

Dear friends:

In this harvest season we often feel especially grateful for the blessings of life. One of the blessings which many of us deeply appreciate is the strength and love of our faith community. As we approach our annual stewardship campaign, I invite you to reflect on the value of Pilgrim UCC in your life.

Over the past several weeks we have been particularly mindful of the Reiter family. They are beloved to our congregation, and bring to us not just musical gifts, but a beautiful expression of compassion and faithfulness. As we've noted many times, Kristen is an angel among us. Our prayers continue for Karen as she makes steady progress in her journey of rehabilitation following her stroke.

What follows is a heartfelt letter from John. I hope this inspires you to realize what a powerful difference Pilgrim can make in the lives of our people . . . and the lives of so many around this world.

Franny

We are so overwhelmed by the generosity of our loving, caring congregation. We are without adequate words to describe how we feel about our congregation's involvement in caring for Kristen and my needs while Karen is hospitalized, and the financial generosity expressed by their giving to the "Karen fund." Every bit of every prayer, of every thought, of every deed, of every dollar is appreciated more than I can express. To have landed in the midst of such a community of faith, friendship, caring, and love was truly God's gift to Karen, Kristen and me. To experience the humility of our need for healing, for our need for peoples' prayers, for our need to be helped, and to experience the hands of God working through every person who is praying, helping, giving, and assisting; to somehow blend true, real, honest, need at its most fundamental, basic level with the fulfillment of that need by friends, neighbors, family, and loved ones, by God's grace, brings me to tears and touches deep within my soul. We are at a complete loss for how to express our dearest, most heart-felt thanks to every person, for I fear a simple 'thank-you' cannot be sufficient. For now, please accept our deepest thanks and gratitude. We love all of you and see God's love and grace as truly He meant for it to be expressed, from your hearts. Karen, Kristen, and I thank you.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 6TH

Our 2011 Stewardship drive will culminate on **Sunday, November 6th**. 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 13th**, 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!

Advent Begins November 27th "Get in the Spirit of the Season " Hanging of the Greens



We will be hosting our Annual Chili Supper (6 PM) and hanging of the greens (6:30 PM) on Wednesday, November 30th. The activity begins with a chili and dessert supper followed by decorating of the sanctuary and narthex. Please join us. Sign up on the narthex bulletin board and indicate whether you can bring a pot of chili or a dessert.

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 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

Relationship to You: _____

Your Name _____

-Please return to the church office by Thursday, November 17th -



Christmas Poinsettias



This Christmas Season our Sanctuary will be adorned with the beauty of \$9.00 (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 28th.** 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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!! Our annual in-gathering is **Sunday, November 20th**. Please bring non-perishable food items to church that day to help support our local food pantries for those that are in need. Our Pilgrim children will gather your donations during Children's Time (so grocery bags are helpful!) All donations will be delivered to area food pantries the following week. Thank You so much for your heartfelt generosity.

CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECTS

♥ **Mt. Horeb Christmas** -- We will again be collecting gifts for families in need at our sister church Mt. Horeb as well as within our own congregation. We hope to **begin collecting November 13th** so watch for the "Christmas Tree" on the mission board. Simply select an ornament from the tree and shop for the child described. The unwrapped gifts should then be **returned to church by December 11th**. We are also accepting donations of gift wrap and scotch tape for the "wrapping party" at Mt. Horeb. Volunteers will be needed to help with the wrapping event so watch the bulletin and board for the date. Contact Rochelle McInerney mk_mcinerney@yahoo.com with questions.



♥ **Women Veterans Housed at Zablocki VA Medical Center** -- We will again be assembling a St. Nick gift to be given to 31 women veterans that are housed at Zablocki VA Medical Center. These women are coping with such things as combat trauma, substance abuse, depression and even domestic violence. The gift will be a lavender scented eye pillow and a Toblerone candy bar. We're told that these candy bars have a special sentimental meaning to the veterans. There will be a workshop on **Thursday, November 10th** at 7pm to finish the pillows by filling them with lavender and flax seed. If you'd like to help, please add your name to the sign-up sheet. There is a sample of our gift on the table in the Narthex. If you'd like to make a donation to help offset the cost of the gift, please use an envelope provided and place it in the box provided. The cost of each gift is just under \$3.00. Thank you

ST. BEN'S SERVING AND BAKING

Our next serving date is **Tuesday, November 8th**. Carpooling is usually available from church, leaving around 4:15pm. Sign-up is on the bulletin board. Contact Pam Holloway, 375-3624 if interested in car pooling.



St. Ben's Desserts - Fall is a great time for baking. Consider baking a dessert for St. Ben's. November baked goods are needed by **Friday, November 4th**. You can drop them off on Thursday or before 10am on Friday marked for St. Ben's. See bulletin board for sign-up sheet and details.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Thanks to those that donated non-perishable food items for Family Sharing in October. They were so grateful for the timely donations. I was told that the pantry was almost bare because of government cut-backs. Donating to local food banks is just one way we've been asked to help our **Neighbors in Need** this year. If you'd like to help by providing a major final push to Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign, please pick up a sample letter from the table in the Narthex. The letter asks our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide. Finally, we'll be collecting Neighbors In Need donations through **November 6th**. Please use the envelopes found in the pews for your donation. Thank you.

