



THE PILGRIM QUILL

AUGUST 2024



Hello Pilgrims,

I want to take a moment to thank you one last time for your generous welcome, kindness, and faithful support as I have served as your pastor and teacher for the past 26 months. I hope our time together has encouraged you to connect more fully with your faith as followers of the way of Jesus. I know so many of my experiences serving with you as the hands and feet of Jesus have drawn me closer to Christ, most notably my time with our confirmands this past year. It has been a most sincere privilege to serve as your pastor and as a representative for Pilgrim United Church of Christ.

As a part of the process for leaving a congregation, clergy are encouraged to develop a departure ethics plan. The reasons for this are important and I want you to understand why and how this is going to work. Ministry is inherently relational and going forward it is important that you disengage from relating to me as your pastor. This purpose is twofold. First, it is important for you to establish a new relationship with whomever comes into this role after me and that is difficult if I am still providing pastoral care and emotional support. Second, I will be working to establish a series of new relationships with the people I have been called to serve in Neenah and Menasha. The reality is this is hard to do without some sort of healthy boundary set and fully disclosed ahead of time. To this end after sharing conversations with both the Northeast Association Ethics Committee, and a member of the Committee on Ministry, I have decided to abide by their recommendations to observe a no-contact boundary with congregants for at least one year. What does this mean?

- This means I will not be reaching out to any of you for any reason and I will not be accepting invitations to return to the church for weddings, funerals, or any other action that may be considered an act of pastoral care or the priestly duties ascribed to your next interim or settled pastor.

- This also means that I will place any Pilgrim church members who are friends on my personal social media accounts on a restricted list for the same time.

I am taking these steps to ensure that our previously established relationships as pastor and member do not in any way interfere with a successful transition for you with your next pastor. Boundaries are tools designed to do good and to protect what is worth protecting. In this case we are talking about two different churches, the various clergy involved, and most certainly the gospel itself. I believe the priority here when dealing with clergy is not you or I or the relationships we share, it is first and foremost the gospel and the church. The health and welfare of the body of Christ is paramount. As your departing spiritual leader, it is my responsibility to set the boundaries for the good of the church and in support of my successor.

Finally, two more thoughts. First, know that boundaries are fluid and need to be practical. If we bump into each other, and we will, I'm not going to ignore you. I'll say hello and wish you well. But I will not talk about the church, people in the church, or ministries the church is engaged in. The reason is simple. I respect the gospel and I want to do everything in my power to support the ministries and members of Pilgrim church. Second, I know firsthand that honoring the healthy boundaries set for a departing pastor and a congregation can be hard. We will grieve the loss of the relationships shared in the unique way we have enjoyed them as church member and pastor. And that's OK. You've heard me often quote Jamie Anderson who wrote: "Grief is just love with no place to go." Know that I will grieve the loss of our relationships, and I am grateful for our time together, and my love for the congregation will be reflected in the relationships I create in my new ministry setting. My hope is that this will be your experience with your next spiritual leader in-kind. Considering my departure this means letting go of the relationships we share and letting God guide us both in new directions.

Amen and Alleluia,

Pastor Rob

A Note from our Council President

Hello Pilgrim Members and Friends,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. There is a lot going on at Pilgrim and I would like to provide a few updates.

As you are all aware by now, Pastor Rob Van Ess is leaving Pilgrim UCC. His resignation has brought up a lot of emotions for many. We wish him well at his new call at Congregational UCC Neenah/Menasha. His dynamic sermons will be missed.

We are very fortunate to have called an interim Pastor. I am excited that Rev. Kathryn "Jeannie" Douglas will be joining us at Pilgrim. Rev. Jeannie is an Intentional Interim Pastor. She refers to herself as "Coach" and is looking forward to working with us to heal from the loss of Pastor Rob and get ready to call a new settled pastor. Currently Pastor Jeannie is serving Congregation UCC. Her first day at Pilgrim will be August 1. Please join me in welcoming her to Pilgrim. She has shared that one of her interests is assisting in the growth of church leadership.

In the gap week between Pastor Rob's last Sunday (July 21) and Rev. Jeannie's first day (Aug. 1), Pastor Steven Stepp from Church of Peace will be available for pastoral needs. The Worship Ministry has provided pulpit supply for July 28.

I am also pleased to announce that we have chosen a Search and Call Committee! The committee consists of 8 Pilgrim members: Neal Sieglaff, Tina Potter, Barb Roder, Lucia Golla, Wendy Ellison, Brad Leonhard, Chris Frederick and Steven Wichowski. Brad Leonhard will serve as the chair for the committee. We will do a blessing and commissioning of the team in August once Pastor Jeannie has settled in. Their first task will be to update and post a church profile online. I thank all the members and recognize that this is a big commitment of their time and talents. I would like to share that during the orientation meeting the Search Committee learned that a settled pastor in our conference stays an average of 2-5 years. Although Pilgrim has enjoyed much longer relationships with settled pastors in the past, it is unlikely for us to retain a settled pastor for lengthy periods in the future. Although Pastor Rob's resignation came as a shock to most, it is within the conference average. Our goal of course is to retain a pastor for as long as possible.

