



THE PILGRIM QUILL

JUNE/JULY 2022



Hello Pilgrims.

As I write this on the morning of my second day serving as your pastor and teacher, I have the hymn *This Is the Day of New Beginnings* stuck in my head (New Century Hymnal #417). The opening verse declares:

This is the day for new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

I believe this verse embodies your journey from one settled pastor to the next. The search committee lead the congregation through a time of discernment and discovery while asking two vital questions in a multitude of ways. Who are we as a church? What is God calling us to be in the future? The answers to which then informed your church profile and now my goals as I begin to serve as pastor.

The search committee wrote as a summary of Pilgrim's ministry:

In looking to the future, Pilgrim UCC would like to keep all the gifts that make us special now while integrating our hopes and aspirations. Our vision for Pilgrim Church is:

- To honor our commitment as an Open and Affirming congregation
- To continue to find ways to lessen our environmental impact
- To support the Sunday School and Adult Education programs
- To reach out to the minorities in our community
- To expand our efforts to help, support, and love the mentally ill
- To reach out and offer support for our homeless in the community

We continue our journey to be a church that reflects God's love in concrete ways. We believe with patience, hard work, guidance, and trust in God's

power we will grow into the church that we dream of becoming.

If you want to be a part of the church that we dream of becoming I wholeheartedly invite you to join us in this holy work, the gospel, that empowers us to make the world a better place. Join us as we discover anew concrete ways to reflect God's love in worship, ministry, and fellowship. Join us as pilgrims on a journey toward nothing less than the very kin-dom of God here on earth.

This vision for Pilgrim UCC excites me as much as it will challenge all of us. But fear not, for we are not alone. God is with us and Jesus is our guide. As the 4th verse of *This Is the Day of New Beginnings* reminds us:

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is the day of new beginnings –
our God is making all things new.

Alleluia and amen.

Rev. Rob Van Ess

Pastor Rob is asking people to submit 4 digital photos that represent your life. Each week one person will offer 4 pictures. We will put

them on the screens during worship. They will tell us why they chose that picture and Pastor Rob will ask them 1 question about each picture.

"4-Pictures" is a way for us to get to know each other anew as we live in our post-covid reality. We've all lost touch. Let's reconnect!



News from Council President, Barb Geiger

Welcome Pastor Rob! His first day was May 16th even including his first council meeting. So it was a long day, but it was balanced by a warm Pilgrim welcome.

Coming up on June 26th is Fond du Lac's Pride Picnic. Pilgrim is again planning to have a booth/table at this event. There is a signup in the Narthex. See further details in this Quill. We were well represented last year and expect we will be again this year!

Thank you to all that helped with the work day after Church on May 1st! It certainly made a difference and we are looking good outside.

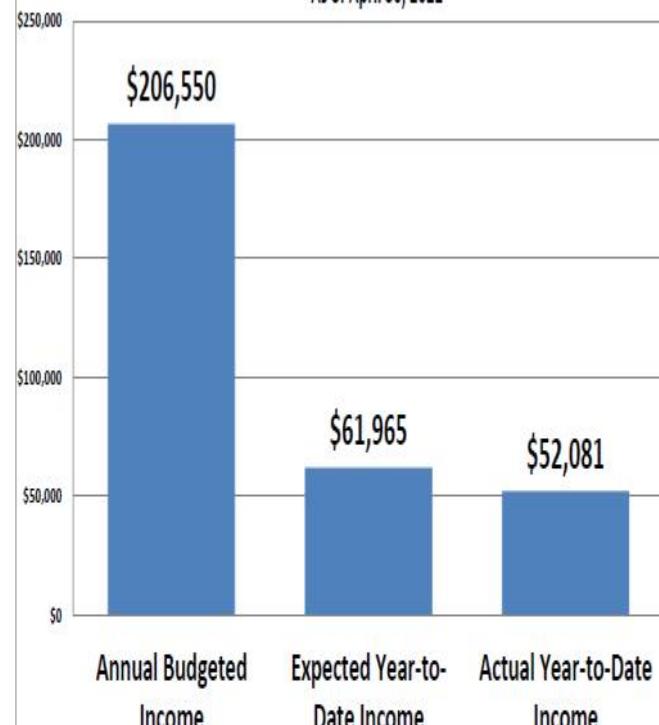
The topic of wearing masks during the Sunday service was discussed at the council meeting on May 16th. Not an easy topic by any means. Please see my masking recommendation update listed separately in this Quill. It will also be in the Friday e-mail and in the bulletin.

The Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin UCC Conference is June 10-12 at the Green Lake Conference Center. We will have 4 people representing our church; Sue Schmitz, Tracy Abler, Pastor Rob and me. This kind of representation is really awesome. Of note, churches participating in this annual UCC meeting were given the opportunity to tell their history in a table display. Thanks to Chris and Bayard Frederick for putting together a beautiful display; hopefully you had a chance to view this display when it was in the narthex.