COMMUNITY PACKATHON for SIMPLE HOPE

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Packathon by assisting in organizing it, volunteering for set-up/clean-up as well as those that signed up for a shift to pack the rice meals on Saturday, October 15th. Together we packed a total of 5,832 meals. There are pictures on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Several people expressed interest in packing on **Saturday, November 12th at Menomonee Falls High School**. These were individuals that either wanted to do it again, or weren't able to participate on October 15th. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you're interested in joining us, put your name on the sheet and we'll organize a carpool. I will register the individuals and we'll pay at the door.

Pam and Karen of Simple Hope will be working with the Women's Department in Kingori to develop a basic food preservation program using simple canning methods and are looking for donations of canning jars, lids and seals. If you have canning jars you'd like to donate, please let me know and we'll make arrangements to get them to Pam or Karen before they leave again for Tanzania in February. (dtred26@gmail.com)

VENTURES IN PEOPLE

Continue to donate your old cell phones and used cartridges. The proceeds go in a fund to support the two students we sponsor in Haiti. The collection box is located in Kalweit Hall next to the soda machine.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING – The Richardson's are collecting aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the youth. Please be sure your cans are emptied and rinsed clean before you recycle them in the bin in Kalweit Hall. If you have a large bag full, you may place it outside by the garage. Thank you!

BOTTLE CAP RECYCLING:

We are continuing to accept rigid bottle caps for the recycling program through Aveda. This program began as a "number 5 recycling" collection but this has changed as most municipalities in our area actually accept number 5's in their regular recycling. If this is not the case for you, you are welcome to still bring your number 5's and we will make sure they are appropriately recycled. Please note that medicine bottles are usually number 4 or 5 so can likely be placed in your curbside recycling. If this is not the case and you are dropping off your medicine bottles, please remove the labels as best you can. What we are primarily collecting at this point are rigid plastic bottle caps that:

- have a threaded neck (think: shampoo, water, soda, milk, peanut butter)
- are flip tops from a food product bottle (think: ketchup, mayonnaise)
- are rigid and resistant to tears (think: can you bend or break the lid with your hands? If so, it is not appropriate for this program).

The collection bin is located in Kalweit Hall near the soda machine.

Questions? Contact Rochelle McInerney at mk_mcinerney@yahoo.com.

MITTENS & MORE

Thanks to those of you that donated hats, mittens and scarves for the MPS collection. They will be delivered to the MATC drop-off site.



SCRIP PROGRAM

You soon will be able to give to Pilgrim while shopping using prepaid cards which offer rebates to the church.

Using Scrip or "substitute money" will help fulfill part of the church's mission further enabling it to be a thriving and relevant congregation.

In a few weeks, we will have an inventory of cards on hand for purchase as well as the opportunity to order between Sunday services. You can also order on-line from hundreds of merchants. More detailed information will soon be available.

We are still looking for people from the 10:30 service to volunteer to help with the program. Contact Larry Tredrea at 377-8576 or ltredrea@wi.rr.com if you are able to help.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER



SHEEPSHEAD GROUP

The Sheepshead group will meet on **Friday, November 4 and 18** at 6:30 in the conference/library room. If you have questions, or would like to join this group, contact Mary Lou Fries at 377-0172.

HOLLY DAYS is coming! **Saturday, November 5th**, 9 to 3 in Kalweit Hall. Bake sale, Raffle and Hand-Crafted Items for sale. This event will benefit the Adult Mission Trip to Peru in June, 2012.

PILGRIM BOWLING

The Pilgrim bowlers will gather at 6:30 on **November 11th** at the Grafton Bowl and Pub. Bowling begins promptly at 6:45. If you have questions, contact Brian Maurer at 376-2956. If you'd like to put your name on a sub list, let Donna know – dtred26@gmail.com

MEQUON NATURE PRESERVE HIKE

The Ecology Club welcomes you to a hike on **Saturday, November 12th** at 1pm. We will be enjoying easy to moderate hiking trails. Good hiking boots or shoes are necessary. Please meet at the Pieper Power Education Center parking lot located at: 8200 County Line Rd., Mequon WI. Please call Greg at: (414)839-5437 or e-mail at: gregorynlinda@yahoo.com

WOMEN'S JOURNEY

On **Tuesday evening, November 15 at 7:00 pm** Women's Journey will meet at the home of Diane Nauta. All women are welcome

SENIOR COFFEE

Senior Coffee will be held in the conference room at church on **Thursday, November 17 at 10:00 am**. The discussion questions will be: *What is your favorite time of the day? What is your favorite day of the week? What is your favorite day of the year? What is your favorite week of the year? What is your favorite month of the year? What is your favorite season of the year?*



KNITTING/CROCHETING

This group will meet one week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving—**Thursday, November 17** at 6:30 in the Coffee House room. We are making mittens, caps and scarves for our "Keep Kids Warm" tree. Contact Barb Arity for more information, 376-9312



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Social Opportunities (continued)

PILGRIM CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Set your DVR's to record the Packers game and join us as we spend a couple of hours caroling on **Sunday, December 11th**. There will be a light lunch after the second service. We'll leave about 12:45. Sign up on the bulletin board. Questions? Dennis Dibb 414 354-3784.

