

During my early teenage summers I often traveled to Colfax, WI to work on my relative's dairy farm. Since all four cousins were girls I always joked, "Give me the worst job you can find." Sure enough one day my uncle handed me a pitchfork and told me to park the manure spreader next to the pigpen. The spongy, straw-layered dung pile was nearly a foot thick! I labored two days to get down to the concrete floor, but despite the sweaty, smelly conditions I felt a great deal of accomplishment.

This memory came back to me the other day as I was reading an article on church giving. Seems the word "stewardship" originates from the old English expression "sty ward" – meaning keeper of the pigs! No wonder ministers loath talking about money! The term gradually evolved into the legal notion of "taking responsibility for the estates or properties of another." Eventually it took on an environmental nuance . . . to be good "stewards" of the earth. Ultimately "stewardship" has come to refer to the "careful, prayerful use of the time, talent and treasures God has given us."

Each Fall here at Pilgrim we conduct a pledge campaign in order to ensure the strength and vitality of our ministries for the year to come. Talking about money is about as pleasant as cleaning a pigpen, yet equally necessary! Our church is financially sustained entirely through your offerings.

On November 6th you and I will be asked to bring forth pledge commitments for 2006. Many of us have given sacrificially both to the operating budget and to the capital campaign (now entering the 5th and final year!). Despite our efforts to "hold the line" over the past few years, the 2006 budget presents us with some significant increases. I thank you in advance for helping us meet this challenge.

Most importantly, if you are a family that has never pledged we need your commitment this year more than ever. Our guidelines for stewardship continue to be percentage based, promoting "equal sacrifice" as opposed to "equal giving." I invite you to keep aiming toward the goal of a half tithe (or 5% of your family income).

As my family's financial "sty ward" I sit down twice a month to pay bills. The first checks I write are to the church. Why? Because this is my expression of gratitude for the blessings, strength and joy God gives my family each day. Do we feel it? You bet! We could spend that \$72 a week in a lot of different places. But, sacrificial giving means putting God first. It can be tough, but it is so rewarding. Let's invest in our faith together!

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY - November 6th

Our 2006 Stewardship drive will culminate on **Sunday, November 6th**. All members and friends are asked to bring their pledge cards to church that day (or mail them if you won't be around that weekend). Additional cards will be available in the pews for those who need them. Follow-up Sunday is **November 13th**, after which our Church Council will contact families to ensure completion by Thanksgiving. *Thanks for your generous support of our ministries!*



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 20th
Non-Perishable Food Ingathering
Totenfest Commemoration
Pilgrim's 46th Birthday
Thanksgiving Eve Worship & Bread Exchange
Wednesday, November 23rd at 7pm

One of the great American traditions is just around the corner! This year, begin your Thanksgiving festivities at 7pm on Wednesday evening with a warm service of scripture, song and prayer. The Lord's Table will be beautifully decorated with a "bountiful harvest" theme, and our service will include an opportunity for you to express your Thanksgiving thoughts. What better way to enter Thanksgiving? Child care will be provided.

Again on Thanksgiving Eve we will share in our Annual Friendship Bread Exchange. You are invited to bring a loaf of bread or two (any kind). Loaves should be wrapped and your name and phone number included. At the close of worship, you will be invited to pick up a loaf that someone else has brought. Then, on Thanksgiving Day, share the gift of that bread with your family and friends. If possible, call your "bread friend" and offer thanks! Our hope is that several families will bring two loaves of bread so that those who don't come with a loaf may leave with one. *Come, ye thankful people, come!*

Totenfest Commemoration

“Remembering Those Who Have Died”

Sunday, November 20th marks the end of the liturgical year. Traditionally, on the last Sunday of the church year, our congregation takes time to remember those members and loved ones who have died in the past year. We will honor their memories and the lives of all who are brought forth. Attached is a form for you to fill out and return to the office. We will share a moment of silent reflection in honor of all loved ones, but we ask you to indicate on paper only those whom you have lost in the last twelve months. We will conclude this special service in a spirit of thanksgiving and resurrection with singing of *“For All the Saints.”*

Name

Died On

Relationship to You: _____

Your Name _____

-Please return to the church office-

Confirmands on Retreat

Attention 7th & 8th Grade Confirmands!!!!

