

THE PILGRIM QUILL

JANUARY 2025



Journeying With Jeannie

Dear Members and Friends,

Christmas day has come and gone, and I hope everyone was able to enjoy Christmas day, but really for us, for Christians, Christmas has just begun. Did you know that the “Church” defines Christmas as the season that begins on December 25th? So, this means we are out of step with our culture. For us, we are now really in the Twelve Days of Christmas.

The Twelve Days of Christmas are probably the most misunderstood part of the church year. The origin of the Twelve Days is complicated but it leads us up to the Day of Epiphany. In the Western Church, Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the time the three Wise Men or Magi arrived to present gifts to the young Jesus.

Epiphany begins on January 6th and concludes at the beginning of Lent. Epiphany is known as the “lesser” season, but it is a time of searching for truth by the light of a distant star. To the Magi, Epiphany appears in the brilliance of a star in the night sky and the deep-down desire to follow the light, come what may.

I have often wondered about those traveling stargazers. Which was more fulfilling: finally finding the manger where the Christ Child was, or spending all that time in the deep dark, searching for the meaning of the light in the night sky, trying to comprehend the mystery of it all?

So that brings me to this present day; I know it’s been a long year this last year, and I know we have struggled and learned how to live life differently. So this Epiphany you could be asking yourselves a lot of interesting questions: where does this Epiphany find you? Are you an outsider peering in, hoping the light of God might possibly shine on you? Are you hungering for movement in your spiritual, intellectual, emotional life,

hoping for revelation? Does this Epiphany find you captured in the darkness of longing, grief or loss? Does it leave you looking for something to relieve the misery of a difficult life? Or are you a wanderer on a journey, beholding a far-off light, sensing a desire for movement, and meaning on your life’s journey, curious about what the end is going to be, but fascinated with the journey right now?

Epiphany reminds us that we are on a journey which contains unsearchable riches, mystery and light, grace and forgiveness, love and truth.

Sometimes Christians feel the urgency to explain away the mystery of God and this season of marvelous light. For us we remember that at Christmas, God became like us so we might become more like God. We remind ourselves that by coming to church, (and church is not the walls of a building, it is wherever/whenever we feel the presence of God) participating in community and being willing to be present to the light of God, we are committing ourselves to a way of life rather than a rigid set of beliefs.

By embracing the mystery of God, we get to have serious insights about faith and life, rather than adopting absolute certainties. We can study the Bible and discover in it a faith that liberates us, rather than clinging to the truth it precisely defines. We can live knowing that faith in the mystery of God, is learning how to trust without reservation, not merely believing without proof. For us to embrace the mystery of God is to partnership with God.

The mystery of the light of Epiphany is, that, we too, may be changed. We may move from darkness into light, from a need for certainty into a willingness to abide in search of truth. We may move from the still pools of self-absorption and protection, to becoming living channels for divine mercy and healing love.

God’s desire for us is to be open, loving and joyful human beings, all year long, not just at Christmas; to give love freely as it was given to us freely starting with the babe in the manger. And that love is perhaps the greatest mystery of all.

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and as we look out into a New Year, may God pour out many mysteries on us. May this coming year and may your New Year be more blessed than you could ever imagine.

Blessing to all,
Pastor Jeannie

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ACOLYTE

Some of you may not be familiar with this word. We use it to refer to someone who lights and extinguishes the altar candles at worship time. The meaning of the word is

"a person assisting the celebrant in a religious service". Historically speaking at Pilgrim, we use to have the children grades 3 and up through confirmation light the candles each Sunday September through May. Since COVID we have tried to have them acolyte the first Sunday of the month and the rest of the Sunday's the ushers do this part.

We, the worship ministry would love to have the children or adults be the acolytes for our service, even if this only is on the first Sunday of the month. It is a special part of the service as the acolyte brings the light into the service and then at the end, takes the light of Jesus out into the world.

Please let me know if you have children who would like to be a part of this or if you are an adult and would be able to do this part of the worship service. We will work towards having special acolytes for the first Sunday of the month and the other Sundays will be covered by our wonderful ushers. If we have lots of volunteers, we can expand what Sundays we do this.

