



More from the Pastor

SERMON THEMES FOR OCTOBER:

October 3rd Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Title: Sanctified

Theme: Yes We Are Made Sacred

Psalm 26

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4 and 2:5-12

Contemporary Reading: *Simple Taoism: A Guide to Living in Balance* by Annellen Simpkins, C. Alexander Simpkins

October 10th Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Sermon Title: I've Kept The Law – Now What?

Theme: Going Beyond the Requirements

Psalm 22:1-15

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:17-31

Contemporary Reading: *How Can I Help?: Stories and Reflections on Service* by Paul Gorman, Ram Dass



2021 "ALTERNATIVE" ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR DECEMBER 12, 2021

Watch for all the details in the November Quill.



Warm coats, both new and gently used are in need for the annual Coats for Kids campaign (this includes infant through adult sizes). There is a collection box located between the entrance doors to deposit the coats. **Please note that the deadline for dropping off the coats is OCTOBER 15TH.** If any questions, see Cathy in the office.

News from Council President, Barb Geiger:

The fall programs for our Sunday School and Adult Education are underway with many opportunities for expanding our knowledge & faith. Thank you to the dedicated members who are leading and helping with these programs!

Installation of the carpet was completed on September 16th! After reviewing all the responses I received relating to the sanctuary seating, pews were favored. Thank-you to ALL who provided suggestions and feedback in any way. There were some nicely thought out ideas. The pews in better condition were put back for now and spaced further apart & the modesty rails were moved back to create more space to pass through by the piano & steps. ***NOTE: the pews are NOT bolted down for now to allow options for future adjustments if desired. There are notices on the back of all pews & the modesty rails saying do not pull on them as they are not secure.

A HUGE thank you to all who helped with moving items in the sanctuary. Moving the organ & piano went much better than expected thanks to the help and furniture sliders. Neal also put in a lot of time with getting the music, sound and camera technology wiring - we are well prepared for the future with our technology!

The Pastoral search continues for both a long term settled pastor and our next interim. These are challenging times in so many ways and we are very grateful for all the dedication by Gary Ring and all the members of the search committee.



Hello from Helen

So happy to be in touch with you since my “tumble” (Chris Frederick’s term) on September 9th. Since then, you’ve had the joy of three capable substitute organists: Andrew Christenson, Pam Lane and Georgene Antos. Truly, life provides in good form.

I want to tell you the strange manner of my fall on September 9th at 6:00AM when my shoulder was displaced. I was coming back to the house from getting the morning paper, as usual, when I was startled (putting it mildly!) by a huge blackbird that was fluttering around my front door seemingly unable to find its way out of the cornice. I screamed and lunged backward. Apparently I had been reading the headlines and hence, had gotten very close to the situation. No broken bones! The recovery has been usual: slow, gradual and actually, quite interesting! Very grateful for all! Thanks for the good wishes . . .

FAIR TRADE COFFEE SALE!!!

October 10th is the next date to order your Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate.

Checks should be made out to Pilgrim Church and in the memo area, please add “Fair Trade Coffee”.

There are order forms available on the table in the narthex.



PILGRIM UCC ANNUAL HAM DINNER
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021
4:00PM TO 7:00PM

TAKE OUT ONLY



The success of an event depends on everyone's help. There are many ways to help with the ham dinner. Remember this will be a bit different than what we are used to, but we are going to give it a try.

Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex listing all the areas helpers will be needed; there will also be a sheet listing the items we need donated. You can sign-up on the sheets in the narthex or call the church office to have Cathy put your name down on what area you will be able to help; you can also send an email to Cathy in the office (cathy.drew@pilgrimuccfdl.org) to have your name put down for the area in which you can help.

