



THE PILGRIM QUILL

AUGUST 2022



Hello Pilgrims.

The dog days of summer are here as we look towards the fall, then Advent, Christmas and a new year. How does time move so quickly? Conventional wisdom tells us the older we get the faster time appears to pass. It is all about perspective, and that is what the remainder of the summer is all about here at Pilgrim.

We are wrapping up our summer worship with a 4-week series on the ten commandments. We will not be talking about what they are as much as we will be talking about what they mean for us today. Perspective.

On Thursday, August 11th we will host our annual Community Family Fun Night out on the church lawn. Volunteers will come together and provide a free-to-all night of carnival games, finger foods, a bounce house, camp songs, and so much more. We will proclaim our gospel of love with games of corn hole and a cake walk. Perspective.

Wednesday, August 17th we are hosting a Jr/Sr High Youth Fun Event at the Fondy Sports Park. Somewhere between the go carts and bumper boats we will create a brave space where young people can connect in camaraderie rather than competition. Perspective.

Finally, on a personal note, like many of us over the summer I will be attending a family reunion at the end of the month. I will reconnect with first, second, and third cousins I haven't seen in decades, and some third and fourth cousins I have never met. We'll all be together in one place like we used to do at my great grandmother's house in the 80's. But we will all be older. An entire generation of our family has passed on. We who were the children are now the adults and those still living who were the adults are now the family elders. It is now up to my generation to pass the family stories and traditions on to the next. Perspective.

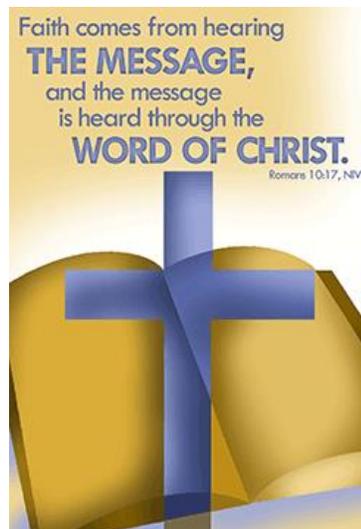
All these events offer the opportunity for us to change our perspective. To see something new. To find the hidden wisdom in everyday life our gospels point

us towards with every parable Jesus offers the disciples.

Join us and find a new perspective at Pilgrim United Church of Christ. We know from first-hand experience that when people come together and love one another, the Spirit will speak. We will receive a new perspective by which to see the world through God's eyes. A perspective that empowers us to change the world one heart, one relationship, one family at a time. Join us, won't you?

Alleluia and amen.

Rev. Rob Van Ess



News from Council President, Barb Geiger

Hello August and the continued days of summer with the beautiful flowers and garden produce around us.

There is plenty of enthusiasm and activity happening at Pilgrim and there are **multiple** ways to be a part of it all. How do you find out what is all going on at church?? By attending the Sunday morning service (in person or online), the Sunday service bulletin, the announcement slides at the beginning of the worship service, posters & bulletin board in the narthex, the monthly Quill, our website (<https://www.pilgrimuccfdl.org/>), the Facebook page for Pilgrim church, and the Friday e-news. Of note, please check your spam folder if you aren't receiving the Friday e-news as this has been an issue recently, I know it has been for me. Thank you to all who are a part of keeping us all informed!

Covid is still with us and not going away anytime soon. It affected my family personally during our recent family time together. Most everyone caught it. While fortunately it wasn't serious, it shows how contagious the most recent variants are. I didn't catch it but took precautions of keeping my distance from the member with an assumed "cold" along with wearing a mask when I was in the car. Thank you for all your continued respect and care for one another with following precautions to prevent further unwanted spread; including masking or respecting those who do mask, good handwashing, safe distance and staying away when you don't feel well.

