

Pilgrim's Progress

June/July 2024



Pilgrim United Church of Christ

FROM YOUR MINISTER

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Grace and peace to you,

I want to extend my deep gratitude for all of you in the congregation that have extended such an extravagant welcome to me as I have begun my time as your pastor while Pastor Ashley is on sabbatical. I have appreciated your handshakes and hugs, words of encouragement, and understanding as I slowly learn names and faces.

I join you halfway through the church year as we have reached the liturgical season known as "Ordinary Time." The buzz of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost are behind us, as is the buzz of the school year. Now the church year slows down while baseball games, camping trips, and family reunions pick up.

But even though there are fewer special events marking the coming Sundays, "Ordinary Time" is a season when we get to really engage with what it means to follow Jesus in our daily lives, not just when there is a prescribed way to engage like we may experience in Advent or Lent. We get to continue to follow the Prophet Micah's commandment to *do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God*. And so far in my time at Pilgrim, it has been very clear to me the way that you faithfully do this as a community, not reliant on a pastor for the continuation of the mission of the church.

I know that the lack of Pastor Ashley makes this feel less like "Ordinary Time." At minimum, I know that this transition doesn't feel particularly ordinary in my life. So, I am hopeful this summer will be an opportunity to pay more attention to the *extraordinary within the ordinary*, to the way God is at work in each moment, both in this congregation and in the broader community. To feel the Holy Spirit in the joy of singing beloved hymns together in the sanctuary and to follow the call of Jesus to places like the Milwaukee Pride Parade with the Inclusion Committee, or to Hiram Farm for the youth mission trip.

I look forward to getting to witness how God is at work in each of you during whatever time we have together this summer, whether Sunday mornings, evening meetings, or visits outside of the church building. Please reach out at any point if you would like to meet with me, whether you have a specific concern or would just like an opportunity to get to know each other better. Call the church office or email me at the pastor's email address: revashleyn@pilgrimuccgrafton.org to set up a time.

*This season, like every season, will be full of both
ordinary and extraordinary time. I pray that
we might be blessings to each other throughout.*

Pastor Sylvie



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pilgrim Music Opportunities Summer Worship Special Music

Sundays 9:00 am * Now through September 1

Attention Pilgrim Musicians ... Do you have a meditative/inspirational worship music piece you would be willing to share and perform during a worship service? If so, please consider signing up to provide special music for a summer worship service. We welcome your talents and time with gratitude. Summer services start on May 26, 9:00 am, and will be live streamed. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex or you can use SignUpGenius: [Summer Music](#)

If questions or concerns, please contact Sue Willman

suewillman55@gmail.com

UPDATES FOR THE RETURN OF THE STEEPLE (weather permitting):



May 31: Work begins on stripping and re-shingling the roof.

First week of June: Steeple comes home! Work begins on reattaching the steeple, as well as removal of the downstairs bracing and various equipment. Please check in with the office if you need to use the sanctuary or Kalweit Hall during the day that week.

LIFT UPDATE— We expect the new Platform Lift to be installed in June, and will know the date by the middle of the month. We appreciate

your gifts—and we're very close to meeting our goal.

Help us get there if you can!

COMING SOON
Stay Tuned

Please visit Page 10 for Older Adult articles on "Transitions."

Join the Inclusion Team for the Pride Parade on June 9 at 2 pm.
Call the office if interested!



Summer Scripture Readings

JUNE

- 2 **Stretch Out Your Hand** 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalms 81 and 139; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6
- 9 **God's Will** 1 Samuel 8:4-20; Psalms 130 and 138; Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35
- 16 **Flourishing** 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalms 20 and 92; Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17
- 23 **Pushing the Boat Out** 1 Samuel 17; Psalms 9, 133, and 107; Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
- 30 **Healing Powers** 2 Samuel 1:27; Psalms 30 and 130; Wisdom of Solomon 1 and 2; Lamentations 3:22-23; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Landscape Bed Volunteers needed ...

...to care for Pilgrim's gardens with periodic maintenance and weed removal.

Thank you to everyone who signed up, but we would appreciate a couple more hands to manage the beds throughout the summer.

