

Dear friends in Christ:

Today I received the annual Yearbook of the United Church of Christ, which contains membership, attendance and stewardship statistics for all 39 UCC conferences throughout the US. You might be interested in knowing that here in Wisconsin we have 242 UCC churches. Thirty-four of these congregations (including ours) have over 500 members. What's more pleasing to me, however, is that only ten of the 242 churches have an average (Sep. - June) worship attendance above 250. Our 10-month average attendance in 2005 was 261. During these July and August days of lighter attendance, when many of us are on vacation, it lifts my spirits to know that after Labor Day we will rally once again! That said, why not come to worship Thursdays (7 PM) or Sundays (9 AM) when you are able? Don't forget to send in your offering when you can't!

During the last week of July and the first week of August my family will be on vacation. We're traveling out to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. I'm looking forward to a slower pace and lots of family time. Might even try fly-fishing! In my absence, George Schowalter and Mary Davies will provide pastoral support. I very much appreciate their help and your understanding that one needs a break from the daily grind (and yes joys) of ministry. I hope you too are finding some sacred space.

Lastly, I want to celebrate with you the impending end of our 5-year capital campaign! By late fall most of us will be making our last contributions. The good news is that we have paid down about \$700,000! The challenging news is that we still carry debt of about 1.3 million. Your Church Council has studied our options very carefully and has recommended that instead of undertaking a second building campaign, we opt for a single stewardship program capable of handling our mortgage and sustaining our daily ministry. In order to do this we will need to increase our budget from \$240,000 to about \$300,000. This sounds daunting, but in light of our total offerings of well over \$350,000 the last several years, this goal is both reasonable and manageable. The Council has a plan in place that will begin to unfold during the month of August, as a leadership team of 50 will be empowered to carry out the fall campaign. This is the final step in our long-term process of dreaming, planning and building. We have a beautiful facility and a thriving ministry ... Thanks be to God!

Ever committed in Christ,



Fall Schedule

Begins September 10th with Rally Day!

Rally Day, September 10th marks the start of our two Sunday services- 8:00 and 10:30am. Also beginning will be Church school and choirs.

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders will begin with an Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, September 13th from 6:30-7:00pm. A letter will be sent out in late August with full details. For now, please note that classes will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm throughout the school year.

Sunday School Teacher Orientation

On Tuesday, August 29th the Children's Ministry Committee will be meeting with all Sunday School Teachers for the 2 and 3 year old class through 4th grade to introduce them to the new curriculum, answer any questions, and set the teaching schedule for first semester. If you are going to be teaching this fall please put this important meeting on you calendar and plan to attend. If you have a conflict and will be unable to come, please contact Ellen Knier to set up and alternate time to receive the information. If you haven't yet been contacted about teaching but would like to be a part of our ministry to our youngest members, please let us know!

Parents of Children ages 2 through 4th grade:

Some changes are in the works for a whole new curriculum and approach to Sunday morning Church School! In addition to a custom-written curriculum for our youngest two age levels we will be starting a large group/small group multi-media, high energy program called "Living Inside Out" for 1st through 4th graders. ** As part of the changes for the coming year all families will be asked to rotate serving as classroom helpers for their children's age level.** No preparation will be required, just your presence, helping hands, and warm smile on your assigned days. Families will be contacted regarding scheduling in the near future.

ACE & Outreach News

Attention All Bowlers!

The Pilgrim Bowling League starts September 9 at 6:45 p.m. at Grafton Bowl. A sign up sheet is posted. We also need substitutes. This is a fun way to get involved in Pilgrim life. Contact Bill Sinner at 262-227-7423 if you have questions.

First Annual Pilgrim Golf Outing

The first ever Pilgrim Golf Outing will be August 13 at Scenic View (near Slinger). Cost is \$35. You can also come for the dinner only (\$14). Checks are due NOW. Please make them payable to Pilgrim Church. This is a social event and NOT a competition so everyone is welcome! Contact Dennis Dibb at 354-3784 or Peggy Mayer at 375-2854 if you have questions.

Annual Church Camp-out

We will be camping at Peninsula State Park August 17-20. A sign-up is posted. Details will be e-mailed to participants a week before the trip.

Fall Treats

We hope you will consider signing up to bring treats to share between worship services. We will begin offering refreshments the week following Labor Day.

