



# THE PILGRIM QUILL

APRIL 2024



*“And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another advocate to help you and  
be with you forever...” – John 14:16*

Hello Pilgrims!

The entire month of March fell within the season of Lent with Holy Week and Easter Sunday right at the end. Lent is a time of preparation and meditation on the gifts of the resurrection. The entire month of April falls within what the church traditionally refers to as the Easter season, or the “50 great days of Easter,” after which comes Pentecost, which means fiftieth in Greek. The Easter season is a time of celebration and proclamation of the gifts of the resurrection.

As we move from preparation and meditation towards celebration and proclamation I want you to consider this question: **What are the gifts of the resurrection in your life?**

This is a vital question for our faith and the answers are different for everyone. One gift I proclaim is something I share almost every Sunday before we pray in worship:

“The power of God is real and the power of prayer is real; And yet, we do not pretend to control, nor certainly understand God’s power; And yet, when we take the time to share with each other what God has done for us that we cannot do for ourselves, we come to the inevitable conclusion that the power of God is real and the power of prayer is real. Hallelujah.” This is my experience.

Many times I have shared little pieces of my journey into sobriety. 20 years sober and much of it is still a mystery. Did God get me sober? I believe so. Why do others fail to get sober, relapse, suffer, and even die of their addictions? I do not know. I refuse to blame God or the addict as that makes no sense to me.

What I do know is that somewhere in the struggle to find myself born into a new life free of my vices I found God and people who knew God far more than I ever did. People who offered me countless helping hands that helped to dig me out of the pit of my despair into a new life with my hope restored. A living awareness of the Great Advocate the gospel of John talks about. A connection to the Spirit of Truth that affords us the ability to see the world spiritually. A point of view that allows us to discover just how really connected us all are – the physical and the spiritual, the emotional and the logical. A view that empowers us to be the countless helping hands people need to help dig them out of the pits of their despair into a new life with their hope restored.

For me that’s how it works. I believe we are all pilgrims on a journey, a pilgrimage that draws us away from our vices and closer to God. I believe we will find God in the hearts and minds of those we meet along the way. Then we are called to help others as we have been helped. Joining together with others (the church) to help the whole world and all of creation to move from the pits of our despair into a new life with hope restored.

It is in this way that we embrace one of the greatest gifts of the resurrection, the ability to help others which in turn helps ourselves. You see the power of the resurrection is not one-way transaction, it’s an endless cycle of hope being lifted up out of the depths of our despair. A gift that is free for everyone without restriction, such is the unimaginable width and breadth of God’s grace.

Join us for the 7 weeks of the Easter season that begin on Resurrection Sunday (March 31) as we identify and meditate on a different gift of the resurrection each week. Ask yourself: **What are the gifts of the resurrection in my life?** Together we will discover the grace and glory of God as surely as Mary Magdalene did in the garden on that fateful day.

Amen and Alleluia,

Pastor Rob

## Sunday Scriptures

Sunday, April 7:

John 20:19-31 - Doubting Thomas

Sunday, April 14:

Luke 24:36-53 - The Great Commission

Sunday, April 21:

John 10: 11-18 - The Good Shepherd

Sunday, April 28:

Acts 8:26-40 - Philip & the Ethiopian

### **In April, Christian Outreach will be collecting items for the Fondy Food Pantry.**

Please check your cupboards for extra items you may have and when you are grocery shopping we hope you are able to pick up a few more items to give to the Pantry. There are many families who are in need of food to feed their families.

We will place a box between the doors to the Narthex.

Thank you!

### **Items Most in Need:**

Boxed Food: Cereal, Pasta, Hamburger Helper, Rice Meals, Knorr Mixes

Canned Food: Fruit (without added sugar), Chunky Soups, Cream of Mushroom/Chicken/Tomato Soups, Canned Meats - Chicken/Chili/Spam, Tomato Sauce

Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Salad Dressings

### Fruit Juices

Personal Care Items: Deodorant, Toothpaste, Liquid & Bar Soaps, Shampoo

Cleaning Supplies: Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap

### **Diner's Club!!!**

The next get-together is planned for **Sunday, April 14th**

**at Green Acres on 4th Street Road**

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**Please sign-up by April 12th.**

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](mailto:pattyminter@gmail.com)



**Adult Forum**

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

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**April 7**

**Coffee Fellowship**



**April 14 & 21**

**Is There Anything To Eat?**

**Sustainable Food in a Changing Climate**

Leaders: Janet Clark, Owner/Operator of Vision Aire Farm, Rosendale

Amanda Miller, FoodWise Coordinator & Health & Well-being Educator, Fond du Lac & Sheboygan Counties, UW-Madison Division of Extension

**April 14** - Modern Farming Practices

**April 21** - Food Waste in America

Increase your understanding of how food production, food consumption and climate change are connected.

