



THE PILGRIM QUILL

MARCH 2024



Hello Pilgrims!

This month I am issuing you a challenge, which if you choose to accept it, I believe will help you to right-size yourself in relationship with God, your neighbor, and yourself.

Today I share a reflection written by Rev. Traci Blackmon, former Associate General Minister of Justice & Local Church Ministries at The United Church of Christ:

"In 1980, Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman shared the following words at the Baccalaureate address at Spelman College: 'There is something in every one of you that waits, listens for the sound of the genuine in yourself, and if you cannot hear it, you will never find whatever it is for which you are searching...'"

"One of the gifts of wilderness seasons is alone time with God. The other gift is alone time with yourself. There are some Divine messages we may miss in the cacophony of life. The noise can inhibit our ability to hear God clearly, whether God speaks in our hearts, in our minds, or even in our own throats. Jesus knew the sound of the genuine, so he was not deceived by the tempter. How are you listening for God these days? Where are you listening? Sometime, we hear God more clearly when we step away. Hagar heard God more clearly while hiding in the desert alone. (Genesis 16:13) Elijah heard God in a still small voice while he was hiding in a cave. (1 Kings 19: 9-1) Where is your quiet place? Where do you wait and listen for the sound of the genuine within? SHHH...Listen. God is still speaking."

This month I am challenging you to take the time to answer Traci's question: "Where do you wait and listen for the sound of the genuine within?" Then I want you to go there, wait, and listen. This is a big deal for those of us whose schedules drive us and deny us the opportunity to hear the "genuine within." Oh, and one more thing, I want you to do it today. Don't wait

until tomorrow. Waiting for tomorrow, or when you will have more time, is a ruse that will leave you at the end of your life wondering why you never slowed down in the first place. Then, it's too late. You are the only one who can make the time you need to tend to your soul, your spirit, and yourself. Do it. Do it now. Do it often. You won't regret it.

Everyone will have a different answer to Traci's question. If you are like me you will have several answers, options, from which to choose from if you accept this challenge. I am like Hagar, I need to step away to hear the voice of God, to hear an authentic and genuine voice from within.

Sometimes I drive to the lake and sit in my car and watch the water. That's it. Somedays that is all it takes. Other times it can be a phone call with a dear friend I have not talked to in far too long, where we end up having one of "those" conversations. You know the type, a conversation that takes you both down memory lane, also sharing where you were in the moment, and then talking about your dreams for the future. Somewhere in the space where someone you love openly and without judgment simply listens you to, that is a sacred space where I will hear either my genuine self, God's voice, or both, speaking to me during, or afterwards when reflecting on the conversation. Another space I find is always other than where I am right now. It can be a new coffee shop, or a drive out of town for the day. Whatever it is it doesn't seem to matter where I go, it just appears to matter that I do go. I seem to thrive somewhere new, walking into something unexpected, and just sit and be. Breathe. Relax. Then it happens. I hear the genuine voice from within. The last place I can think of is in the music I am listening to when I put in my earbuds and hit a playlist while working out or going for a walk or even just sitting down in my favorite chair. Somehow the music and whatever else I am or am not doing creates the space for me to connect to my more authentic self, which changes my perspective, and allows me to breathe a little easier both physically and spiritually.

This challenge is a spiritual practice that will provide us the opportunity to embrace our theme for this Lenten season: Right-sized Love. Take the time to identify your quiet places, step out of your regular life,

and connect more fully with God and yourself. You will be blessed.

Amen and Alleluia,



Pastor Rob

Sunday Scriptures

- Sunday, March 3:
Exodus 20:1-17 - The 10 Commandments
- Sunday, March 10:
John 3:14-21 - The Light of the World
- Sunday, March 17:
John 12:20-33 - Serve & Follow
- Sunday, March 24:
Mark 11:1-11; 14:1-15:47 - Palm Sunday/Holy Week
- Sunday, March 31:
Mark 16:1-8 - Easter Sunday

News from Council President, Patti Burns

Hello,

The first few months of 2024 have flown by. We have adopted a WISE Covenant at Pilgrim. This makes the 3rd of 8 Just World UCC Covenants that Pilgrim has undertaken. We have seen a lot of progress and change within our church community in the past few years. I look forward to seeing what will be next.

