



THE PILGRIM QUILL

MAY 2025

Journeying With Jeannie

Dear Members and Friends,

Today, I would like to reflect once again on the time of Easter. Everywhere we look, new life is bursting forth. Trees are budding, small shoots are poking through the soil, and early flowers are blooming with vibrant color. Before long, our world will be dressed in a beautiful array of shapes and shades that only God could orchestrate.

This glorious transformation in nature reminds us of the new life we receive in Jesus. Over two thousand years ago, the resurrection of Christ brought new life to the world—and it continues to change lives today.

What a joy it was to celebrate Easter together! But did you know that Easter isn't just one day on the calendar?

Many are familiar with the two great seasons of the Christian church year—Christmas and Easter. These celebrations typically bring full sanctuaries and joyful worship. But they are not just single days of observance. Like Christmas, Easter spans a season: a full seven weeks known as Eastertide or The Great Fifty Days. This sacred time begins at sundown the evening before Easter Sunday and continues for six more Sundays, culminating on Pentecost.

Each Sunday during Eastertide—what you might notice labeled at the top of your bulletin as “The Second Sunday of Easter,” “The Third Sunday of Easter,” and so on—invites us deeper into the mystery and joy of the resurrection. The season reaches its climax on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, often marked as Ascension Day, celebrating not only Jesus' resurrection but also His exaltation as Lord over all (see Ephesians 1:20–22).

Following that, we reach Pentecost Sunday, a day that commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit

upon the disciples. Pentecost is a celebration of empowerment, guidance, and the birth of the Church. It's a day that reminds us that the story of resurrection is also the beginning of mission.

The resurrection of Jesus wasn't just a one-time event—it changed everything. Through Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are set free, filled with energy, and called to live as God's Easter people.

We are invited to live into that transformation—sharing love, speaking hope, and offering grace. Perhaps God is even placing new visions on your heart to share with our church community.

All these church seasons and celebrations aren't just traditions. They are ways of shaping sacred time—reminders of who we are and what we believe. They help us pause, reflect, and respond faithfully to God's great love.

Maybe all this information is more than you thought you'd ever need to know—but here's why it matters: these sacred seasons help us shape time with meaning. They give structure to our worship and deepen our understanding of what it means to live as faithful followers of Christ.

Easter is more than a day—it's a journey. It's a time of preparation, of reflection, and of gratitude for the incredible gift of Christ's resurrection. As we walk through the remainder of Eastertide, let us not forget the cross, the empty tomb, and the Spirit that empowers us still. May we live each day as those who have been given new life, full of purpose, hope, and joy.

Blessings,
Pastor Jeannie

Christian Outreach Offers a New Opportunity

The Outreach Ministry recently learned of a very worthwhile group that welcomes and needs our congregation's help. The Women's Empowerment Series is an annual series, hosted by We EmpowHER, providing guidance to women and children, helping them make positive change. They are dedicated to providing resources and a supportive sisterhood that fosters healthy relationships, empowerment and the ability to build the skills necessary for independence. Twelve weekly sessions for women and children focus on self-discovery, healthy relationships, healing from trauma, resume building, spirituality, mental health, overcoming domestic violence and addiction and more.

Dinner is served each week. **Pilgrim will be providing dinner on Tuesday, May 27th for 100 women and 40 children.** There are several ways you can help:

Provide stroganoff (same recipe as Loaves and Fishes)

Provide oranges or Cuties

Write a check to Pilgrim (note Outreach in the memo space) to help pay for the pizzas we will order for the children

The stroganoff and fruit may be dropped off in the church kitchen from Friday, May 23 to noon, Tuesday, May 27. Please bring the stroganoff unfrozen and put it in the refrigerator. We know the Memorial Day weekend is a busy time and appreciate your willingness to help.

Please sign up on the poster in the foyer.

Pride Picnic –

Sunday, June 22 – 1:00-7:00pm at Lakeside Park

Pilgrim will once again have a table at the Pride Picnic on June 22nd from 1:00 pm (set up at 12:30) until 4:00pm. We will have pride flags, Pilgrim canvas bags, and temporary tattoos to share – along with friendship and fun!

Please see the poster in the Narthex and sign up to be a part of this fun afternoon! *Membership and ONA Ministries.*

Noonday Collection by Sue Kaiser

We have closed the on line portion of our Noonday Collection 'party'. Thanks to all who helped our Noonday Collection friends earn enough dollars to provide a week of work for an artisan partner AND a week of classes for a scholar! This is a direct result of (y)our order. You are encouraged to contact Kendra Johnson (noondaycollectionkendra@gmail.com) at any time to host a party of your own and continue changing lives! Pilgrim - thanks for ALL you DO!!

WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) – FOR Mental Health

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! It's an annual observance established by [Mental Health America](#)* (MHA) to raise awareness about mental health, reduce stigma, and encourage help-seeking behavior. The month is used to educate the public, advocate for improved resources, and celebrate recovery. MHA works to help people lead mentally healthier lives and promotes mental health awareness.

Mental Health America was established by a person with lived experience - Clifford W. Beers. Following the illness and death of his brother, Clifford, a recent graduate of Yale College and a newly minted Wall Street financier, suffered his first episode of bipolar disorder (manic depressive illness). During his stays in public and private institutions, Beers witnessed and was subjected to horrible abuse. At one point during his institutionalization, he was placed in a straitjacket for 21 consecutive nights. From these experiences, Beers set into motion a reform movement that took shape as Mental Health America.

MHA's work has resulted in positive change. They have educated millions about mental illnesses and reduced barriers to treatment and services. As a result of Mental Health America's efforts, many Americans with mental health disorders have sought care and now enjoy fulfilling, productive lives in their communities.

The organization sets forth the following goals:

- to improve attitudes toward mental illness and people living with mental health conditions
- to improve services for people with mental health conditions; and
- to work for the prevention of mental illnesses and the promotion of mental health

The first of these listed goals is an area that Pilgrim UCC as a WISE church can actively work on - DAILY! When we talk about our mental health – consistently, daily– the stigma that ‘something is wrong with us’ slips away as we are supported by others. Others who either have the same situation going on in their lives or are willing to listen (NOT ‘fix’!) and support us as we travel through a mental health anguish of our own. We remember that mental health is not always about a diagnosed mental health illness – but rather that we ALL ‘have’ mental health days and need support! Improving our own attitudes toward mental health is something Pilgrim UCC can actively DO! Everyday.

And here's a little something from MHA to [Nurture Your Spirit!](#)*

Several well-known organizations play significant roles in mental health wellness. There are many more!

Check out all the information offered.

(NAMI) – the [National Alliance on Mental Illness](#)*

(SAMHSA) - the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration](#)*, and

(NIMH) the [National Institute of Mental Health](#)*

Sunday, MAY 4, 2025 2:00PM

75 YEARS OF BROADWAY

By The Fond Du Lac Women's Chorus
In the Sanctuary

 **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=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09)
[pwd=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09)

May 4
Coffee Fellowship

May 11
Mother Earth
Leader: Green Team

Join the team for a better understanding of this sacred place we call home.

May 18
The Invention of God by Thomas Roemer
Leader: Ben Blanc

The author seeks to answer the questions about the deity of the great monotheisms—Yhwh, God, or Allah—by tracing Israelite beliefs and their context.

May 25
No Session Memorial Day Weekend

ADULT FORUM RETURNS IN THE FALL!
Join us Sunday, September 14th for our
Welcome Back Potluck!



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=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09)
[pwd=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtRNDBCmGRhQT09)

May 5
History of Gay Rights in Wisconsin
Leaders: David Clarenbach & Chris Frederick
Come here about this important journey!

May 12
The Wild Goose Video Series: Holy Spirit
Leader: Mary Ann Otto

As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost, let's take a session to reflect on the third person of the Trinity.

May 19
Field Trip: Historic Holy Hill
Leaders: Adult Education Team

Let's carpool and travel together to The Basilica and Shrine of Mary Help of Christians and view the beautiful grounds, artwork and hear its compelling story.

Sign-up on board in church gathering space by May 5th.

AGENDA

10:00AM – MEET AT PILGRIM TO CARPOOL
11:00AM – ARRIVE AT SAWMILL INN FOR LUNCH
12:15PM – LEAVE SAWMILL INN FOR HOLY HILL
12:30PM – ARRIVE HOLY HILL
2:00 PM – LEAVE HOLY HILL
3:00PM – ARRIVE BACK AT PILGRIM
*HOLY HILL - 1525 CARMEL RD. HUBERTUS, WI
*SAWMILL INN – 1729 WOLF RD., RICHFIELD, WI

May 26
NO SESSION MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

EXPANDING HOIZONS RETURNS IN THE FALL!
Join us Monday, September 8th for our Welcome
Back Social!



