



THE PILGRIM QUILL

JUNE 2026

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Dear Members and Friends,

As we move from the busy rhythm of our ministry year into the changing pace of summer, I find myself once again thinking about prayer. Maybe that is because prayer seems to meet us differently in different seasons of life. During the more active season of the church year, our schedules are full, our minds are racing, and our calendars often dictate our days.

Summer, however, invites us to slow down just enough to breathe a little deeper, sit a little longer, and perhaps listen a little more carefully for the voice of God.

Recently, we gathered around a campfire for a very sacred moment together. We took the prayers that had been written and collected throughout the past two years — prayers no one else had read, prayers held in confidence and care — and we burned them in a bon fire during intergenerational night, as a way of lifting them to God. It was simple. Quiet. Holy.

As the flames rose into the night sky, I could not help but think about how many joys, fears, heartbreaks, hopes, and burdens had been written on those pages. Some prayers were probably cries for healing. Some were prayers for relationships, for guidance, for forgiveness, for strength to make it through another day. Some may have simply been the words, “Help me.”

And yet every one of them mattered. Every single prayer mattered because every single person matters to God.

We are living in a time when the world itself seems to be carrying heavy prayers. We watch wars continue, communities struggle, divisions deepen, and people grow weary. There is anxiety about the future, concern for our children and grandchildren, and a lingering exhaustion that many people still carry quietly inside themselves. At the same time, life continues to unfold with moments of celebration and beauty: graduations, weddings, vacations, gardens blooming, laughter around campfires, children playing outside later into the evening light. Somehow, both struggle and celebration exist together. That is the reality of life and the reality of faith. Prayer does not remove us from the world. Prayer roots us within it. Prayer reminds us that we do not carry life alone.

I know many people still hesitate when it comes to prayer. Some feel they do not know the right words. Some worry they are not “good” at praying. Others may carry disappointment because prayers were not answered in the way they had hoped. But over the years, I have come to believe this: God is far less concerned with polished words than with honest hearts. God does not require eloquence. God simply desires relationship with us.

Sometimes prayer is spoken aloud.

Sometimes prayer is silence.

Sometimes prayer is tears.

Sometimes prayer is sitting around a fire, watching smoke rise into the night sky, trusting that somehow God hears what words cannot fully express.

Perhaps the greatest gift of prayer is not that it changes God, but that it changes us. Prayer softens us. Strengthens us. Grounds us. Prayer reminds us that even when the world feels uncertain, we are not abandoned. We belong to God and to one another.

So, as we enter this summer season together, my hope is that we will make room for prayer in whatever way we can — in church, at home, during walks, beside lakes, around campfires, or in the quiet moments before sleep. And when words fail, remember this: God still hears the prayers we carry in our hearts.

May this summer bring all of us moments of rest, renewal, healing, laughter, and holy connection. And may we continue to be a church community that holds one another gently through both the celebrations and the struggles of life.

Many Blessings to all of us,

Pastor Jeannie

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

To join the zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NkICT0ZEYWtTRnlwcEtrNDBCMGRhQT09>

Adult Education

Thank you for a great year of Adult Forum and Expanding Horizons!
Have a great summer!
We will be back in September so Mark your calendars!

THAT'S A WRAP, FOLKS!
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

ADULT FORUM

Sunday Mornings 10:15AM to 11:15AM in the lounge following the 9:00AM worship.



September 13

Pilgrim Celebration Sunday

Let's rally with a potluck and to be informed and inspired by upcoming events of Adult Education at Pilgrim.



EXPANDING HORIZONS

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

September 14 (12:30PM Start)

Welcome Back to Expanding Horizon Salad Luncheon

Hosts: Adult Education Team

We'll gather to share a meal, to reconnect and to review the upcoming year.

WATCH YOUR MAIL IN AUGUST FOR THE FULL BROCHURE!



Christian Outreach
Outreach Ministry Collection for June...
Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County

Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities, and hope. Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac County is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating, and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman, and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action or all. Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac has completed 35 homes in the community and have placed 138 family members into completed houses in Fond du Lac County.

