



# THE PILGRIM QUILL

MARCH 2025

## Journeying With Jeannie

This last Sunday, during the children's time, I asked them why they came to church. Our biggest answer is "for connection". We come to church every Sunday to connect with other's over our love of God.

Now, as the Easter season approaches, I pulled out a book I remember reading a few years ago. The book is Lillian Daniel's book *When "Spiritual But Not Religious" Is Not Enough*. I reread it because it makes me think about our connections. Her premise is that more and more people are searching for God—as long as the search is not in church. In this book she talks about how the "spiritual but not religious" people seem to always find God in nature, in exercise, in the "sweet insights" of their children, in trees and sunsets. Then she says they say these things as if they are the first to ever discover God in a sunset, as if those of us who are a part of church, do not know we can find God in nature.

I agree with some of her points. It feels like the church is shrinking and we have a hard time getting people to come through the church doors. We struggle reaching out to people and we forget that the United Church of Christ (and other churches) understands the struggle to incorporate our religious beliefs with our daily lives. But we also understand the need for the support of our church family as part of our spiritual community.

Here I have taken an excerpt from Lillian Daniel's book, because I think it expresses what some of us feel about how those who claim "spiritual but not religious":

I am tired of people who say they want a church like mine but cannot be bothered to attend one. And I am tired of people who criticize churches like mine and go somewhere else.

So I resonate with the angry words from letters to the early church that criticize shallow believers with itchy ears. I feel like I live in a

society where stupid and simple spirituality always trumps the depth of a complex faith. We are a people of itchy ears, who depart from sound doctrine in favor of easy answers. Perhaps I am really just tired of myself. In criticizing others in their faith, I hardly live up to the best in my own faith. Perhaps the people who irritate me the most are exposing my own false doctrines. And this is why I can't do this religion thing all by myself. This is why I need a community.

~Lillian Daniel~

Being a part of the Christian church community, we have learned that it is harder to see God in the face of suffering and death, poverty and injustice, worldwide disaster and, most of all, fallible human beings. As we go through this Lenten journey, we do well to continue to reach out to others, to look beyond our own needs and to serve others in their need. We do well to take the focus off ourselves ("it's not all about me") and begin to see each other as partners on this journey we call life. Jesus knew it would be tough to go it alone, that's why he chose close friends to join him on his mission. Having a church we call home is our way of getting through the tough times and having people to lean on when we need support.

May this Lenten season bring each one of us new insights on what it means to us all to be a part of a community that puts the needs of others before our own needs.

Blessings upon us all,

Pastor Jeannie

**Lenten Schedule, Services on Wednesday's at 6:00 as follows:**

March 12 at PUCC with soup dinner at 5:00  
 March 19 at PUCC (only our church)  
 March 26 at Salem UCC in Wayne  
 April 2 at PUCC (only our church)  
 April 9 at Church of Peace

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**Holy Week Schedule:**

April 13 Palm Sunday 9:00 am  
 April 17 Maundy Thursday at Church of Peace 6:00 pm  
 April 18 Good Friday at PUCC 6:00 pm  
 April 20 Easter Sunday 9:00 am

**Lenten Soup Supper**

Please join us for a community UCC soup supper

When: March 12, 2025

Time: 5:00 pm

Where: Pilgrim Church fellowship/guild room

A free will offering will be accepted

After our soup supper, worship will be held in the sanctuary beginning at 6:00pm

We look forward to hosting our guests from Church of Peace and Salem UCC as we partner together for the Lenten service season.

Lind Stutz

**TIME FOR CELEBRATION OF MS. KAREN**

Please join us at coffee hour on March 2, 2025 to celebrate Karen Goodacre's retirement. We will celebrate all her dedication to our Christian education program for over 40 years!

