

These harvest days have been so beautiful! The sun glistening on golden and crimson leaves by day; the moon glowing in the autumn stillness by night – what a glorious time of year! I always appreciate the Thanksgiving season because it appeals universally to an inherent human emotion – the expression of deep gratitude in response to many blessings that surround us.

Appropriately, in the life of the church, we begin the month of November by offering our stewardship commitment for the coming year. As you have heard and read by now, our Church Council has put forth a proposed 2011 budget of \$338,655. Copies are available in the Narthex. The goal of this annual campaign is to increase our congregational pledge level \$25,000 in order to ensure the vitality and strength of our mission. I'm happy to report to you – as a sign of their strong support – 11 of your leaders have already collectively committed an additional \$5,000 (or 20% of our goal)!

Part of the reason this goal is attainable is because we have been fortunate to welcome several new families this year. Additionally, we are making a special effort to re-engage those families who have not made commitments in the past few years. The other reason this goal is attainable is because of the scores of families for whom stewardship continues to be a lifelong commitment. The great paradox – to give generously not only sends blessings, it also brings great joy!

Trinn and I have decided to stretch considerably this next year – increasing our giving by \$10 a week. Why? – Because *we believe* deeply in the ministry of the church. *We believe* in teaching our children the stories of Jesus' love. *We believe* in belonging to a community of faith where people from diverse places find care and connection in one another. *We believe* in Pilgrim's unwavering commitment to missions, our willingness to think broadly, welcome boldly, and intentionally appreciate all God's people. Perhaps most importantly, *we believe* there is no higher calling in this world than to be servant people, committed to the spiritual, emotional and tangible needs of our neighbors.

In a few days you will receive a personal letter inviting you to commit just a little deeper to our shared ministry. Thank you for your steadfast support, your generous gifts, and your precious place in our household of faith. We are so very blessed at Pilgrim to share in this sacred journey together.

Yours in Christ,

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 7th

Our 2011 Stewardship drive will culminate on **Sunday, November 7th**. All members and friends are asked to bring their “Intentional Giving” 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 14th**, after which our Church Council will contact families to ensure completion by Thanksgiving. Thanks for your generous support of our ministries!

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP & BREAD EXCHANGE

Wednesday, November 24th at 7pm



God's blessings never cease.

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.

During the Thanksgiving Eve worship service, we will again welcome families to become part of our **"bread exchange"**. If you will bring a wrapped loaf of bread, we will place the breads on and around the communion table. During the service, you will have the opportunity to select one of the breads that you may take home and share with your family on Thanksgiving Day. We encourage you to attach a special note to the bread indicating whom the bread is from and perhaps a short word for the occasion. You can use your skills at baking bread or just bring a loaf from the bakery. Join in this spirit of friendship!

WOMEN’S ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



Mark your calendar to attend this year’s Advent by Candlelight Service on **Monday, December 6th**. This year’s theme is **“Christ is the Heart of Christmas.”** There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for help needed prior to as well as the evening of the service. Members of the committee are listed. Contact any one of them if you have questions.

Totenfest Commemoration

“Remembering Those Who Have Died”

1 Sunday, November 21st marks the end of the liturgical year.

Traditionally, on the last Sunday of the church year, our congregation takes time to remember those members who have died in the past year. We will honor their memories and the lives of all who are brought forth. Below 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
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Relationship to You: _____

Your Name _____

-Please return to the church office by November 18th -

Christmas Poinsettias



This Christmas Season our Sanctuary will be adorned with the beauty of \$8.50 (6-1/2" pot, 5-6 blooms) or \$17.00 (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 Monday, November 29th. 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. If desired, you may also leave your flowers through the New Year!

_____ would like to provide:
(Your Name)

Circle choices: (\$8.50 or \$17.00); (*red or white*) in (*memory or honor*) of:

Relationship to you: _____

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

MISSION NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

THANKSGIVING IN-GATHERING

Our annual in-gathering will be **Sunday, November 21st**. Please bring non-perishable food items to church that day. The children will gather your donations during Children's Time (so grocery bags are helpful!) All donations are delivered to area food pantries the following week. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECTS

♥ **Mt. Horeb Christmas** -- This year, we will again collect gifts for children in need within our own congregation and that of our sister church, Mt. Horeb. Watch the bulletin board for the tree and select an "ornament" which will provide information about a child who could use your generosity this year. Gifts should be brought in bags but **unwrapped** and placed under the tree in the Narthex **by December 10th**. Please attach your "ornament" to the bag. Contact Rochelle McInerney at mk_mcinerney@yahoo.com with question.