This is a great opportunity for families to stay involved with the church during summer months, and working a garden is a proven stress reliever and mood booster. Please consider taking time from your busy schedule and lend a hand. Your service will help create a welcome site for our church family, neighborhood and visitors.

Contact CJ Plante (cjp79@icloud.com) with questions and to volunteer. Thank you.



Pilgrim's online giving link:

[Online Giving](#)

Pilgrim Website:



Vacation Bible School

August 4 - 8 * 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Open to kids who just finished 3K - 4th Grade / \$20 per child for the week

*Current 5th -12th graders and adults can volunteer to help! We need volunteers to help decorate before that week and volunteers to assist with programming during that week.

Click [here](#) to register your child or to sign up to volunteer

*****Registration Deadline is July 15*****



JULY

- 7 **Sent With Power** 2 Samuel 5:1-10; Psalms 48, 123; Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
- 14 **God-inspired Joy** 2 Samuel 6:1-19; Psalms 24, and 85; Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
- 21 **Wherever You Are** 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalms 89 and 23; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-56
- 28 **God's Abundant Presence** 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalms 14 and 145; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-121

VENTURES IN PEOPLE – Our check to support student education in Haiti will be sent in June after all donations have been counted. Thank you to all who contributed to this Mission effort to provide students with their entrance fee, tuition, books, uniforms, and supplies for just \$175 per student.



CWS BLANKET SUNDAY – Once we have totaled all donations, a check will be sent to Church World Services in June.



Thank you for helping

Blanket the World in Love with this special Mother's Day Mission project.



EMPTY PRINTER CARTRIDGES

This collection for VIP is ongoing. Please consider donating new or used cartridges from any brand and condition. VIP partnered with Planet Green Recycle to initiate an Ink Cartridge Recycling Program. Simply drop off your ink cartridge in the bin located in the carport entrance. Funds raised from the ink cartridge collections will be contributed to the VIP General Fund. *This recycling program does NOT extend to toner or laser cartridges, nor to large print cartridges.*



EMPTY PRESCRIPTION VIALS – Please drop off your empty amber (only) prescription bottles in the bin located in the carport entrance. They will be delivered to the Bread of Healing Clinic.



ST. BEN'S DESSERTS – Please visit our signup sheet on the Mission bulletin board for full details.

All children need new school supplies for start of the new school year.



The Missions Team is collecting funds to support our sister church, Mount Horeb, with their annual school supply drive. You can use the Missions envelope and note for *Mount Horeb school supplies* or donate on line.



Monetary donations will be collected through July 7.

CAPUCHIN COMMUNITY WALK FOR THE HUNGRY

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024, 6 pm

The Capuchin Walk for the Hungry returns to Polish Fest on June 14, 2024.

All proceeds from the walk benefit Capuchin Community Services as they carry out their outreach to people facing hunger, homelessness, and poverty at House of Peace and St. Ben's Community Meal program. The registration fees are \$40 per adult and \$25 per child. Online registration closes at noon on Wednesday, June 5. After that, you can register at the main gate on Friday, June 14, starting at 5:30 PM.



LINK: <https://p2p.onecause.com/capuchinwalk>

Registration includes 3 days of entry to Polish Fest free.



MT HOREB ANNUAL COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR – SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Volunteers are needed to help with games and serve food between 10am and 3pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know members of our sister church.

Anyone interested in volunteering, please contact Lucy Wyka at Missions@pilgrimuccgrifton.org

Thank you!



Our next Mission Team Meeting will be Sunday, June 2, following the 9:00 am service.

Any Pilgrim member/friend interested in joining the Mission Team is welcome to attend.

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.

-Gandhi

Pilgrim Children's Hour

Will return on Sunday, September 8

Look for exciting changes to our programming this fall!



Pilgrim Children's Hour
United Church of Christ

Thank you to all our families who helped their child(ren) experience the love of Christ and participate in all our programming this year. And a special thank you to our volunteers who helped lead our Children's Hour this year, especially:

Jennifer & Brooke Carli, Jill & Abbey Cobb, Emma Landowski-Sancomb, Nick Sancomb, Emma Lucht, Christy Kleckner, Dustin & Suzanne Beck, and Meg Claeys



Children's Activities this Summer during Worship

Want to attend our 9 am services this summer but you are worried there is no children's programming? Have no fear! There are activity bags along the wall under the nametags in the Narthex. Take one into the service for your child(ren) to use and let them explore the service in their own way!

