



THE PILGRIM QUILL

SEPTEMBER 2022



Hello Pilgrims:

Rally Day is September 11th. We will honor the loss of lives and naivety this day will forever represent. Then after service, will introduce the new program year:



- Monthly Christian Ministry Committee collections for charity.
- Adult Forum (Sundays 10:15AM – 11:15AM)
- after 9:00AM worship adult bible study
- Expanding Horizons (Wednesdays 9:30AM - 11:00AM)
- Formerly known as Bibles w/Bagels – adult discussion group
- Children’s Sunday school (Sundays 10:15AM - 11:15AM)
– includes children’s worship and Sunday school
- This year various collections will be for the children at the St. Katherine Drexel Homeless Shelter
- Stone Soup (Wednesdays in November 6:30PM – 8 PM)
- Pop-up Wednesday night adult bible study with a simple meal of soup and rolls every Wednesday in November
- Youth Mission Trip in 2023
- We will meet up on rally day to choose a location and focus as we plan the year’s events which will culminate in a youth trip in the summer of 2023.

We are blessed to have so much going on and I find everything exciting. I want to highlight the youth mission trip in our Sept Quill newsletter. Mission trips are the opportunity of a lifetime for our young people and chaperones alike. Mission trips provide us with an opportunity to see God through the new people, places, and activities we will encounter. These experiences will give us new eyes by which to see, new ears by which to hear, and new hearts by which to feel, the very presence of God in our lives.

GO TO <https://nextstepministries.com/> TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PILGRIM UCC 2023 MISSION TRIP OPPURTUNITIES. Maybe you have some incredible youth and young adults in middle or high school in your life who would be interested in the trip of a lifetime. Send them to the website to look at all the different locations. Have them choose a few favorites and then join us on Rally Day, September 11, to talk about it.



Locations for Mission Trips in 2023: (Go online to see pics and videos for each location.)

- Kansas City, MO
- Elliot Co, KY
- Cheyenne River, SD
- Colorado Springs, CO
- Columbia, SC
- Cleveland, OH
- Oklahoma City, OK
- Boston, MA
- Knoxville, TN

Alleluia and Amen.

Rev. Rob Van Ess

Pastor Rob's Schedule of Sermons:

August 28 - Luke 14:1, 7-14 - "Last Place" - Introduction of Season of Creation

September 4 - Jeremiah 18:1-11 - "Jeremiah Gets It Wrong" - Communion Sunday

September 11 - Matthew 18:21-35 - "Mercy is a 2-Way Street" - Rally Day - 9-11 Remembrance

September 18 - Luke 16:1-13 - "You Have to Choose"

September 25 - 1 Thessalonians 5:18 & Psalm 136 - "God of Sparrow, God of Whale" - Green Sunday for Season of Creation

October 2 - Second Timothy 1: 1-14 - "A Holy Life" - World Communion Sunday - Blessing of the Animals at 1 PM on the green.

News from Council President Barb Geiger

Pilgrim's many fall activities will soon begin.

In September, we can look forward to the choir resuming. Education programming begins including Sunday School and Adult Education and please refer to more details further in this Quill! Of note, the Wednesday morning Adult Education Program has a name change; now will be called "Expanding Horizons" (formerly called Bible w/Bagels). The time frame is also shifted slightly to 9:30am-11:00am.

A few items I want to call your attention to:

1) Anyone want a pew? The multiple extra unused pews hiding in the southeast corner of the fellowship hall are available to anyone who wants them. Those that are not taken will be donated. See separate announcement in this Quill. We are looking to have them gone in the fellowship hall by the end of October at the latest.

2) **Pastor Rob's installation is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th** at 3:00pm. It is when he is officially installed as our Pastor and representatives from the Northeast Association of the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC will be present. The service will be lead by Reverend Andrew Warner. A reception will follow and we have a few people starting to plan the reception/meal. Members are invited of course. Watch for more details in the next Quill. If any questions, please reach out to Pastor Rob or myself.

Enjoy those remaining sweet summer-like days.

SAVE THE DATE!

World Communion/Creation Care Sunday

October 2, 2022

9:00AM



At 1:00PM

On the Lawn.

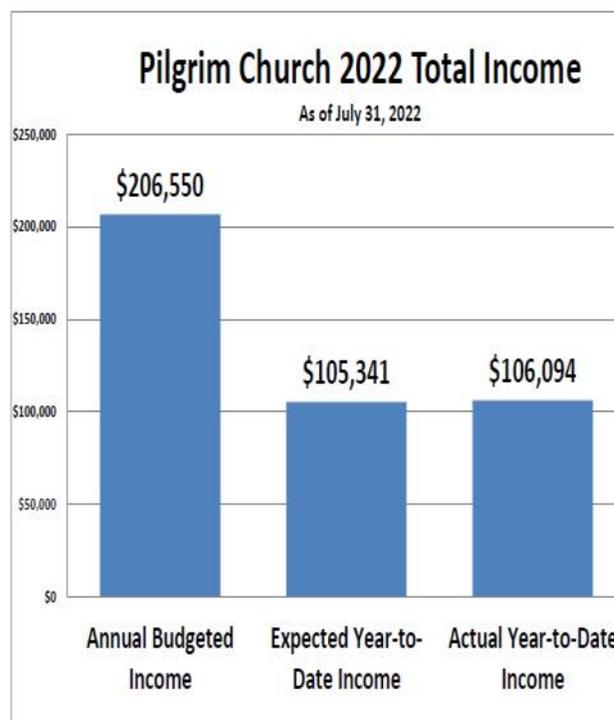




Pilgrim Choir Kick-Off
 Thursday, September 8, 2022
 6:00PM - Pizza and Refreshments
 served at church.
 Choir practice will begin at 7:00PM.
 Everyone who has a love of singing
 is welcome to join!