♥ **Women Veterans** -- On **Monday, November 8th at 7pm**, we'll be making St. Nick cards for 31 women veterans being housed at Zablocki VA Medical Center. These women are coping with such things as combat trauma, substance abuse, depression and even domestic violence. We will be wrapping up a gift of body wash for each and are looking for **donations of thirty-one 12 to 18 oz. bottles of Body Wash**. There is a collection box near the bulletin board in the Narthex for your donation. If you would like to help make the St. Nick cards (all supplies will be provided) please join us on **November 8th** in the Conference Room. We could also use help wrapping these gifts. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

♥ **Refugee Family** -- We are asking for your donation of **one Christmas ornament** from your collection to be given to our refugee family. If you would sign it and perhaps include a Christmas card addressed to the Htoo-Paw family, then their first Christmas tree will be filled with ornaments from their new friends from Pilgrim Church. Their names are **Say Hler, Htee Sher, Htoo Say and Hton Naya**. There will be a collection box for your ornament and card in the Narthex after Thanksgiving. If you have questions about any of these Holiday projects, please contact Donna Tredrea, 262 377-8576 or dtred@wi.rr.com.



ST. BEN'S SERVING

Pilgrim also assists St. Ben's by serving meals once a month. Our next serving date is **Friday, November 12th**. Carpooling is usually available from church, leaving around 4:15pm. Sign-up is on the bulletin board. Contact Pam Holloway, 375-3624 for carpooling.

BAKING FOR ST. BEN'S MEAL PROGRAM

Fall is a great time for baking! Consider baking a dessert for St. Ben's. It's one of the largest meal programs for the homeless population in urban Milwaukee. November baked goods are needed on **November 5th**. See bulletin board for sign-up sheet and details.



INTERFAITH CAREGIVERS

Volunteer Interfaith Caregivers give their time to help neighbors with long-term health needs by providing help with transportation, visits, telephone calls, light housekeeping, help with bill paying, and more. Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County held a meeting and workshop on October 7, 2010. They reported the following statistics from January to August, 2010: New Clients-51, New Volunteers-19, Clients Served-518, Volunteers Serving-553, Instances of Service-1,325, Total Hours-2,202, Total Miles Traveled-18,916. For more information about Interfaith Caregivers, contact Ed Proctor, 377-7606.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Our Fall offering totaled \$991.00 Thanks to all who participated in providing relief to those in our country affected by natural disasters, poverty, homelessness and medical needs.

2011 DOMESTIC MISSION TRIP

In the spring of 2011, our adult mission team will travel to the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky to work with the Christian Appalachian Project. The team will assist with home repairs and home building in this poverty stricken area. Watch the bulletin board for a sign-up as we finalize the date and details of the trip.

JOIN US IN WORSHIP WITH OUR SISTER CHURCH MT. HOREB

On **Sunday, November 21st**, a group from Pilgrim will head down to Milwaukee to enjoy the energetic service of Reverend Hopgood and the members of Mt. Horeb. We will leave from Pilgrim at 10:15 for their 11:00 service. The service generally lasts until about 1:00 but it's an amazing experience that's worth it! If you would like to join us, sign up on the bulletin board or contact Rochelle McInerney at 375-7275 or mk_mcinerney@yahoo.com.

Carpooling will be available if you'd prefer not to drive - Mt. Horeb is located at 5009 East Center Street in Milwaukee.



SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER



BREAKFAST AND TRAVEL PRESENTATION



Saturday, November 13, 8:00am – The Men’s Group is sponsoring a breakfast which may have an interest to many of us. **All are welcome to attend this program.** Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you will be joining us. A free will donation can be given following the breakfast to cover food costs. Lisa Pease, Branch Manager of Travel Leaders, in Cedarburg, will be talking to the group about using a travel agency for your business or vacation. She will provide insights into the benefits of a travel agency and how they work with setting up the details when you want to go to that special place. Learn about tours that offer the complete package, or arranging a custom travel package that fits your specific needs. There will be time to ask your questions about today’s world of travel.

SENIOR COFFEE

Senior coffee will be held in the Conference Room at church on **Thursday, November 18th** at 10am. The discussion question will be: *What is one trip you have never taken but would really like to take someday?*



WOMEN’S JOURNEY

On **Tuesday, November 16** at 7:00 pm the Women’s Journey group will meet at the home of Rachel Gutridge

SHEEPSHEAD GROUP

This group meets the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday of the month in Kalweit Hall. They will meet on **November 5th and 19th** this month at 6:30.

BRATT WOODS HIKE

The Ecology Club welcomes you to hike on **Friday, November 26th** at 1:00pm. Work off that turkey on what could become known as ‘Green Friday’. Weather may be cool so dress accordingly. Bratt Woods is located in the Town of Grafton on East Cedar Creek Road where it dead-ends at a gate and cul de sac. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please call Greg at: (414)839-5437 or e-mail at: gregorynlinda@yahoo.com.



PILGRIM BOWLING

Saturday, Nov. 13th at 6:45pm is the next bowling date at Grafton Bowl.

KNITTING/CROCHETING

This group will meet on **Thursday, November 18th** at 6:30pm. The charity project we're working on is caps for cancer patients. Please join us if you're interested. Contact Barb Arity, 376-9312.

OSHKOSH TRIP

You won't want to miss this trip to OSHKOSH to see the **NUTCRACKER IN THE CASTLE** display at the Paine Art Center, a stop at **Hughes' "Home Maid" Chocolate Shoppe** and dinner at **Schreiner's Restaurant, Saturday, November 20, 2010**. See complete details and a sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



CHRISTMAS IN THE BASILICA

Sunday, December 5th, 3:00pm at the **Basilica of St. Josaphat** in Milwaukee. The perfect beginning to the Holiday Season with the Bel Canto Chorus and Bel Canto Boy Choir (and our very own Jordan Yoon-Buck!) Also featuring the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble. **Deadline** to sign up is **Thursday, November 5th**. This concert sells out early, so sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex where you'll find complete information. Contact Donna Tredrea, 377-8576 or dtred@wi.rr.com with questions.



ADULT DISCUSSIONS

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Women's Book Study will meet at 7:00 pm. on **Monday, November 8** at the home of Rachel Gutridge. We will be discussing Chapters 3 and 4 of Barbara Brown Taylor's book An Altar in the World.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

Join Pastor Franz on **Wednesday, November 10th** at 10:30am in the Conference Room for our next scripture chat. Texts are: Isaiah 65:17-25; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 21:5-19, 23, 33-43; Colossians 1:11-20.

TACKLING THE TOUGH STUFF

Sunday, November 14th, 6:30-8:00pm in the Conference Room
What if God doesn't have a plan for your life? Professor Phillip Cary from Eastern University recently wrote an article entitled "*No Secret Plan: Why you don't have to 'find' God's will for your life.*" Join Pastor Franz for a lively conversation around evangelical and progressive theology as it relates to our purpose in life. Copies of Professor Cary's articles published in Christian Century are available on the table outside the main office. A sign-up is posted.

B.L.A.S.T.

“Belonging. Laughing. And. Serving.

Together.”



CONFIRMATION NEWS

- **Worship Sign-In Book** – Don’t forget to sign in each Sunday. The Worship Sign-In Book is located on the table right outside the church office.
- **Confirmation Retreat - December 3rd & 4th** at Pilgrim Center on beautiful Green Lake (west of Fond du Lac). Parent drivers are still needed; please sign up on the BLAST or email Jen Schulz at rschulz8@wi.rr.com. We will leave church around 4pm on **Friday, December 3rd** and return by 4pm on **Saturday, December 4th**.