This month is our Annual 24-hour Confirmation Retreat at the UCC Pilgrim Center on Green Lake. We will be departing at 4:30pm on **Friday, November 11th** and returning by 4:30pm **Saturday, November 12th**. A letter will arrive in the next few weeks with a permission slip attached. Be ready for an enjoyable experience.



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

WANTED

Joyful Noise is in need of EMPTY QUAKER OATS CONTAINERS (round kind) to make drums out of for an upcoming song they will be sharing with the congregation. Containers can be left in the music room or the staff office. *Thank You!*

If you have a CD BOOM BOX lying around the house you don't need, please consider donating it to the Church School program. We are in need of one for each of the five classrooms. Please contact Tracey Van Ryzin if you would like to donate a boom box to the Church School classes. *Thank You!*

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### PCY NEWS

#### PCY BOWLING AT CIRCLE B

On **Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, the youth from PCY and their leaders will be meeting at the Circle B Bowling Alley in Cedarburg for an evening of fun. Each youth should bring approximately \$10 to cover the cost of bowling, shoe rental, and a snack. Members will be meeting at the bowling alley at 6:00pm and finishing at approximately 8:00pm.

#### CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE

Looking ahead to December, mark your calendars for the annual PCY Christmas Cookie Bake on **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Cookie baking will take place in the church kitchen and the finished products will be sold at church the following Sunday morning. Later on that same Sunday the youth plan to participate in a holiday visit to a local care center. Details are still being worked out and more information will follow.



## Christian Network becomes Activities-Community-Entertainment or ACE

Christian Network has undergone a name change. The team is now Activities-Community-Entertainment (ACE). There are some team positions open. ACE meets the first Tuesday of each month (except summer) at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested see Peggy Mayer or Heidi Jenkins.

### Chinese Takeout Dinner & Mystery Party

November 11<sup>th</sup>

Dinner 6:00pm

Mystery Party to follow.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Narthex

### Thanksgiving Cards to Replace Laity Award

Each year in February, Pilgrim Church presents a Laity Award to a member who has exhibited exceptional ministry among us. Because of our growing church and the increasing amount of outstanding laity involvement, the ACE Team has decided to expand laity recognition to more people. For the month of November there will be a basket in the Narthex with beautiful Thanksgiving cards and envelopes. If you feel that someone has played a significant role to the life of Pilgrim, we invite you to take a card, add a personal sentiment (you don't have to sign it) and send it to that person. *Please see Peggy Mayer if you have questions.*



### Hanging of the Greens & Chili Dinner

We will be hosting our annual chili dinner and Hanging of the Greens on Wednesday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m. A sign up is posted. Please join us as we enjoy a delicious meal and deck our halls together!

## MISSIONS NEWS



### International Children's Missions

We have been invited by Virginia Hirsch, founder of Healing the Hearts Quilt project, to join her efforts with making a difference in the lives of children from the war-torn country of Afghanistan. Her contact, stateside director of Afghans for a Civil Society, Patricia Karzai, has requested our assistance to help the many street children living in Kabul – orphans and abandoned children who are ill, hungry, homeless, and sometimes dying in the streets of Kabul.

*How can we help?* Along with the quilts, which will be used to help keep them warm and survive the winter, these children do not have access to hygiene products or care. Ms. Karzai is asking for donations of hygiene products. The Aschiana Foundation is being assisted by volunteers from the U.S. military who will provide basic lessons in hygiene to prevent the spread of illness and promote wellness.