Members of the Executive Committee met with Pastor Rob to conduct an Exit Interview. I would like to share what we learned.

In response to the question "What led you to accepting a call to serve at Pilgrim?" He shared that Pilgrim Church had the financial and volunteer resources to do outreach ministry in the community; Pilgrim had aspirations to do new things and he was looking to relocate closer to family.

In response to the question "Why did you choose to leave Pilgrim Church?" Pastor Rob shared that he felt there was a gap between leadership and the congregation. He attributed some of this to a lack of turnover in council ministry representatives. He indicated that he felt the congregation was welcoming and helpful.

In response to the question "What can the congregation do to help in your transition?", Pastor Rob indicated that he will ask the congregation for a year of not being contacted about church affairs. This is a standard ethical boundary that needs to be set by departing pastors.

A few takeaways from this interview: We need more active participation from our members in relation to our 7 Ministries which includes regular rotation of ministry representation to the council. A second area of focus recommended was updating church By Laws. A third area of focus recommended was connecting leadership to the congregation.

Prior to Pastor Rob tendering his resignation the church council sought the assistance of the conference Conflict Transformation Team. With the assistance of this team the council has begun work on developing a Leadership Covenant that will help guide the leadership at Pilgrim and help build a responsive relationship with the pastor. In the near future we will also look at the structure and responsibilities of the Pastoral Relations Committee and how best to utilize and structure this committee in welcoming interim and new settled pastors. In addition we will be looking at adopting a Relational Covenant. This Relational Covenant or Congregational Code will mirror the Ministerial Code that pastors are bound to. This may be something that is done in conjunction with our WISE Covenant. We feel that with these covenants in place, Pilgrim will be better prepared to welcome a new settled pastor.

If there are any questions or concerns during this time of transition, please reach out to me.

Patti



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



1. Introduce yourself to us? (Who are you? Where do you live? Who do you live with? What do you do? Where are you from?)

I've lived in Fondy since 2020, having spent most of my life in the LaCrosse area (specifically Galesville). I've also lived portions of my adult life in Seattle, Atlanta, and Madison. My reason for moving here is that both of my daughters (and my four grand kids) are also here.

2. Who or what has the biggest influence on you in your life right now?

Overall that would be my parents but they've been gone for quite awhile. Presently I would have to say that my faith in God is the biggest influence in my life.

3. What do you do for fun/ hobby/ relaxation?

I like to fish, ride motorcycles, play with my grandkids, and exercise.

4. What is the number one thing you wish people knew about you?

That even though I'm a relatively quiet person, I enjoy being around people and that I wish well for everyone!

5. What has brought you to Pilgrim United Church of Christ?

My daughter Holly is the secretary at Rosenow and is acquainted with several Pilgrims. She told me that Pilgrim really seemed like my kind of church and she was right! Everyone I've met is open, friendly and non judgemental.

WE NEED YOU!

Five years ago, at our 2019 annual meeting, Pilgrim UCC became an Open and Affirming (ONA) church.

This means that we affirmed the full inclusion of the LGBTQIA+ community at Pilgrim as well as challenging ourselves to make our faith community accessible to ALL people.

Did I mention that was over FIVE years ago!?!? While we at Pilgrim have accepted our challenge of being Open and Affirming, we do not have an active ONA group at Pilgrim nor an active plan on how to represent our ONA status at Pilgrim or out in the Fond du Lac community.

We would like to start Pilgrim's ONA Team in September 2024!

Please let Sue Kaiser (suekai@aol.com and phone - 920.946.5563) know if you are interested in participating in this new and exciting Pilgrim Team!

The Christian Outreach Committee will be **collecting for the Fondy Food Pantry in the month of September**. We will have a box placed between the front doors. Please keep an eye out for the box. There are many families in need of groceries.

Also....Jean Wright will be looking for people to be part of the Alternative Gift Fair in December. If you have an idea for an organization you would like to have in the fair, please talk to Jean.

Thank you.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

**SCHOOL STARTS SOON...
and SO DOES ADULT EDUCATION at PILGRIM**



**Adult Forum
Begins September 15th**

Meet on Sunday Mornings from
10:15AM to 11:15AM

in the **church lounge** for those wishing to attend in person. 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

EXPANDING HORIZONS



Begins September 18th

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=cGxJaOpJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88978012384?pwd=cGxJaOpJbExSM0FFWEtIMmtJYzNodz09)
Meeting ID: 889 7801 2384 Passcode: 762316

The Fall Adult Education Brochure will arrive in your mail later this month with a complete listing of programs. The September Quill will have all the details of our September programs.