Email me or call to let me know your availability
Linda Stutz
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Pilgrim Green Team

Make a New Year’s Resolution to Reduce Plastic Waste! The growth of plastic production has soared in the past half century and now plastic waste has become one of the biggest environmental issues worldwide, polluting land, oceans, air, and even human blood by way of microplastics. The U.S. is a major contributor to the growing global plastic waste problem.

Here are a few New Year’s resolutions you can make to reduce plastic waste in 2025:

- Choose Reusable Items such as reusable water bottles, coffee cups, straws, utensils, shopping bags, produce bags, and lunch containers. Reusing glass jars works great! Avoid/refuse single-use plastics whenever possible, especially for the things you drink. Leave home prepared!
- Transition from single use plastic packaging in household products in your kitchen, bathroom, and cleaning closet. Start with one room and one item (or more!) at a time.
- Bathroom Examples: try toothpaste tablets instead of plastic tubes; body and shampoo bars instead of plastic bottles; toilet cleaning tabs instead of bottled liquids. Bamboo toilet paper is a better alternative to paper products and not packaged in plastic.
- Kitchen Examples: replace plastic baggies with reusable silicone ones or beeswax wrap; tabs or powder dishwasher detergent instead of liquid in bottles; cloth napkins instead of paper; reusable tea bags and bulk tea; bamboo cooking utensils.
- Cleaning & Laundry Examples: Detergent sheets and powders, dryer balls, liquid bleach alternatives, pre-treat laundry and stain remover sticks, bars or powders.
- Reuse Packing. Find new uses for packaging. Make recycling your last option, realizing that less than 10% of the world’s plastics actually can get or do get recycled. Do not “wish-cycle.” If it is not a #1, 2 or 5, it goes in your regular landfill trash.

It’s okay to start with one new thing at a time and keep building more sustainable habits! Good Luck and Happy New Year from Pilgrim’s Green Team.

Loaves and Fishes

Pilgrim Church will serve its first Loaves and Fishes meal for 2025 on **January 29th** at the Church of Peace.

Each time we provide a meal, several volunteers are needed to donate and prepare food, set-up, serve, clean-up and distribute leftovers. It is hoped that those that have helped in the past will volunteer again; new volunteers are always welcome!

The sign-up poster is in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Bentley at 920-922-5093.



Pilgrim Family

We are in need of a funeral refreshment coordinator.

Barb Tadych has done this for so many years and it's time to retire. So many of you are always willing to help but we are in need of one or two people to be the contact person at the time of the funeral to coordinate the volunteer efforts. Please consider if you could be that person. If you have questions speak with Linda Stutz.

Regarding Used Eye Glasses

Drop off boxes for used eyeglasses may be found at the National Exchange Bank, 104 S. Main St., the Fond du Lac Senior Center, 151 E. First St., SSM Eye Department on Camelot Drive and Shopko Optical Center, 616 W. Johnson St. The Evening Lions Club thanks you!

Thank you, Pilgrim Church!

The book Drive for the Salvation Army Toy Distribution day was a huge success! Over 900 books were collected from different area clubs, businesses, friends, family, and Pilgrim Church members. 570 families were able to take two/three books per child. The joy the parents had in selecting the books made it all so worthwhile.

I am beyond appreciative, the books donated were absolutely wonderful! For those who gave a money donation, we purchased Spanish speaking books and books for children of color. These were very well received.

Thank you for contributing to the success of this initiative.

With deep appreciation,

Valerie Graczyk



1946 Watch Party with CSA

1946: The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture is a revolutionary documentary that chronicles how the misuse of a single word changed the course of modern history. What if "homosexual" was never meant to be in the Bible?

CSA is proud to host a watch party for this 90-minute film on Tuesday, January 7 at 6 pm in Founders Hall of the Motherhouse, 320 County Rd K, FDL. Please stay and join us for conversation following the movie.

We invite you and your friends to join us!

Please register with this form: <https://forms.gle/HGTMbcYaU61AkgYB9>

For more information or to watch the movie trailer, visit: <https://www.1946themovie.com/>



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=NklCT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09>

Meeting ID: 876 8245 7999

Passcode: 769374

**January 5
Coffee Fellowship**



January 12

Mental Health: Mind, Body, Spirit

Leaders: WISE Committee

(Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged)
Celebrate Mental Health Wellness Month with the WISE Committee as they draw the lines connecting the dots for overall wellness.