If your child would like to share their gift of music at service this summer, please contact Sue Willman!



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Contact the Children's Ministry Team:

childrensministry@pilgrimuccgraston.org

Devon Polzar -

Elementary/Middle School Education Coordinator

Tracey Van Ryzin -

Children's Ministry Education Coordinator

***Still looking to fill a Children's Ministry Position!**



Congratulations to the following youth, who became members of Pilgrim United Church of Christ on May 19 during their Rite of Confirmation.

Alex Bergmann, Kamila Gonzalez, Jack Plante, Bailey Mazzari, Grace Nolte, and Michael Schumaker



Senior Sunday – June TBD

Join us to celebrate the graduating seniors of Pilgrim UCC

2024

Giorgio Fuentes
Will Homme
Oli Kobliska
Jaden Kunz
Josh Meier



Mateo Micic
Libby Plante
Olivia Rottier
Owen Snyder
Tyler Tagliapietra



Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School

August 4 - 8

**Those who just finished 5th -12th grades and adults can volunteer to help! We need volunteers to help decorate before that week and volunteers to assist with the programming during that week.*

Click [here](#) to sign up to volunteer



Contact the Youth Ministries Team: youthministries@pilgrimuccgrafton.org

Meg Claeys

Middle School/High School Coordinator

Devon Polzar

Elementary Education/Middle School Coordinator



WOMEN's JOURNEY will meet on **Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, and August 13**, at 12:30 pm in Lime Kiln Park near the river. Bring your lunch. If the weather is bad, we will meet at church.

COFFEE CHAT will take a summer break and meet again in September, unless members decide otherwise.

SCOPA Group will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

SHEEPSHEAD The group has decided to also continue getting together on the second & fourth Friday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room.

FUNSETTERS will take a break in June, July and August.



Clean-up Day Success

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on May 4 to clean up and mulch the many landscape beds around the church.

Together, it was a very successful Saturday morning.

Our group included:

Patty Guist, CJ Plante, Jack Plante, Beth Hartman, Warner Schafer, Dave Braby, Dan Weiss, Leila Behrens, Geoff Nauth, Chris & Nicole Klein, Marianne Hinders, Cherie Burton, Cory Jepsen-Hobbs, John Carli, Neal Hobbs, and Ron Wildasin



Thank you to all who volunteered. We couldn't do it without you!

Grief & Loss and Caregiver Support Groups will continue this summer on the second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm, but watch for an email the week prior to confirm the date.

NATIONAL
BLOOD
DONOR
MONTH



JUNE IS NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

We thank you VERY MUCH for your recent donations on May 9. Versiti provided the stats below, which help remind us just how many people benefit from our pints of blood!

Whole Blood Collected: 15 units

Dual Red Blood Collected: 4 units

IMPACT: 57 local patients will benefit!

Pastor Ashley will begin the following book studies in the fall:

BOOK STUDY



"The Liturgy of Politics"

"Ballot and the Bible"

(both by author Kaitlyn Schiess)

Kaitlyn Schiess is an historical biblical scholar who brings an intersection of politics and religion. The point of the studies is not to find answers, but to have conversation. The Book Study will cover a 3-week period.

SUMMER PLAYGROUPS 2024

For parents/caregivers and children ages birth-5 yrs.
(Older siblings welcome to join us at the parks)

9:30-10:30 am:

- *Tuesday, June 11—Willowbrooke Park, Cedarburg
- *Thursday, June 27—OFS Playroom
- *Tuesday, July 9—Possibility Playground, Port Washington
- *Thursday, July 25—OFS Playground
- *Tuesday, August 6—All My Friends Playground, Grafton
- Thursday, August 22—OFS Playroom



OZAUKEE FAMILY SERVICES,
4922 Columbia Rd.,
Cedarburg

Please call to
reserve your spot
262-376-7774

If inclement weather,
the playgroup will move
to the OFS playroom.

