

*“I will send down the showers in their season;
And they shall be showers of blessing” Ezekiel 34:26*

I have been thinking about this verse a lot lately, since we have experienced an unusually rainy summer. The tiny mosquitoes have been ferocious, due to the abundance of water! Many people suffered flooded basements. Others were frustrated by rained out baseball games. Some of our summer showers didn't feel much like a blessing. But, the flowers were beautiful! The crops were plentiful! The grass remained lush and green right through the hot days of August! Having remembered the many years of drought that have devastated the Southwest states, we continue to be grateful for the rains that nourish the earth.

Early in September I spent a night alone in a little fishing cottage up North near Eagle River. After coming off the lake early due to storms, I stoked up some kindling in the fireplace and set about the task of drying out. It proceeded to rain nearly all night long, and – for quite awhile – I lay awake just listening to the gentle sound of the raindrops falling on the shingles. It was a wonderful experience to “count my blessings” by imagining each drop as a gift of goodness from God.

On the following Sunday we celebrated Rally Day and I offered some thoughts on the rhetorical question, “Why Church?” Central to all the reasons for *living the faith* and *participating in congregational life* is the concept of our Doxology – “Praise God from whom all blessings flow.” All that we are, all that we have, and all that we seek to be is a gift from the One whom we call Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Blessings provide grace.

Blessings prompt gratitude.

Blessings provoke gifts.

We love because God has first loved us – through grandparents and parents, through friends and neighbors, through teachers and mentors, through the faith community, and sometimes even through strangers. Thus, being “Church” is our collective response to the blessings and goodness we have known. In these days of fear and scarcity let us continue to put our trust in the God of courage and abundance.

So, as we come into the season of bountiful harvest and thanksgiving, may we remember the “showers” that continue to grace our lives.

Autumn blessings,

Diversity Opportunities

ISLAMIC CENTER OF MILWAUKEE AND MOSQUE TOUR

As part of our vision statement to embrace the diversity of all people, we are organizing a tour of the Islamic Center of Milwaukee and Mosque on **Sunday, October 24**. We will meet in the parking lot of the church at 12:45pm to depart. Participants maybe bring a free-will offering as a donation to the center. We'll eat afterward at Bombay Sweet, a restaurant featuring Indian, Pakistani and Bengali foods. All ages are welcome. A sign up is posted on the bulletin board. Contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436 or heidigjenkins@sbcglobal.net.

SAFE SANCTUARY – OPEN AND AFFIRMING – ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

Discussion Forum – Sunday, October 17th at 9:15am

We will be including Safe Sanctuary Guidelines (SSG) and Open & Affirming (ONA) Statement and requesting to be considered an Accessible to All (A2A) congregation in December at the congregational meeting. In preparation for that, we will be hosting a discussion forum regarding all three on **Sunday, December 17th at 9:15am**. Please join us to learn more about these three important areas of focus at Pilgrim. Many thanks to the Children's and Youth sub-teams that helped write and develop the guidelines. The Safe Sanctuary Guidelines were created to ensure that Pilgrim takes all possible steps to maintain a safe environment for all – especially our children and youth. Copies of the Safe Sanctuary Guideline draft are available on the table in front of the main office. Contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436 if you have questions.

PROPOSED 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 will be submitting to the United Church of Christ in order to be considered an ONA congregation. The statement will then be included on the agenda at Pilgrim’s congregational meeting in December.

“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.”

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 Team is open to anyone wishing to discuss issues related to our

congregation and people with disabilities. The group will help complete a building audit, create an education and awareness program and address areas within the church in which we can become more accessible and welcoming to all. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436.

October 10 – Accessible to All (A2A) and Disability Awareness Sunday Pilgrim will be observing “Accessible to All Sunday” on **October 10**. Congregations throughout the nation will be focusing on education and awareness related to people with disabilities and church inclusion. As part of A2A Sunday, we’d like to share some basic Disability Etiquette Tips offered by the National Organization on Disabilities.

An article on Disability Etiquette Tips can be found on pages 12 & 13.



1WORLD COMMUNION
AND FIRST COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 3RD

World Communion Sunday is a day celebrating the diversity of the Christian Church throughout all cultures, languages, and worship expressions. Our communion service will include breads common to various countries throughout the world. Additionally, we will celebrate the first communion of a number of our 3rd graders. Join us on this day as we celebrate our common, yet diverse, faith on the body of Christ.