Several Excellent Reasons for Attending Adult Education Classes....

You are always welcome!
Support for your faith journey!
Laugh a lot!
You are accepted!
Timely topics!
It's fun!
Really yummy snacks!
Learn new things!
Be challenged!
Make friends!
Experience spiritual growth!
Good fellowship!

Pilgrim Members,

I am seeking any members who would be interested in joining the group of members who usher on Sunday mornings or Worship lead. If you are interested in helping with these important parts of worship, please reach out to me as I will be preparing the rotation lists for the September-January time frames. If you have any questions of what this would include, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Thanks Linda Stutz

rlgp1964@att.net



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.



Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Community Family Fun Night!

The Christian Education Ministry will again be offering our annual August Family Fun Night out on Pilgrim's beautiful lawn for the community to come and join us for an evening of games, fun and fellowship! The date for this event will be **Thursday, August, 8th from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors!**

There will be a bounce house, carnival games with prizes, BINGO, crafts, a cookie walk, food, music and friendship and fellowship!. **NEW THIS YEAR** will be a live band featuring one of Pilgrim's very own youth (Vicki Dietenberger!) and her band, **Seven Heads**. Come listen and enjoy a fun filled evening.

As always, we will need many volunteers to help with this event. A sign up poster is in the narthex and you may always reach out to Karen with any questions you may have.

Sunday School Classes

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

It is important that we know if your child/children will be planning to attend Sunday school classes this year. PLEASE, fill out an enrollment form (there is one included in this edition of the Quill or they can be found on the table in the narthex) and put on Karen's desk. This will enable the CE ministry to help in planning as we need to order materials.

This year we will be returning to the use of the SPARK curriculum which will follow along with the Sunday morning lectionary.

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

Our first day of classes will be on Sunday, August 15th at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall for opening worship.

Please note that new this year will be our **ALL CHURCH KICKOFF POTLUCK BRUNCH** held after worship on **September 8th**. Come join your church family as we kickoff our new program year here at Pilgrim!

Heifer International Update

Many of you may remember back to last spring when the youth were standing in the narthex collecting your loose change for Heifer International. Well I'm super pleased to announce that your generous donations over the many weeks of the children collecting added up to \$169.24. Karen was able to spend that money on a day when there was a 5x match! That means that instead of buying 1 of any particular animal, our donation was matched 5 times! We were able to donate 5 sheep, 5 Honeybee Hives and 5 flocks of chicks. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT of this endeavor the children do to help give to others in need of making their lives better.

Blessings,
Karen



If you've been wondering what the SCRIP program is here at Pilgrim, it is a program where you purchase gift cards to area businesses (or chain stores even) for the amount you want and the church earns a percentage for that gift card purchased. For example: If you purchase a \$100 Kwik Trip card, Pilgrim is currently earning 10% back from Kwik Trip, that means we make a profit of \$10 for that one card purchased. Each business determines their own amount of what percentage they are willing to donate but it all adds up to help Pilgrim!

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

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

Karen

Sunday School

2024/2025 Sunday School Enrollment Form

I give my permission to have my child/children photographed; understanding that these photos may or may not be used for publicity in newspapers, our church website, other social media venues, and even on our bulletin covers.

_____ Yes _____ No

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone (H): _____

E-mail: _____ Phone (W): _____ Phone (cell): _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade '24-25: _____

Does your child have any allergies? Yes ___ No ___

Please list: _____

Does your child take any medications? Yes ___ No ___

Please list: _____

Does your child have any physical limitations or medical conditions we should be aware of? Yes ___ No ___

Please list: _____

**Please return by Sunday, August 18, 2024 to Karen
Additional children sign up on back**

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade '24-25: _____

Does your child have any allergies? Yes ___ No ___

Please list: _____

Does your child take any medications? Yes ___ No ___

Please list: _____

Does your child have any physical limitations or medical conditions we should be aware of? Yes ___ No ___

Please list: _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade '24-25: _____

Does your child have any allergies? Yes___ No___

Please list: _____

Does your child take any medications? Yes___ No___

Please list: _____

Does your child have any physical limitations or medical conditions we should be aware of? Yes___ No___

Please list: _____

Child's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Grade '24-25: _____

Does your child have any allergies? Yes___ No___

Please list: _____

Does your child take any medications? Yes___ No___

Please list: _____

Does your child have any physical limitations or medical conditions we should be aware of? Yes___ No___

Please list: _____



WISE WISDOM CORNER

WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged for Mental Health) Wisdom