The ham dinner is an important fundraiser for the church to help us make our annual budget. If you have questions about how you can help or any safety concerns you may have before you volunteer to help, please don't hesitate to call me. Listed below are the time frames for the workers we will need (number in parentheses denotes the number of workers for each function) and also listed are the items we need donated; I'm hoping you can find several ways to help with this event:

9:00AM -11:00AM	Potato Peelers (6) - Applesauce Cup Fillers (4) - Bun/Butter Packaging (4)
1:00PM - 3:00PM	Pie Cutters & Packagers (6)
3:45PM - 5:15PM	Take Out Assembly Line (10) - Transporter of Meals from Fellowship Hall to Narthex (2) - Baggers of Meals in the Narthex (4) - Car Delivery Runners (5)
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5:30PM - 8:00PM	Clean Up Crew/Dish Washing (8)

Cash Donations are also needed to help offset cost of supplies for dinner (these cash donations can be put in an envelope marked "Ham Dinner" and dropped off at the office or put in the offertory plate); **other donated items required:**

Pumpkin Pies	8" or 9" Pies - we need 114 pies (each line on the sign-up sheet represents a donation of 2 pies per line), so please consider helping with this area
Butter - 1 lb.	We need 11 – 1 lb. packages of butter
2% White Milk	We need 5 gallon jugs of white milk

I hope to see many of you that day. Thank You in advance for any way you are able to help with our Annual Ham Dinner.



Linda Stutz
539-2518



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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

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Respectfully submitted by Gary Ring, Search Committee Chairperson

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Adult Education

ADULT FORUM meets on Sunday mornings from 10:15AM to 11:15AM in the sanctuary for those who would like to attend in person. If you would prefer to join from the comfort of your own home, the link for these meetings is the same as the link for virtual coffee hour:

([https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86527265927?
pwd=akZvb2ZnZDRoM1lsZmEyWnZyYVpEUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86527265927?pwd=akZvb2ZnZDRoM1lsZmEyWnZyYVpEUT09)
Meeting ID: 865 2726 5927 Passcode: 609609)

We will have a few minutes to chat before the program begins promptly at 10:15AM.

October 3 Coffee Hour

October 10 Reception for
Pastors Richard & Peggy Feyen

Beginning at 10:30
Riverside Preachers
“The Case for Reparations”
by Ernest T. Campbell
Leader: George Curtis

The Riverside Church has been blessed with four great preachers - Harry Emerson Fosdick, Robert J. McCracken, Ernest T. Campbell and William Sloane Coffin Jr. Through the years, their preaching has related the Christian gospel with power to the lives of individual people and the struggles of a society in search of its soul. This book, issued in honor of the one-hundredth anniversary of the birthday of Dr. Fosdick, includes twenty sermons by Riverside’s four preaching ministers. Each one demonstrates how persuasive the gospel can be when preached with conviction, imagination, intelligence and craftsmanship.

In “The Case for Reparations”, Ernest T. Campbell states “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,
Fond du Lac Police Department

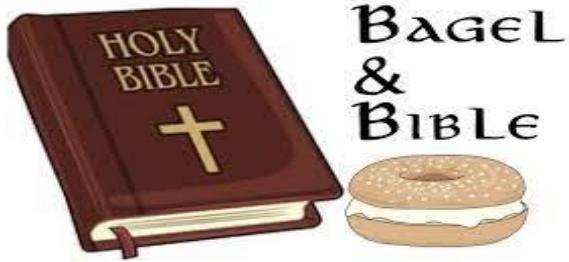
With an increasing number of users, devices and programs in the modern enterprise, combined with the increased deluge of data -- much of which is sensitive or confidential -- the importance of cybersecurity continues to grow. The growing volume and sophistication of cyber attackers and attack techniques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

Officer Keywon Brown is the Fond du Lac Police Department’s Computer Forensic Investigator. Computer Forensics deals with the preservation, identification, extraction, interpretation and documentation of computer evidence. Like any other forensic science, computer forensics involves the use of sophisticated technology, tools and procedures.

October 24 - October 31 Non-Canonical Old Testament Books
Leader: Dr. William Urbrock,
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.

It has been our privilege to have Dr. Urbrock with us in the past, so we look forward to having him join us again. His expertise in this area will surely enlighten us and lead us into a greater understanding of this truly interesting subject area.