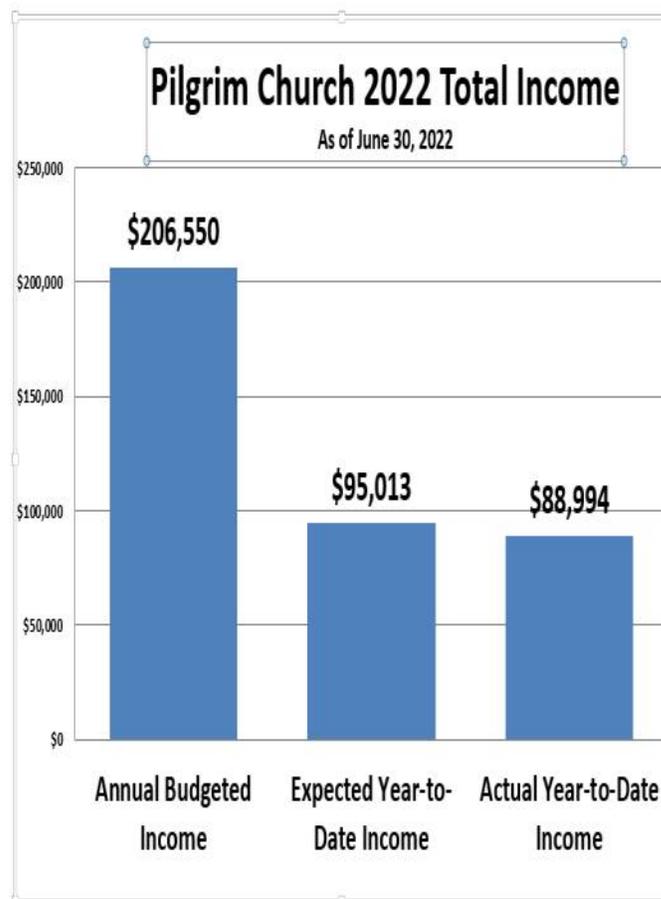
The Family Fun Night is coming up fast on August 11th. It is a big, exciting event with many opportunities to be a part of this special event. It really is FUN. Thanks to Karen for her incredible dedication to leading this event as well as the Christian Ed Ministry. Hope to see you there!

Also, Loaves and Fishes is coming up on August 17th. Look for the sign up poster in the narthex!



Summer Stewardship

As we enter the summer months, we look forward to getaways to the lake, the forest, the cabin or wherever we can enjoy the warm weather and the great outdoors. But while we take vacation from the places and activities that occupy us at other times of the year, let's remember that the expenses of Pilgrim Church don't take a vacation. Keeping up with our offerings during summer helps a lot. Our options for giving make it easy – even when we are away. Happy summer!



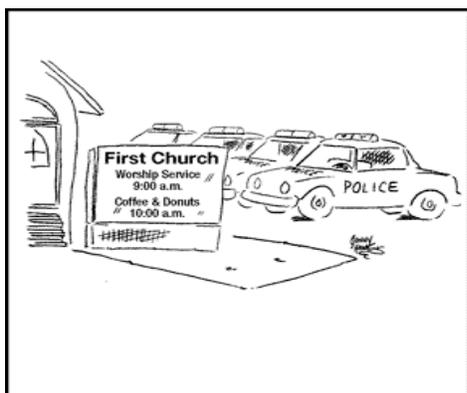
Use any of our easy ways to give:
 Phone text at 920-796-9933
 Internet at pilgrimuccfdl.org – click the “GIVING to Pilgrim” button
 Mail at Pilgrim UCC, 535 Stow St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935
 In person at Sunday Service



Coffee Hour Returns
1st Sunday of Each Month
(except where noted)

Volunteers are Needed!

There is a sign-up poster in the narthex with dates and instructions; any member of the church can sign-up. When food is brought from home, please list ingredients such as contains nuts, vegan, etc. for safety purposes due to allergies or preferences. If you notice supplies getting low, please let Patty Minter know at 920-251-0425 or pattyminter@gmail.com.



Diner's Club has started up again!!!
First get together was July 17th at Gino's Restaurant and was a success. When signing up, list total number of people attending. Gatherings begin at 5:00PM with sit down for the meal at 5:30PM. Watch for more information on future get-togethers. If there is a restaurant request, let Patty Minter know. Happy Dining!!!

News from Christian Outreach

Christian Outreach is collecting items for the "Back to School" project sponsored by the Salvation Army. The **drive will be conducted here at church through August 12th**. Collection bins are 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".

1" Binders
Notebooks
Looseleaf Paper
Calculator - TI30X IIS
No. 2 Pencils
Colored Pencils
Rulers
Pocket Folders
Crayola Washable Markers
Pink Erasers
Scissors - 7"
Glue/Glue Sticks
Dry Erase Markers
Sharpie Markers
Highlighters
Sketch Books
3x5 Index Cards
Watercolors
Graph Paper
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)



There are also opportunities to volunteer to get these supplies organized for the distribution to families on August 20th; you can sign-up at backtoschoolfdl.org. Please note more information on the bulletin board; copy of supply list is on the table in the narthex.

Basic Needs of People Around the World are Met Through KIVA

As members of Pilgrim relax and enjoy the beautiful summer days, many around the world are struggling to meet their basic needs. Through KIVA we continue to help alleviate some of that suffering and hardship. KIVA is a 501(c)3 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 \$200.00 loaned this month was money that had been repaid on previous loans we have given.