January 19

Gender Identity 201

Leader: Noah Reif

**Community Counselor U.W Madison Extension,
Fond du Lac County**

Noah Reif continues her conversation about gender identity from her visit with us in October. She will go deeper with us and help us to understand gender identity in light of the current culture and our experience.

January 26

Pilgrim ONA 2025

Leaders: Pilgrim ONA Team

Your Pilgrim Open and Affirming Team (Christine Deaner-Rogers, Fran Schmid, Pastor Jeannie Douglas, Sue Kaiser, Wendy Ellison) invites you to share in learning and growing together about what it means to be ONA in 2025 and beyond. Come and join in watching educational videos from the UCC Wider Church about the start of ONA in the UCC church as well as personal stories shared to help us open our eyes and hearts to the people behind the letters (LGBTQIA+).

EXPANDING HORIZONS



Monday Afternoons 1:00PM-2:30PM in the lounge.

To join from home via Zoom the link is:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NklCT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09)

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January 6

**The Supreme Court Today: An Update on
Contemporary Issues and Key Cases**

Leader: Dr. Paisley Harris

Retired Assoc. Professor UW-Oshkosh will offer historical and legal perspectives on key decisions from the previous and current Supreme Court terms.

January 13

**Historical and Legal Perspectives on the 2024 Election
and Our Incoming Executive Branch and Congress**

Leader: Dr. Paisley Harris

Retired Assoc. Professor UW-Oshkosh will reflect on the past election and consider what to expect with the new administration.

January 20, 27 & February 3

Be Like Jesus- Live Like Jesus

Leader: Mary Ann Otto

Co-Producer/President BJLLJ INC.

Hear about the need for and making of this nationally known small group video series. Learn about its mission to create a more loving and peaceful world by becoming more Christ-like. Experience sessions such as Be Vulnerable, Be Present, Be Compassionate, Be Merciful, etc.



Happy New Year!

Think about what you want your healthy life to look like...physical flexibility and mobility along with feeling connected and strong? As we enter 2025, please focus on making it the best year yet in caring for yourself!

"You have a solemn obligation to take care of yourself because you never know when the world will need you." Rabbi Hillel, the Elder.

Third Spaces

The idea of Third Spaces is not a new one - it began with Ray Oldenburg, a Sociologist in the late 1980's and early 1990's. A Third Space is a place that people gather to socialize that is not home or work, and is important for overall health. Some examples could be coffee shops, taverns, churches, fitness centers, clubs and senior centers as long as they are easily accessible, physically comfortable and conducive to conversation. "What seems to be happening is that we've developed a form of society in which technology fixes a lot of problems...but we're becoming less interdependent and that means we spend less time together and there is an absence of connection."

He stressed that if you don't have a comfortable Third Space, to make that a priority - because a lack of connection and isolation will have physical and emotional consequences. (like an increased risk of heart disease, stroke, dementia, and depression.) That sounds like a good New Years' resolution to me!

Check out the bulletin board for more mental wellness information.

A First of 2025 Blood Pressure Check Opportunity!

After the worship service on January 5th, stop in across from the office and get your blood pressure checked by Deb Wamser. It's quick, painless and an indication of how hard your heart is working to circulate blood through your body. Another New Years' Resolution... just sayin'.

January is WISE Mental Wellness Month - Mind-Body-Spirit

Do you wonder how to use those little squares of apparent squiggles that say "scan here"? Come to the January 5th coffee time after the service and Brad Leonhard will show you how to use them - along with a list of resources for Mental Health Challenges that he's developed!

On January 12th, the WISE team will be facilitating the Adult Forum - Mental Wellness: Mind, Body, Spirit. All are so interconnected that one cannot be affected without the others being changed/challenged also.

Colds and Flu reminders

Just a reminder that the cold/influenza/pneumonia/croup...anything upper respiratory...season is here. The easiest prevention practice is effective hand washing - before eating, when visibly soiled, and after using a bathroom. The next easiest is to keep hands away from the face (no nose/teeth picking, or eye rubbing). If you can avoid people who are obviously coughing, snotty or achy, please do so. And if you yourself don't feel well, please practice good self care and stay home.