Habitat for Humanity offers homeownership opportunities to families who are unable to obtain conventional house financing. Generally, this includes those whose income is 30 to 50 percent of the area's median income. In most cases, prospective Habitat homeowner families make an initial \$500 down payment prior to the start of construction on their home. Additionally, they contribute 250-500 hours of "sweat equity" on the construction of their home or someone else's home. Because Habitat houses are built using donations of land, material and labor, mortgage payments are kept affordable. Habitat homeowners are chosen without regard to race, religion or ethnic group, in keeping with U.S. law and with Habitat's abiding belief that God's love extends to everyone. Habitat also welcomes volunteers from all faiths, or no faith, who actively embrace Habitat's goal of eliminating poverty housing around the world.

Listed below are items on Habitat for Humanity's Wish List. Find something you would like to contribute and leave it on the shelves in the entryway. Let's do our part in helping Habitat for Humanity provide homes for the people of Fond du Lac.

Wish List...Lightly used items on the Wish List are accepted.

Office Supplies

- *Print Services (Newsletter, Campaign, Advertising, etc.)
- *Volunteer Supplies (Paper towels, disposable plates and silverware, soda, juice, granola bars, cookies, chips, etc.)
- *Copy Paper
- *Postage
- *Additional office supplies

Other Wishlist

- *Storage Bins
- *Gift Cards (to purchase snacks for volunteers)...don't forget to purchase SCRIP
- *New items for fundraising raffle baskets
- *Cleaning Supplies (Zip-Loc Bags, Toilet Paper)
- *Pop up Canopy

- *Folding Tables
- *Chairs
- *Work Gloves
- *Tools (new or used)

Yard Supplies

- *Weed Wacker
- *Rakes
- *Shovels
- *Garden hose
- *Sprinkler
- *Storage shed



MANY THANKS to EVERYONE who donated a Birthday Pan for the Fondy Food Pantry. THANKS also to those who donated blankets in honor or memory of a loved one for Blanket Sunday. Your generosity is appreciated.





The United Church of Christ and the United Church of Christ Canada invite you to:
The Great Lakes Collaborative Retreat 2025
At Waters Edge: Sacred Relations

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of “the fierce urgency of now.” With deep divisions in this moment - political, racial and historical - guided by Indigenous wisdom, a group from UCC and UCC Canada will gather at the edge of the Grand River near Paris, Ontario, to build sacred relations around the common waters of our Great Lakes region.

This is a moment to cross boundaries and come together, caring for one another and all of God’s creation.

DATE: August 23rd at 4 pm to August 25 at 11 am, 2026

LOCATION: Five Oaks Retreat Centre, 1 Bethel Rd, Paris, ON CANADA (<https://fiveoaks.on.ca/>)

CONTACT: Lisa Hart at Lhart@wcucc.org or call 608-438-1571

REGISTRATION:
https://regionalcouncil789.formstack.com/forms/great_lakes_creation_collaborative_retreat

COST: \$150 double occupancy or \$250 single occupancy (limited availability)

Rethinking the Disposable Fork

Summer brings Father's Day gatherings, graduation parties, and cookouts with friends and family — and, too often, piles of plastic utensils tossed after a single use. It's a small habit with a surprisingly big impact: Americans use an estimated 40 billion plastic utensils each year, and plastic does not biodegrade.

Reusable is best. When it's practical, bring metal utensils to gatherings. Thrift-store silverware works beautifully — and can simply be re-thrifted afterward. Keeping a reusable fork or spoon in your car also makes it easy to skip the plastic with takeout meals.

When disposables are needed, choose wood. Birch and bamboo utensils require fewer resources to produce, generate less waste, and can be composted at home or through commercial facilities. Even in a landfill, they break down far more quickly than plastic — and people are simply more likely to compost them because they look like something that belongs in the ground.

Wooden utensils are safe for food use, though they're meant for one meal. They do cost a bit more and may be easiest to find online or through retailers like Target or Walmart.

Small swaps, made consistently, add up. This summer, consider making this one.

