



THE PILGRIM QUILL

APRIL 2022



Dear Friends,

As the Season of Lent continues . . . consider *pausing* on Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00PM at Church of Peace in Fond du Lac and come to worship in-person or online: We will be joining with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Church of Peace, Fond du Lac, Union Congregational UCC, Waupun; and Salem UCC, Wayne.

The series, "Questions Jesus Asked" will conclude with **Matthew 21:23-27**: "*Does It Come from Heaven, or Is It of Human Origin?*"

Rev. Stephen Stepp, Rev. Christopher Ross, Rev. Ruth Hansen and Pastor Mary Jo Laabs will lead the service.

Link: [Church of Peace UCC Fond du Lac- YouTube](#)

The NE Association of the WI Conference UCC has invited us to attend its 60th Annual Meeting on April 30th at First Congregational UCC, 724 E. South River St., Appleton, 8:30AM-2:00PM.

The Keynote Speaker is Rev. Winton Boyd. There will be an afternoon workshop with the Conflict Transformation Team of the SE Association.

Cost of in-person meeting is \$15.00 per person
(boxed lunches will be provided)

[Register by Sunday, April 17.](#) A paper registration form is on the table in the narthex.

The WI Conference UCC Annual Meeting will be held June 10-12 at the Green Lake Conference Center. **The Theme:** "*Building up the Beloved Community*". **The Scripture:** **John 13:34** - *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.*

This year's theme, "*Building up the Beloved Community*," will recognize the toll that the pandemic has taken on congregations, pastors and lay leaders. It will focus on tending to both individual and congregational wellness, lifting up best practices and

good strategies for fostering healthy church dynamics and challenging us to think in fresh ways about the Church.

The Dates: June 9-12

The Place: Green Lake Conference Center

Register here: <https://www.wcucc.org/about-wcucc/annual-meeting/registration/>



All are welcome to join in our Holy Week Services:

Palm Sunday, April 10, 9:00AM

Maunder Thursday, April 14, 7:00PM

Good Friday, April 15, 7:00PM - at Church of Peace, Fond du Lac and live-streamed

Easter Sunday, April 17th at 9:00AM
In our Sanctuary and Live-Streamed.



So... you've been thinking about joining in the membership of Pilgrim United Church of Christ? What does joining the church mean?

In our UCC tradition, joining the church matters. We invite people stand up in front of the church during Sunday worship or join on the day of your choice, in the Pastor's office, with church representatives present. You will make promises about your commitment to God and to this family of faith. To prepare for that "event" there will be a gathering for prospective new members who will meet with the Pastor, Council members and committee chairpersons, just to get to "know" about the activities, missions and educational opportunities in our church... and to be assured that:

No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here!

In the UCC, there is no hierarchy that tells the churches what to do and how to behave. We talk about the "priesthood of all believers," which means that all of us do ministry. The congregation is the heart of all that!

If you would like to know more about our church or would like to talk to me about joining in the membership of Pilgrim UCC, please let me know.

Send an email: believe417@gmail.com or call the church office and leave a message: 920-921-0415.

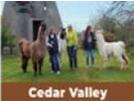
**Meanwhile, check out: ucc.org
and pilgrimuccfdl.org**

If you would like to subscribe to Daily Devotionals that are written by the Still Speaking Writer's Group of the UCC:

<https://www.ucc.org/daily-devotional/>

Deep peace of the quiet earth be with you,

Pastor Mary Jo



Dear friends at Pilgrim UCC,

I'm reaching out today to give you some information about our future events and to invite you to bring a group out to our site. Whether it's for a retreat that we're holding or one you would like to hold at our facility.

We have many youth events that happen throughout the year. Our summer camps start the end of June and run through the middle of August. We are also hosting Camp AweSum again this year. That's a camp that's specifically for kids that are on the Autism spectrum. In addition to Camp AweSum, we've added an & Me version of Camp AweSum. The & Me programs allow younger kids to come to camp with an adult in their lives and experience the fun of camp. Another program that's new this summer is the Daycholah Culinary Institute. That camp will take kids into the kitchen and teach them some culinary skills that they'll be able to utilize for many years. In addition to the summer camps, we'll be hosting two faith-based retreats next fall. Those retreats are the Youth Faith Formation and Knock, Knock. Those two events will allow youth to join together for a weekend of faith and team building.

We will also be hosting three different work weekends over the course of the year. The spring and

fall events are Taize work weekends. On those weekends we will join together in morning study time, evening worship and traditional Taize music. We will do all of that while enjoying wonderful food and memorable fellowship. During the summer work weekend, we will get our hands dirty while we enjoy creating community. In addition to these three weekends, we're hosting several learn to bake and cook courses throughout the year and we have the Equinox Family retreat scheduled for the fall. The retreat will allow families to take time to connect and enjoy the beauty of Green Lake while they get a break from the everyday stress of the world.

