



# THE PILGRIM QUILL

## JANUARY 2023



Hello Pilgrims.

Here we are stepping into a new year. Can you believe it? Time seems to go by so quickly. One minute you're stuffing a Thanksgiving turkey, and the next minute you are taking the Christmas tree down or putting the dreidel away. A friend of mine posted a pic on Facebook one year, on Dec 29<sup>th</sup>. Just 4 days after Christmas Eve and 2 days before New Year's Eve. There was Valentine's Day merchandise on the left and St. Patrick's Day items on the right, all for sale at the Dollar Store. On Dec. 29th! To make matters worse what is not shown in this pic is the small Easter section that has already been set up in another part of the store.

It seems like you're barely past one set of holidays and the stores are trying to force you into the next one. It's like there is no "time off" in the retail world. In the retail world they believe that we are always looking towards the next purchase.

The general feeling I hear this time of year is: "Can't we simply enjoy one holiday at a time?" And this hostility towards sales floor merchandisers and store buyers who plan what the stores will carry and when; it's not because everyone is anti-holiday. It's because people resent being told what to do. Especially when what they are being told to do, is a constant barrage of never-ending things to do.

But with work, laundry, bills, the kids, the family, the friends, and the simple fact that you need to eat and sleep and bathe and go to the dentist every once in a while... well... it all just gets to be a bit much.

But that's retail for you, always looking forward to the next holiday, the next sale, the next quarterly sales report, because, well, its retail, and they're all about the money.

As we look at how we are called to live our lives as followers of the way of Jesus, let us remember that our journey towards wholeness and healing

begins not by dwelling on the past or obsessing about the future, but by living in the present.

The mindfulness required to be fully present, so that we can be looking for God, takes time and dedication. It takes a focus on the here and now that calls us away from all of the earthly concerns for what we think we need – even if it is a really good deal marked down 75% in the clearance aisle.

Just like the disciples, if you want to find God, you must do the work. If you want to follow Jesus, you need to humble yourself to God's power, let go of your sense of self, and let God in. Because nothing is discounted in the kingdom of God. The price for a fulfilling relationship with God is very high. To be a follower of the carpenter's son means that you must let everything go. You must let go of what you want and who you think you are so that you can open yourself up to discover who God wants you to be. There is a humility that comes with our faith that requires us to surrender our lives, our pride, our desires – we must, each in our own way, let all that go, if we are going to see what and where God is calling us.

As we make our way into a new year I want all of us to remember that we have the ability to stop, and simply be, in the moment. It takes practice. While you may see how God was working in your life by reviewing your past or enjoying the anticipation of how you are going to encounter God in the future, our risen savior, our living God, Emmanuel, is only to be found in the present.

One way I try to center myself is by using what is commonly known as the serenity prayer. I don't know if it's because of the words or because it's so short, but it works for me. When I need to bring myself back into the present I recite the prayer in my mind:

God, grant me the serenity,  
to accept the things I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things I can,  
and the wisdom to know the difference  
(for today). Amen.

Take this prayer with you for the rest of the month. Be intentional about stopping the rush-rush of modern life and do whatever it takes to keep you in the moment. Even for just a moment. And let our living God speak to your heart.

Amen and alleluia,



Pastor Rob

**Sunday**

**January 1:** New Years' Day - 9:00AM Worship –  
Dianne Droster Preaching - 10:15 AM Coffee  
Hour – No Adult Ed or Sunday School

**Sunday**

**January 8:** Celebration of Epiphany – 9:00AM  
Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed & Sunday School

**Sunday**

**January 15:** 9:00AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed &  
Sunday School

**Sunday**

**January 22:** 9:00AM Worship – 10:15 Adult Ed &  
Sunday School

**Sunday**

**January 29:** 9:00AM Worship – 10:15 Annual  
Meeting - No Adult Ed & Sunday School

**News from Council President, Barb Geiger**

The New Year has begun. If you haven't noticed, there is new audio-video desk in the back of our church sanctuary. It looks so nice!! A huge thank you to the anonymous donor for covering the cost, and to Neal, our audio-visual wizard, for making the arrangements with the cabinet maker, re-setting up all the computer equipment and wiring. He also does more than we realize with the quality of our video, microphones, and sound.