To join the efforts, over the next several weeks, our Church School children will be asked to donate hygiene products that will be put together as kits that can easily be distributed to the children. Suggested items include:

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Toothpaste                   | Bars of soap             |
| Toothbrush                   | Dental floss             |
| Small bottles of hand lotion | Lip balm                 |
| Small wash cloths            | Small comb or brush      |
| Cardboard emery boards       | Small bottles of shampoo |

In addition, Virginia Hirsch states assistance will be welcomed to sort items, assemble kits, and pack items for shipping. Cash donations to cover the cost for the items and/or shipping is most welcome too. For more information on this wonderful project, Virginia can be reached at 414/447-6130.

*Thank you again for making a difference in the lives of children,  
Sandy Destrampe,  
International Children's Missions*

## **Regional UCC Team to Head to New Orleans Area**

A team of members from various United Churches of Christ will head to New Orleans in December. If you are interested in participating contact Pastor Franz and he will pass your name on to the organizers..

## **Mary Davies Reports on Honduras**

### **Which Came First? The Chicken or the Egg? Only God Knows!**

November 2004 I returned a second time to Honduras desiring to bring better education to the children and community of El Limon.

This Yankee pastor had an idea to build a Community Center with electricity where neither existed. When I talked it over with my Spanish interpreter, Cid, he looked at me like – crazy woman. Then we talked with the village leaders. They said their wants were few but that they do want education for their children so they can make good choices for their future. They said they needed a place for the children to learn at night after working in the fields. So they would also need electricity. Cid looked at me and grinned. Hmm! Not so crazy.

September 2005 I returned with 4 duffel bags packed to the max with shoes, sox, vitamins, OTC medications, such as aspirin and arthritis cream, clothes, a few Spanish children's books and many more dreams.

I saw our cow – a gift from our church – for first time milk in a glass for children ... saw the poles for the future electric lines ... saw familiar clothes on healthier bodies and loads of SMILES! Maria! Hola! Bien Venidos! Welcomes & hugs all around. I met with the leaders again for more plans and more dreams. I left seed money to begin the foundation for the Community Center.

When home I read a note slipped to me amid the good-byes, group prayers, hugs and tears. It read, in Spanish, "Blessings to all your family (a.k.a. church) and for your safe travel. I was going to have to leave El Limon to find work. But you came to us with financial help for our community and now I am able to work for my community. I will be able to stay and to see our children study. I feel you have given us hope in life according to our prayers to El Señor (God) in heaven."

I left El Limon wondering how they would find a teacher for the night school. But God has already provided for that part of the dream. Which is the chicken and which is the egg? Only God knows. For we are all *God's Hands at Work in Honduras*. Now I'm already dreaming of my next trip. . . En fe y en cristo! *En: JOY!*

*Mary Davies*

*PS Thanks for all you do to help my crazy dreams grow.*

## **More Mission News**

### **Thanksgiving In-Gathering**

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for Family Sharing on **Sunday, November 20**. The children will collect the food during both worship services.

### **Neighbors In Need**

November has been designated *Neighbors In Need Month* at Pilgrim. We will be collecting donations for the United Church of Christ to be used for justice, compassion, hunger and poverty efforts in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Please use the *Neighbors In Need* envelopes in the pews for your donation.

### **2005 CROP Walk a Huge Success!**

On October 15 more than 140 people from 14 area churches came together to raise \$13,700 (with more pledges trickling in) for the Ozaukee County CROP Walk. The most ever recorded by the CROP Walk offices from our county was \$9,400 in 1994. Pilgrim Church raised a team record of \$3,672 (and counting) for the walk. Of the funds collected, 25% will go to the Food Pantry of Port Washington, a portion will be directed to Hurricane Katrina relief and the rest will be allocated to on-going hunger relief programs here and around the world.

Thank you to all who walked, sponsored the walkers, volunteered the day of the event and helped with planning. A special thank you to Jesse Langer and his band *Loose Change* for donating their time and talents to the day.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS**

### **Pilgrim Prayer Circle**

We are beginning a Prayer Circle at Pilgrim. We are seeking volunteers to devote time throughout each week to pray for Pilgrim members, their families, friends and other prayer needs. Each participant of the Prayer Circle should be willing to accept and make one or two calls each week in order to pass along the information. We will use e-mail for those that have it.

