



THE PILGRIM QUILL

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Minister's Article
Rev. Jeffrey Dodson
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“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” — Matthew 6:21

Turning Toward the Light

Stories are the heartbeat of our faith. The sacred stories of Scripture expand our understanding of who God is and how God shows up in the world. And the stories of our own lives are powerful reminders of how we have been shaped by the God of all creation and by Christ's church.

As we enter this year's stewardship season at Pilgrim, I find myself thinking about the image of the yagrumo, a tree native to Puerto Rico whose leaves have two distinct sides: one deep green and the other a shimmering silver-white. The leaves turn toward the sky, almost as if anticipating the rain that will bring life and nourishment. They do not turn toward the light to be seen. They turn toward the light so they can receive it.

What a beautiful image for generosity.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 6 that our giving is not about putting on a show or receiving recognition. Instead, generosity grows from something deeper: a heart that is turned toward God. Our stewardship is one way we practice trusting God, allowing what we have been given to become an expression of love, justice, and hope.

Consider where our hearts are being called to turn. What do we treasure? What do we value? What kind of church do we want Pilgrim to be in the coming year? I have been reflecting on this year's stewardship campaign theme, “There our hearts will be.” For people of faith, what we give through the church is one

reflection of our values. And how we steward those gifts as a congregation is a reflection of who we believe God is calling us to be.

I am deeply grateful for all the ways you give to Pilgrim, through your time, your talents, your prayers, your presence, and your financial resources. I see God at work in this congregation in so many ways: in the welcome we offer to our neighbors, in our commitment to being an Open and Affirming community, in the care we extend to those who are grieving or struggling, and in our willingness to ask how our faith can make a difference in the wider community and world.

Since arriving at Pilgrim, I have been continually reminded that ministry is something we do together. Your generosity makes so many ministries possible here, ministries that may never appear on a budget line, but are signs of God's love taking root among us. Our commitments are not simply numbers on a pledge card. They are expressions of gratitude for all that God has given us and hopeful investments in the ministry we believe God is calling Pilgrim to share.

“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

May our hearts, like the leaves of the yagrumo, continue turning toward the light, toward the God whose generosity gives us life, and toward a future filled with possibilities for justice, compassion, and love.

In this season of thanksgiving and gratitude, we must celebrate what God is doing among us. I hope you will join me for a very special occasion: my Installation Service as Minister of Pilgrim United Church of Christ on Sunday, November 1, at 3:00 p.m. This service is more than a celebration of one person. It is a celebration of the covenant we share and the ministry we are beginning together. I would be honored to have you there as we worship, give thanks, and ask God's blessing upon the ministry we will share in the years ahead.

Thank you for walking alongside me and for being part of the story God continues to write at Pilgrim. I am grateful for where we have been, excited about where we are going, and deeply thankful to be making this journey with you.

With gratitude and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey Dodson', with a stylized, flowing script.

Rev. Jeffrey Dodson

Worship at Pilgrim UCC

Sunday, October 25

There Our Hearts Will Be

Stewardship Campaign Kick-off, Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship

Matthew 6:21, Divine Treasure

Sunday, November 1

Inspired Souls

Communion, All Souls & Saints Sunday, Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship

Matthew 23:1-12, Humble yourselves

3:00 PM - Installation Service for Rev. Jeffrey Dodson

Sunday, November 8

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship

Matthew 25:1-13, The Parable of the bridesmaids and lamps

Sunday, November 15

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am Worship

Matthew 25:14-30, The Parable of the talents

Sunday, November 22

Thanksgiving Sunday, Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Hanging of the Greens following worship

9:00 am Worship

Matthew 25:31-46, The parable of sheep and goats

Sunday, November 29

Hallelujah! Advent & Handel's Messiah

First Sunday of Advent: Hope

New Members Join

9:00 am Worship

Mark 13:24-37, Jesus' coming foretold

Sunday, December 6

Hallelujah! Advent & Handel's Messiah

Communion, Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

9:00 am Worship

Mark 1:1-8, The Proclamation of John the Baptist

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven..."

Matthew 5:3

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS!

ADULT FORUM

Sunday Mornings 10:15AM to 11:15AM in the lounge following the 9:00AM worship. To join with the Zoom link go to pilgrimuccfdl.org/education



NOVEMBER 1 – COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

November 8

The Work of the Fondy Food Pantry

Leader: Dave Diaz

Director Fondy Food Pantry

Mr. Diaz will inform and update us on our community's food vulnerability during this difficult time in our history, and how the pantry is addressing these needs and challenges. He will also discuss the impact of volunteers and community support.

November 15 *CHANGE

Our Fond du Lac Adult Literacy Organization

Leader: Juana Montes-Hernandez

Coordinator Fond du Lac Adult Literacy Services

It's another important organization doing great work in our community! Ms. Montes-Hernandez will share how her organization works to improve the reading, writing, speaking and math skills of her clients and how we can help.

November 22

Holy Family Warming Shelter

Leader: Manuel Santos

Management/Bereavement Coordinator

We've talked food vulnerability, what about housing insecurity? Opening in 2023, Mr. Santos will share the history, work and ongoing needs of the Holy Family Warming Shelter especially in our difficult economic climate.

November 29

The Celebration of Kwanzaa

Leader: Karissa Doster-Hoffman

Ebony Vision

Have you always wondered about Kwanzaa? First celebrated in 1966, Ms. Doster-Hoffman will enlighten us about the beginnings, practice and unifying spirit of this holiday.

EXPANDING HORIZONS

Monday afternoons 1:00PM to 2:30PM in the lounge. For those joining from home, the link for the programs will be the same each week. To join with the Zoom link go to pilgrimuccfdl.org/education



November 2

Realities and Current Trends of Human Trafficking

Sr. Rhea Emmer CSA-Program South Board

Tracy Abler-CSA Peace and Justice Coordinator

It's time to update ourselves this difficult topic. Join Sr. Rhea and Tracy in a conversation concerning this very real and ongoing global issue. Tracy will update us with current data and Sr. Rhea will share her ministry and first-hand experience.

November 9

The Bible and the LGBTQ+ Community

Leader: Dr. Brian Smith

Prof. Emeritus of Religion, Ripon College

Our friend and teacher, Dr. Brian Smith will join us by Zoom and take us on a deeper dive into what the Bible says or doesn't say about our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters.

