



THE PILGRIM QUILL

JULY 2026

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Dear Members and Friends,

By the time you read this, we will be just weeks away from welcoming your new pastor, Rev. Jeffery Dodson. My final Sunday with you will be July 19, and that means this will be my last newsletter article as your Interim Minister.

As I sit down to write these final words, I find myself filled with gratitude.

It has been a joy and an honor to serve alongside you during this season of Pilgrim's life. When I arrived, I knew I was coming to a congregation with a strong history and a deep commitment to faith. What I did not yet know was how warmly you would welcome myself and Deb, how faithfully you would engage in the work of ministry, and how much I would come to care for each of you.

One of the gifts of interim ministry is having the opportunity to walk with congregations during important moments of transition. One of the challenges of interim ministry is that, eventually, it is time to say goodbye. No matter how many times I have done this work, leaving is never easy.

Perhaps that is because meaningful relationships matter. If saying goodbye were easy, it would mean we had not truly shared life together. Over these two years we have worshiped together, laughed together, prayed together, celebrated milestones, faced challenges, welcomed new members, confirmed young people in their faith, and sought together to discern where God is leading this church.

For all of that, I thank you.

As I reflect on my time at Pilgrim, what I will remember most is your generosity of spirit. I have seen a congregation that cares deeply for one another and for the wider community. I have seen people willing to serve, willing to learn, willing to ask difficult questions, and willing to imagine new possibilities. I have seen a church that seeks to follow Christ not only in worship but in daily acts of compassion, justice, and welcome.

You have much to be proud of.

You also have much to look forward to.

In John's Gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for a future they cannot yet fully see. He knows change is coming. He knows there will be uncertainty. Yet he prays for them and reminds them that God is still with them.

I believe that same promise is true for Pilgrim today.

As you welcome Rev. Jeffery and begin this new chapter together, trust that God has already gone ahead of you. Continue to be the church God is calling you to be. Continue to extend hospitality. Continue to care for one another. Continue to reach beyond these walls to serve your neighbors. Continue to listen for the still-speaking voice of God.

The future of Pilgrim does not begin when your new pastor arrives. The future of Pilgrim is already unfolding among you, and I am excited to see where God leads you next.

As for me, I do not yet know where my next interim ministry will be. That is part of the adventure of this calling. But wherever God leads me, I will carry Pilgrim with me. I will remember your kindness, your faithfulness, your laughter, your commitment to ministry, and the many ways you have enriched my life.

Thank you for allowing me to walk beside you for this part of the journey.

Know that I will continue to hold you in my prayers. May God bless this congregation, bless your ministry, bless your new partnership with Rev. Jeffery, and bless all those whose lives will be touched by the work you do in Christ's name.

You will be missed.

May God's light continue to shine upon you, and may God's Spirit guide you into all that lies ahead.

Go out in joy and be led back in peace.

Blessings,

Rev. Jeannie Douglas
Stay Safe. Make Good Choices.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

To join the zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87682457999?pwd=NkICTOZEYWtTRnlwcEtrNDhCMGRhQT09>

Adult Education

We will be back in September so Mark your calendars!

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



ADULT FORUM

EXPANDING HORIZONS



WATCH YOUR MAIL IN AUGUST FOR THE FULL BROCHURE!



Christian Outreach

IT'S TIME....BACK TO SCHOOL COLLECTION

For many years, Pilgrim has collected school supplies for Back to School FDL. The summer is flying by and it is time to begin our school supply drive.

Every child deserves to have the supplies they need for their education, to feel confident in a room with their peers, and be prepared for their school year. Having the proper school supplies plays a big part in student self-esteem and classroom participation.

Back to School FDL focuses on the children in the local area who need assistance with obtaining school supplies for the upcoming school year. Back to School began in 1995 and initially served about 100 students. By 2014, 2015, and 2016, the community wide Back to School FDL served over 1200 students in the county. Back to School now equips over 2400 students with the school supplies they need to start off the school year right!