Pilgrim Church 2022 Total Income

As of April 30, 2022



Use any of our easy ways to give:

Phone text at 920-796-9933

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

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

In person at Sunday Service

Masks Recommended:

We know it is hard, with many of you wondering, but Masking is still recommended for Sunday Services. Why? Because nothing has changed enough to say otherwise (other than we are tired of wearing masks). The Church Council met on May 16th and again discussed this tough topic. Given the current upward trend in the cases, there was no clear consensus that we could safely change our recommendation at this time. It is widely understood the numbers don't reflect actual number of positive cases because we know many are doing home tests and this is not captured in the data.

What was referenced?

- 1) The recent Wisconsin Council of Churches information. As of May 18th, Fond du Lac is at a critical level of concern with a 13.3% positive rate.
<https://www.wichurches.org/covid-risk-map/>
- 2) Input from a professional practicing at St. Agnes.
- 3) Wisconsin Department of Health
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/data.htm#summary>
- 4) We want to protect one another and you only need to wear it for an hour.
- 5) We know we have immunocompromised church family members.

All this being said, this is a recommendation not a mandate. It is your free will choice to wear or not wear a mask.



News from Christian Outreach

In the month of **July**, Christian Outreach will be collecting items for the "Back to School" project sponsored by the Salvation Army. Collection bins will be in the entrance to the narthex.

The following is a list of items needed. Monetary donations will also be accepted; please make your check out to Pilgrim Church and note in the "memo" part of your check "Back to School".

Notebooks
 Pocket Folders
 Washable Markers
 Scissors
 Glue Sticks
 Crayons
 Pencil Box
 Backpacks - any type for elementary school
 Backpacks - Jansport brand for high school
 (this brand provides better support for books at the high school level)



Watch for more information later this summer on Volunteer Opportunities for the "Back to School" project.



"Watch for further information on the next coffee order in the bulletin and on-line."

Pilgrim Church Helps a Neighbor Through KIVA

The Outreach Committee is especially excited about the loan we have just given through KIVA because it is being given to a woman in Milwaukee, Wisconsin! This is the first time we have had the opportunity to help someone who lives so close to our community. 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 money loaned this month was money that had been repaid on previous loans we have given.

This is Rita's Story

I came to the U.S. when I was 26 years old from the Dominican Republic in 2004, without knowing English. I learned quickly that I had to overcome this obstacle and learned the language. I grew up with lots of healing plants and coconut, which is part of my logo and my Dominican background. After 27 years, I have accomplished a few goals due to my mindset and determination. I am grateful to God for providing the wisdom and directions to accomplish those goals. My kids are the reason I started this business. I wanted to make a suitable natural soap for them due to eczema. We are growing, and my passion is to help young women to learn soap-making skills and overcome barriers as I did. I know I am still learning, but I am clear with what I want to do in my community.

Business Description

We make bath and body products with healing herbs and plants, especially for dry skin. We currently have a small location in Milwaukee, WI. It is located inside St. Ann's Intergenerational Care Center. We also have a partnership with Bryan & Stratton College helping students graduate with internships. During the Summer, we also create jobs for students in the Earn and Learn Program of Milwaukee. We give soap-making classes at the site and online. Our online store ships all over the U.S. and Dominican Republic. Our vision is to grow to a bigger place where we can make our products and also have community training for young girls in Milwaukee. We are committed to keeping our products natural, environmentally friendly and safe for the whole family. A bigger location is needed, as well as resources and equipment.

What is the Purpose of this Loan?