ZUMBA PARTY – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 2:00pm

Zumba is an exhilarating, effective, easy-to-follow, Latin-inspired, calorie-burning dance fitness party that's moving millions of people toward joy and health. Come and give it a try! Merylynn, the instructor from NSAA, will lead us in the dance-fitness craze that is sweeping the nation. All are invited—men, women, children, friends and neighbors. After we Zumba for a while, join us in sampling some Energy Snacks. You'll definitely need them! Marji Groth will share some of her secrets with us. We'll collect a small fee on the 19th to cover the cost of the energy snacks. Sign up in the Narthex for an energizing time!

LADIES NIGHT OUT – CHARMING CHARLIE



Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 4th from 6 to 8pm**. Charming Charlie is a fashion accessory boutique now open at Bayshore near Trader Joe's. Through a unique blend of fun, style, color and affordability,

Charming Charlie helps shoppers pull together their look with earrings, necklaces, bracelets, handbags, scarves, belts, etc....in a fun, boutique environment. The prices will amaze and delight you!

We'll have two hours of mingling, snacking and shopping at our private Charming Charlie party. You don't want to miss this one! Bring your friends! Bring your neighbors! Bring your daughters! You are guaranteed a good time at Charming Charlie! Sign up NOW on the bulletin board in the Narthex. 10% of the proceeds come back to Pilgrim.

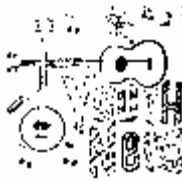
CHRISTMAS IN THE BASILICA

If you'd like to hear the traditional beloved carols and hymns, performed in the breathtaking Basilica by the Bel Canto Chorus, the Bel Canto Boy Choir and the Handbell Ensemble, the tickets are on sale now. Two performances are scheduled for **Saturday, December 10th at 7:30pm** and **Sunday, December 11th at 3:00pm** at the Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. If you'd like to order tickets, the number is 414 481-8801. If anyone is interested in attending either performance and would like to carpool, contact dtred26@gmail.com and we try to coordinate.

If anyone has a suggestion of a social event they would like to see offered at Pilgrim, please contact Donna Tredrea, 262 377-8576 or dtred26@gmail.com

B.L.A.S.T.

“Belonging. Laughing. And. Serving. Together.”



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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 2nd & 3rd** 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 2nd** and return by 4pm on **Saturday, December 3rd**.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Sunday, November 13th, is fast approaching! Pilgrim Youth will lead both worship services this day from ushering to delivering the message to reading scriptures. **We need as many youth as possible!** 7th and 8th Graders - Participate in BOTH services and receive credit towards your community service requirements. Sign up on the BLAST Board! **We will have a rehearsal in the morning on Saturday, November 12th. Time is TBD.**

COFFEE HOUSE

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



CHURCH CAROLING

Our December Community Service Event will be on **December 11th at 12:45pm**. We will 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 additional details and Sign-Up.



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2012 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The date and location are all set! We will be heading to **Bozeman, Montana, Friday, July 13th - Sunday, July 22nd**, so mark your calendars. The trip is open to 8th thru 12th graders; a preliminary sign up will be forthcoming as well as an informational meeting that will be held in late February or early March. Individual costs will range between \$275-\$350, which is based on the number of fundraisers your youth participates in.



BLAST FUNDRAISERS

Our 2012 Youth Mission Trip date and location have been finalized, so it is time to "Blast Off" into fundraising mode! We have three (3) fundraisers during the course of the church year:

1. **Cookie Making and Sales on December 10, 2011**
2. **Spaghetti Dinner and Talent(less) Show on Sunday, February 19, 2012**
3. **Easter Breakfast on April 8th**

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

NOVEMBER SOCIAL ACTIVITY

We are in the process of putting together a social activity for the month. Watch the BLAST Bulletin Board for details and sign-up!

ANNUAL COOKIE MAKING AND SALES FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendar for **9:00 a.m., Saturday, December 10th** to decorate dozens of cookies and **Sunday, December 11th** to sell plates and plates of cookies to the congregation after each worship service. Each youth should arrive on **Saturday, December 10th** with 3-4 dozen all ready prepared cookies that will be added to the mix of our decorated cookies. We'll need parents to pitch in as well! Watch the BLAST Bulletin Board for details and sign-up! We'll also be looking for donated decorating supplies such as sprinkles, powder sugar, etc.