The Outreach Ministry will be accepting your donations during July until August 2nd. Please leave supplies on the shelves in the entryway. Back to School only accepts new school supplies.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

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| 1" Binders | Spiral Notebooks-Plain Colors |
| Colored Pencils | Spiral Notebooks-3 Subject |
| Crayola Washable Markers | Highlighters |
| Dry Erase Markers-Fine Tip | Pencil Boxes |
| Crayons | Pencil Bags-Plain Colors |
| Folders-Plastic/Poly | Pens-Black or Blue |
| Glue Sticks | Post It Notes-3x3 |
| Looseleaf-Wide Ruled | Sharpie Markers |
| Pencils-#2 | Scissors-7" NO Blunt |



Many thanks to everyone who contributed items for Habitat for Humanity during June.



Make This Summer the Last Straw!

The Pilgrim Creation Care Team has launched a new summer educational campaign. We are encouraging everyone to refuse and replace single-use plastics (SUPs).

These pesky items are used once and discarded. They never break down, and they clog our landfills forever. Check the display table in the narthex each week for alternatives to these plastics.

Why Target Straws?

We named this campaign "**Make This Summer the Last Straw**" because plastic straws are a major source of pollution. They are completely unnecessary and used for only a few minutes.

While one straw sitting in your drink seems small, the collective impact is staggering:

- **Massive Waste:** Americans use an estimated 500 million straws every single day.
- **Sorting Issues:** Straws are too small and lightweight for mechanical recycling sorters.
- **Contamination:** They ruin batches of truly recyclable plastic or get sent straight to the landfill.
- **Waterway Pollution:** Millions of straws wash into our rivers, lakes, and oceans.

The Environmental Toll

Once plastic straws enter marine ecosystems, they sicken and kill wildlife. Over time, they break down into toxic microplastics. These microplastics now pollute every level of the food chain, eventually ending up in the food humans eat.

Make a Change Today

Why use straws at all? For most of us, they are entirely unnecessary. This makes them the perfect starting point to kick our plastic habit.

The next time you order a drink, just say: "**No straw, please!**" but you have to be quick and persistent, or you will end up with a straw in your drink.



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

Let Us Love

Please let us be healthy and if we can't be healthy
Let us take care of each other in our illness.

Let us be kind, and when we are not kind
Let us be honest and apologize, and try again.

Let us be together, and when we can't be together
Let us feel that we are not alone in our loneliness.

Let us be okay, and when we are not okay
when we are really nowhere near okay

Let us acknowledge each other's suffering
and not be afraid of each other's pain.

In other words
Let us love, let us love, let us love.

(from "Blessings for the Long Night: Poems and Meditations to Help You Through Depression" by Jessica Kantorowitz)

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**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!

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As Sue K. wrote in the June Quill, "Pilgrim WISE recognizes that a good laugh can help relieve some of the tension of a really bad day!" Enjoy!

Golfing

Jesus Christ, Moses, and an old bearded guy were playing golf. On the first tee, Moses shanked his ball into a lake. He parted the water and hit his ball onto the green. Jesus teed off, hitting his ball into another water hazard. But he walked on water and stroked his ball just short of the cup.

Then the old man with the beard stepped up for his tee shot. He hit the ball with tremendous force, but hooked it badly. The ball bounced off the clubhouse roof, hit the cart path, and rolled down a hill into a pond, coming to rest on a lily pad. A frog hopped over and picked up the ball, then an eagle swooped down, snatched the frog, and flew over the green. The frog dropped the ball, and it rolled into the cup for a hole in one.

Moses turned to Jesus and said, "I hate playing golf with your dad."

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### Blood Pressures by Judy Burton on July 5

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 July check!

Also, there is now an automatic blood pressure cuff on that desk. It's an older model, but has been tested and is accurate. There are instructions on using the unit. 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 July!