There are many relevant programs planned for January with the Adult Forum and Expanding Horizons including "Care of the caregiver". Look for more details further on in this Quill and the weekly Friday Emails. Keep reading for the many opportunities for all ages!

Our Annual Congregational Meeting is on Sunday, January 29th, after the service. At this meeting we vote on our new officers and budget. More details to come. My term as council president is nearly finished and I'm so very grateful for all the support I received during this time!

*"There is a ripple effect in helping another."*

Kathleen A. Brehony in *Ordinary Grace*



### Diner's Club!!!

Watch for information on future get-togethers in the bulletin and Friday eNews.

If you have a suggestion for a restaurant, let Patty Minter know.  
Happy Dining!!!



### Coffee Hour

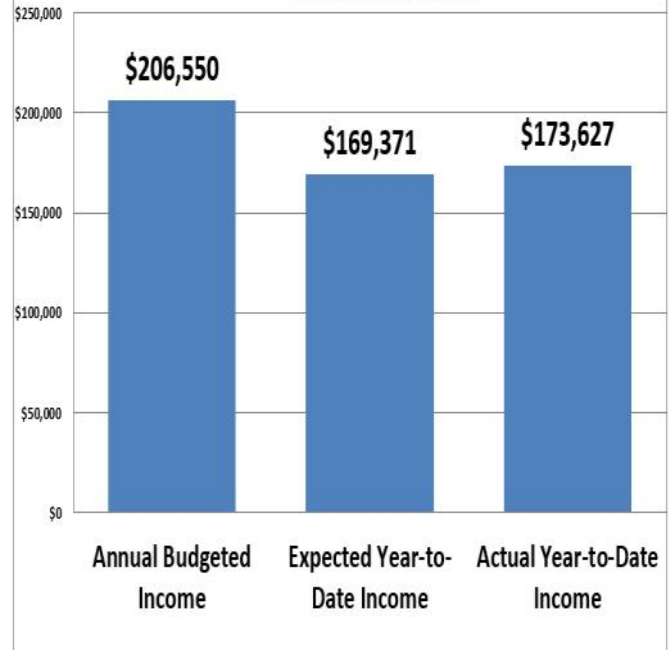
1st Sunday of Each Month  
(except where noted)

#### **Volunteers are Needed!**

Check the sign-up poster in the narthex to volunteer for any date not yet filled; any member of the church can sign-up.  
If you notice supplies getting

## Pilgrim Church 2022 Total Income

As of November 30, 2022



Use any of our easy ways to give:

Phone text at 920-796-9933

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

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

In person at Sunday Service

## Christian Outreach

For future reference:

- During Month of February, there will be a **collection of hygiene products** for the Blandine House. Blandine House is a community based 90-day male drug and alcohol residential transitional treatment program.
- We will **continue to collect hats, mittens and scarves** for the local school children.
- On Sunday, February 12th, we will **coordinate food for the Salvation Army Warming Shelter** which our youth that will be attending the mission trip in June will be serving.

## Adult Education

Meets on Sunday Mornings from 10:15AM to 11:15AM in the **lounge** 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:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NklCT0ZEYWtTRnlwclEtRNDhCMGRhQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 8245 7999

Passcode: 769374

**January 1**  
**Coffee Hour**



**January 8 & 15**  
**Care of the Caregiver**

Leaders: Pastor Rob & Sue Schmitz

Caregiving comes in different forms and circumstances, but there are common bonds in all caregivers. We have all been or are now caregivers in some way or another.

In the first session, Sue will lead the group in an interactive discussion about the resulting emotional changes that become physical messages when someone is acting as a caregiver. It will be a time for sharing personal experiences, practical resources and tips for self-care.

In the second session, Pastor Rob will lead a discussion involving the spiritual aspects of caregiving and self-care using scripture, case studies and a story or two.