For those that know Paul Thelen and appreciate his gift of music, there will be a "Paul's 40th Anniversary in Music Celebration" on Sunday, September 25th at 2:00PM at Holy Family Church; a small reception will follow.



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

Diner's Club!!!

Have had several fun get-togethers.
 Watch for more information on future dine out dates.
 When signing up, always remember to list the total number of people attending. Gatherings begin at 5:00PM with sit down for the meal at 5:30PM.
 If you have a suggestion for a restaurant, let Patty Minter know.
 Happy Dining!!!



Adult Education

Meets on Sunday Mornings

from 10:15AM to 11:15AM in the sanctuary
for those wishing to attend in person.

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

Those preferring to join from the comfort of your
home, the link for the programs will be the same
throughout the fall semester. To join Zoom Meeting:

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September 11

Rally Sunday

September 18

“Purple” Documentary

Leader: Jim Bentley

PURPLE tells the story of everyday Americans
with opposing viewpoints addressing their
differences head on and discovering the concerns
and humanity that lie behind each other’s
positions. Designed to build greater empathy and
recognition in the face of deepening U.S. divides,
PURPLE models a rare conversation that uplifts
and inspires even while going toward the heat of
passionate political differences.

The film takes place in rural Wisconsin and Iowa, two
swing states where “red” and “blue” still live in the
same neighborhoods and where many people feel
unrepresented by the two-party system. This
politically pivotal region was home to the greatest
concentration of counties that flipped Obama to
Trump in the 2016 Presidential election.

September 25

Blue: The History of a Color

Presenter: Ben Blanc

Based mostly on the work of Michel Pastoureau, we
will see that blue has had a long and topsy-turvy
history in the Western world. The ancient Greeks
scorned it as ugly and barbaric, but most Americans
and Europeans now cite it as their favorite color. In
this fascinating history, the renowned medievalist
Pastoureau traces the changing meanings of blue
from its rare appearance in prehistoric art to its
international ubiquity today.

EXPANDING HORIZONS

(formerly Bible w/Bagels)



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for in-person learning; the link for those wishing
to view via Zoom from home is as
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September 7

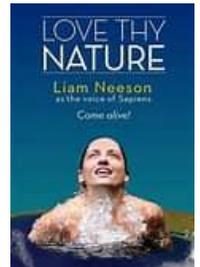
Welcome Back Brunch/Preview

September 14-21

Love Thy Nature—Documentary

Leader: Suzette Curtis

Love Thy Nature vividly illustrates
how we’ve lost touch with nature and
presents a compelling case that
reconnecting with the natural world is
key to improving personal health and
ensuring our survival on Earth. Liam
Neeson provides the voice of Homo
Sapiens - our collective humankind -
reflecting on how in the past several thousand years
we have gradually separated from nature, believing
we were meant to transcend and to conquer it.
The film highlights the restorative power of nature.
In the medical field, doctors are unveiling new
findings on the role of nature in sustaining and
healing the human body.



September 28

Audubon Society

Presenter: Diane Beck, President

Diana Beck has served as President of the local
chapter of the Audubon Society for a number of
years in the past and is once again in charge. The
focus, she brings to the group and their efforts, is on
protecting and restoring habitat. Learn what is
being done locally and how you might be able to
contribute or help in these efforts.



The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to listen and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect our common home, the Oikos of God.

The Season "Celebration" begins September 1st, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends October 4th, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer, we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer, we center the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

Holy Family Church will hold a Season of Creation Prayer Service at St. Mary's Church, 58 E. Merrill Street on Monday, September 19th at 7:00PM to which all are invited.



The burning bush is the symbol for the Season of Creation 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires is a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as a forests crackle, animals flee and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice.

On the contrary, the fire that called Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice.

May this 2022 Season of Creation renew our ecumenical unity! And may this season of prayer and action be a time to Listen to the Voice of Creation, so that our lives in words and deeds proclaim good news for all the Earth!

Visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/> to learn more and find events and resources you can participate in.

Introducing the GREEN TEAM!

The Green Team has started at Pilgrim, and we're looking to grow – spiritually, physically and environmentally!

The Green Team will hold Pilgrim UCC accountable to our commitment to care for the environment. Working under the Property and Maintenance Ministry, this team will advocate for best practices that will be used as an educational tool to inspire responsible choices in our homes and institutions. The Green Team will advocate for study and worship, encouraging advocacy on behalf of climate justice, and helping our church find and connect with partners who share this common concern and commitment.

Current members include: Tracy Abler, Peg Bradley, Barb Roder, Gary Ring, Ellen Sieglaff and Jeff Siemers. We are grateful to have Pastor Rob active on the team as well.

We have started exploring the process of becoming a [Creation Justice Church](#) within the UCC and looking for other church members to join us by sharing their time, talents and passion.

As one of the UCC's eight [Just World Covenant Programs](#), Creation Justice Churches guide congregations in discerning how they can best embody a commitment to care for God's creation.

Watch the monthly Quill for articles that will bring education and awareness and encourage reflection and action in your personal lives.

The next Green Team meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm**. Contact Tracy Abler at 920-602-2454 or tracyl.abler@gmail.com if you have questions or wish to join this awesome group committed to caring for all of God's creation!



News from Christian Outreach

Hats & Mittens



Every year we get requests for hats and mittens for the kids in school. There are many kids who walk to school with no hat or mittens or gloves. So, we are going to try something new. There will be a rack between the front doors and we hope to fill it with hats, mittens and gloves through the winter months. All sizes are needed....small through adults. Maybe those of you that knit and crochet would like to donate some hats!?

Our plan is to give them to Rosenow and other schools that have a need during the winter months. The rack will be available starting sometime in September. Please keep your eyes out for it and donate what you can, when you can. Watch for sales or maybe you have extra in your closet that are not used in your house anymore.