BIBLE WITH BAGELS

Meets Wednesday mornings from 9:00AM to 10:30AM via Zoom. The link for these meetings will remain the same for each Wednesday throughout the fall semester. To join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?
pwd=cGxJa0pJbExSMOFFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?pwd=cGxJa0pJbExSMOFFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09)

**Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384
Passcode: 762316**

**October 6 -
October 27**

Bible Study -
Gospels of Mark & Matthew
Leader: Brian Smith,
Professor Emeritus Ripon College

Many scholars believe that Mark was actually the first written of the four gospels. Much of what is written in the gospel of Mark is also written in both Matthew and Luke but not vice versa. This is merely one idea that Brian Smith will share with us as he leads us in an academic study of the gospel of Mark followed by the gospel of Matthew. We will study how the scriptures were formed, the original meaning in the context of when they were written, and how and why changes were made over time.

Brian Smith was on the Faculty of Ripon College from 1987 to 2019 when he retired in May. He has done extensive research in Abrahamic Religions, religion and politics and ethics and international affairs. Brian has also published several articles through the years covering political and religious topics. We are delighted to have him share his academic perspective in this bible study.

Suzette Curtis

PUZZLE GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

e e o r j
w y l a s a
continually,
e g v i
h n t a s k

in all circumstances; for this
is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School has begun! While the number of participants is low, the energy seems to be high. I heard lots of comments that it was "just nice to be meeting in person again"! I couldn't agree more. A huge thank you to the many volunteers who have offered to give of their time to teach and or shepherd in the classrooms. It is much appreciated.

Parents, as a reminder, we will begin with opening worship in the fellowship hall at approximately 10:15AM (following our 9:00AM worship service) and classes will end at 11:15AM.

JR. BELL CHOIR

Connie Anderson is still looking for youngsters in grades 3rd - 6th who might be willing to learn how to play the children's bells. Since we are unable to sing at this time, this is an excellent opportunity for the youth to display their musical talents in a different way. Please talk with Connie if you have a youngster who may be interested.



KNOCK KNOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Our 6th- 8th graders have an opportunity to attend a weekend retreat called Knock Knock over at Pilgrim Center from Friday, November 19th - Sunday, November 21, 2021. At Knock Knock, the youth will discover love and acceptance as the true experience of the church, connect faith to their pressing concerns, do hands-on workshops and Bible study, be inspired by a Drama Team and learn how they can continue opening doors back here at home.

In the past, we at Pilgrim have sent several of our youth to this wonderful eye opening experience and would love to do so again.

If you have a youth in this age group who might be interested in attending this awesome retreat, please talk with Karen Goodacre or Gary Ring for more information. While there is a cost involved, we at Pilgrim, as always, NEVER want that to be a deciding factor as to whether you send your son or daughter. Scholarships are available.



Parish Nurse

Virus Stuff - The More You Know . . .

An **Antigen** is a toxin or foreign substance in the body – like a virus, or bacteria.

An **Antibody** is a protein produced by the body in response to recognizing an antigen.

An antibody in effect “tags” an infected cell (antigen) for attack by the immune system (e.g. with white blood cells) or can neutralize it directly (e.g. by blocking it from reproducing). Antibodies are specific for each type of antigen. God put this system in place to keep us healthy – it’s in the blueprints.

When they talk about *Antigen Testing* for a virus, they are talking about a nose swab rapid diagnostic test to check for an active infection.

Antibody Testing is a blood test that can tell past infection - It can't diagnose a current infection.

For testing site information, go to the FDL Public Health Department website - click on the COVID-19 information tab and then “testing sites” for a list of options.

Seasonal Influenza

Last year we had a “low circulation” of seasonal influenza – basically from virtual learning, masking and isolating due to coronavirus. Understanding the strong feelings one way or the other re: vaccines, I just want to remind you that it is the time for an uptick in seasonal influenza and statistically, receiving a flu shot by the end of October is ideal for increased immunity through the holidays.

The Public Health Nurses will be providing 3 free drive-through vaccine clinics for school aged children (4-18) in October (please check the Public Health Website for more information), but will not be offering seasonal influenza vaccine clinics for the general public. Contact your Primary Care Provider, or local pharmacy for Vaccine Clinic options.



Is it My Allergies?

The fall season means increased pollen/dust/mold in the air from decaying leaves and plants. Those with environmental allergies, asthma and chronic bronchitis may find themselves using their rescue inhalers more often, coughing more or feeling more short of breath.

