



Pilgrim's Progress

November 2025



Pilgrim United Church of Christ

FROM YOUR MINISTER

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Grace and peace to you in this season of autumn

The holidays are quickly approaching. Honestly, my head is thinking it is still early October. *But here we are at the beginning of November.*

In past years, by now I have entered my season of Advent preparation and set my focus on the beloved scriptures that I wait for during Advent. But this year, the scripture that continues to roll around in my mind comes not from Advent, but the early church. Acts 2: 43-47, "A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were united and shared everything. ⁴⁵ They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. ⁴⁶ Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. ⁴⁷ They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone." (Common English Bible). I have always loved this image because it illustrates what it means to be a community of faith—where all were welcomed and all were taken care of.

This is the world we dream of when we speak about God's kingdom making space here on earth—a place where all of God's children know joy and awe; where all are fed, nurtured and cared for, and we live simply, together. This is the dream that pulls me out of bed in the morning. This is the dream I hope to pass to my children. *Where all people have enough.*

To steal from another scripture: Esther 4:14, when Mordecai confronts Esther about her hesitancy to step into her fear and protect her people, he says this, "Maybe it was for a moment like this that you came to be part of the royal family." The phrase that catches my heart and my attention: *"Maybe it was for a moment like this that we became family."* (This is my adaptation).

On November 1, thousands of families will lose Food Share benefits—benefits that are provided by the government to help offset the cost of healthy food for families and individuals. *This will affect families here at Pilgrim.*

Before my time, the congregation created a "Family Fund" which helps support members at Pilgrim Church. I suspect that this fund has the potential to provide significant support to people in our church family. If you and your family are able to donate to the Family Fund, I urge you to do so. I believe the Pilgrim Family Fund will be able to help offset the cost of the loss of these essential benefits. This is a way we can take care of each other in a real and tangible way—living into that vision in Acts: *"They were united and shared everything."*

This fund is completely confidential. Families and individuals work directly with me. If you are one of these families or individuals, do not hesitate to contact me. Your Pilgrim family is here to support you—you are not alone.

I will continue to hold to the dream I carry in my heart—where all people have enough. It will continue to pull me out of bed in the morning. Pilgrim, maybe it was for a moment like this we came to be here, now, as family.

I know and trust that you all will continue to tend and care for each other in a variety of ways, especially the ways God calls us to tend to one another today.



With much love,
Pastor Ashley



PILGRIM ANNOUNCEMENTS



Totenfest, November 23: Visit page 15 to read about this annual commemoration for those loved ones we have lost over the past 12 months. *Deadline to reply—Nov. 19.*

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY November 2!

Pilgrim members have been sent the 2025 Stewardship package.

We will celebrate Stewardship Sunday on Nov 2 and offer our pledges and Time & Talent sheets to support & bless our life together in the upcoming year.



Pilgrim's online giving link:

[Online Giving](#)

Women's Advent Candlelight Service—Monday, December 8

Ladies, join us for an evening created just for you—a break from all the stress that the holiday season brings upon us. Enjoy an evening of song, stories, friendship, and candlelight. Please feel free to bring a family member or friend.

Friendship & treats: 6:30 pm / Service—7:00 pm

We are in need of readers and bakers. Visit the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Looking forward to seeing you—The Women's Journey



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 26, 7 pm

During the Thanksgiving Eve Service, we will again welcome families to become part of our "bread exchange." Bring a wrapped uncut loaf of bread for the common table. You will have an opportunity to select one of the breads to take home and share with your family. Please attach a special note, indicating whom the bread is from, and perhaps a short word for the occasion. You can use your skill at baking bread or just bring a loaf from the bakery.



PILGRIM THANKSGIVING MEAL Sunday November 23, 11:45 am

For those wishing to participate, sign up or call the church so we know the number of people for which to prepare turkey and dressing.

There is also an area for you to indicate you can help serve or clean up. Please select the option of salad, vegetable, or dessert, if you are able.

Free will offering is optional.

We hope to see many of you there!