Pilgrim Church is active in supporting the Fond du Lac Warming Shelter. In addition we remain active in the Loaves and Fishes program. These are awesome programs that support our community.

Pilgrim was also represented at the 15th Annual Celebrate COMMUNITY event. It is great to see our congregation active in our community.

Spring appears to be right around the corner. With that we have entered into the Easter Season. Pilgrim is again participating in a multi congregational 5 week Lenten series of services.

A monthly Book Club has formed. The February book was Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time facilitated by Steven Wicichowski. The March book is A Year of Biblical Womanhood.

Our Green Team has been busy planning the Pilgrim Prairie Garden.

The opportunities to get involved at Pilgrim are endless! Hope everyone is enjoying our early warm weather. Looking forward to seeing a big participation in Spring and Summer events.

Patti

Diner's Club!!!

The next get-together is planned for
Saturday, March 16th
at El Patron on 4th Street Way
Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
Please sign-up by March 14th.
Gathering begins at 5:00PM with
sit down for the meal at 5:30PM.
If there are other restaurant suggestions,
let Patty Minter know.
Happy Dining!!!



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

Volunteers are Needed and if no one signs up for any given month, there will be NO coffee hour. We can have coffee hour for a reason or no reason!

The sign-up poster is in the narthex with dates and instructions; **any member of the church can sign-up.**

If you notice supplies getting low or if you have questions, please let Patty Minter know at 920-251-0425 or pattyminter@gmail.com

Brian McLaren in Tosa

Saturday, March 16, 2:00PM
Underwood Memorial Baptist Church, Wauwatosa



Underwood Memorial Baptist Church is thrilled to welcome author, speaker, and Christian leader Brian McLaren to Wauwatosa for the first time! Brian McLaren is one of today's leading authors and speakers on Christianity, faith, doubt, deconstruction, and the future. Brian speaks with a pastor's care and a prophet's passion about the issues that make it hard to keep faith in the 21st century. At once realistic and clear-eyed about the challenges facing Christianity, Brian is also hopeful about what is possible in the future of faith.

If you are struggling to hold onto your faith or struggling to understand why anyone has faith. Or, if you want to think about your faith in new and vital ways, don't miss this day of conversation with Brian McLaren.

Tickets are limited, and all are welcome.

Co-sponsored by [Underwood Memorial Baptist Church](#), [Wisconsin Council of Churches](#), [American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin](#)

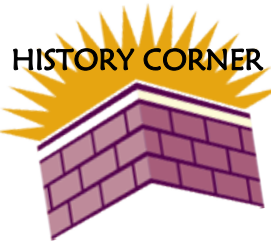


Flowers for Church

Members can continue to sign-up to provide flowers in church on the Sundays of each month

**In Memory Of Someone or
In Honor Of Someone or
Special Occasion.**

The sign-up poster is hanging on the window (of Cathy's office) behind the Scrip table.



To honor Pilgrim's 45th anniversary, here is a brief look at the history of the two churches that merged on March 4, 1979 to form a new union, **"One congregation blended from two, with new challenges & new enthusiasm"**.

1845: The First Congregational Church is formed with 9 members. Services were held in the school house, with business meetings in the pastor's home.

1848-1859: A place of worship is built on the corner of Marr and 2nd Streets.

1854: 37 members leave and form a Presbyterian Church.

1856: Another 32 members leave and organize **Plymouth Church**.

1860: The congregations of the First Congregational Church and Plymouth Church reunite and change name to **Fond du Lac Congregational Church**.

1865-1869: A new church building is erected on the corner of Sheboygan & Marr Streets

1908: The church building is destroyed by fire.

1909-1910: A new church is rebuilt. Name changed to **Plymouth Congregational Church**.