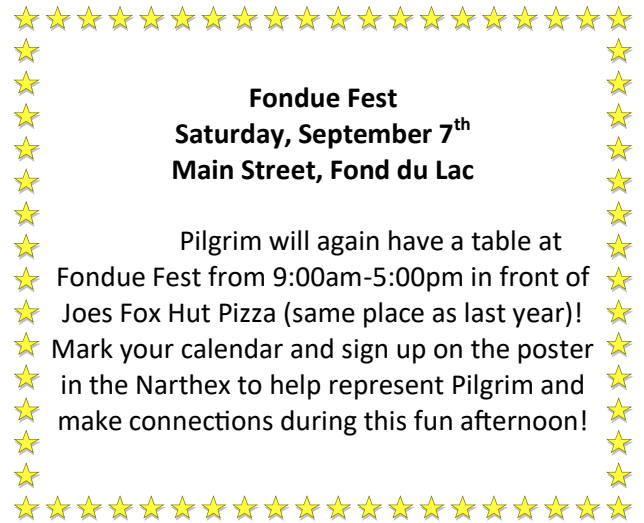
Raising Awareness:

People with a mental illness, their family, friends, and colleagues often suffer from a lack of awareness about a condition and the resulting stigma -- a set of negative and often unfair beliefs that a society or group of people have -- associated with mental illness. The more you read about different illness, the better equipped you will be to counter these stereotypes. Watching a movie that dramatizes the effects of stigma can also help. Here are two good ones:

A Beautiful Mind is a true biopic about John Nash, a brilliant Nobel Prize-winning mathematician who struggled with delusions. The need to develop respect for what he was going through is a major element in this path-breaking drama.

Rose is a drama about Inger, a schizophrenic woman who goes on a road trip to Paris with her sister and brother-in-law. The other tourists on their bus are unnerved when Inger announces that she is a schizophrenic but she proves their prejudices wrong and becomes a valued member of their tour.

From: www.spiritualityandpractice.com



Fondue Fest
Saturday, September 7th
Main Street, Fond du Lac

Pilgrim will again have a table at Fondue Fest from 9:00am-5:00pm in front of Joes Fox Hut Pizza (same place as last year)! Mark your calendar and sign up on the poster in the Narthex to help represent Pilgrim and make connections during this fun afternoon!

Kick Off!

ALL Church Kick-Off Sunday!

- **September 8th, 2024**
- Following Worship
- Potluck Brunch
- Sign-up poster in the narthex (please include # of family attending)
- Bring a dish to share
- Join the fun!!

Sponsored by the Worship, Christian Education, Adult Ed and Laylife Ministries

Committee/Ministry Corner

For those of you who are not be familiar with Pilgrim's Memorial Fund Committee, it was established as a way to donate gifts in honor of a relative or loved one who has passed away. These donations are typically monetary and once received, the committee then decides how best to utilize the money. They are obligated to get approval from the Church Council for any purchases over \$1000 and before any non-monetary donation is accepted.

A committee member sends out thank you acknowledgements to anyone providing a memorial. In addition, the family of the deceased individual is sent a list of those who gave memorial gifts, but are not furnished with the amount given by each donor.

Some of the items recently purchased with memorial funds include: camera & video equipment, office furniture, chairs for the narthex, pottery communion set, sanctuary handrail, new drapes for the lounge, magnetic dry-ease board, kitchen utility cart and money towards the Welcoming Center Credenza.

Individuals or groups may ask to receive funds from the Memorial Committee by submitting a Request Form, which can be found in the wall organizer just inside the church office. A completed form can then be placed in the Memorial Fund mail slot.

Questions can be directed to any committee member: Chris Frederick, Patti Burns or Dianne Bentley.

Ushers for August	
Date	9:00 Service
August 4	Bill & Patti Burns
August 11	Avery & Barb Geiger
August 18	Bart & Dawn Dahlke
August 25	Jim & Dianne Bentley

Welcomers for August	
Date	9:00 Service
August 4	Jim & Dianne Bentley
August 11	Avery Geiger
August 18	Fran Schmid
August 25	Judie Behnke

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

It's August once again...here are a couple reminders you've read before...

Parents – check **immunization and sports physical requirements** for the upcoming school season. The State of Wisconsin requires a sports physical every 2 years before starting the fall sports. Please contact your Primary Care Provider with questions and/or to schedule an appointment before the end of August rush.

When shopping for a **new backpack**, remember to look for ones that have wide straps and that rests snugly above the small of the back.

There are informational brochures on the ledge under the bulletin board.

Ultra-Processed Foods

This time of year I'm all about processing... canning, dehydrating and freezing the garden bounty. Technically, these products can be defined as *processed foods* – changed in some way from their original form (like salsa from a tomato). Interestingly, there is no "official" definition of *Ultra-Processed foods*, and yet we hear that label.