November 16

"Religion and Spirituality: The Means - The Goal"

Leader: Dr. Brian Smith

Prof. Emeritus of Religion, Ripon College

Some say they're religious, some say they're spiritual and some of us say we are both. What does it mean?

Dr. Smith will discuss the relationship between spirituality and religion from a biblical and historical perspective.

November 23

Back Against the Wall: The Howard Thurman Story

Leader: Peg Bradley

Let's explore the extraordinary life of a man who was called a teacher, a poet, and a mystic in the nonviolent struggle of the Civil Rights Movement. Peg will lead a discussion as we view this PBS video on the life of Howard Thurman.

November 30

Meditations of the Heart by Howard Thurman

Leader: Peg Bradley

A great follow-up! Last week we heard about the man. This week we will hear from and be inspired by Howard Thurman himself through his book of meditations. Sometimes we just need a session like this!

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## **Christian Outreach "TOYS FOR TOTS"**

The Christian Outreach Ministry invites you to start your Christmas shopping early this year. Toys for Tots, organized by the Salvation Army, is an opportunity for Pilgrim members and friends to bring a big smile to the faces of Fond du Lac children on Christmas Day. We will be collecting new toys for children 0-13 years old. There is an especially great need for the 8-10 year old children. Collection dates are Nov. 1 - Dec. 13th. Please place the toys on the shelves in the entryway.

Last year 1600 children were served in Fond du Lac County through this program. Pilgrim is fortunate to be able to participate in the Toys for Tots program. We are all aware that the economic climate this year will make it difficult for many parents to provide a gift for their children. Lets do what we can to bring a Merry Christmas to our Fond du Lac neighbors.

Many thanks for the 230lb. of food donated to the Fondy Food Pantry in September!

A Mindfulness Moment...

"There is no distinction between the one who gives, the one who receives, and the gift itself."  
Thich Nhat Hanh

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Recycle Your Christmas Lights with the Green Team

Again this year, the Green Team will help you recycle your Christmas string lights. Approximate collection period will be November 8 to January 17.

Old lights shouldn't go in the landfill, where electronics can leak harmful chemicals instead of breaking down. Recycling lets the plastic, and copper be reused, which cuts waste and the need for new resources.

Please don't put string lights in curbside recycling bins. They tangle in the sorting equipment and can shut down the facility.

Instead, drop unwanted lights in the box in the narthex. The Green Team will see that they're taken to a recycling facility to be shredded, separated into raw materials, and reused.

Important: remove any large, old-fashioned bulbs and put them in the trash first.

Shared Planet on PBS

With stunning cinematography, this unique global series reveals the untold stories of people and wildlife living together. Celebrating the benefits of making room for nature, this series offers a vision of a hopeful future.

Note from the Kairos Newspaper editor - Susan Webb, Memorial UCC Fitchburg - I watched the episode on Cities. It was so hopeful to learn what cities across the globe have done to bring nature closer to them. One of the cities was Los Angeles which found a mountain lion living in a city park about 15 years ago and the residents watched this mountain lion on trail cameras and home security footage for over 10 years. When the cat died, the community came together to make it easier for the wild animals to navigate into and through the city.

In the city of New York, the harbor was so polluted that sea life couldn't live there. Learn how the people of New York cleaned the harbor starting 20 years ago and now there are whales and other sea life coming into the harbor.

Watch and learn how these communities and others have brought nature into their cities. Some not only brought in wildlife but lowered the temperature of their cities and made them more livable for their citizens. Here is the [link](#) to learn more.

Source: Wisconsin UCC Kairos Call to Action Newsletter

Simple things to reduce energy use and save money

- **Unplug "vampire" electronics:** Disconnect chargers, game consoles, and small appliances when not in use, or plug them into a smart power strip to easily cut off power. Apply this practice to holiday displays.
- **Wash laundry in cold water:** Around **90% of the energy** your washing machine uses goes toward heating the water. Cold water cleans just as effectively for normal loads.
- **Switch the direction of your ceiling fans.** Fans should spin clockwise in the fall and winter to push warm air down. Turn your fan off, find the switch on the side of the fan, and turn it to clockwise!

Pilgrim's Green Team meets most months at 4:30 on the 4th Monday of the month. New members are always welcome. Just visit a meeting to see what we are doing.



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Blood Pressures: with Barb Geiger

Barb will be available after the worship service to take November 1st blood pressures. *It's also the first day of Daylight Savings...stop in and see if that extra hour of sleep made a relaxation difference in your circulation!*

November is National Family Caregiver Month

When it comes to caregiving, there's a lot of "taking care of yourself" advice. And when you're in the midst of it all, self-care is one of the last things on your mind! Boiled down, there are 4 things to ask yourself...

Am I thirsty or hungry? Hydration and food are important to physical and mental well-being. Start with drinking at least 6 glasses of water per day.

Do I feel safe? Physically and emotionally, if feeling safe is compromised, we feel even more stress and unbalanced.

Do I need rest? Sleep restores energy. Unhealthy sleep patterns are associated with lower quality of life and increased risk of chronic disease.

Do I need to breathe? Remind yourself that we inhale life and exhale exhaustion.

Allow yourself to stop and take three slow deep breaths - frequently through-out each day. These sound simplistic but are fundamental to life. Each caregiver has a different situation, but they share many of the same concerns. It's a complicated and a challenging role physically, emotionally, spiritually and financially. Talking with a Social Worker at the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center will help in knowing options for assistance. And staying connected (and honest) with friends, faith families, and designated family members will keep the communication flowing for support. You are not alone.

More nagging related to Colds and Flu...Pneumonia

Pneumonia is an infection in the lungs that can be caused by bacterias, viruses and/or fungi. The infection can cause a cough with phlegm, fever, chills, extreme weakness and difficulty breathing. It can range from mild to life-threatening and it is most serious for infants and young children, people older than 65, and those with chronic health issues and/or weakened immune systems.

Mild symptoms are similar to those of a cold or flu, but they last longer. A Care Provider will want to see you if you have more serious symptoms: difficulty breathing, chest pain, persistent fever of 102 F (39 C) or higher, and/or cough that brings up thick green, blood streaked or rust colored phlegm.

Upper respiratory colds or influenza can morph into pneumonia; taking advantage of a weakened immune system and increased exposure to "germs of the season". This should be

respected with all those healthy lifestyle recommendations/nagging...sleep, balanced diet, movement, avoiding nicotine, hydration, consistent handwashing and avoiding (if possible) those who are obviously ill. There are vaccines against the most common pneumonia bacterias. Please talk with your Primary Care Provider for their recommendations.