In addition to all of the events that we have planned, we'd love to have you bring a group out and host your own retreat. We'll take care of the meals and will provide a beautiful setting for your retreat. In the past we've hosted many different groups, from quilters to youth groups to meetings. We'd love to help set something memorable up for you.

If you have any questions or would like to get more information about hosting an event with us, please feel free to reach out anytime. I truly look forward to helping you plan your event. You can find information for all of the events that we'll be hosting at ucci.org.

Chris Kocos / Office Manager – Daycholah Center
ckocos@ucci.org / 920.745.4746 She/Her/Hers

United Church Camps, Inc.

Daycholah Center, W1010 Spring Grove Road,
Ripon, WI 54971

Information about staff opportunities at the UCC Camps for the Summer can be found at:

<https://ucci.org/about-us/staff-opportunities/>

More information on the Taize work weekend at the Daycholah Center on Green Lake follows on the next page!



Spring Taize Work Weekend
Daycholah Center on Green Lake
May 13th 7:00PM to May 15th 11:00AM.

Daycholah Center has always offered opportunities for our friends to help with the work of this sanctuary. Join us for a transformed “work weekend” experience where we will work to achieve goals set at the beginning of our time together, giving participants a true sense of accomplishment.

We will join together in morning study time, evening worship, and traditional Taize music, all while enjoying wonderful food and memorable fellowship.

Ages: 12 and Up. Cost: No Cost.

Help spruce up Daycholah Center: cleaning dorms, stock wood pile, raking leaves, other project work as needed.

Contact Gary Ring (920-539-7297) or Pastor Mary Jo if you have any questions. You can attend the 3-day weekend or only help on Saturday as your schedule permits.

If interested, **sign-up board** is in the narthex or call Cathy at church to **sign up by Sunday, April 24th.**

In addition to signing up at Pilgrim Church, you also have to go to the website: <https://ucci.org> and go to Events.

News from Council President, Barb Geiger

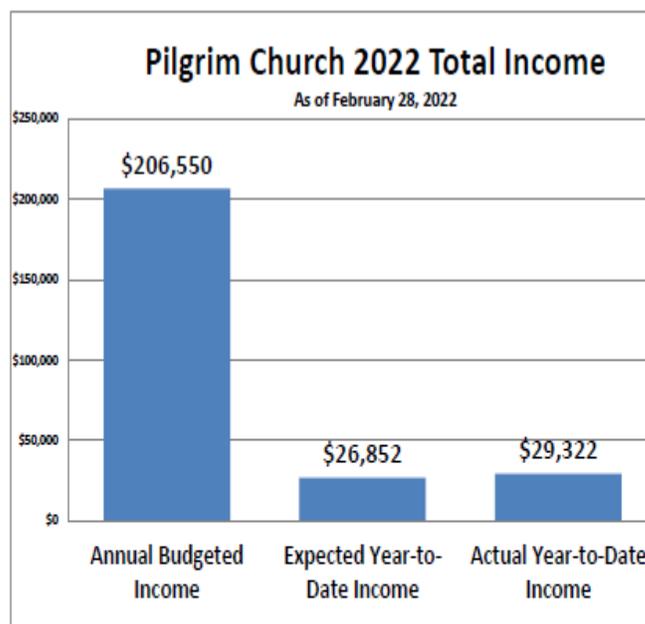
Hello Everyone,

I am taking a spring break this week. Thank you to those who covered for me in my absence and also to Pastor Mary Jo for her leadership and stepping in to cover various roles.

Pilgrim continues to be a welcoming & caring community.

I like to think of nature as an unlimited radio station through which God speaks to us every hour if we will only tune in.

-- George Washington Carver quoted in *Rummaging for God*



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

News from Christian Outreach



April is "Baby Shower for New Beginnings"

New Beginnings is a pregnancy care home providing a nurturing environment for pregnant women in a crisis situation. Christian Outreach will be collecting the following items during the month of April:

- Long sleeved onesies -
Size: 0-3, 3-6, 6-9 9-12 months
- Short sleeved onesies -
Size: Newborn and 0-3 months
- Plain colored pants or jeans -
Size: 0-3 months for boy or girl
- Socks - Size: Small for boy or girl
- Winter Outfits -
Size: 0-3 months for boy or girl
- Spring/Fall Outfits -
Size: 0-3 months for boy or girl
- Sleepers (not the fuzzy winter kind) -
Size: Newborn, 0-3 months for
Boy or girl
- Toothpaste
- Bars of Soap



Thank you for your support.
Christian Outreach Committee



The candidating weekend, February 11-13, was a very exciting and successful weekend. Our top candidate, **Rev. Rob Van Ess**, was invited to visit Pilgrim Church for the call weekend and he was highly recommended by the search committee.