Quill Articles – May 2025

During a UCC Wellness Ministry Zoom meeting, we talked about the climate of uncertainty. A (very wise) colleague talked about “Grand” vs “Granular”. Granular particles are microscopic, but if you put a bunch of them together they form something visible. I may not be able to do anything Grand in these uncertain times, but I can do granular things...be kind, write a congress-person, listen, pray, unite with other granular people to encourage or protest, practice gratitude, take care of myself....

The first week in May is “Screen Free Week” – a challenge to literally hit the reset button and become aware of how much time is spent on screen “entertainment”. Maybe that’s one granular way of self-care – to be informed, but avoid the scrolling, rabbit holes, prolonged inactivity and stressing.

The daylight hours are getting longer and there’s new life all around. God is here! Hallelujah!

Monthly Blood Pressure Screenings

On May 4th, I 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.

May is National Digestive Disease Awareness Month.

From the mouth through the GI tract - with help from the gallbladder, pancreas and liver - the food we eat is broken down into its essential parts to support energy, cell repair, and growth.

Feeling “bloating” is a common complaint as the brain registers a delayed feeling of a full stomach. (It actually takes 15-20 minutes for this to happen – about the same amount of time it takes to scarf down a big meal, and then regret the last 2 helpings....) From the National Digestive Health Foundation, here are some tips to help avoid bloating and aid digestion:

Take 5 slow deep belly breaths before your meal: this will help you to feel more relaxed.

Chew each bite for at least 10 seconds: chewing helps break the food down and incorporate digestive enzymes.

Put your cutlery down between bites while chewing: avoid adding the next bite of food before swallowing the last bite.

Go for a short walk after the meal: movement helps motility! Getting in a short walk after the meal helps food move downward through the digestive tract.

Eat enough fiber: Fiber makes a person feel full sooner and it helps feed and promote the good bacteria in the gut.

Drink enough water: it works with fiber to help keep everything moving through the digestion process.

Avoid processed foods: they are generally low in nutrition and fiber, and high in salt and fat. Fat takes longer to digest; adding to the problem.

Practice Mindful eating: Avoid eating in front of the television or computer to eliminate mindless munching. (See also Screen Free Week above)

Stress also affects digestion by increasing stomach acid (which can lead to indigestion and heart burn) and generally slowing down the digestive process; leading to constipation...and bloating. Some people do however react the opposite way, and experience diarrhea. Either way, the absorption of nutrients through the walls of the intestines as well as regularity habits are changed. Roughly 80% of the immune system is supported by the balance of intestinal microbes, so that’s just another reason to pay attention, work on stress reduction and be good to your gut! (Physically, emotionally and spiritually...)



Adult Forum: Sunday, May 11th

Join us for a 45-minute screening of the documentary *Kiss the Ground*, followed by a discussion led by a Green Team member.

Kiss the Ground, founded in 2013, was inspired by soil health expert Graeme Sait, who emphasized that the key to healing our planet lies right beneath our feet—rebuilding healthy soil. United by a vision to share this transformative understanding globally, the organization has since dedicated itself to educating and building a movement focused on regeneration as a solution to many of the world's challenges.

The name Kiss the Ground draws inspiration from 13th-century Persian poet Rumi's words: "Let the beauty we love be what we do. There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground." This philosophy reflects the belief that every individual can contribute uniquely to the stewardship and regeneration of our planet.

In 2020, in collaboration with Big Picture Ranch, *Kiss the Ground* released a groundbreaking documentary narrated by Woody Harrelson. With over 10 million views, the film explores regenerative agriculture—an approach combining indigenous knowledge, holistic management, and modern science. It highlights this innovative method's potential to heal the earth, create food security, and mitigate climate change.

Regenerative agriculture is key to tackling critical issues, including climate change, human health, nutrition, and water quality. Don't miss this engaging opportunity to learn and discuss!

Composting

Several copies of the bulletin, *Making and Using Compost in the Garden*, are now available by the bulletin board across from the SCRIP table. If you're considering composting, please feel free to take one!

Composting is a simple yet powerful way to reduce waste, rely less on landfills, and lower greenhouse gas emissions (source: U.S. EPA).

Every day, the average American generates about 4.5 pounds of waste—that's roughly 1,600 pounds per person each year. Of this, only around 34% is recycled, and about 13% is incinerated. The majority—about 53%, or 136 million tons—is sent to landfills annually.

Food scraps make up the largest share of landfilled municipal solid waste (MSW), accounting for approximately 22%.