Pilgrim Thanks ...

- ... a big thank you to Lee and Pam Schlenvogt for their generous donation of six tables to be used in Kalweit Hall.
- ... Jesse Schubert, Chrissy Pfeiffer, Jill Cobb, Gary Klopp and Liza Lewis for chaperoning and driving to St. Ben's with the 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Classes.
- ... Lyle Fries, for making music board holders and a new table for purses next to the coat rack.
- ... Kris Sauer for heading up the Mom-to-Mom sale and all others who helped make it a success.

In Our Prayers ...

- ... Karen Reiter, rehabilitation.
- ... Phyllis TeStrake, treatment.
- ... Mary Lou Fries, treatment.
- ... Dixie Johnson, treatment.
- ... Linda Schafer, recovering from hip surgery at Sarah Chudnow's.
- ... Gordon Seversen, hospice care.
- ... Mary Davies and Bert Faase, both recovering from cataract surgery.
- ... Norm & Joyce Wegner, home.
- ... Darya Alexander, recovering from hand surgery.
- ... Eric Halleman, recovering from surgery.
- ... Beth Hartman, recovering from surgery.

Our Prayers of Sympathy are Extended to ...

- ... Dorothy Pfeiffer, and her entire family, upon the death of Al, at age 80. A memorial service was held at Pilgrim on October 9th.
- ... Todd Craig, following the death of his father Harry, whom we memorialized at Pilgrim on October 22nd.
- ... The Schlenvogt family, following the death of Joanne, age 65, who battled pancreatic cancer since January. A celebration of her life took place at Pilgrim October 23rd.
- ... the TeStrake family, who is mourning the death of a young nephew.
- ... Don & LaVerne Johnson, following the death of his sister.
- ... Stacy & Steve Kornetzke, following the death of her grandfather.
- ... Kyle & Nikki Birkholz, (Gergen's family), following the death of their grandpa.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to ...

- ... Joyce Wegner, who turned 80 on October 17!
- ... Eleanor Paschke, who turns 90 on October 30th.
- ... Laurie Gabrich, daughter of Willie and Mary, who married Mark Staats on October 1st.
- ... Everette Forest Borchardt, son of Eric & Allissa, who will be baptized on October 30th.

We joyfully welcome the following new families:

Lee & Pam Schlenvogt live on their 4th generation dairy farm North of Port Washington. Lee runs the operation, milking 200 cows and cropping 1100 acres. Pam works as the director of marketing for Alexian Village, and is also a college professor at Cardinal Stritch and Duvry University. The Schlenvogts have two daughters – Melissa (a music and dance student in NYC) and Megan (studying accounting and playing volleyball at UW Milwaukee). Pam enjoys sewing and Lee serves on both the town and county Board.



Andy & Reagan Schmitter live in the town of Cedarburg with their two children – Riley (7th grade) who enjoys reading and sports and Cole (4th grade) who loves hockey, lacrosse and tennis. Reagan is a CT tech at Aurora hospital, an outdoor enthusiast, and loves spending time with her family. Andy works in the steel industry, plays some hockey and has even been known to run a marathon!

Bob & Carol Antisdell make their home in Cedarburg and run a dental practice together in Saukville. Carol loves to cook and read. Bob enjoys his dental work (especially children) and enjoys shooting pool, playing golf and landscaping around the house. They come out of the ELCA Lutheran tradition, and found Pilgrim through our own Donna Schulz (one of their dental hygienists). They have a daughter named Erin whose family has also discovered Pilgrim . . . keep reading!

David & Erin Gonzalez have a baby boy named Gabriel, born September 19, 2010. Erin is the daughter of Bob & Carol Antisdell (above) and currently studying to be a nurse practitioner. She enjoys hiking, reading and time with Gabe. David spent much of his life in his native land, Chile. He runs a Youth Foundation (now in Madison, but eventually here in the Milwaukee area). This fall David was the Cedarburg JV soccer coach and he's also an avid mountain climber.

Melissa (Shoop) Stowers grew up at Pilgrim! She and her spouse Bob lived up near LaCrosse for several years, but have now relocated back home. They have two children – Lauren (4) who loves all things princess and girlie and Liam (almost 2) who prefers trucks and playing in sand boxes. Melissa has worked as an ICI nurse, though is now a happy stay-at-home mom. She loves her daily exercising. Bob sells laboratory equipment. They live just around the corner from church on Bobolink Ave.

Kirk Strong and his spouse Mary live in Cedarburg with their two children – Zander (6th) who loves music, electronics and skateboards and Madison (1st) who loves their new kitten Shadow. Kirk runs a company called Smart Interactive Media (building websites, etc), and he likes to take the kids fishing and skiing up North. Mary (a practicing Roman Catholic) is a high school English teacher in Plymouth. Kirk is also a longtime active member of the 12-step program, and eager to help those who fight with addiction.