We had 23 people who attended the Friday night Family Fun Night game event that provided a fun, social evening to enjoy company with other church members and to meet Pastor Rob and his husband, Nicky Banks.

It was a pleasure to see so many people attend the Meet N Greet sessions throughout the day Saturday. Pastor Rob enjoyed getting to know the members of our church.

On Sunday, February 13th, Pastor Rob led the Sunday worship service which was followed by a congregational meeting where the search committee shared a complete summary of the search process and the many reasons we were led to make the call to him. The call agreement terms and compensation were presented, then a motion was made to extend the call to Pastor Rob. A vote then took place according to the church bylaws including members who were present both in person and electronically via Zoom.

The results were unanimously in favor of extending the call to Rev. Rob Van Ess! He accepted our call and he is honored to be our next pastor. Pastor Rob will begin as our Pastor on Monday, May 16th.

An Installation service will be planned for a future date so that the Association and Conference staff can also welcome Pastor Rob as our new pastor. Please stop in some time to welcome Pastor Rob at your convenience.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support throughout this Search & Call process.

Gary Ring
Chair of the Search Committee

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. 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86527265927?pwd=akZvb2ZnZDRoM1lsZmEyWnZyYVpEUT09)
pwd=akZvb2ZnZDRoM1lsZmEyWnZyYVpEUT09)

Meeting ID: 865 2726 5927 Passcode: 609609)

April 3 Coffee Hour

April 10 Myths, Phylogenetic Trees,
and Stories in the Bible
Leader: Ben Blanc

Comparative Mythology has shown occurrences of old myths in the bible. Now a new approach using phylogenetic trees, similar to what is used in Natural Science, is tracing some of those stories back to the paleolithic age. We will discuss this new approach and use some examples contained in the bible.

April 17 **Easter Sunday**

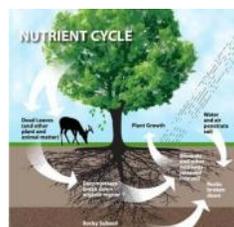


April 24 Recognition of Earth Day 2022
One Planet -
Netflix Documentary

Experience our planet's natural beauty and examine how climate change impacts all living creatures in this ambitious documentary of spectacular scope.



Witness the planet's breathtaking diversity -- from seabirds carpet bombing the ocean to wildebeests eluding the wild dogs of the Serengeti.

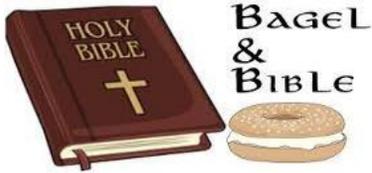


Earth Day Every Day

Find all of the Earth Day related words from the list below. The words can be up, down, forward, backward, or diagonal.



AIR	ENVIRONMENT	OCEAN	RESOURCES
APRIL	EXTINCTION	OZONE	REUSE
CLEAN	FOREST	PEOPLE	SMOG
CLIMATE	GLOBAL	PLANET	TRASH
COMPOST	LAND	POLLUTION	TREES
CONSERVATION	LITTER	RECYCLE	WASTE
ENERGY	NATURE	REDUCE	WATER
			WILDLIFE



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=cGxJa0pJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtjYzNodz09>

Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384
Passcode: 762316

April 6 League of Women Voters
Leader: Ellen Sorenson



Join us for a discussion about voters' rights and the impact of redistricting. We will also hear about the Ripon area League of Women Voters, and their involvement in the local and state community.

April 13 Cliff Notes for the
2021 Parliament of the World's Religion
Leaders: Peg Bradley & Mary Ellen McMeen

The Parliament of the World's Religions is an international interfaith organization with headquarters in Chicago, carrying forward the vision and values of the first Parliament held in Chicago in 1893.

The organization's mission is "to cultivate harmony among the world's religious and spiritual communities and to foster their engagement with the world and its guiding institutions to address the critical issues of our time." The 2021 Parliament was held virtually. Peg, Mary Ellen, Debbie Wolf, Jill Stiemsma and Diana Beck attended. The theme of the 2021 Parliament was "Opening Our Hearts to the World: Compassion in Action." Join Peg and Mary Ellen as they share their impressions of the meeting and tell about their favorite speakers and workshops.

Perhaps you will be inspired to attend the 2023 Parliament to be held August 14-18, 2023 in Chicago.