**January 22**  
**Food Insecurity in Fond du Lac County**

Presenter: Amanda Miller, FoodWise Coordinator and Health & Wellbeing Educator

FoodWise advances healthy eating habits, active lifestyles and healthy community environments for families with limited incomes through nutrition education at the individual, community and systems levels.

Each year FoodWise delivers nutrition education to more than 50,000 participants statewide. Partnering with community-based organizations, we use a

combination of evidence-based strategies designed to promote change for individuals, families and communities and help make the healthy choice the easy choice.

**January 29**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

## EXPANDING HORIZONS



Will meet Wednesday Mornings 9:30AM -11:00AM in the **lounge** for in-person learning; the link for those wishing to view via Zoom from home is as follows:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?pwd=cGxJa0pJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09>

Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384

Passcode: 762316

**January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8**  
**Christian Nationalism**

Leader: Pastor Rob

Confronting Christian Nationalism: A State of the Art Training Program for Faith Communities, Leaders and Individuals:

- Develop an understanding of Christian Nationalism
- Explore research-based characteristics of American Christian Nationalism
- Incorporate responses to Christian Nationalism
- Learn ways to talk with those who adhere to Christian Nationalism
- Consider some Scripture passages that remind us how to interact with others lovingly, even when we do not agree

### Questions addressed include:

- Was America founded as a Christian nation?
- What does Christian Nationalism look like in the United States?
- Is there a difference between conservative Christianity and Christian Nationalism?
- Is Christian Nationalism embraced only by a fringe element in America?
- How should the Christian church think about Christian Nationalism?
- How can I talk with those who embrace Christian Nationalism?

What is Creation Justice?  
 Who or what is the Green Team?  
 Is there a way for me to share what I think?

On January 1, 2023, we will launch an effort to help you get to know the Green Team, understand what Creation Justice is all about and gather some ideas from you. Watch for the green t-shirts at the coffee hour in January, February and March. These t-shirts will identify the team members eager to share information and answer your questions.

Creation Justice is one of UCC's eight Just World Covenant programs. Creation Justice combines the environmental justice movement of the 1980's with addressing how factors such as race, class and global inequality are intertwined with environmental injustices. What started as good and vital efforts like changing light bulbs, now recognizes that we are called to care for our neighbors, both next door and across the globe.

This summer some Pilgrim members, dubbed the Green Team, began to explore becoming designated by UCC as a "Creation Justice Church", a program that will guide us in how we can best incorporate caring for God's creation into everything we do. It is not a "to do" list, but rather resources and direction on how this best fits into Pilgrim UCC.

To become a Creation Justice Church, we must complete an application that involves inventorying what we already do and to draw up a plan of how we want to expand on making Creation Justice a part of who we are. There is an impressive list of things that we already do including using Fair Trade coffee, Alternative Gift Fair, Celebrating Earth Sunday, our long time commitment to Loaves and Fishes, using decomposing containers for the ham dinner, the breadth of adult education topics on creation justice issues, LED lights throughout the church building, broad support for the solar panels and UCC camps. The list goes on.

What else do we want to do? The Green Team is gathering ideas such as recycling, composting, improving church building energy efficiency, and a more earth friendly green space. There are lots of ideas.

As we work on the application, we want your input. Therefore, for the month of January a poster, asking "What does the earth need to heal?" will be in the narthex with plenty of space to share your answers to the question. We need your ideas to guide our proposal. (By the way, we welcome more people on the team.)

The Creation Justice application process will conclude with adopting a Pilgrim Creation Justice Covenant at a congregational meeting on April 2, 2023.

It's our calling! In Genesis, we learn that the first job that God gives to humans is to care for God's creation. (Genesis 2:15)

*Barbara Roder, Member Pilgrim Green Team.*



### CommUNITY Event

On Saturday, February 18, 2023 the Celebrate CommUNITY event will be held from 10:30AM to 1:30PM. This is the first time the event is being held since COVID. Pilgrim UCC is signed up to participate by giving hand-outs and showing a video from our church. We need volunteers to help man the booth, 2 per hour during the 3 hours. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex in January. Please sign up to help promote our church and educate people about our services and activities.