1927: The donated Carillon bells are added to the bell tower.

1962: The church elects to affiliate with the United Church of Christ

1973: Name is officially changed to **Plymouth United Church of Christ**.

1958: A new church (*mission project of Church of Peace*) holds its first worship service at Rosenow Grade School.

1959: New church is formally organized under the name **St. Mark's United Church of Christ**.

1961: St. Mark's moves into new church building at 535 Stow Street. (*Land purchased by Church of Peace*)

1969: St. Mark's holds first "Ham Dinner" as a fundraiser.

1975: St. Mark's begins shared ministry with Plymouth Church.

1979: St. Mark's and Plymouth vote to merge, naming new church **Pilgrim UCC**.



Adult Education Classes - New Opportunities to Learn,

Strengthen Your Faith and Make New Friends!

Meet 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 is the same.

To join Zoom Meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?
pwd=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCMGRhQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCMGRhQT09)

Meeting ID: 876 8245 7999

Passcode: 769374

March 3
Coffee Fellowship



March 10, 17 & 24
What is Public Theology?

Leaders: Wisconsin Council of Churches Staff Members
Rev. Kerri Parker, Executive Director
Rev. Breanna Illene, Director of Ecumenical
Innovation & Justice Initiatives

March 10 - Public Theology:

Dealing with hot topics and politically charged issues in church

March 17 - Advocacy: how-to, theology & practice, current topics & WCC issues

March 24 - Religion & Politics

Reading the newspaper or listening to the news can be depressing these days. Our nation faces huge problems, immigration, the environmental crisis, and gun violence to name a few. As Christians and citizens we find it difficult to agree on solutions. These classes will focus on what responsibility faith communities have to help solve some of these problems. Staff members from Wisconsin Council of Churches will share their expertise on how to discuss and take action with regard to difficult topics.

March 31
Easter - No Adult Forum

EXPANDING HORIZONS



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=cGxJa0pJbExSMOFFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?pwd=cGxJa0pJbExSMOFFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09)
Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384 Passcode: 762316

March 6

Living the Questions

Marcus Borg: Beyond Belief

Leaders: Jim Thomas & Neal Sieglaff

Please join us for the final session of this six week series. Each session stands on its own so you will benefit even if you have been unable to attend other sessions.

Marcus J. Borg (1942-2015) was a New Testament scholar, theologian and author. He brought clarity and insight to an understanding of Jesus and Christianity that was accessible and transformative.

March 13

Trust & Vulnerability

Wisdom of Brene Brown

Leader: Barb Geiger

Brene Brown is a researcher and storyteller and has spent 20 years studying courage, vulnerability, shame and empathy. She is a research professor at the University of Houston, where she holds the Huffington Endowed Chair. She is also a visiting professor in management at the University of Texas at Austin McCombs School of Business. She is the author of six #1 New York Times bestsellers, and the host of the original podcasts *Unlocking Us* and *Dare to Lead*. Brene also has a wonderful sense of humor that will keep you smiling! We will listen to three talks given by Brene: The Power of Vulnerability, Listening to Shame and 7 Secrets of Trust. Barb Geiger will guide our discussion after each talk.

March 20

**Life in Occupied Palestine
Video by Anna Baltzer**

Leader: Nariman Manasrah

Nariman Manasrah, a Palestinian American, will join us for the first 30 minutes. She will share her knowledge and perspective with us. She has recommended the video, Life In Occupied Palestine, which we will watch.

Anna Baltzer, the speaker in the video, is a Jewish American who worked for the International Women's Peace Service and lived in Palestine. The video will give us an idea of how life has been for Palestinians living in the West Bank for many years.

March 27

Separation of Church & State

Leader: Paisley Harris, Ph.D.