OPEN POSITIONS

- * Missions Director
- * Treasurer

Please send letter of interest and resume to Dave Braby at brabydave@icloud.com

Please contact Pastor Ashley with questions.

INDIGENOUS SPEAKER EVENT

Thursday, November 13, Kalweit Hall

Visit page 6 to learn more about this gathering with special guest, Dr. Rev. Kerri Parker.

Please review!!

- ◆ *Caregivers Month & Meal Blitz—page 6. Thank you, Caregivers!*
- ◆ *Diabetes Awareness Month—visit page 9 for a worthy article!*
- ◆ *Pilgrim in the Grafton Christmas Parade—visit page 6 to learn more!*
- ◆ *Volunteer Page—Please help us fill in November, page 8*
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NOVEMBER Scripture Readings—Common English Bible

Translation

- 2 **Transforming Love** Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; Psalm 119:137-144; Psalm 32:1-7; Isaiah 1:10-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12; Luke 19:1-10
- 9 **Hold On to Faith** Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-21; Psalm 98; Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17; Luke 20:27-38
- 16 **Infinite Possibilities** Isaiah 12; Isaiah 65:17-25; Malachi 4:1-2a; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19
- 23 **Reign of Christ** Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43
- 30 **Called to Gift** Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 3:1-12



Join us for a

PACKER Party

Games, Face Painting, Food, and Community

NOV. 16 @ 11:30AM

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

Youth will be selling Chili to support our Youth Mission Trip (\$10 for dine in lunch)

*Game will be on the Big Screen until Half-time

*To Go Chili can be ordered for pick up after both services (\$5 single, \$15 quart)
Email: youthministry@pilgrimuccgrafton.org



NEIGHBORS IN NEED: Thank you for your donations to this special UCC offering, which will allow grants to be awarded to provide support to the Council for American Indian Ministry, as well as the Justice and Witness Ministries. A check will be sent to our conference office in early November after all donations have been totaled.



Ozaukee Food Alliance

The Mission Team would like to gauge an interest from the PUCC community about restarting the community meal, which is held at the Ozaukee Food Alliance (formerly held at Parkside UCC).

What is required from a host are 10 volunteers (adults and youth) and the donations of food items based on the menu that we would plan. Basically, the tasks are to donate food, prepare, serve, and clean up.

The community meal is held at the Ozaukee Food Alliance in Saukville; the meal now serves 120 people. Please visit the sign-up sheet on the Mission board as we determine if there is enough interest in restarting this event. **Thank you.**

OPEN STAFF POSITION Missions Director

Please send letter of interest and resume to Dave Braby at brabydave@icloud.com

Contact Pastor Ashley with questions concerning this very fulfilling role.

Pilgrim's Christmas Mission Project for Mount Horeb's Children

Would you like to join others at Pilgrim and help spread **Holiday Joy** to Mount Horeb children?

You can do this by making a donation, which will be used by their volunteers to purchase children's Christmas gifts.

Please use an envelope found in the pews and mark it "Mount Horeb Christmas" or use our online giving link.



The collection runs through November 30.



Support local affordable housing while sampling Ozaukee's Finest Restaurants! Raffles / Games / Wine pull / Food & beverages!

Use this QR code for tickets or visit the Habitat for Humanity Ozaukee website.

Pilgrim members and friends are always welcome to join the Mission Team.

If you would like to join this team, or have an interest in particular mission opportunities, contact Pastor Ashley or any Mission Team member.



EMPTY PRINTER CARTRIDGES –

Drop off your ink cartridge in the bin located in the carport entrance. The ink cartridges can be new, used, any brand, and in any condition. Funds raised will be contributed to the VIP General Fund.

Please note: this recycling program does NOT extend to toner or laser cartridges or large print cartridges.



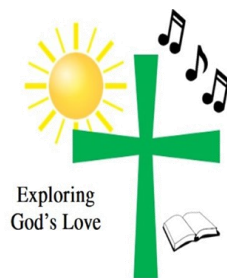
Pilgrim Children's Hour

Children's Hour takes place every Sunday morning during the 10:30 am worship service

**Kids start the service in the pews with their families, and they head downstairs after the Children's Time during the service*

Use this link to register your child(ren):

[Registration for the 2025/2026 Children's Hour](#)



Pilgrim Children's Hour
United Church of Christ



Practice begins for our **Children's Christmas Program** this month during Children's Hour!

