



THE PILGRIM QUILL

JANUARY 2022



Dear Friends,
Happy New Year!

What will make it happy for you?

The prophet Jeremiah, in Chapter 29:11, tells us:
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Not knowing what is in store for us is always a worry. Why not take a "leap of faith" this new year and place our concerns in God's hands? We may need to be constantly *reminding one another* of this...but even so, let's say "Here I am, God" and then, listen for that still speaking *voice*.

Let our new years' resolution be to pray together more often, to worship together more regularly, to read scripture every day, to serve one another unselfishly and to give *ridiculously*!

In this season of Epiphany, let our faith journey continue as we take more seriously...life as disciples of Jesus!

The Annual Meeting of Pilgrim UCC will take place following Worship, January 30. Come, see what God is up to!

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home...lead us and guide us in all that we say and all that we do.

God bless us one and all,

Pastor Mary Jo

January Scriptures and Messages:

January 2: Second Sunday after Christmas

Luke 2:41-52

"None of Your Business?"

Communion Sunday

January 9, The Baptism of Christ

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

"Affirmed by Love"

January 16, Second Sunday after Epiphany

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and John 2:1-11

"Timing"

January 23, Third Sunday after Epiphany

1Corinthians 12:12-31a and Luke 4:14-21

"This Way"

January 30, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Mark 12:38-44

"No More Leftovers"

News from Council President, Barb Geiger

Keeping informed into the New Year at Pilgrim!

I'm going into my second year as council president and I still can't say enough thanks to all who are a part of our church community.

In our fast moving world, communication is faster and more expansive than ever. How do we keep you ALL informed as to what is going on? In addition to the announcements (both slides & verbal) at the beginning of the Sunday service, the monthly Quill and for about the past 18 months, we have been receiving a weekly email. It took a good deal of time for Pastor Richard to do this email and now our office administrator, Cathy Drew, dutifully updates and handles sending this out. We also have periodic Facebook notifications. Recently we have begun printing some bulletins for the Sunday Service. Thanks to Neal's continued dedication, along with the assistance of Chris Frederick, Matt Clementi and Randy Stutz, we continue to live stream the Sunday Services. Personally, I reference the Friday email often. If you have suggestions or comments on our communications, please share (with myself, Pastor Mary Jo or a council/ministry member)!

Of note, there is the bulletin board across from the church office that has both church & community events regularly posted there.

I see in the weekly email, Wednesday's Bible with Bagels is reviewing the book called "Braiding Sweetgrass" during January and first week of February. The Wisconsin conference of the UCC has proclaimed this book as an all-church-read. It is a New York Times bestseller. I've already started reading and it's very good!

The intergenerational family fun nights hosted by Christian Ed have been providing a great fun way to have fun and connect in a truly positive way. Thank you!

Lastly, the search committee continues to meet diligently and Gary Ring keeps me informed regularly. Please keep them in our prayers! While we strive to keep you informed, the confidential nature of a pastoral search limits what can be shared. But please know that you will be informed when we have more details!