WISE Wisdom Corner

Welcome To Holland
By Emily Perl Kingsley



I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with any kind of disability or mental health condition - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this.....

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guide books and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum. Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The flight attendant comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!?" you say. "What do you mean Holland?? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guide books. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around.... and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills....and Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy... and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain of that will never, ever, ever, ever go away... because the loss of that dream is a very very significant loss.

But... if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things ... about Holland.

Notes from Karen

(Our Sunday School Director)

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School Update

Thank you to everyone who helped the Sunday school's monthly collection for the Fondy Food Pantry. There was a lot of peanut butter collected! For the months of January and February, we will be collecting spaghetti sauce and/or pasta. As we all know, the needs for families to have enough food is very high and whatever we can do to help is a blessing to those in need.

The children presented a few Christmas songs to share with the congregation on Sunday December 15th. A huge thank you to Chris Deaner-Rogers and Susan Holl for all their help with the practices and the day of the program. It was much appreciated.

Again this year, Ellen and Neal were gracious enough to have treat bags for all the children. Thank you both! The children always love receiving them.

Christmas Caroling

On **Friday, December 13th**, 8 people braved the cold and visited 5 member's homes to bring a little holiday cheer through caroling. Thank you to those who were able to go! They returned to church for hot chocolate, cookies and played JINGO BINGO!

Birthday Bank Donations

On Sunday morning, December 15th, the Sunday school program was able to present a check to representatives from Rosenow School for \$441.05 to help with needs for Christmas for a few of their families. Another check for the same amount was given to St. Katharine Drexel Homeless Shelter to help with needs they have to make a brighter Christmas for a few of their families as well.

It goes without saying that this kind of donation would not be possible without the continued generosity of all of our members and friends of Pilgrim! Whether celebrating a birthday or an anniversary (or sometimes just the generosity of someone putting money into the bank), it really says a statement of who we are at Pilgrim. Thank you to EVERYONE who has helped to fill our bank so that once a year the children can choose a local non-profit organization to help.

Intergenerational BINGO

On **Friday, January 17th from 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.** the CE ministry will be hosting an evening of fun by playing **BINGO!** There will be prizes and the best part is there is no fee to play! Where else can you go to play BINGO for free? Invite a friend and come join us for an evening of fun and fellowship. Everyone is invited!



**2nd Creation Care Grant Approved
for Pilgrim UCC in Fond du Lac**

The Wisconsin Creation Care Team has awarded us another \$1000 grant. This time it is for purchasing and installing a bike rack. Having a bike rack near the front door will make it more convenient and appealing to ride a bike to church. It's a practical way to support sustainability and encourage a healthier, more active lifestyle.

When it comes to eco-friendliness, bikes are hard to beat. Bikes are zero-emission vehicles, consume zero fossil fuels and are pollution-free. Compared to cars, bikes take up relatively little space.

Adding a bike rack to our property embraces the concept that small changes make a difference. We don't expect all churchgoers to get rid of their cars, but that doesn't mean it isn't worthwhile to make biking to church easy and acceptable. A bike rack is a natural extension of our commitment to reducing our carbon footprint.

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Have you made a New Year's Resolution yet? My challenge to all of you for the New Year is to continue to help make Pilgrim's SCRIP program the best it can be! TOGETHER we can accomplish this.... The SCRIP program at Pilgrim continues to offer a variety of gift cards to area businesses that you can use for your weekly shopping, travels and restaurants. I want to personally thank everyone that has been continuing to use SCRIP on a regular basis. It's wonderful to see some new faces utilizing the SCRIP program. Each SCRIP card sold helps to make a percentage for the church's budget. If you have any questions about the SCRIP program or I can be of any assistance in helping you to use SCRIP, please don't hesitate to give me a call @ 904-5740. Thanks and Happy New Year!
Karen

Christian Outreach

For the month of January we will be asking for birthday cake pans for the Fondy Food Pantry.

It's a great way to help families celebrate a child's birthday!

There will be a sample of a "birthday cake pan" in the Narthex.

Here are the recommendations for the cake pan:

- Cake Mix
- Canned Frosting
- Candles
- Color book/crayons
- Reading Book
- Small toy

Remember....these are recommendations, not required items. Whatever you would like to include will be appreciated.