Congregational Care News



FALL MEAL BLITZ!

Thank you to all who helped with the Fall Meal Blitz. Huge thanks to those who cooked at home, helped at church and delivered meals.

SPOUSAL LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The next Spousal Loss Support Group will be **Monday, October 18** 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.

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OCTOBER



MEN'S OKTOBERFEST BREAKFAST – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH 8AM

Check out page 12 for a menu and further information. A sign-up is posted on the Narthex bulletin board.

SENIOR COFFEE

Senior Coffee will be held on **Thursday, October 21st at 10:00 am** in the conference room. The discussion

question will be: *“What is the best piece of advice you have ever received in your life?”*



WOMEN'S JOURNEY

Women's Journey will meet on **Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00 pm** at the home of Pat Grabow.

SHEEPSHEAD GROUP

The sheepshead group meets the 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday of the month in Kalweit Hall. They will meet in **October on the 1st, 15th and 29th** at 6:30 in the 377-0172.

ECOLOGY CLUB

Are you a nature lover? Do you enjoy hiking, camping, or kayaking? Have you ever wanted to build a compost bin for your garden or for someone else? Would you be willing to help local environmental groups work on trails or other needed projects? How about touring 'green' projects while getting to know others from the congregation in an informal setting? These are just a few of the ideas that could be explored by anyone from our church regardless of age or situation.

Bring your ideas and passion to the Ecology Club. More information is on the bulletin board. Please call Greg Grudznske at (414)839-5437 or e-mail at: gregorynlinda@yahoo.com for further details.

LION'S DEN HIKE

On **Saturday, October 23rd at 1pm** the Ecology Club will be kicking things off with a hike at Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve. All are welcome. Trails at the Den vary as far as difficulty including boardwalks to medium difficult terrain. Weather along the lake could be cool so dress accordingly. Bring your own water and snacks but the park is free to use. Since it is National "Make a Difference Day", feel free to bring a garbage bag to pick up trash along the trail. The park is located at 511 High Bluff Drive, Grafton, WI and can be accessed off of CTY C. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Contact Greg Grudznske at gregorynlinda@yahoo.com or (414)839-5437 with any questions.

PILGRIM BOWLING

Saturday, October 9th is the next bowling date. Bowling starts promptly at 6:45pm.



KNITTING & CROCHETING GROUP

This group will meet **Thursday, October 28** at 6:30 in the Coffee House Room. Learn some new techniques, make items for charity, work on your own project, share patterns. If you are interested, please join us. Questions? Contact Barb Arity, 376-9312



SENIOR SINGLES

Join other single seniors from Pilgrim and the community on **Sunday, October 10** from 2 to 4 in Kalweit Hall. If you have any questions, contact Marji Groth, 377-2563 or Pam Paul, 375-3538

TRIP TO THE ELEGANT FARMER'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 16. We'll meet at church at 9:30 am and car-pool to Mukwonago. Their Autumn Harvest Festival offers apple and pumpkin picking, make-your-own caramel apples, cider, apple pies, warm cider donuts, lunch, hayrides, trolley rides and more! Complete information as well as coupons can be found on their website: www.elegantfarmer.com. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please indicate if you can drive, or if you need a ride. Contact Donna Tredrea at 377-8576 or dtred@wi.rr.com with questions. *If you've never been there, you are in for a treat!*



Adult Study

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY GROUP

The Women's Book Club is trying a new night. We will be meeting on the second Monday of the month, October 11 at 7:00pm at the home of Rachel Gutridge. This month we will be discussing the intro and Chapters 1-3 of Barbara Brown Taylor's book An Altar in the World.

SCRIPTURE CHAT

Join Pastor Franz on **Wed., October 13** at 10:30am in the Narthex when he leads the next scripture chat. Texts for this month are: Genesis 32:22-31; Isaiah 1:10-18; Joel 2:12-32; Luke 18:9-14; 19:1-10; 20:27-38. Scripture chats are held the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Narthex.

ROCK Hour News



First Communion on World Communion Day – October 3rd

The following 3rd graders along with 5th grader Nolan Stumpf and 6th grader Riley Schmitter will make their

1st Communion during the 10:30 service on **October 3rd**.