Join us as we prepare for this biennial event presented on **December 21** (10:30 service).

Congratulations to

Samuel Hansen, Bella Mitchell, and Carter Polzar, who participated in their First Communion on October 5.



Pilgrim's Nursery The Nursery is open during the 10:30 am worship services. Bring your babies through 3-year-olds to the nursery and we will have two youth workers there to watch over our little friends during the entire worship service.



Join us **Intergenerational Event!**

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Contact the Children's Ministry Team:

childrensministry@pilgrimuccgrafton.org

Devon Polzar

Elementary/Middle School
Education Coordinator

Emma Lucht & Tracey Van Ryzin

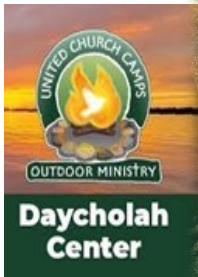
Children's Ministry Education

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes are held on Wednesday nights through May 6. **Classes are open to ALL 7th and 8th graders, regardless of where they are at on their spiritual journey.** If you would like more information on our Confirmation classes, please reach out to the Youth Ministry Team.



**Confirmation Retreat
October 3-4**



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**Youth Mission Trip:
July 12-16, 2026**



**WAYS YOU CAN HELP
with another successful
Mission Trip Fundraiser—
links below:**

[Chili Lunch FOOD MAKING](#)

[Chili Lunch Volunteering](#)

[Youth Chili Dump Recipe.pdf](#)

Send orders for chili to the youth email below



Contact the Youth Ministries Team

youthministry@pilgrimuccgrifton.org

Meg Claeys

Middle/High School Coordinator

Devon Polzar

Elementary/Middle School Coordinator



WOMEN's JOURNEY: Tuesday, November 11, at 12:30 pm; please bring lunch to church
COFFEE CHAT: Thursday, November 20, at 10:00 am



Enjoy these "game days" - all beginning at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room:

SCOPA Group: Monday, November 3

CRIBBAGE: Monday, November 10

SHEEPSHEAD: Fridays, November 14 and 21

DOMINOES: Wednesday, November 19

FUNSETTERS: Monday, November 24, 11:30 am, at Prime Minister Restaurant, Mequon

We have arranged to have **Rev. Dr. Kerri Parker** speak to us at 6:30 pm on November 13 in Kalweit Hall. She will focus on the early history of our Indigenous people, and bring us forward to conditions as they are today. Some of you have offered questions that Kerri will address that evening.

All are invited to attend the gathering. A sign-up sheet in the narthex will hopefully estimate the expected attendance. We hope to see many of you



that evening. Extra hands are needed to help arrange seating.

Your attendance and support is appreciated.

ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

w/Pastor Ashley:

- *Scripture & Sermon*—Mondays, 10:30 am
- *Vespers*—Wednesdays via Zoom at 6:15 pm
- *Bible Study*—Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Adult Study continues on Sundays mornings at 9:15 am in the Conference Room.

ANNUAL MEAL BLITZ: The annual meal blitz is designed to prepare meals or soup for our members from our members to keep in our church freezer until use is identified in either a family or an individual who is going through challenging times. Those occasions may be post-op recovery, treatment-related side effects, i.e., fatigue, weakness, recent hospital discharge, etc.



Meals will be delivered by Pastor Ashley or a Care Team member. Thank you!

Grafton's 45th Annual Christmas Parade

Mark your calendars & plan to join us **Saturday, November 29**, for the **Grafton Christmas Parade!**



We'll gather at **10:30 a.m.** (parade begins at **11:00 am**) to walk together behind our church banner, sharing the warmth and joy of our faith community with our neighbors. Participating in this festive event is a wonderful way to show our love for Grafton, celebrate the season, and demonstrate the vitality of our church family.

All ages are welcome—let's make a joyful presence together!