The Take Away... It's cold and flu season for the next 4 months at least in Wisconsin. Awareness, immune respect and working with God – rather than testing Him - are always keys to staying healthy.

An opportunity to learn about the “*Just Eating? Practicing our Faith at the Table*” Program from the UCC Wellness Ministry

“Monday, Nov. 2nd 12:00 CT there will be an hour long webinar introducing the *Just Eating* program. The title is meaningful. Often, we think of food as just food, without much thought to how and where it comes from. However, there is a way to make food choices that frame eating as a practice of faith and a justice issue. English and Spanish versions are available for adults and middle school-aged children.

The cost of food is an issue for many in our pews as well as others beyond our doors. This webinar, will introduce a seven-session curriculum for congregational discussion groups exploring the links between the way we eat and the way we live.

Skillfully weaving scripture, prayer, and stories from our local and global community, the curriculum explores four key aspects of our relationship with food:

- - the health of our bodies
- - the challenge of hunger
- - the health of the earth that provides our food
- - the ways we use food to extend hospitality and enrich relationships

Funded, in part, by a grant from the UCC Genesis Fund, *Just Eating?* takes participants on a journey from the table of the Lord to the table of the world that will challenge, encourage, and enrich all who participate.”

I will be listening in to find out more about this program. If anyone else is interested in listening in/learning more, please let me know and I will get you the webinar registration information.

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### **The SCRIP program NEEDS YOU!**

As we begin to get ready for the new program year and the return of school, please keep the SCRIP program in mind. This is such an easy way to give a little bit more financially to our church budget. The program is easy to use – stop at the SCRIP table in the Narthex and purchase your needs for the week...gas, grocery & restaurants (places you go regularly) cards to name a few. You buy the cards at face value (ex. \$25 Kwik Trip – you pay \$25 but the church earns a percentage of each card purchase. Please stop and talk with Karen on Sunday morning or call her at 920)904-5740 if you have any questions. This program has so much more potential than we are utilizing!!



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5 Tips to Boost Your Mental Health

1. Spend some time in nature today. Whether it's taking a walk, watching fall colors, or sitting by a tree. Nature can make you feel calmer.
2. Our physical health is linked to our mental health. Find some time to move your body today in whatever way feels right for you.
3. Try a breathing exercise to feel more calm and grounded. Inhale for 4 seconds, hold for 4, exhale for 4, and hold again for 4. Repeat as needed.
4. Go somewhere you've never been. This could be as simple as taking a different route home. Mixing it up can be refreshing and open you up to new possibilities.
5. Read this affirmation today whenever you need it: "We're all first-time humans. Give yourself grace as you keep learning and changing."

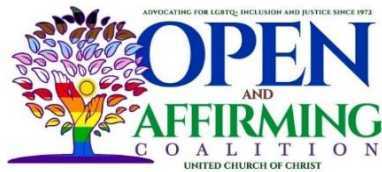
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**Upcoming Program at Pilgrim:** The WISE (Welcoming, Informed, Supportive, & Engaged) team will be hosting the NAMI "Hearts & Minds" program winter.

It is a five-week series focusing on the connection between physical and mental health, offering practical information and tools to support overall wellness and recovery goals.

- Dates: Thursdays, January 7 through February 4
- Time: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
- Location: Pilgrim

This opportunity is open to both our church members and the broader community. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested.



Hello, Pilgrim UCC family and friends!

**At the writing of this article, we are experiencing some truly great weather with God's beautiful works all around us. It is a great way to end the fall season. We are grateful.**

Our ONA discussions last month surrounding the movie *Call Me Malcolm*, were well attended and many thoughtful questions were asked. We are very thankful for Andrea and Trixie Yttri's leading of these sessions. Their willingness to share insights from their personal journeys gave us many views into a world not many of us have traveled in showing us that learning is growing!

Tracy Abler and CSA Associate Home Circle are preparing Café Q's November meal. We are grateful for their continued support. Pilgrim will provide the December meal; please let Sue Kaiser know if you can help prepare it or make a donation.

To support the events ONA hopes to offer Pilgrim in 2027, we will hold a kringle fundraiser through Uncle Mike's Bake Shoppe from November 19 through December 4. This award-winning Wisconsin bakery has been making distinctive kringles for 25 years. Nine flavors will be available: Sea Salt Caramel Pecan, Caramel Apple, Turtle, Raspberry, Door County Cherry, Blueberry Cheese, Almond, Cream Cheese, and Strawberry Cheese.

The Sea Salt Caramel Pecan Signature Kringle was named Best Kringle in North America, and the Caramel Apple Signature Kringle earned third place in the Wisconsin Baker's Kringle Contest. Choose these award-winning favorites or try another flavor as a treat for family, friends, or yourself. An order form is included in this Quill, so you can begin gathering orders from friends and co-workers.

Kringles can be frozen for up to six months, making them a convenient treat for a New Year's Eve celebration or Easter next year. Each kringle costs \$23, payable by cash or check when you place your order. Payment must be received by Friday, December 4, for your order to be included in our final submission to Uncle Mike's.

For questions about the fundraiser, contact Andrea Yttri from ONA at: [love2sign87@gmail.com](mailto:love2sign87@gmail.com).

October's educational resource focused on one of Sue Kaiser's favorite singer-songwriters: Jennifer Knapp. When Knapp stepped away from her successful Christian music career in 2003, many fans wondered why. Now, she is speaking about both her comeback and her coming out. The series includes four videos, each approximately ten minutes long. Links for Parts 1 and 2 were included in our October Quill article; Parts 3 and 4 are included here.

Part Three: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ea98e609jeA>

Part Four: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nnOJnHjgkI0>



With deepest appreciation for all of you! Your Pilgrim ONA Team (November Quill)

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| <p><b>PILGRIM UCC ONA<br/>FUNDRAISER</b></p> <p><b>Uncle Mike's Kringles</b></p> <p><i>A little bit of Heaven in every bite.</i>    <b>Order Form</b></p> <p><b>Name:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Phone:</b> _____</p> <p><b>Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!</b></p> | <p><b>Kringle Price: \$23 per Kringle</b></p> <p>x Total Qty: _____</p> <p><b>Amount Due: \$</b> _____</p> <p>Payable by <b>cash or check</b> to the church when you place your order. (Note "Kringle" in the memo of checks) Payment must be received by <b>Friday, Dec 4.</b></p> <p><i>Products are perishable. If you are not going to consume it within the first week, place in freezer in plastic packaging for up to 6 months.</i></p> |
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| Kringle Flavor | Sea Salt Caramel | Pecan | Caramel Apple | Turtle | Raspberry | Door County Cherry | Blueberry Cheese | Almond | Cream Cheese | Strawberry Cheese |
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| Quantity       |                  |       |               |        |           |                    |                  |        |              |                   |

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This year's **Ham Dinner will be on November 5, 2026.** In the next few weeks, you will be receiving your tickets that you can sell to you friends and neighbors. There will be an opportunity for you to sign up to help out on that date. Once again, we will be doing a drive through dinner. Our prices will remain the same as last year. I am excited to once again have a successful event. If you have questions about how w you can help, feel free to contact me.