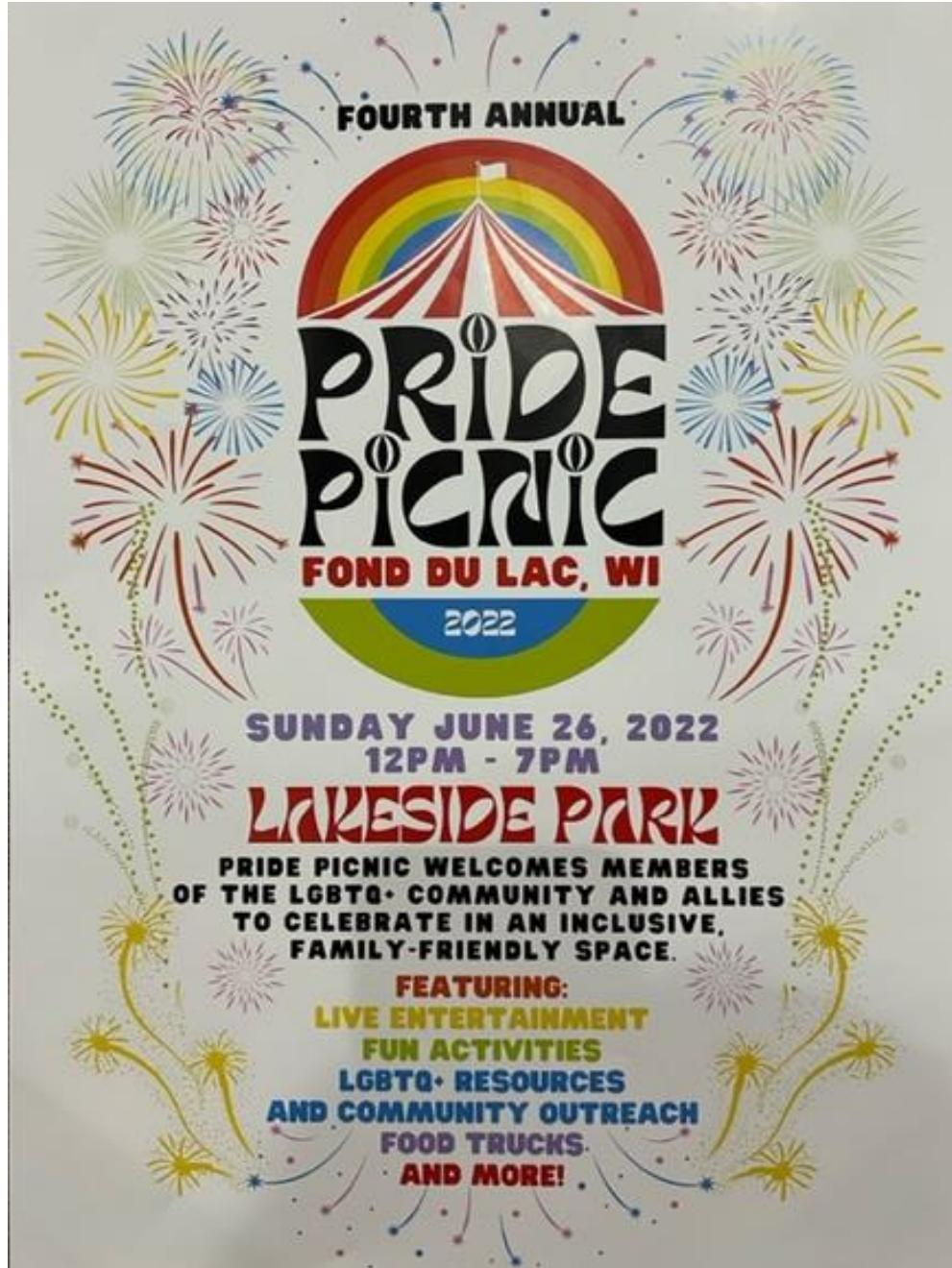
This loan will greatly help as we are in the process of transitioning into a new location. The funds from this loan will assist in helping cover overhead costs during the transition and remodeling to make it feel welcoming and eye-appealing for customers when they enter. We also plan on using some of the funds to assist with payroll and marketing of our new store location.

Since 2012, Pilgrim Church has been giving loans to people around the world through KIVA. How wonderful it is to be able to help a minority woman-owned business in Milwaukee expand to a new location and create jobs. If you would like to learn more about KIVA, see their website www.kiva.org or talk to Peg Bradley or any member of the Outreach Committee.

*"Don't ask what the world needs, ask what makes
you come alive – and go do it. That's what the world
needs – people who are alive".*

Howard Thurman

If you are out to Lakeside Park on June 26th for the Pride Picnic,
stop over at Pilgrim Church's booth. See you there!

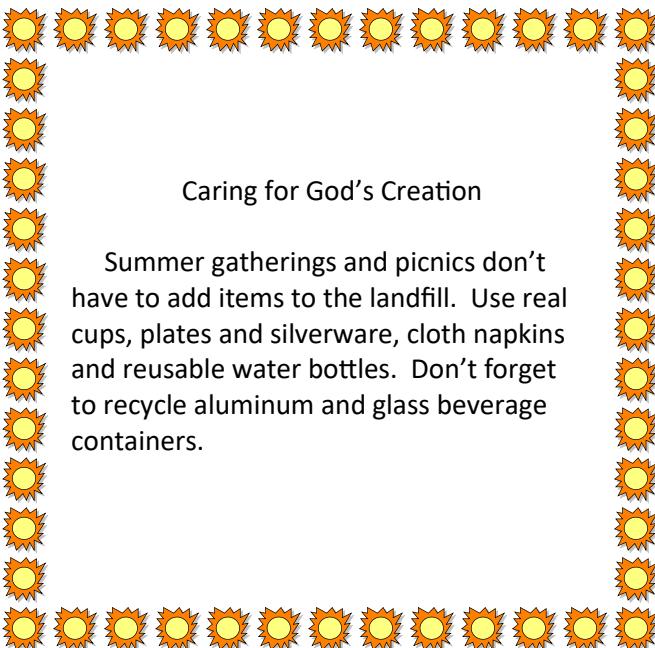


News from Lay Life

Thank you ladies (Kaitlyn, Judie and Susan) for all you did for Pastor Mary Jo's farewell and Thank You and for Pastor Rob's Welcome. We have heard many positive remarks. It feels good to be back to do that again. One comment was the use of the silver coffee pots donated from the Kral family and we plan to use them more often.