Amy & Eric Burki just relocated to Saukville from the Madison area due to Eric's new job as an electrical engineer. They have three children – Alexis (3rd grade) who loves horseback riding, Samantha (Kindergarten) who loves reading, and Madelyn (2 yrs) who just loves to play! Amy is a full time mom with an interest in seminary studies. She plans to study complete a Masters of Divinity over the next several years, and to use her gifts in the church. Some of them are singing and guitar. Eric is a computer guru (builds websites on the side) and also loves motorcycles. Their family has a big camper, and that's their summer passion!

Finally, Gisela Berger and her husband Jack Molinar make their home in Mequon with their 3rd grade twins – Patrick, who loves fencing, karate and riding his bike . . . and Margarethe, who enjoys horseback riding and art. Gisela is practicing Psychologist. In her spare time she enjoys reading and watercolor painting. In his retirement Jack enjoys metal detecting, landscaping and time with the children.

STAFFING CHANGE

Pastor Vicki Simon, who joined our congregation several months ago, will assume leadership for our Congregational Care (TLC) ministry team. Vicki was ordained in the ELCA Lutheran tradition, with whom the UCC has a covenantal relationship. Currently she works as a chaplain for Allay Hospice. She will also be instrumental in developing various communication "streams" on our new website, including Facebook, twitter, blogs, etc.

Many thanks to Heidi Jenkins, who very skillfully developed both our TLC team and Congregational Care program. Heidi plans to reduce her staff load some, but will continue leading our Children's Music program, Outreach & Assimilation and maintain leadership for our Inclusion Team, Safe Sanctuary Program and several other special projects.

ROCK Hour News



Reaching a Milestone: First Communion

The following 3rd graders along with 5th grader Jessie Homme celebrated their First Communion on October 2nd.



Margarethe Berger	Mahala Heniadis	Shane Rescorla
Patrick Berger	Morgan McMahon	Kendyl Schmalz
Lexi Burki	Alex Meer	Sam Schubert
Andrew Cotton	Riley Morrow	Emlyn Yoon-Buck
Wyatt Hart	Cannon Pfaff	

Choosing to Bring Hope to Others

Our Children's mission this fall is to help support the *Simple Hope Mission* for Tanzania, Africa. Each child has taken a small bank home to collect change from now until early February. In keeping with our "making choices" lessons, we are asking the children to **consciously choose** to save an amount of money to share with the orphans of the Matonyak Parents Trust Orphanage and the canning processes being taught to the people of the Mount Meru Region. Simple Hope is a mission team dedicated to the practice of empowering destitute communities to become self-sustaining. Learn more about the mission at www.simplehope.org.



Little ROCKS Onstage!

Children ages 2-6 who participate in church school programming during the 10:30 hour will sing "Nothing Is Impossible" at the end of the service on **November 6th**. Children should go downstairs for activities as usual following the children's sermon. We will run through the song several times so anyone 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. Contact Naomi Kobliska at i_talisman@hotmail.com if you have any questions about the event.



Tracey Van Ryzin's email account has been compromised and her new email is traceyvr0704@yahoo.com.

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUPS



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The **Women's Book Club** will be held **Monday, November 14** at the home of Rachel Gutridge at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing the first 5 chapters of Debbie Macomber's book God's Guest List.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

Join Pastor Franz on **Thursday, November 10th** at 10:30am in the Conference Room for our next scripture chat. Texts are: Ezekiel 34:11-16; Isaiah 64:1-9, 40:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23; I Corinthians 1:3-9.

ADULT STUDY GROUP

The Adult Study Group meets between services (9:20 AM) in the downstairs media room. In November, we will conclude our DVD series on "Living the Question 2", which focus' on a different subject each week. Each week we watch and listen to various clergy and lay leaders who share their perspective on the subject. You are welcome to join us at any time. Subjects to be covered are:

- Nov. 6 Evil, Suffering, and a God of Love
- Nov. 13 The Myth of redemptive Violence
- Nov. 20 Practicing Resurrection.

Men's Breakfast Meeting **Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 AM** **"Chair Caning"**



A men's breakfast is scheduled for Nov. 19 downstairs in Kalweit Hall. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex. A free-will offering will cover the breakfast cost. Following the breakfast, a chair caning demonstration will be presented by George Schowalter. Chair caning encompasses various types of chair seat and back weaving. George has been using his skills by doing chair repairs for many years.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS



Advent Devotionals are available on the table outside of the office. One per family please,

USHERS NEEDED FOR HOLIDAY 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 Pilgrim Friends,

Thank you so much for all the prayers and cards of best wishes, For some reason, the nerve damage to my right leg isn't improving as quickly as I had hoped. I'll continue therapy and hope the pain goes away soon.

Also I want to say "thanks" for the frozen soup and lasagna – I really enjoyed it very much!

I hope to surprise you one of these Sundays and get there for services when my leg lets me drive.