Some symptoms of Covid-19, allergies and asthma can be the same – chest tightness, a cough (dry/hacking or congested), sore or dry scratchy throat and headache. Watch for a new onset or worsening of any symptom and please do not assume it is allergies, sinus infection or a “cold” this season – get it checked out!

October is Healthy Lung Month! (How appropriate)! Shoulders up! Shoulders back! Consciously take those slow deep breaths - expand those lungs and fill them all the way to the bottom! You are awesome as well as fearfully and wonderfully made!

Rank in the order of (possible) germ grossness:

1. The door-handle inside a public restroom stall.
2. A computer key board at school
3. The remote
4. The kitchen counter
5. Dr.’s office waiting room chairs
6. Kitchen sponge
7. Bathroom hand towel
8. Shopping cart handle
9. Money
10. A pen off Cathy’s desk

(I just wanted to get your attention before you picked up that sandwich.....)!!!



Pumpkin - Trivia

A pumpkin is not a vegetable – botanically it's a fruit ("...a fleshy plant that has seeds in it and comes from a flower"). Pumpkin contains lutein, beta carotene (converts to vitamin A), phosphorus, and vitamin C as well as small amounts of potassium, b-vitamins, protein and zinc.

Morton, Illinois is the self-declared pumpkin capital of the world with 95% of U.S. pumpkin crop (that's grown intentionally for canning) being processed there (1.5 billion pounds are produced each year throughout the U.S.).

Carving pumpkins for Halloween was initially thought to be a way of warding off demons. I can't claim that as one of my beliefs unless demons don't like the rich, creamy taste or aroma of pumpkin (fruit) pie . . .





Check Out the Bulletin Board! There is good information about colds, influenza and pneumonia and Vitamin C! Stay Healthy!

All Saints Sunday – October 31st

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Sunday, October 31st – a day that all Christians give thanks for the people God has placed in their lives and for the presence of the Holy Spirit. We remember and find strength in their faith and in the faith of all the Saints.

Those who have passed away this past year include: Jessica Potter, Drew Pattee, Judy Stevenson, and Phyllis Schmidt.

If you have a picture of those who have passed away in the past year and would like them added to the video we have to remember these saints, please get your photo **to Neal Sieglaff by October 15th.**



The poster features a blue brick wall background. In the top left corner is the NAMI logo with the text "National Alliance on Mental Illness" and "Fond du Lac". To the right, the text "5th annual - Part 2 and in person" is written in yellow. The main title "TRIVIA NIGHT" is in large, stylized green letters. A yellow lightbulb is positioned between the "R" and "V" in "TRIVIA". Below the title, the date "Tuesday, Oct. 5th at 6:00pm" and location "Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in FDL" are in yellow. At the bottom, the cost "\$25/PERSON - TEAMS UP TO 4" and " \$\$-Cash Prizes for top 3 teams-\$\$" are in yellow, along with the website "https://namifondulac.org/trivia-night-fundraiser". Sponsor logos for "LAUGHABLE" (with a small image of a laughing face), "MICHELS", and "SOCIETY INSURANCE" are located in the bottom right corner.



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PILGRIM FUNDS MORE KIVA LOANS

Children Benefit from KIVA Loans

As children in Fond du Lac return to school, Pilgrim Church is helping children around the world through KIVA loans. By helping parents grow their business or improve their living conditions, their children have a better chance of growing up happy, healthy and educated. This month, we have given KIVA loans to three families enriching the lives of 12 children. 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. The \$216.00 loaned was money that had been repaid on previous loans we have given.

Ana lives in Soroca, Moldova where the average annual income (USD) is \$3,800. She is 32 years old and married with two daughters, ages 3 and 11. Her husband works abroad to support his family and has not seen them for two years. From the money he has sent her, Ana bought a house. The house needs repair, but most of all Ana wants to connect the house to the aqueduct and sewer. The lack of water in the house is difficult because Ana must bring the necessary water for the family from a well far from her house. She needs a lot of water because she is raising animals and has a garden. Of course, having water and sanitation available in the house will improve her children's health.