**April 28**

**Conservative Religious Conversion Therapy and Discourse about LGBTQ+ Identities: Is it an Epistemic Injustice?**

Leader: Jack Laufenberg

Jack Laufenberg, co-worker and friend of Pilgrim member Ben Blanc, will be our presenter. Abstract: The subject of this paper is to examine conservatively religiously informed conversion therapy practices and language regarding LGBTQ+ identities and determine whether these practices and language are an instance

of epistemic injustice. He will conclude that it is an epistemic injustice because the linguistic categories prescribed for understanding LGBTQ+ identities introduce distortions or obscure a more robust self-understanding by LGBTQ+ persons, which unjustly disadvantages them.

## 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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?pwd=cGxJa0pJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09)

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Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384 Passcode: 762316

**April 3**

**Great Figures of the New Testament**

Video lecture by Professor Amy-Jill Levine, Vanderbilt University Divinity School

Leader: Linda Stutz

Friends of Jesus - Mary, Martha & Lazarus - These siblings are beloved friends of Jesus. Mary and Martha appear briefly in Luke's Gospel and all three figure importantly in John's. Historically, what role did they play in Jesus' movement, and culturally, how have their stories been retold through the centuries?

Friend of Jesus - Mary Magdalene - Present at the cross in all four Gospels and the sole consistent witness to the empty tomb, this Mary appears before Good Friday in only one Gospel, Luke's. Yet, from the Gospel accounts to present day Hollywood, she has enjoyed an exceptionally rich career in Christianity and culture.

**April 10**

**Chasing Childhood**

**Feature length documentary**

Leader: Jim Bentley

In today's world of structure, stranger danger, and helicopter parenting, free play and independence have virtually disappeared from childhood, giving way to

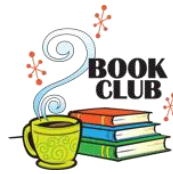
unprecedented anxiety and depression (now compounded by three years of the COVID-19 pandemic). In *Chasing Childhood*, psychologists, activists and leaders of the “free play” movement fight to bring back the untold benefits of a less curated childhood. We will spend a few extra minutes in class today so we have time to discuss this important documentary. Parents, grandparents, and all who love children will find this documentary fascinating.

**April 17 & 24**  
**End of Life Care**

Leader: Representatives from SSM Health

**April 17** - Palliative Care  
**April 24** - Hospice Care

Palliative Care and Hospice Care are both approaches to care that focus on comfort and quality of life for those with serious chronic illnesses. Both involve teams of professionals (Social Workers, Dietitians, Chaplains, Pharmacists, and Nurses) working with the person, their family, and Doctor to provide social, emotional and practical support. Both programs are meant to enhance and personalize a person’s medical care when treatment continues (Palliative Care) or when a cure is no longer an option (Hospice). Join us and members of SSM to talk about these two important programs.



**Pilgrim Book Club**

**Monday, April 1**  
6:30PM in the lounge

**Healing the Heart of Democracy:  
The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the  
Human Spirit (Updated Edition)**

by Parker Palmer

You are invited to join the Pilgrim Book Club for our third book discussion. Tina Potter will lead the discussion. In this updated edition of his prophetic book, renowned author and activist Parker Palmer celebrates the power of “We the People” to resist the politics of divide and conquer. With the U.S. now on a global list of “backsliding democracies,” Palmer writes about what we can do to restore civil discourse, reach for understanding across lines of difference, focus on our shared values, and hold elected officials accountable. He explores ways we can reweave the communal fabric on which democracy depends in everyday settings such as families, neighborhoods, classrooms, congregations, workplaces, and various public spaces-including five “habits of the heart” we can cultivate as we work to fulfill America’s promise of human equality.



