

Pilgrim's Progress

August 2024



Pilgrim United Church of Christ

FROM YOUR MINISTER

Grace and peace to you,

We have somehow already reached the final month of this sabbatical interim time.

From my perspective, time has been passing incredibly fast. I'm so grateful for the opportunities to get to know so many of you in the last two months, and I am excited for all the ways we will continue to get to know each other in the next few weeks. As a seminary student still early in the process of discerning where a life in ministry will take me, this summer has been an incredible opportunity. I've been so grateful for the trust and support of the council, staff, and entire congregation as you have allowed me to walk with you on various journeys this summer.

When Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs to teach and heal people in all sorts of places, he told them to take no extra clothes or money, but to rely completely on the hospitality of those they are ministering to (Mk 6:7-10). I didn't quite follow these instructions this summer—I brought a full car of stuff with me from St. Louis. But I still have been reliant on your welcome, on you letting me into your lives in a way that requires vulnerability and courage. And in a time where it feels like everyone is so busy and society is completely divided, these practices of courageous welcome are incredibly important. Simple ways of getting to know each other—of listening with kindness and of assuming good intentions of those we meet can feel countercultural in comparison to the fighting we too often see on the news and social media. I hope the kind of welcome you've extended to me is the kind of welcome you will continue to extend to all those you meet, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey.

And as this time where I have been the new person welcomed comes to a close, some members have been wondering how we might stay in touch. The UCC recommends that authorized guidelines follow a best practice of either initially unfriending or moving all congregants to a restricted list upon leaving a church, and so I have refrained from making social media connections with you while I am here knowing how short this time is. However, in the new year, when a significant amount of time has allowed us to fully move on from my time as your pastor, I will accept requests if you wish to connect personally at that time.

In the meantime, we will continue to do the work of the church together: *to extend Christ's welcome both on Sunday mornings and in all places we go throughout the week*—work you will continue with Pastor Ashley as she returns at end of the month following this essential time of rest.

Love, Pastor Sylvie



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Vacation Bible School August 4 - 8 * 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Contact Devon Polzar if you would like to **volunteer during the week or if your child isn't yet registered for VBS but would like to attend.*



OPEN STAFF POSITION:

-Children's Ministry Coordinator

The Job description for this important position is included on page 10, available at church, and also on our website.

Please send letter of interest and resume to Dave Braby—September is fast approaching!

LIFT UPDATE— We expect the new Platform Lift to be completed mid-August, and will know the specific date once the inspection is complete. We appreciate your gifts and patience. Please check out the full description of progress on page 8.

COMING SOON
Stay Tuned

Pilgrim's online giving link:

[Online Giving](#)

Pilgrim Website:



Pastor Ashley will return from Sabbatical on Monday, August 26, and we look forward to welcoming her back.



Our Pilgrim Family has been blessed by the ministry of *Pastor Sylvie* and extends heartfelt thanks for all the care, guidance, and leadership she has provided this summer!

Sunday, August 18,
after the 9 am

Bring your creatures, great and small, to the



Blessing of the Animals

Summer Worship Special Music

Sundays 9:00 am * Now through September 1

Attention Pilgrim Musicians ... We love to welcome special music by our talented members & friends. Please consider signing up to provide special music for services thru Sept 1. The signup sheet is posted on the narthex bulletin board or you can use SignUp-Genius: [Summer Music](#)

If questions or concerns, please contact Sue Willman

suewillman55@gmail.com

SignUpGenius Opportunities at Pilgrim—click below or sign up at church for August. Calls/emails welcome also!

USHERS: [Sign Up to Usher](#)

SCRIPTURE READERS: [Sign Up to Read Scripture](#)

SUMMER MUSIC: [Summer Music](#)

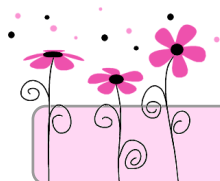
FLOWERS: [Flowers](#)

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP: [Bulletins](#)

MT HOREB VOLUNTEERS:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA5A62FA4FCC61-50418508-mount>

Please visit Page 9 for our monthly Older Adult article on "Socializing."



AUGUST Scripture Readings

- 4 **Bread of Life** 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalms 51 and 78:23-29; Exodus 16; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35
- 11 **Shaping Community** 2 Samuel 18; Psalms 130 and 34; 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51
- 18 **Wisdom Quest** 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalms 111 and 34:9-15; Proverbs 9:16; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58
- 25 **At Home with God** 1 Kings 8; Psalms 84 and 34:15-22; Joshua 24; Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69



Psalms 84

MISSION PROJECT FOR VBS - JULY 28 thru AUGUST 11

This year's VBS Mission Project will be collecting activity items and prepackaged snacks for children staying at **Family Promise Ozaukee**. The items will then be delivered to Family Promise and distributed to the children for them to keep.

Please place your donated items in the boxes in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

Coloring books or activity books
Crayons, markers or colored pencils
Stickers / Drawing paper pads

Individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, fruit snacks, chips)



SERVING AT ST. BEN'S COMMUNITY MEAL PROGRAM Members of Pilgrim will be serving at St. Ben's on **Tuesday, September 17 and Tuesday, October 15 from 4:45-6:30pm.**

We will be volunteering on the floor serving milk & coffee, and refilling water pitchers. If interested in joining us, please contact Lucy Wyka at Missions@pilgrimuccgrifton.org

A carpool from church can be arranged.

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

Volunteers are needed to help with activities 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!



FAMILY PROMISE OF OZAUKEE COUNTY

We are looking for more members to join our Family Promise team. We will be providing meals the week of **October 7-11, 2024**. If you are interested in this wonderful volunteer opportunity or have questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinators Brandon Mikulski, mikulskib06@gmail.com -or- Marji Groth at Marji_groth@yahoo.com *Thank you!*



Family Promise of Ozaukee County seeks to end homelessness in Ozaukee County by rebuilding lives with compassion, providing resources and services to individuals and families at risk of homelessness in the community. Our organization works to help anyone experiencing homelessness secure safe and stable housing. Our homeless services offer a continuum of care from the first call for help to securing housing.

We support our clients every step of the way.

ONGOING MISSIONS: Empty Prescription Bottles welcome inside the carport door for the Bread of Healing clinic. Empty Printer Cartridges can be dropped off at a bin in the same location: new/used/any brand/any condition. The cartridges will be contributed to the VIP General Fund. Note: no toner or large print cartridges.

Thank you to those who provide treats for St. Ben's Desserts on the first Friday of the month...see Mission Board sign up.



Our next Mission Team Meeting will be Sunday, September 15, following the 10:30 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

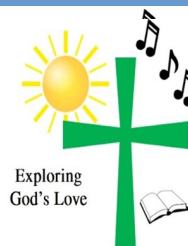
Will return on Sunday, September 8

Look for exciting changes to our programming this fall, which include:



Children's Hour beginning after the Children's Time during the 10:30 am worship services for ALL kids (3K-6th Grade). This invites our children to be in a small part of worship each week so they can experience the hymns, prayers, and community at Pilgrim. Children in 3K through 6th grade will then be invited downstairs for games, stories, crafts, snacks, and more for the remainder of the service.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month, we will still bring the kids upstairs to participate in communion once a month.



Pilgrim Children's Hour
United Church of Christ

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



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!



Vacation Bible School

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

Contact Devon if you would like to **volunteer during the week or **if your child isn't yet registered for VBS** but would like to attend.*

Contact the Children's Ministry Team:

childrensministry@pilgrimuccgrafton.org

Devon Polzar -

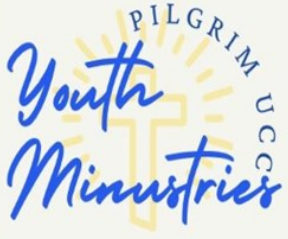
Elementary/Middle School Education Coordinator

Tracey Van Ryzin -

Children's Ministry Education Coordinator



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



Confirmation Classes @ Pilgrim

Open to those in 7th and 8th grades

Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm—8:00pm

Classes begin on September 18

Parent and Youth Informational Meeting—Wed., Sept 11 @ 6:30 pm

Please plan on attending with your youth if they are participating this year.

R.S.V.P. for the meeting by clicking [here](#).

Confirmation is a two-year program at Pilgrim. However, if your youth missed their 7th grade year, we still welcome them to attend during 8th grade.

Youth Mission Trip 2024 – Hiram Farm in Hiram, Ohio

Come hear from our youth and adults who attended this year's trip during the worship service on **Sunday, August 18**.

This summer's youths included: **Evan Beiser, Siena Carli, Ellie Gehrke, Josh Jacque, Ava Mueller, Jakob Nestler, Sam Pekarske, Irene Schumaker, Michael Schumaker, Sophie Schumaker, Owen Snyder, and Zach Swenson**

Adults: Pastor Sylvie Bowen-Bailey,
Darya Alexander,
John Carli,
Erin Schumaker,
Meg Claeys,
Devon Polzar



STAY TUNED – Next Summer's dates for our Youth Mission Trip to NYC will be released soon!

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, August 13**, at 12:30 pm in Lime Kiln Park. Bring your lunch.

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 resume in September.



Versiti Blood Drive at Pilgrim

**Thursday, September 5
noon—5:00 pm**



Please visit this link to register: https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/262436

Or call 877-232-4376

The need for blood is as urgent as ever! Please consider providing a life-saving donation right here at Pilgrim before summer is over!

Grief & Loss and Caregiver Support Groups will meet on **Tuesday, August 13**, at 2 pm, with Tee Hall.

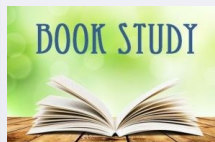
Pastor Ashley will begin the following book studies in the fall:

**“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.



September Breakfast & Learn

For those who are interested in civil war history, mark your calendar for **Saturday, September 21**. You will see a collection of civil war items, limited addition prints, and stories that relate to some of the items. Look for the sign-up sheet that will be posted by the end of August.



Landscape Maintenance

For those who are maintaining a landscape bed around the church property:

Please continue to work your specific area over the next few months.

Need help with overgrown shrubs? Send a note to the church office and we'll find someone to assist.

Thank you.



Worship Service Volunteers

Get back in the swing in September by signing up as an usher or scripture reader at one of our two services each week.

The best way to sign up is by using SignUpGenius on our website.

Thank you.

USHERS: [Sign Up to Usher](#)

SCRIPTURE

READERS: [Sign Up to Read Scripture](#)



Our Thanks to....

***Calligraphy at Confirmation:** To Joy Bloemer, who provided her calligraphy skills for Confirmation Sunday.

***Steeple:** To the members of Property & Grounds, who assisted throughout this journey!

***New Lift**—to Neal Hobbs, John Carli, and the members of Property & Grounds, who continue to prep the area. Thank you to all who donated toward the cost and reaching our goal!

Youth Mission Trip: To Youth Leaders, Meg Claeys and Devon Polzar; Pastor Sylvie, and to parents Darya Alexander, John Carli, and Erin Schumaker, who all gave their time toward this successful trip to Hiram, OH. Many thanks to all the youth who attended and provided mission work—wonderful job!

Pulpit Supply: To Rev. Don Niederfrank and Paul Zachow, for providing their congregational service and messages while Pastor Sylvie attended the mission trip.



Welcome Home, Steeple—
we missed you!

For Healing and Strength:

*For Don Huibregtse, as he continues chemo treatments and awaits a bone marrow donor.

*For Julie Rottier, who is prepping for a stem cell transplant.

*For Martha Whitaker, who has entered hospice.

*For Rhonda, Mike & Meg Claeys' mother/mother-in-law, who is undergoing chemo.

Ongoing Prayers:

*For Richard Martin, who is currently residing at Cedar West.

*For Phyllis Testrake, who remains at home.

*For Mary Davies, who is in hospice care.

Prayers of protection for these members deployed in the Middle East, as well as all of our military personnel listed below.

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

*For all those who are expecting.

*For all those who struggle with mental illness.

*For all who are caregivers for family & friends.

*For all who are homebound in senior living and assisted living facilities.

*For our brothers and sisters at Mount Horeb Baptist Church.

Congratulations

*To Heidi Steckel and Dylan Hanneman, who were married on July 27.

With Sympathy

*For Beth Hartman and Patty Guist. Beth's brother, Mark, passed away on July 21.

Patty's mother, Ryllis Guist, passed away on July 18.

*For the family of Barb Huibregtse, who passed away on July 3.

*For Lora Kanios, whose brother, Butch, recently passed away.



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

Richard Martin, Cedar West



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

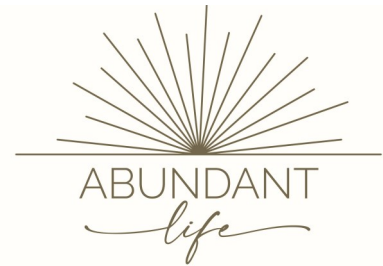
Jacob Godejohn – US Marine Corps, LCpl

Owen Godejohn – US Army



FINANCE REPORT

| Operating Cash | <u>June</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cash Balance- Beginning of Period | \$ 171,462 | \$184,984 |
| Cash Receipts | 27,544 | 294,245 |
| Cash Disbursements | <u>(32,614)</u> | <u>(312,837)</u> |
| Cash Balance - June 30, 2024 | <u>\$ 166,392</u> | <u>\$166,392</u> |



*Pilgrim website
*Specific Giving site



Click here for
Pilgrim's

[Online Giving Link](#)

Platform Lift (Elevator) Replacement Funding Project

Completion Update: The Lift frame and doors have been installed. We are currently waiting on one call box that is on backorder. All final trim work will take place over the next couple of weeks. When the project is completed, the final step will be the State Inspection. The Property & Grounds Team are hopeful the lift will be ready by mid-August. Thank you again so much for your patience and monetary gifts, and thank you to Neal Hobbs, John Carli, and those team members who have been working steadily on the lift prep work.

Pilgrim UCC Council Meeting May 16, 2024 6:30pm**Treasurer's Report**

Regular giving for April was \$22k, \$8k below April last year. Regular giving is \$10k YTD ahead of last year and \$14k ahead of our 2024 budget. There was another \$9.5K gifted towards the lift project (total of \$41k has been received through the end of April). Endowment fund values in April declined \$14k but are still up \$10k YTD. Operating Expenses totaled \$27k for the month (\$1.6k below budget). April spending includes a catch-up bill from our snow plowing contractor and charges from Sage for annual software renewal. In summary, April shows a \$4k operating loss before depreciation but a \$15k gain YTD.

Pastor's Report – Ashley had sent prior to the meeting and there were no questions regarding her written report. Additional items discussed:

Process of discernment with Paul Zachow continues.

There may be a wedding at Pilgrim this summer. Sylvie will officiate if that does happen.

Naomi Seiler has accepted the position of Outreach Coordinator and will be starting in May.

Another Pilgrim member has applied for the open position of Volunteer Coordinator.

Pastor Ashley requested that we have a preliminary 2025 budget ready for review by early September.

Sylvie will be on site starting May 19. There will be an official "handoff" during the 8:00am service.

New Business

Summer Meeting – No July Meeting

Quarterly Income statement - Discussion of the new consolidated income statement. Council agreed that it is useful and valuable. Discussed adjustments that would improve message of the report to the general congregation. Discussion of a new titles, "General Fund Giving" and "Expenses" were suggested titles. Consideration of adding a narrative.

Liaison Reports

B&A – permit waiting for Village on lift work, steeple schedule, and estimates for AC

NPSG – It was submitted 5-1-2024 will meet again in Fall.

Finance – covered during Treasurer's Report

Staffing – see Pastor's report



“Socializing”

Last month, we evaluated what a transition is and acknowledged how difficult it can be to journey through the weeks, months and many times, years of being in a transition.

In the older adult, two situations that are very difficult to deal with are retirement and a loss of a spouse or partner.

Learning to reach out and socialize with people can become very difficult. It is documented that loneliness is an epidemic in this country. The COVID pandemic did not help. For over a year and in some instances, still to this day, people are leery to gather with others. We were forced to remain solitary. For many, transitioning from this way of daily living is difficult. Yet, it is a known fact that to age well, one needs to surround themselves with others. Being with others wards off dementia and brings joy and smiles to our days.

Join
us

Pilgrim provides many opportunities to be with other church members in a social situation. There is *Funsetters*, where one can enjoy a meal while socializing; and various card groups, such as *Sheepshead* and *Scopa*. Card playing not only gets one amongst others, but also challenges one's mental capacities. Many women in the church enjoy visiting with other women at the monthly *Women's Journey gathering* or *Coffee Chat*. For other mental stimulation, folks could form a book club.

Stepping forward for the first time to participate in these groups can be a bit intimidating, but once that friendly “hello” is extended, the smiles and sharing begin. Don't hesitate if you find yourself alone. Reach out and find a place where you enjoy being

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 am-1:00 pm

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SEPTEMBER
newsletter
deadline—
August 23

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|----|--------------------|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | Christine Mursch | 11 | Lys Buck | 24 | Dawn Krueger |
| | Mark Peterson | 12 | Audrey Beck | 25 | Bryce Krueger |
| | Finn Ramshaw | 15 | Jennifer Carli | | Lisa Quick |
| 4 | Landon Claeys | 16 | Dale Nauta | 26 | Justin Braun |
| 5 | Beth Eernisse | | Randy Rottier | | Aubray Mekelburg |
| | Sue Loomer | | Brett Welzien | | Sylvia Stephens |
| | Jon Pease | 17 | Riley Morrow | | Hudson Thomas |
| | Grace Speerbrecher | 18 | Lucy Godejohn | 27 | Kathleen Greb |
| 7 | Allison Suber | | Curtis Neu | | Mark Hoffmann |
| | Tony Tagliapietra | | Kristin Sauer | 28 | Dan Winkler |
| | Kathryn Wagner | | Jordan Rigert | 30 | Sam Conto |
| 8 | Lenys Walden | | Collin Wilcox | 31 | Stefan Hochstatter |
| | Shea Halula | 22 | Bradley Swenson | | Cindy Jacoby |
| | Ava Mueller | 23 | William Homme | | CJ Plante |
| | Warner Schafer | | Bill Maca | | |
| 10 | Kristen Berns | | Mike Schumaker | | |
| | Ellyn Wenzel | | | | |



If you are interested in the position below, 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.