New Nametags at Pilgrim

If you haven't ordered a new nametag, please use the form below and drop it in the black box in the Narthex. A new tag holder is being created to house the tags. Thanks to Don Deetjen and Recognition Specialists for all their hard work on the beautiful new name tags. A \$2 donation per tag would be appreciated. (Detach at dotted line)

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Name(s) of **confirmed member or regular attending "friend"** as you would like it to appear on tag. More forms are available.

Tags will be MAGNETIC unless specified otherwise. If you prefer or require an alternate type of tag, please write CLIP or PIN beside the name of the person(s) to have that type.



We joyfully welcome the following new members:

Cory & Heidi Peters, who are our new neighbors to the South! The Peters celebrated the birth of their first child, **Reese Evelyn**. She was baptized on July 2nd. Heidi is the marketing manager at Doig Company in Cedarburg. She also has an interest in health & nutrition, reading and singing (she's performed in many musicals). Cory works for Charter Wire, as a purchaser. He loves to golf . . . in fact recently got a hole in one!

Noelle Charpentier & fiancée Mark DeStrampe (already a member) will be married next June. Noelle works as an actuary for Mercer Consultant. She sings in our choir and occasionally substitutes as our worship musician. She's also enjoys volleyball and tennis. Mark works for Manpower as an application analyst. His hobbies include computers and anything-high tech . . . and trying to keep up with Noelle on the tennis court!

Jesse & Deanne Schubert transfer their membership from St. Paul's UCC in Waubeka, which recently ended it's ministry. Deanne was raised at Pilgrim (her parents are Ed & Leila Behrens). She works in a manufacturing office and waitresses at No-No's, and her passion is her family. Son **Mark** (7) loves campfires, helping his dad fix tractors and horse shows. Son **Samuel** (3) loves bugs, outdoors, and the movie Garfield. Jesse is a Senior Cad Designer for Danfoss. In his spare time he enjoys motorcycles, camping, hunting and fishing.

Brian & Dawn Bolser just had their first child! **Tyler Allan** was born June 22nd and weighed 7 lbs 3 oz. and measured in at 20 inches! Both grew up in Grafton and in the Roman Catholic Church. Brian is a tool & die maker for Ram Tool. He likes fishing and the outdoors. Dawn works for Kohl's Corporate Office as a buyer's assistant in the Jewelry Department. The Bolsers have been married four years and make their home in Grafton.

Pam Paul has two grown children – **Richard** (31) and **Sarah** (27). She works as a seamstress out of her home, specializing in wedding gowns, bridesmaid's dresses, etc. She also enjoys cross-stitching. Pam is a neighbor to the Martin's (just around the corner from church). She transfers from St. Paul Lutheran.

Kory & Naomi Kobliska just had their first child! **Chloe Marie** was born July 5th and weighed 8 lbs 9 oz. and measured 20 inches! The Koblisaks live up in Saukville. He manages a theatrical rental supply company, and his hobbies include singing, computers and theatre. Naomi also enjoys singing, and outdoor activities such as gardening, hiking and camping. She works for Trisept Solutions as a telecommunications analyst.

Jane Bachman is an optometrist both at the Medical College of Wisconsin and at Cedar Creek Eye Associates. Jane has two sons – **Sam** (almost 9) who likes anything motors, clocks and anything mechanical and **Jack** (7) who likes cars, trucks and bikes. Jane's hobbies include gardening, scrap booking and running.

Ron & Lisa Holtlander live in Port Washington with their two children. Ron provides maintenance for the welding fabricators at Pope Scientific. He also enjoys cars, hunting, snowmobiling and boating. Lisa is currently searching for employment. She loves to play the guitar, and to spend time at their cabin near the Dells. Son **Ronnie** was recently confirmed in the faith here at Pilgrim. He'll be a sophomore this fall and is eager to drive the old truck he's been tinkering on. Daughter **Amanda** will be an 8th grader. She likes music, swimming and fashion.

Last, but not least, **William and Mary Gabrich**, who share a close friendship with the Holtslanders. Willie is a mechanic for Rider Truck and a collector of AMC cars (14 altogether!). Mary works in the former Briggs & Stratton foundry, and is completing a degree specializing in metals. In her spare time, she enjoys ceramics, gardening and scrap booking. The Gabrich's have two children – **Jamie** (26) who is currently studying at the IL Institute of Art, and **Laurie** (17) a senior at Kewaskum High School. Her claim to fame is riding a snowmobile at age 2! She loves anything with a motor!

We extend to you our hearty welcome!