In landfills, organic matter decomposes anaerobically, meaning without oxygen, unlike aerobic decomposition, which happens naturally. Anaerobic breakdown produces greenhouse gases, primarily methane, which can escape into the atmosphere and contribute to global warming. In fact, MSW landfills are the third-largest source of human-related methane emissions in the United States.

Composting offers a sustainable alternative, mirroring nature's process by breaking down organic matter aerobically. This not only keeps waste out of landfills but also significantly reduces greenhouse gas emissions."



Three Bullet Points

- September 19th family night - A Program with an environmental theme will be offered by the Green Team,
- Adult Forum November 9 - The Green Team will sponsor a program on salt use in the environment.
- The Creation Caregivers Conference for NE Wisconsin was held at Pilgrim on March 22. Two members of the team attended, reported on our activities and learned about some possibilities for future programs, and environmental efforts, such as Smart Drive.



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

Rummage Sale

A Big Thank You

By Bobbie Flaherty

A BIG thank you to all the Pilgrim church members and friends who donated items to our spring rummage sale. It was a lot of work and a huge success. We earned, for the church \$6045.

This would not have been possible without your donations and the hard working efforts of our dedicated crew of workers.

Many thanks go to the following people for their hours of help putting out items, pricing, selling and all the other odds and ends that go with running our church rummage sale.

Diane and Jim Bentley	Joni Voss Hayibor
Chris and Matt Clementi	Fran Schmid
Tina and Mike Potter	Gary Ring
Dixie Sullivan	Judy Behnke
Chris Frederick	Barb Roder
Julia and Margo Clementi	Megan Luedke
Deb Wamser, Pearl and Paisley	Ron McCreedy
Donna Jost	Barb and Avery Geiger
Linda and Randy Stutz	Terry Mand
Bobbie Flaherty	Sue Schmitz
Barb Tadych	

Thanks also to all those who helped keep our strength up by bringing lunches and treats. They were all so yummy. Thanks to:

Karen McCreedy	Diane and Jim Bentley
Deb Wamser	Bob and Jane Flaherty
Chris Frederick	Matt Clementi
Judy Bielke	Barb Spies

**PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
Monday, March 17, 2025 Finalized 4-3-2025

Present: Jim Bentley, Linda Stutz, Peg Bradley, Donna Jost, Avery Geiger, Patty Minter, Avery Geiger, Pastor Jeannie, Steven Wicichowski, Dixie Sullivan, Wendy Ellison, Fran Schmid

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

Secretary's Report: There were corrections made to the February Council minutes which included those in attendance. The corrected minutes are attached. Linda made a motion that the minutes be accepted with corrections, Steve seconded the motion, Motion passed by Unanimous Consent.

Treasurer's Report: Attached. There is a loss indicated this month in the cash accounts as there was a large payment for Property Insurance. There was a large purchase for SCRIP for Kwik trip. Offerings are doing well. Heid Music did credit our account due to a double payment Linda Stutz also requested to have \$500 from the Trust Fund Allocation be placed into the 50th Anniversary account. Avery made a motion the minutes and motion be accepted, Wendy seconded the motion. Report and allocation approved by Unanimous Consent.

Pastor's Report: Attached. Time period of report is February 1 – March 12. Pastor met with 37 individuals for short walk in counseling and advising as well as meetings; attended 14 ministry/committee meetings, provided 6 Sunday sermons with 2 communions

President's Report: Jim requested that all ministries/ committees go to Pilgrim Website and review descriptions Mission statements. If they need to be updated please let Neal know.

Vice President's Report: Linda continues to work with Vicki the Administrative Assistant to clarify duties and has enlisted assistance from Jill Barbeau. To be noted, Microsoft Publisher will no longer be available October 2026. We will need to look into what other program we can utilize once no longer available as this is a program Pilgrim uses. She also is continuing to work with Christian Education on what is needed for the position of Sunday School Coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS: Carried over from the February Council meeting were the suggestions from the Audit Committee regarding the Insurance. Kevin and the Audit Committee had reviewed the Policies. Avery hired an outside source to do an appraisal of the church which came out to 4.4 Million in value, Church Mutual came out with 3.5 Million. Avery will take this to the Property/Maintenance Committee and come up with some recommendations.

Memorial Garden: Peg reported that Peg, Gary, and Lynn have identified some people who may be interested in joining in this venture as well as several who have shown interest in the prospect. They are going to have an article in the Quill. If there continues to be interest there will need to be a committee formed.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Jeannie shared the Conference Meeting will be June 13 – 15. Pilgrim is allowed 2 delegates and others can attend as visitors. Anyone from the Council or member of Pilgrim can be delegates. Pastor Jeannie will place this information in the Quill. Use of Church for Members.