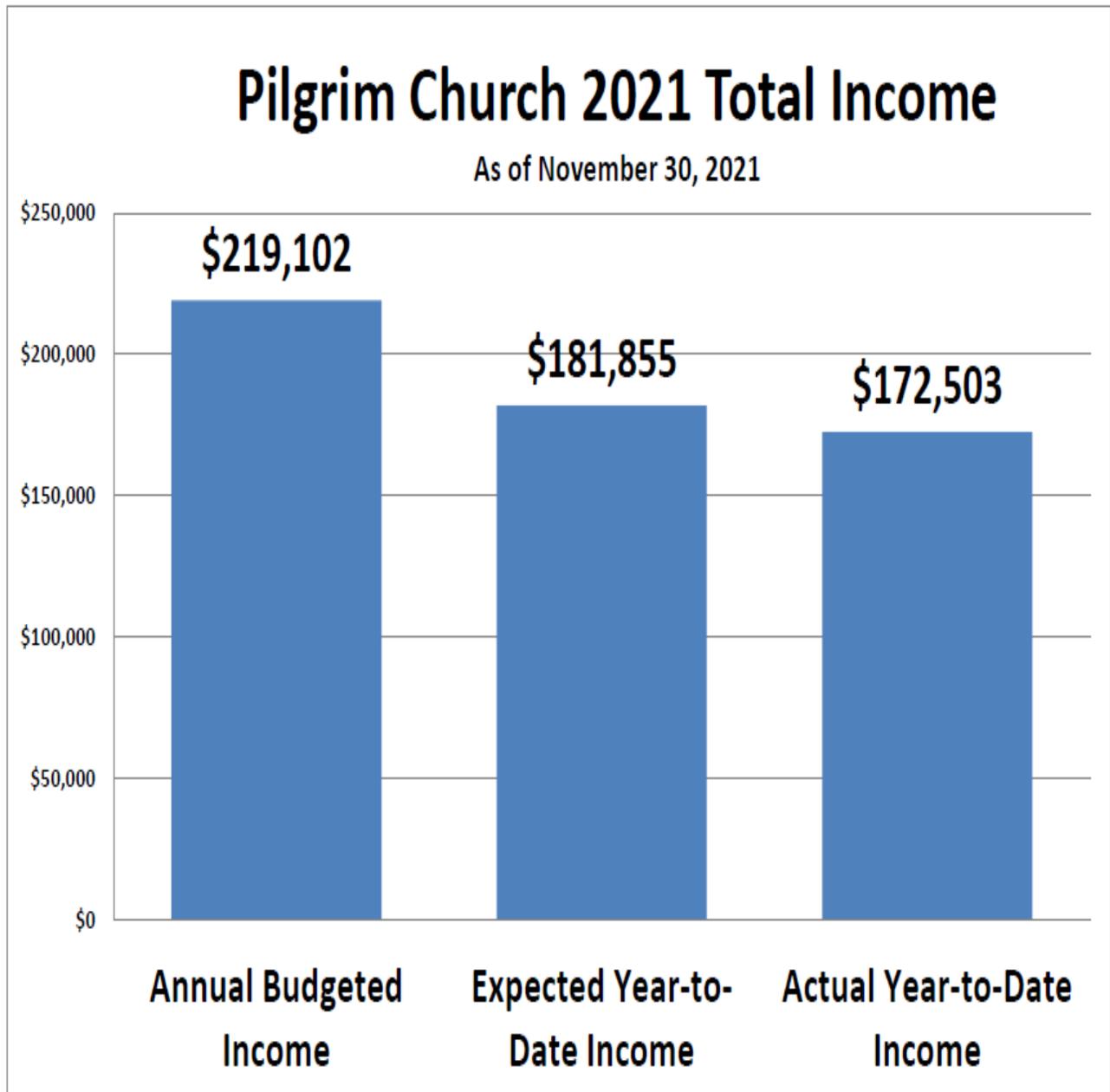
Due to Covid-19, the Warming Shelter was closed down. Hopefully they will be able to re-open January 2nd.

Pilgrim UCC is scheduled to serve meals for the shelter on January 9th, January 23rd and February 6th. Before the shelter closed, it was at capacity (40). We will need volunteers for food preparation and 3-4 individuals for serving:

MENU: Beef Stroganoff
Green Beans
Bananas
Sliced and Buttered Dinner Rolls
Cookies or Bars
2 Gallons of Milk/1 Gallon Orange Juice

We will keep the congregation up-to-date if the opening by January 2nd does not happen.





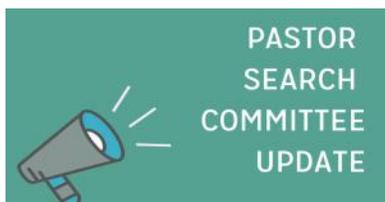
Use any of our easy ways to give:

Phone text at 920-796-9933

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

Mail at Pilgrim UCC, 535 Stow St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935

In person at Sunday Service



The Search Committee continues to meet weekly as we are presently having Zoom interviews with candidates. The committee has welcomed Kelsy Laudolff to the team as she has replaced Drew Mueller who has moved onto college life. We are very grateful for Drew's help since the start of the committee last year. We trust that God will show us which candidate will serve as our next pastor in the near future.