**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.



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

A New WISE Team has been formed and met March 12<sup>th</sup> to brainstorm ideas for living into the WISE Covenant that was adopted at our Annual Meeting in January. We will be meeting again on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 at church to continue those discussions and develop a plan for the next year.

Anyone/Everyone is welcome to join us.  
You will not be volunteered for anything without your consent....promise.

# Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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

We are continuing to collect 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. 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.

### Intergenerational Game Night!

On **Friday, April 19th**, from 6:00PM – 7:30PM, the CE ministry will be hosting an intergenerational game night. There will be a variety of games for all ages to play; from UNO to cribbage and lots of games in between, we are sure you will find something you would enjoy. As always, we encourage you to invite a friend or neighbor.

### Church Camp

It's not too early to begin thinking about having your child/children attend a church camp opportunity. Our summer calendars fill up fast and so do particular camps. I have been told that this year the camps are being offered differently than in the past and there may not be as many dates available for a particular camp, so I would encourage you to get on the [ucci.org](http://ucci.org) website and check it out. The earlier the better. There are scholarships available both from the Northeast Association (these have to be applied for) as well as from our own church here at Pilgrim. We want anyone that has an interest in attending church camp to have that wonderful opportunity, so please don't let a financial need keep you from considering this.

### Heifer International

Thanks to the entire church family for your continued support of the Heifer International project that the Sunday school students have been collecting for. We will continue to collect loose change (or dollars) after worship services through the month of April.

### Recognition Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> when we will recognize our wonderful teachers, shepherds and students.



How many of you are finding yourselves shopping these days at Fleet Farm or Menards for items you may need for those spring projects you are working on?

How many of you are splurging at A&W or Gilles for some delicious custard or ice cream?

How many of you need to visit Kohls or Target (or one of the many other establishments on our SCRIP form) for some new summer clothes?

How many are still filling up their shelves at home with food and their cars with gas and have to go weekly or bi-weekly to the grocery store or gas station?

How many of you are remembering to stop at the SCRIP table in the narthex on Sunday morning to purchase your gift cards to do these things while at the same time helping to support the SCRIP program here at Pilgrim?????

If you aren't, would you please consider giving it a try?

This program has the potential to raise a lot of money for our church budget while not costing you anymore than you are already spending out of pocket at these different businesses. If you have questions as to how this program works or how easy it is to use, please stop and talk with me on Sunday mornings at the table in the narthex! You can always give me a call too! Karen Goodacre 920-904-5740. THANKS!

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### **Volunteer Driver Request**

SUV, truck or van needed because 11 bins will be picked up.

Pick up food at Fondy Food Pantry and drive to Ripon Elementary School; 27 miles one way on Highway 23.

Pick up Thursday at 9:00AM and drive directly to the school to drop off. Bins to be returned to the Pantry after.

One Thursday per month or even every other month through the end of the school year for now.

If you are interested please contact Amber Kilawee at +1 920-979-7313.

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

Spring is officially here – although as I write this, the outside temperatures keep fluctuating to keep us from assuming anything... Take deep breaths of fresh air, soak in some Vitamin D, pause to listen to the bird songs, and randomly (frequently) smile – just for the heck of it. Feel supported and blessed.

“It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.” Brother David Steindl-Rast Prayers for a joy filled April!

***I will be available after the worship service on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to take your spring blood pressure.***

**April is National Alcohol Awareness month**

I don't need to list a bunch of statistics on alcohol use in Wisconsin – we've all heard them before. I think the operative word here is “Awareness”... Being aware of the role alcohol plays in our lives. Are there routine times we reach for alcohol? Do we expect alcohol to be provided at get-togethers? Do we look forward to drinking alcohol – maybe even planning to drink more on say, weekends? Are there times we “need” a drink? Has anyone said anything concerning about our drinking? (If one person says something we can easily brush it aside – if 2 people say something, it may be time to think about personal priorities, and the “why” behind the decision to drink alcohol.)

Awareness is key. And if you think you may need help making changes, you can start with your Primary Care Provider, or go to the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism: <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov> for information.