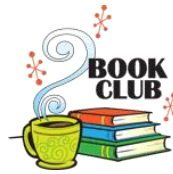
Retired Assoc. Professor UW-Oshkosh

Paisley Harris is one of Pilgrim's favorite Adult Education presenters. Recently retired, Paisley will join us for Expanding Horizons. She will give us some history of the separation of church and state in the U.S. but the primary focus will be on current issues. Some topics to be addressed are vouchers being used for private religious schools, the Kennedy case (the praying football coach case which overturned a standard for separation of church and state set in the 1960's), the strong religious views of some of the Supreme Court Justices and statements supporting the idea we're a Christian nation, and legislation and symbolic actions at the state level in some states.

**WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged
for Mental Health) Update:**

First: Thank-you to all who spent the past year on the WISE Task Force; working to support, educate and communicate about WISE and its importance for Pilgrim and our community! And Thank-you to the Congregation for voting to adopt and support the WISE Covenant!

We are forming a WISE Team who will help Pilgrim live into the Covenant that was unanimously adopted at the Congregational Meeting. We have 5 people who have expressed interest in being on this team, and ***we'll be meeting on Tuesday, March 12th at 6:30pm at church to brainstorm ideas.***
Any and all are welcome to join us!



Pilgrim Book Club

**A Year of Biblical Womanhood
How a Liberated Woman Found Herself
Sitting on Her Roof, Covering Her Head, and
Calling Her Husband "Master"**

by Rachel Held Evans

March 4

6:30PM in the lounge

Pilgrim's Book Club is off to a good start and you are invited to join the group for our second book discussion.

Rachel Wicichowski will lead the discussion.

With just the right mixture of humor and insight, compassion and incredulity,

A Year of Biblical Womanhood

is an exercise in scriptural exploration and spiritual contemplation. What does God truly expect of women, and is there really a prescription for biblical womanhood? Come along with Rachel Evans as she looks for answers in the rich heritage of biblical heroines, models of grace and all-around women of valor.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Orders for coffee are **due March 4th**.
Order forms are on the table in the narthex.
Please make sure to note "coffee order" in the memo part of your check.

Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

March Collection for St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter

Thanks to all who donated school supplies the last two months for our collection for the St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter.

For the months of March and April, we will be collecting items that give children something to do. Maybe you have a fun activity you enjoy(ed) doing with your grandchildren or even things you enjoyed doing as a child yourself. Some suggested items include plain sketch/drawing pads, coloring books with markers or crayons, fidgets, tennis balls, sports balls, playground balls, bubbles, or a deck of cards (do you know how many different card games you can teach a child with just a simple deck of cards?)

There is also a need for younger children's size socks as well as slipper socks for ALL ages. Everyone is required to wear something on their feet at all times while living in a shared living environment.

Movie Night!!

On **Friday, March 17th**, the CE ministry will be hosting an intergenerational movie night. We will be watching the Disney movie *Elemental!* This is an awesome movie for all ages and we hope you will join us as we gather to watch it. For those who have already seen it, come see it again with your friends. For those who have never seen it, you don't want to miss this opportunity. We will begin at 6:00PM. Rumor has it there may even be popcorn, after all what's a movie without popcorn?

Church Camp

It's not too early to begin thinking about an opportunity to have your child/children attend a church camp. Our summer calendars fill up fast and so do particular camps. So if you think you might be interested in attending a camp this summer, go to ucci.org and check out what is available. Scholarships are available.

Heifer International

Start saving your change . . . it won't be long before the Sunday school children start collecting for Heifer International to help others less fortunate in other parts of our world.



As the weather begins to get warmer (and it will) and we think of spring coming, please keep SCRIP in mind as you prepare for spring cleaning projects or shopping for Easter baskets. From Menards, Fleet Farm and Home Depot to Target, Walmart and Kohls, we can meet almost any of your shopping needs through the SCRIP program. So please remember to stop and visit the SCRIP table while at church and purchase your SCRIP cards.

Any and all purchases help us work towards our goal for the church budget. If you have questions as to how the program works, please don't hesitate to give me a call and I will be happy to answer your questions. Thanks to all our faithful users of the SCRIP program!