Thank you fellow Pilgrims for all you do for the community.



Coats for Kids

Hello Everyone!

Christian Outreach knows it seems early, but . . . Do you have any warm coats you might have outgrown or no longer use? Have you seen fall and winter coats on sale? Well, there is a great need in our community for coats and jackets for the kids.

There will be a collection box in the narthex for you to drop off your donations.

All sizes are needed, including adult, since most high school kids wear adult sizes.



School Supply Drive

Thank you, Pilgrim, for your donations to our School Supply Drive for the students in Fond du Lac. We collected 494 markers, 59 boxes of pencils, 75 erasers, 228 pens, 32 pencil boxes, 37 boxes of crayons, 13 watercolor sets, 45 highlighters, 37 scissors, 243 bottles and sticks of glue, 99 notebooks, 12 backpacks, 3 calculators, 23 packs of loose-leaf paper, 75 pocket folders and 1 Spanish/English dictionary. Your generosity will help our students most in need.



Anyone want a pew?

The Council has decided to keep the current seating configuration in the sanctuary. Therefore, the pews in the sanctuary will be aligned and secured to the floor. The multiple unused pews hiding in the fellowship hall classroom are available to anyone who wants them. I know the Orphan Grain Train organization took pews from a local church. So, I will also be contacting them.

Avery Geiger.



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.

Ushers for September

Date	9:00 Service
September 4	Bobbie Flaherty & Donna Jost
September 11	Linda Stutz & Kaitlynn Zick
September 18	Gary & Joni Greenfield
September 25	Avery & Barb Geiger

Welcomers for September

Date	9:00 Service
September 4	Shannon LaLuzerne
September 11	Pat Towne
September 18	Bob & Jane Flaherty
September 25	Avery Geiger

Caring for God's Creation

Winter is coming! Stay cozy and conserve energy by checking your windows and doors for air leakage. Make a plan to caulk and weather-strip as needed. Improperly sealed or caulked windows can account for up to 25% of total heat loss from a house.

Worship Leaders for September

Date	9:00 Service
September 11	Noreen Henderson
September 18	Jill Barbeau
September 25	Tony Prus

Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

THANK YOU!!!

A huge and sincere thank you to the many volunteers who helped in such a wide variety of ways both before, after and during our recent Community Family Fun Night event held on our church lawn. We had 91 people out on our lawn enjoying games, food, balloon animals, minute to win it games, crafts, a cake/cookie walk and best of all FELLOWSHIP! Thank you again to ALL who helped make this possible. Also a special thanks to our many local area businesses who donated to our event: **A&W, Culvers, McDonalds, Mix It Up Bakery, Festival Foods, Fondy Sports Park, Backyard Grill, Riviera Maya, Target and Taco Bell.**

Sunday School

Just a reminder that I need enrollment forms filled out for all student planning on attending Sunday school classes this program year.

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 for those in Pre-K through 5th grade and the Grooves curriculum for the 6th through 8th grader class.

We continue to have a need for volunteers willing to help teach or shepherd in our classes. If you can help by giving 5-6 Sundays of the program year to help teach the children and youth of Pilgrim about the love of Jesus in their lives, please speak to Karen ASAP.

Enrollment Forms have been sent out through an email and can be filled out electronically and returned to Karen or there are some located on the table in the narthex which can be put on Karen's desk after they are filled out.



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.



Intergenerational Family Fun GAME Night

It's Back!!!! The Christian Education Ministry will be having their first **Friday Night Family Fun Night** on **September 16th from 6:00PM - 7:30PM**. We will host our ever popular game night for all ages. Whether you like to play board games, cards games, dice games or even introduce some of us there to a new favorite of yours, plan to join us for a night of fun and fellowship. As always, feel free to invite a friend or neighbor to join us.

Church Time Busy Bags

There is a small pole in the narthex that has some cloth bags filled with activities for your young one to help keep them busy during some of those antsy times during worship. Please feel free to take one into church prior to worship and then return it following worship so it can be sanitized and put back for the following week for others to use. There will be a hand sanitizer bottle near the bags if you could please have your child use this before taking a bag. Thank you for your cooperation.

Blessings,
Karen

SCRIP

Have you remembered to purchase your SCRIP cards?? Every Sunday morning there is the opportunity to help the Pilgrim budget by purchasing SCRIP cards. With the new fall schedule in place, SCRIP will be available for purchase before and after the 9:00AM service until 10:15AM. If you haven't given SCRIP a try yet, it is a very friendly user program and can meet just about all your purchasing needs. You can even pay your Kohl's credit card bill using SCRIP cards and Pilgrim earns a percentage! So from food to gas, home repairs to birthday gift cards, let the SCRIP table in the narthex be one of your Sunday morning stops!! Thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Karen Goodacre 920-904-5740.



Parish Nurse

Shoulders Up – Shoulders Back – Head Up – Phone Down . . . Just for the Health of it!

September is a Transition Month

From Labor Day Monday to Tuesday, many things change. Even if it's 85 degrees, we mentally leave summer behind and think autumn...school, pumpkin spice options, daily routines, driving routes, shopping lists, the coming winter...and we may feel stressed.

Stress is *“an emotional response typically caused by an external trigger”* (like a change).

We respond to stress mentally and physically with varying degrees of irritability, difficulty concentrating, anger, fatigue, muscle tension, digestive issues and difficulty sleeping. The body-mind symptoms can be fleeting or experienced for a period of time and every persons' response is different.

Consider digestion. There are trillions of bacteria in the gut (stomach, intestines) that physically aid digestion. They also help with the release of serotonin and dopamine – important neuro transmitters that send signals throughout the nervous system – so in this conversation – from the gut to brain and brain to gut. Serotonin and dopamine impact mental functioning, sleep and mood. When we feel stressed, digestion slows; allowing more energy to be sent to muscles and internal circulation. So short term, our stress response may affect how often we poop or feel a “gut ache”. Unrelenting stress also affects mental health.