April 20 -
May 11 Prophetic Voices

This Special Collection of five films represents what I like to think of as "narrative theology." Through the lives of these inspiring and courageous figures we are able to experience at a deeper level how they understood the God of their traditions, and how that guided both their private and public lives through some of the most turbulent events of the 20th century.

The caliber of people who offered to come forward to be interviewed for this series is testimony itself to the urgency that won't allow these figures to be forgotten. President Jimmy Carter, Civil Rights icons John Lewis, Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson, theologians Stanley Hauerwas and Walter Brueggemann, public figures like Martin Sheen and writer David Brooks – not only help make for engaging television but provide a defining statement to the timeless importance of these five prophetic voices.

- Martin Doblmeier

April 20 - Reinhold Niebuhr
Leader: Neal Sieglaff

April 27 - Howard Thurman
Leader: Jim Thomas

Suzette Curtis





FLOWERS ON ALTAR

The Worship Ministry would like to resume having members place flowers on the altar for Sunday morning service. In the past flowers were placed in memory of someone or in honor of someone or some event. Also fresh flowers from people's gardens would be welcome. If you would consider arranging flowers for the altar, please contact Cathy in the church office the week before so your event or person can be recognized in the bulletin. The flowers should be placed on the altar prior to 8:00AM Sunday morning.

The Worship Ministry thanks you for your consideration of this special task.



Hello Pilgrim UCC,

We received your generous donation to our WISE Team. Thanks so much for thinking of us. We are looking forward to Pilgrim becoming WISE! We will keep you posted on upcoming events:

September 25 - WISE Fair
2nd Annual
11:00AM to 2:00PM

I'll pop an email off with details as I get them.

Have a fun challenging time becoming WISE. Learn and grow together.

Peace,
Ebenezer UCC WISE Team
Sue Kaiser

Hello from Helen!

After my first ambulance ride, life has established me on the next part of my journey and I am grateful for it to be so plain to me. They are trying to regulate my blood sugars, so I am under the care of the staff at St Francis Home.

I feel the support from all of you just by the people you are!!!

Thanks much,
Helen



Caring for God's Creation



For Easter baskets, consider buying Fair Trade chocolate, dried fruit, tea and coffee or small gifts made by Fair Trade Cooperatives. Just Fare Market located at N7645 N. Peebles Lane, Fond du Lac (920-322-3334) offers a variety of fair trade items perfect for everyone's Easter basket. You could also shop online at www.equalexchange.coop.



Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Fondy Food Pantry Collections

Thanks to everyone who donated peanut butter and jelly to our monthly food collection for the Fondy Food Pantry in March. We are doing something a little different in April and will be collecting toilet paper for the pantry. Paper products are often a huge need for families utilizing the services at the pantry and we want to help meet this need. So if you happen to be at the store and can pick up some extra toilet paper for April's collections it will be appreciated.



Heifer International Collection

The Sunday school children are collecting loose coins (and of course dollars work too!) to purchase animals for the Heifer International program. You may see some children standing in the narthex after worship services on Sunday mornings holding milk jugs or a nicely decorated box to collect your donations, or you can just leave them in the box by the poster that is set up.

Heifer International is a global non profit working to end poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Heifer does this by providing appropriate livestock, training and related services to small-scale farmers and communities worldwide.

Intergenerational Family Fun Night– Games & Crafts

On **Friday, April 8th**, the CE ministry will be hosting an intergenerational evening of fun playing games like cribbage, UNO and other board or card games of your choice. There will also be a craft table or two set up for anyone who enjoys making crafts. We encourage you to invite a friend to come along and join the festivities! If you haven't given a family fun night activity a try yet, we encourage you to do so. We will begin at **6:00PM and go until 7:30PM**. So, come join your Pilgrim friends for an evening of fun, fellowship and as always some laughter!

Confirmation



We currently have three young people attending Confirmation classes along with the help of their mentors, Linda Stutz, Neal Sieglaff and being led by Pastor Mary Jo. On May 15th these students will be confirmed here at Pilgrim. Plan to attend this event during worship and show your support for these three individuals who will become the newest members of our church family.

Church Camp

Good News! The United Church Camps Outdoor Ministry will be open for guests this summer. It's time to start thinking of fun things to do this coming summer and maybe going to church camp should be added to that list. Visit the ucc.org website to look at all that is available and the dates that the various camps are being offered. Please note that the camps will be following Covid-19 protocols to provide a safe experience for everyone. These guidelines are printed at the ucci.org site. As always they are a variety of scholarships available both through the United Church camps and here at Pilgrim Church. Please talk with Karen if you have any questions regarding financial assistance to attend camp. So start looking at those busy summer calendars and plan for a camp experience!



Blessings,
Karen

SCRIP

Are you ready for some good news??? Well here it is.....The SCRIP table will be back up and open for **in person** business beginning Sunday, March 27th!!!!