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 Abler, Jim Bentley, Peg Bradley, Barb Roder, Kelsy Laudolff, Sue Schmitz, & Jeff Siemers

Adult Education

Happy New Year!

ADULT FORUM meets on Sunday mornings from 10:15AM to 11:15AM in the sanctuary for those who would like to attend in person. We will have a few minutes to chat after worship and before the program begins promptly at 10:15. If you would prefer to join from the comfort of your own home, the link for the programs will remain the same throughout the winter/spring semester.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

January 2 Coffee Hour

January 9 Big Brothers Big Sisters
of Fond du Lac County
Sara Straub
Recruitment & Match Specialist

For more than 100 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters has operated under the belief that inherent in every child is the ability to succeed and thrive in life. As the nation's largest donor and volunteer-supported mentoring network, Big Brothers Big Sisters makes meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers and children. By partnering with parents/guardians, volunteers and others in the community, Big Brothers Big Sisters is accountable for each child in the program achieving:

- Higher aspirations, greater confidence and better relationships
- Avoidance of risky behavior
- Education Success

January 16 Fond du Lac Pride Alliance
Misty Gedlinske - Board President

Fond du Lac Pride Alliance promotes inclusivity, builds positive visibility, performs public advocacy and education, and provides resource and service connections to local LGBTQ+ individuals and their allies. Our efforts make the Fond du Lac community safer and more supportive and affirming for everyone, regardless

of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

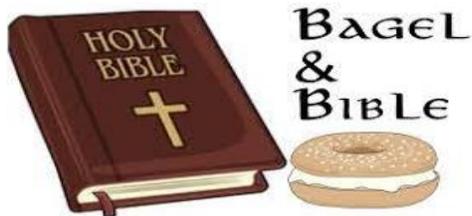
Our public education programs address the concepts of and differences between biological sex/sex assigned at birth, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, and types of attraction, as well as how all of these components combine and contribute to every individual's unique self. These sessions help debunk common myths, stereotypes, and misconceptions. The program also suggests a mindset shift away from "politically correct" and toward a proactive, empathetic "Personally Considerate" approach. Participants are asked to consider the differing realities between cisgender, heterosexual individuals and the LGBTQ+ community, and learn how to turn "Ally" from a noun into a verb.

January 23 Becoming a WISE Congregation
Presenter: Sue Kaiser
Ebenezer UCC Sheboygan

The WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) Congregation for Mental Health Resolution was adopted at the United Church of Christ General Synod in 2015. The United Church of Christ Mental Health Network then developed the WISE Certification process. The objective of WISE is to encourage our congregations to become more welcoming to those living with mental health challenges, to expand our inclusion of those who are living with mental health challenges, to be supportive of all who are affected by mental health conditions, and to engage in ways to live our commitment to be WISE about mental health.

Ebenezer UCC in Sheboygan has recently become certified as a WISE congregation. As Pilgrim is embarking on this journey to become certified as well, Sue Kaiser (a friend of Pastor Mary Jo and member of Ebenezer's WISE team) has graciously agreed to share their experience, so this will be a perfect opportunity to bring your questions and learn more about this special program.

January 30 Congregational Meeting



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 winter/spring semester. To join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?pwd=cGxJaOpJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09>

Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384

Passcode: 762316

**January 5 -
February 2**

Braiding Sweetgrass

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

Leader: Pastor Mary Jo Laabs

The WI Conference UCC has proclaimed the book as an "all-church-read." The author defines and illustrates the concept of reciprocity, which entails a human relationship with the earth whereby humanity gives back what it has been given.