NEEDED: CLEAN ICE CREAM PAILS WITH LIDS FOR THE HAM DINNER LEFTOVERS
PLEASE LEAVE IN CHURCH KITCHEN WITH NOTE ON THEM. THANK YOU!

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**For Christmas this year, we will have a theme of angels.** I would like to invite members with angel ornaments to bring them in to church by Nov. 22 so we can hang them on our Christmas tree. Please label with a tag or small patch of tape with your name on it so they can be returned to you in January. Thank you! Fran S.

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Hanging of the greens will be on November 22 beginning at 10:15. Many hands make for light work anybody that would like to help please join us at that time.

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**Pilgrim United Church of Christ Alternative Gift Fair** is a positive holiday experience that brings together our church and community members in a fun way to bypass the annual stress of holiday shopping and accumulation of “stuff” while honoring friends and relatives with donations that fit their values. The Alternative Gift Fair provides critical support for a diverse collection of local, national, and international nonprofit organizations that have established track records of helping people --diverting money to these charities rather than to department stores and malls. Each year we strive to feature 8 or 9 local, national and international organizations that we have researched and chosen. We strive to feature different organizations as much as possible in order to educate our shoppers about the diverse and extensive number of worthwhile nonprofit charities that exist. This *alternative* approach honors the spirit of giving. Gifts can range from any amount and are not disclosed to the recipient, making *alternative* gifts the perfect solution for co-workers, family, friends and the “hard to shop for” person.

Pilgrim Church’s Alternative Gift Fair has raised a considerable amount of money for nonprofit charity organizations over the last 20+ years. The Fair has supported a wide range of causes including organizations dedicated to environment, poverty, children, animals, nature, the arts, education, housing, women, hunger, refugees and more. We consider a successful fair one in which our shoppers are more educated about each charity’s mission and good work.

Attendees are given a “shopping list” with all of the nonprofits who are represented at the fair. They can stroll among the booths and talk to featured nonprofit groups who will have information to share about their respective mission and current projects. As shoppers browse, they can match what charities they might support with the interests of the people on their gift list. Once complete, shoppers can check out and pay for all their gifts at once, eliminating any pressure to give to particular causes or groups at the individual booths. Shoppers may pay by cash or check and 100% of all donations go to the designated charities.

The shopper will receive a gift card for each monetary gift donated to a designated charity that they can share with their gift recipient. This card can then be addressed to “the honor of” or “memory of” a loved one or friend and can be signed by the shopper. Information is posted on the gift card about the charity’s general mission and contact information.

Pilgrim Church’s checkout eliminates the need for multiple transactions. After the event, Pilgrim will issue one check to each charity with all of their donations consolidated into one.

As one shops *alternatively*, your purchase is more than a gift to just the recipient. Your choice emphasizes community, outreach, service and justice. It is a celebration of non-material values. It honors the true meaning of Christmas.

***This year’s Alternative Gift Fair will be on  
Sunday, December 6, 2026.***

***Listed below are descriptions of the organizations  
represented this year at Pilgrim Church:***

## UNDUE MEDICAL DEBT

Have you ever been faced with medical debt and weren't sure how you would pay it? Perhaps someone you know, a friend, relative or neighbor, has incurred unexpected medical expenses which they could not pay. In the U.S., 4.3 million people have medical debt on their credit reports, with 63% of those people incurring debt even while insured. One in 11 adults delay or avoid medical care to prevent accruing debt.

Realizing the devastation this debt can bring to individuals and families, two former debt collection executives founded Undue Medical Debt in 2014. This nonprofit organization buys medical debt from debt collectors and healthcare providers and then forgives the debt. Undue Medical Debt is one of the leading charitable organizations that help pay medical bills. They work to end medical debt and ensure a future where everyone can access healthcare without fear.

Undue Medical Debt not only relieves medical debt for Americans, they work to change the healthcare finance system. They advocate for structural changes to the system. They strive to be a moral force for systemic change revealing the failure of policies and systems not people.

Since its founding, debt relief in the amount of \$49,600,000,000 for over 31.6 million people in the U.S. has been forgiven. In 12 midwest states including Wisconsin \$9.01 billion total debt has been abolished since 2018. Through their combined mission of medical debt relief and working for change in the healthcare financial system, U.S. citizens have hope for healthier lives and a more just system.

To learn more about Undue Medical Debt see their website <https://unduemedicaldebt.org> or speak to Peg Bradley.

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### Fond du Lac High School Student Aid Account

High School years are important growth years – physically and emotionally. When a student doesn't fit in – for whatever reason – it can be devastating and in a worst case scenario, lead to mental health challenges and dropping out.

On average, 43% of students enrolled at Fond du Lac High School meet the threshold of being classified as economically disadvantaged as determined by qualifying for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program (taken from the 2024-25 WI Dept. of Public Instruction School Report Card). The number of economically disadvantaged is likely a bit higher, because this only takes into account the families that apply for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program.

The Student Aid Account was developed to make sure that ALL students have what they need to be successful during their High School years – physically and emotionally. Money in this account is used for unique student needs - needs that fall through the cracks and are not covered by other assistance type programs.

Recent purchases made from this account include:

- Paying field trip fees,
- Buying winter clothing items in sizes more difficult to find,
- City bus fare, and cab fare for after school performances that are held in the evening when the busses do not run,
- Glasses (vision appointment and/or frames and lenses),
- Groceries for families in a crisis,
- Items needed for a physical education class or an after-school job,
- Hygiene items,
- Assistance with school fees, backpacks

In their Purpose Statement, Fond du Lac High School states that they “...cultivate a learning environment where each student thrives.” We can help make that a positive experience – one student at a time – and they are our future.