One woman who received a loan is Dung. She is 61 years old and married with three grown children. She lives in Hoang Hoa district, a coastal region in Thanh Hoa province. The average annual income (USD) in Vietnam is \$5,600. She farms rice and raises chickens and pigs. Her husband is a manual laborer. In the village where she lives her family is considered a low-income household. The region has often suffered natural disasters such as floods and drought. One of the most critical difficulties concerning Dung is their latrine is not hygienic. She is requesting a loan to purchase sand, cement, brick and equipment to build a hygienic toilet for her family.

Our second loan was given to Jirayu. Jirayu lives in a Kuy community, an ethnic group located in a small rural area in Chom Phra, Surin province, northeastern Thailand. The annual average income (USD) in Thailand is \$14,400. Jirayu lives with her mother and works as a farmer raising buffaloes and cows. She was motivated to start the business many years ago by an elderly neighbor. She has only one buffalo. She plans to breed more buffaloes so she can sell them and support her family's income and enlarge her farm. Jirayu paid off the previous KIVA loan she received. This loan will allow her to purchase three buffaloes to breed, a grass grinder machine, buffalo feed and other essential supplies. It will allow her to follow her dream of being a successful farmer, as well as encourage a rural woman to generate more income for her family's needs.

As we gather with family and friends this summer, we should pause to remember those who have little opportunity to relax. We can be grateful for the ability to share our blessings with others through KIVA. 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.

Adult Education

As we round up the last days of summer and head into the fall, Pilgrim's Adult Education program is in preparation for an exciting new schedule.

Adult Forum will return after worship services from 10:15 to 11:15 each Sunday with the exception of the first Sunday of every month. That first Sunday will again be set aside for a congregational coffee hour.

The topics for **Adult Forum** this fall will include a wide range of subjects with a special series focusing on mental health issues in accordance with our endeavor to become a WISE congregation.

Bible with Bagels, however, is undergoing a change! We are excited to announce that our Wednesday morning program now has a new name (as well as a new time). "**Expanding Horizons**" will be meeting every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00 in what we hope will be a hybrid format of both in-person and zoom.

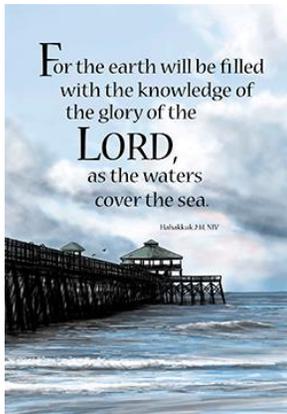
The new name and time were chosen from the results of a survey taken at our end-of-year brunch and discussion within our Adult Education Committee. **Expanding Horizons** better reflects what our Wednesday morning program is all about. As in the past, we will have bible studies, book studies, environmental programs, social justice programs and educational videos. These were also requests from our survey results, so we will continue to provide that material at our new time.

We hope you will join us at either or both **Adult Forum** or **Expanding Horizons** beginning in September!

Suzette Curtis and the
Adult Education Committee

Amy Steinke
Cancer Benefit
Sunday, August 7, 2022
 10:00AM to 6:30PM
 The Press Box
 251 Forest Avenue in Fond du Lac
 Benefit to help offset
 healthcare expenses!
 See Poster on the bulletin board
 at church for more information.

Ushers for August	
Date	9:00 Service
August 7	Avery & Barb Geiger
August 14	Gary & Joni Greenfield
August 21	Linda Stutz & Kaitlynn Zick
August 28	Jim & Dianne Bentley



Welcomers for August	
Date	9:00 Service
August 7	Ron McCreedy
August 14	Avery Geiger
August 21	Linda Stutz
August 28	Jim & Dianne Bentley

Caring for God's Creation

August is the perfect month to be outdoors and enjoy Mother Nature. When you take a walk, remember to take a bag along and pick up trash. You'll be amazed at how much you find!



I want to thank everyone for the beautiful “Get Well” card you sent to me. The picture of the hummingbird was so lovely and uplifting. Even more so, the messages from everyone were such a blessing to me. I could sincerely feel the well wishes and prayers that arrived in that envelope!

Suzette Curtis

Dear Members of Pilgrim Church,

Thank you so much for your support of the 2nd Annual Menstrual Products Drive, a partnership between the Fond du Lac Area Women’s Fund and United Way.

We collected over 250 packages in donated items from generous community partners like yourselves. With the monetary donations received, we plan on purchasing a number of additional items as school districts run short throughout the year. This drive will support school districts throughout Fond du Lac County.