Alex Britt	Bryce Krueger	Clare Pedersen
Christopher Britt	Josslyne Kunz	Cannon Pfaff
Halena Gehrke	Riley Morrow	Cole Schmitter
Amanda Jozwowski	Hannah Mueller	Tara Stumpf
Benjamin Keller	Ava Pedersen	Zachary Weir

Singing Sunday for all 1st - 6th Graders - October 24

The Joyful Noise and Voyager Choirs will be singing at both services on



Sunday, October 24. They'll be joined by the ROCK Hour Band. Children should meet downstairs by 8:30 a.m. Contact Heidi Jenkins at 377-7436 if you have questions.

Bell Choir Starting Soon!

The Heavenly Ringers will be dusting off their bells and preparing to play on Christmas Eve at the 5 p.m. service. If your son or daughter is interested in participating, contact Heidi Jenkins at heidijenkins@sbcglobal.net by October 17. The target age is 2nd through 6th graders but 1st graders who have musical interest and can follow instruction easily are also encouraged. Rehearsals occur on Sundays from 10:20 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. beginning late October or early November.



A Mission to Provide Clean Water



In keeping with the water theme of several of the Bible stories this year, children will collect money to provide reusable ceramic water filters for communities in Africa through an organization called Jolkona, meaning "drop of water." The minimum \$200.00 donation will provide 10 water filters to the community. Families are encouraged to visit the jolkona.org website for more details.

Check out our new **ROCK Hour Volunteer and Information Board** just outside the Conference Room in Kalweit Hall.



Thank
You

FOURTH ANNUAL FALL MOM-TO-MOM SALE

October 23rd from 8am - Noon

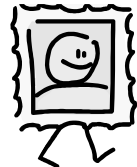


Looking for some good deals? This is the place to be. There will be 25 tables of children's items at great prices. Clothes - sizes from newborn to pre-teen (also maternity). Gear - highchairs, strollers, cribs, exersaucers, bikes, bedding, bathing items, and more. Toys - Little People, K'nex, Pokemon cards, cars, trucks, baby dolls, board games, Littlest Pet Shop, princess, ride-ons, and much more. We will need some bakers to help us out and bring muffins/cookies/bars to sell at the sale? They can be dropped off on Friday evening the 22nd. If you have any questions please contact Barbie Cotton at 262-618-4462 or barbiechriscotton@yahoo.com.

\$10 Coupons for Antiquities photos will be available and appointments can be scheduled at the Mom-2-Mom sale.

ANTIQUITIES FUNDRAISER

The Children's ministry is excited to sponsor an Antiquities Fundraiser (old-fashioned photos). This fundraiser will help to support families and children attending church camps. Coupons cost \$10.00 and the participants receive a photo session and one 10X13 Sepia-Tone portrait of their children. If you have one child or more children, they can all be a part of this photograph and the session. Photos are scheduled to be taken on Friday, October 29 and Saturday, October 30 here at Pilgrim UCC. Antiquities-Studio provides the props and clothing. Photographs will be received before Thanksgiving, just in time for Christmas! The photographer will



return to Pilgrim UCC 2-3 weeks after the photo session with the 10X13 and will show you the other photos you may purchase. There is NO obligation to purchase any more than your take home 10X13, but you will have the option to purchase other packages. We need to sell at least 60 coupons, so we are looking for people to go out and sell coupons to friends, family, and co-workers. They will thank you for this opportunity. Sellers can earn free packages as well. A table will be set up in the Narthex where you can see first hand how wonderful these pictures are. See if you can recognize our young members in the photographs. If you would like to purchase a coupon or find out more information please stop at our table. We will be available before and after services on Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, and 24. You may also contact Kris Sauer at (262) 894-9551 or rn2fixu@yahoo.com.

B.L.A.S.T.

“Belonging. Laughing. And. Serving. Together

B.L.A.S.T YOUTH GROUP

Welcome all 7th graders and Welcome Back all 8th-12th graders! BLAST stands for “*Belonging, Laughing and Serving Together*” and is open to All 7th-12th graders! We’ll be offering social activities and community services activities throughout the year, along with holding three fundraisers to raise money for our 7th Grade Only Event and the 2011 Youth Mission Trip. All information and sign-ups for all events will be posted on the BLAST Bulletin Board which is directly at the top of the stairs outside Pastor Franz’s office. If you should have any questions on any events, please do not hesitate to contact Jen Schulz at 262-375-0287. We look forward to another excitingly fun-filled and faith-filled year!