Also, look for posters in the narthex for signing up for coffee hours each month starting in August. Usually it will be the 1st Sunday of the month but due to graduations, the 4th and Labor Day when more people are out of town due to the holidays, we may designate a different day.

We are also in the planning stages for the Diners Club and Cribbage Night.



My Dear Pilgrim People,

Congratulations and best wishes for this new time in your life!

A thousand thanks for having invited me to join you on May 1st to celebrate my intensely packed three years with you. It did serve to bring a graceful finish to the abrupt ending LIFE surprised me with: on May 6th, I played for the service as usual; on May 11th, my body crashed and stopped working for me. And now, I have been led to the help I needed (for insulin injections and assisted living at St. Francis). It has been quite a journey to the end of my professional career! I have loved it all and am grateful for it all . . .

So after the fun of working with three creative and dynamic pastors and a churchful of energetic seekers who are at the same time, light-hearted doers, I have to say with Dag H.:

"For what has been - thanks;
For what will be - yes."

As ever, love to you—
Helen Gilsdorf

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all the beautiful baby items you got from throwing New Beginnings a baby shower. I was so happy to see so many items donated that were on the list I submitted to you.

Your kindness is greatly appreciated. We couldn't do what we do without support from groups like yours. If you'd ever want a tour, please give us a call (920-923-1484).

Blessings to each of you,
Linda Hoffmann
New Beginnings RA



Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU!

The Sunday school children would like to thank the entire congregation for their ongoing support of our many service opportunities. Whether it was dimes for the birthday bank, monthly donations to our Family Food Pantry collections or digging deep in your pockets for loose change (and often dollar bills) for the Heifer International project, your continued support has been and will continue to be greatly appreciated. Thank you everyone!



Community Family Fun Night

The Christian Education Ministry will again be offering our annual August Family Fun Night out on Pilgrim's beautiful lawn for the community to come and join us for an evening of games, fun and fellowship! The date for this event will be **Thursday, August, 11th** from

6:00PM – 8:00PM. Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors!

As always, we will need many volunteers to help with this event. Please watch for further information as we will have a sign up in the narthex as the event gets closer.



Church Camp

There's still time to sign up for attending church camp at one of our three beautiful locations. Thanks to Gary Ring, there are some brochures available or you may go to ucc.org to check out all the wonderful opportunities. As always, there are scholarships available. Please talk with Karen if you have any questions.



As a side note . . . a special thank you to Gary Ring and Dorian Johnson for representing Pilgrim Church over at Daycholah Center for their work weekend as they helped to prepare the camp for the busy months ahead. Rumor has it . . . they worked very, very hard. Great job guys!

Looking Ahead.....

While I know we have just finished up with this past year's programming, the CE ministry will be working over the summer to plan for the fall. With that being said, please respond to any emails you may receive in regards to age appropriate classes for your children. Also, Pastor Rob is planning on holding Confirmation classes for students in grades 8 and above and would like to know if you have a child, grandchild or even a friend's child who might be interested in attending. If so, please reach out to either Pastor Rob or myself so he can begin preparations for this.

I wish you all a safe, happy and healthy summer and hope to see you on Sunday mornings for our weekly worship service. If I can be of any need to you during the summer months, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Blessings,
Karen

SCRIP

Pilgrim's SCRIP program will remain open for business as the summer months begin. So please keep this in mind as you need graduation gifts, Father's day gifts, gas for vacations or just your everyday needs like groceries.

I am back selling SCRIP on Sunday mornings in the narthex. I am still taking orders ahead of Sunday mornings by texts or phone calls, so please feel free to contact me at your convenience to pre-place orders and then just pay and pick them up on Sunday mornings. Please remember as summer approaches, we may only be able to order on an every other week basis (BUT KAREN WILL CONTINUE TO SELL WEEKLY FROM INVENTORY), so plan ahead if there is something "special" you need. Thanks for continuing to support Pilgrim's SCRIP program! I can be reached at 920-904-5740.

Karen Goodacre

Parish Nurse

Shoulders up – Shoulders back – Head up – Phone down

One definition of the word *simple* is, “composed of a single element”... When we focus our attention on one thing at a time it feels like time slows a bit. We see and hear differently; remembering more than when we try to multi-task.

On May 28, we begin the summer marathon of family reunions, celebrations, vacations, camping, landscaping, traveling and “getting together”. My challenge to you this summer is to “practice simple” – slowly stretch, focus on one thing at a time, see and hear with God’s eyes and ears and concentrate on the blessings.

Also... “Multitasking Technology” (Hands free) is about convenience, not safety. Contrary to what we think we’re able to do, the brain cannot do 2 things at once - like being observant to driving while responding to messages... Practice simple.

National Cancer Survivors Day – June 5th

From the moment cancer is diagnosed, the person becomes a survivor. If you know someone who is surviving cancer, please reach out - especially on June 5th – to remind them that they are loved.

Connection to the earth:

June 14th – Full Moons - Strawberry Moon – to honor ripened strawberries.