The Church Council has decided that we will return to having the SCRIP table open for business. I will do my best to be available both shortly before and immediately following the worship service. The one request we will be asking from you is that people respect social distancing and refrain from gathering in large numbers around the SCRIP table.

I will try to have lots of items available for purchase right at the SCRIP table in the narthex on that day. As always, if I do not have what you need on any given Sunday, I usually purchase each week and can have it available for you the very next Sunday.

It is my sincere hope that this will encourage more people to return to becoming regular SCRIP supporters as this program really is and can be even more profitable for our church.

As always, feel free to call or text me with SCRIP orders ahead of time and then just stop at the table to pick up your order.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call (904-5740).

Many Thanks,

Karen Goodacre



Parish Nurse

**Shoulders up – Shoulders back – Head up –
Phone down**



April Showers... Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance...just sayin'

Proverbs 17:22

April is *National Humor Month*. That's a whole month of recognizing the joy and health value of laughter! (It increases circulation, reduces stress hormones, enhances endorphins for a "feel good" feeling and helps with focusing and learning.)

So have "a merry heart" and honor those who make you laugh – those friends are good for your health! (It says so in the Bible).

April 4-10 National Public Health Week – "Public Health is Where you are"

Public Health Nurses meet people where they are at and walk with them toward better health. Throughout the pandemic, the Public Health Nurses everywhere have gone above and beyond despite times of ridicule and burn out.

They deserve a standing ovation and then a vacation! Please reach out and let them know that!

Health Care Decisions Month – Advance Care Planning

I've written about this before. *A Power of Attorney for HealthCare* is a document that states what you want for yourself if you are unable to make or verbalize those decisions, and names a person or persons to be your voice. It is free – no lawyer required – and can be changed as many times as your circumstances change. If you do not have one, or

want to review (or change) the one you have, contact your Primary Care Provider. They will direct you to the appropriate people within the organization to assist you.

There is information on the table in the narthex about Care Agents' discussions and responsibilities.

April 22 – Earth Day



"Knowing that you love the earth changes you, activates you to defend and protect and celebrate. But when you feel that the earth loves you in return, that feeling transforms the relationship from a one-way street into a sacred bond."

Robin Wall Kimmerer

There are thousands of chemicals in the air, water, soil and food that were not present 50 years ago – and all can have short and long term effects on our health. "Green Cleaning" is an umbrella phrase to describe cleaning processes/products that do not harm the environment or personal health.

Check out the bulletin board for information and hand-outs on Green Cleaning!

Viruses – The more you know...

We hear the word "inflammation" associated with many illnesses and injuries. Inflammation is actually an outcome of the body's immune response to an irritant. The irritant might be a germ/virus/fungus/bacteria, a bruise, burn, or a foreign object (like a splinter).

Damaged (irritated) cells release chemicals into the blood stream which cause the blood vessels in the area to swell. This allows more blood to seep into the injured tissues in an effort to surround and isolate the irritant to keep it from spreading. The chemicals also attract white blood cells to the area that essentially "eat" the irritant and dead/damaged cells. (This is where pus comes from).

It's easy to imagine this process around a splinter – reddened, puffy, and uncomfortable with

an area of pus around the splinter if it is not removed. Now think of this inflammatory process with an inhaled virus that lodges deep in the base of the right lung....increased fluid and white blood cells clogging up the small vessels that would normally allow the exchange of oxygen.

There have been countless books written about inflammation and anti-inflammation behaviors. Bottom line – for this message – is that inflammation happens when the immune system responds to an irritant. Anything we can do to help strengthen the immune system and avoid irritants will help keep us healthy. We are fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God.

LOAVES and FISHES

Pilgrim Church will again be participating in the Loaves and Fishes Program. Loaves and Fishes provides meals to approximately 300-400 local people twice a week. Pilgrim has been assigned the following Wednesday dates for this year:

May 4th

August 17th

November 30th

Each time we provide a meal, several volunteers are needed to donate and prepare food, set-up, serve, clean-up and distribute leftovers. It is hoped that those people who have helped in the past will again volunteer. New volunteers are always welcome! Please watch for the sign-up poster in the narthex prior to each date we are scheduled for and sign-up so we can plan accordingly.

If you would like more information about how you can be involved, please feel free to contact Jim Bentley at 920-922-5093 or Karen Goodacre at 920-904-5740.



WANTED

A small stand for the women's bathroom in the Sunday School wing. The space is limited, so it just needs to be big enough to hold items while using the facilities. Contact Chris Frederick if you have one you are willing to donate.