Sela lives in Pilo, Tonga where the average income is \$5,000. She is a wife and mother of six. Sela and her husband run a canteen business together, but her husband now manages it while Sela has started a weaving business. Her weaving business was started with the money she earned from her canteen. Sela wakes up every morning, helps her husband in preparing the food and gets the kids ready for school. Then she begins her day with the weaving business. She uses both brown and white pandanus for weaving, and she weaves mats only, sending them overseas for better marketing. The price of the pandanus at the local market has increased recently and she can't afford the pandanus. The loan will pay for the pandanus she needs to grow her business. Her priority is to provide a better life for her children and she and her husband are working hard to make that happen.

Sarone lives in Magude, Mozambique where the average annual income is \$1,200. Sarone was born in the city of Maputo, is 36 years old and is married. He has four children. Two of the children are in primary school and two are too young for school. He lives in a house he owns and is asking for a loan in order to pay for crops and to acquire a variety of seeds. This is the third loan he has received and he dreams of buying a car to help with his business and building a brick house. His children will benefit from his dedication to their welfare in providing education and a safe home.

As our children begin school, let us pray for their safety, health and happiness and include the children of Ana, Sela and Sarone. 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.





BACKto School **FDL**

A community-wide collaboration

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to the individuals, organizations, businesses and religious organizations that came forward to help make this community project such a success.

Your efforts made a difference in the lives of local children!

**YOU CAME THROUGH!
OVER 1,270
STUDENTS**

**STARTED 2021 READY TO LEARN
145 VOLUNTEERS served
764 HOURS to make this possible.**



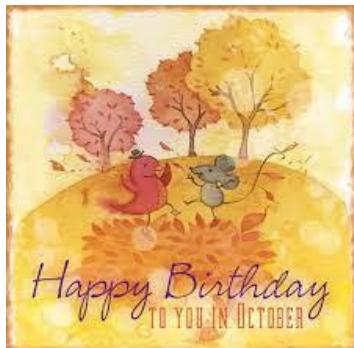
October Birthdays

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| 2 | Mark Schmidt |
| 7 | Chase Westphal |
| 9 | Weldon Peterson
Susan Roloff |
| 12 | Sharon Menger |
| 16 | Thomas Kirchhoff |
| 17 | Maddie Abler |
| 18 | Linda Friedel
James LaLuzerne |
| 19 | Matthew Steier |

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| 23 | Jean Wright |
| 24 | Rachel Caulfield |
| 25 | Jessica Goodacre |
| 26 | Samantha Curl |
| 28 | John Westphal |
| 30 | Barb Tadych
Trevor Clementi |

October Anniversaries

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



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

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 October	
Date	9:00 Service
October 3	Bart & Dawn Dahlke
October 10	Bill & Patti Burns
October 17	Gary & Joni Greenfield
October 24	Pete Vercouteren & Connie Anderson
October 31	Donna Jost & Bobbie Flaherty

Welcomers for October	
Date	9:00 Service
October 3	Shannon LaLuzerne
October 10	Robin Speidel
October 17	Pat Towne
October 24	Barb Tadych
October 31	Ron McCready

SCRIP

Hi Church Friends,

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

So please consider getting back into the habit of using SCRIP for your weekly needs such as groceries, gas and restaurants or any of the other regular businesses you purchased from. I am now back at church every Sunday morning and can easily get you the gift cards you might need. Just let me know before Sunday morning and we can make the exchange of the cards for the check or money. I'm also still placing orders on Sunday afternoons, so I would need to know before noon on Sunday if there is something "special" you are looking for that I may not normally have in inventory, so please give me a call. TOGETHER, we can continue to help grow Pilgrim's SCRIP program!