Honduras School Supply Drive

Mary Davies and our mission trip team will be taking school supplies to Honduras in September. Items needed are notebooks, crayons, paper, rulers (metric) and scissors. There is a basket in the Narthex for these items.

"If I had a Hammer" Habitat Summer Project

Do you have tools gathering dust in your basement or garage? If so, why not put them to good use? Or you could buy a new one or make a cash donation that would help to purchase one of the more expensive items. During our first house project we ran into some problems because we didn't always have the right tool available at the right time. You may have experienced the same problem. If the person who always brought the ladders or the Nail Gun or the Circular Saw didn't show up as promised then some activities could not be done. Habitat would like to avoid such problems by having it's own inventory of all the tools that are required for a home build. We have a "Wish List" of the tools involved and a nice Trailer in which to store them. Habitat will be building a side-by-side unit, in Port Washington, starting in June. A side-by-side, in Grafton, is likely for 2007 and there is the definite possibility of a major build that could support 8 families, in Port Washington, that may be scheduled in 2009. So, the need is there to be able to provide all the tools necessary for a build so that we don't have to always rely on specific people being available to provide specific tools. You can help with this effort to provide affordable housing for many deserving people in Ozaukee County by donating a tool to the "If I had a Hammer" Project. Details and a list of tools can be found on the bulletin board. Thank you for your support.

- *Ed Proctor – Habitat Board Member*

10 Ways to Give to Pilgrim Missions

1. ***Bake a cake for St. Ben's***
2. ***Bring in an old cell phone for our recycling program.***
3. ***Donate some school supplies to the Honduras project***
4. ***Give an unused tool to Habitat for Humanity***
5. ***Have your Pick 'N Save card programmed to benefit Pilgrim Church***
6. ***Book your next trip with Carlson Wagonlit in Cedarburg***
7. ***Recycle your bulletin in the baskets provided***
8. ***Sign up to serve dinner at St. Ben's***
9. ***Bring in your old printer cartridges***
10. ***Drop a dollar or few coins in the International Children's boxes***

Pilgrim Thanks...

- ... Kirk Torian, for providing the flowers around the canopy entrance, and to Ed and Carol Proctor for planting and watering them.
- ... Kathy Ellenbecker, for weeding the landscaping beds.

In Our Prayers...

- ... Marge Larson recovering from neck surgery.
- ... Lynda Kanios, also recovering from neck surgery.
- ... Roger Miller, recovering from knee surgery
- ... Diane Weber, also recovering from knee surgery
- ... Marilyn Martin, undergoing treatments.
- ... Laura Bloedorn, undergoing treatments.
- ... Kelly Bauereis, recovering from jaw surgery
- ... Shannon Gurka, recovering from hernia surgery
- ... Ed Protor, who has been hospitalized while adjusting his heart medications.
- ... Tracey Van Ryzin, who has been diagnosed with chronic fibromyalgia.
- ... The mothers of Rob and Tiffany Gates, (both named Terry) undergoing cancer treatment.
- ... William Sinner, father of Bill Sinner, who is recovering from heart surgery. Bill Sr. and Yvonne were longtime members of Pilgrim.
- ... Lucy McDaniel, who was hospitalized for a few days.
- ... Kandace Goldberg, who has undergone a number of heart tests.
- ... Joyce Hannemann, recovering from hand surgery.
- ... Pam Sperber, recovering from surgery.
- ... Paul Kasberger, who spent some time in the hospital.
- ... Al Patterson, recovering from knee surgery.

Our Prayers of Sympathy are Extended to ...

- ... The family of Jim Kaumheimer, who died on July 7th. A memorial service was held at Pilgrim on July 17th. His ashes will be spread on a lake near Minocqua. Jim was an avid muskie fisherman.
- ... Ruth Ackmann, whose sister-in-law Marie Klumb died.
- ... John Ferris, whose beloved wife Elizabeth died on June 2nd. A funeral was held at Pilgrim on June 12th, followed by a burial in Hancock, Wisconsin. Betty was a gifted, lifelong reading teacher who beautifully touched many young lives.
- ... Ellen Fischer, whose childhood friend Jill Brody died.
- ... Sue Meineke, whose dear friend Julieta's husband died. Julieta lives in Mexico.
- ... Earl Klippel, whose brother "Rolly" died. He was also Laura Bloedorn's uncle.
- ... Val Nauth, whose mother, Betty Jane Pekoll died.
- ... Dave Weimer, whose father Alex died.
- ... Leslie Plautz, whose good friend Jen Pricco's fiancé died suddenly.
- ... Fred Yopps, whose longtime colleague Debbie Jozwiak died.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to ...