It has been noted that 1 in 3 young ladies struggle to afford menstrual products to get them through their period and may even miss school as a result. Through this drive, our goal is to prevent period poverty and prevent unnecessary absences from school.

Thank you again for your generous contributions, we would not have been as successful with this drive without the support of Pilgrim Church and your generous donors.

Amber Kilawee, United Way
Maria Turner, Fond du Lac Area Women’s Fund

Dear Pilgrim UCC,

Thank you so much for the Amazon gift card! This will be super helpful for getting essentials for my dorm. Thanks for everything throughout the years.

Love,
Carter Mittelstaedt

Pilgrim UCC,

Thank you for the graduation card! I am proud to be part of Pilgrim and for all the opportunities that you’ve provided for me, I am so thankful. The mission trips, youth group and search committee are all experiences that have shaped me into the person I am today.

Many thanks,
Kelsy Laudolff

Dear Friends of Pilgrim UCC,

Thank you for your very generous donation to the Work of Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light!

We deeply appreciate your continuing support for our mission to mobilize people of all faiths to respond to the climate crisis and work for environmental justice.

We look forward to an ongoing partnership with you as we join with Faith In Place to boost our advocacy and programs in Wisconsin.

Blessings,
Peter Bakken
Wisconsin Statewide Coordinator

THANK YOU'S CONTINUED

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Fond du Lac County and The Solutions Center sincerely thank you for your valued gift of \$500.00 for the St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter.

May the Lord bless you as you have blessed his poor.

Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

On behalf of WI-Fond du Lac Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace Inc., its members, sponsors, volunteers and bed recipients, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$225. Our mission is to see that "NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN". Often times, the beds we provide help meet requirements for families to stay together by providing suitable living conditions for children. This would not be possible without your generosity.

Thank you so much for your support of SHP-FdL and our kids in our community! Life changing support.

Tom Otte, President
WI-Fond du Lac Chapter

Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

Hugh thank you for your donation of \$500 to Fond du Lac High School Student Services. We are so very grateful for your kindness and generosity.

Thank you so much!

Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

On behalf of all of us at NAMI Fond du Lac and Friendship Corner, we want to thank you for your generous donation of \$500.

Your donation will help us in reaching out to family members and friends of persons with mental illness with valuable programs, and to our community with opportunities for awareness on mental health issues. NAMI Fond du Lac also sponsors Friendship Corner, our drop-in center.

Respectfully,
Dale Hans, Treasurer
NAMI Fond du Lac

Dear Pilgrim UCC,

We are so grateful for your generous gift to the CUE seminaries of Chicago, United and Eden, and for your continued support for seminary education in our region. We lift up the resilience and commitment of all our seminarians who have persevered in their theological education through the pandemic era - especially the 130 graduates who will go out to serve a world forever changed by these past few years.

Your gift of \$150 invests in that resilience and encourages the forward movement of the faithful into lives of service and transformative ministry. These future pastors, chaplains, counselors and ministers will surely serve communities like yours as the future unfolds - whatever that future may bring.

Blessings,
Dr. Deborah Krause, President
Eden Theological Seminary

Dr. Molly Marshall, President
United Theological Seminary

Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Community Family Fun Night

The Christian Education Ministry is again sponsoring 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. A sign-up poster is in the narthex and you may always reach out to Karen with any questions you may have.

Jr./Sr. Youth Event

The Christian Ed ministry will host our annual get-together for all Jr. and Sr. high youth (6th – 12th graders) on **Wednesday, August 17th** from 5:30PM - 8:00PM. We will meet first at church for a light supper and then carpool to the Fondy Sports Park where we will play miniature golf and ride the go-karts. Please **RSVP** to Karen at 920-904-5740 or

karen.goodacre@pilgrimuccfdl.org so that we can plan accordingly. As always, friends are welcome.



On Course



Sunday School Classes

While it's hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of summer and starting to think of school starting, the time has come to begin planning for the return of Sunday school classes here at Pilgrim.

We again will be offering a two room classroom version of Sunday school due to the number of students we have currently attending. We will be using the Celebrate Wonder curriculum from Cokesbury. It is so important that we know if your child/children will be attending Sunday school classes this year so that we can begin to plan accordingly. We are asking all families

to again fill out a Sunday school enrollment form (only one form per family is necessary as there are enough spots for up to 3 children). You will be receiving a digital copy of this form in a separate email but you can also find a paper copy on the table in the narthex.

Lastly, if you can help out with our program in any way (teaching a few classes or being a shepherd; no planning required unless the teacher asks you to help with something ahead of time, otherwise you are the second adult in the classroom and helping hands on as needed), please reach out to Karen or a member of the CE Ministry and talk with us. We are in need of both teachers and shepherds.