Make this Summer the Last Straw

As we enter the summer months, many of us find ourselves outdoors—at parks, cookouts, ball games, and all the places where warm weather draws us together. Breathing fresh air and enjoying the beauty around us is also an invitation to renew our commitment to caring for God's Earth.

Beginning **June 21st**, the Green Team will launch a six-week information campaign: **"Make This Summer the Last Straw."**

Each week, we'll share simple, practical actions you can take to reduce your use of single-use plastics. You don't have to eliminate all plastics—none of us can. Plastics are woven into nearly every part of modern life. Instead, we invite you to focus on two things:

- choosing alternatives to single-use plastics when possible, and
- reusing the plastics you can't avoid.

What are single-use plastics?

These are items designed to be used once and thrown away—plastic bags, straws, coffee cup lids, utensils, and more. Because they're convenient, they show up everywhere: in restaurants, stores, and our own homes. But their environmental impact is significant.

Single-use plastics pollute our land and waterways. They can take hundreds of years to break down, eventually becoming microplastics that contaminate soil and water. Wildlife often mistake them for food, with tragic consequences. And from production to disposal, plastics release greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change. Getting rid of single use plastic would solve 40% of our plastic pollution.

From June 21 to July 26, we will highlight small, meaningful changes you can make—starting with creating a simple to-go kit for your car to finding alternatives for baggies. A changing display in the narthex will feature examples of the products and habits we are encouraging.

Let's make this the summer we take our last plastic straw.

"For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the song of the turtledove is heard in our land."

KIDNEY DISEASE BENEFIT FOR BROOKLYN



**Fun Activities
for Everyone**



- Music & Karaoke by Josh Diedrich
- Basket Raffles,
- 50-50 raffle,
- Bake sale
- Food & Drinks



**DATE: JUNE 13, 2026
TIME: 1PM- 4PM
AT: BOWE'S
BOULEVARD
102 SOUTH MILITARY
ROAD,
STOCKBRIDGE, WI
53088**

**BUSCH
LIGHT
CANS
\$2.00**



**CARBLISS
BUCKET
SALE!**

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



In 1977, three mothers, Harriet Shetler, Bev Young, and Nancy Abraham, each with a son with schizophrenia, met in Madison, WI to discuss the challenges they shared raising a child with a serious and persistent mental illness.

The women decided to assemble a group of family members and friends of individuals with mental illness who shared similar concerns. From there, NAMI, the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by mental illness, was started because of the love and labor of some pretty incredible moms. We celebrate those three trailblazing mothers and all mental health caregivers, teachers, etc. who do great things every single day by just loving all children and wanting the best for them.

This story shouldn't surprise us here at Pilgrim. As a WISE congregation Pilgrim has learned that 'ordinary people' can do 'extraordinary things'. That's why we became WISE. Because all of us have the power to create stigma change surrounding mental health. By talking about it everyday! A.S.K. - Acknowledge, Support, Keep-in-Touch – does just that! Young (and old) people want to support their friends, but 70% of us say they don't know how. Here's a short video about A.S.K. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkfnu1uq1J8&t=1s>

Another thing Pilgrim recognizes about being WISE – is that a good laugh can help relieve some of the tension of a really bad day.....so there's that!



Hope is a huge part of Mental Wellness. There is a basket on the table in the Narthex with **Mini Prayer Shawls**. Please take one...or two. This is one way to hold hope in your hand – a small soft square that was knitted with you in mind – with love. Thank-you to Dixie Sullivan for showing us how God can use even bits of yarn to share love, comfort and hope!





Botanically, an avocado is a berry – so that makes guacamole a serving (or two...) of fruit! God is Great!

United States of Kindness

Launched by Kindland, an initiative of the Values-in-Action Foundation, the United States of Kindness is a national campaign to celebrate America's 250th anniversary through action: 250 Acts of Kindness.

New Gallup research suggests that how we experience and witness kindness in our own lives relates not only to our motivation to be kind, but also to how kind we believe others are, and even how kind we think the country is overall. Health wise, kindness is uplifting and transformative. It improves mental and physical health, increases social connection, enhances learning environments, and strengthens workplace culture.