Sunday Adult Study Series:

"Creation Stories of the Ancient World"

*This series will resume in September
to finish up. Have a great summer!*

CRAFT NIGHT is taking a break
and will resume in September.
Happy Summer to all!



Our Thanks to....

- ***Clean-Up Day Helpers**—To Ron Wildasin for organizing, and all who volunteered (see list page 6) - beautiful!
- ***Dick Linhart**, for providing plants and maintaining the pretty flower pots at church entrances.
- ***Blood Drive**—to John Carli, Ron Wildasin, LaVerne Johnson, Linda Eakin, and Lisa Quick for their efforts toward a successful blood drive, and to all who donated!
- ***Confirmation Day**—to youth leaders Meg Claeys and Devon Polzar for their work all year long, and to Devon for arranging the wonderful multi-generational song, as well as thank you to musicians and singers.
- ***Lift Prep**—to Neal Hobbs and John Carli as they continue the efforts to prepare the space.

For Healing and Strength:

- *For Rhonda, Mike & Meg Claeys' mother/mother-in-law, who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.
- *Prayers of celebration for Elizabeth Hembel, who turned 103 on May 30th.
- *Prayers of celebration for Tink and Dick Linhart as they recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.
- *For Lenys Walden, who is recovering from hip surgery.
- *For Julie Rottier, who is waiting for results of a biopsy. Julie continues treatment at St. Luke's. Prayers also for her family.
- *For Mary Gabrich, who is recovering from recent surgery.
- *For Paul Eischen, who is recovering at home from shoulder surgery.
- *For Jack & Lila Landmann, as they explore new living arrangements.
- *For Fabian, a friend of Kris Fisher, who is currently facing hardships in life.
- *For Richard Martin, who is currently residing at Cedar West.
- *For Phyllis Testrake, who remains at home.
- *For Barb and Don Huibregtse, Barb is hospitalized and Don is waiting for a bone marrow transplant as he continues to receive chemo.
- *For Ethan, friend of Robyn Wiegand and Robert Olmr, who continues aggressive chemotherapy and is also scheduled for surgery.
- *For Mary Davies, who is in hospice care.

Prayers of protection for these members deployed in the Middle East, and to all our service personnel listed below

Adam Lusty, US Army-Staff Sergeant
Aaron Schubert, US Air Force-Airman

Congratulations

- *To Pilgrim's 2024 Confirmands, and many blessings on your bright futures!
- *Wishing Elizabeth Hembel a very Happy 103rd Birthday on May 30!
- *Best wishes to Tink & Dick Linhart, who celebrated their 51st anniversary on May 26.
- *Congratulations to all high school and college graduates!

With Sympathy

- *For Faye Junker and family on the loss of Roland Junker, who passed away on May 26.
- *For the family of Mary Schaub, who passed away on May 24. Prayers for her son and daughter-in-law, Richard & Lisa Schaub.
- *For the family of Sylvia Miller, who passed away on May 1.
 Prayers for Sylvia's husband, Roger Miller.

OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES OR HOMEBOUND

Mary Davies, Village Pointe Commons
Pam Paul, Home
Carolyn Fuhr, Village Pointe Commons
Elizabeth Hembel, Lasata Care Center
Ryllis Guist, Newcastle Place
Richard Martin, Cedar West



If you or your family member is graduating from college this spring, please contact the office so we may acknowledge the achievement!

OUR MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE

Overseas:

Adam Lusty – US Army, Staff Sergeant; current deployment in the Middle East.
Mark Aaron Schubert - US Air Force-Airman; current deployment in the Middle East.

Stateside:

Garrett Rescorla, US Marine Corps, PFC, Pensacola, FL; Naval Base-awaiting schooling to begin for Aircrew
Josh Meier, Army National Guard, Pvt.
Luke Johnson - US Navy-BUILDER Chief Petty Officer
Jacob Godejohn – US Marine Corps, LCpl
Owen Godejohn - US Army



Pilgrim's giving site includes separate line items for special donations. If you do not see the offering you are looking for, you may designate next to "General Fund"

*Pilgrim website
*Specific Giving site.