“Coping mechanisms” – things we can consciously do to help promote physical and mental well-being include routine physical activity, eating a nutritious and varied diet, getting enough sleep, relaxation, being creative, and connecting with positive friends. (Those “healthy lifestyle” practices I nag about.) Alcohol, drugs, caffeine, nicotine and isolation are **not** coping mechanisms – they can actually worsen emotional and physical stress responses.

It's important to pay attention to the body. When we say we have a gut feeling or gut reaction, please remember that there are chemicals that go back and forth between the gut and the brain. That gut ache may be a bad burrito, or it could be the first



place we feel stress. (I'm convinced that our fear lives in our guts.) Talk with your health care provider if the stress responses are interfering with daily tasks, accompanied by insomnia, or that gut ache becomes unrelenting.

Health care rules and recommendations keep changing and I anticipate that changes will continue. Establishing healthy behaviors is no guarantee of not feeling any stress, but they will make it easier to respond from a place of strength. This autumn, take time to reflect, take care of yourself, reach-out in openness, learn something new and be transformed. My prayers for smooth transitions and a safe and healthy school season.

First Day of Autumn/Autumn Equinox

Our Autumn Equinox is September 22nd. On this day, the day-light and night-darkness hours are nearly the same length. The topic of light conversation invariably turns to the coming of winter and speculations about cold and snow.

Just as the mind, body and spirit are intertwined; our being is tied to the earth and its ways. God's time is not our time, and like a jig saw puzzle without the front of the box, we are challenged to be content with experiencing each small piece of life in progression – the future/the big picture will unveil itself slowly – as with the changing seasons. What is “sufficient unto today” – is enough. Enjoy!

And by the way
– there will be a full
moon – a Harvest Moon
– on September 10th.
Don't miss it – God put
it there just for you!



Viruses - The More You Know - General Information

If you do not have (and want) a list of your vaccinations, you can log on to the [Wisconsin Immunization Registry](#) (WIR) – follow the prompt for “Public Immunization Record Access” – put in the requested information, and then you can print the list off. Your Health Care Provider can also access this list if you have questions.

The COVID-19 vaccines can be administered at the same time as other routine immunizations.

Omicron BA.5 is the dominant COVID variant in the US. It is highly contagious and it appears to be better than previous variants at evading immunity. (With home testing and milder symptoms in many people, we know that the actual number of cases is under reported.)

Antiviral medication for any virus needs to be started within 5 days of symptom onset to be helpful.

Viral vaccines (seasonal influenza, covid, monkey pox, shingles etc.) are shown to provide protection against severe illness and hospitalizations by increasing the body's immune response.

For any bacteria, virus or fungus, that 6 feet (roughly 2 arm lengths) of airspace around a person is a buffer zone to respect and guard.

Monkey pox is a virus that is spread via direct contact with skin lesions or body fluids. It's characterized by a fever, followed by hard fluid or pus filled lesions. Recovery may take 2-4 weeks.

Current information on viral illness may be found on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov>

National Food Month

National 5-a-day for Better Nutrition Month – Cholesterol Education Month – Celiac Disease Awareness Month - Whole Grains Month – Childhood Obesity Month... I think we should just group all September's Health Observances about food under one title – like "National Food Month". The whole idea is to vary the foods you eat; concentrating on fresh/non-processed foods when given the choice. Be proactive – e.g. prep veggies, hard boil eggs, make overnight oatmeal with fruit and yogurt, cut and package cheese in small containers - and put these things toward the front of the frig; ***making the healthy choice the easy choice...***

Check out the bulletin board for healthy lunch and snack ideas.

Your Nurse, Sue

LOAVES and FISHES

Pilgrim Church's last participation in the Loaves and Fishes Program for this year is on **Wednesday, November 30th**.

Watch for more information to sign-up in upcoming issues of Quill.



"A movement toward life takes place in autumn. Dead leaves that seem to have no value are transformed by winter

snows and spring rains to rich humus for new growth. The barren branches already bear the potential of new green in their terminal buds. The ground lies fallow, but it is resting and gaining nutrients for the seeds to be planted in the spring. The earth waits in the process of growth for the unknown, unseen beauty of another season.

Autumn is a necessary transition between summer's fruitfulness and spring's new life. No new growth will come unless autumn agrees to let go of what has been. The same is true of our lives."

Joyce Rupp

Back to School Prayers

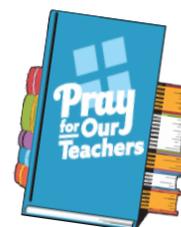


A Prayer for Students!

Lord, we lift hearts grateful for gifts of curiosity and imagination. Fill the minds of your children with a quest to understand your world and bless their hearts with the security of knowing you are present whether the learning is joyful, hard, lonely or full of friendship. Wherever they go, you are there. Amen.

A Prayer for Teachers!

God, thank you for calling some to be teachers and providing them the gifts and training to lead others on a lifelong path of learning. Instill patience in hurried moments, insight to find the best strategies and stamina that sustains when weariness threatens. Amen.



A Prayer for Parents!

Precious Lord, we send our precious children into the world of learning, but they are never far from you. May the hearts of all at home be knit tightly together in a web of support and encouragement for healthy learning habits so we may share healthy life adventures wherever you lead. Amen.

A Prayer for All Who Serve!

Our God, some are students, some are teachers, some are parents, but many more serve and support learners of all ages. Be present in the offices, buses, classrooms and playgrounds of all who touch the lives of students. Give them words of encouragement and affirmation of the lasting value of the work they do each day. Amen.



RECAP OF SCHEDULE OF COLLECTIONS FOR CHARITY & ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS

(Sept – Dec 2022)

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH COMMITTEE CHARITY COLLECTIONS

- September: Coats for Kids & extra mittens and hats for Rosenow School
- October: Collect shoes and boots for the children at St. Katherine Drexel Homeless Shelter
- November is Toys for Tots and the Angel Tree
- December is the Alternative Gift Fair after worship on December 4

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COLLECTIONS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Our youth and young adults will be taking collections for the children at the St. Katherine Drexel Homeless Shelter. See the announcements, bulletin, Friday e-blast, and monthly Quill newsletter for more information.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT ACTIVITIES

- Fri Sept 16: Intergenerational Game Night
- Fri Oct 21: Craft Night (Craft TBA)
- Fri Oct 28: Trunk or Treat at PUCC (Set up at 5:00PM: Distribution 5:30-7:30PM)
- Fri Nov 18: Game Night with Chili Cook-Off Contest
- Fri Dec 16: Christmas Caroling

STONE SOUP POP-UP BIBLE STUDY

- 6:30PM every Wednesday in November, (2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, & 30th)
- We will share a simple meal of soup and rolls while we study gratitude as a spiritual practice. Meeting in the Guild Room. Sign-up encouraged.

ADULT FORUM

(Adult Sunday Bible School)

- Every Sunday at approximately 10:15AM after worship.
- No Adult Forum the 1st Sun every month for coffee hour.
- Adult Forum meets in the sanctuary to accommodate both online and in person learning.
- Note special meet and greet with our WCUCC Conference Minister Franz Rigert on Sunday October 16th in the parlor.

Sep 11
Sep 18

Continental Breakfast/Rally Sunday

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- Oct 2 **Coffee Hour** 
- Oct 9 **Pronouns and Practices - Presenter - Misty Gedlinske** - “Pronouns and Practices” is a summary presentation on the importance and inclusive use of chosen names, pronouns, and gender-affirming language, policies, and practices.
- Oct 16 **Ally is a Verb - Presenter - Misty Gedlinske** - “Ally is a Verb” is a workshop on reframing the conversation around allyship from a descriptive noun to an action verb. After briefly covering what is NOT helpful to do, participants are given examples of positive, everyday actions they can take to make professional and personal spaces safer and more inclusive for people of all genders and sexualities.
- Oct 23 **Fire Extinguisher Safety - Presenter - Calie Tasch, Community Risk Reduction Specialist** - What do you know about the care and use of fire extinguishers?
- Oct 30 **Promoting Factors to Help Guard Against Adverse Effects of Toxic Stress - Comprehensive Service Integration (CSI) - Presenter - Dr Sachin Jogal**, Executive Director - Comprehensive Service Integration (CSI) of Fond du Lac County, Inc. is a group of over 25 community stakeholders who recognize the need for the social, emotional and behavioral well-being of all of our residents.
- Nov 6 **Coffee Hour** 
- Nov 13 **National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Program - In Your Own Voice - Presenters – Sue Mitchell Metz & Dan Olsen** - “In Your Own Voice” is one of NAMI’s signature public education programs that offers insight into the hope and recovery possible for people living with mental illness.
- Nov 20 **National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Program - Presenter - Elizabeth Nelson, Executive Director** - NAMI Fond du Lac is the local affiliate of the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI), a grassroots organization founded in 1979, with a mission to empower those young and old affected by mental illness and reduce stigma through support, education and outreach.
- Nov 27 **Mental Health & Suicide - Presenter - Sue Mitchell Metz**
Sue will share her son’s story and the effects that suicide has had on her family. She will also introduce us to Survivors of Suicide Loss (S.O.S.L.) The S.O.S.L. support group is a safe, judgment-free space for adults grieving the suicide death of a loved one, no matter how much time has passed.
- Dec 4 **Coffee Hour** 
- Dec 11 **Mrs. KK from Rosenow Elementary School** will talk about their volunteer program and the reality of elementary education in our neighborhood.
- Dec 18 **History of Christmas Hymns with Chris Deaner Rodgers** - Join us and sing hymns then learn the history behind them.

EXPANDING HORIZONS
(Formerly known as Bible w/ Bagels)

9:30AM – 11:00AM every Wednesday

Expanding Horizons meets in the sanctuary to accommodate both online and in person learning.

Sep 7 **Welcome Back Brunch/Preview**

Sep 14-

Sep 21

Sep 28

Love Thy Nature – Documentary - Leader - Suzette Curtis
Audubon Society – Presenter – Diana Beck, President

Oct 5 -

Oct 26

Bible Study – The Gospel According to Luke – Leader – Brian Smith

Luke, a convert by St. Paul, was the only Gentile (non-Jew) to compose a gospel and writing in the 80s he includes much of the oral tradition about Jesus not yet written down in the previous gospels of Mark and Matthew. He wants to make Jesus understandable to the non-Jewish world of Romans and Greeks where Christianity by the 80s was growing rapidly and where the vast majority of people experienced much suffering.

Nov 2 -

Nov 30

***Dear White Peacemakers* by Osheta Moore – Leader – Jill Stiemsma**

Dear White Peacemakers is a breakup letter to division, a love letter to God's beloved community, and an eviction notice to the violent powers that have sustained racism for centuries.

Dec 7

***The Book of Longings* - By Sue Monk Kidd - Leader - Debbie Wolf** - In her fourth work of fiction Sue Monk Kidd takes a bold approach to history in giving a voice to Ana, wife of Jesus. Kidd is courageous in imagining the life of Jesus as a married man but also capturing Jesus as a fully human young man in his 20's. Jesus is a prominent character in the novel, but this is Ana's story and journey.

Dec 14

The Work of Christmas: The Twelve Days of Christmas with Howard Thurman
Leader - Peg Bradley - This book is a celebration of the twelve days of Christmas, offering us a chance to dwell on the meaning of the season in dialog with the wisdom of one of America's greatest mystics and activists, Howard Thurman. This poem written by Thurman will be a guide for our time together.

Dec 21





- 3 Thomas Cornell
- 11 Cassie Etheridge
- 12 Billy Goodacre
Jane Steinke
- 13 Carter Mittelstaedt
- 15 Patti Burns
- 20 Olivia Friedel
- 21 Andrew Curl
- 25 Sandy Baker
- 27 Kristie Luckow
Keegan Schmid
- 28 Barb Seder

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| Michael & Tina Potter | September 9 |
| Bart & Dawn Dahlke | September 10 |
| Jamie & Heather Connor | September 11 |
| Mike & Beth Fedyszyn | September 15 |
| Bill & Patti Burns | September 16 |
| John & Laura Hawkins | September 16 |
| Mark & Sharon Schmidt | September 25 |
| Stuart & Noreen Henderson | September 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!



Hi,
 We do intend to come to services eventually.
 Between doctor appointments and family visits, we haven't been here much.
 Thank you to everyone for the prayers and good wishes.
 We are hangin' in there!
 Hugs,
 Lynne Zwerg

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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, August 15, 2022

Members Present: Pastor Rob, Barb Geiger, Patty Burns, Bayard Frederick, Karen Goodacre, Jill Barbeau, Fran Schmid, Karen Goodacre, Linda Stutz, Avery Geiger, Patti Minter, Donna Jost,

1. **WELCOME AND QUORUM PRESENT:** Barb recognized a quorum was present at 6:04 PM
2. **OPENING PRAYER:** Pastor Rob opened the meeting with an opening prayer.
3. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Accepted as submitted by Unanimous Consent
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Report attached. Accepted by Unanimous Consent
5. **PASTOR'S REPORT:** Attached. Accepted as submitted by Unanimous Consent.
 Pastor Rob also shared a calendar for worship and events which he will publish 2x/year. This will help in not over scheduling on Sundays. Please let Cathy know if you are planning an event or something for a service so it can be added to the calendar. Also discussed was a decision made by the Executive Committee that Pilgrim UCC will be added to the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce. Amber Kilawee suggested this so that we are recognized as a safe place for LGBTQ individuals. It will cost \$100/year, Barb will submit the disbursement slip to Donna.
 Pastor Rob wants to work on revising the youth leader job description so we will be able to fill the position in the coming months.
6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Barb shared with the Council that Pastor Rob's installation will be Sunday, Nov. 5th at 3:00 PM. Please check with members of your committee's whose terms are up and see if they plan on staying on or not. Barb also shared that Monies from the Krail trust were distributed to a dedicated account. There will also be additional funds added to the Krail trust from the estate.
7. **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT:** Nothing at this time
8. **OLD BUSINESS**
9. **NEW BUSINESS**
10. **MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES (as necessary)**
 - Worship & Music – Linda Stutz (Council Rep.)- Report Attached
 - Christian Education- Karen Goodacre (Council Rep.) - Report Attached
 Karen also shared that there were 91 people who attended the August Family Fun night. There were also a lot of older youth there to help. There is still a need for a few Shepherds and Teachers for Sunday School.
 - Scrip- Karen Goodacre- It is doing well.
 - Property & Maintenance- Avery Geiger (Council Rep.) - Report Attached
 - Lay Life & Leadership- Patti Minter (Council Rep.) - Report Attached
 - Stewardship & Finance – Bayard Frederick (Council Rep.) Report attached.
 - Membership & Evangelism – Fran Schmid (Council Rep.) Minutes attached
 - Nominating Committee – Patty Burns (Council Rep.) Nothing to add.
 - Ham Dinner & Bazaar – Linda Stutz (Council Rep.) The Ham Dinner will be on Thursday November 3 from 4:00 – 6:30 PM. It will be Take OUT only. The menu will be simplified with only scalloped potatoes (No Baked), Ham, green beans, applesauce, and a slice of pie. Tickets will be \$15 Adult and \$5 Child. The tickets will be different colors so as not to have any mix up on child or adult meals when serving.

- Christian Outreach -Jill Barbeau (Council Rep.) Meeting is Tues. August 16th
- Memorial Committee
- Trust Fund Report (Pastor Rob)

Discussion ensued about the homelessness in Fond du Lac.

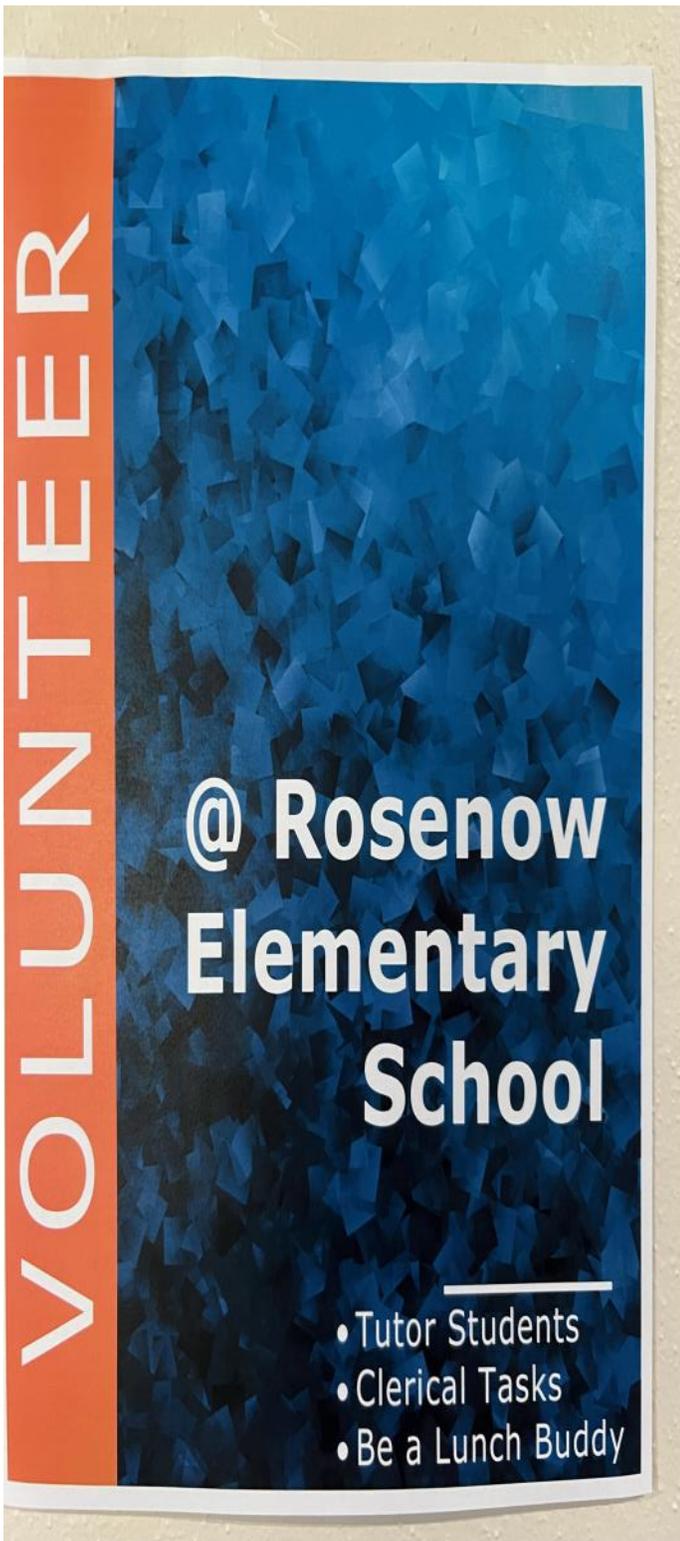
11. CELEBRATIONS- A celebration of Life will be held for Paul Cleveland at church on Sunday, visitation from 12 – 1: There is also going to be light reception after. Linda asks if anyone is willing to donate bars or cookies to let her know.

12. INFORMATION SHARING

13. ADJOURNMENT : Pastor Rob lead the council in the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting @ 7:40 PM.

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2022 @ 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Ellison, Secretary.



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Pilgrim United Church of Christ

WHAT TO DO:

*TAKE A LOOK AT THE VOLUNTEER HANDBOOK.
TALK TO PASTOR ROB OR GARY RING.
THINK ABOUT VOLUNTEERING.
FILL OUT A HELPING HANDS AND BACKGROUND CHECK FORM.*

- HAND YOUR FORMS IN NO LATER THAN WED SEPT 14 & SERVE FROM OCT TO DEC.
- HAND YOUR FORMS IN NO LATER THAN WED DEC 14 & SERVE FROM DEC TO MAY.

ROSENOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:
We empower our learners to discover their full potential by creating a nurturing, inclusive environment while upholding high academic standards through collaboration with our families and community partners.

VISION STATEMENT:
To inspire minds, engage hearts, and strengthen our community.

Values:
Accountability, Growth, Inclusion, Relationships, Respect, Safety

Friends:

All women are invited to Daycholah Center in Green Lake the weekend of September 23-25 for a women's retreat. A variety of activities will allow women to connect with others and to engage in meditation and prayer to renew faith and inner peace after the long disruption of Covid. Questions can be directed to Jeanne@riponcongregationalucc.org. Brochures are on the table in the narthex.

Blessings, Jeanne Williams, Education Director, First Congregational Church of Ripon.

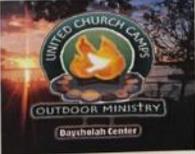


Register Online

WEBSITE
www.ucci.org/2022-events

COST
 Fee for the weekend includes daily meals, lodging (2 per room), all activities.
 Fee \$200

Location
DAYCHOLAH CENTER
 W1010 Spring Grove Rd.
 Ripon, WI 54971



Women's Retreat

Connecting within and with Community

Reconnect

These past two years have been a challenge for all of us. Many of us struggle with all the shifts and losses that have occurred. Relationships have been lost or changed, and core values have been rocked. However, little shifts are happening all the time to guide our new normal. It is time to reconnect with our high selves, to others with whom we are forming new community, and to our environment. These connections are invaluable and will allow you to set the tone for yourself as life continues to progress.



Over the weekend, you can choose from a variety of activities, enjoy shared meals and devotional practices, relax in the natural beauty of Daycholah Center, and share varied conversations with other participants. The retreat will conclude on Sunday morning with a brunch and worship service open to visitors.

This retreat is designed to nourish, restore, and inspire you. Within a safe and intimate group of fellow wise women you can create:

- **INNER STRENGTH**
- **FAITH-BASED SPIRITUAL PRACTICES**
- **NATURE AWARENESS**
- **CONNECTION TO OTHER WOMEN**



Retreat Dates:
September 23 5:00 PM-
September 25 12:00 PM



The Little Farmer, LLC
A Festive Family Farm Market
 N9438 Hwy 151, Malone

The Little Farmer is open for the season now through November.

Fond du Lac Women's Chorus



Open to all ladies in the Fond du Lac Area!
 Must be over 18 and can sing in harmony
 Rehearsals start September 12th at 7:00 PM

Memorial Baptist Church
 645 Forest Ave, Fond du Lac WI 54935

Questions - Contact Julie Phillips
ja60phillips@gmail.com
 920-922-1569

Starry Night On the Marsh

Friday, September 9th | Starting at 6:00 pm

Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center, Horicon WI

- 6:00- 8:00 pm Crafts and Activities**
 Presented by Horicon Marsh and seven Dodge County libraries
- 6:30 - 7:00 pm Nocturnal Animals**
 Presentation by Horicon Marsh
- 7:15 - 7:45 pm Telescope and Night Sky**
 Presentation by members of the Northern Cross Science Foundation
- 8:00 pm-? Telescope Viewing**

Trivia games with prizes!
 Crafts to make and take!
 Bake sale & Snacks
 Constellation Stories and activities!
 Create a constellation viewer
 Dissect Owl Pellets!
 Stars Parachute game
 Make memories at a selfie station

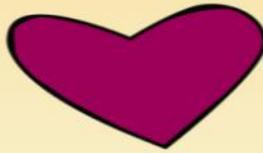
FREE FAMILY EVENT!

The Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center is located at N7725 Highway 28, Horicon, WI.

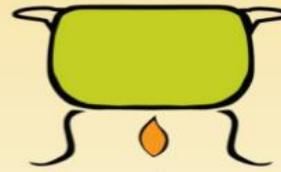




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Downtown Fond du Lac

fondue fest

saturday, september 10  9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Fondue!

Cheese & Chocolate Fondue prepared by MPTC Culinary Arts Program corner of Forest & Main at 10:00



Fondue Brew!

presented by Lakefront Brewery tapping of the Firkin at 12:00 Main Street Plaza Beer Tent



North Music Stage

9:00 7000apart
11:30 Kyle Megna Duo
2:30 The Rhythm Kings



South Music Stage

9:00 Mostly Water Trio
11:30 Hold Em High
2:30 Tae & The Neighborly



Fat Joe's Music Stage

11:00 Seth James Trio
2:00 The Playlist
Packer Tickets Giveaway
6:00 The Love Monkeys



18 Hands Biergarten

3:00 Keegan Sweeny
7:00 Jimmy Z



Top Shelf Bar & Grill

11:00 Comin In Hot
2:30 Kip Jones
6:00 Until Dawn
9:00 Brent Bel & The Boys



Fondue Fest Finale

6:00 Blue Cheese Combo
Bar open @ 5:00



Hotel Retlaw Giveaway

Enter to win overnight stay!

Kids Zone
Open 9:00 - 2:00

Petting Zoo Kids Crafts
Games TNT Fitness Challenge

Classic Car Show on 2nd Street

Freedom Jeepers on Division Street

Mini Festival Zone 

Over 200 Vendors

Art, Crafts, Food, Produce, Clothing, & Games



www.fonduefest.com

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46th Annual PORK FEST

Kiwanis Club of
Fabulous Fond du Lac

September 22, 2022

**Bar Open
4:00 pm**

**Dinner
4:30 - 7:30**

\$20.00 Per Ticket

**Avenue 795
795 Fond du Lac Ave.**

MENU
Extra Thick Pork Chop • Baked Potato
Sauerkraut • Coleslaw • Applesauce
Dinner Roll • Dessert

All Dinner Tickets
Turned in eligible
for **Cash Drawing!**



Tickets Available from Members
or
Email Request to: ibetold@charter.net
jcooper46@gmail.com

The annual **Holy Hill Arts & Crafts Fair** returns for its 48th year on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 10am to 5pm. Held on the scenic grounds of the historic Holy Hill Basilica, the Fair features more than 200 juried artists and crafters offering pottery, paintings, woodcarving, textiles, metalwork, jewelry, stained glass, photography, sculpture, mixed media, and much more.

Fair-goers can stroll winding, wooded landscapes while enjoying the works of highly talented artists and crafters. The Fair also features live entertainment, refreshments, door prizes and a silent auction.

Admission is just \$6.00 (children 12 and under are free), and includes free shuttle bus service from and to the parking areas and entry for door prizes!

The Original! **48th Annual**
HOLY HILL
Arts and Crafts Fair

September 17, 2022



Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts (THELMA)

hosts a Thursday night outdoor concert series, 11 Thursdays of Summer. The remaining concerts include:

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.

Shepherd of the Hills
Catholic School

STEAK FRY

Saturday, September 17, 2022
5:00-7:00pm

Sponsored in part by:

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All proceeds benefit Dollars for Scholars at Shepherd of the Hills!

Steak Dinner \$30.00, Chicken Dinner \$20.00
Hot Dog Meal \$6.00

12oz Ribeye Grilled to Order or 6oz Boneless Chicken Breast
Tossed Salad, Baked Potato, Mushrooms, Dinner Roll, Dessert, Coffee & Milk, Free Will Bar

W1562 Cty Rd B, Eden, WI 53019

Fondy FOODTRUCK
Festival
Lakeside Park
Oven Island
Saturday, September 24
2-7pm

Sponsored by Friends of Lakeside Park



SEPTEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 9:00 Worship Brandon Johnson Memorial Service Visitation Noon Service 1:00 6:00 NA Mtg	5 	6 4:30 Christian Ed	7 Expanding Horizons 9:30 - 11:00	8 6:00 Pilgrim Choir Kick-Off	9 6:00 AL-ANON	10
11 9:00 Worship/Rally Day  6:00 NA Mtg	12 9:00-10:30 Yoga with Jean (Open Worship Room) 11:00 Membership 4:30 Worship 6:00 Property 6:00 Finance Committee	13 11:30 Christian Outreach	14 Expanding Horizons 9:30 - 11:00	15	16 Intergenerational Family Game Night 6:00 AL-ANON	17
18 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Forum First Day of Sunday School 6:00 NA Mtg	19 9:00-10:30 Yoga with Jean (Open Worship Room) 6:00 Council Mtg	20 1:30 Book Club	21 Expanding Horizons 9:30 - 11:00	22	23 6:00 AL-ANON	24
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Worship Musician Chris Deaner-Rogers
Choir Director Zachary Ball
Choir Accompanist
Custodian Anderson Cleaning Service
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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.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Mission Statement