Rally Day/Kick-Off Gathering

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 11th**, following our worship service we will gather at 10:15AM in the opening worship area for our annual Rally Day/Kickoff gathering. This will be a time to introduce and meet incoming teachers and shepherds, meet our new pastor here at Pilgrim if you haven't already had the opportunity to do so, gather together for a light snack of muffins, cheese, fruit, coffee and juice; learn about what's coming up in our adult education offerings and just enjoy a time of fellowship.

Youth Mission Trip Discussion

Following the Rally Day gathering, we are asking all youth (Jr. and Sr. High) and their parent/parents or guardian to meet for a brief informal informational meeting to discuss the possibility of going on our next mission trip. We will explore a variety of different sites and welcome your input to start the planning process. If you have any questions regarding this discussion, please talk with Pastor Rob or Gary Ring. These mission trips can be life changing events and we hope you and your youth will consider the possibility of attending this important meeting.



Blessings,
Karen

SCRIP

While it's hard to believe we are beginning to talk about school starting, school shopping will be on the list of the things we need to do as we prepare for summer to come to an end. Please keep Pilgrim's SCRIP program in mind as you begin to shop for those necessities the kids need, as well as the everyday shopping we do for groceries, gas and going out to eat. Land's End, TJ Maxx, Target, Kohl's and Walmart are just a few of the many places we can use SCRIP at.

The SCRIP program is very user friendly and it is part of our church's budget so please consider giving it a try if you are not already a regular user of the program. If you have questions as to how SCRIP works, please talk to Karen at the SCRIP table on Sunday mornings or give me a call, 920-904-5740.

P.S. Don't forget you can purchase KOHL'S SCRIP cards to pay your charge card bill!!

Karen Goodacre





STAMP For Teens Interested in Art

1. Artist must be between ages of 13 and 19.
2. Artist will participate in a regional STAMP exhibit either through high school or by being mentored by an AWA (Association of Wisconsin Artists) member or an art organization. This exhibit will be a judged exhibit. (I am a member of AWA and of FdL Artists' Association which sponsors a WRAP show each year in September or October. In 2023, we plan to hold the "WRAP" show at Thelma).
3. There will be a STAMP coordinator who can assist you in entering you regional exhibits which may have local requirements that need to be followed.
4. Artists receiving a State award at the regional level will have the opportunity to exhibit at the AWA state conference held yearly at either Madison or Wausau. This is a judged exhibit. The artwork will also be featured in the AWA annual color catalog.
5. All artists under the age of 18 must have parent/guardian approval.
6. Cash awards may be given at the local or state level.
7. Artwork must be original, not a copy of any copyrighted or public domain image. The artist is responsible for insuring this is the case--will have mentor help available.
8. Artwork must be framed or be a "finished" canvas and have a wire to allow for hanging. Wires are required; no other hanger will be acceptable. Sculptures may be entered without reference to framing.
9. The artist is responsible to adhere an "Artwork Identification Label" on the back or base of the artwork.
10. AWA and Regional STAMP Coordinators are not responsible for damages or loss of your work.

Local mentors are available and willing to work with any teen, please contact Fran Schmid @ 920-322-0495

Parish Nurse

Shoulders up – Shoulders back – Head up – Phone down

August 3 is National Watermelon Day

Watermelon is 90% water - plus natural sugars, antioxidants, vitamins A, C, some B's, and potassium. It can be eaten fresh, juiced, or in frozen slices. And then there's the seed spitting championships for bragging rights! (Deep breaths in and forced exhales – perfect exercise for the lungs!)

Viruses, the more you know.

And WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged for Mental Health). Several from PUCC attended a workshop in June on "Covid and Mental Health". Pastor Dan Schultz then wrote about it in his newsletter through the Wisconsin Council of Churches. His notes on mental health habits were much like mine, so I combined them to share with you. (Thank-you Pastor Dan!)

Do what you're comfortable with. Many have returned to pre-pandemic a "normal" without masks or social distancing. If you don't feel comfortable being with others without wearing a mask, by all means, wear one! If you are with people who want to continue to mask or avoid close contact, please make it normal for them to do so. Personal choices - No harm, no foul.

Stay connected. It's important to maintain some form of connection to others, whether that's online, through phone calls, or conversations at a safe distance. Social contact plays a role in building immune response and feelings of belonging. If you're feeling lonely or isolated, please reach out. (Note – social contact means personal – not going down rabbit holes on the internet - information overload is mentally detrimental and is not a healthy connection)

Pay attention to your body. Mind-Body-Spirit. If restlessness, muscle tension, gut issues, trouble sleeping or concentrating is affecting your life, talk with your Primary Care Provider. There is no shame in talking through your struggles, and no sense in pushing them down where they can't be addressed.