Julie Rehfeldt,  
Fond du Lac High School, Social Worker  
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***Adelante Mujer** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping women in Central America pursue careers in medicine and healthcare. Today, Adelante Mujer supports **94 women—88 medical students in Nicaragua and six students in Guatemala**—by helping provide the tuition, transportation, food, supplies, technology, and other resources they need to continue their education. Their goal is simple: remove financial barriers so talented, determined women can become healthcare professionals and serve their communities.*

*Currently, **more than 20 women are waiting for the opportunity to join the Adelante Mujer program**. It costs approximately **\$1,650 to support one student for an entire year**, and gifts through the Alternative Gift Fair will help provide scholarships and support to the women the organization serves—and will help them say **“yes” to the next woman waiting**. Every gift, no matter the size, becomes part of a much bigger story: educating a woman, strengthening a community, and expanding access to compassionate healthcare.*

Learn more at <https://www.adelantemujer.org/>

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World Central Kitchen (WCK) is a not-for-profit, non- governmental organization that provides food relief. It was founded in 2010 by Spanish American chef and restaurateur Jose Andres in response to the earthquake in Haiti. WCK is first to the frontlines providing fresh meals in response to humanitarian, climate, and community crises.

Food is essential to life every single day, all over the world and more important than ever in crisis situations. Not only is a freshly prepared meal one less thing survivors need to worry about, it is a reminder that someone cares. Food has the power to be the nourishment and hope we need to pick ourselves up in the darkest times. WCK teams across the world remain committed to serving delicious chef prepared meals to people in crisis with respect to their local food traditions.

By partnering with organizations in local areas and activating a network of food trucks and emergency kitchens, WCK provides freshly made nutritious meals to communities in crisis. Since its founding in 2010 it has provided meals following hurricanes, fires, domestic food insecurity during government shut downs and Covid closures as well as areas of armed conflict (Ukraine and Gaza).

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## TREVOR PROJECT

The **Trevor Project** is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to prevent suicide among **LGBTQ+ young people**. It was founded in 1998, in West Hollywood, California, by three producers who created the 1994 Academy Award short film, *Trevor*, about a gay 13-year-old boy who, when rejected by friends, attempts suicide.

The Project's work includes:

- Providing **free, confidential crisis counseling 24/7** by phone, text, and online chat
  - The 988 suicide hotline, "Press 3 Option" was developed through the Trevor Project. It gives LGBTQ individuals assistance from specialized counselors.
- Offering mental-health and identity-related information for young people, families, educators, and supporters
- Conducting research on the well-being and experiences of LGBTQ+ youth
- Educating communities about suicide prevention and supportive environments
- Advocating for policies that protect LGBTQ+ young people

**TrevorChat** and **TrevorText** programs provide youth with digital connections to their peers. Both platforms use machine learning to assess suicide risk. **TrevorSpace** is a social networking website, like FaceBook. **Trevor Kits** provide materials for educators.

In short, the charity helps young LGBTQ+ people in crisis while working to create safer and more accepting communities. [www.thetrevorproject.org](http://www.thetrevorproject.org)

The Trevor Project

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# Pilgrim

Children and Youth Ministry

## **Sunday School/Faith Formation**

There is still time to register for Sunday School! Please take a moment to register your children for Sunday School using this link [Sunday School Enrollment 2026/27](#) or with the paper copy found on the youth bulletin board. Welcome back students!

Worship starts at 9:00 AM every Sunday and Sunday school continues to be held from about 9:15 to 10:15 AM during worship. There will be no Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month. This gives children the opportunity to remain in worship and participate in Communion and coffee hour with their families. We are excited about this change and hope it provides a meaningful balance of worship and learning!

## **Youth Group**

Each Sunday following worship (10:15-11:15 AM) will be time for youth in grades 6-12 to gather, have fun, and build friendships. Youth Group will be a welcoming space where youth can be themselves, connect with others, and enjoy a variety of games, activities, outings, service projects, and just plain fun! Michelle Buck-Stark will be leading Youth Group time along with several other adults. Please see Michelle if you wish to help.

## **Kids Club**

We are looking for young people of all ages to be little angels in the kids Christmas program on December 20. We are starting to assign parts and practice for the kids' Christmas program during Kids Club time on Sundays from 10:15 to 11:15 AM each Sunday except for the first Sunday of each month. There are non-speaking and speaking parts for all kids to participate in this year's program.

## **Intergenerational Fellowship Night**

Join us for our upcoming Movie Night Event on **Friday, November 13, from 6:00–7:30 p.m.** here at the church! This event is sponsored by the WISE ministry, and we will watch the movie “Inside Out 2”. Teenage Riley is perfectly happy with Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust, but is suddenly joined by Anxiety and more! The consequences are hilarious, and also true. Snacks will be provided.

## **Youth Mission Trip**

There will be an informational Mission Trip meeting on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:15-11:15 AM in the Guild room for middle and high school youth, parents and anyone who might be interested in chaperoning this trip. We are planning to experience a service trip to the St Louis, MO area and help handicapped residence at the Emmaus House.

**The Impact of Youth Group: They might have followers, but they NEED community, bruh.**

### ***Why youth group still matters in 2026.***

In decades past, it was a fairly straightforward task to put together a youth group. Tell parents to bring their teens to church on Sunday mornings. Bring donuts. Boom! Youth group.

2026? Not so much. You tell parents at the service and the online service. Put it on the socials. Email. Text. Call. MAYBE two or three kids show up. You bring donuts but one kid is gluten free, and another is on a food protocol for soccer playoffs. They are on their phones. They *\*might\** look you in the eye. They do look bored and disconnected. They leave and don’t come back.

The church may ask, “why bother”? Kids today are different. They don’t like the same things, do the same things, or want to participate in the same ways as generations of other teens. Maybe youth group is dead. Maybe. Or... maybe youth group needs an evolution.

### ***Teens Today***

According to a CDC Study from 2023, 40% of highschoolers report feeling sad or hopeless, which is a significant increase over a decade ago. Girls and those identifying as LGBTQIA+ suffer from persistent depression symptoms at a higher rate than their peers.

In the same CDC study, 18% of teens reported anxiety symptoms within the last two weeks. In total, parents reported that one in five teens have a current diagnosis of anxiety, depression, or some other behavior/conduct problem.

In addition, the National Bullying Prevention Center reports that middle school bullying affects roughly 26% of students while the number drops slightly to under 20% in high school. Of those bullied, 40% believe that the bullying will occur again.