Refreshments will be served after worship in the lounge

Thanks, Linda Stutz

# Christian Education

It is with a heavy heart that Karen shared with the ministry that she would be stepping down as the Director of Christian Education for Children and Families. She couldn't have asked for a better group of individuals to work alongside over the years. She would like to continue to be a resource for the ministry, as her passion for the program remains. Gary Ring has agreed to be the interim chairperson for the remainder of the Sunday School year.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school attendance continues to fluctuate. However, we recognize this is not uncommon following the holidays. The Sunday School children have two upcoming initiatives they would like you help with:

- Fondy Food Pantry Collection: February thru March, the children would like you to bring in spaghetti sauce and dry pasta to donate to the food pantry. Bring your favorite sauces and pasta shapes and help fill some shelves at Fondy Food Pantry!
- Heifer International: The children are raising funds again this year from April thru mid-May. Kick-off will be Sunday, April 6th during the Children's Time. Each following Sunday, you can find the kids in the Narthex after the service to donate your change. You can learn more about their cause by visiting: <https://www.heifer.org/our-work/index.html>

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

In February, the Youth Group gathered to make valentines. March activities are to be determined. Please reach out to Rachel Wicichowski directly with questions: Email:

[ra.burns@hotmail.com](mailto:ra.burns@hotmail.com)

Phone: 920-238-5919

## INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS

### Past Events

January 17 was our Intergenerational Bingo Night. There was a whopping 27 people of all ages in attendance. It was an evening filled with laughter & community, one-of-a-kind prizes, and no shortage of goodies. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the ministry members for organizing.

### Upcoming Events

## INTERGENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT

Details: Friday, March 21, 2025,

6PM - 7:30PM @ Pilgrim UCC

Bring: Your friends/family,  
favorite snacks & games to share  
for a fun-filled night!



 **Adult Education Opportunities**  
**ADULT FORUM**

Sunday mornings from 10:15AM to 11:15AM in the lounge. There will be a few minutes to chat after Worship before the program begins promptly at 10:15AM. For those who prefer to join from home, the link for the programs will be the same throughout the semester. To join the Zoom Meeting the link is:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NkICTOZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09)  
[pwd=NkICTOZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NkICTOZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09)

**March 2**  
**Coffee Fellowship**

**March 9**

**State of Homelessness in Fond du Lac and Recent City Council Ordinances**

**Leader: Mike Brezee - Council President St. Vincent De Paul, FDL**

Let's update ourselves! Come join Mike as he shares his wisdom and experience on this important topic.

**March 16**

**Harriet Tubman - EXTRAORDINARY**

**Leader: Mary Ann Otto**

Faithful, Courageous, Generous. A look at the passion and life of an enslaved woman who became a modern-day Moses.

**March 23**

**Kathryn Clarenbach, a Wisconsin Woman's impact on the Modern Women's Movement**

**Leaders: Chris Frederick & David Clarenbach**

Encounter the story of this local amazing woman and her involvement in NOW – The National Organization of Women.

**March 30**

**Solutions and St. Katherine Drexel House**

**Leader: Amy Loof - Executive Director Solutions**

How can we help? Join us to hear the work of this organization in combating homelessness in Fond du Lac.



**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=NkICTOZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09)  
[pwd=NkICTOZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NkICTOZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09)**

**March 3**

**Great Course Lecture Video Series the Lives of Great Christians**

**Leader: Linda Stutz**

Linda will guide us through two lectures with time for discussion. We will hear about Patrick and the Conversion of Ireland as well as St. Benedict and His Rule.

**March 10**

**Women's History Month I: An Overview of Women's Rights in US History**

**Leader: Dr. Paisley Harris - Retired Assoc. Professor UW-Oshkosh**

Dr. Harris will explore the expansion of women's rights over the course of U.S. history.

**March 17**

**Women's History Month II: Unsung Heroines and Untold Stories**

**Leader: Dr. Paisley Harris - Retired Assoc. Professor UW-Oshkosh**

Dr. Harris will introduce us to some of the lesser known but amazing women of history.

**March 24 & 31**

**White Poverty by William J. Barber II**

**Leaders: Peg Bradley, Debbie Wolf, Bobbie Flaherty, Sue Schmidt**

Join the team and "discover how exposing myths about race and class can reconstruct American democracy."