MINISTRY/COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES (as necessary)

Property and Maintenance- Avery Geiger (Council Rep) Report attached.

1. Eliminator Pest Management serviced the building February 19 and March 3. They were told about the cluster fly problem. Pest Management will spray for flies the next time they come in June.
2. The property sign flood light sensor has been replaced.
3. Neal is working on the new phone system as well as the new computer for the finance team.

Stewardship and Finance- Ron McCreedy (Council Rep) Written Report submitted. Presented by Jim Bentley.

1. Income received to date was above targeted budgeted amount.
 2. Monthly Income (Donations) down \$3,551, but 2 month average down only \$1,103.
- Monthly activities over budget some \$16, 218 due to reasons identified in Treasurers report as well as no extra income from Rummage Sale or Fall Fest etc..

Christian Outreach- Peg Bradley (Council Rep) Report attached.

1. During the month of April they will be collecting for Cafe Q. Gift cards are needed to help the committee for Cafe Q.
2. The month of May will be sponsoring "Undie 500" and giving the product we receive to the Katherine Drexler House. Items needed will be in the May Quill.
3. Discussion ensued at the committee meeting about "Empower Women" which Pilgrim supported in the past. Peg will discuss with Linda Stutz about a contact person. This will be further discussed in the future.

Lay Life- Patty Minter (Council Rep)

1. Going to start Dining out again in April.
2. The Lenten soup supper was a great success.
3. Patty will place information about the Easter Coffee hour in the Quill

Membership & Evangelism- Fran Schmid (Council Rep) Pride Picnic is in June, WISE will meet on 4/1

Worship Ministry – Steve Wicichowski (Council Rep)

1. Eco Palms have been ordered for Palm Sunday
2. March 19 and April 2 at 6:00 Jan Dolenfall and Rev. Jeannie will have talking sessions with questions. Prior to service on April 2, there will be a Lenten Meal at 4:30. at 4:45 there will be a Noonday Collection presentation organized by Sue Kaiser.
3. After the ringing of the bells the worship leader will be the one to read the welcome, announcements, introduction he the gathering hymn, the call to worship, the words of grace, the scriptures readings, and the prayer of dedication. This will start on March 23 with Linda Stutz being the worship leader.

Christian Education : Dixie Sullivan (Council Rep) Report Attached.

1. Sunday School is continuing to collect spaghetti sauce and pasta for the Fondy Food Pantry through March. In April and May they will collect PB &J.
2. The Youth are helping with the food prep and serving at Loaves and Fishes.
3. The Youth organizers are trying to have the Youth Activities be a part of Church activities.
4. Attendance at Adult Forum is 30+
5. Work continues to find presenters and programs for the Fall.

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-

There will be an Adult Forum program for Mother's Day (May 11) a 45 minute school version of the video "Kiss the Ground" which highlights regenerative agriculture

The three ministries (O & A, WISE, and Creation Justice) could team up to make people more aware of the ministries with advertising efforts. This might help to prevent the O & A from being targeted negatively from the community.

Bicycle rack and Bike Safety Event- The Green Team will be purchasing 2 post style racks. Each post can secure two bikes. The plan is to install the posts near the main door on the south side. A bike safety event will be offered on a Saturday morning in the summer with the help of the police or the Fond du Lac Cyclery.

CELEBRATIONS:

There will be 19 people helping with Loaves and Fishes!

We received 5 more pledges this year than last year!

Steve has a new family member. A Weimerimer puppy

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Wendy Ellison, Council Secretary

The next Council Meeting is scheduled for **April 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**



Birthdays

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| 1 | Nolyn Stutz |
| 2 | Missi Etheridge |
| 4 | Jeanne Koepke |
| 5 | Gerald Rusch
Martial Blanc |
| 7 | Connie Anderson |
| 8 | Jessica Westphal |
| 12 | Michael Steinke |
| 13 | Cameron Olson
Cooper Olson |
| 17 | Jean Fischer
Jill Barbeau |
| 18 | Barbara Roder
Donna Jost |
| 20 | Karen McCreedy |
| 21 | Teresa Prus
Erika Schilling |
| 22 | Heather Connor
Peg Bradley |
| 25 | Jacob Steier |
| 26 | Tony Prus |
| 28 | Mike Fedyszyn |
| 29 | Don Schmitz
Lilly May Luckow |
| 31 | Albert Curl |