The NBPC states that teens are bullied most frequently for their appearance (30%), followed by race and disability (25%), and ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, and religion making up the difference.

Teens report bullying most often at school, but home and online spaces are also often considered unsafe.

According to online research site Zipdo, over 80% of teens list academic pressure as a problem and over 60% of teens reported feeling stressed daily. They are feeling stressed by school, sports, peer relationships, fitting in, money, family, lack of sleep, daily news, and more.

Truly, these kids are getting hit from all sides and it is showing.

That's the bad news. These kids are suffering psychologically more than previous generations.

### ***So, What Could Possibly Be the Good News?***

We hold at least part of the answer in our pews every week. Connection.

Brene Brown, a researcher and author who has written extensively about shame, resilience, and burnout emphasizes the importance of connection in decreasing teen angst. When teens feel comfortable with a support group (not necessarily family or even school peers), they are much more likely to talk about their feelings, process emotions, and accept support- all of which can significantly reduce stress.

Teens are often taught via movies, shows, music, and social media that they must buy into the societal pressures to look a certain way, hide imperfections, act more extroverted, and pretend to be someone they are not. Every day that they have to keep up appearances by creating socially acceptable masks is another day they are secretly withering inside.

Youth groups have the ability to create safe, comforting spaces for teens who often feel like they must hide who they really are at school, home, and even with their friends. A vibrant and authentic youth group led by emotionally mature adults can mean the difference between managing stress during the difficult teen years and succumbing to the pressures and self medicating through dangerous behavior, addiction, and self harm.

Having one space that is free from judgement can be a critical piece of a teens' good mental health. One adult that can listen. One person that a teen can connect with who cares about them no matter what their grades or sports scores are can make an enormous difference in their quality of lifelong term. Having access to adults that model kindness, healthy boundaries, vulnerability, critical thinking skills, curiosity, and open mindedness is a gift that we can, as a church, give to every child that we encounter.

### ***What Can We Do?***

So much, friends. We can do so much. A lot of it is remarkably simple. Here is how we are starting at Pilgrims.

- Contact with every single middle and high school student connected with the church. We are in the process of calling each parent and child to ensure that they know that we have a program and that they are welcome at any time regardless of their beliefs about God, the church, or their place in it. Our youth group is a place of connection first.
- Creating a welcoming and cozy environment by updating the youth room with new paint, furniture, and fixtures. The youth group room is not just an extra room we made available- it has nice fixtures, lighting, and tons of blankets for cozy chats.

- We have a snack cabinet because these kids are ALWAYS hungry. The beverage station is taking shape so that hot chocolate is only one electric tea kettle boil away.
- Consistently having youth group three times per month led by the same adult with other adult mentors who honestly want to connect with the kids.
- One outing each month to give the teens a little freedom, fun, and excitement. October was thrifting and each teen picked out a mug especially for them that they can use throughout the year that only they get to use- because it is the little things that matter.
- Retreats twice per year to encourage bonding between the teens and their peers plus the adult mentors. Weekends away to experience life, think about life in different ways, and learn new skills is an important part of learning how to be a cohesive, connected group.
- Service missions are an important part of teaching leadership skills to emerging adults. This upcoming summer we hope to travel to Missouri to help a community that needs extra support.

### ***How Can YOU Help?***

As you can see, there are some big things happening here at Pilgrim with the teens. We are focused and committed to creating and maintaining a youth group that will combat all the stress and pressure that our teens have to manage on a daily basis. We are also hoping to expand the group beyond the doors of our church by welcoming kids from every corner of Fond du Lac. It's a big project, but Rev. Jeffrey and I are in this for the long haul. I have a child that will be in the program next year and will participate for seven years. The Reverend has even longer to commit to the program as two of his children are younger than mine. We are here for a good time AND a long time.

We believe it is critical to invest in teens as part of our promise to live as the hands and feet of Jesus. These kids are growing up in a fast paced, complicated world full of danger and stress with 24/7 news cycles, peer pressure, and mental health complications. It's our job to create a space for rest, thoughtfulness, and action.

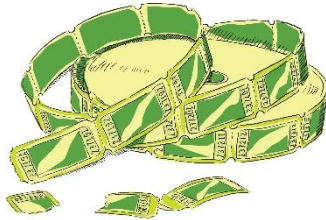
We plan to give our teens a place to come when they are hurt and tired. We want to give them the opportunity to think deeply about their beliefs and help them mold their future selves by learning and experiencing every resource we have to offer. One day these children will be leading the world, and we want to feel grateful that we invested in their health, well-being, and success.

What we are asking the members of Pilgrim is to support our efforts. Maybe we will do things differently than in past youth groups, and that's okay. We are trying lots of different ideas- some will be extraordinary successes, and some won't. It's all part of the process.

The teens need each one of you to believe in them and their ability to grow into people that we love and are proud of. They need your interest, your blessings, and sometimes your resources. They want your curiosity, your open-mindedness, and your encouragement. Together, we can make a real difference in the lives of the children in our congregation. I cannot imagine anything more exciting than that!

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Memorial Garden Wreath & Tool Kit Raffle



Get Your Tickets!

Special thanks to Judie Behnke for the donation of the four wreaths and to Gary Ring for the donation of the tool kit.

The Memorial Garden ministry will be hosting a raffle to begin on November 1st and end on November 15th, with sales of raffle tickets taking place before and after service on Nov. 1st, 8th and 15th. There will be 4 different homemade wreaths and a brand new tool kit.

The proceeds raised from this raffle will go towards the ongoing maintenance of the Memorial Garden.

Tickets will be available for 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Please take a moment to stop by the table in the narthex to purchase your raffle tickets and help support our Memorial Garden.

You do not need to be present to win. Thanks for support.

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Once again, Pilgrim Church will beautify its Sanctuary with lovely poinsettia plants for the holiday season.

All plants come in 6.5" pots wrapped in green foil with 5-6 flowers. If you wish to order a plant(s), please fill out this form and put it along with your payment in an envelope and mail it to the church or drop it in the offering plate. Please make checks payable to: Pilgrim United Church of Christ.



Please indicate the quantity you would like:

| <u>Color</u> | <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Red          | _____           | \$8.00 each  | _____        |
| Grand Total: |                 |              | _____        |

**Final day to order**  
**is Wednesday,**  
**December 16th**

Our December 24<sup>th</sup> bulletin will list:

Poinsettia given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please complete as you would like it to appear in the bulletin.)