HONOR FLIGHT

Help welcome back our WWII Vets!!! On **November 6th**, we will head to General Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee to welcome our Veterans back from Washington D.C. after spending a day touring the WWII Memorial. The flight typically arrives back to Milwaukee around 9:30 p.m., and



when they do, we’ll be there to cheer them on. Specific details on our departure time are still in the works, but we’ll likely leave church around 7:00 p.m. Parent Drivers will be needed. Sign Up on the BLAST Bulletin Board and see Jen Schulz with any questions.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Sunday, **November 14th**, is fast approaching! Pilgrim Youth will lead both worship services this day, so if your youth is interested in participating, it’s not too late! See Jen Schulz for details! We’ll have a rehearsal for those participating in the Sermon on Saturday, **November 13th at 9:30 a.m.**

COFFEE HOUSE BLEND

Coffee House Blend, Pilgrim’s Youth Choir, is open to all 7th-12th Graders. We’ll be singing on Youth Sunday and practices are in full swing from 9:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Questions-- see Jen Schulz.

CHURCH CAROLING

Our December Community Service Event will be **on Sunday, December 19th** when we join the rest of Pilgrim for our Annual Christmas Caroling Adventure to help bring some holiday cheer to our Pilgrim Friends and Families that can’t get out much during this time of year or just need a little pick-me-up. Watch the BLAST Board for details and sign-up.

Confirmands, don't forget about your community service requirements...this one counts!

2011 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We will be heading to the Appalachian Mountains - **Oak Hill, West Virginia - July 16-24, 2011**, so mark your calendars. The mission trip is open to all 8th-12th graders; a preliminary sign up will be forthcoming as well as an informational meeting that will be held in February or March. Individual costs will range between \$250-\$325, which is based on the number of fundraisers you and your youth participate in. See Jen Schulz with any questions.

BLAST FUNDRAISERS

Our 2011 Youth Mission Trip date and location is set, so it is time to "blast off" in to fundraising! Pilgrim Youth holds three (3) fundraisers during the course of the church year:

1. Cookie Making and Sales on **December 12, 2010**
2. Spaghetti Dinner and Talent(less) Show in February - Mark your calendars for February 20, 2011 to be exact!
3. Easter Breakfast on **April 24, 2011**

All proceeds from these three fundraisers go directly to the **Youth Mission Trip** and the 7th Grade Only Event which typically takes place in late Spring. To make these three fundraisers successful, we need the participation, support and help from all youth and parents. Participating in these fundraisers reduces your costs.

Annual Cookie Making and Sales Fundraiser - December's BLAST activity will be our annual Cookie Baking, Decorating and Sales on **December 11th at 9:00 a.m.** in Kalweit Hall. We'll decorate and package cookies that will then be sold to the congregation **on Sunday, December 12th** after each worship service. Each youth should arrive on **Saturday, December 11th** with 3 dozen prepared cookies that will be added to the mix of our decorated cookies. We'll need parents to pitch in as well! Watch for the sign up on the BLAST board. We'll also be looking for donated decorating supplies such as powder sugar, sprinkles, dipping chocolate, etc. Watch the bulletin board in the Narthex for this.

COFFEE HOUSE TREATS

Help fill hungry stomachs during Coffee House! Sign up on the BLAST Board to donate Coffee House Treats. They can be homemade or store brought....teenagers will eat anything!

SAVE THE DATE!



The 7th Annual Talent(Less) Show and Spaghetti Dinner is set for **Sunday, February 20, 2011!** Dust off those talents you have; get a group together and start practicing....details will soon be posted!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND CONNECTIONS

SPOUSAL LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The next Spousal Loss Support Group will be **Monday, November 15** at 7 p.m. in the Coffee House Room. It is open to all at Pilgrim and in the community who have lost a spouse or life partner. No registration is necessary and there is not cost. The gatherings are led by Cory Jepsen-Hobbs and Cynthia Meier. Contact Cory at 376-1724 or Cynthia at 284-2701 if you have questions.

INCLUSION TEAM FORMING

As part of Pilgrim's desire to officially become recognized as an Accessible to All (A2A) congregation we are forming an Inclusion Team. The group will be responsible for completing a building audit, identifying areas where Pilgrim can become more accessible and inclusive and establishing a timeline to accomplish the goals. Fourteen people have signed on to help launch this important ministry. The team will have its first meeting on **Monday, November 1 at 7 p.m.** Contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436 if you are interested in participating.