Here is the Publisher's Summary: As a botanist and professor of plant ecology, Robin Wall Kimmerer has spent a career learning how to ask questions of nature using the tools of science. As a Potawatomi woman, she learned from elders, family, and history that the Potawatomi, as well as a majority of other cultures indigenous to this land, consider plants and animals to be our oldest teachers.

In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowing together to reveal what it means to see humans as "the younger brothers of creation". As she explores these themes, she circles toward a central argument: The awakening of a wider ecological consciousness requires the acknowledgement and celebration of our reciprocal relationship with the world. Once we begin to listen for the languages of other beings, we can begin to understand the innumerable life-giving gifts the world provides us and learn to offer our thanks, our care, and our own gifts in return.

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January 5 Section 1:

Planting Sweetgrass (pp. 3 - 59)

January 12 Section 2:

Tending Sweetgrass (pp. 64 - 117)

January 19 Section 3:

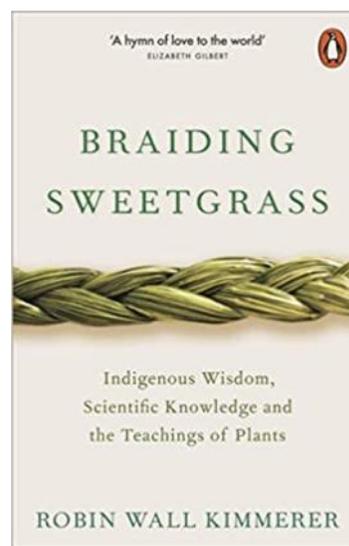
Picking Sweetgrass (pp. 121 - 204)

January 26 Section 4:

Braiding Sweetgrass (pp. 205 - 302)

February 2 Section 5:

Burning Sweetgrass (pp. 303 - 379)



Suzette Curtis

Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

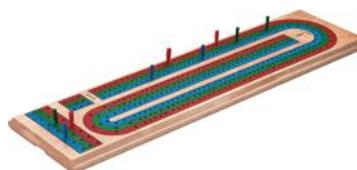
The Sunday school classes took a 2 week break for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

On Sunday, December 19th, during the worship service, the children presented their Christmas program (more of a presentation), Tied With Love. They did a nice job. Special thanks to the Sieglaffs for once again putting together treat bags for the children and to Matt and Chris Clementi for quickly building a larger size manger (the one we had in the past could not be located). The many tie blankets that were made were going to be given to the Salvation Army and Solution Center to be given out accordingly.

Our monthly offering for the Fondy Food Pantry in January will be side dishes such as macaroni and cheese, rice-a-roni, pasta sides, etc. Thanks to all who gave so generously to the collection we had in December. The Fondy Food Pantry is always so appreciative of any donations they receive to help fill their shelves for those in need.

INTERGENERATIONAL FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

January 21st, the CE ministry will host an intergenerational game night for all ages. Come play some of those new games you received for Christmas or dig out some of those oldie but goodies like UNO, Cribbage, Phase 10, Chutes and Ladders, etc. What a great way to spend a FREE evening of fun and fellowship. We will gather at 6:00PM and play until about 7:30PM. So come join us, invite a friend and have some fun!



Food, Flicks and Fun!

Calling all Jr. and Sr. High youth on **Sunday, January 16th from 4:00PM – 6:30PM** as we gather for a movie with food and fun. Invite a friend to join us as well! Please RSVP by text or email to Tracy @ 920-602-2454 or tracyl.abler@gmail.com

- Tracy and Gary

Save the Date: February 11th- Intergenerational Family Fun Night: "Share the Love" event. We will have crafts, games, fun and fellowship! More info to follow in next month's Quill.

NOTE TO ALL..... Start saving your loose change as the Sunday school children will soon be starting their penny wars collection to raise money for Heifer International.



Parish Nurse

Reminders about resolutions...

You'll never get new results by repeating old habits.

If it's important, you'll find a way – if not, you'll find an excuse

Carry on....