Also, please remember to use Kwik Trip as we have been able to receive a percentage bonus on the cards we sell. We will receive 10% back on the amount of each Kwik Trip card sold. What that means for example, is for every \$100 Kwik Trip card sold here at Pilgrim, we will make \$10!

Believe me friends when I say it all adds up!

Karen Goodacre - 920-904-5740



Easter Flower Order Form



On **Easter Sunday, March 31st** our Sanctuary will be enhanced by a variety of spring flowers. You are invited to purchase a plant or plants by completing the order form below. Please return this form to the church office by mail or by dropping it in the Sunday offering plate. Please enclose your check or cash with the order form; checks should be made out to Pilgrim Church with notation of "Easter Flowers" in the memo section. Please note the deadline for placing an order is **Sunday, March 17, 2024**. Your flowers may be taken home on Easter Sunday after the 9:00AM worship service.

Please order: _____ (qty.) Spring Flowers at \$10.00 each

Complete information below as you would like it to appear in the Easter bulletin (**please print**):

Flowers are Given By: _____

In Memory Of: _____ In Honor Of: _____

Last Day to Order ~ Sunday, March 17,

**Shoulders Up – Shoulders Back – Head Up –
Phone Down!**

We've had some warm(er) days in February, and I've opened a few windows on the south side for short amounts of time. I want to let the stale germy air out and bring in the fresh new air!

Call it spring fever, introspection, nesting, or Lent...this time of year I end up inspecting my internal and external stuff and baggage. I wonder where it all came from and how it got so stale and germy. I want the freshness, and to see the world through new eyes!

There are still many viruses circulating in the FDL area – both respiratory and gastric. Please be reminded that even though the numbers may be less than the “peak”, we are still in the cold and flu season. Good handwashing (after being in the bathroom, when visibly dirty and before eating) and keeping fingers out of nostrils, ears, eyes and mouth are still the easiest and most effective prevention strategies. Opening a few windows now and then isn't a bad idea either – physically and mentally!

It's all connected – Mind, Body, Spirit, Seasons and New Growth.

Turn the clocks ahead 1 hour for Daylight Savings time on Sunday, March 10th. “Lose” an hour of sleep and be awake to watch the sun rise on a new day!



The Vernal Equinox is Tuesday, March 19th - when day light and night darkness are roughly the same length and we celebrate the first day of spring.

The earth starts to tilt more toward the sun and so do we.

The Full Moon on March 25th has been referred to as a “Worm Moon” – with signs of earth worms surfacing as the ground thaws.



March is Brain Injury Awareness Month with the 14th-20th designated *Brain Awareness Week*. There is a helmet by the bulletin board that is labeled with the different parts of the brain. It's a visual – if you had to choose, which part of your head would it be OK to hit really hard...the part for seeing...hearing...feelings....memory...coordination...?

Check it out for some Brain Information and Brain Teasers – to keep all those brain cells in motion.

Aging and Disabilities Resource List

The Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) is the keeper of all things resource – from nutrition programs, to housing, transportation, benefits counseling, and caregiver support to name just a few. Their forte' is “options”. The Social Workers at the ADRC are a wealth of information and can be accessed by calling the ADRC (920-929-3466) or just walking in at their office at 50 North Portland St. There is a Resource Directory that can be viewed on their website at www.fdlco.wi.gov/adrc.

From experience, I can say that compared with other Counties, Fond du Lac County is very blessed with human resources. There are ADRC brochures and a couple paper resource directories on the table in the Narthex – please help yourself.



Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your generous donation to Malala Fund of \$155.00 on December 9, 2023. Your gift helps Malala Fund break down the barriers preventing more than 120 million girls around the world from going to school.

Through Malala Fund's Education Champion Network, we invest in the work of educators and activists in countries with the most girls out of school. Local leaders understand the problems girls face in their communities and we believe they are best placed to deliver solutions. Because of your gift, Malala Fund is making strides in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Ethiopia, India, Lebanon, Nigeria, Pakistan, Tanzania and Turkey.