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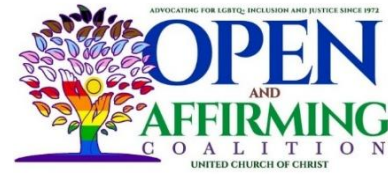
Fondue Fest is right around the Corner!

Pilgrim will have a space at Fondue Fest again this year – Saturday, September 12th from 9:00am – 5:00pm on Main Street. Watch for more information and a sign-up poster in the Narthex by mid-July. This is a fun day and fantastic way of connecting with people of all ages!

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Hello Pilgrim family & friends!

It is Monday, June 15, 2026, and it is still difficult to stop smiling! We want to thank everyone that attended the ONA update meeting on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The amount of feedback given was outstanding! SO many people spoke up! The candor and vulnerability shared made one feel that they were witnessing the Holy Spirit at work. Add to that - all the great suggestions offered – both at the meeting and afterwards.....makes your ONA Team feel that the meeting was a huge success. We are hopeful that all those attending felt the same way.



Your ONA team will now spend time doing the final rework of our ONA covenant revision. We plan to present that revision to the Council for their approval at the August Council meeting. Our hope is to have the final draft in your hands by September. Of course, final VOTE will take place in February 2027 at our annual meeting. Stay tuned for more details later this summer.

We want to thank multiple people who stepped up to feed the Café Q youth on June 19<sup>th</sup>! Supplying Rocky Rococo pizzas were Judie Behnke and Sue Kaiser and providing a whole lot of water and soda, Chris and Bayard Frederick! Thanks to all!

Anyone interested in helping to provide a meal can do so here:

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4CA4AF2AA4F58-60367587-2026/182850317#/>).

Thanks in advance for your help.

We encourage everyone to spend some time on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 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](#). Lots of good food, exhibits to see and learn from, and of course Pilgrim's event booth will be set up and will offer a smile and a welcome when we see you.

Lastly, we offer you a video link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97yQ706E0i4>)

of Rev. Brandan Robertson, who discusses the six biblical texts most often used against LGBTQ+ people. Rev. Robertson is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, he is also the Founder and Executive Director of DevOUT, a nonprofit dedicated to countering far-right religious narratives and amplifying inclusive theological voices through media and education.

Your Pilgrim ONA Team



## Memorial Garden Update

### What Is a Memorial Garden?

- The **Memorial Garden** will consist of 2 parts; the **Prairie Garden** and a new **Meditation Garden** located around the tree planted in memory of Ruth Sandidge.
- The **Prairie Garden** would be the designated area to spread ashes and will be the final resting place for earthly cremains. It will be a special space treated as holy and reverent.
- The **Meditation Garden** is a new garden of 480 native wildflowers and shrubs. It is an area for healing, renewal & quiet contemplation and a place of quiet beauty surrounded by native wildflowers.
- The **Memorial Garden** is a setting for quiet meditation of our faith in eternal life.



The Prairie Garden and the *new* Meditation Garden make up the **Memorial Garden**. The Prairie Garden was planted from seed almost 3 years ago.

The work on the Meditation Garden started in late April and was completed on June 12<sup>th</sup>. A new stamped walkway was poured. An arbor was graciously donated by Jean Wright, and it was installed at the entrance of the walkway. A bronze plaque will hold 18 nameplates, and it was installed along the walkway. A bench made from recycled soft plastic from Trex was added at the midway point of the walkway. The designated garden area received 10 yards of natural mulch and almost 500 native plants plus several native shrubs were planted behind the bench for privacy. This project was fully funded from previous donations to the Memorial Fund.

Anyone wishing to spread ashes of a loved one and requesting a name plate on the plaque can fill out the Memorial Garden application form found on the table in the narthex.

The name of the loved one whose ashes are spread in the Prairie Garden will be added to a bronze plaque. The cost for a name plate is \$250. Ruth's name plate is the first name plate on the bronze plaque.