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| 1 | Chris Steinert |
| 2 | Owen Olson |
| 3 | Cynthia Fisher
Susan Michler |
| 4 | Molly Abler |
| 5 | Sally Turk
Marilyn Hoch |
| 8 | Kaitlynn Zick
Skye Henderson
Arianna Steier |
| 11 | Dawn Dahlke |
| 12 | Avery Geiger |
| 13 | Linda Stutz |
| 14 | Olivia Olson |
| 16 | Gail Vandenack |
| 17 | Chris Frederick |
| 19 | Brian Johnson |
| 20 | Gregory Prus |
| 22 | Jim Bentley
Mike Potter |
| 24 | Patrick Friedel
Joni Greenfield |
| 26 | Gary Ring
Molly Abler |



Susan & Donald Schmitz	April 4
Ronald & Sharon Murphy	April 24
Paul & Wendy Dille	April 26

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 April	
Date	9:00 Service
April 3	Bart & Dawn Dahlke
April 10	Jim & Dianne Bentley
April 17 - Easter	Pete Vercooteren & Connie Anderson
April 24	Bill & Patti Burns

Welcomers for April	
Date	9:00 Service
April 3	Linda Stutz
April 10	Avery Geiger
April 17 - Easter	Fran Schmid
April 24	Jim & Dianne Bentley

Worship Leaders for April	
Date	9:00 Service
April 3	Bobbie Flaherty
April 10	Noreen Henderson
April 17 - Easter	Bobbie Flaherty
April 24	Sue Schmitz

Puzzle!

Using the code, complete this passage based on Ezekiel 34.

CODE
 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

“As a _____ looks after his
 H S V K S V I W

_____ when _____ is
 H X Z G G V I V W U O L X P S V

_____ them, so will I _____ after my _____.
 D R G S O L L P H S V V K

I will _____ them and _____ them.
 I V H X F V K Z H G F I V

I will _____ for the _____ and bring back
 H V Z I X S O L H G

the _____. I will _____ up the _____
 H G I Z B H Y R M W R M Q F I V W

and _____ the _____. You are my
 H G I V M T G S V M D V Z P

_____ ... and I am your _____.”
 H S V V K T L W



Answer: shepherd, scattered, flock, he, with, look, sheep, rescue, pasture, search, lost, strays, bind, injured, strengthen, weak, sheep, God

PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022

Present: Barb Geiger, Patti Burns, Pastor Mary Jo, Karen Goodacre, Wendy Ellison, Avery Geiger, Jill Barbeau, Patty Minter, Gary Ring, Avery Geiger, Fran Schmid, Donna Jost, Jim Thomas for Bayard Frederick

1. Barb Geiger acknowledged that there was a quorum present.
2. Pastor Mary Jo opened the meeting with a prayer and provided bible verses for Jill, Wendy, and Karen to read.
3. **Secretary's report:** There have been some requested changes in the January Council meeting. Corrections were made and Fran made a motion to accept the minutes. Avery seconded the motion. The motion was passed with unanimous consent as edited.

January 30, 2022 Congregational Meeting & 2021 annual report: Reviewed. Patti Burns will follow up with Cathy re: the financial final report to make some editing. Cathy will make the changes.

Congregational Meeting minutes 3/21/2021: Amended to include the nominating Budget regarding finances.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** report attached. Jim reports that the first month of expenses is higher than our income for the first month of 2022 however, better than 2021. Not being in church in person did hurt the income aspect. There is an error in the line number for Life/Disability insurance and that will be corrected. Karen made a motion to pass the report with the correction being made. Jill seconded the motion. The motion passes with unanimous consent.
6. **Pastor's report:** Mary Jo wanted to point out that her monthly report (attached) is for the time from the last meeting to the current meeting. She also shared with the council that she may be the interim Pastor in Sturgeon Bay at Hope UCC, which will start in June.
7. **President's report:** Barb has communicated with Pastor Jane Anderson to finalize Pastor Rob's call and hiring and installation. Pastor Rob's start date is May 16th, 2022. Barb has all the voting slips and they will put them in his desk drawer for him to keep if he chooses.

8. **Vice President's report:** on behalf of the memorial fund, Patti was following up on reported communication issues with our phone system and it not working especially the answering machines which are outdated. Jill shared we have voice mail with our Spectrum phone service however the answering machines don't work well. It is time for an update. Patti talked to Neal Sieglaff and he stated that we should wait until Pastor Rob is here and discuss with him what he is going to want/need in a phone system. Patti Burns will work with Neal to look at an update.

Discussion also ensued regarding placing signs on the entrance doors stating we do not approve of any guns nor conceal and carry. Pastor Mary Jo brought up the subject with George Curtis. He stated that the person that shoots a gun is the one liable. He thinks that having signage regarding no guns is fine. We will need a policy.