June 21st – Summer Solstice - 15 hours and 22 minutes of daylight!

July 13 – Buck Moon – to recognize growth and strength (and new antlers).

A reminder for those with environmental allergies:

Generally, **pollen** counts are highest early in the morning and on dry windy days. For pollen/grass allergy sufferers, the best time outside is after a rain (soggy pollen doesn’t fly well...).

For indoor **dust** allergy sufferers, dust mites increase when the humidity is higher – which also increases mold spores for those allergic to molds – so a dry environment is better.

Check out the Bulletin Board for summer skin care information

I’ve written about UVA and UVB light in the past. (**Ultraviolet A** light is needed for vitamin D synthesis, but too much can result in the same damage as UV-B to a lesser degree. **Ultraviolet B** light is a major cause of sunburn, skin cancer, cataracts and photo-aging. **Ultraviolet C** light is extremely dangerous, but is absorbed by the ozone in the atmosphere and does not reach the earth’s surface.)

There are UV-sensitive beads (sun beads) on a table by the bulletin board. They contain a pigment that changes color when exposed to sunlight. The UV beads are not affected by light from light bulbs that do not emit ultraviolet rays and will remain white indoors.

You can test your sunglasses and sunscreen using the sun beads or take them outside and notice how quickly they change color in the sunlight (or how quickly your skin is exposed to UVA and UVB rays on a cloudy day).

Viruses – The more you know...

As I’m writing this during the third week in May, the number of people testing positive for covid is increasing. My belief is that the numbers of people testing positive are actually higher due to home test kits and milder symptoms. Fond du Lac County is considered “Medium Transmission” based on the increasing numbers of new cases and hospitalizations.

This is hard. Continued vigilance is tiring and we are so ready to be “over it”. Please continue to take care of yourselves and your immune systems this summer. Those basic layers of protection – handwashing, distancing, staying home if ill, avoiding those who are ill, masking when indoors in a group, not touching the face and vaccination – along with keeping the immune system strong - continue to be the best ways to stay healthy.

We will see more waves of variants as well as illness...it's viral.

Summer Holy Nagging (ways to help keep the immune system strong)

Summer daily self-care rules are now in effect:

1. Wear sunscreen and sun glasses when you go outside (you can take the sunglasses off when playing tag football...)
2. Eat breakfast
3. Go at least 6 hours in a row without looking at a screen (computer/phone or TV)
4. Drink water and milk, (hydrate and calcium)
5. Run/move until you are out of breath
6. Brush your teeth – at least 2 times
7. Laugh until your belly hurts
8. Try to figure out how and why God made it... whatever it is...
9. Eat fruits and veggies
10. Pray - for something, someone and to say thank-you.

Sugar, salt and poo melt in water. Invest in “water clothes”, if you must; but swim, have water fights, “plotch” in puddles and walk in the rain – you won’t melt.

Have an amazing June and July – I’m going to want to hear all about it!

Your Nurse, Sue

This July try to be less productive and to be more leisurely. Let yourself be a bit freer. Focus on wonder. Try to see the world through the eyes of a child – your own inner child – and discover what happiness really is. Let yourself enjoy the playground of God and let God dance and take delight in you and in your world.”

Joyce Rupp

LOAVES and FISHES

Pilgrim Church is 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 the rest of the year:

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.

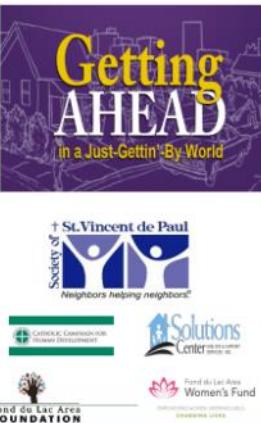
If you would like more information about how you can be involved, please feel free to contact Jim Bentley at 920-922-5093 or Karen Goodacre at 920-904-5740.



Care in the Name of Christ is distributing these flyers for the "Getting Ahead" program which is now housed at the St. Katherine Drexel Homeless Shelter. The Shelter will be expanding this program and is seeking volunteers.

"Getting Ahead taught me to not be ashamed of where I am, and to be proud of who I am today. Today, I got ahead of yesterday, and accomplished my dream. Thank you Getting Ahead Program, for everything" ...Fond du Lac Graduate

Participants are welcome without regard to race, color, age, religion, sex, or national origin. This includes the disadvantaged, handicapped, and special persons.



New program sessions begin seasonally throughout the year

- The 16-session program is offered in fall and spring.
- Assistance may be available for transportation, childcare, and more

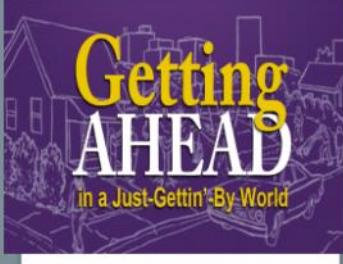


To learn more and to register for the program, contact the
Getting Ahead Program Manager
920-979-9120
GettingAhead@svdpfdlc.org
05/16/2022



- **Tired of just getting by?**
- **Want a better future?**
- **Confused about how to get out of poverty?**

Consider joining Getting Ahead



The Getting Ahead Program aims to end poverty

- Participants study conditions that lead to poverty
- They make a plan they want for their future
- They connect with people and services that help put their plan in action



In a supportive group participants explore:

- Economic factors
- Personal strengths
- Community resources

Within the 16-week program participants

- develop a plan to 'get ahead'
- secure a stable financial story for themselves and their families



Trained facilitators, mentors and guests guide participants through the 16-session with study, exercises, and discussions.