OPEN & AFFIRMING STATEMENT

Pilgrim has long proclaimed that we are a church that is "welcoming to all" and that broad extension that embodies Jesus' love for all people is central to our vision statement. The following is the proposed Open and Affirming Statement.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ is an Open and Affirming congregation striving to embrace all persons — regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender identity & expression, ethnic background, economic status, family structure, ability or age — into the full life and ministry of the church.

A2A, ONA AND SAFE SANCTUARY UPDATE

On **December 12**, the congregation will vote to endorse becoming an Accessible to All, Open and Affirming and Safe Sanctuary congregation. We discussed the three initiatives in depth at a forum held on October 17. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the three initiatives, please contact Pastor Franz, Heidi Jenkins or a member of Church Council prior to the December 12 congregational meeting. We

would like to have all questions answered and feedback collected *prior* to the congregational meeting.

Pilgrim Thanks ...

- ... Barbie Cotton, for heading up the Mom-to-Mom Sale.
- ... Jill Cobb, Gary Klopp, Ray Goldberg, Louise Lusty, Chrissy Pfeiffer and Pastor Franz for chaperoning the 7th & 8th graders to St. Ben's.
- ... Ellen Knier for providing sign language on Accessibility and Disability Awareness Sunday.
- ... Andy Glab for the photo presentation shown on October 17.
- ... Carrie Britt for helping with the Bell Choir this year.
- ... Connie & Wayne Ver Velde for their generous contribution to the Children's Music Program.
- ... To all who participated in the Islamic Society of Milwaukee and Mosque tour.

In Our Prayers ...

- ... Joel Zautner, recuperating at home following heart surgery.
- ... Linda Schafer, rehabilitation at Cedar Springs.
- ... Russ Selbo, rehabilitation at the Dousman Home.
- ... Delores & Bob Veroon, at Lasata.
- ... Cassa Faber, recuperating after surgery.
- ... Jen Hawkinson, recovering from surgery.
- ... Dixie Johnson, continuing chemotherapy.
- ... Joyce & Norm Wegner, at home.
- ... Joyce Schowalter, recovering from cataract surgery.
- ... Sylvia Stephens, recovering from cataract surgery and anticipating wrist surgery.
- ... Heidi Peters, recovering from a back injury.
- ... Claire Meinecke, who spent a night in Children's Hospital with asthma problems.
- ... Dale Ellenbecker, recovering from surgery at Veteran's Hospital.

Our Prayers of Sympathy are Extended to ...

- ... Steve Knier and family, following the death of his longtime hometown friend and the internment of his sister (who died in early summer).
- ... Randy Schulz, whose boss, Dick, died unexpectedly.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to ...

- ... Amy Helm & Dave Cook, married at Pilgrim on October 15th. Amy is Eliabeth Hembel's daughter.
- ... Diane & Ray Weber, married 60 years on September 30th.
- ... Pam Paul's daughter Sarah, and husband John, welcomed their first child – Leo James!

Farewells...

- ... To our snowbirds: Dan & Karen Weiss, Pat Tumanic & Ken Klas, Kathy Butcher, Ian & Doris Way (who will eventually reside full time in Florida) and Joel Zautner & Judy McQuay (who will go as Joel's recovery allows.)
- ... Alfonso & Laura Canedo have moved to Schamburg, IL. They were a joyful, artistic couple in our midst (he a chef and she a pastry baker) We'll miss them!

In October we welcomed the following new families:



Lisa Fox visited Pilgrim this past summer and found herself pinch-hitting on the piano! She's a piano teacher by trade and also served as an accompanist at St. Joseph's for a few years. Lisa and her husband Richard live in the town of Cedarburg. Their daughter Adrienne is a freshman at UW Eau Claire. Lisa's hobbies include playing in a band and volunteering at Equine Therapy.