If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity to enhance your prayer life, please see the sign up board posted in the Narthex.

### **Hope Ministers**

Pilgrim is beginning a new and exciting ministry opportunity. Hope Ministers will be Pilgrim volunteers trained to listen, support and offer strength and compassion to members dealing with crisis situations. Training sessions will be January 8 and 15 (*both required*). Please contact Heidi Jenkins or Pastor Franz if you would like to learn more.



## Fun Setters Outings

- What:** Lunch followed by the Milwaukee Showcase Chorus  
**When:** Saturday, November 5  
**Time:** Departure from Church at 11 AM, lunch followed by performance at 1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Mount Mary College - Kostka Theater  
**Cost:** \$10 (lunch extra)

### Another Opportunity for Fun Setters

- What:** *Memories Dinner Theater - An Unexpected Gift*  
**When:** Friday, December 9  
**Time:** Meet at church at 5 p.m. or at the theater  
 Dinner at 6:00 - Show at 8:00  
**Cost:** \$24.50 per person



## Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Breakfast will meet on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for further information on what the topic will be. If you, or someone you know, have a subject that may be interesting to the group, please contact Al Pfeiffer, 377-7477. We're always looking for new program topics. A sign-up is posted.



## WOMEN'S JOURNEY

Women's Journey meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is November 15th at 7:00pm. All women of the church are invited.

## MOMS AND DADS OF PILGRIM CHURCH

Please consider joining us for a video and discussion series entitled "**Parenting by Heart**" that will be held at church from 9:15 to 10:15 on **November 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**. This series will touch on parenting issues such as unconditional love, discipline, power struggles, and passing on your values to your children and will be facilitated by Rachel Gutridge. Drop off your older children at Sunday School, the little ones in the nursery, and join us for this worthwhile series. Can't make it for all four classes? No problem! Join us when you can. *Sign up is in the Narthex.*

## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT



Women of Pilgrim Church...preparations are well under way for our first inaugural "**Advent By Candlelight Service**" scheduled for 6:30 pm on **Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. This service will offer gathering and social time with other Pilgrim women, holiday reflections and scriptures, joyful holiday music, and a chance to center your thoughts as we move into the Christmas season. Dessert will be served in the Narthex at 6:30 pm and worship will be held from 7:00 to 8:00. Nursery care will be available. Please consider inviting a female friend, neighbor, or family member to attend this service with you.

## Adult Study Group

*November sessions between Sunday services continue with series entitled:*

### "Reclaiming Six Endangered Qualities"

This study on personal **Character** quality focuses each week on a different topic. Pick-up a study guide on the table outside of Diane's office and join in on the discussion. What would life be like if we renewed our confidence, patience, contentment, and endurance?

### *Pilgrim Thanks ...*

- ... Don Deetjen, for providing some new signs for the Narthex and foyer.
- ... the Confirmation Classes, for assembling the Stewardship letters.
- ... Pat Grabow, Emily Sinner and Emily Schulz, who have handled nursery duties while Pam was out with an injured back.

### *In Our Prayers ...*

- ... George Schowalter, who underwent a heart procedure and is recovering well.
- ... Michael Collins, recovering from foot surgery after a football injury.
- ... Alex Gorzalski, recovering from leg surgery following a football injury, as well.
- ... Jordan Freeman, who hyper-extended his knee (you guessed it – playing football!!!!). No surgery needed.
- ... Colette Gergens, recovering from gall bladder surgery.
- ... Paul Kasberger, who received a pacemaker and defibrillator.
- ... the father of Dave Weimer, who suffered a stroke a month ago, and a fall just recently.
- ... Mike Pfeiffer, who had eye surgery.
- ... the mother of Christine Mursch and Mike Welzein, who is quiet ill.
- ... for our dear homebound friends: Betty Ferris (Cedar Springs); Dick Thompson (Lasata Heights); and Florence Hammen (home).
- ... Candy Shoop, leading hurricane relief in the “mission field” under the auspices of the Florida Conference UCC.