Breathe. Slowly and Deeply. Meditation can have a calming effect – increased oxygenation, decreased muscle tension, slowing heart rate, feelings of peace.

Be a good friend. Listening with empathy and without judgment is a great place to start. Listening does not mean agreeing, and you don't have to try

to fix anything – just be. We are all doing the best we can.

A body at rest stays at rest. A body at (too much/continued) rest can lead to physical and emotional changes – chronic illness, depression, fatigue, muscle weakness, and pain. Please stay as routinely active as possible for all the physical and emotional benefit reasons. A body in motion stays in motion.

After that workshop a gentleman stated, "Covid changed everything". The pandemic changed how we do school and health care, the economy, transportation, politics, relationships, church...and it added stresses that we could not have imagined pre-pandemic. He's mostly right. What it did not change is God's love.

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

"NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by Mental Illness".

September is recognized nationally as Suicide Prevention Month. "To create awareness and illustrate the systemic effect of suicide, NAMI FDL has partnered with Horicon Bank to introduce the first "STEP UP to Prevent Suicide Campaign". Statistically, an average of 135 people are directly impacted by one death by suicide. They are inviting "individuals and/or teams to pledge to walk/run/bike/jog/ skip/swim...at least 135 miles from July 13th through September 11th. Money raised will be given to NAMI FDL to support local educations, advocacy, and service efforts focused on preventing suicide and breaking the stigma associated with mental illness."

Tracy Abler is taking part in this challenge. If you'd like to financially support her (and NAMI's) efforts, please give her a call! And, as we continue our WISE Journey, representatives from NAMI will be presenting at Adult Forums in November. Check out Suzette's information!

One more thing...."As of July 16th, **anyone in mental health distress can call 988, send a text to 988 or use the online chat feature at [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org) - 24/7 - to connect directly with a counselor** through the "988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline". Wisconsinites who use 988 will connect with an in-state service funded through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services."

It's Reminder time...

It wouldn't be August if I didn't remind parents to check **immunization and physical requirements** for school. (The State of Wisconsin requires a sports physical every 2 years before starting the fall season). Please contact your Primary Care Provider with questions and to schedule an appointment before the late August rush.

And speaking of school...when shopping for a new back-pack, remember to look for ones with wide straps that rests snugly and above the small of the back. There are some informational brochures on the ledge under the bulletin board.

More Holy Nagging...even though it feels like we've already had plenty of heat this summer...

The *Heat Index* is a measure of how hot it feels when humidity is factored in with the actual air temperature. A combination of high temps and high humidity reduces the body's ability to cool itself. Fans are good for moving the air but may not be enough to actually cool the body when the temps are in the high 90's

Drink more fluids regardless of your activity – don't wait until you feel thirsty. Drinks with caffeine, alcohol and/or large amounts of sugar actually pull fluid out of the tissues and are dehydrating. Water continues to be the best hydration source.

Adding salt to your diet and or taking salt tablets to retain water is not a good idea unless prescribed by your PCP.

A sun burn makes it difficult for the body to dissipate heat. Use sunscreen and wear lightweight, light colored loose clothing and a wide-brimmed hat to help prevent sunburn.

If a piece of chocolate left on the dash in your car will melt, anyone or anything left in the car will melt also. Don't do it.

To eat cooler, eat small amounts frequently and reduce fat and protein intake (the energy gets funneled to digestion rather than cooling after large heavy meals).

Heavy sweating, hot and dry skin, rapid pulse, pale or clammy skin, and muscle cramps are signs of a heat disorder – get to a cool place, sip on cool water, and call for help if needed.

Your Nurse, Sue

LOAVES and FISHES

Pilgrim Church is participating in the Loaves and Fishes Program on **Wednesday, August 17th.**

Loaves and Fishes provides meals to approximately 300-400 local people twice a week.

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!

Sign-up poster is in the narthex.

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

World Communion/Creation Care Sunday

October 2, 2022

9:00AM



At 1:00PM

On the Lawn.



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



Richard & Peg Bradley	August 5
Albert & Whitney Curl	August 7
Bob & Jane Flaherty	August 8
Neal & Ellen Sieglaff	August 11
Patty & Mark Minter	August 20
Kristie & Patrick Luckow	August 22
Doug & Joanne Baltz	August 30
Gary & Joni Greenfield	August 31

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!