One Possible New Year's Resolution - Gut Health

The holidays are over and all the foods we justified eating in December because, "it's not like I eat these every day", - are a memory. Now in 2022 we resolve to "do better".

Review: All food is ultimately broken down in the gut (stomach, small and large intestines) to a simple form that can enter the blood stream and be delivered as nutrients throughout the body. The linings of the gut contain a community of bacteria, fungi, viruses - a balance of healthy bacteria and immune cells, and unhealthy waste – in a "checks and balances" system. When the balance of good and bad bacteria has been disrupted, an unhealthy gut can cause abdominal pain, indigestion, bloating, loose stools, constipation, heart burn, nausea and/or vomiting.

Prebiotics are fiber foods – nondigestible food ingredients that feeds healthy gut bacteria (e.g. whole grains, fresh fruits and veggies, nuts, dried beans).

Probiotics are made up of good bacteria that feed off the fiber/prebiotics and aid in digestion. They also stimulate the growth of more good bacteria. Probiotics are naturally found in fermented foods (e.g. yogurt, sauerkraut, tempeh, buttermilk, sourdough (must say "active culture").

There are fiber and probiotic supplements available - as always, talk with your Care Provider if you feel you need a supplement and before starting any supplement.

The possible New Years' Resolution could simply be to help the body maintain gut balance by eating a higher fiber food daily – like an apple, raw veggies, a snack of almonds or granola on some yogurt - which could cascade to regularity, absorption of vitamins and nutrients and an overall feeling of wellness! Easy Peasy! Now that the holidays are over...

Check out the Bulletin Board for information about fiber and plant based eating!

Viruses – The more you know...

Notes on Covid from Public Health, the Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) and Dr. Geof Swain – WCC Medical Advisor - Webinar

As I write this (December 15th), the number of Covid cases in Wisconsin and Fond du Lac are trending upwards, and Delta continues to be the predominant variant.

Dr. Swain reminded that "air borne" is the main mode of Covid transmission and that there are layers of precautions for any airborne virus: Masking, Distancing, Surface Cleaning, Vaccination, Handwashing and keeping hands away from the face, Ventilation and Isolating if ill or exposed. The more layers, the more protection. Both Public Health and WCC stated that they do not recommend lifting any precautions right now.

Re Masking: Virus particles are microscopic, so depending on the type of mask and how it is worn, it's a layer of protection, but people still need to be cautious. *"Besides coughing and sneezing, yelling and singing forces air – and aerosolized virus particles – beyond 6 feet."* (per Dr. Swain) So their recommendation remains to avoid singing in church.

There are many places that are not requiring masks or distancing. Dr. Swain's answer to that was, "If I go into a bar, I do not feel any responsibility for the other people there. But when I walk into a church, it's my faith family...that's different...we have been called to care for the most vulnerable. We need to ask ourselves, how much risk are we willing to take, and how do we care for each other?" In talking in general about immune systems, he also said that, *"A 70 year old fully vaccinated person is at greater risk for not doing well with Covid than an unvaccinated youth."*

Take away - Everything continues to be uncertain and frustrating. We (PUCC) are doing what we need to do to help keep our members and visitors safe and connected. People in general are tired and discouraged – last year, at least there seemed to be a light at the end of the tunnel, and now it feels like "disruption" will be with us forever. Crystal Ball aside, we can stick together, layer our precautions, continue the new ways to do the work of the church and know that God is with us.

Becoming a WISE Congregation for Mental Health

(Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) “The objective of the WISE Initiative is to encourage congregations to become more welcoming of those living with mental health challenges”. This is a certification and recognition by the UCC that a congregation has completed a process of education about Mental Health issues, connected/ worked with community resources, helped reduce stigmas and promoted inclusion.