### *Our Prayers of Sympathy are Extended to...*

- ... Char Peterson, following the tragic death of a colleague and good friend, Gina Martell.
- ... Mildred Ahrens (mother of Sylvia Miller) whose sister died. Mildred worship with us quite often.
- ... the Mike Fischer family, upon the death of Mike’s uncle Jim.
- ... the Wimmer family, upon the death of Debbie’s aunt.
- ... Earl Klippel and the Bloedorn family, following the death of Shirley.  
A private funeral will be held on November 5th.

### *Congratulations and God’s Blessings to...*

- ... Elaine Hilkert, whose daughter and son-in-law, Michelle & Jeff Thompson, are expecting triplets!
- ... Garrett Leonard Rescorla, baptized on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ... Bryanna Rose Mursch, baptized on October 16.
- ... Alena Beth Schlenvogt, baptized on October 23.
- ... Cassandra Dale Gurka, to be baptized on October 30.
- ... Seth Foerster & Shawna Ogburn, who were married at Pilgrim on October 8th.

### **On October 9<sup>th</sup> we joyfully welcomed the following new members:**

Chad & Jennifer Schlenvogt (and infant daughter Alena) reside in Port Washington. Jenny owns a landscaping business. Not surprisingly she enjoys gardening, hiking and horseback riding. Chad works for Triangle Tool, as a tool and die operator. In his spare time he prefers to hunt, snowmobile and fish. Little Alena was baptized on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Scott Lone is a former United Methodist minister, who now teaches Economics and Social Studies at West Bend High School. Scott enjoys tennis and baking. He has two children – Ian (8) who loves sports and Robin (5) who loves playing school with her dolls. Scott has a partner, Joe Maddalena, who is a practicing Roman Catholic (though worships often with us!) and is doctoral student at Marquette University. Together they make their home on the East side of Grafton.

Glen & Chris Boon have three children between them – an older son living in California named Andrew, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader named Gina (who enjoys dancing and animals), and 4 year old Dominick (who was baptized at our Outdoor service with river water!). Chris is a receptionist for the Germantown School District, and an amateur photographer. Glen runs a machine shop in Glendale and loves motorcross racing. Together they lead the AA group that meets on Fridays (7 pm) at Pilgrim.

John & Karen Reiter transfer their membership from Calvary Memorial UCC in Wauwatosa, and they have a 13-year-old daughter named Kristen. John is, of course, our new musician. He also runs an industrial hygiene business called Kisco. His expertise is in reducing occupational illnesses caused by vapors, dust, etc. Additionally he enjoys woodworking and golf. Karen is a part time secretary at a parochial school, works part time for the family business, and loves gardening! Kristen has a severe form of epilepsy, though thrives at Brookfield’s Fairview South (a school for cognitively disabled students). She has quickly grown to love coming to church at Pilgrim!

Cornell & Janet Kunz are expecting their third child in March! They have 3 year old Josslyne (who loves bananas and princesses) and 2 year old Avery (who is cute as a button). Cornell drives a semi (locally) for a company called Western Building Projects. He also remodels and installs lawn sprinklers on the side. Janet is a stay-at-home Mom with her hands full! She enjoys baking and also helps out in Church School with the 2-3 year-old class. The Kunz’s came to us via their good friends the McInerney’s and they make their home in the town of Cedarburg. (cont.)

Last, but not least, Dennis and Ronna Dobb transfer their membership from Calvary Memorial UCC. The Dibbs have a grown son (31) and two dogs, a beagle mix and a golden retriever. Ronna works in the treasurer's office for the Village of Brown Deer. She looks forward to her daily walks with the dogs. Dennis sells adhesive tapes for Spectape of Wisconsin and is an avid golfer. Both enjoy singing and are lending their voices to our Praise Team.