COFFEE HOUSE

All 7th-12th graders are welcome to kick off the church year on **Sunday, September 12th** with Rally Day and the start of Coffee House beginning with 9:00-9:15am gathering and discussion time from 9:15-10:15am.



Coffee House is led each week by Jon & Lisa Pease, Chris Hart and Dan Meer. It is a great way to interact with your church peers, discuss hot topics, and have a cup of java or cocoa. Questions? Give Jen Schulz a buzz.

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.
- **St. Ben’s Serving** -- **October 6th (7th Graders)** and **October 20th (8th Graders)**. Parent Drivers are needed. Please sign up on the BLAST Bulletin Board or email Jen Schulz at rschulz8@w2i.rr.com. Each class will leave by 4:15pm on their respective days.
- **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**.

CROP WALK

Get your walking shoes warmed up and let's help our community



Hunger Walk

raise money to stop hunger. **Saturday, October 9th** is BLAST's first community service event of the year. We'll meet at the

United Methodist Church in Port Washington and walk as a group. Watch the BLAST Board for a sign up and additional details.

YOUTH SUNDAY

We are changing it up a bit and will be holding Youth Sunday in the Fall rather than the Spring. All 7th-12th graders are encouraged to participate in this event scheduled for **November 14th**.

Confirmants who participate in BOTH services this day will earn one of their required two community service events. Watch the BLAST Board for details.

COFFEE HOUSE BLEND

Do you love music? Can you keep a beat? Can you sing? If you said yes to anyone of these



questions, COFFEE HOUSE BLEND WANTS YOU! **As part of Youth Sunday on November 14th**, Coffee House Blend, Pilgrim's Youth Choir, will be singing special music. Sign Up on the Blast Bulletin Board if you are interested in participating in CHB! We'll start practicing at the end of October. See Jen Schulz with any questions.

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.

2011 YOUTH MISSION TRIP

The date is set.....**July 16-24, 2011**. Stay tuned for our location.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES
FOR OCTOBER



SOLES 4 SOULS

The response to our shoe drive has been wonderful. Thank you to everyone that contributed to this very worthy project. Our last collection date will be **Sunday, October 3**. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defray the cost of mailing the shoes, please use an envelope provided in the pews and mark it Soles 4 Souls. Thank you.



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

This offering will be held on **October 3** in conjunction with World Communion Sunday and is UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

MT. HOREB COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLNESS & RESOURCE FAIR

Thanks to the volunteers from Pilgrim that helped make this year's fair a success. And a big **THANK YOU** to everyone that donated school supplies and backpacks. As you can see by the pictures on the bulletin board, the children were so happy to receive them. Please consider helping out next year. We could have used more help. You will be glad you did—it is a very rewarding day!

PIG-2-PIG WALK

Saturday, October 2 –Benefits the Food Pantry at Family Sharing.



CROP WALK

Saturday, October 9 – Help STOP hunger. Consider walking or sponsoring a walker.

BAKE FOR ST. BEN'S

Our next date is **Friday, October 1**. A sign-up is posted.



The Mission Team will meet on Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00pm in the library.

1 Pilgrim Thanks ...

- ... all the gardeners who helped to keep Pilgrim's grounds looking so nice all summer.
- ... Donald Deetjen and Recognition Specialists, for donating trophies for the golf outing.
- ... Jon and Lisa Pease for hosting our Youth BBQ.

In our Prayers...

- ... Cassa Faber, recovering from surgery.
- ... Dixie Johnson, undergoing treatment.
- ... Bob & Delores Veroon, at Lasata.
- ... Norm & Joyce Wegner, at home.
- ... Linda Schafer, recovering from back surgery.
- ... Laura Bloedorn, recovering from surgery.
- ... Jenn Hawkinson, recovering from surgery.
- ... Heidi Peters, recovering from a back injury.

Our Prayers of Sympathy are Extended to ...