SEPTEMBER IS COMING, and so is Pilgrim's need for volunteers!

If you are committed to your current involvement at Pilgrim, please know we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. If you are either not committed to a group or activity, or would like to help Pilgrim in additional ways, please consider these opportunities so the church can continue its work! Contacts for these groups are found on page 15-Directory. The *Service Opportunity Booklet* is out & about to learn more!

CARE TEAM: This team provides many options for ways you can bring TLC to others in need.

CHILDREN/YOUTH: Many helping hands are needed to reach kids and youth of all ages through the team's creative programs.

FINANCIAL/STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship could really use some extra help, and check out the other groups as well!

HOSPITALITY: Assist the team to provide our bountiful fellowship opportunities, and whenever there are special events throughout the year.

INCLUSION: This group is a special place to keep love moving in all directions!

MISSIONS: Pilgrim is a "mission church," so let's keep our work going through a variety of wonderful events available all year long.

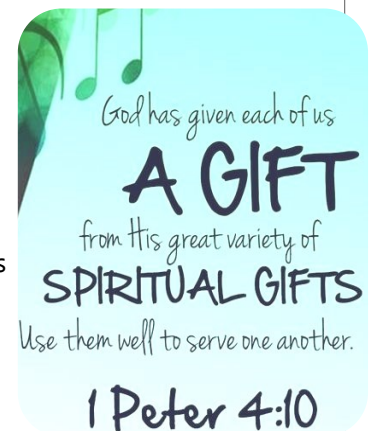
MUSIC TEAMS: GarageBand/Chimin' In Bell Choir/Hilltop Voice Choir—many ways to express your gifts!

PROPERTY & GROUNDS: This committee always needs members, and your preference could be inside or out!

RACIAL JUSTICE: These team members are committed to promoting healthy discussions and ways to reach our community through films, books, and events.

TECHNICAL: Working on live-streaming equipment and recording of services - great for the tech-savvy, or anyone who likes to work with media!

WORSHIP: A service-oriented team, with a variety of areas to participate in and to share your ideas about our services. The need for ushers and scripture readers is always present—even if you aren't interesting in joining the group, please let us know that you can help in these areas! Sign-ups are always available on the narthex board and our SignUpGenius online.



SignUpGenius Opportunities at Pilgrim— just click below or sign up at church, please! Calls/emails welcome also.

USHERS: [Sign Up to Usher](#)

SCRIPTURE READERS: [Sign Up to Read Scripture](#)

FLOWERS: [Flowers](#)

BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP: [Bulletins](#)

SUMMER MUSIC: [Summer Music](#)

MOUNT HOREB FAIR:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CA5A62FA4FCC61-50418508-mount>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For...
AUGUST...
and beyond!



AUGUST 2024



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| |  Blessing of the Animals  |  VBS Mission Project thru August 11 | | 1 <i>Overeaters Anonymous</i> 6:30 pm | 2 St Ben's Desserts 9:00 am-St Joe's | 3 |
| 4 <i>Comm Worship Service</i> 9:00 am VBS 6:30-8:15 pm  | 5 SCOPA 1:00 pm VBS 6:30-8:15 pm | 6 VBS 6:30-8:15 pm | 7 VBS 6:30-8:15 pm | 8 VBS 6:30-8:15 <i>Overeaters Anonymous</i> 6:30 pm | 9 Sheephead 1:00 pm | 10 Mount Horeb Community Fair 10:00 am-3:00 pm  |
| 11 <i>Worship Service</i> 9:00 am Paul Zachow, pulpit supply | 12 | 13 Women's Journey 12:30 pm *Grief & Loss Support Group/ *Caregiver Support Group Both groups - 2:00 pm | 14 | 15 Church Council Meeting 6:30 pm <i>Overeaters Anonymous</i> 6:30 pm | 16 | 17  |
| 18 <i>Comm Worship Service</i> 9:00 am Youth Sunday "Mission Trip Reflections" Blessing of the Animals after service | 19 Staff & Leadership 6:30 pm | 20 | 21  | 22 <i>Overeaters Anonymous</i> 6:30 pm | 23 Sheephead 1:00 pm | 24  |
| 25 <i>Worship Service</i> 9:00 am  | 26 welcome Pastor Ashley! | 27 | 28 | 29 <i>Overeaters Anonymous</i> 6:30 pm | 30 | 31 TeStrake/Bartsch Wedding Rehearsal TBD |

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