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

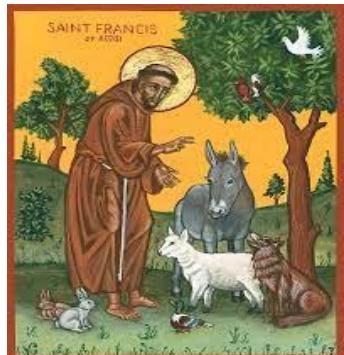
Blessings,
Karen



For Love of Animals

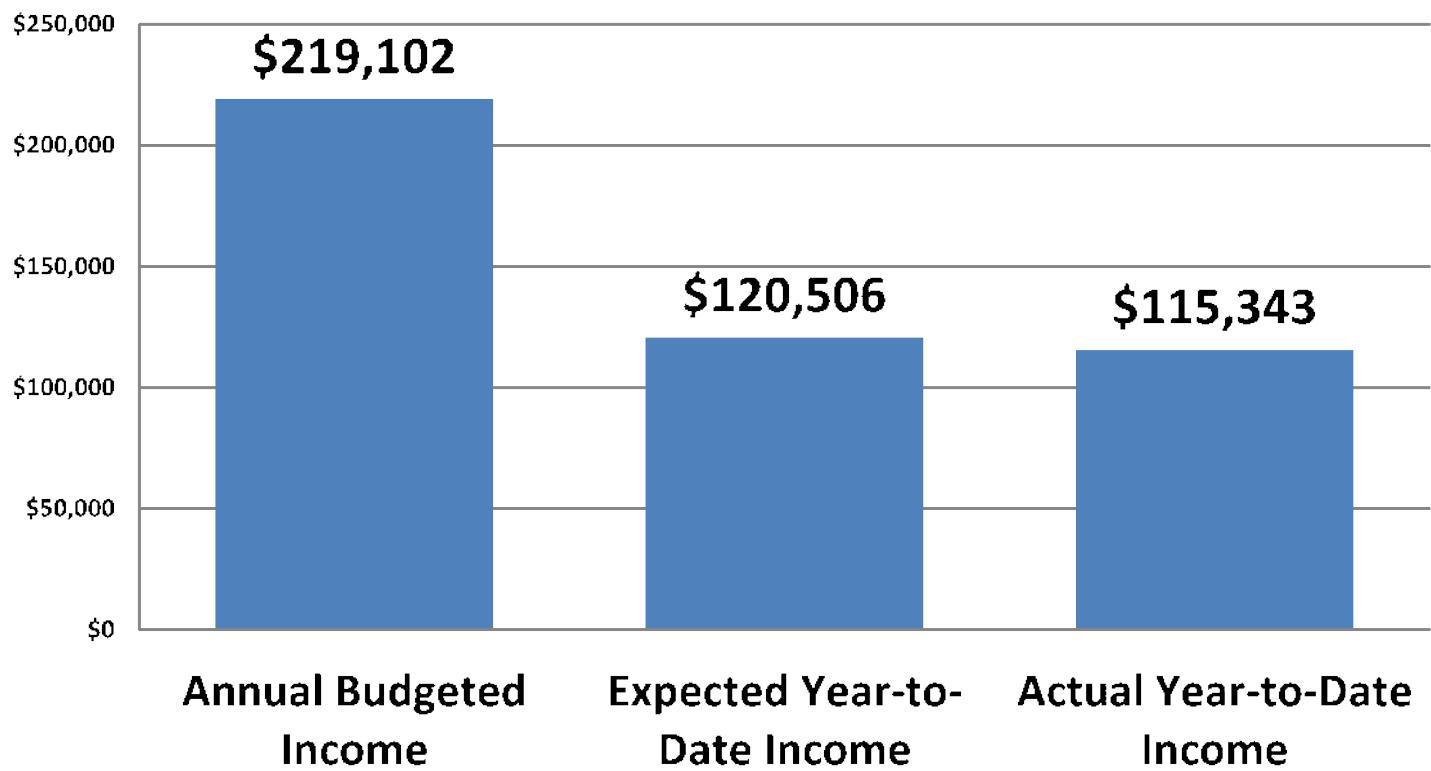
St. Francis of Assisi, known for his affection for animals, is honored on October 4. Some congregations observe this day by blessing pets, remembering that God pronounced animals — along with all creation — good. God saved not only Noah's family but animals of all kinds from the Flood. And despite Jonah's protests, God had compassion on Nineveh — “and its many animals” (Jonah 4:11). How intriguing that the prophet adds this point!

Care for all living creatures is clearly part of the divine character. Animals don't do anything to earn God's favor except be themselves. From this, we can learn that God pours out love unconditionally. As Psalm 36:6 (CEV) declares, “All people and animals are under your care.”



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**Pilgrim United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2021**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Barb Geiger.

Pastor Richard shared a passage from "Being God's Partner" by Jeffrey Salkin. This was followed by a prayer.