Click here for
Pilgrim's
[Online Giving Link](#)

Platform Lift (Elevator) Replacement Funding Project

As of this date of this newsletter distribution, Pilgrim has reached a goal of 93% - great job! Our hope is to have the remainder received by the end of June. We are so appreciative of your generosity.

The new lift install is planned for on or about the middle of June, and they will let us know the exact date in a few weeks.

The expected project cost estimate is \$50,500, Please designate your gift as "**Platform Lift,**" whether in-person, mail, or online. If you have any questions about the project, please contact Neal Hobbs.

OPEN STAFF POSITION:

-Children's Ministry Coordinator

The Job description for this important position is included on page 12, available at church, and also on our website.

Please send letter of interest and resume to Dave Braby.

It would be wonderful to fill this in time for the next program year, beginning in September.

LOVE GROW SERVE



OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ashley is currently on Sabbatical and will return August 26.

Pastor Sylvie is available in the office Monday thru Thursday, and can also be reached by calling 218-310-3130.

Lisa Quick or Sue Willman – available weekdays 8:30-1:00

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Email: officemgr@pilgrimuccgraston.org

Web Page: <https://pilgrimuccgraston.org>

AUGUST
newsletter
deadline—
July 22



The Expectation of the Council is that Pastor Sylvie will perform all baptisms, marriages, and funerals as part of her pastoral duties. Pastor Sylvie will be with us throughout Pastor Ashley's Sabbatical, which will continue until the end of August.

We hope everyone has an opportunity to meet and welcome Pastor Sylvie this summer!

Pilgrim UCC Council Meeting April 22, 2024 6:30pm

Introduced Sylvie who will start May 20th. She will start as Ashley goes on Sabbatical
Council introduced themselves to Sylvie.

Treasurer's Report - Regular giving for March was \$35k, \$5k over March last year. Revenue is \$17k YTD ahead of last year. In March there were approximately \$40K of prepaid 2024 pledges. There was \$21K more gifted for the lift in March. Endowment went up \$9K this month. March Op Expenses \$25K, down \$5K from 2023.

Council discussed the creation of a quarterly statement to be shared with congregation. The discussion included how to best show uneven revenues and expenses. Consider a statement that explains the uneven nature of giving and expenses.

Old Business

- Interim Sabbatical Minister – Will be covering all of things Ashley would do (i.e. Mission Trip)
- Abuse and Molestation Policy – Pastor Ashley presented the Pilgrim UCC Abuse and Molestation Policy
- Discussion of how to complete background checks.
- B&A updates on Steeple, Lift and Air conditioning
- Finance – covered during Treasurer's Report
- Staff – review forms 3 vacancies,
- NPSC grant due date is May 16th

New Business

- Discussed making a plan for summer meetings

Action Items

- Review budget items



Next Meeting: June 20, 6:30 pm (virtual)

Pilgrim extends heartfelt thanks to Committee Chairs who led our busy groups this past year, and to all team members and their work.

***Adult Study**— Ron Wildasin, Rachel Gutridge, and Lys Buck—for the exceptional study groups this past year, and to all who attend!

***Care**—Cory Jepsen-Hobbs and all team members for extending TLC care through communication, meals, and visits.

***Craft Group** - Barb Arity, who arranges special Craft Night throughout the church year.

***Financial Advisory Committee**—Chair Neal Hobbs; and to Building Assets Mgmt. members, Memorials (Lys Buck) Stewardship (Caryn Boegel), Endowments (Neal), Counting Team (Kathy Monroe), and to all the members who take time to care for the church's financial areas.

***Greeters**—for welcoming all to Pilgrim as we returned to this important function.

***Hospitality**—Hope Holland-Mullins and Patty Guist, who take care of wonderful meals as they are needed for memorial services and events here at Pilgrim. Many thanks to everyone on the committee.

***Inclusion**—to Patty Guist for leading this important & caring group within the church, and to both Patty & Kris Fisher for PP articles.

***Missions**—Lucy Wyka and the team – so much good has been done in the community and world—thanks to you!

***Property & Grounds**—to John Carli and all team members who have had such a busy year with church needs, both inside and out.