## Quill Articles - March 2025

### For the Calendar:

Blood Pressure Sunday with Barb Geiger – March 2

Pi Day – March 14

First Day of Spring – March 20

Daylight Savings Time – March 9

### Daylight Savings Time

National Sleep Awareness week is March 9-15 – starting on the day most Americans lose an hour of sleep. Their campaign this year is: **“It’s Time to be Your Best Slept Self!”** - highlighting the importance of sleep to health and well-being.

Set your clocks ahead when you go to bed on March 8th and “lose” an hour of sleep. Then be aware that it will take about a week for your body to catch-up with the clocks...not sleepy enough at bedtime, not hungry enough at lunchtime, and not ready to get out of bed at 6:00 - because it still feels like 5:00!

Challenge yourself to try to get at least 8 hours of sleep every night that week and see if you physically and emotionally feel more like your Best Slept Self!

### 3.14159...is celebrated on March 14 – National Pi Day

Pi is math. It’s the ratio of a circles’ circumference to its diameter. The ratio is always the same no matter what size that circle is, and will continue infinitely without repetition or pattern. March 14th is also Albert Einstein’s Birthday.

The health part of this is to celebrate life (release those endorphins!) as we inch closer and closer to spring! “Pi” is pronounced “Pie”, and Pie is generally round – therefore, celebrate by eating (a piece of) pie on 3.14! (even better – share one with a friend!)

### Pre-Lent Blood Pressures with Barb Geiger on March 2nd

The first Sunday of each month, we are offering informal blood pressure screenings. A blood pressure reading is a measurement of how hard the heart is working to pump blood throughout the body. It’s quick, easy and painless!

Stop in the room across from the Office after the service, and Barb will be glad to help you feel good that you are taking control of your health!

### Hiatal Hernias

One of the most common type of hernia is a Hiatal Hernia. Some quick anatomy...The throat is attached to the esophagus which is attached to the stomach. Before it gets to the stomach the esophagus passes through an opening in the diaphragm. The diaphragm is a muscle that separates the abdominal cavity from the chest cavity and helps with breathing by contracting and expanding the chest. A hiatal hernia occurs when the top of the stomach pushes up through that opening into the chest cavity.

Hiatal hernias are common and usually develop slowly over many years. Anything that causes extra pressure on the abdomen can wear on the diaphragm - for example, chronic coughing or sneezing, pregnancy, chronic constipation, obesity, frequent vomiting, and intense exercise with heavy lifting.

Many people who have a hiatal hernia never have symptoms. The most common are related to acid reflux if the stomach acid is able to wash back up into the esophagus: Heartburn, indigestion, burping, and/or a sore throat or hoarseness. Not everyone with a hiatal hernia has acid reflux, and not everyone with acid reflux has a hiatal hernia.

Symptom frequency and severity help determine the best treatment plan. These can include: modifying health habits (smaller/more frequent meals that contain less fat, not laying down after eating, sleeping with the head of the bed raised, weight loss, stopping the use of nicotine products,) and/or medication to decrease the amount of acid in the stomach, and/or minor surgery.

Lent is a time of introspection and listening...to the body as well as the heart. And after months of hibernation, March is the time to start venturing outside and becoming more active. Upper abdominal/chest discomfort should always be reported to a Primary Care Provider - especially if it comes on suddenly or seems “worse”. Awareness of heart and body is self-care. And though it’s never too late to start, Lent is a defined time to practice that self-care. Slow deep breaths (helps strengthen the diaphragm...just sayin’), being open to God’s voice, finding joy in connections...just for the health of it.

Information taken from the Cleveland Clinic

**Search Committee**

The committee continues to work with the new online form to get the final pieces into our profile. We had hoped it would go live yet in February, but it may be March before it happens.

I will let the congregation know in the Friday email blast when it does.

Thank you for all your support

Neal Sieglaff

on behalf of the Search Committee

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**Loaves and Fishes 2025**

The next date Pilgrim UCC will be providing a meal for the **Loaves and Fishes Program will be March 19th**. Each time we provide a meal, several volunteers are needed to donate food items, pre-prepare stroganoff, serve meals at Church of Peace, and help with clean-up. It is hoped that those that have helped in the past will volunteer again...and new volunteers are always welcome!