The plant is yours to take home after the Christmas Eve Worship Service or, if you wish, your plant can be given to a shut-in.

Please indicate your choice:

I will take my plant with me on Christmas Eve \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my plant to be given to a shut-in \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach order form and turn in by Wed, Dec 16<sup>th</sup>

**Blank for the use of the order form on the other side**

**Thank You, Pilgrim Member and Friends of Pilgrim,** for your generous donations to the Pilgrim fall rummage sale. With your donations, Pilgrim raised over \$5200! AND because of your generous donations we were able to make donations to; Coats for Kids, AAUW, FdL High School Clothes Closet and music program, Salvation Army Book Drive, Humane Society, St. Vincent DePaul, New Beginnings, Hope on the Block, and others.

A big thank you goes out to those people who spent their time and energy working to make this sale a success. Without the many hours of unpacking, cleaning, arranging, pricing, selling, repacking and cleanup we would never be able to pull off this event! So many thanks to the hard-working people who gave their time setting up, selling, and taking down this sale.

Chris and Matt Clementi  
Julia and Margo Clementi  
Jim and Diane Bentley  
Mary and Brian Christenson  
Linda and Randy Stutz  
Tina and Mike Potter  
Sue Schmitz  
Fran Schmid  
Jeanne Ihlenfeldt  
Dixie Sullivan  
Chris Frederick  
Peg Bradley  
Sandy Huecker (friend of Pilgrim)

Donna Jost  
Ron McCreedy  
Barb Roder  
Karen Goodacre  
Gary Ring  
Connie Anderson  
Joni Greenwood  
Marilyn Hoch and daughter Amy  
Deb Wamser, Paisley, Pearl and cousin(?)  
Joni Voss-Hayibor  
Mary Berens  
Tony Penton and Julia Adame  
Bobbie Flaherty

Also, thanks to those that brought yummy treats to help keep our strength up!



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|----------------------|--------|
| Mary Weber           | Nov 4  |
| Denise Snopek        | Nov 6  |
| Andrea Yttri         | Nov 7  |
| Mary Jackson         | Nov 11 |
| Jane Rusch           | Nov 13 |
| Ron McCreedy         | Nov 15 |
| Bob Flaherty         | Nov 18 |
| Rebecca Dietenberger | Nov 19 |
| Judi Faubel          | Nov 27 |
| Brad Leonard         | Nov 27 |
| Adrian Johnson       | Nov 29 |



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| Carol & Baron Browning | Nov 26 |
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#### Ushers for November

| Date   | 9:00 Service                 |
|--------|------------------------------|
| Nov 1  | Bill & Patti Burns           |
| Nov 8  | Deb & Jim Wamser             |
| Nov 15 | Bobbie Flaherty & Donna Jost |
| Nov 22 | Jim Bentley & Tony Penton    |
| Nov 29 | Steven & Rachel Wicichowski  |

#### Welcomers for November

| Date   | 9:00 Service |
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| Nov 1  | Jim Bentley  |
| Nov 8  | Judie Behnke |
| Nov 15 | Ron McCreedy |
| Nov 22 | Linda Stutz  |
| Nov 29 | Gary Ring    |

#### Worship Leaders November

| Date   | 9:00 Service        |
|--------|---------------------|
| Nov 1  | Michelle Buck-Stark |
| Nov 8  | Noreen Henderson    |
| Nov 15 | Sue Kaiser          |
| Nov 22 | Tony Penton         |
| Nov 29 | Ellen Sieglaff      |

# PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Church Council Meeting

September 21, 2026

Present: Reverend Jeffrey Dodson, Jim Bentley, Linda Stutz, Dixie Sullivan, Fran Schmid, Patty Minter, Avery Geiger, Peg Bradley, Donna Jost, Wendy Ellison

The meeting opened after a quorum was established.

Rev. Jeffrey opened with a prayer.

### **Secretary's Report**

The August minutes were reviewed. Avery made a motion to accept, motion passed by unanimous consent.

### **Treasury Report**

Report attached. Approved by unanimous consent.

Linda made a motion that \$500 be moved from Seiglaff /Mundle Memorial to the Worship Committee account to offset music worship expenses. Avery seconded the motion, motion passed by unanimous consent.

### **Pastor's Report.**

Report attached. The conference Members will be here for the Installation on November 1, 2026 @ 3:00 PM. Pastor was approached by Grace Lutheran ELCA in Ripon to see if Pilgrim would like to host an ecumenical hand bell choir concert on either Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday December 1, Several local church hand bell players will perform and a free will offering would be collected, with funds going to local food pantry of our choice. Linda suggested that Tuesday, December 1 at 6 pm would be the best time. Pastor would like to run this by Ellen Sieglaff and would like approval from the council.

### **VP**

The Xerox Machine is 'sick', it is working but very noisy and needs attention. They are having difficulty finding replacement parts.

Open positions are the Sunday School Coordinator and recruitment has begun, also a child care worker to work from 8:45 – 11:45 on Sundays.

### **Old Business**

Tina Potter presented a possible fund raising event for the church. Council is giving her our blessing to proceed with the idea.

## **New Business**

The costs for adding handicap access to the carport doors and making one of the bathrooms handicap accessible were discussed. Refer to the Property and Maintenance minutes for details. Avery reports that if he managed the front doors it would be a cost of \$8700, if Capelle/ Diedrich did it it would be a cost of \$10, 500. The handicap accessible restroom project cost is \$39,000. Discussion ensued regarding details and where the money would come from. \$10,000 would come from the Building fund, \$10,000 from the Dedicated Trust fund, \$13,000 from reallocated Trust Fund, and the remainder from the Member's equity. A motion was made by Linda to accept the Capelle/ Diedrich proposal for the handicap accessible entrance and bathroom. Patty Minter seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Avery asked to install a second hand rail near the pulpit. Fran seconded the motion and motion passed with unanimous consent.

## **Ministry/Committee Reports**

**Worship & Music :** Report attached.

The Christmas Eve service will be at 4 this year.

This ministry continues to work on the order of worship and the worship leader's job. Rev. Jeffrey will do the welcome. Rev. Jeffrey will also clarify what we are doing with the announcements and how it will work.

The installation for Rev. Jeffrey as our new pastor will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm Rev. Jane Anderson will lead this service.

The Fall worship theme of inspiration will include member sharing their story of how they have been inspired by Pilgrim.

**Christian Education:** Minutes attached.

5 students have turned in registration paperwork.

Gary Ring will lead opening worship for Sunday School until a new Sunday School Coordinator is in place.

**Property & Maintenance:** Minutes attached.

Gutters were cleaned and roof inspected.

Snow removal contract with Paul's Snowplowing will be renewed.

Based on survey results #2 P&M will look into item #3, making a carport door handicap accessible. P&M will present the information gathered, including cost estimates to Council for approval and funding. The cost if we manage it would be \$8700. If Capelle and Diedrich manages the project it would cost \$10,530. They are asking for funding from the Building Fund, Temporary Trust fund, Trust Fund, Members Equity? Checking to see if Capelle and Diedrick will do the carport long before the bathroom.

Based on Survey result #3 P&M will look into item #4, Making the women's bathroom will be looked at to make sure it is internally handicap accessible and ADA compliant. When done, the restroom would become the unisex handicap accessible restroom. The men's restroom would

be made into a non-handicap unisex restroom. Both rooms would be single-occupant with lockable doors. The toilet partitions will be removed. P&M will present the information we gather, including cost estimates to Council for approval and funding. Capelle and Diedrich will do it for \$39,060. Funding could come from the same sources as the Door project.

**Lay Life:** They are currently working on Rev. Jeffrey's installation celebration.

**Stewardship & Membership:** Minutes attached.

Monthly Income needed to meet budgeted expenses \$18,771; Sunday offering/pledges and other Income – 1/12th of Budget or \$15,750; Other Income, Fall fest, Scrip, Rummage Sale 1/12th of budget or \$3,021

Summary Notes as of August 31, 2026: August (offering & Pledges) were below average -\$821; Total (Pledges Plus other income) was above average \$12,39. Over all budget again is on track with spending and income.

Other information for Congregation discussed: Pledge Drive, events Calendar & budget considerations. The Theme Pledge Drive, At Pilgrim- "There Our Hearts Will Be." Coming Church Rummage Sale, Oct. 15-17 Possible Income \$6000+

Ham Dinner, Nov. 5 possible Income \$10,000+

Council Consideration Church fund Raising Dinner with auctions.

**Membership and Evangelism:** Minutes attached.

Fondue Fest went well. We need a sponsor for Oct. Coffee hour. Church Council will host October.

They are working on a quarter sheet general "Thank you for supporting Pilgrim UCC with our welcome statement and contact information for events – e.g. to put in bags at the rummage sale and ham dinner. Final report for Fondue Fest was completed. October task will be starting the Membership Review.

**Christian Outreach:** Minutes attached.

Collection for the food pantry is going well. November collection will be Coats for Kids sponsored by the Salvation Army. Fourteen people attended the Alternative gift fair planning meeting held Aug. 26. Organizations were chosen and all plans were completed.

**Adult Education:** Minutes attached.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nominating Committee:** Please ask at your next meetings who plans on staying on the committees or ministries.

**Ham Dinner:** Ham Dinner is November 5. Sign up sheets will be going up. Adult and Children meal tickets will remain the same as last year. The contact was made with Festival Foods.

**Memorial Fund**

**Green Team:** Minutes attached

**WISE Task Force:** Minutes attached. The WISE Team is planning an Inter-generational movie night on November 20<sup>th</sup>, and I working on plans for January Mental Wellness Month. They will be hosting a NAMI program in January, “Hearts and Minds” – a 5 week series connecting the body and emotions. It will be open to the public. They continue to review the covenant.

**SCRIP**

**Trust Fund Report**

**Open and Affirming:** They would like to sponsor a fund raiser by selling Kringle sale.

**Memorial Garden**

**Pastoral Support**

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Wendy Ellison, Council Secretary.



# NOVEMBER

2026

| SUN                                                                                                                                                            | MON                                                                       | TUES                                                                   | WED                                                           | THUR                                                                      | FRI                                                                 | SAT |
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| 1<br>9am<br>Worship/Communion<br>No Sunday School<br>10am Coffee Hour<br>**BP's after worship<br>with Barb Geiger**<br>3pm Rev Jeffrey<br>Installation Service | 2<br><br><br><br><br><br>5pm CE                                           | 3                                                                      | 4                                                             | 5<br>9am Yoga<br><br><br>4pm Ham<br>Dinner<br><br>7pm Choir<br>practice   | 6<br><br><br><br><br>7pm Alanon                                     | 7   |
| 8<br>9am Worship<br>9:15am Sunday<br>School<br>10am Adult Forum<br><br>6pm NA                                                                                  | 9<br><br><br>1 pm Expanding<br>Horizons                                   | 10<br>11am M & E<br><br>12:30 Christian<br>Outreach<br><br>5pm PM      | 11<br><br>3:45pm<br>Worship Mtg<br><br>4pm Memorial<br>Garden | 12<br><br>9am Yoga<br><br>5:30pm WISE<br>6pm SAA<br>7pm Choir<br>practice | 13<br><br>6pm<br>Intergenerational<br>Night Movie<br><br>7pm Alanon | 14  |
| 15<br>9am Worship<br>9:15am Sunday<br>School<br>10am Adult Forum<br><br>6pm NA                                                                                 | 16<br>10am COP<br>1pm Expanding<br>Horizons<br><br>6pm Council<br>Meeting | 17<br>**Quill<br>Deadline**<br><br>11am M&E<br>1pm Bookclub<br>5pm P&M | 18<br><br>10am Pastoral<br>COP                                | 19<br><br>9am Yoga<br><br>6pm SAA<br>7pm Choir<br>practice                | 20<br><br><br><br>7pm Alanon                                        | 21  |
| 22<br>9am Worship<br>9:15am Sunday<br>School<br>10am Adult Forum<br>10:15am Hanging of<br>the Greens<br>6pm NA                                                 | 23<br><br>1pm Expanding<br>Horizons                                       | 24                                                                     | 25                                                            | 26<br>Thanksgiving<br>Day<br><br>*Office Closed*                          | 27<br><br>*Office Closed*<br><br>7pm Alanon                         | 28  |
| 29<br>9am Worship<br>9:15am Sunday<br>School<br>10am Adult Forum<br><br>6pm NA                                                                                 | 30<br><br>1pm Expanding<br>Horizons                                       |                                                                        |                                                               |                                                                           |                                                                     |     |

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## The Pilgrim Quill

### Pilgrim United Church of Christ Mission Statement

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

### Those Who Serve

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Pastor.....                        | Rev. Jeffrey Dodson |
| 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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