Thanks again, Ruth Ackmann

Dear Pilgrim Family,

On behalf of Dorothy and all the family members, we'd like to thank everyone at Pilgrim for your kindness and support during these last few weeks. We are truly blessed by our family at Pilgrim Church.

The Pfeiffer family

Dear Pilgrim Family,

Thank you to our wonderful Pilgrim family, for all the prayers, cards and well wishes received during her courageous fight with cancer. Our Mom, daughter, sister, aunt and great Aunt Joanne Schlenvogt. She fought a good fight, and was comforted with knowing that so many people were thinking of her. She was always amazed at all the people that were keeping track of her progress on the Caring Bridge site. Thank you also at this time, to all of you at the time of her passing. Kathy, Rachel, Sue, Jen, Jack and Alex a special thank you for the great meal following her service. Thank you John for the wonderful heartfelt music when you needed to be with your family as well. Franz, what can we say, thanks for all the visits with Jo before her surgery, during treatments, and rehab, and then with all of us, at the hospital. And of course an amazing service. We all know how busy everyone is, and to give your time to our family at this time, was the greatest comfort.

Thank you once again, Adam Fellenz and the entire Schlenvogt family.

INCLUSION TEAM

Thank you to all who participated in Accessibility Sunday in October. We hope that EVERY Sunday feels like Accessibility Sunday. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas that would make people feel more welcome and part of Pilgrim, please let one of our Inclusion Team members know. A board with team member photos and areas of experience is hanging on the Narthex bulletin board.

The Inclusion Team's Purpose Statement is: *We exist to ensure that Pilgrim United Church of Christ creates an environment that welcomes all persons on an individual basis. We exist to remove barriers through education and to foster an inclusive culture that accepts, appreciates and welcomes diversity. In doing this, we hope to emulate the teachings and compassion of Jesus and His church.*

We are highlighting depression for the month of November. Check out the bulletin board for more information on depression from team member Kris Fisher.

CAREGIVER CONFERENCE, November 10th, 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM at Acuity in Sheboygan - The Sheboygan County Caregiver Conference, hosted by the Dementia Care Network of Sheboygan County and the Alzheimer's Association, is designed as an educational event for both family and professional caregivers with a theme of Here's to You. Keynote topics include: Islands and Bridges: Overcoming the Isolation Experienced by Persons Living with Dementia and their Care Partners, presented by Rev. John McFadden; and Here's to You!, presented by Diane Baughn. Workshops will include a track for family caregivers and a track for professional caregivers. Exhibitors and sponsors will be available to explain their local services and resources. \$5 conference registration fee, includes the cost of lunch. For more conference information or to receive a registration form, call Ginny Nyhuis of the Alzheimer's Association at 920-838-1311 or email ginny.nyhuis@alz.org.

CARING BRIDGE WEBSITE FOR KAREN REITER – For those of you who wish to follow Karen's progress the Caring Bridge address is: www.caringbridge.org/visit/karenreiter.

Council Highlights

October 13, 2011 *Unapproved as of printing*

Treasurer's Report: Kathy presented the Treasurer's report. Revenue for September was \$33,989. Expenses were \$27,289. Quarterly payment for group health insurance was paid. Other banks have shown interest in doing business with us. Louise motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Kris seconded motion approved.

Pastor's Report:

- Sound system – the portable mics were fixed this week and now all is working well.
- Franz would like to see 1 computer replaced this year for the staff.
- The Schlenvogt family donated 6 tables.
- We are looking to add a TV in the conference room.
- Staffing – Mary Lou Fries will be retiring from her choir director position in December after completing 30 years of music leadership in the life of the church. We'll be discussing future music needs. Vicki will be taking over the Care program from Heidi as well as facilitating some Communications (social media).

Old Business:

- Solar Energy Savings Review – Postponed in Geoff's absence.
- Solar Panel fundraiser – We have raised \$4500 since starting the fundraiser; we plan on continuing to promote.
- Website – Meeting planned for next week to come up with the next steps to implement and support the new website.
- Stewardship Committee – Meeting planned for next Tuesday, first letter going out next week.
- Maple Leaf – So far so good!

New Business:

- Budget Review – Council reviewed the preliminary budget.
- Scrip Proposal – Franz communicated details of the program. Louise motioned to approve the scrip program Greg seconded, motion passed.
- Nominations – Ted is completing his term on council. There will be a nominations meeting in mid-November. Council will need to have a member attend.

Other Business:

- Sunday Treats – Council decided to do this. Todd will pick a Sunday and communicate to council.