"When I started working with girls in Redes de Mare, I was able to relate to their problems and their situation because I grew up facing challenges that were very similar to them," says Malala Fund Education Champion Andreia Martins de Oliveira Santo. Andreia works in the largest community of favelas in Rio de Janeiro where teen pregnancy, child labor and a limited number of secondary schools prevent girls from completing their education. With support from Malala Fund, Andreia helps the local government create policies that enable girls in Mare to stay in school,

In Lebanon, Syrian refugee girls face the threat of early marriage, which can force them out of the classroom. Malala Fund Education Champion Hiba Hamzi advocates to raise the minimum marriage age to 18 so more girls can complete their education and helps girls speak out against the practice themselves. "Too often local activists like me don't have the funding or support we need to increase our impact," Hiba shares. "The Education Champion Network is helping to change that."

Each Malala Fund Education Champion is making progress for girls in their communities. Thanks to committed partners like you, we can continue reaching girls who need our support the most.

We are so grateful that you share Malala's vision of a world where every girl can learn and lead.

Sincerely,
Anjali Singh Code
Chief Development Officer

Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

In honor of my friend, Jessica Muthig's 96th birthday (February 22nd), please accept this small donation to the church she loves.

Thank you!!
Sheila David

Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

We here at Solutions Center are so blessed to have such great supporters like you. Your donation of \$155.32 is so appreciated. Your donation will allow us to continue with our mission of caring for children, women and families who experience domestic violence or homelessness.

It is because of the support and dedication of our donors that make our programs possible. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Warmest regards,
Amy Loof, Executive Director
Solutions Center

Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

On behalf of Team Rubicon, thank you and Pilgrim United Church of Christ for their generous investment of \$520.

We are deeply grateful that you've chosen to invest in Team Rubicon's mission, which in turn serves global communities before, during and after disasters and humanitarian crises strike.

Your investment allows our Greyshirts to serve vulnerable communities across the globe at a moment's notice.

Because of you, we can serve communities large and small, but most importantly, communities who are vulnerable and underserved. Together, we help people on their darkest day.

Thank you for making our mission your mission too.

In Service,
Art delaCruz
Greyshirt & CEO



Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Holy Family Warming Shelter. Your gift will help us to achieve our goal of purchasing, renovating and operating a seasonal warming shelter used to care for the homeless in our Fond du Lac community. The Holy Family Warming Shelter will operate on the Christian values of compassion, dignity and care for people of all backgrounds and beliefs. We will offer up to 30 individuals a warm clean place to sleep, hot nutritious meals and access to community resources every night from November 15 through April. With the Warming Shelter's central location, the clients will have access to public transport, as well as to many community resources. It is our hope that through the shelter, those who are struggling will be able to move forward and take steps towards stability. Thank you for your servant leadership as a participant in this exciting endeavor.

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$370.00 for the Holy Family Warming Shelter campaign; you are supporting a healthy future for our community in a very special way.

I, along with the priests and parish staff of Holy Family, will continue to pray for God's blessings for you and your organization. Please continue to pray for us, as well.

May God bless and keep you always.

Ellen Kant
 Director of Finance & Human Resources
 Holy Family Catholic Community

Ushers for March	
Date	9:00 Service
March 3	Linda Stutz & Kaitlynn Zick
March 10	Avery & Barb Geiger
March 17	Dave & Donna Overbo
March 24	Bill & Patti Burns
March 31 Easter	Randy & Linda Stutz

Welcomers for March	
Date	9:00 Service
March 3	Randy Stutz
March 10	Avery Geiger
March 17	Barb Tadych
March 24	Ron McCreedy
March 31 Easter	Linda Stutz

Worship Leaders for March	
Date	9:00 Service
March 3	Tony Prus
March 10	Noreen Henderson
March 17	Bobbie Flaherty
March 24	Steven Wichowski
March 31 Easter	Jim Thomas