The most accepted thought is that *"Ultra-Processed foods (sometimes called highly processed foods) are foods that have been altered to include fats, starches, sugars, salts and hydrogenated oils extracted from other foods. They're a patchwork of ingredients, additives and preservatives."* Some authorities agree that a long list of ingredients is a primary indicator of an ultra-processed food. And one 2016 study called them *"formulations that besides salt, sugar, oils, and fats, include substances not used in culinary preparations."* The study authors went on to include *"anything that used additives to imitate the qualities of "real" foods"*.

Fats, sugars, salt, hydrogenated oils etc. add flavor and give foods a longer shelf life. Some examples of ultra-processed foods are: chicken nuggets, frozen meals, packaged soups, boxed mac and cheese, hot dogs, chips, crackers, soft drinks, baked goods, cheese in a can, and sweetened breakfast cereals. Convenient, readily available, filling and relatively inexpensive, these types of foods now account for more than half of the daily calorie intake

for many people in the US. From a medical standpoint, fats, sugar, salt and hydrogenation contribute to inflammation in the body as well as add calories without nutrition. And that makes ultra processed foods not the healthy choice.

As always - educating yourself and awareness are key. Substituting a minimally processed food (e.g baked potato) for an ultra processed one (e.g. french fries) in your diet, may feel insignificant, but those small changes add up over time. Reading food labels and choosing foods with fewer (if any) dyes and chemicals can automatically lead to healthier choices. (e.g. chocolate flavoring vs chocolate or cocoa. Choose chocolate or cocoa...).

This time of year in Wisconsin, fresh foods are more readily available - please take advantage of our locally grown abundance, minimally process and enjoy!



Prairie Garden

Many of you have asked when work on the prairie garden will start. I now have answers. We have always planned on a fall planting as this will give us the germinating conditions so the time is getting close.

Green Team members will meet with Native Niche, the company doing the work, the second week of August to establish the perimeter. Over the next three weeks, the area will be sprayed two times to kill any grass and weeds in the area. In early September the area will be tilled. Depending on what weeds and grass germinate after the tilling, the area may be sprayed a third time.

September 26 or 27th will be the day of planting. Seed will be mixed into sawdust on site just before planting. Of course, we aren't in charge of the weather, so dates may vary a little.



I appreciate being able to present my students' recital at Pilgrim United Church of Christ. Please add this check to the Christian Education whiteboards.

Thank you,
Janice Westphal

Dear Friends from Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of unprecedented challenges, you are standing with them. Now more than ever, we are so grateful for your generous support.

Your contribution provides warmth, comfort and hope to neighbors near and far. It provides a tangible reminder to migrant families that they are not alone as they seek safety. It wraps refugees in warmth as they arrive in the United States to build a new future. It provides comfort to our neighbors who have lost homes or are struggling in the face of extreme challenges. Around the world, your support means relief and hope.

Because of you, Church World Service is able to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. Thanks to your compassion, we can — and will—change lives.

Sincerely,
Rick Santos
President and CEO
Church World Service

Dear Friend,

I can't thank you enough for supporting The Salvation Army with your recent donation of \$1,000.

Lost and hurting people are coming to us in great numbers—more than we've seen before. Every day we see folks trying to navigate the heartbreak of a job loss or families struggling to overcome a crisis. It's tough, but friends like you make it possible to carry on.

Your generosity allows us to make a positive impact in people's lives and we are deeply committed to using every penny of your contribution to its fullest—offering life-changing support and service to those in need.

Thank you for making the decision to help our less fortunate neighbors.

Sincerely,
Lieutenant Daniel Champlin
Corps Officer

Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

This letter comes with my warm appreciation for your gift of \$1000 to Feeding America Eastern Wisconsin. Your donation provides 4,000 meals to those facing hunger in our communities.

Thanks to you, we are hard at work preparing for the increase in need we see over the summer months. While many of us look forward to the sunshine and warmth that summer brings, it can be a challenging season for families who are struggling to put food on the table. For food insecure children, the end of the school year means losing access to critical breakfast and lunch programs that help them stay nourished. Your support ensures these families have somewhere to turn and that they have access to the healthy food they need to thrive.

Thank you for joining us in our mission and sharing our vision of a hunger-free Wisconsin.

Sincerely,
Patti Habeck
President and CEO

Thank you for the use of the lounge for our PEO meetings.

Enclosed is a donation for use in March—June.

We appreciate the homey atmosphere the lounge provides us.

Ellen Sieglaff
Treasurer PEO
Chapter DO

Dear Pilgrim United Church of Christ,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$484.75 in support of our youth programs. Your belief in our mission fuels our dedication to do whatever it takes to create a brighter future for every child who walks through our doors.

At the Boys and Girls Club, we believe that all children deserve access to a nurturing environment where they can learn, grow, and thrive. It takes caring mentors, such as our trained Club staff. It takes safe spaces, like our Club sites that are consistently there for the kids they serve. And it takes innovative, quality programs designed to empower youth to excel in school and lead healthy, productive lives. Through your support, we are making that vision a reality for all young people in our community.