After serving the March 19th meal, our remaining assigned dates for this year are:

**July 2nd and September 24th.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Bentley at 920-922-5093 or Karen Goodacre at 920-904-5740.  
2-5-2025

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**Greetings,**

Let's gather for some heartwarming conversation. This is a great opportunity to hear from Fond du Lac City Manager, Joe Moore, and to ask questions on topics that concern you.

February 20, 2025, FAMA Meeting

Place: Salem United Methodist Church, 120 Sheboygan St

Time: Noon

Lunch provided: donations accepted to cover the cost.

Peace,

Sister Ruth Battaglia CSA

**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.

## **Attention All Pilgrim UCC Singers AND Local Community Singers!**

Most people who sing in weekly choirs during 'school' months, take the summer off. But, some of us like to keep up a 'light' singing load during off time. Pilgrim is putting together a 'self taught' choir to sing two times during the summer! This Choir would sing Sunday's July 20 & August 17. You do NOT have to be involved in both services - but that would be nice...:)

We are searching for members of Pilgrim, friends of Pilgrim, community members, both young (15/16 years of age) and old (as long as you can stand and move kind of quickly) to cover soprano, alto, tenor and bass parts for this choir.

A minimum of four people (one per voice) is needed.

We would prefer at least two people (or more) per voice!

We would appreciate people who aren't afraid to move - and express enjoyment while singing!

Maybe even a little choreography will be introduced.

No worries - professional dancing is NOT a requirement.

Music - both an mp3 file and a pdf of the sheet music - would be sent to you in April, if you are interested in joining this choir.

Thru either reading the sheet music and/or utilizing the mp3 - you would learn your part over the month of April.

We would gather as a choir - once in May (solos would be handed out at that time -if applicable) and once in June.

These rehearsals could hopefully coincide with (before or after) a Sunday Pilgrim church service (church at Pilgrim is 9:00am-10:00am). The choir will decide on the practice days/time.

Our final practice, with microphones and in Pilgrim's sanctuary, would be the Saturday morning prior to singing:

Saturday's, July 19th and August 16th from 9:00am - 10:30am. (latest until noon)

Please check your calendars.

Contact Sue Kaiser (920-946-5563 - [suekai@aol.com](mailto:suekai@aol.com) - Facebook Messenger) with any questions or to join the choir! We are SO looking forward to hearing from you.

*Sue Kaiser, 920-946-5563*



There are so many ways to utilize the SCRIP program in your daily lives. Did you know??????  
Festival Foods, Pick N Save and Piggly Wiggly are all participants of the SCRIP program and who doesn't go to the grocery store?

Kwik Trip gives the best bang for your buck on our SCRIP program...In fact, for the month of February we will once again be getting 10% back from all Kwik Trip cards sold. What that means is for every \$100 Kwik Trip card sold the church will earn a profit of \$10!

A&W, Backyard Grill, Culvers, Gilles, McDonalds, Schmitty's and Tuckers are just a few of the many area restaurants that are also available through our SCRIP program.

So as you can see this is just a small sampling of the many different ways you can incorporate using SCRIP in your daily lives while helping to support Pilgrim's budget.

If you have not tried using Pilgrim's SCRIP program yet, I would encourage you to do so. It's very user friendly.

Please talk with Karen Goodacre @ 904-5740 if you have any questions regarding the SCRIP program and how it works.

Thanks Everyone,

Karen Goodacre

## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

On Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025 our Sanctuary will be enhanced by a variety of spring flowers. You are invited to purchase a plant or plants by completing the order form below. Please return this form to the church office by mail or by dropping it in the Sunday offering plate. Please enclose your check or cash with the order form; checks should be made out to Pilgrim Church with notation of "Easter Flowers" in the memo section. Please note the deadline for placing an order is Sunday, April 16, 2025. Your flowers may be taken home on Easter Sunday after the 9:00AM worship service.