The request to begin and proceed with this process over the next year will be addressed at the Congregational Meeting on January 30th. Becoming a WISE-designated faith community requires a congregational vote and our goal would be to feel comfortable voting on this at the Next Meeting in 2023. There are 10 steps to consider from the UCC (not in specific order):

1. Consult with the Pastor or Faith Community Leaders (this was brought up at the Council Meeting in November and will be at the Congregational Meeting)
2. Form a WISE Team
3. Connect with UCC Mental Health Network and examine available resources
4. Decide to help the congregation vote to become a WISE Congregation for Mental Health
5. Draft a WISE Covenant
6. Involve Leadership in creating the WISE Covenant
7. Vote
8. Certify and celebrate becoming WISE
9. Publicize
10. Turn to the future

If you have any questions, concerns, thoughts and/or want to be part of this team, please contact Sue Schmitz (920-960-4912).



Thank you for all the cards, calls, texts, hugs and words of condolence that you shared with us after mom's passing. It's comforting to have so much family at Pilgrim.

Dianne and Jim Bentley

Trust Fund Committee:

Thank you for the generous donation of money to Chegwin School. It will go towards the needs of our students as they come up! God bless.

Your Chegwin Family

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift to Solutions Center. We are thrilled to have your support. Your gift of \$500 will help us to continue our programs in assisting women, children and families of domestic abuse or homelessness with safe shelter, food, clothing and assistance to find permanent housing. You truly make a difference for us and we are grateful. Thank you again for your support.

Nicole Johnson
Co-Director of Domestic
Violence Programs

Amy Loof
Co-Director of
Homeless Programs

Pilgrim United Church of Christ:

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500 in support of our 2021 Great Futures Campaign. We're grateful you've joined us in our efforts to do **whatever it takes** to build brighter futures for the hundreds of youth served at the Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac.

Dan Hebel
Chief Executive Office

Tiffany Heim
Director of Resource
Development

Puzzle!

Match each clue with the correct biblical dreamer.
Use the Scripture hints if needed.

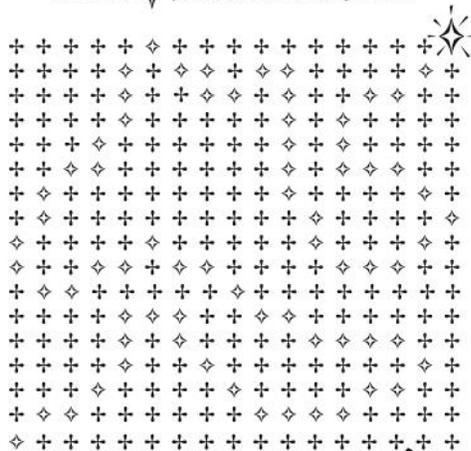
- ___ 1. This person's brothers were irritated to hear of certain dreams.
- ___ 2. Angels went up and down a ladder in this person's dreams.
- ___ 3. This person dreamed about skinny cows eating fat cows.
- ___ 4. After an unpleasant dream, this person warned a loved one to avoid Jesus.
- ___ 5. This person saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.
- ___ 6. A dream warned this person (plus family) to flee to Egypt.
- ___ 7. This person saw a vine produce grapes, with juice squeezed into a cup.
- ___ 8. A dream warned about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh (Genesis 41:17-21)
- B. The Magi (Matthew 2:12)
- C. Jacob (Genesis 28:12)
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer (Genesis 40:9-11)
- E. NT Joseph (Matthew 2:13)
- F. OT Joseph (Genesis 37:9, 11)
- G. Pilate's wife (Matthew 27:19)
- H. Daniel (Daniel 2:31-35)

Answers: 1. F, 2. C, 3. A, 4. G, 5. H, 6. E, 7. D, 8. B

Puzzle!

Starting in the lower-left corner, help the wise men follow the  path that leads to baby Jesus.



Now unscramble these words to discover what gifts the wise men brought Jesus.

LDOG NCAKNRIENFSE RYHMR

Answer: gold, frankincense, myrrh

So help me God

No matter how firm our resolutions, we can't make ourselves better people *by ourselves*. God empowers our good works when we rely on his aid.