The group talks about

- poverty
- the stigma surrounding poverty
- ways to get out

Who wouldn't want to Get Ahead?



**Volunteer with Camp AweSum
at Moon Beach this summer!**

Help support UCCI and Camp AweSum

Friends, please make the commitment right now to volunteer with Camp AweSum at Moon Beach this summer. Volunteers are needed for all of the Camp AweSum Family Camps, but especially urgent for Camp AweSum Family Camp 1 June 12-18 and Camp AweSum Family Camp 2 June 19-25.

"Camp AweSum has a flexible, uplifting, unique dynamic that creates a safe and welcoming environment for anyone who enters. I can honestly say that being a member of this camp for just one week has had a lasting effect on my entire life." – K.W. CA Volunteer

Volunteering is open to adults (18+) and ages 14+ w/an adult. Training is provided and your commitment includes plenty of free time. Volunteers support campers for three hours each morning, one hour in the afternoon, and one evening during the week of camp.

Event Dates

[Camp AweSum Family Camp 1 | June 12-18, 2022](#)

[Camp AweSum Family Camp 2 | June 19- 25, 2022](#)

[Camp AweSum Family Camp 3 | July 31-August 6, 2022](#)

[Camp AweSum Family Camp 4 | August 7-13, 2022](#)

Ideally, a volunteer is available for the entire week because this best supports the camper, but shorter-term commitments can also work. If you have limited availability, please contact us!

Food and comfortable (cabin) lodging is provided for volunteers. If you are able to make a donation to help cover these costs, it is greatly appreciated. The need for volunteers is greater than the cost, so please give what you are able—even if it is just your time.

For more information, please contact:

Sophia Svetnicka

UCCI Camp AweSum Coordinator

sophia@ucci.org

715.891.5517





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| 1 | Tracy Abler |
| | Jack Caulfield |
| | Stephanie Steinert |
| 2 | June Fohl |
| | Ellen Sieglaff |
| 4 | Mary Christenson |
| 5 | Steven Steinert |
| 6 | Karen Goodacre |
| | Noreen Henderson |
| | Jim Thomas |
| 7 | Brayden Fedyszyn |
| 8 | John Hawkins |
| 9 | Sam Bohn |
| | Jamie Connor |
| 11 | Christopher Ingram |
| | Patty Minter |
| 12 | Olivia Bohn |
| 13 | Haley Dahlke |
| | Hunter Etheridge |
| 16 | Kinsly Laudolff |
| 17 | Ellen Hynek |
| | Ronald Murphy |
| | Thomas Richardson |
| 20 | Jason Schmid |
| 21 | Natalie Prus |
| 22 | Dana Caldwell |
| | Robin Speidel |
| 23 | Michael Friedel |
| 27 | Kelsy Laudolff |
| 30 | Ryan Fedyszyn |

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| 1 | David Faubel |
| | Quinten Friess |
| | Marie Moely |
| 3 | Whitney Curl |
| 4 | Laura Kaufman |
| 6 | Vickie Lamb |
| 7 | Pete Vercouteren |
| 13 | Brett Dille |
| 15 | Greg Friess |
| 17 | Ashley Fielek |
| 18 | Tom Willett |
| 20 | Doug Baltz |
| 21 | Donna Blanc |
| 26 | Lorri Bohn |
| 27 | Jackson Bohn |
| | Andrew Christenson |
| | Robert Kurth |
| | Gail Schmidt |
| 29 | Ben Roder |
| 30 | Betty Sinnen |

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| Brian & Mary Christenson | June 1 |
| Ron & Karen McCreedy | June 4 |
| James & Shannon LaLuzerne | June 5 |
| Steve & Robin Speidel | June 15 |
| Tony & Teresa Prus | June 16 |
| Gene & Susan Zenner | June 18 |
| Lester & Charlene Abitz | June 22 |
| Jim & Anne Thomas | June 22 |
| Charles & Lynne Zwerg | June 22 |
| Weldon & Susan Peterson | June 23 |



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| Thomas & Ruth Willett | July 20 |
| John & Jessica Westphal | July 23 |

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: _____

*"Today was good. Today was fun.
Tomorrow is another one."*

Dr. Suess

Ushers for June	
Date	9:00 Service
June 5	Pete Vercouteren & Connie Anderson
June 12	Avery & Barb Geiger
June 19	Jim & Dianne Bentley
June 26	Bill & Patti Burns

The Origin of Father's Day

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.