Topic of Conversation:

Mission Funding – High level discussions on common ground

Next Meeting: Thursday November 10th 7:00pm

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR NOVEMBER

- | | |
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| 8:00 | 10:30 |
| 6 Mary Beuscher | 6 Rachel Gutridge |
| 13 Pilgrim Youth | 13 Pilgrim Youth |
| 20 Candy Shoop | 20 Mary Davies |
| 27 Ed Proctor | 27 George Schowalter |



SUNDAY TREATS

- 6 Reagan Schmitter & Diane Kornetzke & Donna Van Ryzin
- 13 Youth
- 20 Patty Guist and Social Team
- 27 Cindy Jacoby and Denice Frank



The Youth Group (B.L.A.S.T.) is comprised of youth from 7th through 12th grade.

The Social Team offers a variety of small groups and events which allows members to get to know others with similar interests.

WELCOME CENTER

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| 8:00 Bonnie Orten | 10:30 Annie Gehrke |
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Memorials

For: Al Pfeiffer

From: Shawn & Anita Steliga
 Helen & Don Buettner
 Bill & Norma Harrington
 Beverly & Jack Richardson
 Pat Tumanic
 Ron & Judy Wildasin
 Kent & Dixie Johnson



More Memorials to be listed in the December Pilgrim's Progress.

CELEBRATION WALL MEMORIAL

For: Pat Conrad

SOLAR PANEL – CELEBRATION WALL MEMORIALS

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| Joulynn Pekarske | by Matthew & Nicole Pekarske |
| Margarethe & Patrick Berger | by Gisela Berger |
| Payton Lenhardt | by Vicki Simon |
| Our Families | by The Lusty's |
| In Thanksgiving | by Susan & Bill Maca |

There are more memorials to be listed in the next Pilgrim's Progress.

FLOWERS AND BULLETINS FOR NOVEMBER

Flowers

- 6 Linda Eakin
- 13 Bill & Kathy Martin
- 20 Patty Guist
- 27 -----

Bulletins

- 6 Ron & Donna Van Ryzin
- 13 -----
- 20 Gordon & Jean Weber
- 27 -----

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

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Cash Balance – Beg. Of Period	\$ 53,505	\$ 46,712
Cash Receipts	35,209	300,923
Cash Disbursements	(29,459)	(262,693)
Loan Payments	(2,172)	(20,167)
Solar Panel Payment	-----	(7,692)
Cash Balance – September 30, 2010	\$ 57,082	\$ 57,082

HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS, EMAIL OR TELEPHONE NUMBER LATELY?

Please call the office at 377-2640 or email at dianeweber@sbcglobal.net with your new contacts so we can keep our information current. Thank you!

OFFICE HOURS

Franz Rigert – 8:45 – 5:00 Tuesday – Friday
 Saturday Mornings and Evenings by appointment
Diane Weber – 8:30 – 12:00 Tuesday – Friday
 Office Phone 262-377-2640 – FAX 262-377-4187
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 WEB Page – www.pilgrimuccgrafton.org

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday, please submit November articles by November 14th

CHILD CARE & PLAY CENTER

Staffed every Sunday from 7:45-11:45



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Steven Czuczor | 15 Joel Schowalter |
| Claire Meinecke | 16 Kristy Huven |
| Penny Papenfus | Dorothy Overbye |
| Coleton Ploof | 17 Tracy Braun |
| Arlene Schlenvogt | Amy Papenfus |
| 3 Kyle Birkholz | Glenn Strozewski, Jr. |
| Abbey Cobb | 19 Todd Freeman |
| Ginger Duckert | Steve Knier |
| 4 Ruth Ackmann | 20 Linda Eakin |
| Nicola DeTorre | Alexander Ackeret |
| Sean Koch | Leann Greuel |
| Timothy Paegelow | Jacob Leidel |
| Owen Snyder | Peter Meier |
| Charlie Stilb | 21 Jason Jurack |
| 5 Joseph Wyka | 22 Chris Boon |
| 6 Alice Eickstedt | Don Deetjen |
| Matt Rescorla | Kevin Miller |
| Bob Stowers | Nick Swanson |
| Henry Wagner | Pilgrim Church (1959) |
| 7 Steve Evans | 23 Greta Koch |
| Mike Harth | Cathy Kraus |
| Oliver Hofland | 24 Stacy Suber |
| Naomi Kobliska | 25 Karen Karnish |
| Emily Suber | Joe Gehrke |
| 8 Mary Davies | Brian Maurer |
| 9 Ron Van Ryzin | Dylan Russell |
| Keri Hempelman | Tanner Russell |
| 10 Lexi Burki | 26 Tony Duckert |
| John Garcia | Matt Hackett |
| Dianne Klopp | Amanda Hunt |
| 11 Kaylee Elgin | 27 Darya Alexander |
| Clara Margaret Flood | Olivia Emanuel |
| Greta Koch | Dave Sauer |
| Val Nauth | Gordon Weber |
| 12 Charlie Eilbes | 29 Donna Schulz |
| Seth Foerester | Julie Stiebs |
| Tomasen Hart | 30 Mary Beuscher |
| Ava Pedersen | David Francek |
| 13 Jessica Leatherman | |
| 14 Jamaica Eilbes | |
| Mac Faber | |
| Lynda Van Dyke | |
| Kevin Wegner | |
| Jacob Bublitz | |