The United States of Kindness challenges every person, organization, and community to participate in 250 acts of kindness, one for every year of our nation's history. These acts can be large or small, but together, they form a movement that connects people and restores hope. The United Church of Christ, UCC Wellness Ministry and UCC Mental Health Network are registered for this campaign...this a call to act with intention, to notice the good around us, and to celebrate kindness in every form.

There are Kindness ideas for the young and young at heart on the table in the Narthex from Kindland. Please help yourself. Every gesture can be done in and with kindness.

Information taken from the US of Kindness website: (<https://www.usofkindness.org>)

Blood Pressures by Sue Schmitz on June 7 and Judy Burton on July 5

On the first Sunday of each month, health professionals offer informal blood pressure screenings after worship. It's a measurement of how hard your heart is working to pump blood throughout your body. Stop in the room across from the Office for your early June check!

Also, there is now an automatic blood pressure cuff on that desk. It's an older model, but has been calibrated and is accurate. There are instructions on using the unit and blood pressure recommendations on the desk also. You can stop in anytime the church is open for a quick check.

Some June and July Health Observances:

June is National Men's Health Month: This highlight is to encourage men to take proactive steps for their health - including screenings, healthy lifestyle choices, and mental well-being.

June 21: The summer solstice and the first day of summer – This is our longest day light day of the year (roughly 15 hours and 22 minutes!) Given that Father's Day is also on Sunday, June 21, and it's June Dairy Month – I recommend celebrating/honoring/remembering all father figures with a bowl of ice cream!

July is UV Safety Month. This coincides with peak summer sun exposure to raise awareness about the risks of ultraviolet (UV) radiation and the importance of sun protection. *Again – Literally, a shot glass full of broad spectrum sunscreen (at least SPF 30) per application or a spray to cover **and allow to dry** before going out in the sun. Check out the Bulletin Board for more skin care recommendations.*

Summer Food Safety Reminder

Bacteria grows best between 40-140 degrees Fahrenheit and any food item containing mayonnaise, dairy products, eggs, and/or meat is a perfect medium for bacterial growth. Basically, when these bacteria are eaten, the body wants to get rid of them quickly with vomiting and diarrhea that can last several days.

Coolers with ice and/or cold packs for transporting food, and trays of ice underneath the serving dishes are the best ways to keep cold food cold. Hot food can be insulated or kept warm with indirect heat on grills. ***But the picnic food rule of thumb is that if the outside temp is 90 degrees, discard food left out over 1 hour and with cooler temps, discard food left out over 2 hours – no matter what. When in doubt – throw it out!***

Treatment for food poisoning is to let the body get rid of the offending bacteria and then slowly re-introduce food – starting with more bland/easy to digest types like toast, applesauce, and broth. Keep trying to sip water or white soda to help prevent dehydration. If the symptoms of food poisoning continue past 48 hours in a younger adult, or longer than 24 hours in a child or older adult, please contact the Primary Care Provider, or go to Urgent Care.

There's just something fun about eating outside. (Especially with a group of family and/or friends.) Be safe so you can enjoy it frequently this summer!

Heat Advisories

Extreme heat is defined as a long period (2-3 days) of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees. Before and during "extreme heat" periods, the FDL County Emergency Management Team will make announcements over local radio and news media as an alert. In extreme heat, evaporation is slowed and the body has to work harder to maintain a normal internal temperature.

During these times:

Reduce outdoor activities, especially during the hottest part of the day (11am-2pm). Dress in lightweight, light-colored clothing. Drink plenty of water or other non-alcohol/non-caffeine fluids (If you are prone to fluid retention, please check with your Care Provider about this...)

NEVER leave anything alive or explosive (child, youth, teen, adult, animal, plant, TNT) in a car, even with windows open and meant to be only a few minutes – temperatures can rise to life threatening levels within those minutes.

If you do not have air conditioning or a cooler basement, spend some time in an air conditioned facility each day – e.g. library or store,

Limit activity to essentials and use fans for comfort. (Fans are ineffective in reducing body temperature when the heat index is above 90, so do not rely on this as making high heat "safe".)