UPCOMING EVENTS





Spring Fling Craft Fair

Saturday, March 23, 2024

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

featuring

Arts, Crafts & Local Boutiques
\$3 Admission or 2 Food items

 100% of admissions go to
Broken Bread Food Pantry
in Fond du Lac

To be a vendor please reach out to Rebecca
at rwahoske@thehotelretlaw.com

One North Main Street
Fond du Lac, WI




RUMMAGE SALE and Bake Sale

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday, March 28

8:30 am - 5:30 pm

Friday, March 29

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

198 N. Macy Street, Fond du Lac
Parking Rear Entrance
Featuring Greek & American
Baked Goods!



Celebrate Spring in Downtown Fond du Lac!

For just \$10 each, attendees of all ages can explore Downtown Fond du Lac businesses while collecting a variety of Easter eggs. While most eggs will be filled with delicious candy, a select few will have some eggs-tra special prizes inside! The event will be held rain or shine. Please dress for the weather.

Attendance for this event is limited to 200 ticket holders. Tickets are sold online only and are expected to sell out. It is strongly encouraged to pre-purchase tickets for your group. Day-of availability cannot be guaranteed. Ticket sales are final and non-refundable, but can be transferred to another party.

**** Important Note! **** Please beware of scammers claiming to have resale tickets available or to be booking vendors!

We are not recruiting vendors for this event, and while we do allow for the transfer of tickets, we strongly encourage anyone attempting to purchase resale tickets to contact us at info@downtownfdl.com or 920-322-2006 to confirm the tickets are legitimate before any exchange of funds occurs.

All ticket-holders are required to check-in at the DFP Office (131 S. Main Street) prior to the event. Upon check-in, ticket holders will receive an Easter egg tote and map with all participating locations. One tote per ticket.

Once you've purchased tickets, make sure to watch your email inbox for check-in details and event updates closer to the event date.



3	Blane Dille
	Bryce Dille
6	James Graves
9	Bill Burns
17	Stephen Speidel
19	Hannah Dahlke
	Fran Schmid
20	Wendy Dille
	Anne Thomas
	Trey Laudolff
22	Ginny Gilmore
26	Kim Olson
29	Rich Bradley
	Renee Holl
30	Mike Abler



Gary & Lois Ring	March 8
Gayle & John Mandel	March 11
Tim & Bobbie Flaherty	March 14
Merry & Luke Walter	March 19

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, January 15, 2024**

Present: Jim Bentley, Vice President, Pastor Rob Van Ess, Donna Jost, Treasurer, Wendy Ellison, Secretary, Avery Geiger, Patty Minter, Guests: Barb Roder, Diana Beck, Linda Stutz

Jim opened the meeting identifying we did not have a quorum of 6 Council members at the start of the meeting. No decisions can be voted on and made until a quorum is established.

Pastor Rob opened with a prayer and the meeting began at 6:10PM

1. Green Team - Motion

Barb Roder and Diana Beck made a motion for Council approval to raise funds of \$6000 to \$8000 for a natural landscape project as discussed at the December, 18th, 2023 council meeting.

Motion: Motion made by Jim Bentley, Seconded by Patty Minter. Motion tabled until quorum established. Council quorum established at 6:45 PM. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

2. Secretary Report: December minutes reviewed. Acceptance Tabled until Quorum established.

Quorum established at 6:45 PM, with no questions or objections acceptance of report passed with unanimous consent.

3. Treasurers Report: Donna submitted and explained the Treasurers report. Wendy made a motion to accept the report, Patty Minter seconded the motion. Acceptance Tabled until quorum established. Quorum established at 6:45 PM, with no questions or objections acceptance passed with unanimous consent.

4. Pastor's Report: Report attached. There will be 5 Celebrations Sundays before Easter. It will be a potluck supper and sessions based on "A New Family Through Opening The Doors of the Sanctuary."

The Church, through the Lay Life Committee, will supply the meat and a sign up for other dishes to pass will be created. Patty Minter has agreed to assist in the endeavor and supply the meat through the Lay Life committee.