Tom & Carrie Gieschen make their home in Grafton. They have two children: Andy (3) who likes playing with cars and Ben (2) who likes to dance a lot! Tom works as an electrical engineer for ITT in Brown Deer. Carrie is a homemaker who loves to read.

Matt & Leann Gruel were married on June 26th this past summer! Both are recent grads from UW Madison. Matt works as an engineer in Milwaukee for Phoenix Products and is passionate about football. Leann is a student at Marquette studying to be a physician's Assistant. She has already joined Pilgrim's Praise Team and enjoys shopping. The Gruel's live in Mequon.

Mike & Sarah Gundert are expecting their second child in December. Daughter Remy is 2 ½ and likes to play with dolls and animals. Mike works as a mechanical engineer at Hainbuch America, a small company. He enjoys house projects and golfing. Sarah has taught for MPS and Whitefish Bay. She now teaches at a preschool in Grafton. Of course, her passion is children! The Gundert's make their home in Grafton.

Mary Kurtz worked as a graphic designer throughout her career. A few years ago she moved to Cedarburg in order to be near her daughters and families . . . including four grandchildren! Mary was raised in the Menomonee Falls UCC, and is thrilled to have found Pilgrim. She is an artist, enjoying quilting, embroidery and sewing.

Chrissy Pfeiffer married Mike a little over a year ago. Their blended family now includes five children: Ali, Anna & Danny Pfeiffer and Grace & Rose Speerbrecher. Grace is a freshman at Grafton High School, but has graciously joined our 8th grade Confirmation class (with step-brother Danny). Rose is 11 and attends John Long Middle School. Mom Chrissy works as a social worker at LaSata and she loves cooking, baking and yard work!

New Members (continued)

Gene & Lucy Wyka have three children: Joseph (a sophomore at Stevens Point), Nate (a senior in High School) and Liana (an 8th grader and a wonderful addition to our confirmation program). The Wyka's ran a business for many years and now run a non-profit organization called The Gift of Adoption Fund. Lucy enjoys reading and playing with their puppy golden doodle. Gene is an amateur novelist (publishing his first book) and an avid Bears fan!

THE MILWAUKEE MESSIAH
COMMUNITY CHORUS
PRESENTS
HANDEL'S "MESSIAH"



*Mark your calendars! The Milwaukee Messiah Community Chorus and Orchestra will be presenting the 2010 performance of Handel's Messiah on **Friday, December 3 at 7:30pm at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Mequon** and on **Sunday, December 5 at 3pm at St. Gabriel's in Hubertus**. No tickets will be sold, only a free will offering.*

There are several members of the congregation participating in the chorus this year!

We are a community ecumenical choir and orchestra formed for the purpose of enriching our lives and those of the residents of the Greater Milwaukee area by spreading God's word through the music of Handel's Messiah. We are primarily volunteers committed to learning and performing this great work, providing free opportunities for people to hear it, and presenting the opportunity for them to respond to it by collecting a free will offering for a Christian charity to be designated by our group. We look forward to sharing our talents with you.

ROCK Hour News



SPLISH SPLASH - EVERYONE GETS A CLEAN BATH!

When you hear the sound of the bubbles, you'll know it's time for the **Bathtub Boogie!** This fall, all students from our Little ROCKS to Voyagers are putting their offering money toward a campaign to bring clean water to children in rural villages in Kenya. Every \$20 collected brings one ceramic water filter to an orphanage, school, or feeding station. While we collect our offering, we dance to the familiar bathtub tune - "Splish Splash." Our goal is to collect at a minimum of 10 filters by December. Learn more about our project at www.jolkona.org.



MILESTONE PROGRAM MARKS PROGRESS

If your child comes home with a small stone that has either a symbol or phrase on it, you'll know that he or she has received a reward for meeting a **milestone**. Our Milestone program was created to recognize students when they achieve a benchmark in their Christian education. Some milestones already this year are First Communion, Acolyting, and memorizing the Ten Commandments. We hope you collect these milestones with pride as evidence of your child's hard work. Our Children's Ministry Committee plans to purchase clear plastic jars for students to keep and display their milestones. We will distribute the new jars as soon as they become available.



LITTLE ROCKS ONSTAGE!