- ... Michelle Wagner and family, upon the death of Michelle's dad.
- ... Bob Steckel and family, upon the death of Bob's grandfather.
- ... Maggy Waranka, upon the death of her grandfather.

Congratulations and God's Blessings to ...

- ... Chris Kline & Nicole Smith, married on September 4th at a charming Frank Lloyd Wright House in Two Rivers.
- ... Don & LaVerne Johnson, who celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 17th.
- ... Cindy & Rob Clark, who welcomed their first child, William Alan, on September 17th. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 20 inches.



God's blessings never cease.

DISABILITY ETIQUETTE TIPS

One in five Americans has a disability. There is a good chance that you interact everyday with somebody who has a disability, perhaps without even knowing it. Sometimes people are uncomfortable around people with disabilities because they don't know how to act or what to say. Here are some general tips to make communicating easier.

1. First and most important - people with disabilities, like everyone else, deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. People with disabilities have different personalities and different preferences about how to do things. To find out what a person prefers, ask.
2. When you meet someone with a disability, it is appropriate to shake hands - even if a person has limited hand use or artificial limbs. Simply touch hands (or the person's prosthesis) to acknowledge his/her presence. Shaking the left hand is also fine.
3. Always ask before you assist a person with a disability, and then listen carefully to any instructions. Do not interfere with a person's full control over his/her own assistive devices. For example, before you push someone who uses a wheelchair, make sure to ask if they want to be pushed. Likewise, never move crutches or communication boards out of the reach of their owners without permission.
4. Remember, most people with disabilities want to serve as well as be served and enjoy assisting others.
5. Usually people with disabilities do not want to make the origin or details of their disability the first topic of conversation. In general, it's best not to ask personal questions until you've become real friends.
6. Be considerate of the extra time it might take a person with a disability to get some things done.
7. Speak directly to the person with a disability rather than to a companion or sign language interpreter who may be along.
8. Relax. Don't be embarrassed to use common expressions such as "I've got to run now," "See you later," or "Have you heard about" even if the person doesn't run, see or hear well. People with disabilities use these phrases all the time.
9. Some terms that might have sounded acceptable in the past, such as "crippled", "deaf and dumb" and "wheelchair-bound"

are no longer accepted by people with disabilities. Many have negative associations. Instead say "person with a disability," "Mary is deaf (or hard of hearing)" "Denise uses a wheelchair," and "Joe has mental retardation." This type of language focuses on the person first, and their disability afterwards.

10. Avoid excessive praise when people with disabilities accomplish normal tasks. Living with a disability is an adjustment, one most people have to make at some point in their lives, and does not require exaggerated compliments.
11. Don't lean on a person's wheelchair - it's considered an extension of personal space.
12. When you talk to a person in a wheelchair for more than a few minutes, try to sit down so that you will be at eye level with that person.
13. Don't pet a guide or companion dog while it's working.
14. Give unhurried attention to a person who has difficulty speaking. Don't pretend to understand when you don't -- ask the person to repeat what they said.
15. Speak calmly, slowly and directly to a person who is hard of hearing. Don't shout or speak in the person's ear. Your facial expressions, gestures, and body movements help in understanding. If you're not certain that you've been understood, write your message.
16. Greet a person who is visually impaired by telling the person your name and where you are. When you offer walking assistance, let the person take your arm and then tell him or her when you are approaching inclines or turning right or left.
17. Be aware that there are many people with disabilities that are not apparent. Just because you cannot see a disability does not mean it doesn't exist.
18. Whatever you do, don't let fear of saying or doing something "wrong" prevent you from getting to know someone who has a disability. If you are unsure of what to say when you first meet, try "hello."
19. Help make community events available to everyone. Hold them in wheelchair accessible locations. This makes it easier for everyone!

Taken from the National Organization on Disability

<http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=page.viewPage&pageID=1430&nodeID=1&FeatureID=124&redirected=1&CFID=7191102&CFTOKEN=10427942>



Men's Oktoberfest Breakfast

October 16th, 8:00a.m. Pilgrim Church

Prima colazione per favore

Menu`

*Juice of the grape, caffè`
le uova and prosciutte, biscotti e gravey salsiccia,
gnocchì di formaggio,
crepe croccante mela*

*(juice, coffee, egg spinach prosciutte in a cup, sausage gravy on a biscuit, gnocchì in cheese,
apple crisp crepe)*

\$8.00 per person

++ please pay Ben Wildasen or Al Pfeiffer ++

*Beautiful ladies of Pilgrim Church,
please sign up to help prepare the breakfast,
serve the breakfast, clean up the breakfast,
and have a totalmente amore tempo pieno in the kitchen!
Any questions, please see or call Kathy Essenbecker
(375-7445)*



What's up with Common Ground?