Looking at statistical records it is difficult counting "members". The Bylaws are not clear as to who are counted as 'members'. Stewardship Committee will be looking at what constitutes members and make recommendations to the council for the bylaws.

5. Vice President's Report: We are still searching for an Adult Education Coordinator. An individual has been interviewed and references are currently being checked.

6. President's Report: None

7. Old Business: The budget has not been finalized yet to present at the Congregational Meeting. The Stewardship Committee meets this week. Council will meet with them next Monday, January 22, at 6:00 PM to review and approve the budget so it is ready to present at the congregational meeting on January 28th.

8. New Business: Avery Geiger made a motion to move \$9000 from the Member's equity line into the Dedicated Building funds. Linda Stutz seconded the motion. With no objections the motion was passed with unanimous consent.

9. Ministry/Committee Reports and updates (as needed)

- Worship & Music – Linda Stutz (Council Rep.) Meeting canceled due to weather.

- Christian Education/Scrip – Karen Goodacre (Council Rep.) Report attached
- Property & Maintenance – Avery Geiger (Council Rep.) Report attached
- Lay Life & Leadership – Patty Minter (Council Rep.) They will take care of Easter Sunday coffee hour. She will also obtain more biodegradable beverage cups. Using ceramic coffee cups is too work/time consuming.
- Stewardship & Finance – Bayard Fredrick (Council Rep.) None
- Membership & Evangelism – Fran Schmid (Council Rep.) Report attached
- Christian Outreach – Jill Barbeau (Council Rep.) None

10. Committee Reports

- Nominating Committee
- Ham Dinner
- Memorial Fund Committee
- Green Team Committee
- Wise Task Force
- Trust Fund Report

11. Celebrations

Jim facilitated the Council meeting for the first time successfully!

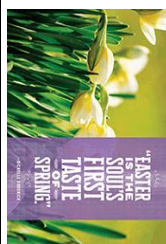
Brad Lenard will be joining the church on 1/28/2024, he has also joined the Audit committee.

12. Information Sharing

Please keep the Ring Family and Kilawee/Johnson family in your prayers as they go through some difficult times.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendy Ellison, Secretary

Next Council meeting:
 Special meeting January, 22, 2024
 6:00 PM
 February, 20, 2024
 6:00 PM



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 6:00 NA Mtg</p>	<p>4 4:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Pilgrim Book Club</p>	<p>5 PEO 11:00 Membership 4:30 Worship 5:00 Property 6:30 W/ISE</p>	<p>6 9:30 Expanding Horizons 7:00 Lenten Service - Church of Peace Fond du Lac</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>1 Confirmation Retreat Daychoiah Center March 1-3 5:00-6:30 Pride Picnic Mtg 7:00 AL-ANON</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 9:00 Worship - Pilgrim UCC 45th Anniversary 10:15 Adult Ed 10:15 Sunday School 6:00 NA Mtg</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 9:30 Expanding Horizons 7:00 Lenten Service - Pilgrim UCC</p>	<p>13 9:30 Expanding Horizons 7:00 Lenten Service - Pilgrim UCC</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 6:00 FFN - Movie Night 5:00-6:30 Pride Picnic Mtg 7:00 AL-ANON</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Ed 10:15 Sunday School 6:00 NA Mtg</p>	<p>18 4:15 Adult Ed 6:00 Council Meeting</p>	<p>19 Noon Christian Outreach PEO 1:00/2:30 Book Club</p>	<p>20 9:30 Expanding Horizons 7:00 Lenten Service - Union Congregational UCC, Waupun</p>	<p>21 Rummage Sale March 21-23</p>	<p>22 7:00 AL-ANON</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Ed 10:15 Sunday School 6:00 NA Mtg</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:30 Expanding Horizons</p>	<p>28 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service Pilgrim UCC</p>	<p>29 7:00 Good Friday Service Church of Peace 5:00-6:30 Pride Picnic Mtg 7:00 AL-ANON</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31 9:00 Worship 6:00 NA Mtg</p>						

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