**April is Poison Prevention Month.**

Remember Mr. Yuk? (Round green face... tongue sticking out...) ***There are brochures on the table in the Narthex with poison prevention information and stickers – please help yourself!***

**Check out the bulletin board** for information about clean - cleaning products. For those with lung diseases like asthma or COPD, and even “just” allergies, - aerosols and scents (e.g. cleaning products, perfumes, body sprays, smoke, paint) can cause spasms; making it difficult (impossible) to draw a

breath. The rule is: *If you can smell it, it's already in your lungs.*

**It's how we take care of each other...**

**April is National Health Care Decisions Month:**

Bringing awareness to the fact that 95% of people have thought about their health care priorities, and only 17% have done something about it – namely talking with family and filling out a Power of Attorney for Health Care (POAHC).

***“It's about what matters to you, not what's the matter with you.”*** Talking about what's important and designating who can speak for us if we are unable, is a gift to all those who love. And that's one way we care for each other.

**5210 Every Day**

This is a new(er) national initiative aimed at healthy habits in youth as well as adults. It encourages daily:

*5 or more servings of fruits and vegetables (fruit or veggie at each meal and for snacks)*

*2 hours or less recreational screen time (schedule intentional recreational screen time – like family movie time. No screens (TV, Computer etc.) in the bedroom.)*

*1 hour or more of physical activity (walking, exercising, playing)*

*0 sugary drinks (more water and limiting even 100% fruit juice to ½ cup or less)*

Regarding juices - Juice products labeled “ade”, “drink”, or “punch” often contain less than 5% juice. The only difference between these juices and soda is that they are fortified with Vitamin C. Energy drinks are not sports drinks, and should never replace water during exercise – both contain lots of sugar...and chemicals...

One hour of physical activity per day does not sound like much, but I think you'd be surprised if you formally kept track of your activity for a week. Unless you go to a gym or follow an exercise program, a full hour/day – even doing 2 – 1/2hour time blocks – can be elusive.

These recommendations are starting points at being intentional about healthy habits that support a strong immune system. It's another awareness and a chance to build on habits that may become second nature and feel good – mind, body, and spirit.



Dear Pilgrim Church,

Thank you for supporting us with our camp experience. There were very funny jokes, we made new friends and had a great time!

Christopher Jackson  
 Levi Broton  
 Pearl Diorio  
 Charle Wicihowski

Congratulations on 45 Years!

Don Kurki  
 Kurki Funeral Chapel

Chapter DO of the P.E.O. Sisterhood sends its congratulations to Pilgrim United Church of Christ on your 45 years of worship and living the Words of Our Lord and Savior. We pray for another 45 years of service.

### Ushers for April

Date	9:00 Service
April 7	Donna Jost & Bobbie Flaherty
April 14	Jim & Dianne Bentley
April 21	Bart & Dawn Dahlke
April 28	Dave & Donna Overbo

### Welcomers for April

Date	9:00 Service
April 7	Jim & Dianne Bentley
April 14	Wendy Ellison
April 21	Bob & Jane Flaherty
April 28	Fran Schmid

### Worship Leaders for April

Date	9:00 Service
April 7	Linda Stutz
April 14	Noreen Henderson
April 21	Sue Schmitz
April 28	Tony Prus





Join us for a day of shopping, healing, and community as you shop area vendors that sell products that promote wellness of mind, body, and spirit. This will include gemstones, jewelry, Tarot and oracle decks, handmade art, henna tattoos, herbs, tinctures, and much more!

Additionally, book a session with one of our experienced readers. We have a lineup of wonderful mediums, psychics, Tarot readers, and intuitive guides.

Reading Rates: 15 min - \$20 - 30 min - \$40 -  
45 min - \$50 - 60 min - \$60

\*\*\*A NOTE ABOUT BOOKING: We open our doors at 9am to book appointments for readers. We DO NOT take appointments before this time. Some readers often book quickly, so arrive early if you are able to ensure getting an appointment with your favorite reader.\*\*

ADMISSION: Please bring one non-perishable food donation that will be delivered to the Fondy Food Pantry. Cash donations will also be welcome.

Vendor applications will be accepted. Join our mailing list on our website to stay in the loop: [www.spyralevents.com](http://www.spyralevents.com) We do not accept MLMs, Direct sales or national brands.

We are not accepting new readers or body workers at this time.