9. **Old Business:** Gary Ring reviewed with the council Pastor Rob's profile. He will pass it on to the Pastoral Relations Committee. He stated that Pastor Rob is familiar with Breeze as he uses it as well. Expenses for the candidate weekend came in at \$1033.20 with meals and hotel. Pastor Rob and Nicky were able to utilize a car so there was no need to rent one. The Search Committee will assist in the Installation Service. Barb asked Gary to see if a couple members from the Search Committee could join the Pastoral Relations Committee per conference guideline recommendations. Gary will discuss it with the Search Committee members.

10. **New Business:** Karen reported that Kwik Trip is offering 10% back on their cards. Sunday is the last day it is available. She asked how much money would be available to purchase some Kwik trip cards for SCRIP to sell through Church. She has some members who are willing to use them regularly. There were no concerns regarding the amount Karen can use. A motion was made that Karen can spend up to \$7500 to purchase Kwik Trip cards and sell so we get 10% back. Patty Minter seconded that motion. The motion passed with unanimous Consent.

11. Committee Reports:

Worship and Music - Linda Stutz (Council Rep) Worship for Lent, Pastor Mary Jo has connected with other Churches for Lenten services. Information will be in the Quill. Hymnals will be placed in the pew racks in March.

Christian Education - Karen Goodacre (Council Rep.) Minutes Attached.

SCRIP - Nothing to add.

Property & Maintenance - Report submitted. Avery asked if anyone would be interested in being a janitor. We are looking for someone for 10 hours/week.

Lay Life - Patty Minter (Council Rep) No report at this time

Stewardship and Finance - Bayard (Council Rep) - Per Jim, no report other than above comments

Membership and Evangelism - Fran Schmid (Council Rep) Members have been asking about another photo directory. Maybe we can do it through Breeze. This will be held up until Pastor Rob starts.

Nominating Committee - Patti Burns (Council Rep) No Report

Ham Dinner and Bazaar - Linda Stutz (Council Rep) No Report

Christian Outreach - Jill Barbeau (Council Rep) They will be doing Birthday Cake Pans in March.

Memorial Committee - No Report

Trust Fund - Pastor Mary Jo - No Report

12. Celebrations: Jill reports her son is improving and at Froedtert and moving to a Rehab unit.

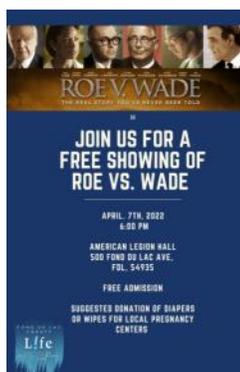
The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Ellison, Secretary.



Dear Friends in the Northeast Wisconsin Association,

Fond du Lac Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life cordially invites you to a free showing of the new movie **Roe v. Wade** at the American Legion Hall located at 500 Fond du Lac Avenue in Fond du Lac **on Thursday, April 7th at 6:00PM**. This movie shows the behind-the-scenes maneuverings of the Supreme Court justices and pro-abortion advocates that resulted in over 60 million abortions since 1973. A knowledge of the background of *Roe* is essential for both identifying the various people involved and understanding their roles in the Court's decision. Free Admission - Suggested Donation of Diapers or Wipes for Local Pregnancy Centers.



Gifts to the **UCC Ukraine Emergency Appeal** will provide shelter, food and other essentials to refugees and internally displaced people.

Individuals and congregations who take up an offering over the coming weeks can give online through the **Wisconsin Conference Ukraine Emergency Appeal** at this link: <https://bit.ly/3CeAPRZ> (or scan the QR code below). Checks may be sent to the Conference office at 4459 Gray Road, DeForest, WI 53532 or return to Cathy at church and we will forward. Write "Ukraine" in the memo line.



SCAN ME

You are invited to an **Ecclesiastical Council for Nicole Herda** which will take place at **Grace Congregational United Church of Christ**, 2801 Garfield Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, 54241, beginning at **1:00p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2022**.

Light refreshments to follow.

Nicole Herda's Ecclesiastical Council may also be viewed via Zoom by using the meeting link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9209735775?pwd=TW1yTUdQRjQzd0txdDM0VmJrUk5TUT09>

Meeting ID: 920 973 5775

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Please attend the celebration of Nicole's spiritual pilgrimage.

According to our Northeast Association Constitution, a vote will be taken at the conclusion of Nicole's presentation that will affirm the wider church's support of her candidacy for ordination – pending a call. All pastors may vote, and lay delegates may also vote in the manner described in the constitution (III. G. 5 - page 7). "Two lay delegates for every 500 members, or fraction thereof, from each church in full standing, plus one lay delegate for each 500 members or major fraction thereof beyond the first 500." Visitors beyond the voting delegates are strongly encouraged. This would be a wonderful experience for a confirmation class or a youth group.