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

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

Flowers are Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Day to Order ~ Sunday, April 16, 2025**

\*\*ATTN: THERE WAS A FLOWER ORDER ON CATHY'S DESK A WEEK OR SO AGO (PAID)  
BUT THERE WAS NO INFORMATION FILLED OUT;  
PLEASE LET VICKI KNOW IF THIS MIGHT BE YOUR ORDER.





## *Birthdays*

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| 3  | Blane Dille<br>Bryce Dille                 |
| 6  | Les Abitz<br>James Graves                  |
| 9  | Bill Burns                                 |
| 16 | Drew Mueller                               |
| 19 | Hannah Dahlke<br>Fran Schmid               |
| 20 | Wendy Dille<br>Anne Thomas<br>Trey Laudoff |
| 22 | Ginny Gilmore                              |
| 25 | Paul Cleveland                             |
| 26 | Kim Olson                                  |
| 29 | Rich Bradley<br>Renee Holl                 |
| 30 | Mike Abler                                 |



## *Anniversaries*

Mar 11 1996 Gayle & John Mandel  
 Mar 14 1983 Timothy & Bobbie Flaherty  
 Mar 19 2021 Merry & Luke Walter

### Ushers for March

| Date     | 9:00 Service                |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| March 2  | Jim & Dianne Bentley        |
| March 5  | Linda Stutz (Ash Wednesday) |
| March 9  | Kaitlynn Zick & Linda Stutz |
| March 16 | Jim & Dianne Bentley        |
| March 23 | Bart & Dawn Dahlke          |
| March 30 | Barb & Avery Geiger         |

### Welcomers for March

| Date     | 9:00 Service         |
|----------|----------------------|
| March 2  | Jim & Dianne Bentley |
| March 9  | Linda Stutz          |
| March 16 | Fran Schmid          |
| March 23 | Judie Behnke         |
| March 30 | Avery Geiger         |

### Worship Leaders March n

| Date     | 9:00 Service     |
|----------|------------------|
| March 2  | Sue Kaiser       |
| March 9  | Noreen Henderson |
| March 16 | Bob bi Flaherty  |
| March 23 | Linda Stutz      |
| March 30 | Jim Thomas       |



Thank you to all of the people who brought their own reusable place setting to the Welcome Back Potluck Brunch. We noticed.

The next time you are in the church, stop and read the information displayed in the narthex on recycling soft plastics. These are the plastics you can put in the recycling containers at the entrance to grocery and department stores. There is a handout you can take home to identify what can go in these bins.

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Barbara Roder  
cell: 920 251 1484

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**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)

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

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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!

Dear Church Family,

As I write this, I am in the early days of my term as President of the Pilgrim Church Council.

Our church, and my new responsibilities, are often in my thoughts these days. I am sometimes a bit anxious about this new position. I know that I will learn a lot. I know that I will get whatever help I need from so many of you. I have no doubt that I will grow in my faith.

So many of you have been an encouragement to me already. I am thankful for the kind words and expressions of confidence. I will try to believe you are right!

I would be remiss if I did not thank Patti Burns for all she has done to help our church...and me in the past two years. I have learned much from watching her firsthand navigate the many situations and challenges Pilgrim experienced in her term as President. I don't doubt that I will continue to look for opportunities to seek out her thoughts on church matters.

Likewise, I am so very thankful that Linda Stutz has accepted the Vice President position. She is very wise in the ways of our church. Her love for our church is always apparent. Linda's experience and knowledge will help me in multiple ways. I am so very fortunate to have her next to me in leadership.

So, my new adventure in serving Pilgrim UCC begins. I am excited to see what God has in store for us as a church and for me as a person. I have often said to people feeling nervous about an upcoming event in their lives to "try to relax and remember you are among friends."

Perhaps some of you could remind me of this as we go forward together.

Blessings always,

Jim Bentley

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## **Great Start to a New Year! Pilgrim Church Helps Neighbors Around the World Through KIVA!**

Members of the Outreach Ministry have given four loans to people in Tajikistan, Fiji, and Palestine through KIVA. KIVA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. KIVA's mission is to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. KIVA works with micro finance institutions on five continents to provide loans to people without access to traditional banking systems. The \$600 was money that was repaid on other loans Pilgrim has given.

Two women from Tajikistan were chosen to receive loans. The average annual income (USD) is \$2,700. Bunafsha is 33 years old. She lives with her husband and four children. Bunafsha works as a seamstress. She is unable to buy school uniforms for her children. In an effort to keep her children in school she asked for a loan. We can all certainly understand the desire she has to have her children educated.

Marifat also lives in Tajikistan. She is an active and energetic woman with a strong character. She is 21 years old, single and lives with her parents. For three years she has been working in the farming sphere. She has four hectares of land where she grows carrots, onions and potatoes. Her mother is ill and needs hospitalization. Marifat is asking for a loan to buy medicine and pay for her mother's medical costs.

Ulamila lives in Fiji where the average annual income (USD) is \$4,900. Ulamila has been running a prepared meals canteen to support her family of five. She seeks a loan to buy more ingredients and containers and expand her output of home cooked dishes and snacks. She will prepare more of these ready-to-eat meals at home, and deliver them to a local food stall. She is confident she will be able to earn enough to cover her children's school costs.

Ebrahim lives in West Bank, Palestine. He is 58 years old and married. He is an enthusiastic and active man, full of hope and energy. He is a hard worker, serving his family by facing life's challenges. He wants to enhance his family's living standards. He is requesting a loan to buy a solar system for his house to reduce the use of electricity and get hot water.

As we begin a New Year, we can be grateful that we have the opportunity to help others around the world. KIVA allows us not only to help but to begin to understand the problems others face. If you would like to learn more about KIVA see their website [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org) or talk to Peg Bradley or any member of the Outreach Ministry.



| Sun                                                         | Mon                                                                                         | Tue                                     | Wed                                                | Thu                         | Fri | Sat                                                 |
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| 2<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:00 Annual<br>10:15 Sunday School    | 3<br>1:00 Expanding Horizons<br>4:30 Christian Ed<br>5:00 CE Ministry Meeting<br>Guild Room | 4                                       | 5<br><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b><br>6:00pm Service        | 6<br>7:00pm Choir practice  | 7   | 8                                                   |
| 9<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Adult Ed  | 10<br>10:00-12:30 COP<br>1:00 Expanding Horizons                                            | 11                                      | 12<br>6:00pm Service                               | 13<br>7:00pm Choir practice | 14  | 15<br>Creation Care Team Conference<br>10:00-2:00pm |
| 16<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Adult Ed | 17<br>1:00 Expanding Horizons<br>6:00 Council Meeting                                       | 18<br>9:30 -11:30 PEO<br>1:30 Book Club | 19<br>6:00pm Service                               | 20<br>7:00pm Choir practice | 21  | 22                                                  |
| 23<br>9:00 Worship<br>10:15 Sunday School<br>10:15 Adult Ed | 24<br>1:00 Expanding Horizons<br>4:00 Green Team - Guild room                               | 25                                      | 26<br>6:00pm Service<br><b>Loaves &amp; Fishes</b> | 27<br>7:00pm Choir practice | 28  | 29                                                  |
| 30                                                          | 31                                                                                          |                                         |                                                    |                             |     |                                                     |

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## The Pilgrim Quill

### Pilgrim United Church of Christ Mission Statement

*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.*

### Those Who Serve

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| Pastor .....                        | Rev. Jeannie Douglas |
| Administrative Assistant.....       | Vicki Humbert        |
| Parish Nurse .....                  | Sue Schmitz          |
| Sunday School C .....               |                      |
| Youth Coordinator.....              | Gary Ring            |
| Adult Education Coordinator.....    | Mary Ann Otto        |
| Worship Musician.....               | Chris Deaner-Rogers  |
| Choir Director .....                | Zachary Ball         |
| Choir Accompanist .....             | Chris Deaner-Rogers  |
| Custodian.....                      | Green & Clean        |
| Church Council President .....      | Jim Bentley          |
| Church Council Vice President ..... | Linda Stutz          |
| Church Council Secretary .....      | Wendy Ellison        |
| Church Treasurer .....              | Donna Jost           |

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