Finally! The Health Care Insurance Coop will be rolled out this month! After many months of planning, the Coop will be able to offer affordable health insurance to small businesses and non-profit agencies throughout our region. Watch for info about enrollment over the next few weeks. In addition, CG is making headway with its Faces of Foreclosure issue campaign. To take advantage of this opportunity, CG has scheduled one of the most important events since its founding convention.

Date: Sunday, October 24

Time: 2:00-3:45 p.m. (plan to arrive 15-30 minutes early)

Location: Tentatively Harley-Davidson Museum (to be confirmed)

We have invited the candidates for Governor and for U.S. Senate, and we have verbally invited the banks. At this important meeting we intend to:

- Continue the pressure to encourage the banks to take responsibility for their vacant foreclosure properties;
- Demonstrate that people want to address serious issues in this election, not just rhetoric;
- Support a legitimate solution for affordable health insurance for small business owners.

To send a clear message to the banks and the candidates, CG wants 1,000 people in attendance! Pilgrim UCC hopes to bring 20 people, and we need your presence! More information will be available as the date approaches. Please join our delegation for this exciting event. You are the key to the success of Common Ground!

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Pastor Emeritus George Scholwaller is leading mission trip to Haiti through Ventures in People in January from Friday, January 7th – Sunday, January 16. If you are interested, please contact George at 262-335-3237, 414-702-4413 or gschowalter@att.net.

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Treasurer's Report: Leslie presented the Treasurer's report. Revenue for August was \$26,797. Expenses for the month were \$29,033. Current assets are \$26,465 compares to last year. Tom motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Kris seconded, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

- We have received multiple bids to reseal the top parking lot. Council agrees to get the lot resealed.
- Leslie is preparing to step down from the role as Treasurer, after six years of great work. Detail on the transition to follow.
- Barb Pease is now assisting Mary Johnson with custodial work.
- Thanks to Julie Jozwowski for her short staff service to Pilgrim. She has taken on a full time position with the new Aurora Hospital! Council approved the request to transfer those five hours (weekly) to Donna Tredrea.
- Greater Interfaith Group wants to bring awareness to the feelings of Muslims at this time.

Old Business:

- Building usage - The after school learning center isn't going to work out this year given the lack of children. Council will keep on agenda to work on marketing for next year.
- Solar Energy - Focus on energy is giving us an extra \$5000 for our building being 98% efficient. We Energies approval due next week.
- 2011 Budget review - Council reviewed the budget line items. Rick to review electricity and gas item. An increase of 4.11% is proposed.
- Stewardship Campaign - Tom presented the stewardship committee's plan. The plan is to lead by example. The council is being challenged to increase their giving.
- Identity statements were handed out. Council to review for next meeting

Committee Liaison Reports: none

Next Meeting: Thursday October 14th at 7:00pm.



*Take the first step in faith.
You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.*

- *Dr. Martin Luther King*

**WASHED AWAY: WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE
AND NOT A DROP TO DRINK**

Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea* has written asking for prayers for the people of Pakistan and eastern Afghanistan. They are in the midst of their worst natural disaster. The swelling of the rivers due to intense monsoon rains that started in July have wreaked havoc. None of the Central Asia Institute schools were damaged, but significant damage and fatalities hit the regions they serve. Tens of thousands of people are homeless. Ten million people, especially children, are at risk of water borne diseases and are in need of medical care. In addition to Central Asia Institute's main mission of building schools to educate children, especially girls, they will provide continuing support to the victims of the flood. If you would like to read more about this, log onto **Imran Khan Foundation Flood Relief**.



Donna Tredrea, Missions

PEACE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

– *While commonly attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), this prayer is not found in any of his writings, and the earliest known versions of it in print can only be traced to a French version dated 1912. Yet many will agree that the prayer certainly captures the essence of the teachings of St. Francis.*

Thank You

Dear friends!