***Racial Justice**—Ron Wildasin, Naomi Seiler, and all the team for providing opportunities to learn and grow.

***Readers**—to all those who have read scripture throughout the year—you are appreciated!

***Social**—to those who organize and host these fun events throughout the year: Rachel Gutridge for Women's Journey & Church Chat, Donna Tredrea for Sheepshead & SCOPA, and LaVerne Johnson & Donna Tredrea for Funsetters.

***Staff Relations**—to Dave Braby and team, especially during this past year of fulfilling job positions.

***Treats between Services:** to all those who brought treats this past year and/or donated money to the fund, as to all those who prep for or work at the kitchenette on Sundays—Sue Willman, Cory Jepsen-Hobbs, and LaVerne Johnson.

***Ushers**—Chris Leidel and Ron Wildasin, who ensure we have this role filled at service. Volunteers are needed all year long.

***Worship** – Ron Wildasin and the team for making our sanctuary and narthex such a special place during church holidays and throughout the year, and for taking such good care of service needs.

Thank you to all volunteers, whether Children's & Youth Ministries, member of choirs, and any other area where you have given your time & talent.

Review our directory on page 15 to see all of the group member names. They are also found in "Groups" in the online directory. Please thank them and know that each group could always use more help! Check out our "Get Involved" tab on the website, too!

Transitions

As one grows older, changes occur—most that one does not intentionally make. These changes usually cannot be denied. They may be a physical change or an emotional change, such as a loss of a close friend or spouse or the loss of being able to drive. It is hard to know how to handle these changes as most of them create very powerful feelings. Whenever a change occurs, a transition follows. A transition is the internal emotional process we go through in dealing with the change in our lives.

Although we think of most transitions occurring later in life, in actuality, everyone goes through transitions throughout their lives. Even the joyful event of getting married, causes discomfort to a degree as it results in shifting from one way of being to another.

So let's analyze what exactly a transition is. Phase one: the ending. Endings (most times, losses) are the starting points of transitions. One has to let go of what was with the realization that what was no longer is. Phase two: the wilderness period. This is a very trying time. Many label it as "no man's land" between the old and the new—the old is gone and the new just doesn't yet feel right. This phase can be quick if one is very resilient but for many, it may take months or even years. Feelings of confusion, emptiness, grief and anxiety are common. Phase three: the new beginning. A beginning is only achieved after the other two phases are complete. This phase can be frightening because it confirms the ending was real and the old ways just will not work anymore. Accepting this does not mean you are giving up. It means you are doing what you must in order to move on to whatever is next in your life. Sadness and tears may still occur but they do not detract from where you are in life and the steps you need to make or have made to adjust to the new life ahead of you.

Lastly, be gentle with yourself as you move through transitions. It is a very hard journey. In fall, we will be more specific in the various types of changes older people may need to consider or may be experiencing. Until then, enjoy the warmth of summer, the love of family, friends and neighbors, and the gorgeous display of God's beauty in nature.



TRANSITIONS: By Tony Robinson

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. - Psalm 121:8 (NRSV)

This psalm's conclusion stresses God's presence in passage/transition moments, in "the going out" and "the coming in."

Spring, it sometimes seems, is one transition after another.

Graduations. It went by so quickly.

A job change. Will I be up to it?

A move. Everything is different here.

Retirement. I can't wait. I'm terrified.

Border crossings. Fleeing, no guarantees.



If it is true that God offers a special promise of presence in such betwixt-and-between, fruit-basket-upset times, it is also the case that such changes may break us open to the Holy Spirit in unexpected ways.

In transition, we are vulnerable in new ways. Naked, metaphorically speaking. "What and whom can I hold onto?" "Who, or what, holds onto me?"

In entering in, we ask, "What is this place?"

Ours is a God who knows the journey, who is on the move, who goes ahead of us to Galilee. You will be upheld. You will be sustained, in your going out and coming in, by the mercies of God. Trust this.□

Prayer

Bless, O God, by your powerful presence our going out and coming in, our dying and our rising, in the name of the risen One, who has gone before us. Amen.