We embrace the changing seasons and the longer day-light days with warmer weather are welcome blessings. Staying safe is all about paying attention and common sense. My prayers for a healthy and awesome June and July!

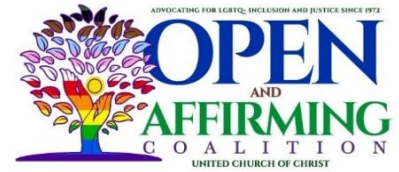
Wellness Support:

For many, it's easier to practice wellness habits during the summer months. The warmer weather and longer daylight encourages being outdoors, fresh produce is more abundant, and life seems to open up. For some, accountability to a person or group is crucial for making wellness changes.

There's been a request for a wellness support group (for lack of a better description) – people coming together routinely to learn from, and support each other in their journey toward better health.

If this is something you might be interested in, please contact me (Sue Schmitz). I don't have any preconceived ideas about what this group would look like. This summer I'll be gathering ideas and looking for input from people who express an interest.

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Hello Pilgrim family & friends! Welcome to June and PRIDE month!

Your Pilgrim ONA Team reminds you of ways for you to get involved:

- 1) We are shifting the Sunday for our 2nd and final “We are ONA - What Now” discussion to June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the Sanctuary after worship. Our goal is to review our January discussion about the potential revisions to our ONA covenant and then share prospective ideas for living out the covenant. Please come with your ideas.
- 2) We continue to look for people to prepare meals for Café Q’s monthly meetings. Please check out the Sign Up Genesis calendar at: [\(https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4AF2AA4F58-60367587-2026/182850317#/\)](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4AF2AA4F58-60367587-2026/182850317#/). Thanks to Café Q for taking care of their own meal in May. We are looking for people to volunteer for June and August to be sure we have the summer taken care of. CSA is signed up for July!
- 3) Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is Fond du Lac’s Pride Picnic. The picnic is being held at the [Fond du Lac County Prairie Theater and Event Center](#) located at [400 University Dr, in Fond du Lac](#). Pilgrim’s Membership and Evangelism Ministry will be hosting a table at the event. There is a sign-up sheet available in the narthex, for you to add your name to join in the fun!!

The UCC Open and Affirming Coalition declares that June is one of the most visible - and demanding - months on the Diversity and Inclusion calendar. With overlapping observances tied to identity, civil rights, mental health, and global history, June requires thoughtful pacing, collaboration, and care. From Pride Month and Juneteenth to mental health and immigrant heritage observances, June offers powerful opportunities to build belonging while honoring complexity and intersectionality.

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> is known as The United Church of Christ’s Open and Affirming Sunday. The theme of this year’s ONA Sunday is: *We Shall Not Be Moved! Rooted in Love, Justice, and Affirmation with the anchor scripture being Jeremiah 17:5–8. The challenge of this scripture, given by the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition is: “We are not immovable because we are stubborn. We are immovable because we are rooted. In a world that keeps trying to uproot LGBTQ+ people, erase trans lives, shame queer joy, and deny belonging to those who live beyond narrow norms, God calls us to be like trees planted by water: grounded in love, sustained by justice, and courageous enough to flourish even in hard seasons. Open and Affirming churches are called not merely to welcome, (welcome is not enough), but to ensure belonging and affirmation and to root people in beloved-ness and stand publicly for dignity, safety, and liberation.*

*The strength of an affirming church is not that we never face drought, criticism, backlash, or fear.*

*The strength of an affirming church is that our roots go deep.*

*We are nourished by the living water of God’s love, justice, and community.”*

Your ONA Team



**Pride Picnic – Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-4:00pm at the Prairie Theater and Event Center (Note Venue Change!).**

Pilgrim will again have a table/canopy at the Pride Picnic with flags, temporary tattoos, stickers, pins, and sensory strips to hand out. ***Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex to be at our table*** – we need at least 2 people for each shift – the more the merrier!

From the picnic organizing committee, “There will be live music, performances, food trucks, a brat fry, vendors galore, activities, face painting, crafts and so much more!”