Once again, thank you for helping us give youth what matters most – meaningful life experiences they need today to become anything they can dream tomorrow. Together, we are fulfilling our promise to every kid, every day. We are grateful to have you as a valued member of our community.

Sincerely,

Dan Hebel
Chief Executive Officer

Tiffany Heim
Director of Resource
Development

Dear Christian Friends:

We are so very grateful for your support of our mission, and for your generous donation of \$500.00 to support New Beginnings! Together, you and New Beginnings bring a brighter beginning to our beautiful little miracles of life. Together, we show our residents that caring and love are what matters.

Support and generosity to New Beginnings is the reason we are able to provide a positive alternative to pregnant women in crisis situations, ensure the birth of their unborn child, help them make lifestyle changes, and give them hope for their future.

Not only does New Beginnings support the women and children that come to stay at our home, but we also extend our services to families in need in our community. On average, we provide 60 families per month with needed baby supplies. That's about 720 families in the community a year that we can assist!

We are grateful for your generosity, your trust and most importantly, your commitment to our mission. On behalf of New Beginnings Staff, Board of Directors, and residents, thank you for your generous support!

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

Your words have comforted us. Your support has strengthened us and your love has sustained us. We extend a heartfelt thank you for your kindness during our greatest sadness. We appreciate it more than words can express and will always be remembered.

The Family of Judith M. Goetsch

Dear Friends,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the recent \$1,000.00 donation from your Trust Fund Committee. Your donation has been designated for Daycholah Center.

Because of your generous support, we can continue to welcome more guests to these sacred places, provide scholarships, improve UCCI facilities, and grow our community. Friends like you help keep our programs strong and are vital to fulfilling our mission. *We will love God, all others, and the earth by providing sanctuary, practicing hospitality, and performing ministry.*

Moon Beach, Daycholah Center, and Cedar Valley each have a long history of providing meaningful camps, retreats, and events that foster community, and provide much-needed time to unplug and deepen connections with nature and the Creator. A parent recently reflected the success of our mission back to us by sharing, "I felt like my family was loved unconditionally. Kudos to such a wonderful community, it's clear that this organization is built on love."

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. UCCI is deeply grateful for your prayers, participation, and financial support. We look forward to keeping you updated on the many ways outdoor ministry is here to serve you.

Blessings,
Rev. James Schleif
Executive Director
executivedirector@ucci.org

Dear Amazing Church People,

Thank you very much for your support of Dorian and his desire to go to Daycholah Camp. Dorian loves camp and appreciates being able to go each year. We are blessed to call you our church family.

Amber Kilawee

LOAVES AND FISHES PROGRAM UPDATE

Fond du Lac Loaves and Fishes is a program that provides two meals per week to friends in need. Our church joins with approximately 30 other community churches and groups to prepare and serve these meals. Church of Peace is the site where the meals are distributed.

This year, we have served meals on February 7th, and most recently, May 8th. On May 8th, we provided meals for 149 individuals and had some food leftover to give to the Katharine Drexler Shelter. We have two more meals to provide this year. We will be serving on Wednesday, August 14th and Monday, September 30th.

We are so very thankful for the ongoing help provided by so many from our church. For the May meal, thank you Patty, Bobbie, Sue, Connie, Randy, Linda, Fran, Pete, Mary, Brian, and Barb. Thank you Peg, Chris, Barb, Carol, Bud, Joanne, Doug, and Valerie. Thank you Judie, Judi, Barb, Bruce, Barb, Deb, Pearl, Paisley, and Dianne. To anyone we missed, thank you.

If you have questions please contact either of us. We would love to have more people join us in this effort.

Thank you.
Karen Goodacre
Jim Bentley



2 Todd Moely
 Bob Cornell
 Jean Cornell
 3 Verabelle Pattee
 4 Barb Spies
 9 Donna Overbo
 11 Amber Kilawee
 12 Diana Beck
 13 Wendy Ellison
 Brandon Petersen
 14 Jason Laudolff
 15 Lynne Zwerg
 Bart Dahlke
 16 Tammy Steier
 23 Julia Etheridge
 28 Gretchen Schadeberg
 29 Kerm Giles
 31 Barb Mittelstaedt
 Ryan Jackson



August 4 Kevin & Mary Berens
 August 5 Peg & Richard Bradley
 August 7 Albert & Whitney Curl
 August 8 Bob & Jane Flaherty
 August 10 Brandon & Jill Petersen
 August 11 Neal & Ellen Sieglaff
 August 12 Ryan & Stephanie Jackson
 August 20 Patty & Mark Minter
 August 22 Kristie & Patrick Luckow
 August 30 Doug & Joanne Baltz
 August 31 Gary & Joni Greenfield

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: _____

Summer Noon Organ Recital Series 2024



The following area organists will be presenting recitals this summer. Free-will offerings will be taken. Proceeds will go to a scholarship fund to support the training of young organists and the promotion of future series of summer organ recitals.