One more note...all items should be put in a 2 gallon Ziploc bag.

Thank you for your help.

The Christian Outreach Committee

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Martin Luther King Day

On Monday, January 20, 2025 the community will be celebrating the birthday of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr with the FdL School District's Public Open House.

The event will take place at the Goodrich Little Theater on the corner of Linden and 9th Streets from 10 am to Noon. Parking is available.

Children in the district will be providing music, art and performances around the theme of a quote from Dr. King. He said, "The time is always right to do what is right." What does it mean to do the right thing?

Pilgrim Church has a partnership with Rosenow Elementary School and we are being asked to provide for some of the refreshments—namely 12 dozen cookies. So now we all have a way to use up those leftover Christmas cookies! Or bake a few dozen more if you wish!. The cookies will be collected at the church kitchen on Sunday January 19th and Monday by 9 am on the 20th. Please secure them so they don't spill and Fran will deliver them to Goodrich Little Theater on the 20th.

Do plan to come and listen to and view what the children have to say about this man and the holiday honoring him. No school for the holiday!

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for the month of January for donating cookies.



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



January 17	Jim & Dianne Bentley
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Ushers for January

Date	9:00 Service
January 5	Bart & Dawn Dahlke
January 12	Linda Stutz & Kaitlyn Zick
January 19	Jim & Dianne Bentley
January 26	Steve & Rachel Wicichowski

Welcomers for January

Date	9:00 Service
January 5	Linda Stutz
January 12	Fran Schmid
January 19	Jim & Dianne Bentley
January 26	Judie Behnke

Worship Leaders for January

Date	9:00 Service
January 5	Sue Kaiser
January 12	Noreen Henderson
January 19	Jill Barbeau
January 28	Ellen Sieglaff

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you sincerely for your valued gift we received in November.
May the Lord bless you, as you have blessed his poor.

Dear Pilgrim Church,
Thank you for your generous gift to Back Bay Mission.
Your gift to *Friends of the Mission* makes it possible to meet the most urgent needs of the poor and marginalized of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Grace and Peace,
James Pennington
Executive Director

Dear Pilgrim Church,
On behalf of all of us at NAMI Fond du Lac County, we want to thank you for your generous donation.
Your donation will help us in reaching out to family members and friends of persons with mental illness with valuable programs, and to our community with opportunities for awareness on mental health issues.

Respectfully,
Sue Mitchell Metz
Executive Coordinator

PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Present: Reverend Jeannie, Donna Jost, Patti Burns, Jim Bentley, Chris Frederick, Dixie Sullivan, Ron McCreedy, Patty Minter, Linda Stutz, Jill Barbeau, Fran Schmid, (Guests) Gary Ring, A Cory Ring, Tracy Ablor.

Patti Burns acknowledged a quorum was present and welcomed members, The Leadership Covenant was also reviewed.

Reverend Jeannie opened the meeting with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: The secretary's report was accepted with corrections by unanimous consent. Linda Stutz made the motion, Fran Schmid seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: Donna reported an additional \$100 was moved to the Warming Shelter support from what was listed.

OCWM will be paid this month.

An audit was done for the first ¾ of the year. In January the last quarter of the year will be audited and included will be SCRIPT and the Memorial fund. Kevin also did a thorough audit regarding insurance and feels strongly we are under insured and should talk to an agent re: insurance. Patti will have Avery invite Kevin to a Property/Maintenance meeting to discuss this. There is an agent listed through Church Mutual.

Donna asked Vesta Accounting to provide a quote for us to outsource our payroll.

Patti Burns made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Ron McCreedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Pastor's Report: Sent via Email. To be attached.

Vice President's Report: Karen Goodacre is currently on Medical leave and unable to work at this time.

Committee/Ministry Reports are due to the Administrative Assistant by December, 15, 2024.

President's Report: A new code was chosen, Patti will inform Avery and will notify the council when the code has been changed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gary Ring presented a request and proposal for a Memorial Garden on the Church grounds. He is requesting to have some 'seed' monies to be provided to the Green Team and Memorial Committee to develop and initiate this Memorial Garden. He provided prospective plans but is open to start on a much smaller scale. The purpose for this would be for those who wish to spread their or loved one's ashes on church grounds as well as a meditation/ prayer space.