Thank-you! From the Membership and Evangelism Ministry.

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Gratitude Moments:

Many thanks to those who helped put up the Easter decorations: Patti Burns, Deb Wamser, Pearl Diorio, Paisley Diorio, Olivia Schilling & Fran Schmid

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**Summer Special Music** begins next Sunday. Pilgrim is looking for people interested in providing Special Music for our worship services through the months of June-August. (May is covered.) If you play an instrument, sing, have an idea for a group—whatever concept you have that’s musical and would add to our worship here at Pilgrim, please let Chris Deaner-Rogers know. It helps if you already have a date in mind, and you are welcome to provide Special Music more than once during the summer. If you need piano accompaniment, Chris will need the music at least a month ahead of your chosen date. You also need to provide copies of what you want to perform. Chris’ number is listed in the Staff section of the bulletin. Pilgrim Church has had great music during the summer months in the past. This summer will be no exception.

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Tracy Abler	June 1
Ellen Sieglaff	June 2
Mary Christenson	June 4
Jimmy Chen	June 4
Karen Goodacre	June 6
Noreen Henderson	June 6
Jim Thomas	June 6
Brayden Fedyszyn	June 7
Jamie Connor	June 9
Patty Minter	June 11
Ellen Hynek	June 17
Joy Behrens	June 19
Jason Schmid	June 20
Natalie Prus	June 21
Robin Speidel	June 22
Michael Friedel	June 23
Deb Wamser	June 25
Bobbie Flaherty	June 30
Ryan Fedyszyn	June 30
Heather Zhang	June 30

Ushers for June	
Date	9:00 Service
June 7	Barb & Avery Geiger
June 14	Linda & Randy Stutz
June 21	Bart & Dawn Dahlke
June 28	Deb & Jim Wamser

Welcomers for June	
Date	9:00 Service
June 7	Avery Geiger
June 14	Linda Stutz
June 21	Ron McCreedy
June 28	Judie Behnke

Worship Leaders June	
Date	9:00 Service
June 7	Linda Stutz
June 14	Noreen Henderson
June 21	Joel Diener-Rogers
June 28	Ellen Sieglaff



Mary & Brian Christenson	June 1
Karen & Ron McCreedy	June 4
Shannon & James LaLuzerne	June 5
Teresa & Tony Prus	June 16
Susan Michler & Gene Zenner	June 18
Anne & James Thomas	June 22
Susan & Weldon Peterson	June 23

**Pilgrim UCC Church Council Meeting
April 20, 2026**

Present: Jim Bentley, Peg Bradley, Reverend Jeannie Douglas, Wendy Ellison, Avery Geiger, Donna Jost, Patty Minter, Ron McCreedy, Fran Schmid, Dixie Sullivan, Steven Wicichowski

Jim welcomed everyone and established a Quorum. Pastor Jeannie opened with a prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes accepted as provided by Unanimous Consent.

Treasurer's Report: Report attached. Report passed with unanimous consent. We are ¼ through the year and have +\$20,705 in Assets. March offerings was greater than the monthly budget.

Vice President's Report:

President's Report:

Old Business:

1. **Guns to Garden Tools:** Peg attended the presentation at Marian University, the presentation at the Mother house was canceled. Expanding Horizons will be having a presentation in the fall.

New Business:

1. The Hmong dance group will begin to practice in the fellowship hall on Sunday afternoons and some Saturday afternoons. They have offered to pay \$50 for use of the space. There will be about 12 ladies. They have their own key code to enter the church.