H.P. Nichols, a 19th-century poet, wrote:

If I resolve, with the new year,
a better child to be,
'Twill do no good at all, I fear,
but rather harm to me,
Unless I try, with every day,
no angry word to speak;
Unless, each morn, to God I pray
to keep me mild and meek.
Then let me try with all my might,
and may God help me too,
Always to choose the way that's right,
whatever act I do.



- 5 Kirk Dille
- 6 Carol Browning
- 7 Pat Towne
- 8 Randy Stutz
Susan Peterson
- 10 Robert Oenes
Michelle Schmid
Ron Spies
- 13 Alex Curl
- 14 Sarah Kirchhoff
- 15 Judy Reinke
- 16 Dorian Johnson
- 17 Brian Christenson
- 18 Hailee Olson
Olivia Schilling
- 20 Kristin Johnson
Lisa Laudolff
- 22 Stephen Ross Speidel
Shannon LaLuzerne
- 24 Bud Browning
Abigail Blanc
- 27 Meg Kirchhoff
Joseph Keys
Jeanne Ihlenfeldt
- 28 Jerilyn Oenes
- 29 Sue Schmitz
- 30 Wendy Lax
David Overbo



Jim & Dianne Bentley	January 17, 1970
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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 year! Thank you!



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 January	
Date	9:00 Service
January 2	Jim & Dianne Bentley
January 9	Randy & Linda Stutz
January 16	Pete Vercoouteren & Connie Anderson
January 23	Gary & Joni Greenfield
January 30	Linda Stutz & Kaitlynn Zick

Welcomers for January	
Date	9:00 Service
January 2	Fran Schmid
January 9	Linda Stutz
January 16	Ron McCreedy
January 23	Avery Geiger
January 30	Jim & Dianne Bentley

Worship Leaders for January	
Date	9:00 Service
January 2	Sue Schmitz
January 9	Noreen Henderson
January 16	Ellen Sieglaff
January 23	Tony Prus
January 30	Jim Thomas

SCRIP NEWS

My challenge to all of you for the New Year is to continue to help make Pilgrim's SCRIP program the best it can be! TOGETHER we can accomplish this....

The SCRIP program at Pilgrim continues to offer a variety of gift cards to area businesses that you can use for your weekly shopping, travels and restaurants. While you won't find me sitting at the SCRIP table in the narthex at church right now, I'm just a phone call away to help meet the needs you may have for SCRIP.

I want to personally thank everyone that has been continuing to use SCRIP on a regular basis. Each SCRIP card sold helps to make a little revenue for the church's budget.

If you have any questions about the SCRIP program or if I can be of any assistance in helping you to use SCRIP, please don't hesitate to give me a call @ 904-5740.

Thanks and Happy New Year!

Karen



PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, November 15, 2021

Present: Pastor Mary Jo, Jill Barbeau, Barb Geiger, Patty Burns, Karen Goodacre, Bayard Frederick, Fan Schmid, Donna Jost, Wendy Ellison, Linda Stutz, Avery Geiger, Patty Minter