Organist	Date	Place
Ann Lemmenes	Thursday, June 13, 12:15pm	Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle 51 W. Division, FdL
Brent Nolte	Sunday, June 16, 4:00 pm	St. Patrick's Concert Hall 39 E. Follett Street, FdL
Kenneth Hill	Thursday, June 20, 12:15pm	Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle 51 W. Division, FdL
Wendy Pelletier Mark Bollum	Thursday, June 27, 12:15pm	St. Mary's Catholic Church 699 Milwaukee Ave., Lomira, WI
Father Tom Lijewski Wendy Pelletier	Thursday, July 11, 12:15pm	Shepherd of the Hills Catholic Church W1562 County Road B, Eden, WI 53019
Kenneth Hill	Thursday, July 18, 12:15pm	Hope Lutheran Church 260 Vincent St., FdL
Libby Reinbold	Thursday, July 25, 12:15pm	Salem Methodist Church 120 Sheboygan St., FdL
Kris Bartelt	Thursday, Aug. 1, 12:15pm	First Presbyterian Church, 1225 Fourth St Rd., FdL
David Heller	Thursday, Aug. 8, 12:15pm	Church of Our Saviour Lutheran 363 S. Main St., FdL
Arpad Muranyi	Thursday, Aug. 15, 12:15pm	St. Patrick's Concert Hall 39 E. Follett Street, FdL
Georgene Antos Jill Soldner	Thursday, Aug. 22, 12:15pm	St. Mary's Catholic Church 699 Milwaukee Ave., Lomira, WI

For more information, please visit our website fdlareaorganists.com, follow us on Facebook, or contact:

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Ken Hill	kenhill0333@gmail.com	920-539-3977

Fond du Lac Area Organists Association



The mission of the Downtown Fond du Lac Night Market is to draw positive attention to the downtown business district of Fond du Lac while fostering community collaborations through art, music, and experiences.

The Downtown Fond du Lac Night Market will be a vibrant open-air street market dedicated to leisurely strolling, shopping, and eating. The Downtown Fond du Lac Night Market will be a unique, inclusive, family-friendly, free event.

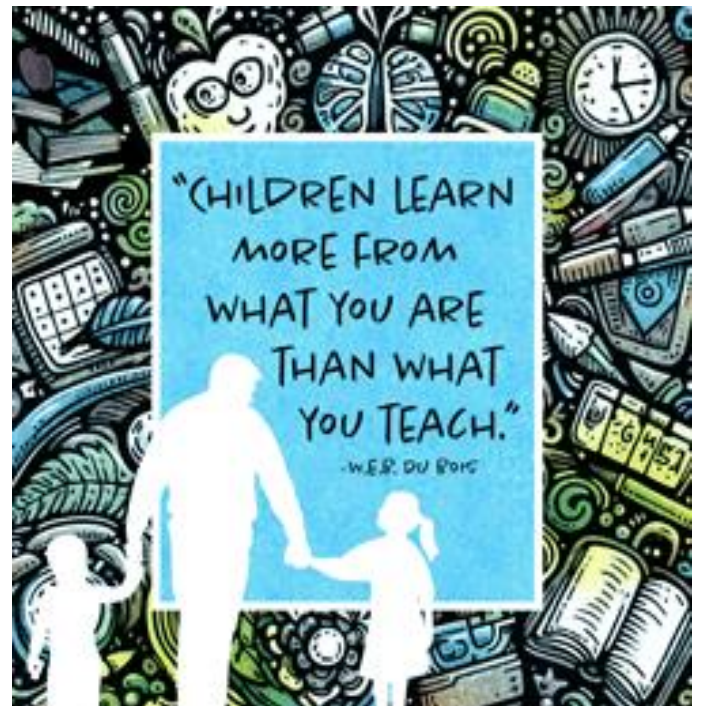
Attendees can expect to see fresh produce, prepared foods, local artists and live music while enjoying a cold beverage. Kids can enjoy playing with the outdoor games that will be available. Enjoy the Downtown Fond du Lac Night Market before you stroll down to Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts – '13 Thursdays of Summer' Concert Series.

As much as we love our furry friends, please leave pets at home for this event.