Children ages 2-6 who participate in church school programming during the 10:30 hour will sing "Who Made the Sky" at the end of the service on **November 7th**. Children should go downstairs for activities as usual following the children's sermon. We will run through the song several times so any child new to the group will have a chance to learn the song. Parents can pick up children from the front of the church following the service. Questions? Contact Sue Steckel.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM NEWS

The children have already started preparing for "Christmas Time Machine" to be presented on Sunday, December 19 at both services. Here's some important information:



Costumes:



Little ROCKS (3 year olds - Kindergarten): 50's attire (jeans, white t shirts, slicked back hair, "greaser" look, poodle skirts, bobby socks, etc.)

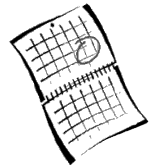
Joyful Noise (1st - 4th grades) - Hippie attire (tie dye, bell bottoms, headbands, flowing sleeves, Lennon sun glasses, etc.)



Voyagers: An email will be sent directly to parents regarding each costume.

Rehearsals:

- ☀ Sundays from now until the program. Full cast rehearsal on **Sunday, December 12** at 9 a.m.
- ☀ An additional Voyager (5th & 6th grades) rehearsal will likely be scheduled. Parents will get an email regarding it.



A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FOR KRISTEN REITER AND GABBY DeSTEFANO

Pilgrim Church would like to present Kristen Reiter with a special Christmas Book this year. Anyone wishing to participate can submit something on paper no larger than 8 1/2 x 11 (we can combine contributions to make one page). It can be a poem, pictures, artwork, textures, or letter to Kristen letting her know that she is loved by her church family. Kristen likes dogs, farm & zoo animals, Elmo, Barney and Care Bears. She loves to play with ribbons, soft things, like soft fleece blankets, soft stuffed animals (thin fleece should be able to be attached to a sheet). She loves music! We will also be giving a special gift to Gabby DeStefano to remind her how much she is treasured at Pilgrim. Contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436 or any member of the TLC Team if you have any questions.

**Advent Begins November 28th
"Get in the Spirit of the Season "
Hanging of the Greens**



There is sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those interested in joining us on Wednesday evening, December 1st for our annual Christmas decorating of the church, referred to as "Hanging of the Greens". The evening begins with a chili supper in Kalweit Hall. Please sign-up to bring chili or a dessert for the meal. Following the meal we'll assign members & families to assist in decorating our Sanctuary tree and other displays for the season, as we join in the spirit of the season.

SAVE THE DATE

PILGRIM CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Christmas caroling will be **Sunday, December 19th**. Lunch here at Pilgrim after the 10:30 service followed by caroling. Bring a little joy into the lives of some folks who might not get out too much, and have some fun while doing it. Sign up in the Narthex.



USHERS NEEDED FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

There is an usher sign-up sheet in the Narthex for both Thanksgiving Eve and Christmas Eve services. If you will be attending any of these services and willing to volunteer to usher at that time, please sign-up. We need a head usher and 4 regular ushers at each service. Thank you!

Thank You

Dear Kind Soul~

Thank you so much for turning in my mother's watch that you found in the parking lot. My mom was visiting our church a couple of Sundays ago, and gave me her watch so I could adjust the band for her. I must

have dropped it on my way out. She is very grateful to have it back, and so am I!

Many thanks!

Love, Kathy Ellenbecker

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER 14, 2010

Treasurer's Report: Leslie presented the Treasurer's report. Revenue for September was \$24,645. Expenses for the month were \$28,537. Current assets are \$19,905. We made several quarterly payments. Our cash collections are in line with last year. Tom motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Todd seconded, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

- Next month Franz will bring the membership report to the council meeting.
- Nominations – A meeting will be planned, Todd will attend on behalf of the council. By next meeting Franz will have an update.
- Donna Tredrea has been given a list of tasks for admin/organization of the facility.
- We are accepting 11 new members: Lisa Fox, Tom & Carrie Gieschen, Matt & Leann Greuel, Mike & Sarah Gundert, Mary Kurtz, Chrissy Pfeiffer and Gene & Lucy Wyka – some last Sunday and some this Sunday.