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

Welcomers for June	
Date	9:00 Service
June 5	Bob & Jane Flaherty
June 12	Avery Geiger
June 19	Jim & Dianne Bentley
June 26	Shannon LaLuzerne



Welcomers for July	
Date	9:00 Service
July 3	Pat Towne
July 10	Wendy Ellison
July 17	Fran Schmid
July 24	Judie Behnke
July 31	Barb Tadych



PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
 MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

Members present: Pastor Mary Jo Laabs, Donna Jost, Bayard Frederick, Avery Geiger, Patti Burns, Barb Geiger, Patty Minter, Jim Bentley, Karen Goodacre and Fran Schmid.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by president Barb Geiger and a quorum was established

Pastor Mary Jo Laabs shared a reflection titled For All That Will Be by Talitha Arnold.

Tracy Abler was present to discuss interest in forming a group in the church to address Environmental Justice. She shared several ideas for this including establishing a Creation Care Team or Sacred Grounds Group. She will submit an article for the Quill with her information and seek interest from the congregation.

Secretary's Report: Corrections to March 2022 minutes include name corrections *Neal Sieglaff, Bayard Frederick* and *Jim Bentley* under Members Present and Committee Reports. Under Membership and Evangelism change questionnaire to letter. A motion was made by Karen Goodacre and seconded by Fran Schmid to accept the March 2022 minutes with corrections. Motion carried with unanimous consent

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Avery Geiger and seconded by Patty Minter to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried with unanimous consent. Donna shared that a \$1000 gift was made for Music Ministry by Tom and Irene Sieglaff in memory of their parents.

Pastor's Report:

1. Dana Caldwell, Tracy Abler and Pastor Mary Jo Laabs will represent Pilgrim at the NE Association Annual Meeting to be held April 30, 2022
2. WI Conference Annual Meeting at Green Lake Conference Center is June 9-12; Pilgrim will need 2 delegates. Chris Frederick and Barb Geiger will be working on a display of the history of Pilgrim Church for this.
3. Printed report included.

President's Report:

1. Janice Westphal has begun using Pilgrim sanctuary for voice lessons. Janice has been a "Friend of Pilgrim". She has attended worship services and views live streamed services.
2. Rummage Sale – Planning has begun for a rummage sale May 19-21. **Help will be needed!**
3. Catherine Krail Memorial - \$50,000 from the Krail Estate has been given to Pilgrim with request that it be used for Building Maintenance and Capital Improvements. Avery suggested we consider using some of the money for a project such as restoring stained glass windows. Two windows are a memorial to Don Krail. A motion was made by Avery Geiger to place the money in a designated fund. Motion seconded by Bayard Frederick. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Vice President's Report:

1. An answering machine has been ordered for the church office.
2. The Worship Musician position has been posted on Indeed, Zip Recruiter, American Guild of Organists as well as NE Wisconsin Guild of Organists. 1 applicant is currently being reviewed and will be interviewed 4/19/22.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Helen Gilsdorf will be recognized at the May 1, 2022 service with coffee hour to follow.
2. Pastor Mary Jo Laabs will be recognized at the May 15, 2022 Service with coffee hour to follow.
3. May 22, 2022 we will welcome Pastor Rob Van Ess (May 22nd is his first worship service, however he will be in the office beginning May 16, 2022).

Ministry Reports:

- Christian Outreach – No report. April project is to collect baby shower items for New Beginnings. May will include Blanket Sunday.
- Worship and Music – Helen Gilsdorf has officially retired as PUCC organist. Grey music binders eliminated as we do not have copyright permission. Pastor Rob would like to explore having a Sept. mini worship retreat.
- Christian Education – Sunday school students had an Easter presentation during Easter Worship. Penny collection for Heifer International is underway. Scholarships are available for Church Camps. 19 people attended Family Fun Night. Next FFN will be an intergenerational game night scheduled for May 20. Recognition Sunday is scheduled May 22.
- SCRIP Update – Karen has begun selling scrip in person on Sundays.
- Property & Maintenance – Waste removal has been switched to Harter. Lawn mowing schedule is posted. Two bell solenoids need replacing.
- Lay Life & Leadership –planning for May celebrations.
- Stewardship & Finance – Remains ready to help when needed.
- Membership & Evangelism: Phone directory is being updated. Plans being made for Pride Picnic participation. Investigating Raffle License. Amy Steinke has joined the congregation by reactivating her membership.
- Nominating Committee – none.
- Ham Dinner – none.

Celebrations:

1. Sunday School children's presentation on Easter.
2. Choir performance on Easter.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting will be held May 16, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by Patti Burns

UPCOMING EVENTS



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14th ANNUAL CELEBRATION!

Saturday June 4, 2022
From 11:00 am– 5:00pm

Taylor Park
115 S. Hickory
Fond du Lac, WI 54935





What Is It



Members of Ebony Vision are from all Communities in the Fox Valley.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, Freedom Day or America's 2nd Independence Day. It occurred when Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery. Although rumors of freedom were widespread the actual liberation did not come until General Gordon Granger went into Galveston, Texas and issued freedom with General Order No. 3, on June 19 (Juneteenth) 1865, nearly two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation. There are various accounts as to why it took so long, but to this day the truth is not known. Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States.