Members present: Pastor Richard, Donna Jost, Patti Burns, Barb Geiger, Jean Wright, Linda Stutz, Patty Minter, Avery Geiger, Bayard Frederick, Karen Goodacre, Gary Ring and Fran Schmidt.

Secretary's Report: Spelling error of Catherine Krail's name in the President's Report portion of the July 2021 Council minutes will be corrected. A motion was made by Avery Geiger and seconded by Karen Goodacre to accept the Secretary's report with corrections. Report accepted with unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Linda Stutz and seconded by Karen Goodacre to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Report accepted with unanimous consent.

Pastor's Report:

Discussion was held about Pastor Richard's resignation.

Pastor Peggy has been doing home visits

Cathy Drew is settling in well.

Pastor will be conducting a memorial service for Judy Stevenson at the Thelma Center on Sept. 10.

Confirmation class gathering and parent night scheduled.

Baptism – Madelyne Grace Seibel on Aug. 15.

Vice President's Report: none

President's Report:

A suggestion box has been placed in the narthex for seating arrangements.

Barb has reached out the Franz Regert and Jane Anderson for interim pastor suggestions. They will work on options.

Barb presented an option for chairs for the narthex. 2 occasional chairs would cost \$500.00. A motion was made by Linda Stutz and seconded by Karen Goodacre to allow Memorial Funds to be used to pay for the chairs. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Old Business:

Gary Ring presented an update from the Search Committee. He sent out a Letter of Invitation to be more proactive in the recruiting process. They received 9 additional candidates. Next meeting will be Wed. Aug. 18, 2021.

New Business:

Jim Bentley has recommended a carpenter to design an audio-visual cabinet for the sanctuary. A quote will be emailed when available.

Sue Schmitz from the Health Ministry of Membership and Evangelism Committee is exploring the feasibility for Public Health Dept. to hold a COVID 19 Vaccination Clinic at Pilgrim.

A motion was made by Linda Stutz and seconded by Patty Minter allowing Property and Maintenance Committee to move forward in having Asphalt Specialists repair the parking lot and fill cracks not to exceed \$2800.

Ministry Reports:

Christian Outreach – No report

Worship and Music – Adult Forum will begin Sept. 19. Linda has had contact with Zach Ball about providing special music on Sundays that the choir would normally sing. Bell Choir is preparing music. See report

Christian Education – 89 people were present for Family Fun Night (45 were nonaffiliated). There will be a youth meeting/pizza party. See report

SCRIP Update – Selling of script will not take place following in person worship. Karen will take Pre-Orders for script which can be delivered following the worship services.

Property & Maintenance – discussion about parking lot repairs and water drainage. See report.

Lay Life & Leadership – helped with Family Fun Night.

Stewardship & Finance – no report

Membership & Evangelism: Fran Schmidt shared that the Health Ministry is looking into the feasibility of the Health Department holding a COVID 19 Vaccination Clinic at Pilgrim.

Nominating Committee – none

Ham Dinner – Ham Dinner will be held Nov. 4 and will be take out only. \$14 for adults and \$5 for children.

Celebrations – the celebration of Jill's retirement went well. Jill sent a thank you. We also celebrate Richard and Peggy Feyen's ministry at Pilgrim. Thank you for the dedication and guidance you have given.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be held Sept 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by Patti Burns





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:00 AL-ANON	2
3 9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Hour	4 5 9:00 PEO		6 9:00 Bible w/Bagels	7	8	9
10 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed	11 11:00 Membership 4:00 Christian Ed 4:45 Worship 6:00 Property	12 13 9:00 Bible w/Bagels	14	15	16 9:00 Artist's Assoc.	
17 9:00 Worship Handbell Quartet 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed	18 6:00 Church Council Quill Articles Due	19 20 9:00 Bible w/Bagels	21	22	23	
24 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed	25 26	27 9:00 Bible w/Bagels	28	29	30	
31 9:00 Worship All Saints Day 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed Halloween 				6:00 AL-ANON		

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Youth Director.....
Adult Education Director.....Suzette Curtis
Organist.....Helen Gilsdorf
Choir Director.....Zachary Ball
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