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His most recent book is *Useful Wisdom: Letters to Young (and not so young) Ministers*. You can read and sign up for his blog:

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June

- 1 Andrew Berns
Kate Nestler
Linda TeStrake
- 2 Aaron Mitchell
- 3 Pat Hofstad
Madeline Slaby
Gwendolyn
Wolfgram
- 4 Jacob Meier
Tim Pfaff
Charlie Schell
- 5 Laura Blanco
Lora Kanios
Deb Kelling
Ashley Orten
- 6 Samuel Htoo
Lisa Karnish
Chuck Weir, Jr.
- 7 Arthur Hart
Christie Matter
Judy McQuay
Amber Thomas
- 8 Jakob Pedersen
- 9 Roger Miller
Greg Mursch
- 10 Jack Conto
Elena Destrampe
- 11 Margaret Boesch
Bryanna Mursch
- 12 Jack Wenzel
Jordan Yoon-Buck
- 13 Kris Fisher
Jan Svoboda
- 14 Amber Chapman
Barbie Cotton
- 15 Louise Lusty
Carter Polzar
Dorothy Sorensen

- 16 Andrew Kivioja
Logan Waldhart
- 17 Michelle Pedersen
- 18 Rick Shimp
Barbara Huibregtse
David Pfeiffer
- 20 Ellen Fischer
- 21 Grace Nolte
Ryan Pappas
Jack Plante
- 22 Nathan Kline
Eva Wenzler
- 24 Alyssa Miller
- 25 Jaden Papenfus
- 26 Novalee Bolser
Ron Hofstad
Dianna Ogburn
Donna Tredrea
- 27 Mahala Heniadis
Debra Neu
- 28 Carol Hoffmann
Kory Kobliska
- 29 Rose Speerbrecher
- 30 Megan Claeys
Joan Stephens



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- ◆ Readers
- ◆ Ushers
- ◆ Flower



July

- 1 Connor DuBord
Denice Frank
Samuel Hansen
Tricia Maurer
Sue Willman
- 2 Dan Eernisse
Barry Lange
Erv Uecker
- 3 Siena Carli
Mary Gabrich
Adam Lusty
Bill Maurer
Jamie Wendtlandt
- 4 Steve Cobb
Lisa Schaub
- 5 Eric Burrows
Cherie Burton
Jenn Hawkinson
Oli Kobliska
Luke Stiebs
- 6 Dave Boesch
Jen Leber
Dave Tiffany
Ross Walker
- 7 Karen Meier
Jill Schowalter
- 8 Emma Ramshaw
- 9 Lucy Wyka
- 10 Hannah Cobb
Devon Polzar
Chris Cotton
- 11 Libby Plante
- 12 Anna Shimp
- 13 Eric Pedersen
Connor Sobczak
Claire Moede

- 15 Benjamin Martin
Nancy Meaux
Becky Sueppel
- 16 Donna Wendtlandt
Barbara Arity
Carrie Britt
Reese Kivioja
- 17 Samuel Eilbes
- 18 Jaime du Vergey
Brooke Matter
Gavin Stumpf
- 19 Kathleen Busack
- 20 Joyce Etzel
Tessa Tagliapietra
- 21 LaVerne Johnson
Dick Linhart
- 22 Brian Heniadis
Tecwyn Roberts
Carol Trad
- 23 Westley Adams
Miriam Hart
- 25 Jenna Bloemer
- 26 Mike McInerney
Claire Moede
- 27 Henry Bell
Meredith Shimp
- 28 Kristin Monroe
Stephanie Polzar
Karen Reiter
- 29 John Carli
Claire Chontos
Deborah Wimmer
- 30 Anna Klotz
Morgan Meer
Chloe Chontos
John DuBord
Kylie McInerney
Canon Pfaff
Nathan Roffers
Luke Steckel



Are you or someone you know in need of help with basic food supplies? The Family Sharing food pantry is there when you need them. The Mobile Pantry travels to locations in northern and southern Ozaukee. They also offer in-person shopping and deliver groceries to senior living complexes. Call for more information. 262.377.0634 x125.

From the Community of Practice:

This pastoral group has been meeting once/month in Kalweit Hall. Grafton/Pilgrim has been a great central location for them to gather.

“Thanks a bunch...we are so grateful for your hospitality!”

The group names are included on the community board.