In 2009 Wisconsin became the 34th state to recognize and celebrate Juneteenth. In 2021 Juneteenth became a National Holiday in the United States.



Why Celebrate

It is important that we share and grow with the community as well as have a voice in the community. One of Ebony Vision's guiding Principles is to educate all people about the African American culture; we believe celebrating Juneteenth in the Fond du Lac community does this very thing. This is celebrated in recognition of that time in history when the country made a stand to do what was right and abolish slavery. As a state holiday or state holiday observance, Juneteenth is supported not only as a tribute of African-American freedom, but as an example and encouragement of self-development and respect for all cultures. It promotes and cultivates knowledge and appreciation of African American history and culture.

Join in the Celebration of Freedom and Unity. As we teach the importance of cultural diversity.



Fond du Lac Community Theatre presents

MAMMA MIA!

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY BENNY ANDERSON AND BJÖRN ULVAEUS
AND SOME SONGS WITH STIG ANDERSON

BOOK BY CATHERINE JOHNSON ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED BY JUDY CRAYMER

DIRECTED BY MAGGIE PATTON AND MARY RUNDE

June 23, 24, 25 at 7:30 p.m., June 26 at 2 p.m.
Fond du Lac High School PAC
Get tickets at Thelma or at hometowntickets.com

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MAMMA MIA! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. | www.MTIShows.com

Church Members, John & Ian Hawkins and Admin Assistant, Cathy Drew are members of the cast!!!

Fond du Lac Artists' Association



ON THE ISLAND

Always the First Sunday in June

Fine Art and Craft Show

Sunday, June 5, 10 am - 4 pm

Lakeside Park, Fond du Lac

Silent Auction

to benefit local art scholarships

Music * Food * Kids Activities

Free Admission

43RD ANNUAL
VAN DYNE LIONS CLUB

**WALLEYE
TOURNAMENT**
SAT., JUNE 4TH, 2022

WEIGH IN: WENDT'S ON THE LAKE
1ST FLIGHT 6AM-1PM | 2ND FLIGHT 6:30AM-1:30PM
MUSIC BY: FRED FERGUSON • 2PM-6PM
RAFFLES | PRIZES | FOOD
AT THE VAN DYNE LIONS PARK

Tournament Directors: Lion Tom Wendt (920) 517-2724 or Roxanne Wendt (920) 948-7787
Co Directors: Lion Tom Briski (920) 579-1810,
Lion Jim Patt & Lion Gail Patt (920) 602-0328



A vibrant poster for the Walleye Weekend festival. At the top, a photo of a band is overlaid with the text "LIVE MUSIC All Weekend Long". Below it, "NATIONAL ACTS: Eve6 & Blessid Union of Souls" are listed. The central feature is a large, stylized title "Walleye Weekend" in bold black letters. To the right is a circular logo featuring a cartoon walleye fish swimming towards a lighthouse. The date "June 10 - 12, 2022" and location "Lakeside Park, Fond du Lac" are prominently displayed. The bottom section contains various sponsor logos and sections for "LEGEND SPONSORS", "ROCKSTAR SPONSORS", "HEADLINER SPONSORS", and "PERFORMER SPONSORS". A QR code and the festival website "WalleyeWeekend.com" are at the bottom right.



A vibrant poster for the Waupun Festivals. The top half features a large yellow star with smaller stars and fireworks against a blue sky. Below the star, the word "Celebrate" is written above "WAUPUN" in large, bold letters. To the right, a colorful carnival tent is visible. At the bottom, there's a red banner with event details and logos for sponsors like Homan Auto Group, Horicon Bank, National Exchange Bank, Eagle, and FVSBank.





JUNE 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	
				6:00 AL-ANON		
5 9:00 Worship - Pentecost	6 7:30 PEO	8	9 Fond du Lac Ministerial Assoc. Baccalaureate Service for Graduates Immanuel Trinity Church 3:30PM	10 W/L Conference Annual Meeting - Green Lake June 10-12	11	
6:00 NA Mtg			6:00 AL-ANON			
12 9:00 Worship - Trinity Sunday	13 11:00 Membership 4:45 Worship 6:00 Property	14 4:00 Christian Ed	15	16	17	18
6:00 NA Mtg				6:00 AL-ANON		
19 9:00 Worship 6:00 NA Mtg	20 6:00 Church Council	21	22	23	24	25
				6:00 AL-ANON		
26 9:00 Worship	27 Pride Picnic Noon-7:00 Lakeside Park	28	29	30		
6:00 NA Mtg						

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Worship Musician Zachary Ball
Choir Director Choir Accompanist
Custodian Anderson Cleaning Service
Church Council President Barb Geiger
Church Council Vice President Patt Burns
Church Council Secretary Wendy Ellison
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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.