Old Business:

- Building usage - Council will keep on agenda for major discussions at Dec/Jan mtgs.
- Solar Energy – We need to sign acceptance of grants. We are working on the position of the

ground panels.

- 2011 Budget review – Increased our OCWM Conference support and

insurance.

Rick motioned to accept the amended budget, Ellen

seconded, motion passed.

- Stewardship Campaign – Council set the pace with a \$5000

combined increase in stewardship . Letters for stewardship go out on

Monday.

- Identity statements – There will be a Fall Forum on

Sunday
October
17 to
discuss the
3 identity
statements.
Accessible
to All,
Open and

Affirming
& Safe
Sanctuary.

New Business

- Constitution – Jane, Kris and Franz will review.
- Congregational meeting – Will be planned at council meeting in November.

Committee Liaison Reports: none

Next Meeting: Thursday November 11th at 7:00pm

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Prevention of Osteoporosis



Eat a nutritious diet that includes adequate amounts of calcium and vitamin D. Recommended daily calcium intake for men and women age 50 and older - 1,200 mg each day. Recommended amount of vitamin D3 is 800 to 1,000 IU if you are over 50 Years old. The best source of vitamin D is exposure to sunlight. Vitamin D is vital for calcium absorption in bones and to improve muscle strength. Vitamin D may reduce an older person's risk of falling by 22%.

Get regular exercise. Weight-bearing exercises, such as walking, jogging, stair climbing, dancing, or weight lifting keep bones healthy by working the muscles and bones against gravity.

Don't drink more than 2 alcohol drinks a day if you are a man or 1 alcohol drink a day for a woman.

Don't smoke. Smoking puts you at a higher risk for developing osteoporosis and increases the rate of bone thinning after it starts.

Jan Svoboda, Environmental Coordinator

Things for which to give thanks:

- * The teenager who is complaining about doing dishes, because that means she is at home and not on the streets.
- * The mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- * The taxes I pay because it means that I'm employed.
- * The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
- * A lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- * All the complaining I hear about our government because it means we have freedom of speech.
- * The space I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- * My huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
- * The lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means that I can hear.
- * The alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I'm alive.

- Unknown

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR NOVEMBER

8:00

7 Al Pfeiffer
14 Pilgrim Youth
21 Al Pfeiffer
28 Ed Proctor

10:30

7 Jane Sowers
14 Pilgrim Youth
21 Dave Ziehr
28 Sue Koch



SUNDAY TREATS



Ziehr

7 Annie Gehrke and Amber
Christel
14 Lynda Van Dyke and Maria
21 Barbie Cotton and Michelle Pedersen
28 ----- and -----

WELCOME CENTER

8:00 Bonnie Orten

10:30 Annie Gehrke

Memorials



For: Tom Ulezelski

From: William & Kathleen Ulezelski
Elmer & Nola Paegelow
John & Nicole Jozwowski
Jerry & Stacy Suber

BAD WEATHER CLOSING OR CANCELLATION

Now that we're approaching the winter months, we want you to be aware of our procedure. Should we have to cancel Sunday morning worship and programming we will:



1. Post it on the website: pilgrimuccgrafton.org
2. Send a "global e-mail" to the congregation
3. Leave a message on the church phone greeting

If there is any question, please check the above options. We'll post closing by 7:30am. If there are no weather messages assume we're on . . . but use your own discretion!

Flowers and Bulletins for November

Flowers

7 Eakin Family/Carol Charnitz
 14 Lynda Van Dyke
 21 -----
 28 -----

Bulletins

7 Don & Jenny Deetjen
 14 -----
 21 Gordon & Jean Weber
 28 -----

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

The costs of the bulletins are \$15.00. Thank you!



FINANCE REPORT

General Fund	September	YTD
Cash Balance – Beg. Of Period	\$ 26,466	\$ 42,922
Cash Receipts	24,072	275,977
Cash Disbursements	(28,598)	(280,019)
Loan Payments	<u>(2,035)</u>	<u>(18,976)</u>
Cash Balance – September 30, 2010	\$ 19,905	\$ 19,905

OFFICE HOURS

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**Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday,
 please submit November articles by November 15th**