Thank you.  
Membership and Evangelism Ministry

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### Quilt Raffle - Thank You!

All of the youth going on the Mission Trip in June of 2023 appreciate everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our first fundraiser. The drawing for the quilt was Sunday, December 18 and the lucky winner was the Abler Family.

Thank you again to everyone that helped us raise \$650 toward our trip expenses. Special thanks to Lois Ring for donating the beautiful quilt for the raffle. Watch for our next fundraisers coming soon.

Mission Trip Youth: Alia, Molly, Maddie, Gavin, Franklin and Adrian

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### Loaves and Fishes

Mark your calendars for the Loaves and Fishes dates that Pilgrim Church will provide meals for in 2023. Watch for more information in upcoming Bulletins, Friday eNews and issues of the Quill. 2023 dates are:

February 1st

May 3rd

August 23rd

December 6th



# Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



### January Collection for St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter

The Sunday school will be collecting hygiene items for the month of January for the St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter. Suggested items needed include combs, brushes, hair picks, shampoos, nail clippers and any other personal hygiene items you can think of. They are always very thankful for what they receive from us.

### Christmas Caroling



A group of 16 carolers visited 5 different homes to bring holiday cheer to friends and family from Pilgrim Church. We had a great time as it was snowing out (and yes, cold and windy) but it was a wonderful event. We returned to church to enjoy cookies and hot chocolate which Gary and Lois Ring and Ted stayed back to have ready for us upon our return, and gosh were we happy to see the hot chocolate and apple cider ready to be consumed. We even managed to get in a few games of JINGO BINGO!

### The ABC's of Christmas



On Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> during our 9:00AM worship service, the Sunday school children presented the ABC's of Christmas. The youth did a wonderful job with both their speaking parts, Advent candle lighting and carrying up 16 fleece tie blankets (made earlier in the year at a Family Fun Night). Special thanks to Pastor Rob for sharing his wonderful dialog with the donkey. A small reception was held in the lounge following the worship service.

Special thanks to Neal and Ellen Sieglaff for once again putting together treat bags for all the children and youth present to enjoy!

### Youth Mission Trip Meeting

After the service on December 18th, the raffle drawing was held for the beautiful quilt made by Lois Ring. The winner was the Abler Family! Congratulation to the Abler's and a HUGE THANK YOU to Lois for her generosity!



## Intergenerational Bingo



On **Friday, January 20th**, Christian Ed Ministry will be hosting an **Intergenerational Night of Playing Bingo**. This is a free event, but prizes will be available! So if you are interested in joining us for an evening of fun, fellowship and BINGO, please join us! The event will begin at 6:00PM and end at approximately 7:30PM.

As always, we encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor.

## Special Notice

There will **NOT** be Sunday school classes on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> due to the Annual Congregational Meeting being held immediately following worship. We want to allow all members and friends of the church to be able to attend this meeting.

Peace and Blessings,  
Karen



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

The SCRIP Program at Pilgrim continues to offer a variety of gift cards to area businesses that you can use for your weekly shopping, travels and restaurants.

I want to personally thank everyone that has been continuing to use SCRIP on a regular basis. It's wonderful to see some new faces utilizing the SCRIP Program. Each SCRIP card sold helps to make a little revenue for the church's budget.

If you have any questions about the SCRIP Program or if I can be of any assistance in helping you to use SCRIP, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 920-904-5740.

Thanks and Happy New Year!

Karen



# Parish Nurse

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

## **Another Transition Month**

January is again, a transition month. Even though the Christmas season technically lasts until January 6<sup>th</sup> (the 12 days of Christmas....after those 12 drummers drumming), it seems the lights, colors and carols of the Christmas season fade back into the totes after January 2<sup>nd</sup>. The pace of life then slows and we enter cold, quiet, dark months. Please be aware of your feelings and energy during this time of hibernation. For some people the isolation of cold, dark and quiet brings feelings of depression and carbohydrate cravings. **Check out the bulletin board for more information on Seasonal Affective Disorder.**