Tracy Ablor shared that the Green Team would be able to help with fund raising for this project as well as how to mark areas that individuals' cremains are buried.

Chris Frederick will work with Gary Ring to produce an article for the Quill to describe the proposal as to a Memorial/ Prayer garden.

The council stated that this is something we will have to look into as how to proceed and its legality and permits etc. This will be carried over to the next meeting in December or January.

Linda Stutz reported that the Pastoral Relations committee will be meeting with Pastor Jeannie in the near future. Linda also stated with the recent multiple funerals at the church it has been identified there needs to be a designated coordinator who can work with the family and church. Her recommendation is that it is more than one person to be responsible. This will be carried over to the December Council meeting under OLD Business.

Jill brought up some difficulties regarding office operations. Pastor Jeannie agrees. The Personnel Committee will meet regarding the concerns.

MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Worship/Ministry: Linda Stutz (Council Representative) Next meeting is November 20th.

Christian Education: Dixie Sullivan (Council Representative) Susan Holl, Joy Jones, and Max Hoyer have agreed to be on the CE ministry, they are aware that Jim Bentley will no longer continue on the ministry to take on even bigger and better duties and Chris Clementi will still need to be asked if she will continue. The last Family Fun Night was on Friday, November 15th which was to make tie blankets. 22 people attended. There was an abundant donation of fleece to use at the event. Adult Ed asked to write a Mission Statement. They are also working on the spring semester offerings.

Property/Maintenance: Avery Geiger (Council Rep.) The gutters were cleaned out on October 22. Leaves were removed on the north side of the church on Nov. 5th. Stuart's Landscaping trimmed the shrubs on November 8th for \$1584. Rubber feet on folding chairs need replacing. There are replacement feet in the storage closet. Avery put an article in the bulletin and Quill asking for volunteers. Jim Bentley asked what it would entail. We may do some chairs at the next meeting if time permits.

Lay Life & Leadership: Patty Minter (Council Rep.) No new report.

Stewardship & Finance: Ron McCreedy (Council Rep.) Rummage sale \$4141.00/ Total \$9,614 or \$3614 more than Budgeted. Pre-Festival Cash - \$4,463.00. Current – January – October= Sunday Cash Giving to date \$3,390. All Committee Budgets for 2025 are due before Friday, Nov. 29th.

Stewardship moments scheduled: Nov. 24, Linda Stutz, Worship

Dec. 1, Ron McCreedy, Stewardship drive Kick off. Stewardship would like to encourage more Pledging from Pilgrim Membership.

Membership & Evangelism: Fran Schmid (Council Rep.) The last meeting was canceled. Letters were sent out to individuals to inquire if they wished to remain on the active member list for the church.

Christian Outreach: Jill Barbeau (Council Rep.) Next meeting is November 19th. The Angel Tree will be going up sometime after Thanksgiving. The Toys for Tots boxes remain in the Entry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee: Currently working on who all members are on different missions/committees

Ham Dinner: Sales were slightly lower this year but it remains a great success.

Memorial Fund Committee: Committee is reviewing guidelines for how much monies can go into the fund.

Green Team: Container placed in the hall to collect old light strings for recycle.

WISE

SCRIP

Trust Fund Report: The Committee is needing another member.

The Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:00PM.


Respectfully Submitted:

Wendy Ellison, Council Secretary.



January



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:00 Worship 10:15 SS 10:15 Coffee Hour Blood Pressure Day	 6 EPIPHANY 1:00 Expanding Horizons 4:30 Christian Ed.	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Ed	13 1:00 Expanding Horizons	14 11:00 Membership Mtg 4:30 Worship Mtg 5:00 Property Mtg	15	16	17 BINGO 6-7:30 PM	18
19 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Ed	20 Cop 9:00 1:00 Expanding Horizons 6:00 Council Mtg	21 9:30 PEO 11:30 Outreach 1:00 Book Club	22	23	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:15 Adult Ed	27 1:00 Expanding Horizons	28 4:00 Green Team Guild Room	29 Loaves & Fishes	30	31	

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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.

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