1. **Welcome and Quorum:** established at 6:02 PM by Barb Geiger.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Pastor Mary Jo opened with a prayer.
3. **Secretary's Report:** No objections to acceptance, report approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** SCRIP will equal out. Not all the money of Fall Fest is in at this time. Donna will email Judy Reinke regarding Pine Ridge account to see where that is. Approved with no objections
5. **Pastor's Report:** Written report attached.
Discussion ensued about the Advent Wreath and how UCC and Pilgrim proceed with it.
There will be one service on Christmas Eve, it was decided it will be at 7:00PM and it will also be live on UTUBE. The following Sunday, December 26, will be a lesson on Christmas Carol's.
A lengthy discussion ensued on the ability to sing in church with masks. It was decided we will not encourage singing due to CDC guidelines with Covid-19 and input from our Parish Nurse. So no change from current practice.
Also there was a request by many to again have the bulletin on Sundays. Pastor will ask Cathy to make 40 and there will be a recycling bin at the exit of the sanctuary for people to discard them after service if they do not want to keep them.
6. **President's Report:** Gary Ring informed Barb that there is a candidate for the Pastor Position who is very interested.
7. **Vice President's Report:** Nothing to add.
8. **Old Business**
9. **New Business**
Kitchen Code has been updated
Guidelines for use of Church facilities by non- members. The cost to non-members is being adjusted up. Under General Guidelines, #3 the fee is being increased to \$35, #4 the fee is \$100, #6 is being deleted. Under section Use of Sanctuary, Small groups has increased to \$50, large group is \$100. Use of Building, Kitchen increased to \$100, Meeting Room (no removal of walls) \$75, Kitchen and Meeting Room \$125, Lounge \$75, Room off Kitchen \$50, Custodial fee for excess clean-up or special set-up of chairs or tables \$100. Weddings/Funerals, \$200. Removal of Organists. Additional use of building no change. Pastor (Wedding) Contact pastor was added.
Annual Reports – Ministry reports without the fiscal portions are due by December. 15th, all other reports are due by the first week in January. The annual meeting will be January 30th.
10. **Ministry/Committee Reports and Updates (as necessary)**
Worship and Music- Linda Stutz (Council Rep.) Minutes attached. Hanging of the greens is this coming Sunday. Donna is stepping down as a member so a new member is needed.
Christian Education- Karen Goodacre – (Council Rep.) report attached. There were 19 people that attended Intergenerational Family night.
SCRIP update – Karen Goodacre – Nothing new to add.
Property & Maintenance – Avery Geiger (Council Rep.) Minutes attached

Lay Life & Leadership – Patty Minter (Council Rep.)

Stewardship & Finance – Bayard Frederick - (Council Rep.) Currently down a member but it is functioning well with current members.

Membership & Evangelism – Fran Schmid – (Council Rep.) Report attached

Search Committee – Patty Burns – Search Continues

Ham Dinner & Bazaar – Linda Stutz- The drive through Ham dinner was extremely successful. This may be the future of the Fall Festival.

Christian Outreach - Jean Wright -

Memorial Committee

Trust Fund report. (Pastor)- report attached.

Loaves and Fishes- Karen Goodacre stepping down as coordinator and there is progress in finding a replacement

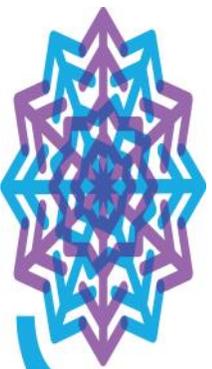
11. Information sharing:

12. Adjournment: The meeting was ended with the Lord's Prayer at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting will be December 20th, 2021 at 6:00 PM. This will be a short meeting

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Ellison, Secretary.





JANUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 NEW YEAR'S DAY
2 9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Hour If open, Serve Meal/ Warm Shel	3	4	5 9:00 Bible w/Bagels	6	7 6:00 AL-ANON	8
9 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed 11:15 Confirm. Class Serve Meal/Warm Shel	10 11:00 Membership 4:45 Worship 6:00 Property	11 11:30 Christian Outreach 4:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Adult Ed	12 9:00 Bible w/Bagels	13	14 6:00 AL-ANON	15
16 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed 4:00 Youth Group Movie Night	17 6:00 Church Council Quill Articles Due	18 9:30 PEO	19 9:00 Bible w/Bagels	20	21 6:00 Family Fun Night 6:00 AL-ANON	22
23 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed 11:15 Confirm. Class Serve Meal/Warm Shel	24	25	26 9:00 Bible w/Bagels	27	28 6:00 AL-ANON	29
30 9:00 Worship 10:00 Pilgrim UCC Annual Meeting 10:15 Sunday School	31					

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Interim Pastor..... Rev. Mary Jo Laabs (starting approx. November 8th
Administrative Assistant..... Cathy Drew
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
Church Council President Barb Geiger
Church Council Vice President..... Patti Burns
Church Council Secretary Wendy Ellison
Church Treasurer..... Donna Jost

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.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Mission Statement