If you have made resolutions and find by January 15<sup>th</sup> that they are totally messed up – consider something like this:

1. Stop dieting and rediscover normal eating – eat slowly, only when you’re hungry, and then stop eating when you’re full. Eat a variety of foods in moderation.
2. Be active in your own way – everyday.
3. Feel good about others:
  - Expect and extend respect, tolerance, and acceptance
  - Promote good communication and relationships
4. Relax. Beauty and strength come in all shapes and sizes.
5. Abstain from alcohol. “Dry January” is a thing. Evaluate the relationship that alcohol actually plays in your life, and physically feel better. (Alcohol is a depressant. Who needs that during a cold, quiet, dark month...?)

*“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a new beginning.” Carl Bard*

## **January is National Hot Tea Month and National Polka Music Month**

Polka to move/swing/jump/flail and tea to relax as you sip a steaming mug of antioxidants.  
Mind - Body - Spirit.

## **Viruses - The More You Know**

### **Viruses and Bacteria are different:**

Viruses are not living organisms – they only grow and reproduce inside the host cells they infect. They then multiply and infect other cells of the body; making it a “systemic” infection. When found outside of these living cells, viruses are dormant. They are submicroscopic. Viral infections include influenza, measles, polio, covid 19 and chicken-pox.

Bacteria are living organisms that consist of a large single cell that can generate energy, make its own food, move, and reproduce. So, bacteria live in many places – soil, water, plants, and the human body. A bacterial infection is usually confined to a part of the body, and described as a “localized” infection. Bacterial diseases include pneumonia, tuberculosis, tetanus, and food poisoning.

As a side note...Bacteria serve many vital roles in nature by decomposing organic matter and by converting nitrogen to chemicals usable by plants. (Think Composting Bins...)

As I write this – mid December – across the country, the number of reported viral illnesses is increasing, along with hospitalizations, urgent care visits and Care Provider appointments. Upper Respiratory Illnesses are not someone else’s problem. We can all help decrease/stop the spread of viruses and bacterial infections by taking care of ourselves, respecting air spaces, staying home when ill and frequent handwashing.

## **Updated Services for Seniors and Community Resource Directories . . .**

These are available from Fond du Lac County Senior Services and the ADRC respectively. I will have a couple copies here at church and you can access them online on the FDL Co. Senior Services and ADRC websites.

## Starting in January:

### **Blood Pressure Clinics:**

After the worship service – 4 times/year starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. I've "uped" the equipment cleaning process given cold and flu season and will be masking for the closer contact.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Prayer Shawls are knit or crocheted in a 3-stitch pattern representing the trinity, (as well as Mind-Body-Spirit, earth-sea-sky, peace-love-hope, past-present-future, birth-life-death...) and they are finished measuring 2 feet wide by 6-7 feet long.

If you knit or crochet and are looking for something to do while keeping warm this winter, please think about making a prayer shawl for the Health Ministry. There are brochures on the table in the Narthex with instructions.

*Take your needle, my child, and work at your pattern – it will come out a rose by and by. Life is like that...one stitch at a time, taken patiently".*

Oliver Wendell Holmes.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
ANNUAL MEETING  
IS  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023.**

### **Winter Skin Tidbits:**

A thin layer of A&D Ointment can be used to moisturize and protect dry skin – especially areas like lower legs, feet, (cover with socks right away so as not to slip) elbows, knees and hands. The top 3 ingredients are lanolin, petroleum jelly and cod liver oil (which contains Vitamins A&D...)

The skin on your hands is thinner than on most parts of the body and has fewer oil glands - so it's harder to keep the hands moist especially in cold/dry weather. Use of a general moisturizer is helpful – especially at night.

Running a small humidifier or even putting a pan of water in front of the heat registers will add moisture to the air in your home. Change the water every day to prevent bacteria build up.

Using a facial moisturizer that does not clog pores and has a broad spectrum sun screen is the best – year around.

Use mild soap and warm (not hot) water when bathing.