NOVEMBER is National Caregiver Month



Caregivers often devote countless hours and resources, putting their loved ones before themselves. Caregiving is a full-time job that requires patience, love, passion, dependability, and heart. ***Please take a moment to show your respect and gratitude*** to those whose efforts enable their care recipients to live their lives in good health, and with renewed dignity. Cards and calls of appreciation shouldn't be underestimated.

Let's show them love and recognition for their selfless work of love.

Our Thanks to....

Confirmation Retreat - To Meg Claeys, Devon Polzar, Pastor Ashley, Linda Bartsch, and all the students who attended the retreat on Oct 3-4, complete with warm weather, at Daychola Center.

Hike - Thank you, Devon Polzar, for arranging another Intergenerational Event on October 18.

First Communion - To all those who assisted with First Communion Classes and Acolyte Training.

Family Promise—To all those who provided meals and assisted the week of October 13-17: Brandon Mikulski, Marji Groth, Robyn Wiegand, Marilyn Linde, Tom & Nancy Meaux, Janet Van Zile, Jill Timmerman, Donna Tredrea, and Nancy Vanden Wymelenberg

Stewardship Materials— To LaVerne Johnson, who efficiently assembled and mailed the 2025 Stewardship Mailings.

Cancer Awareness Month—To the Inclusion Team for their excellent presentation and focus.



For Healing and Strength

*For Neal Hobbs, who is having a full hip replacement on November 6.

*For Joyce Schowalter, who is recovering from hip replacement surgery and receiving rehab at Cedar Community.

*For Lys Buck, who continues chemo treatments for recurrent endometrial cancer, which she will have every three weeks. Continued prayers for Lys' mom, who is also receiving chemo for abdominal cancer. Prayers also for Liz, Jordan, and Emlyn.

Ongoing

*For the safety of all our military personnel.

*For all those struggling with economic insecurity.

*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 & sisters at Mount Horeb Baptist Church.,



With Sympathy:

*For the family of Dawn, friend of Linda Bartsch, who passed away this fall.

*For the family of Janet Tettenborn, Caryn Boegel's mom, who passed away on October 17.

*For the family of Rhonda Claeys, Mike & Meg Claeys' mother/mother-in-law, who passed away on October 24.

HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL - Sunday, November 9



In observance of Veterans Day, Pilgrim would like to honor our members and friends who have served in the Armed Forces and are currently serving. At services on **Sunday, November 9**, Pilgrim will display military photos. If you did not get a chance in previous years, please consider submitting a name, photo, and rank **-or-** if you need to *update* photos or info. Emailed digital photos work best, but we can also scan photographs and return them. Please email photos by **November 3** to: officemgr@pilgrimuccgrafton.org

OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES OR HOMEBOUND

Pam Paul, Home

Carolyn Fuhr, Village Pointe Commons

Jack Landmann, The Arboretum, Memory Care

Shelly Papenfus, Home



OUR MEMBERS IN THE SERVICE

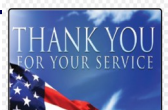
Adam Lusty – US Army, Staff Sergeant

Mark Aaron Schubert—US Air Force, Airman

Garrett Rescorla—US Marine Corps, LCpl, flight schooling toward aircrew certification

Josh Meier—Army National Guard, Spc.

Luke Johnson — US Navy-Builder Chief Petty Officer



Ways to Participate—Please use these SignUpGenius Links to offer your gifts here at Pilgrim. As always, the Narthex board is ready, and you may always call or email church to assist.



THANKS
BE TO
GOD

Thank you
to our volunteers!

USHERS

8:00 am

2	Chris Leidel Mary Johnson	2	Cherie Burton OPEN
9	Chris Leidel LaVerne Johnson	9	Robert Olmr Jane Sowers
16	Mary Johnson Dave Pfeiffer	16	Karen Maihofer Carver Thomas
23	Chris Leidel LaVerne Johnson	23	Dave & Jan
30	Mary Johnson Dave Pfeiffer	30	OPEN OPEN

10:30 am

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

Ushers: [Sign Up to Usher](#)

Flowers: [Flowers](#)

Bulletins: [Bulletins](#)

Greeters: [Sunday Greeters](#)



GREETERS encouraged! Visit the SignUpGenius Link above, or sign up at church.