- ... Sue & John Meineke, who gave birth to their second child, Sarah Eileen on May 31st. Sarah weighed 8lbs; 11 oz. measured 21 in. and joins sister Claire.
- ... Dawn & Brian Bolser, who gave birth to their first child, Tyler Allan, on June 22nd. Tyler weighed 7lbs. 3 oz. and measured 20 inches.
- ... Kory & Naomi Kobliska, who also gave birth to their first child, Chloe Marie on July 5th. Chloe weighed 8lbs. 9oz. and measured 20 inches.
- ... Jaden Dale Kunz, son of Correll & Janet, was baptized on July 23rd.
- ... Reese Evelyn Peters, daughter of Heidi & Cory was baptized July 2nd.
- ... Diane & John Shihady, sister of Holly Sutinen, Julie Stiebs and Nola Paegelow, and daughter of Ralph & Mildred Wegren gave birth to their third child, Jacob Lewis Shihady. They live in Aurora, but will return for the baptism.
- ... Chris & Jeff Hart, who are expecting a baby any day now!



ATTENTION ALL PILGRIM MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Olan Mills will be here to take photos for the pictorial directory on **August 8 & 9** and **November 10 & 11** (yes, three months later). Appointment sheets are posted on the bulletin board or you can sign up on-line by going to signup.olanmills.com. You will need our account number which is 09867. You can also sign up easily by going through our website pilgrimuccgrafton.org.

Those photographed will receive a free 8 x 10 photo and a directory. Purchasing additional photos is strictly OPTIONAL! We would like to have EVERYONE included in our photo directory. If you cannot schedule an appointment, please submit a digital photo to heidigjenkins@sbcglobal.net or leave it in Heidi's mail slot.

Coming This Fall For Pilgrim Youth !

PCY is taking a new direction. Beginning this September a new Youth Group (yet to be named) will be gearing up for a really exciting year! The focus of this group will be community-service, culminating in the youth mission trip at the end of the year.

Students from 7th grade through 12th grade will be invited to reach out to their community, further develop their spiritual lives and build their college resumes through monthly service projects, making a difference right here in our own community. Tom Monroe and Stephanie Streiff-Process will be facilitating this group, with some support for special events from Lisa and John Pease, Jeff Holmes and Kris Sauer. Watch for more information in the September Newsletter!

Church Council Minutes -- June 13, 2006

Treasurer's Report: Principal payment of \$4,000. Budgeted and actual costs on track. Several quarterly payments made in May. Leslie estimated between \$30,000 and \$40,000 in principal payments can be made for rest of year based on cost collections and projected estimates. Warner motioned to accept report, Bob seconded, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes: Warner motioned to accept minutes with correction, Kristi seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- Lift was fixed for \$295 by DME, even though Schindler had a \$600 bill for only a diagnosis. Franz suggested maybe Geoff Nauth could talk Schindler out of bill. Lift needs to be off floor to prolong operating system.
- Thank you to Karen Maihofer who has provided income to the church through her cooking classes in fall and spring.
- Pre-school will be at same capacity and paying the same rent. Additional rental of space may be considered.
- 15 new members will be joining church, Franz will provide the names.
- Roof leak fixed by original roofer under warrantee, flashing/caulking of cupola was repaired.

Old Business:

- John Meinecke updated the status of the computer system and reported all 3 new computers are up and running and he will not be able to commit the time to act as computer administrator and recommended a committee or a consultant to continue administrating system.
- Finance computer is slow and unreliable and council approved purchasing new finance computer and John agreed to set up new computer and get it running.
- CMS (Capital Campaign Software) cannot be updated at church, Linda Schafer is working with updated version at home, but it cannot be transferred to church. Warner offered to try and talk to Havey and see what can be done. Only a few months are left of campaign and needing software, so if Havey will not help we'll have to continue working with program, as it is to finish campaign.
- John handed over sealed envelope with administration information and passwords to Eric.
- Franz, Tom & Eric met and Eric presented campaign conversion timetable.
- Informative letter inviting leadership team of 40 sent out last week of July with follow up calls by council to confirm team will be 1 week later and an informative letter to congregation in August.
- Rally and informative meeting September 17, Sunday night, with leadership team and council.
- Leadership teams to meet with families between September and October.
- Capital campaign completed by November 12, 2006.
- Council to exchange ideas on theme for campaign via email and will finalize theme later.