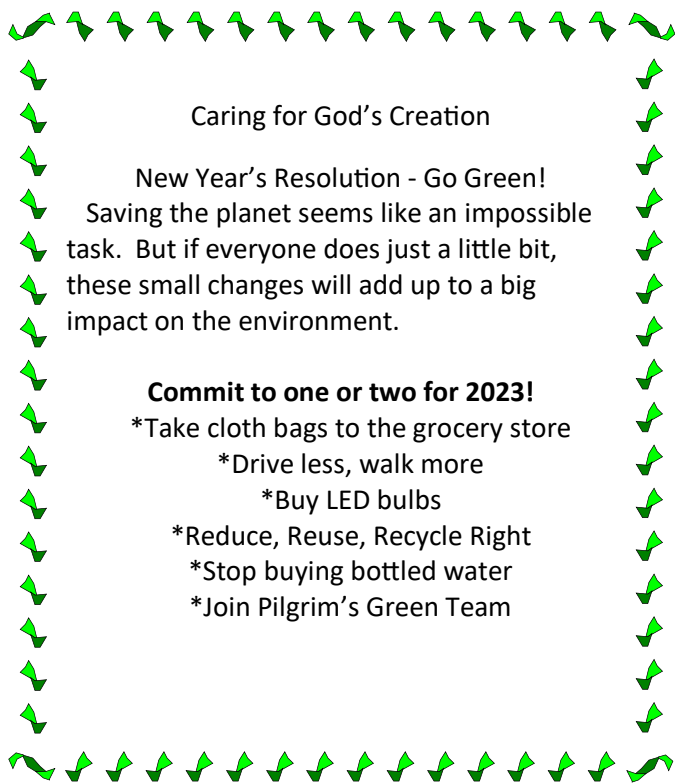
Caring for God's Creation

New Year's Resolution - Go Green!

Saving the planet seems like an impossible task. But if everyone does just a little bit, these small changes will add up to a big impact on the environment.

**Commit to one or two for 2023!**

- \*Take cloth bags to the grocery store
- \*Drive less, walk more
- \*Buy LED bulbs
- \*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Right
- \*Stop buying bottled water
- \*Join Pilgrim's Green Team



**Ushers for January**

Date	9:00 Service
January 1	Randy & Linda Stutz
January 8	Linda Stutz & Kaitlynn Zick
January 15	Jim & Dianne Bentley
January 22	Bart & Dawn Dahlke
January 29	Bill & Patti Burns

**Welcomers for January**

Date	9:00 Service
January 1	Judie Behnke
January 8	Randy Stutz
January 15	Bob & Jane Flaherty
January 22	Avery Geiger
January 29	Jim & Dianne Bentley

**Worship Leaders for January**

Date	9:00 Service
January 1	Sue Schmitz
January 8	Noreen Henderson
January 15	Jill Barbeau
January 22	Ellen Sieglaff
January 29	Jim Thomas



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



Jim & Dianne Bentley

January 17

**Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?** If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and your name is not on the list, perhaps we don't have your information. Please call Cathy in the church office (921-0415) or fill out the form below so your name can be included next year! Thank you!

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ Members,

On behalf of all of us at NAMI Fond du Lac and Friendship Corner, we want to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,003.

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 is a 501c(3) nonprofit education and advocacy organization working to provide education, fellowship, support and advocacy for families and persons with mental illness and to work for increases in research, treatment, mental health recovery and stigma reduction.

Respectfully,  
Elizabeth Nelson  
Executive Director

To the Members & Friends of Pilgrim Church,

Many heartfelt thanks for all the prayers for Bob's brother, John, who is doing really good. And for your prayers for our daughter, Tess, who still needs them. Your caring is very much appreciated.

Blessings to You All,  
Bob & Jane Flaherty

Dear Pilgrim United,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$500 to Mahala's Hope. Your kindness and compassion for our women is greatly appreciated. You truly make a difference!

In Deepest Gratitude,  
Sandy Hardie

Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your gift of \$1,000.

It's been 132 years since The Salvation Army first came to serve this community where everyone pitches in to lighten one another's load. Thanks to you, Fond du Lac still runs on this kind of care. We are truly grateful for your continued partnership.