Ministry Reports:

- **Worship and Music:** Steven Wicichowski (Council Rep.) : No April Meeting. No Report
- **Adult Education:** Dixie Sullivan (Council Rep)
 1. Review of programs for Adult Forum. Discussion of "Guns to Garden Tools" program and the possibility of inviting other Churches and service organizations to attend. All of the Adult Forum program slots are filled for Fall 2026.
 2. Several spaces are left to fill for Expanding Horizons for Fall. Several suggestions were made and Mary Ann will contact those possibilities.
 3. There is a concern about childcare during the Adult Forum in the fall. Confirmation from Christian Education is needed.
- **Christian Education** Dixie Sullivan(Council Rep.) Minutes attached.
 1. Recognition Sunday planning is underway for May 17th.
 2. Intergenerational Campfire Night will be on May 15th from 6 -7:30
 3. April 26th is the last Sunday School Session
- **Property and Maintenance:** Avery Geiger (Council Rep) minutes attached.
 1. West water heater replaced by Mand Plumbing.
 2. East women's restroom lights were converted to LED
 3. Sharpened paper cutter in office

4. Submitted surveys were reviewed. There were 19 surveys listing 40 improvements. Avery will get clarification for two of the improvements. Then make a survey asking the congregation to prioritize their top 5. The survey will be in the bulletin and Quill.
- **Lay Life & Leadership:** Patty Minter (Council Rep):
 1. Patty stated that a mother asked about getting head phones for her daughter and other neuro-divergent children to use at church due to sometimes the sounds are overwhelming. Council discussed and it will be referred to the Christian Education and Worship Committee to discuss.
 - **Stewardship & Finance:** Ron McCreedy (Council Rep): Minutes attached
 1. March (Offering & Pledges) were above average + \$18,904, Pledges & other Income was above average +\$23,251, March Rummage Sale Total \$5,802 or 2/3 of projected budget of \$8,500
 2. Over all – budget is on track with spending and income
 3. Pilgrim donations to the UCC Special offerings 2025/26
 - Neighbors in Need \$550
 - Christmas Vets. Of Cross \$520
 - One Great Hour of Sharing \$3,460
 - **Membership and Evangelism:** Fran Schmid (Council Rep.) Minutes attached
 1. Possible New Member Sunday May 31, 2026 and follow up with a pot luck dinner in the fall.
 2. Wise committee is hosting an Intergenerational Movie night on Fri – April 17th (Canceled due to risk of severe weather)
 3. Next Event: Pride Picnic on June 28th. We need volunteers to sign up. Location has changed to the Prairie Theater. Fond du Fest in Sept
 - **Christian Outreach:** Peg Bradley (Council Rep.) Minutes attached.
 1. April – collecting for Fond du Lac Humane society
 2. May – sponsoring Blanket Sunday and collecting Birthday Pans for Fondy Food pantry
 3. Exploring new organizations and needs in our community for future collections.

Committee Reports:

- **Nominating Committee**
- **Ham Dinner**
- **Memorial Fund Committee:**
- **Green Team:** Minutes attached.
 1. Compost give away- drop off containers week of April 12 – 18 with pick up on the 19th.
 2. Exploring seven weeks of plastic-free living – sharing resources from Kairos WCUCC, offered plastic-free Lent
 3. Exploring partners for Drive Smart presentation/s and soft launch for Nextrex plastic film packaging recycling program.
- **SCRIP**
- **Trust Fund Report**
- **ONA**
- **Pastoral Support**
- **Search Committee:** The committee is engaged with a candidate.

Celebrations

Information Sharing

Adjournment:

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wendy Ellison, Church Council Secretary.



June

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 4:30pm Worship	4 6pm SAA	5 7pm ALANON	6 New Pastor Meet 'n Greet 10am-noon & 2pm-3:30
7 9am Worship & Communion with Pastor Jeffrey 10am Congregational Meeting **Fellowship after Meeting** 6pm NA	8	9 10am Christian Outreach 11am M & E	10	11	12	13
14 9am Worship	15 5pm P & M Pastor Jeannie Out of Office	16 Pastor Jeannie Out of Office	17	18	19	20
21 9am Worship	22 4pm Green Team	23	24 4pm Memorial Garden *Ark & Creation Museum Trip, KY 6/24-6/26*	25	26	27
28 9am Worship 11am Pride Picnic (at American Legion)	29	30				

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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.....	Amy Rector
Parish Nurse.....	Sue Schmitz
Child & Youth Coordinator.....	Michael Friedel
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

Rides to church are available by contacting Randy Stutz 920-539-6277

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