JOB POSITION UPDATES/OPENING

Pilgrim is pleased to announce that *Caryn Boegel* has accepted the position of *Membership and Volunteer Coordinator*.

Welcome to our Staff, Caryn, and we look forward to working with you in this wonderful role!

If you are interested in this position much needed by Children's Ministry, please contact Dave Braby, Staff Relations. The full description is located in the hall

Children's Ministry Coordinator Job Description

Principal Function: The Children's Ministry Coordinator is a valuable member of the church staff and is responsible for planning and facilitating Christian education classes, programming and special events for children 3K to 6th grade.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

Assist the Elem/Middle School Coordinator with children's ministry programming for children 3K through 6th grade, including Vacation Bible School, Christmas program, and other special events

Prepare and facilitate Christian education classes for 3K-6th grade on Sunday mornings during the program year

Provide a nurturing presence for children and a reassuring environment for parents

Insure that Children's Ministries operates under Pilgrim's safe sanctuary guidelines

Help recruit, train and empower volunteers

Contribute to the preparation of the annual children's ministry report.

Keep Children's Ministry bulletin boards current throughout the year



Required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:

Ability to teach bible stories and diversity foundations in a nurturing, loving and non-judgmental way in keeping with the philosophy of the United Church of Christ

Gracious, mature, responsive, pleasant, and can demonstrate working as a team player.

Independent, able to set priorities, attentive to detail, great follow through and organized.

Supervisory duties for the Children's Ministry Coordinator will be the responsibility of the Pastor. The Staff Relations Committee will provide any needed support and/or guidance, as requested by the Pastor.

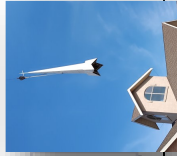
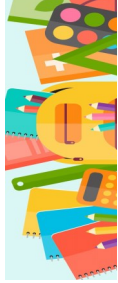
Every Church Staff Member is an at-will employee of the congregation, and is ultimately responsible to the Church Council and Pastor. Church Staff members maintain a shared promise of confidentiality, conflict resolution, and cooperation. The Church Staff Member also understands the need to attract and retain church volunteers, (which may include but not be limited to, congregational members / friends /visitors) as he or she works to maintain and extend the mission of Pilgrim United Church of Christ. The Staff Relations Committee will provide any needed support and/or guidance to all Church Staff Members, as requested by the individual employee, the Pastor and/or the Church Council.

Support the theological understandings of Pilgrim United Church of Christ (UCC), which promotes intentional hospitality, social diversity, freedom of thinking, and a spirit of grace rather than judgment. Our congregation is Open and Affirming of LGBTQ persons, and is committed to promoting Accessibility and Safe Sanctuary to all who participate in our congregational life.

JUNE 2024

Mount Horeb School Supply
Drive - thru July 7

Watch for "Return of the Steeple" -
.... Details to come!







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Communion Worship Service 9:00 am 	3 SCOPA Group 1:00 pm	4 Happy Father's Day	5	6 Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 pm	7	8
9 Worship Service 9:00 am Milwaukee Pride Parade—2 pm	10	11 Women's Journey 12:30 pm at Lime Kiln *Grief & Loss Support Group/ *Caregiver Support Group both groups -2:00 pm	12	13 Overeaters Anonymous	14 Sheepshead 1:00 pm 	15
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23 Worship Service 9:00 am 30 Worship Service 9:00 am	24	25	26	27 Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 pm	28 Sheepshead 1:00 pm	29

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helping
children
to succeed

2024 Youth Mission Trip
July 7-14
Hiram Ohio
HIRAM FARM
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 SCOPA Group 1:00 pm	2	3	4  Office Closed	5	6
7 <i>Comm Worship Service</i> 9:00 am Pastor Don Niederfrank Youth leave for Mission Trip thru July 13	8	9 Women's Journey 12:30 pm at Lime Kiln *Grief & Loss Support Group/ *Caregiver Support Group both groups -2:00 pm	10	11 Overeaters Anonymous 6:30 pm	12 Sheepshead 1:00 pm 	13
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Pilgrim's Progress

June/July 2024



PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Ashley Nolte, Pastor

Sylvie Bowen-Bailey, Interim Pastor

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