Our season of giving doesn't end when the Red Kettles disappear. Each day, The Salvation Army of Fond du Lac doors open and we put the change you filled the Red Kettles with to work. Because of you, each day rings with new opportunity for us to deliver change, expand services and grow #LoveBeyond.

Our goal remains to respond to need in ways that affirm, value and lift our community up. Everyday, we ask, "What can we do today that we'll look back on to tomorrow, knowing it made a difference?" Your donation helps us answer that question and our communities' call to serve 365 days. 365 new changes to Love Beyond crisis, hopefulness, fear, desperation.

With our deepest gratitude and may God richly bless you.

Lt. Daniel and Capt. Christina Champlin

Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

On behalf of all of us at New Beginnings, thank you very much for your donation in the amount of \$500, we are so grateful for your generosity.

Each woman who comes to New Beginnings does so at no cost - she is offered a safe and nurturing home environment, training in parenting and healthy lifestyle skills and access to much-needed resources for healthcare, employment and education. New Beginnings serves as the caring bridge between desperation and isolation to hope and connection. We believe there comes a time in every life when compassion and hope can make anything possible. Thank you for helping to make that possible for our residents.

Kelly S. Rust, Executive Director  
New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center Inc.

Dear Pilgrim United Church Trust Fund Committee:

On behalf of the students and staff at Fond du Lac High School, we would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$500 to our Student Services to help the students who are in need of assistance.

A few examples of how your donation helps our students are: able to provide a student with socks and shoes, help students get to appointments, home if they are not feeling well and help get food for families in need; the list goes on and on. So you can see how important your donation is to the students at Fond du Lac High School and is greatly appreciated.

The staff at Fond du Lac High School truly appreciates your commitment to building a better future for our students. Your donation will continue to help our students who are experiencing financial difficulties.

Sincerely,  
Dave Michalkiewicz, Principal  
Fond du Lac High School

To the Alternative Gift Fair Committee,

Thank you so much for selecting United Way to be a part of the 2022 Alternative Gift Fair.

It was an honor to be one of the presenting organizations at such an impactful event.

All the Best,  
Amber and Bob

Thank you for your support of so many local non-profit organizations, Pilgrim Church.

Happy New Year!  
United Way Staff & Board

Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$655. We sincerely hope you and your loved ones are safe and in good health.

Your support is lending a voice to the critical environmental issues and concerns that Wisconsinites face. Because of you, **clean drinking water is being restored** to families across our state as we continue to advocate for solutions to lead, nitrates and PFAS contamination. You are also helping to mitigate the effects of climate change in Wisconsin by pushing for the **early retirement of fossil fuel plants, more clean energy** infrastructure and climate resilience solutions. Your gift is ensuring that **families across Wisconsin, regardless of race or socioeconomic status, have the right to clean water and clean air.**

Thanks to members like you, Clean Wisconsin is able to continue our winning strategies and focus on the most important environmental issues impacting our state!

Thank you so much for this extremely helpful and thoughtful support!

Mark Redsten  
President & CEO

Thank you so much for this generous gift and supporting clean water, clean air and clean energy in Wisconsin!

Ryan Kelly  
Development Director

Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ Members,

On behalf of all of us at NAMI Fond du Lac and Friendship Corner, we want to thank you for your generous donation of \$480.

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.

Thank you so much for inviting us to your amazing event.

Respectfully,  
Elizabeth Nelson  
Executive Director



# JANUARY 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Hour 6:00 NA Mtg	2 4:30 Christian Ed	3	4 Expanding Horizons 9:30 - 11:00	5 9:00-10:30 Yoga w/Jean	6 7:00 AL-ANON	7
8 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Forum 10:15 Mission Trip Mtg. 10:15 Sunday School 6:00 NA Mtg	9 11:00 Membership 11:00 <b>WCUC Faith Formation</b> 4:30 Worship 6:00 Property	10 6:00 Green Team	11 Expanding Horizons 9:30 - 11:00	12 9:00-10:30 Yoga w/Jean 7:00 Pilgrim Choir	13 7:00 AL-ANON	14
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