We plan to have a dedication service for the Memorial Garden on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Donations to help maintain the Memorial Garden can be made to the Pilgrim UCC for the Memorial Garden fund #118.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Ring,  
Memorial Garden chairperson.



**Pilgrim**

Children and Youth Ministry

### **Family Fun Night**

Join us on **Thursday, August 6th from 6:00-8:00pm** for a night of fun and fellowship! The Christian Education Ministry is hosting the Community Family Fun Night here at Pilgrim. Please mark your calendars and tell your family, friends, and neighbors to come to this free community event. There will be a bounce house, carnival games with prizes, BINGO, crafts, a cookie walk, food, live music, and friendship. Plan to come rain or shine to celebrate our wonderful church and community.

As always, we will need many volunteers to help with this event. A sign up poster is in the narthex. Please consider volunteering to help ensure that our event is a great success.

### **Summer Bingo**

Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to participate in our Summer Bingo Game! Complete the tasks on the game to stay engaged in church and wellness activities during the summer. Complete 5 in a row and turn in for a chance to win a prize. Complete every activity on the game board and be entered to win our grand prize! Turn in completed Bingo boards to the drop off box in the Narthex by Sunday, August 23rd for your chance to win.

### **Sunday School**

Thank you to our students, teachers, and shepherds for an amazing 2025/2026 school year! As we plan for the upcoming school year, please fill out the End of the Year Survey which was sent out in May. If you need the link to the survey re-sent, please reach out to Michael. We value your input and look forward to planning for the upcoming school year based on the feedback we receive.

An Ecclesiastical Council for Lisa Hart to become ordained will be held at 2pm on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at Salem UCC of Verona (502 Mark Drive, Verona, WI). Lisa works at the Conference office and may be known to some of our members. A vote to support Lisa's ordination will be taken after the presentation and a Reception will follow the Ecclesiastical Council. Please feel free to attend!



**PASTOR JEANNIE'S LAST SUNDAY AS OUR INTERIM PASTOR**

Sunday July 19, 2026 9am service  
Coffee Fellowship to follow service

Please come and join in saying farewell to Pastor Jeannie and Deb as they move on to their next faith chapter. We have been so lucky to have them with us for the past two years. Coffee and Cake will be served.



**PRAYER CROSS**

The worship ministry would like you all to know that beginning in July the prayer cross papers will be a new dissolvable paper to write your prayers on. The current prayers will be removed and placed in a safe space for now and the new papers will be available for you to write your prayer concerns on and place on the cross. Periodically during the year, the papers will be removed, prayed over and then placed in a bowl of water where they will dissolve so as to honor the sacredness of your prayers. If you have any questions about the paper, ask any worship ministry members. Linda Stutz

**Gratitude Moments:**

Many thanks to those who came to help change the church décor from Easter to Pentecost. Thanks to Jim & Dianne Bentley, Avery & Barb Geiger, Db Wamser, Jean Wright.

Also, gratitude to Rev Jeannie for allowing us to use her butterflies and streamers for our Easter celebrations.

**Special Music guidelines**

The worship ministry has developed some guidelines in regard to summer music. Please read the following and if you have questions don't hesitate to ask a worship ministry member. Linda Stutz



Members or guests at Pilgrim Church who would like to share their gifts of special music during worship are asked to first coordinate date with Pastor and music staff. Individual or group will need to have their musical piece authorized with Pastor and provide music for the organist.



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| David Faubel        | July 1  |
| Marie Moely         | July 1  |
| Whitney Curl        | July 3  |
| Laura Kaufman       | July 4  |
| Vicki Lamb          | July 6  |
| Pete Vercouteren    | July 7  |
| Brett Dille         | July 13 |
| Carter Mittelstaedt | July 13 |
| Steve Wicichowski   | July 16 |
| Tom Willett         | July 18 |
| Doug Baltz          | July 20 |
| Donna Blanc         | July 21 |
| Andrew Christensen  | July 27 |
| Gail Schmidt        | July 27 |
| Betty Sinnen        | July 30 |

| Ushers for July |                            |
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| Date            | 9:00 Service               |
| July 5          | Jim & Dianne Bentley       |
| July 12         | Steve & Rachel Wicichowski |
| July 19         | Bill & Patti Burns         |
| July 26         | Deb & Jim Wamser           |
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| Welcomers for July |               |
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| Date               | 9:00 Service  |
| July 5             | Jim Bentley   |
| July 12            | Wendy Ellison |
| July 19            | Fran Schmid   |
| July 26            | Gary Ring     |
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| Jessica & John Westphal | July 23 |
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| Worship Leaders July |                  |
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| Date                 | 9:00 Service     |
| July 5               | Sue Kaiser       |
| July 12              | Noreen Henderson |
| July 19              | Linda Stutz      |
| July 26              | Sue Schmitz      |
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**Pilgrim UCC Church Council Meeting**  
**May 18, 2026**

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

Guests: Neal Seiglaff, Lucia Hoyer

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.

**Vice President's Report:** We do need a licensing for the music family fun night for performance licensing \$ 371, we will make it a line item next year. Council approves with Unanimous Consent.

**President's Report:**

**Pastor's Report: Report attached.**

1. Pastor met with 28 people for short walk- in counseling, advising, meetings and information.
2. Pastor attended : 14 meetings.
3. 27 special services for the congregation

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

1. New called pastor. See Search committee

**Ministry Reports:**

- **Worship and Music:** Steven Wicihowski (Council Rep.) :
  1. Linda is working with Amy to order the dissolvable paper to have for the prayer cross by the time the campfire event will burn all prayer papers May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Discussion continues regarding order of worship and slight changes that will happen over the summer as we prepare for fall and the possibility of changing the time of Sunday School to occur overlapping worship time.
  3. May 31, 2026 will feature Fred Ferguson for special music and hymn sing leadership. Pastor Jeannie will speak with Fred to organize the service. There will be an E-blast, Deb Wamser will organize the coffee hour after, Marilyn has agreed to assist in the planning.
  
- **Adult Education:** Dixie Sullivan (Council Rep) Report attached
  1. A review of the fall 2026 brochure with suggestions for changes was completed
  2. Ideas were shared for a possible day-long retreat with a speaker.
  3. Ideas were shared to begin preparation for winter/spring sessions of Adult Forum and Expanding Horizons.

- **Christian Education** Dixie Sullivan(Council Rep.) Minutes attached.
  1. Sunday school will be sending out another survey re: time of Sunday School
  2. The Camp Fire event was well attended.
  3. Family Fun Night to have music Aug 6,2026
  4. Sunday School continues to look at other curriculum's other than SPARK
  
- **Property and Maintenance:** Avery Geiger ( Council Rep) minutes attached.
  1. The handicapped signed knocked down by the snow plow was fixed.
  2. Removed the "youth room" sign from the staff office door.
  3. Confirmed with Doug Balz that he will mow the lawn again this year.
  4. Reprogrammed the thermostat schedules to account for new groups and knowledge of where the pipes are freezing
  5. Any signs that are to be placed on church property must be approved by the church council first.
  
- **Lay Life & Leadership:** Patty Minter (Council Rep):
  1. Lay Life will assist in welcoming the new Called Pastor with a reception after the service on the 7<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Stewardship & Finance:** Ron McCreedy (Council Rep): Minutes attached
  1. Sunday offerings And pledges April. \$16,396  
Income for April : \$ 22,268  
Ave. Total Income YTD April: \$101,832  
Diff. By month: \$26,749
  2. April (offerings and pledges) were below average by \$2,375
  3. April (pledges plus other income) was above average +\$26,749
  
- **Membership and Evangelism:** Fran Schmid (Council Rep.) Minutes attached
  1. New Member Sunday is May 31. 4 individuals and up to 8 will be joining. M & E will host coffee hour after worship.
  2. Mark Brenner is being added back into the church family
  3. Pride Picnic is June 28, 2026 at the Prairie Theater and Events Center (new venue). Information and a sign -up is on a poster in the Narthex. We need at least 2 people at our table.
  4. The April intergenerational Night Movie was canceled due to unstable weather.
  5. We are registered for Fon du Fest
  
- **Christian Outreach:** Peg Bradley (Council Rep.) Minutes attached.
  1. The May collection of Birthday Pans for the Fondy Food Pantry is going well.
  2. The June collection will be for the Habitat for Humanity. This is the first time we have collected for Habitat.
  3. The meeting after the planning for the Alternative Gift Fair will be held Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM. We will be making an effort to get more new people involved.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Nominating Committee**

- **Ham Dinner**

- **Memorial Fund Committee:**
- **Green Team:** Minutes attached.
  1. Native Niche’s assessment of our prairie indicates no major issues, but some maintenance is needed to remove invasive plants and grasses. Clover and dandelions are not a concern.
  2. “Make This Summer the Last Straw”, a six-week information program on reducing single use plastics, will start June 21<sup>st</sup>.
  3. Creation Care topics to be shared with the Adult Education committee: Drive smart program, solar panels, and Data Centers.
- **SCRIP**
- **Trust Fund Report**
- **ONA: Minutes submitted**
  1. Chris and Sue will be working on a Tree Display as a show of support for a display of the revised ONA Covenant.
  2. Chris and Sue are working on a final listening session on the revisions of the ONA covenant
- **Pastoral Support**
- **Search Committee:** Neal presented the new updated contract for a seated pastor and discussed the candidate Rev. Jeffrey Dodson as the seated pastor. Steve and Lucia discussed the Pastor’s back ground and information about the candidate. The congregation will be introduced to the candidate on June 6 with opportunities to do a ‘Meet and greet’ with Pastor and family. Sunday June 7, he will run the service and a congregational vote will take place afterward. Patti and the Lay Life committee will organize a reception after the vote on June 7. The council agreed with unanimous consent to accept the proposal of the contract and called pastor.
- **Memorial Garden:** report attached.

**Celebrations** Ron McCreedy and Karen are celebrating their 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Steve is starting a new chapter in his life with a dream job at ATW airport. Dixie is having family visits.

**Information Sharing Adjournment:**

The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer and adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Wendy Ellison, Church Council Secretary.





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|                                                                                                   |                                     |                                                | 1<br>Loaves & Fishes | 2<br>6pm SAA | 3<br>Office Closed in<br>Observance of<br>Independence<br>Day | 4<br>**Independence<br>Day** |
| 5<br>9am Worship<br>BP checks after<br>worship<br>6pm NA                                          | 6<br>5pm Christian Ed               | 7                                              | 8                    | 9            | 10                                                            | 11                           |
| 12<br>9am Worship                                                                                 | 13<br>5pm P & M                     | 14<br>10am Christian<br>Outreach<br>11am M & E | 15                   | 16           | 17                                                            | 18                           |
| 19<br>9am Worship<br>**Pastor<br>Jeannie's last<br>day**<br>Coffee<br>Fellowship after<br>worship | 20<br>** August Quill<br>Deadline** | 21                                             | 22                   | 23           | 24                                                            | 25                           |
| 26<br>9am Worship                                                                                 | 27                                  | 28                                             | 29                   | 30           | 31                                                            |                              |

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## The Pilgrim Quill

### Pilgrim United Church of Christ Mission Statement

*Pilgrim United Church of Christ, a theologically progressive Christian church, pursues growth in faith, social justice, and respect for all voices-with Jesus as our model for how to live and love.*

### Those Who Serve

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| Pastor.....                        | Rev. Jeannie Douglas |
| Administrative Assistant.....      | 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           |

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