SATURDAYS • MAY - OCTOBER
8:00 A.M. - NOON • MAIN STREET





**PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY JULY 15,, 2024**

Present: Patty Minter, Linda Stutz, Neal Sieglaff, Patti Burns, Fran Schmid, Ron McCreedy, Jim Bentley, Jill Barbeau

Patti Burns acknowledged a quorum was present at 6:00 PM

Jim Bentley opened the meeting with a prayer

Secretary's Report: Linda Stutz made a motion the special Council meeting minutes be accepted with identified corrections, Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Linda Stutz also made a motion that the June Council meeting minutes be accepted as written, Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report:

Statement of Financial Position

June was a positive month

Dedicated Accounts

Account built for Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

\$500 moved from Trust Fund into account.

Statement of Activities

Good month – Offerings totals were over budget.

Income exceeded expenses by \$1814

Year to date budget remains in the negative; however, improved when compared to last year.

Linda made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jill seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Donna made the following motion Patti Burns sharing:

The Church Council designates that portion of Reverend Kathryn "Jeannie" Douglas' "Housing Allowance" as noted in the Interim Ministry Covenant. This designation and any subsequent amendments will provide housing and related expenses.

Wendy seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Pastor's Report: None

Vice President's Report: Cathy Drew continues to work. Applicants for her position will be interviewed the coming week. Linda Stutz and Peg Bradley will be meeting with a potential candidate for the Adult Education Coordinator.

President's Report: An exit interview was completed with Pastor Rob on Thursday, July 11th. The search team has been established and roles identified and orientation has been completed. Brad Leonhard is the Chair of the team. Pastor Jeannie Douglas will begin her interim term on August 1, 2024. She is working with Donna regarding her financial approvals. Pastor Jeannie is very excited to start working with the leadership team. She is also supportive of us working with the Conflict Transformation team.

OLD BUSINESS: The Conflict Transformation team will be returning in August to work with leadership on establishing a Leadership Covenant.

NEW BUSINESS: Rosenow School Principal called and discussed a plan in which Pilgrim could partner with the school. He would like to do something special for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He would like to have a little contest for the students in which they would honor Martin Luther King Jr. with 'Art' (painting, singing, drawing, spoken as examples). The council agreed that we would like to be involved.

Sue Kaiser would like to start up an ONA group again. Council agrees this would be a great idea and gave her the go ahead.

MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES (as necessary)

Worship & Music – Linda Stutz No report

Christian Education - Family Fun Night, August 8th. Volunteers still needed.

Karen Goodacre spent the \$169.24 that was collected by the youth last spring. She was able to secure a 5x match this year.

Peg Bradley and Linda Stutz asked Karen to collaborate to have a new event to kick off ALL the upcoming programs here at church this fall instead of the 'pancake breakfast' that traditionally was the Sunday School only kick off.

Property and Maintenance – Avery Geiger No report

Lay Life and Leadership – Patty Minter - None

Stewardship and Finance - Ron McCreedy - Income needed for Expenses is \$18,654; June's Income was \$16,796. Sunday Summer attendance usually goes down.

Stewardship would like to see more than 61 Pledging units for 2025 Pledge Drive

Legacy Gift Giving presentations will be done at Sunday Services in May and October similar to a Mission Moment so that Pilgrim members can be made aware of Legacy Gift Giving to our church in Fond du Lac.

Membership and Evangelism – Fran Schmid M & E met July 9th. Fondue Fest is September 9th. PUCC is registered and a poster/sign-up will be in the Narthex soon. We hope to highlight our ONA stance/Covenant. Membership Review is underway with initial goals of being able to report "hard numbers" of Adult Voting Members and confirmed members under 18 years of age (partial voting rights). Also to audit the Directory for accuracy and report to the Search Committee for our Demographic in the Profile.

Christian Outreach – Jill Barbeau - September we will be collecting for the Fondy Food Pantry.

The Rest of the meeting was working on the Leadership Covenant.

The meeting closed at 7:45 PM with the Lord's Prayer.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Community Free FFN	2 7:00 AL-ANON	3
4 9:00 Worship 10:15 Coffee Fellowship 6:00 NA Mtg	5 4:30 Christian Ed	6	7	8 Community Free FFN	9 7:00 AL-ANON	10
11 9:00 Worship 6:00 NA Mtg	12	13 10:00 Adult Ed 10:30 Membership	14	15	16 7:00 AL-ANON	17
18 9:00 Worship 6:00 NA Mtg	19 6:00 Council Meeting	20 10:30 Christian Outreach	21	22	23 7:00 AL-ANON	24
25 9:00 Worship 6:00 NA Mtg	26	27	28	29	30 7:00 AL-ANON	31

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The Pilgrim Quill

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Interim Pastor Rev. Jeannie Douglas
Administrative Assistant Cathy Drew
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
Custodian Floors2Clean
Church Council President Patti Burns
Church Council Vice President Jim Bentley
Church Council Secretary Wendy Ellison
Church Treasurer Donna Jost

Those Who Serve

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, a theologically progressive Christian church, pursues growth in faith, social justice, and respect for all voices-with Jesus as our model for how to live and love.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ Mission Statement