Anniversaries

- May 7, 1998 Jim & Deb Wamser
 May 11 Mike & Tracy Ablor
 May 22, 1999 Rebecca & Bradley Diitenberger
 May 24, 1980 Avery & Barbara Geiger
 May 26, 1962 Ellen & Len Hynek

Ushers for May

Date	9:00 Service
May 4	Randy & Linda Stutz
May 11	Max Hoyer & Lucia Golla
May 18	Bill & Patti Burns
May 25	Bobbie Flaherty & Donna Jost

Welcomers for May

Date	9:00 Service
May 4	Randy Stutz
May 11	Avery Geiger
May 18	Fran Schmid
May 25	Ron McCreedy

Worship Leaders May

Date	9:00 Service
May 4	Sue Kaiser
May 11	Noreen Henderson
May 18	Sue Schmitz
May 25	Ellen Sieglaff

Christian Education

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school attendance remains consistent. The Sunday School children have two upcoming initiatives they would like *your* help with:

- **Fondy Food Pantry Collection:** Throughout 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 through mid-May. Each Sunday, you can find the kids in the Narthex after the service to donate your change. You can learn more about the cause by reading our poster at church!

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. *Contact Gary Ring or Pastor Jeannie if to need help with the camp cost.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Please reach out to Rachel Wichowski directly with questions:
Email: ra.burns@hotmail.com Phone: 920-238-5919

INTERGENERATIONAL EVENTS

Past Events

March 21 was our **Intergenerational Game Night**, with a total of 21 people in attendance. It was a night filled with games, laughter, and fellowship. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the ministry members for organizing.

Upcoming Events

INTERGENERATIONAL WORK WEEKEND @ DAYCHOLAH CENTER

When: Friday, May 16 - Sunday, May 18

**staying whole weekend is not required*

Where: Daycholah Center | Ripon, WI

Cost: FREE, including food/lodging

A rewarding experience of giving back!

Details: Registration & information:

<https://ucci.org/events/daycholah-center-spring-work-weekend-886>

Reach out to Gary with questions.

Carpooling to be arranged based on sign-ups.

Camp Daycholah

2025 Summer Camp Schedule

Select your session by grade completed or age shown.

Arrival time on Sunday is 3:00 pm

Departure time on Wednesday is 11:00 am

Departure time on Friday is 5:00 pm

New!

Alumni (and Family) Weekend

June 20-22

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						

More information about the schedule, programming, lodging, and costs at ucci.org/camp-daycholah

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/>


Senior Expo 2025:
Connecting, Learning, and Enjoying Together!

This is a free event geared to seniors. It will include exhibitors, entertainment, presentations, booths featuring products and services tailored to seniors, live performances, and food! There will also be a chance to win door prizes!

*Date: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the
 FDL County Fairgrounds Expo Center, 520 Fond du Lac Ave.*

In Honor of MOTHER’S DAY
MAY 11, 2025

SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR
 BLANKET DONATION
ON OR BEFORE MAY 18, 2025



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Number of Blankets ____ @ \$10.00 each

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Blanket Sunday in the memo.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>4 9:00 am Worship 10::15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Coffee Hour 2:00 pm Fond du Lac Women's Choir 6::00 pm NA MTG</p>	<p>5 1:00 Expanding Horizons 5:00 pm Christian Ed Every 1st Monday</p>	<p>6 COP 10:00 am-12:30 pm</p>	<p>7 4:30 pm Worship</p>	<p>1 7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>2 7:00 pm AL-ANON</p>	<p>3 All Day use Of Fellowship Hall by Chris Deaner-Rogers</p>
<p>11 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15 am Adult Ed 6::00 pm NA MTG</p>	<p>12 1:00 Expanding Horizons</p>	<p>13 10:00 am Church Outreach 11:00 am A&E 4:30 pm Worship 5:00 pm Prpty & Maint</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10:00 am Memorial Garden Committee Meeting</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Café Q 7:00 pm AL-ANON Daychola Work Weekend</p>	<p>17 Daychola Work Weekend</p>
<p>18 9:00 am Worship. 6:00 pm NA MTG</p>	<p>19 1:00 Expanding Horizons 6:00 pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>20 1:00-2:30 pm Book Club</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 7:00 pm AL-ANON</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9:00 Worship 10:15 am Adult Ed Last day til 9-14-25 6::00 pm NA MTG</p>	<p>26 1:00 Expanding Horizons Last day til 9-8-25</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:00 pm AL-ANON</p>	<p>31</p>

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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

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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