## Perennial & Garden Craft Sale

**May 9-11th 2024**  
**8:00am - 4:30pm**  
 Thursday and Friday  
**8:00am-3pm**  
 Saturday

**Location:**  
**N775 US-45**  
 Campbellsport, WI  
 3 Miles North of Kewaskum

\*\*This is the same sale that had traditionally been held on Little Cedar Lake in West Bend.\*\*

**Visit Us Online!**  
[www.facebook.com/kewaskumcrafts](http://www.facebook.com/kewaskumcrafts)

### Perennials

An impressive selection of perennials! Assorted Daylilies, Shasta Daisy, Peony Plants, Bleeding Hearts, Assorted Hostas, Bee Balm, Mums, Phlox, Ornamental Grasses, Asiatic Lilies, Turtlehead, Anabelle Hydrangeas, Various Sedum, Black Eyed Susan, Helopsis, Coreopsis, Lilacs, Ferns, Forget-Me-Not, Ligularia, Herman's Pride, Dead Nettle, Clustered Bellflower, Stella D'Oro, Blue Indigo, Ferns, Yellow & Purple Coneflower, Fall and Everbearing Raspberries, Rhubarb, and much more...

### Annuals & Hanging Baskets

Large amounts of unique annuals, sold individually or made into potted containers and one-of-a-kind outdoor arrangements. A huge selection of large and hearty hanging baskets from a local greenhouse.

### Garden Crafts

Outdoor decor and home decor, including rustic signs, barn wood benches, garden tables, plant stands, repurposed garden tool decor, birdhouses, rustic garden planters, and other garden art! Quality work!

- Items will be available during sale hours only. No pre-orders.
- Generous pots of perennials, priced at \$3 for a 4" pot. Locally grown in WI soil!



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| 1  | Chris Steinert                                   |
| 2  | Owen Olson<br>Jill Petersen                      |
| 3  | Cynthia Fischer<br>Susan Michler                 |
| 4  | Molly Abler                                      |
| 5  | Sally Turk<br>Marilyn Hoch                       |
| 8  | Kaitlynn Zick<br>Skye Henderson<br>Arianna Steir |
| 9  | Pearl Diorio                                     |
| 11 | Dawn Dahlke                                      |
| 12 | Avery Geiger                                     |
| 13 | Linda Stutz                                      |
| 14 | Olivia Olson                                     |
| 16 | Gail Vandenack                                   |
| 17 | Chris Frederick                                  |
| 19 | Brian Johnson                                    |
| 20 | Greg Prus  |
| 22 | Jim Bentley<br>Mike Potter                       |
| 24 | Patrick Friedel<br>Joni Greenfield               |
| 26 | Gary Ring<br>Molly Abler                         |



Sue & Don Schmitz	April 4
Paul & Wendy Dille	April 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!

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**

February 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Patti Burns at 6:05 pm  
Pastor Rob Van Ess led the group in prayer.

Members present: Fran Schmid, Jill Barbeau, Karen Goodacre, Jim Bentley, Avery Geiger, Patti Burns, Patty Minter and Linda Stutz

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Reports from January 15, 2024 was reviewed. Several corrections were made and will be sent to Cathy Drew. A motion was made by Linda Stutz and seconded by Fran Schmid to accept the report as written. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Linda Stutz and seconded by Avery Geiger to accept the report as presented. Motion carried. After receiving the final 2023 Audit it has come to the council's attention that there may be issues with tax reporting for Pastor Rob. This is in regard to health insurance. Much discussion was had. A motion was made at the request of Donna Jost by Jill Barbeau and seconded by Linda Stutz to allow Kevin Berens from the Audit Committee to assist with any tax corrections that may need to be made. A second motion was made by Linda Stutz and seconded by Patty Minter to allow the church to have an independent firm to review past taxes and advise on changes that may be needed. Both motions carried unanimously

Vice President's Report: We continue to search for a candidate to fill the vacant Adult Education Coordinator position.

Pastor's Report: Prayer cross has been built and is in use. Pastor Rob has been using it during services. Thank you, Max, for building the cross.

President's report: None

Old Business: none

New Business;

Judy Faubel had raised a concern during the annual congregational meeting that information from the ministries may not be readily available to the congregation. There was a discussion during the council meeting on how best to disseminate this information. We will begin a trial of adding 2-3 highlighted issues from the ministry reports to the Council Minutes. The representatives from those ministries will indicate to the secretary which items they would like highlighted.