To My Dear Friends at Pilgrim Church,

*Thank you so much for the gift certificate to Klug's Creekside Inn. Thank you also for giving me the opportunity to play the organ for your worship services the last 37 years. It was a great joy for me to share my music with you. You will always have a special place in my heart. I will miss you all but I will always be grateful for all the wonderful friends that I have made throughout my years at Pilgrim. May God continue to bless you all.*

Love,  
Doris Schmidt

Dear Pilgrim family,

*I would just like to thank all of the people from my Pilgrim family for the many thoughts and prayers. It's such a warm feeling inside to know you have so many friends and family thinking of you.*

Thanks again,  
Paul Kanios

From Back Bay Mission to Pilgrim Church

*On behalf of the staff, clients, and Board of Directors of Back Bay Mission, thank you for your generous gift of \$3,973 in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. The devastation that Hurricane Katrina wrought on our ministry and on the Gulf Coast community is beyond words, but your gift offered blessed hope and encouragement. Know that our aim is to once again serve this community with passion and compassion, embodying once more the prophetic mandate to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God."*

## Advent and Christmas Events

**Sunday, November 27** - First Sunday of Advent

**Wednesday, November 30th** - 6:00pm

Hanging of the Greens and Chili Supper

**Thursday, December 1** - 6:30pm

"Advent by Candlelight" Service for women

**Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>** - 10:30am

Children's Christmas Program, "The Invitation"

**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve

5:00pm - Children's Candlelight Service

10:00pm - Traditional Candlelight Service

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** - One Service at 9:00am



## Christmas Poinsettias

This Christmas Season our Sanctuary will be adorned with the beauty of \$8 (6-1/2" pot, 5-6 blooms) or \$15 (7-1/2" pot, 10+ blooms) poinsettias by filling out the form below. Please indicate a red or white poinsettia by circling your choice. Poinsettias may be given in honor of living friends and relatives or in memory of loved ones who have gone on to eternal life. **We must have your order by Sunday, November 27th.** In addition, we request that you pick up your poinsettia sometime following the 10pm Christmas Eve service so that all may enjoy the collective beauty of the flowers that evening. There will also be a service Christmas morning and you may pick up your flowers after the 9am service. You may also leave your flowers through the New Year!.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ would like to provide:

(Your Name)

**Circle choices:** (\$8 or \$15); (red or white) in (memory or honor) of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please place in offering plate or turn in to church office.)

**Church Council Highlights  
October 13, 2005**

Bill Sinner called the meeting to order and Pat Gorzalski led us in a worship moment. There were no unusual expenses this month. Another \$7,000 was paid on the loan. Revenues were \$31,571.38 and expenses were \$28,641.65. Nominations will be coming up and there are many positions to be filled. Linda and Franz will meet to go over open positions and will arrange the brainstorm meeting. Mary Lou Fries has stepped down from playing on Sunday mornings, but will continue to direct the choir. A letter is being prepared to be sent to the Congregation concerning the up-coming Stewardship Campaign. Each Council member is personally meeting with four new families of Pilgrim. Franz, Bill Sinner and Leslie Plautz have met to plan the budget for next year. The largest increase will be under Building and Maintenance due to the huge expected increase in utilities. A retreat is being planned for January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at Pilgrim Center. Council, staff and leads of committees will attend. The Annual Meeting (includes budget and nomination approval) is scheduled for Sunday, December 11, 2005 at 9:15am. It has been suggested we combine these two meetings. Council will check the Constitution to see if this is allowed and will review it next month. Next meeting is November 8, 2005 at 7pm.

**Entertainment Books 2006**

George Schowalter is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books for the benefit of Ventures In People, Inc. (Haiti) The book offers coupons for discount as much as 50% on many items and services you probably frequently use. e.g. buy one get the second one free etc. In the Grafton/Cedarburg area there is Grafton Family Restaurant, Klug's Creekside Inn, Big Apple Bagels, Barrington's, Cream & Crepe Café, Kowloon Chinese Restaurant, Maxwells, Circle B, Ozaukee Skateland, Pick & Save, and many more in the near-by Milwaukee area. A sample book will be available to view before purchase. \$35 (Ventures in People gets \$7 for each book sold).