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If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary listed in The Quill, just fill out this form and return it to the church office.

Name: _____

Birthday: _____

Anniversary: _____

PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Monday, June 20, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Rob, Barb Geiger, Patti Minter, Patty Burns, Bayard Frederick, Karen Goodacre, Jill Barbeau, Fran Schmid, Karen Goodacre, Linda Stutz, Neal Sieglaff (for Avery), Wendy Ellison

1. **WELCOME AND QUORUM PRESENT:** Barb recognized a quorum was present at 6:05 PM.
2. **OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor Rob opened the meeting at with an opening prayer.
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT—ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS:** Wording was changed regarding the Worship Service Musician. There were also changes to the treasurer's report. Wendy stated that she sent the council meeting minutes out as soon as possible in order for review by members and feedback to that the corrections could be made ahead of time. She received only 1 request for a change in wording. Please review future minutes and get feedback to Wendy about any corrections or changes so they are completed by the following meeting. With corrections the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** There is a decrease donations. On a positive note, there was income received from the very successful rummage sale done in May. Christian Outreach was charged for the Easter flowers and it should have been from the Worship Committee line. Donna will look into this. Discussion ensued re: look at a new line item regarding "Personnel search" under the Administration line. Patty Burns stated that the color printer should be taken out from "Office Supplies" and not Memorial Funds. Report attached accepted with Unanimous Consent.
5. **PASTOR'S REPORT:** Report attached.
Annual UCC Conference Meeting Pastor Rob attended and stated it was a very positive experience and the workshops were very good. There will be a presentation on next. Monday from 6:30 – 7:30 at Church of Peace regarding Mental Health after Covid by staff from the Treffert Center.
6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Barb shared that the Annual Conference was a very good experience with the great speakers and informative relative workshops that focused on the WISE program.
7. **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Nothing to add
8. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - Pews decision - Property & Maintenance would like direction to fasten pews to the floor with current configuration. If we stay with the current configuration, what should we do with the extra pews, sell or donate? If selling, who will put forth the effort? Should a congregational survey be done to help answer these questions?
 - The Council discussed what should be done with the pews in need of repair and not being utilized as well as if the pews should be re-secured to the floors.
 - Decisions were as follow and approved by Unanimous Consent:
 - 1) Pews should be re-secured to the floor.
 - 2) Attempt to sell the pews to members first, the public, and look into donating.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:** Pastor Rob wanted to know about the Pastoral Relations Committee. What is it, who is on it? What is the Mission?
Barb is talking to members and prospective members and will keep Pastor Rob informed.
Fran reported there will be a program for children ages 13 – 19 by the Mentors in Art. She will prepare something for the August Quill.

10. **MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES (as necessary)**

Worship & Music – Linda Stutz (Council Rep.) Report attached. Myra Strebe will be back as the Choir Accompanist. Patti will meet with her in August to complete the paper work. There was also discussion regarding several members wanting Holy Communion to return the 'old way' prior to Covid. Communion will never return fully to the pre-covid manner the committee as well as the Council did some brainstorming as to ways to make it more meaningful. There will not be any changes before fall.

Christian Education – Karen Goodacre (Council Rep.) Report attached. August 11 there will be the family fun night which is open to the community at no charge. If there are any suggestions for food options, please let Patti Minter know. Volunteers are also needed. Please let Karen know if you are interested.

SCRIP Update – Karen Goodacre - Please just keep purchasing.

Property & Maintenance – Avery Geiger (Council Rep.) Neil Sieglaff covering for Avery. Report attached. They are looking into a system that can be wired to the front and side door which has voice capabilities and the receivers would be in Pastor Rob's and the Church office. This is to enhance safety so individuals cannot enter the church unnoticed and the outside doors can be locked. There are many times Pastor or Cathy are in the church alone.

Lay Life & Leadership – Patti Minter (Council Rep.) Patti has placed a sign up poster for 'Coffee Hour' in the Narthex. She will also place a sign up poster for the 'Diners' Club' in the Narthex.

Stewardship & Finance – Bayard Frederick (Council Rep) Meeting scheduled for July 11th.

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

Nominating Committee- Patti Burns (Council Rep.) Nothing to add.

Ham Dinner & Bazaar – Linda Stutz (Council Rep.) Nothing to add.

Christian Outreach – Jill Barbeau (Council Rep.) The next meeting will be in August. The 'Back to School' school supply drive will begin soon. This is a very important drive for the Fond du Lac area. This is so children will have supplies to attend school in the fall who otherwise would not have any.

Memorial Committee - Nothing to add

Trust Fund Report (Pastor) - Nothing to add.