If your birthday is not listed, or is incorrect, please let the office know. Thank you

USHERS

November		December	
8:00	10:30	8:00	10:30
<u>Warner Schafer</u>	<u>Joel Schowalter</u>	<u>Geoff Nauth</u>	<u>Char Peterson</u>
Jesse Schubert	Bert Faase	Dennis Grabow	Mark Destrampe
Deanne Schubert	Jimmy Faase	Jennifer Halleman	Annie Gehrke
Dave Ziehr	Mike Godejohn	Mark Matter	Joe Gehrke
Maria Ziehr	Tammy Mueller	Chrissy Pfeiffer	Vic Pappas

ACOLYTES

November	
8:00	10:30
6 Alex Britt	6 Alaina Knier
	Sean Leatherman
13 Alex Britt	13 Brendan McInerney
	Kylie McInerney
20 Christopher Britt	20 Morgan Meer
	Alex Meer
27 Christopher Britt	27 Claire Moede
	Mari Rigert

GREETERS

P = Parking Lot Entrance

S = Sanctuary Doors

November	
8:00	10:30
6 Debra & Randy Neu - P	6 Karen & Chris Karnish - P
Dale & Diane Nauta - S	Tom & Lora Kanios - S
13 Youth - P	13 Youth - P
Youth - S	Youth - S
20 Pam Paul - P	20 Dianne & Gary Klopp - P
Nola & Butch Paegelow - S	Nicole & Chris Kline - S
27 Chrissy & Mike Pfeiffer - P	27 Ellen & Steve Knier - P
6 Debra & Randy Neu - P	6 Karen & Chris Karnish - P


December

8:00	10:30
4 Kati & Trevor Robishaw - P	4 Jeanette Koch - P
Anne & Terry Roemke - S	Sue Cleary Koch & Milt Koch - S
11 Linda & Dale Rudd - P	11 Amanda & Phil Koch - P
Kelly & Jim Russell - S	Stacy & Steve Kornetzke - S
18 Carrie & Steve Schaefer - P	18 Cathy & Ted Kraus - P
Candy Shoop & Bill Sinner - S	Dawn & Al Krueger - S
25 9am one service -- Janet Kunz - P	Vicki Simon - S



November 2011

What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us
are tiny matters compared to what lives within us.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm	2 Staff Meeting 9:30am Children's Ministry 6:30pm Confirmation Classes 6:30pm Worship Team 7pm	3 Praise Team, 7pm	4 St. Ben's Desserts Holly Days Set-up Sheepshead 6:30pm	5 Holly Days Arts & Craft Show 9-3pm Turn clocks back tonight Daylight Savings ends tomorrow.
6 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 Worship (Communion - Pewe) 9:00 Classes - 9:15 Choir	7 OFFICE CLOSED Maple Leaf Academy 9-11am	8 St. Ben's Serving 4:15pm Property & Grounds 7pm Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm	9 Confirmation Classes 6:30pm Maple Leaf Academy 9-11am Chinese School 4:30-6:30pm	10 Scripture Chat 10:30am Foster Support 6:10pm Church Council 7pm Women Veteran's Gifts Workshop 7pm Praise Team, 7pm	11 <i>Peterson/Lucette Wedding (off site)</i> Wedding Rehearsal 5:45pm Maple Leaf Academy 9-11am	12 Packathon in Falls Nature Hike 1pm <i>DeSimone/Toeller Wedding 2pm</i> Pilgrim Bowling 6:30pm
13 YOUTH SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:00 Classes - 9:15 Choir	14 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Women's Book Club 7pm OFFICE CLOSED Maple Leaf Academy 9-11am	15 Women's Journey 7pm Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm	16 Confirmation Classes 6:30pm Maple Leaf Academy 9-11am Chinese School 4:30-6:30pm	17 Senior Coffee 10am Knitting/Crocheting 6:30pm Praise Team, 7pm	18 NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY 8:30am Sheepshead 6:30pm	19 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Zumba - 2pm
20 TOTENFEST THANKSGIVING IN-GATHERING 8:00 & 10:30 Worship (Communion - Aisle) 9:00 Classes - 9:15 Choir	21 OFFICE CLOSED Maple Leaf Academy 9-11am	22 HAPPY 52nd BIRTHDAY PILGRIM Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm	23 THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP 7pm Maple Leaf Academy 9-11am Chinese School 4:30-6:30pm	24 	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26
27 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:00 & 10:30 Worship 9:00 Classes - 9:15 Choir	28 Poinsettia Orders Due OFFICE CLOSED Maple Leaf Academy 9-11am	29 Boy Scouts 6:30-8pm	30 Chili Supper, 6pm and "Hanging of the Greens" 6:30pm Conf. Classes 6:30pm Maple Leaf Academy 9-11am Chinese School 4:30-6:30pm			

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