**Congratulations to the following young people  
who Celebrating their First Communion on October 2nd.**

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Maggie Collins   | Chandler Lewis  |
| Matthew Elbe     | Adam Lusty      |
| Cody Fries       | Daniel Pfeiffer |
| Kathryn Jozowski | Jordan Rigert   |
| Gabrielle Kraus  |                 |



**Congratulations to the following 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders  
who recently received their bibles.**

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| Maggie Collins   | Gabrielle Kraus |
| Matthew Elbe     | Adam Lusty      |
| Amber Fries      | Daniel Pfeiffer |
| Kathryn Jozowski | Jordan Rigert   |



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**ENVIRONMENTAL – RENEWABLE RESOURCES**

**Renewable Energy** – Methodologies designed to produce heat and energy. These include solar power, solar water heating, wind power, hydro-power, biomass energy and methane-rich biogas power and renewable electricity.

- Biomass Energy – the heat produced by fast growing trees could be used to provide hot water and heating to the power station making it very energy efficient.
- Methane-Rich Biogas – uses waste as a source of power and heat generation. Decomposition of organic waste products give off methane-rich gas collected and reused for electricity.

If you want to help reduce the negative effects on the environment you can make a difference by calling WE Energies and convert some energy sources to renewable. For more information call 1-800-242-9187 or go to [www.weenergyfortomorrow.com](http://www.weenergyfortomorrow.com) on the internet.

*Jan Svoboda, Environmental Coordinator*

## PARENTS OF RECENT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

If you have a son or daughter who has graduated from high school in the past 4 years we would be delighted to receive their current address so that we can touch base with them and let them know their friends at Pilgrim Church continue to hold them in their thoughts. Please e-mail names and addresses to Ellen Knier at [eknier@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eknier@sbcglobal.net), drop them in her mailbox at church, or call the church with the information. Thanks!



## MUSIC STAFF UPDATE

The Staff Relations Team would like to inform you that our new musician, John Reiter, has accepted our offer to play for all worship services. This comes as a result of Mary Lou Fries' desire to concentrate her efforts on directing the choir.

Mary Lou has given Pilgrim many years of fine music, for which we are very grateful. We're pleased that she will continue to lend her musical gifts to us!

*Ed Proctor,  
Staff Relations*

## WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I am wasting time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."



This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals, but for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment.

"Try our Sundays."  
"They're better than Dairy Queen's"

**SCRIPTURE READERS FOR NOVEMBER**

**8:00**

6 -----  
 13 Al Pfeiffer  
 20 Ed Proctor  
 27 Jean Weber

**10:30**

6 Joel Schowalter  
 13 Mary Davies  
 20 Rick Flood  
 27 Al Pfeiffer

**NOVEMBER SUNDAY TREATS**

Nov 6 Bonnie Orten  
 13 Dorothy Pfeiffer  
 20 Elaine Hilbert / Connie Ver Velde  
 27 -----



**For:** William Betz      **From:** Elizabeth Hembel



Jon Leatherman  
 938 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
 Grafton, WI 53024-1304

**Flowers and Bulletins for November**

**Flowers**

6 Donna Van Ryzin  
 13 Mary Johnson  
 20 Eric & Linda Utz  
 27 Scott & Shannon Gurka

**Bulletins**

6 Scott & Julie Schowalter  
 13 Richards/Pattersons  
 20 Gordon & Jean Weber  
 27 Scott & Shannon Gurka

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



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

| <u>General Fund</u>             | <u>September</u> | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Cash Balance - Begin. of Period | \$ 21,674        | \$ 45,042           |
| General Fund Cash Receipts      | 23,450           | 185,178             |
| Building Fund Cash Receipts     | 7,335            | 90,177              |
| Cash Disbursements              | (29,082)         | (212,019)           |
| Loan Payments                   | ----             | (85,000)            |
| Cash Balance - August 31, 2005  | \$ 23,377        | \$ 23,377           |

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