Linda Stutz indicated that the Worship and Christian Education are currently planning for a congregation "Kick Off for the Church Year". This would be a potluck brunch that all members can attend. During the kick off plans for youth and adult education will be presented as well as other church activities that are planned for the year. This Kick Off brunch will take the place of the Pancake Breakfast.

Ministry Reports:

Christian Outreach

Working with the Holy Family Warming Shelter on how best to provide meals. They are in need of breakfast food and lunch food.

Continuing the school supply drive for the St. Katharine Drexel Shelter.

Worship and Music

March 10, 2024 will be the 24<sup>th</sup> Pilgrim Anniversary Celebration. Paul Thelen's Jazz Ensemble will be providing music.

Easter Sunday Plans are underway.

Please order Spring Flowers for beautification of the sanctuary during the Easter Season.

#### Christian Education

Family Fun Night for February will be a viewing of the movie *"Elemental"*

Confirmation Class will be attending a retreat at Daycholah Center.

Still collecting school supplies for kids in need at St. Katharine Drexel Shelter.

#### SCRIP Update

Kwik Trip will be offering 10% return for scrip purchased in the month of Feb.

Karen requested to be able to purchase \$8000 in Kwik Trip scrip. A motion was made by Jim Bentley and seconded by Avery Geiger for this purchase. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Property & Maintenance

Window World has replaced windows in the education wing.

An air conditioner for the Narthex needs replacing. Air Tech and Fondy Heating have provided quotes.

The money will come from the dedicated Building Fund account.

The small refrigerator in the lounge is not working. It will be removed.

#### Lay Life & Leadership

Will be part of a small celebration of the recognition of the beginning of Pilgrim UCC on March 10, 2024.

Lay Life will provide coffee hour following Easter Sunday Worship March 31, 2024

Diner's Club will meet Saturday March 16 at El Patron Restaurant. See sign up in the Narthex.

Biodegradable cups have been purchased as part of an effort to help the environment along with the use of ceramic coffee mugs in the lounge.

#### Stewardship & Finance – No report

#### Membership & Evangelism

Newcomers' Potluck-new tentative dates are April 9 or 11 at 5:30 pm. We are trying to find a date that works for more people.

Making plans for 45<sup>th</sup> Pilgrim Anniversary Celebration. Invitations will be sent out.

Plans for Celebrate CommUNITY were discussed and finalized.

At future meetings will be working on defining and counting members just using the directory so won't be changing that.

#### Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee – It was brought up that Judie Behnke's name was not listed on several committees in the annual report. Fran Schmid will request that Cathy Drew make the corrections.

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WISE: The Task Force has completed their work. The newly formed WISE Committee will be meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Green Team: Plans are under way for the "Pilgrim Prairie Project". Mailing will be going out to the congregation.

Ham Dinner – none

Memorial Committee – No report

Trust Fund Report – Pastor Rob led a discussion about the structure of the Solution Center and how they use the donations received. Donations that Pilgrim makes to the Solutions Center will have a note in the memo section that the money is to be used for gift cards, gas cards, etc. that it may be asked for.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next meeting will be held March 18, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Patti Burns



# April 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4:30 Christian Ed 6:30 Pilgrim Book Club	2	3 9:30 Expanding Horizons	4	5 7:00 AL-ANON	6
7 9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 10:15 Sunday School 6:00 NA Mtg	8 <b>11:00 Faith Formation Here</b>	9 1:00 Membership 4:30 Worship	10 9:30 Expanding Horizons 6:00 Confirmation Class	11	12 5:00-6:30 Pride Picnic Mtg 7:00 AL-ANON	13 <b>11:00 Judy Goetsch Funeral w/Luncheon</b>
14 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Ed 10:15 Sunday School 6:00 NA Mtg	15 6:00 Council Meeting	16 5:00 Property PEO <b>1:00/2:30 Book Club</b>	17 9:30 Expanding Horizons	18	19 6:00 FFN - Game Night 7:00 AL-ANON	20
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Parish Nurse ..... Sue Schmitz  
Sunday School Coordinator ..... Karen Goodacre  
Youth Coordinator .....  
Interim Adult Education Coordinator ..... Peg Bradley  
Worship Musician ..... Chris Deaner-Rogers  
Choir Director ..... Zachary Ball  
Choir Accompanist .....  
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*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