If you are not able to be present, please keep Nicole in your prayers.

Peace and grace,

Rev. Lorri Steward

Chair Placement and Transition

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Panelists

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Roy Bradford Evans



Moderator

Dr. Julie Mavity Maddalena

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This is a convocation credit for students who attend in person.

Opening Worship Preacher, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, III

Expect a powerful word, illuminating the intersectionality of the Civil Rights and Human Rights issues we find ourselves still addressing today with the same fierce urgency of previous generations.

With civil rights advocacy in his DNA, Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, Ill., Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III is a preacher, activist, and author. Over the last two decades, Dr. Moss has practiced and preached a Black theology that unapologetically calls attention to the problems of mass incarceration, environmental justice and economic inequality.

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A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Moss is an honors graduate of Morehouse College, and earned a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry from Chicago Theological Seminary. Dr. Moss has a passion for preaching, which led him back to the classroom. In early 2022, Dr. Moss was named a professor of homiletics at McAfee, where he will help up-and-coming preachers build and strengthen their own preaching ministries.

The work and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the pastoral ministry of his father, Dr. Otis Moss, Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio, have been primary mentors for his spiritual formation.

Dr. Moss communicates with ease across generations, offering creative bible-based messages, that inspire young and old alike, making him a popular speaker on college campuses, at conferences, and churches across the globe.

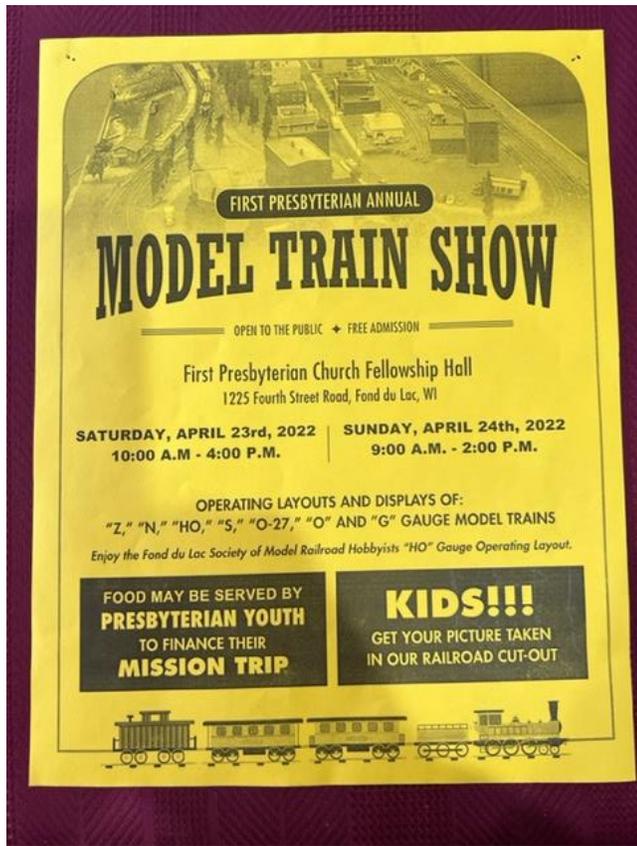
He is an ordained minister in both the Progressive National Baptist Convention and the United Church of Christ.



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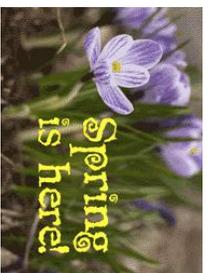
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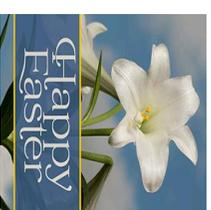
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					1 6:00 AL-ANON	2
3 9:00 Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Coffee Hour 11:30 Confirm. Class	4 4:45 Worship	5 9:30 PEO	6 9:00 Bible w/Bagels 7:00 Lenten Service Church of Peace	7 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 6:00 Family Fun Night 6:00 AL-ANON	9
10 9:00 Worship Handbell Quartet/ Men's Quartet 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed 6:00 NA Mtg	11 11:00 Membership 6:00 Property	12 11:30 Christian Out. 4:30 Christian Ed	13 9:00 Bible w/Bagels	14 7:00 Maundy Thursday	15 7:00 Good Friday Church of Peace 6:00 AL-ANON	16 Artist Assoc. Mtg.
17 9:00 Easter Sunday <i>Worship Made Us This Cookies</i> 6:00 NA Mtg	18 6:00 Church Council	19 9:30 PEO	20 9:00 Bible w/Bagels Quill Articles Due	21 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22 6:00 AL-ANON	23
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