Next Meeting: August 8th (no July meeting) and worship moment - Ted

Pilgrim Softball Schedule

All games are played on Monday at 6:30pm except as noted.

July 24 St. Joseph at Centennial Park - 8:00pm
July 31 Round 1 Playoff - TBD
Aug 7 Round 2 Playoff - TBD
Aug 14 Championship - TBD



Hofstad Takes 2005 Softball MVP

In May the MVP softball award, from last year's championship season, was presented to Ron Hofstad. This is the 4th time Ron has won this award since the first award was given in 1990.

He led the team in runs scored (26) and hits (28) while finishing the season with a .549 batting average. On defense, he was the primary pitcher during our 12-3 championship season. His leadership was instrumental during the two playoff games, as well as his continuous encouragement of other players throughout the season. We salute Ron for his outstanding efforts.

Thank you so much to the following people who helped with this years Church Clean-up Day:

Ted Kraus	Avery Kunz
Dennis Dibb	Matt and Jack Faase
Chris Kline	Alex Gorzalski
John TeStrake	Jenny Schlenvogt
Alex Santo	Earl Schlenvogt
Larry Metcalf	Greg Mursch
Kathy Ellenbecker	Randy Schulz
Sandra Miller	Heidi Jenkins
Cornell Kunz	Jon Pease
Joselyn Kunz	Ron Wildasin

*Pastor Franz and Pilgrim Friends,
I wish to thank you for all the prayers said, beautiful cards sent and words of concern shared on my behalf. Just knowing you cared, made all the difference in the world! I wish to share a quote I received in one of my cards: "Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom." By Marcel Proust.
Thank you from a very grateful
Laura Bloedorn*

Scripture Readers for August

6 ----- 20 -----
 13 ----- 27 -----



Please consider signing up for reading the Scriptures for Sunday services during the month of August. There is a sign-up on the Narthex bulletin board. There is also a sign-up for September through December.

Memorials

For: Betty Ferris

From: Marian Torian
 Sarah Schroeder
 Phil & Sue Willman
 Warner & Linda Schafer
 Janice Svoboda
 Edwin & Carol Proctor
 Michael & Heidi Jenkins
 Gordon & Jean Weber
 Fred & Linda Yopps
 Geoff & Val Nauth

Change of Address

Deborah Lushine
 876 Ashley Ave.
 Port Washington, WI 53074-9684

George & Joyce Schowalter
 125 Cedar Ridge Drive
 Apt S234
 West Bend, WI 53095

Scott & Shannon Gurka
 585 Ashley Ave.
 Port Washington, WI 53074

Thank You Pilgrim Family!

Words cannot express my thankfulness for all your cards, concerns, well wishes, meals and support during my recent knee surgery. Thanks also to Pastor Franz and Pastor George for their very welcome visits and to Chris Boon for filling in for me so capably. I feel very blessed to be a small part in this very caring community of believers called Pilgrim. Because of all your prayers and outpouring of love my healing has gone well and quickly. God Bless you all!

Diane Weber

Dear Pilgrim Friends,

I would like to thank all of you for the many cards, phone calls, prayers and concerns during my stay in the hospital and recovery at home. Special thanks to Pastor Franz for his visits and phone calls.

God Bless, Donnie Johnson

Flowers and Bulletins for August

Flowers

6 Warner & Linda Schafer
 13 Mary Johnson
 20 -----
 27 John & Sue Meinecke

Bulletins

6 Deb Lushine
 13 Rachel Port
 20 Pat Tumanic
 27 John & Sue Meinecke

Please call the office to indicate what you would like printed in the bulletin



FINANCE REPORT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Cash Balance – Beg. Of Period	\$ 31,171	\$ 36,971
General Fund Cash Receipts	19,453	153,014
Building Fund Cash Receipts	7,537	50,919
Cash Disbursements	(24,069)	(170,162)
Loan Payments	---	(36,648)
Cash Balance – June 30, 2006	\$ 34,092	\$ 34,092

OFFICE HOURS

Franz Rigert – 8:30 – 5:00 Tuesday – Friday
 Saturday Mornings and Evenings by appointment

Diane Weber – 8:30 – 12:00 Tuesday – Friday
Heidi Jenkins – 9:00 – 12:30 Tuesday & Thursday

Ellen Knier – 9:30 - 1:30 Tuesday & Friday
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Please submit September articles by August 21st