11. **CELEBRATIONS:** Linda shared that she and Randy are expecting a new grandchild in December. We also have new members: The Chen family. Please look for them and welcome them.

12. **INFORMATION SHARING**

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM with the Lord's Prayer.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **August 15, 2022 @ 6:00PM**

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Ellison, Secretary.

UPCOMING EVENTS




The Little Farmer, LLC A Festive Family Farm Market

N9438 Hwy 151, Malone

The Little Farmer will open for the season later in August through November.
Some features of Little Farmer include:

Applehouse

All apples, bakery and caramel come from this building. Kitchen items, snacks and fun toys are offered. School tours also make a stop here to see the cooler where the apples are stored and the grading room where the apples are washed and inspected.

Farmhouse

Coffee, coffee, coffee!

The Beyer Homestead for many years is now a cozy coffee house. The main floor has gift items and barista area. You can get your favorite cup of coffee along with a scoop of Kelly Country Creamery Ice Cream and a slice of Little Farmer apple pie. Upstairs you will find themed rooms full of home decor and gift items.



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The field is located out on Hickory Road.

Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts (THELMA) hosts a Thursday night outdoor concert series, 11 Thursdays of Summer. The remaining concerts include:

Maple Road performing on August 5.

A high energy, four-piece band out of the Washington County area that has been delivering a unique blend of blues and rock for over 10 years.

Cathy Grier and The Troublemakers includes a professional musician since 1978, with **Cathy Grier's** undeniably powerful voice accompanied by tasty Blues guitar stylings, both acoustic and electric, affirms her place on the world stage.

Performing on August 19 is the 90's cover band **Throwback Stereo**. Bringing a high-energy show from the best of music's most popular decade and playing popular hits.

The WhiskeyBelles keep things going on August 26 with an **all-female traditional country and Americana trio** featuring pitch-perfect three-part harmonies and their own **hot fiddle, guitar and bass playing**.

On September 2, **Bascom Hill**, a trio of lager-loving, Wisconsin-raised musicians known for its effortless hooks, memorable choruses, and clever lyrics. Bascom Hill has fully embraced life as an indie band.

Continuing the series is **Riding Shotgun** on September 9. Riding Shotgun is a high energy power trio that plays upbeat and danceable Rock, Pop and Country hits spanning several decades.

Nearing the end of the series on September 16 is the **Hot and Dirty Brass Band**. Nominated for **2019 Horn/Big Band Artist and 2018 New Artist of the Year**, when the house lights go down and the stage lights come up... it's time to get Hot & Dirty!

Performing the second to last concert of the summer on September 23 is **Unity the Band**, an award-winning original roots reggae group based in Wisconsin. They have been nominated for **2018-2019 Artist of the Year and 2019 World/Reggae/Ska/Latin** and are the **2018 WAMI winner for World/Reggae/Ska/Latin**.

Concluding the series on September 30, the roots/Americana quartet, **Copper Box** will again perform.

Fond Du Lac Unity Picnic





August 27th, 2022
Taylor Park, Fond Du Lac
115 South Hickory St.
3pm-7pm
Speaker at 6pm

Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Brats
Feel Free to Bring A Dish To Pass,
Lawn Chairs &
Games!!!




Questions, contact Larry B.
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Puzzle!

Search for and circle all the bold words from Psalm 18:2, which reminds us where we find our strength.

The **LORD** is **MY ROCK**, my **FORTRESS** and my **DELIVERER**; my **GOD** is my rock, in whom I **TAKE REFUGE**. **HE** is my **SHIELD** and the **HORN** of my **SALVATION**, my **STRONGHOLD**.

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AUGUST

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 10:00 Alt Gift Fair Organizational Mtg 4:00-7:00 Nat'l Night Out @ Fairgrounds	3	4	5 6:00 AL-ANON	6
7 9:00 Worship 10:00-6:30 Amy Steinke Cancer Benefit 6:00 NA Mtg	8 4:45 Worship Mtg 6:00 Property	9 4:00 Christian Ed	10	11 6:00-8:00 Community Fun Night @ Pilgrim Church Grounds	12 Back to School Supply Drive Ends 6:00 AL-ANON	13
14 9:00 Worship	15 6:00 Council Mtg	16 11:30 Christian Outreach 6:30 "Green Team" Mtg	17 Serve Loaves & Fishes 5:30 6th-12th Graders Fun Event Fondy Sports Park	18	19 6:00 AL-ANON	20
21 9:00 Worship	22	23	24	25	26 6:00 AL-ANON	27
28 9:00 Worship 6:00 NA Mtg	29	30	31			

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