Thank you so much for the back packs and for all that you do for local children and families.

We are truly blessed to have such a caring faith community.
Shari Farnsworth, Ozaukee Family Services

*Dear Pastor Franz and Pilgrim Friends,
A special “Heartfelt Thank You” for all the many cards, phone calls, prayers, and concerns during my recent surgery for cancer.
Your love and support truly meant a lot, and I’m forever grateful! Praise be to God and all of you!
I keep always – A Positive Thought and Outlook!
Love and Blessings, Laura Bloedorn*

Dear Pilgrim Friends:

As with any move, I leave for Detroit with mixed feelings. My new job will be exciting and challenging and moving to a new location always provides a variety of opportunities for new experiences. I leave behind so many memories and good feelings about Pilgrim church. From my first time visiting it was clear that this church was something special. The people were so warm and welcoming and I will miss the many friends I have made. The memories of Pilgrim will stay with me forever. God bless you all.

Yours in Christ, Randy Mitschka

*Dear Pilgrim Friends,
We thank you, so very much, for all your prayers, cares, concerns, notes, calls, meals and friendship these last couple weeks. We feel truly blessed to be part of such a caring congregation and are very thankful. Healing from surgery certainly is much easier knowing so many people care.
Thank you and blessings, Linda and Warner Schafer*

Our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your prayers, caring words, and thoughtful cards not only after my father’s passing but also during the months leading up to it. Having the strength of our Pilgrim family with us kept us going during those difficult times. What a blessing it is to live and worship among you. As the Apostle Paul says in Philippians, “I thank my God every time I think of you.

In Christ, Henry and Michelle Wagner and family (Kathryn, Grace, and Dylan Hanneman)

*To My Pilgrim Family,
I am honored and thankful for your thoughtfulness, cards and prayers and banners from children, youth and church. I am humbled to be considered a hero of this great nation of ours. My thanks to all.
God Bless, Paul Kanios*

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR OCTOBER



8:00		10:30	
3	Al Pfeiffer	3	Cory Jepsen-Hobbs
10	Mike Pfeiffer	10	Jane Sowers
17	Mary Beuscher	17	Rachel Gutridge
24	Ed Proctor	24	Steve Knier
31	Candy Shoop	31	Donna Van Ryzin

SUNDAY TREATS

3	Chris & Nicole Kline and - - - - -
10	Liza Lewis and - - - - -
17	Meredith Shimp and - - - - -
24	Reagan Schmitter and - - - - -
31	Leila Behrens, Debra Neu, Deanne Schubert



Refreshments

We still have openings for Sunday treats for the coming months. A sign-up sheet is posted. Contact Kathy Ellenbecker at 389-4768 if you have questions.



WELCOME CENTER FOR OCTOBER

8:00am Rose Wessel 10:30am Robyn Olmr

MEMORIALS

For: Tom Ulezelski

From: Kurt & Holly Sutinen
Ralph & Mildred Wegner

Financial Update

Third Quarter statements will be available on **Sunday, October 3rd**.

Flowers and Bulletins for October

Flowers

3 Eric & Louise Lusty
 10 John & Sue Meinecke
 17 Bonnie Orten
 24 Ed & Carol Proctor
 31 -----

Bulletins

3 Eric & Louise Lusty
 10 John & Sue Meinecke
 17 Jerry & Susan Mortensen
 24 Ed & Carol Proctor
 31 Earl & Bonnie Schlenvogt

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



FINANCE REPORT

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Cash Balance – Beg. Of Period	\$ 30,726	\$ 42,922
Cash Receipts	26,583	251,905
Cash Disbursements	(28,819)	(252,421)
Loan Payments	<u>(2,024)</u>	<u>(16,941)</u>
Cash Balance – August 31, 2010	\$ 26,466	\$ 26,466

OFFICE HOURS

Franz Rigert – 8:45 – 5:00 Tuesday – Friday

Saturday Mornings and Evenings by appointment

Diane Weber – 8:30 – 12:00 Tuesday – Friday

Jen Schulz – 8:30 – 12:00 Wednesday and/or Friday

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Please submit November articles by October 18th

The sky is the daily bread of the eyes.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson