



THE PILGRIM QUILL

APRIL 2025

Journeying With Jeannie

Dear Members and Friends,

Last week it looked like spring was here, this week, not so much. Hopefully, though, spring will be here soon!! However, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday are just around the corner, and we have a lot to look forward to as Christians.

When I was young, I remember my dad’s favorite holiday was Easter. I never really knew why, but I did know Easter Day was a day we would spend together as a family. We would always get up early and go to church. Then when we got home, change our clothes, pack a picnic lunch, get our fishing gear together, and take off on a family outing. Always the perfect day (remember I was in California where we really didn’t know snow lasted longer than a day).

Spring does that to us. It brings new life, a feeling of freshness, and a new outlook on life. Even the word “spring” has a bounce to it. And so, I am looking forward, once again, to spring and Easter and all that follows.

Easter, of course we all know, means new life. “The Easter story is the axis of Christian faith. Our lives orbit the mystery of the empty tomb like the earth around the sun. In the Resurrection, the God of new things transforms reality and offers hope and life to all.”

In the weeks to come, we will experience the new life that comes with the death and resurrection of Christ. Because Easter is so important for us as Christians, I would encourage everyone, during Holy week, to come to as many of the services offered that week, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday (which will be held at Church of Peace UCC, here in Fond du Lac), Good Friday, and of course East-

er Sunday. It will not only be a time of education, but it will also help us once again walk together through the last week of Jesus’ life. Then, of course, Easter also begins the 50-day period that lasts until the day of Pentecost.

My hope is, as we prepare for spring and Easter, we notice the “new life” that is springing before our eyes. That we enjoy the colors, the warm weather, and the freshness that is coming our way. And, once again, we begin to realize the awesomeness of all that Jesus has done for us.

During this season of New Life, let us remember all Jesus has done for us and let us enjoy all the beauty that surrounds us.

Easter Blessings to all,

Rev. Jeannie Douglas



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

April 2 at PUC
April 9 at Church of Peace



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 PUC 6:00 pm
April 20 Easter Sunday 9:00 am

Loaves & Fishes 2025

The next date Pilgrim UCC will be providing a meal for the Loaves and Fishes Program will be **July 2nd**. Each time we provide a meal, several volunteers are needed to donate food items, 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 July 2nd meal, our remaining assigned date for this year is **September 24th**. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Bentley at 920-922-5093 or Karen Goodacre at 920-904-5740.

There will be an Easter Coffee Hour on April 20 after the service.

Also the **sign up sheet for Diners Club** is up and its for April 27. Destination is The Red Cabin.

Patty Minter



Search Committee report

It is confirmed that the Pilgrim Profile became available online at oppsearch.ucc.org as of March 17, 2025.

The committee continues to work on interview questions to use once candidates are identified. Once there are applications we will meet with conference associate minister Jane Anderson again to review the process of evaluating applications and pastor profiles.

Neal Sieglaff - primary contact to the congregation

Bradley Leonhard - chair

Barbara Roder & Tina Potter - profile writers

Chris Frederick - track candidates / evaluations process

Lucia Golla - primary communications to candidates

Steven Wicichowski - Chaplain

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Pilgrim Memorial Garden

Gardens are sacred places. They bring rest, beauty and peace into our hectic lives. The earliest story in Genesis tells us about the Garden of Eden. The last stories about Jesus' life reminds us that Jesus retreated to the Garden of Gethsemane for prayer. Gardens can be places of healing, renewal and contemplation.

Memorial Gardens are places where ashes can be scattered or buried among the plantings or trees. Many churches use a portion of their properties for a Memorial Garden. Our church teaches that the love of God is with us from our first breath to our last. Our church family offers support and care through all of life's transitions.

Several members of Pilgrim would like to explore the idea of having a Memorial Garden on our property. At this time, there are two people whose cremains are buried on the property. Some preliminary gathering of information has been done and funds have been given to the Memorial Committee to support a Memorial Garden.

You are invited to join us for our next meeting to be held Thursday, April 17 at 10AM in the church lounge. Please give this your consideration. Many voices need to be heard as this garden is being considered. If you would like more information but are unable to attend the meeting please speak to or email: Gary Ring (garyring@charter.net) or Peg Bradley (peg1@charter.net).

Adult Classes
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

April 6
Coffee Fellowship

April 13

Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler
Leader: Chris Deane-Rogers
 What do we do when everything we thought made sense, no longer does?

April 20—EASTER—NO SESSION

April 27

Grace Abounds: God's Abundance against the Fear of Scarcity by Walter Brueggemann
Leader: Chris Deane-Rogers
 Explore the human struggle of smallness of mind that hinders us from selfless sharing.

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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)
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April 7 & 14
To Be Announced

April 21 & 28

Scripture: Acts of the Apostles
Leader: Dr. Brian Smith by Zoom
 Professor Emeritus of Religion Ripon College Explore the lives and work of the early disciples following the death and resurrection of Jesus.

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April Showers... Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance...just sayin'

Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings

On **April 6th**, Judy Burton will be available in the room across from the office to take blood pressures after the worship service. It's a quick and painless measurement of how hard your heart is working to circulate blood throughout your body.

A Reminder to those with Environmental Allergies and/or Asthma

Pollen season is upon us! Plants produce carbon dioxide as they leaf out, and that in turn tells the plants to produce pollen. Higher levels of pollen may correlate with worsening allergy and asthma symptoms.

Be aware and proactive. When you check the weather, also check the pollen/dust/mold counts. If any of these are "high", be sure to have your rescue inhaler or medications on hand, and don't wait for your symptoms to become unbearable before using them and/or getting help.

In the News...Measles

As I write this (mid-March) we are hearing about outbreaks and concerns related to vaccination rates. By the time you read this, the status may have changed, but the basic information about measles will be the same.

Measles is a highly contagious virus. It is spread via airborne particles – through coughs, sneezes, and direct contact with the mouth or nasal secretions of an infected person. It can also hang around in the environment for a couple hours after being spewed – with or without the "spewer" present. Symptoms usually develop 10–12 days after exposure (it's a virus - a person can spread it before knowing they have it). Initial symptoms typically include fever often greater than 104°F, cough, runny nose, and reddened eyes. A flat rash begins three to five days after the start of symptoms and lasts up to eight days. There is no specific treatment

- like for instance Paxlovid for the COVID virus. With measles, it's treating the symptoms of fever, cough, dehydration and generalized discomfort. Common complications include diarrhea, middle ear infection and pneumonia, and are usually more severe in adults, infants and toddlers under the age of 5, pregnant women, and those who are immunocompromised.

The modern measles vaccine was released by Merck in 1968 and other than a recommendation in 1989 to increase it to 2 doses, (following Europe's guidelines) the composition has not changed. It is considered safe and highly effective at **preventing** the disease. If you have had measles or have had the 2 vaccines, you do not need a booster.

Given the ease of transmission and our highly mobile society, I doubt the spread of measles will be isolated. If you don't know if you had measles or the 2 vaccines as a child, and/or are just plain concerned, please contact your Primary Care Provider for guidance.

We Need April Fools Day!

Laughter increases circulation, reduces stress hormones, lowers blood pressure, burns calories, increases oxygen, relaxes muscles, enhances endorphins for a "feel good" feeling and helps with focusing and learning. (It's the antidote for anxiety and fear!) This month, focus on having "a merry heart" and honor those who make you laugh – those friends are good for your health! (It says so in the Bible)

Here are some actual newspaper ad bloopers to get your merry heart started:

Auto Repair Service. Try us once; you'll never go anywhere again.

*Stock up and Save! Limit one per customer
Tired of cleaning yourself? Let me do it.
Our Bikinis are exciting. They are simply the tops!*

*For Rent: Six room hated apartment.
Illiterate? Write today for help.*

*Superstore – unequaled in size, unmatched
In variety, unrivaled inconvenience.*

*Vacation special: Have your home exterminated. Get rid of Aunts.
For Sale: Antique desk suitable for a lady with thick legs and large drawers.*

National HealthCare Decision Awareness Day – April 16th What if...

Anyone 18 years old and older has the right to make their own decisions about their medical care. If something happens and they can't (temporarily or permanently) do that, the responsibility will fall to the "next of kin". (Married – to the spouse. Not married – to the parents, then children, then siblings). An Advance Directive names a decision-maker and gives direction to what a person would want in a "What if..." situation. It's a gift to loved ones - the gift of knowledge.

Please check out the handouts on the table in the Narthex and help yourself.

You can promote environmental and social justice through your congregations Ecopalm purchasing decisions!

Did You Know?

Approximately 308 million palm fronds were consumed in the United States in 1998.

Palm purchases for Palm Sunday may be worth up to 4.5 million dollars/year.

A congregation of 1,100 to 1,500 members will order approximately 700 Palm fronds for Palm Sunday services.

Palm gathering actually protects valuable natural forests.

At least half of the farmers in the Central Peten of Guatemala earn additional income from harvesting fronds.

And, more than a quarter of household heads support themselves exclusively by collecting fronds.

Each palm plant produces 2 to 5 harvestable leaves over a 2 to 4 month period.

How?

Promoting Social justice

Harvesting palms is an important source of income but gatherers receive a low price.

Gatherers will receive a higher price for their "fair trade palms improving their income.

Promoting Environmental stewardship

Palms will be sustainably harvested and managed protecting the palms and the forests they need for shade.

Why a "Fair Trade" Palm?

To improve income and living conditions for the communities gathering the palm.

To protect the palms and the important forests from which they are gathered through sustainable harvest programs.

**PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, February 17, 2025

Present: Jim Bentley, Linda Stutz, Peg Bradley, Donna Jost, Avery Geiger, Patty Minter, McCreedy, Avery Geiger, Pastor Jeannie (Via Zoom)

Jim Bentley welcomed all and acknowledged a quorum was present at 6:05 PM. Jim also opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report: There were changes in wording in the January minutes and a sentence deleted. The draft copy had been placed in the Quill prior to the corrections. The final copy of the January minutes are attached to the Council packet and filed in the church files. Linda Stutz made the motion the final copy of the January Council minutes be accepted, Patty Minter seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. Liabilities and Assets are in the black. The staff increases will not be added until next month. Avery suggested that since we were not able to review the information from the Audit Committee prior to the Council meeting it be tabled until the March meeting and will be placed under Old Business. There was a \$720 charge paid to Heid Music. There were 2 entries under the Worship line. Donna will check to ensure this was not a double payment. Accepted by unanimous consent.

Pastor's Report: We will be sharing Lenten services with only 2 other churches. This leaves 2 weeks of Lenten that there is no Service. For those not covered with the other churches we will have those services here at Pilgrim for our church. Pastor discussed a request made by a member to have a 'Noon Day' party at the church on either March 19th or April 2nd prior to the Lenten service. She will notify the member that the 'Noon Day Party' can occur on March 19th prior to the service.

President's Report: Jim passed out the Leadership Covenant for all to review. Jim also stated that he has been working with the Administrative Assistant and has realized Vicki has made great progress in learning the job but still needs to learn so much more. Please do not assume anything and when providing items to her please provide explanations as to what she is to do with them.

Vice President's Report: Discussion ensued as to what needs to be done with the vacant position of Youth/Child Christian Education director. Linda will take it back to the Christian Education Committee and get information as to what is really needed. Gary will step up and be acting Youth/Child Christian Education Director for the remainder of the School year. March 2nd we will celebrate Karen for her years of dedicated service during Coffee Hour.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Memorial Garden- We will continue to carry this over in Old Business to keep it alive. Gary has provided a letter from the City of Fond du Lac regarding some of the questions the Council had regarding the laws regarding cremains and a memory garden. Peg Bradley shared with Council how the idea of a Memory Garden first came up.
- Update on Search Committee- Currently they are at a stand still. They are working with Reverend Jane from the District on getting references for our Profile added to the program being used for the Search.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Vote on revisions to By Laws- This item was from the Annual meeting agenda and to be marked as completed.
- Singing Classes August 11 - 15th with a Recital in the Sanctuary August 15th. Janice Westphal is requesting to use the church for vocal classes and a recital on those dates. Linda made a motion that we allow this to occur, Patty seconded the motion. Motion Passed by unanimous consent.

MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES (as necessary)

- **Property and Maintenance-** Avery Geiger (Council Rep) **Report attached.**
 1. The water fountain near the office was over shooting. Avery adjusted the flow to the fountain and it has been rectified.
 2. The east women's bathroom faucets were difficult to turn on. Avery applied a calcium remover which rectified the issue.
 3. Cintas came and completed their fire extinguisher inspection and replaced old units with refurbished ones. They also inspected 3 which were still in boxes and in storage. They were out of date and needed to be refurbished. They took these 3 extinguishers and will send a quote as to replacing he type K fire extinguishers in the kitchen. Cintas also said they would do a 90 min test on all 7 exit lights for \$140.
 4. Avery looked at our Mutual Insurance Property and Liability policy and talked to a Customer Service rep. The buildings are insured for the cost to replace up to \$4.4 Million dollars. They added a \$5000 deductible on the garage roof and a percentage deductible on the main building for wind and hail damage. All liability limits are at the minimum required by law. They are updated annually to maintain those minimums.

- **Stewardship and Finance-** Ron McCreedy (Council Rep) Review of Monthly Financial Statement:
 1. Stewardship Pledge Drive for Budget 2025- There were 64 Pledges received, representing 150 Pilgrim members out of 223 pilgrim members listed on our membership roles at Pilgrim UCC. (approximately 1/3 of our membership does not formally pledge.
 2. Total Amount Pledged was \$ 163,126.04 (in 2024 there were 60 Pledges adding up to \$160, 400)

- **Christian Outreach-** Peg Bradley (Council Rep) The current collection ill take place from Mid February through Mid March. The focus is on Blandine House. There is a box in the hall.

- **Lay Life-** Patty Minter (Council Rep) They will sponsor a soup supper during Lent prior to one of the Wednesday night services

- **Membership & Evangelism-** Fran Schmid (Council Rep)

Pilgrim was represented at Celebrate CommUNITY on February 15th highlighting our church, our ONA designation and support of Cafe Q. the WISE Team will meet in April – WISE Wisdom will continue each month in the Quill.

- **Worship Ministry –** Steve Wicichowski (Council Rep)
 1. Linda will contact Vicki about ordering the eco-palms for Palm Sunday
 2. The Wednesday Lenten series will be with the Church of Peace, The Salem UCC and PUCC.
 - March 12 at PUCC with a soup dinner at 5:00
 - March 19th
 - March 26h at Salem UCC in Wayne at 6:00
 - April 2
 - April 9 at Church of Peace at 6:00
 - April 17 (Maundy Thursday) at Church of Peace
 - April 18 (Good Friday) at PUCC
 3. The committee is still in search of biodegradable communion cups
 4. discussion will continue on ways the worship leader can do more during the service such as the welcome, announcements, and responsive prayers.

- **Christian Education :** Dixie Sullivan (Council Rep)
 1. Committee members have assumed some of the responsibilities previously done by Karen. Gary Ring will be interim Chairperson and Susan Holl will be secretary.
 2. After Sunday School on February 2nd, the youth made Valentines to mail to church members who are unable to attend church activities.

3. The committee is requesting suggestion sfor activities for the youth group.
4. Several books are ordered for the committee to review for possible presentation sfor Expanding Horizons and Adult Forum. The committee is looking for suggestions for presenters and topics appropriate for Adult Education.

Committee Reports:

- Scrip - Kwik Trip is offering 10% return again so a large order of cards was again obtained.
- Ham Dinner
- Trust Fund
- Nominating Committee:
- Memorial Fund
- Adult Education
- Green Team-
 1. Pete will help Barb with making a decision on bike rack purchase and installation near the front door on the North side.
 2. Barb took the box of recycled holiday lights to Marcoe Recycling. There were 48 pounds and \$2.40 was received. This will be donated to the Birthday Bank.
 3. The Green Team will investigate offering the Film “Kiss The Ground” to possibly present at Adult Ed.

The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Wendy Ellison, Council Secretary

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **March 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**

Christian Outreach

In the month of April we will be collecting for Cafe Q. Gift cards are needed to help the committee for Cafe Q. Cafe Q meets at the Unitarian Church once a week. Gift cards that are needed are: Kwik Trip, Target, Dominoes or Pick n Save.

Our SCRIP program will have the gift cards available. You can purchase the card and put in an envelope on the SCRIP table marked for Cafe Q.

Cafe Q is a group that meets once a week for Middle School kids. It gives them an opportunity to meet with other kids and feel comfortable.

Thank you for your support.

Jill Barbeau

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 13, 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 13,2025

Please hand order in by Sunday, April 13, 2025



Birthdays

2	Owen Olson Jill Petersen
3	Cynthia Fischer Susan Michler
4	Molly Abler
5	Sally Turk Marilyn Hoch
8	Kaitlynn Zick Skye Henderson Arianna Steier
9	Pearl Diorio
11	Dawn Dahlke
12	Avery Geiger
13	Linda Stutz
14	Olivia Olson
16	Gail Vandennack
17	Chris Frederick
20	Gregory Prus
22	Jim Bentley Michael Potter
24	Patrick Friedel Joni Greenfield
26	Gary Ring Molly Abler



Anniversaries

April 4, 1981 Donald & Susan Schmitz
April 26, 1986 Paul & Wendy Dille

Ushers for April

Date	9:00 Service
April 6	Bobbie Flaherty & Donna Jost
April 13	Bill & Patti Burns
April 20	Steven & Rachel Wicuhowski
April 27	Pete Vercouteren & Connie Anderson

Welcomers for April

Date	9:00 Service
April 6	Ron McCreedy
April 13	Jim & Dianne Bentley
April 20	Wendy Ellison
April 27	Bob & Jane Flaherty

Worship Leaders April

Date	9:00 Service
April 6	Sue Kaiser
April 13	Noreen Henderson
April 20	Sue Kaiser
April 27	Sue Schmitz

(Falls are one of the leading causes of deaths in Wisconsin)

Stepping On Program (a 7 week Falls Prevention class through the ADRC)

April 8 - May 20, 1:00pm - 3:00pm at the North Fond du Lac Community Center - 280 Garfield Street)

You'll learn: To identify and remove or avoid fall hazards in your home and outside.

How vision, hearing, medication, and footwear affect your risk of falling.

Strength and balance exercises you can adapt to your individual level.

This program can help you avoid a fall and keep doing the things you enjoy doing!

Call the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center at 920-929-3466 for more information, questions or to sign up!

211 Reminder

2-1-1 is a 24/7 regional call center funded by the FDL Area United Way for "a listening ear, a source of knowledge, or a helping hand". A live trained specialist can assess callers needs and connect them to a local social service agency, government office, or other resource.

Dial 211, text zip code to 898211 or visit online at <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>

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:

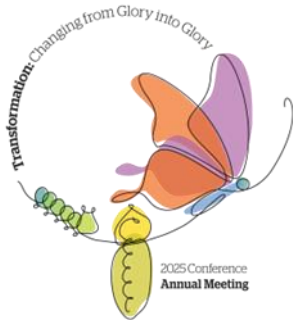
Saturday's, July 19th and August 16th from 9:00am - 10:30am. (latest until noon)

Please check your calendars.

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

Sue Kaiser, 920-946-5563

The **2025 Annual Meeting of the Wisconsin Conference**, is just around the corner. This year is will be held **June 6th – June 7th, 2025** at the **Green Lake Conference Center**.



Transformation: Changing from Glory into Glory

In the whirlwind of changing times, God’s love remains constant though never stagnant. The Holy Spirit is transforming the Church, and we are agents of this movement. In Christ, we are emerging into a new glory of liberating and loving, uniting and collaborating, and generously sharing our ministry resources.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”



Keynote speaker: The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President and the Chief Executive Officer of the United Church of Christ.

If you would like to be one of our delegates, please let Jim Bentley, Linda Stutz, or Pastor Jeannie. If you are a delegate, you will be a voting member of the Annual Meeting Conference. If you would like to just be a visitor you may register at <https://wcucc.org/annual-meeting/>



Creation Justice has a new logo. As we work to educate, equip, and mobilize ourselves to protect, restore, and rightly share God's creation, the new logo captures both the depth of our mission and the theological vision that drives our work. This logo incorporates all the elements of creation – water, plants, sky, and creatures (human and more-than-human) into a whole that evokes the planet earth. This is both an ecological and theological assertion: that when the elements come together, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.

Earth Day is April 22nd

Never doubt that a few people can make a huge difference. From two people with a concern created the first Earth Day in 1970, in the United States. In 2024 over a billion people in 193 countries caught the vision by participating in Earth Day activities. What you do matters.

The theme for Earth Day 2025 is OUR POWER, OUR PLANET, inviting everyone around the globe to unite behind renewable energy, and to triple the global generation of clean electricity by 2030.

Use this link to check out the local Earth Day activities at the CSA Earth Fair, April 26th <https://www.csasisters.org/engage-with-us/earth-fair.cfm>

The next Pilgrim Green Team meeting will be Monday, April 28, 4:00 pm in the Guild room. You are welcome to join us.

Barbara Roder

**COMPOSTING 101 FOR PILGRIM UCC
APRIL 2025**

Many thanks to everyone who is using the church compost bins. We ask that you only compost the following things. If you have questions about what can be put in the bins or if you notice a problem with the bins, please call or email Chris Frederick or Peg Bradley. Their information is in the church directory.

GREENS

COOKED STARCHY SCRAPS
VEGETABLE SCRAPS
FRUIT WASTE
COFFEE GROUNDS
TEA BAGS/LEAVES
CORN HUSKS

STALE/MOLDY BREAD
HUMAN/ANIMAL HAIR
OLD FLOWER BOUQUETS
EGG SHELLS
OLD HERBS & SPICES

BROWNS

LEAVES
SHREDDED STRAW/HAY
SAWDUST
WOOD CHIPS
TWIGS
SHREDDED NEWSPAPER
NUTSHELLS

CORN COBS
TOILET PAPER ROLLS
ASHES FROM WOOD
COTTON THREAD
WOOD SKEWERS
DRYER LINT

AVOID

CITRUS RINDS
TOMATO PRODUCTS
PICKLED FOOD PRODUCTS
GRASS CLIPPINGS
GARDEN WASTE
DAIRY
OIL

FISH
PET WASTE
POULTRY
WEED SEEDS
BONES
GLOSSY PAPER

We appreciate your help creating compost that can be used on our church property.
The Green Team - Barbara Roder, Peg Bradley, Gary Ring, Tracy Abler, Pete Vercouteren, Diana Beck, Bruce Lehman, and Rachel Wiciniowski



Smiles from the Green Team!

"Never too Young to Learn...."

This Little Piggy

This little piggy saved some water,

This little piggy biked for fun,

This little piggy used windmills,

This little piggy used sun.

And this little piggy squealed,

RE-RE-RECYCLE!

All the way home.

From *The Green Mother Goose/*
Saving the World One Rhyme at a Time

Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School children have two upcoming initiatives they would like *your* help with:

- **Fondy Food Pantry Collection:** April & May the children would like you to bring in peanut butter and jelly to donate to the food pantry. Bring your favorite combinations and help the children fill some shelves at Fondy Food Pantry!
- **Heifer International:** The children are raising funds again this year from April through 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>

RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, May 18, 2025 we will take time to recognize our Sunday School children, their teachers and shepherds. Join us to show our appreciation to all those who make our Sunday School program a success!

UCCI SUMMER CAMP

Information regarding registering for the Daycholah Center summer camps is included in this month's Quill. Scholarship information is also included.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The Youth Group plans to help out at the next Loaves & Fishes. Please reach out to Rachel Wicichowski directly with questions: Email: ra.burns@hotmail.com Phone: 920-238-5919

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS

Past Events

February 21 was our **Intergenerational Bowling Night** and the event attracted 28 bowlers and 7 cheerleaders. Fun was had by all! Thank you to everyone who attended and to the ministry members for organizing.

Upcoming Events

Daycholah Center 2025 Summer Youth Camp Schedule

Summer is almost here and online registration is now open for **youth summer camps** at the **Daycholah Center** on Green Lake, just 40 minutes from Fond du Lac. You will need to create an account if you are a first time camper and want to register online for a summer camp. Pilgrim UCC can help pay the cost if you need assistance. Contact Gary Ring or Pastor Jeannie if to need help with the camp cost. Below is the summer calendar for Camp Daycholah (which is the name for summer youth camps). More information can be found on each event by going to their website, www.ucci.org/camp-daycholah.

For assistance with the online registration software, including your account, navigation, saving forms or completing registration, contact **the UCCI office at 866 433-4548**.

The ministry of UCCI has also been blessed by the many current and former campers who have contributed to establishing a scholarship fund. Their generosity has helped make life-changing camping experiences possible for campers for more than a decade. Scholarship request applications are made after registering for a camp. Look in the Forms section for optional forms. Contact UCCI for assistance.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 29	30	July 1	2	3	4	5
Counselor In Training – Grades 9-12					4th of July Family & Friends Camp – Multigenerational	
July 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4th of July	Camp Daycholah 1 – Grades 9-12 Camp Daycholah 1 – Grades 5-8 MADD Camp – Grades 9-12 MADD Camp – Grades 5-8 Tenderfoot – Grades 3-4 And Me 1 – Grades K-2 And Me Preschool – Ages 4-6					
July 13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Camp Daycholah 2 – Grades 9-12 Camp Daycholah 2 – Grades 5-8 Camp Daycholah 2 - Grades 2-4 Con Camp – Grades 9-12 And Me 2 – Grades K-2 And Me One More Time – Grades 3-4						
July 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Camp Daycholah 3 – Grades 9-12 Camp Daycholah 3 – Grades 5-8 Camp Daycholah 3 - Grades 2-4 Sail Camp – Grades 9-12 And Me Adventure – Grades K-2						
July 27	28	29	30	31	Aug. 1	Aug. 2
Night Owl – Grades 9-12 Nighthawk – Grades 5-8 Nightingale - Grades 2-4						



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30pm W/SE	2 11:00 Members & Evangelists Noon Day Presentation 4:30 Soup & Supper 6:00 Service	3 9:30-11:30 PEO 7:00 pm Choir Practice	4 7:00 AL-ANON	5
6 9:00 am Worship 10::15 Sunday School 10:15 am Cofee Hour 6::00 NA mtg	7 1:00 Expanding Horizons 5:00 pm Christian Ed Every 1st Monday	8 9:30-11:30 PEO	9	10 7:00 pm Choir Practice	11 7:00 AL-ANON	12
13 9:00 am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 10:15 Adult Ed 6::00 NA mtg	14 1:00 Expanding Horizons 10:00-11:30 am COP Lounge	15 9:30-11:30 PEO	16	17 7:00 pm Choir Practice	18 6:00 pm Service 7:00 AL-ANON	19
20 9:00 am Worship. 6::00 NA mtg	21 1:00 Expanding Horizons 6:00 pm Council Meeting	22 1:00-2:30 pm Book Club	23	24 7:00 pm Choir Practice	25 7:00 AL-ANON	26
27 9:00 Worship 10::15 Sunday School 10:15 am Adult Ed 6::00 NA mtg	28 1:00 Expanding Horizons 4:00 Green Team Guild Room	29	30			

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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.

Those Who Serve

Pastor	Rev. Jeannie Douglas
Administrative Assistant.....	Vicki Humbert
Parish Nurse	Sue Schmitz
Sunday School Coordinator	
Youth Coordinator.....	Rachel Wicichowski
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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