Cherie Burton will be available for volunteer discussion and to answer questions about involvement here at Pilgrim. We could really use your participation in service needs, as well as those of committees and group events.

Upcoming Volunteer Drop-in Nights, beginning at 6:00 pm

November 12

December 10

SCRIPTURE READERS

8:00 am

2	Steve Schafer	2	Brandon Mikulski
9	Deb Lushine	9	Jane Sowers
16	Marianne Hinder	16	Justin Thomas
23	OPEN	23	Dave Braby
30	OPEN	30	Emma Sancomb

10:30 am

November



Chrysanthemum

The chrysanthemum echoes your loyalty and depth.



Peony

Let the peony surround you with love and prosperity.

FLOWERS

2	Reserved
9	Karen Hempelman
16	Patty Guist
23	Beuscher/Sween
30	Dave & Melissa Pfeiffer

BULLETINS

2	OPEN
9	Karen Hempelman
16	Patty Guist
23	OPEN
30	OPEN

SUNDAY MORNING TREATS

2	Mary Beuscher
9	OPEN
16	Lynda, Mary, Karen
23	Inclusion Team
30	OPEN

Friendly reminders: Food should not be brought into the sanctuary and coffee may only be brought in if the coffee container has a cover. *Thanks!*



INCLUSION TEAM

Diabetes is a health condition that affects how the body uses sugar (glucose) for energy. Normally, the body uses a hormone called insulin (made by the pancreas) to help move sugar from the blood into the cells. But with diabetes, the body either doesn't make enough insulin or can't use it properly. This causes sugar to build up in the blood, which can lead to serious health problems. In the United States, more than 38 million people have diabetes, and many don't even know they have it.



There are different types of diabetes. Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body's immune system attacks the cells that make insulin, and it usually starts in children or young adults. People with Type 1 diabetes need to take insulin every day. Type 2 diabetes is more common and usually starts in adults, though it is starting to become more prevalent in children. Type 2 diabetes often develops more gradually as the body becomes less responsive to insulin. In Type 2 diabetes, the body still makes insulin, but it doesn't work as well. There's also gestational diabetes, which can develop during pregnancy and usually goes away afterward.

Diabetes can affect many parts of the body. If blood sugar stays high for a long time, it can damage the heart, kidneys, eyes, and nerves. People might feel tired, thirsty, or have blurry vision. They might get infections more easily or take longer to heal.

People with diabetes can also have problems if their blood sugar level drops too low—usually below 70 mg/dL. This can happen if they take insulin or certain diabetes medicines. Signs of low blood sugar can cause someone to feel shaky or sweaty; get dizzy or confused; feel very hungry; have a fast heartbeat; seem tired or cranky; have blurry vision; or, act clumsy or say things that don't make sense. It's important to treat low blood sugar quickly. People with diabetes should always carry something sweet with them, just in case.

Living with diabetes means making changes to your daily life. People often need to check their blood sugar, take medicine, and eat healthy foods. They may need to avoid sugary snacks and plan meals carefully; there may be a lack of diabetes-friendly foods when eating out or when attending a function with food offered. Exercise is also important. Managing diabetes can be hard, but with support and good habits, people can live full and active lives.

DIABETES Facts

- Over 38 million Americans have diabetes, and about 1 in 5 don't know they have it.
- Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease where the body stops making insulin. It often starts in children or young adults.
- Type 2 diabetes is the most common type. The body still makes insulin but doesn't use it well. It's often linked to weight, age, and lifestyle.
- Gestational diabetes happens during pregnancy and usually goes away after birth, but it increases the risk of Type 2 diabetes later.
- Diabetes can cause serious health problems like heart disease, kidney failure, vision loss, and nerve damage.
- Common symptoms include frequent urination, extreme thirst, fatigue, blurry vision, and slow healing of cuts.
- Managing diabetes involves checking blood sugar, eating healthy, exercising, and sometimes taking medicine or insulin.
- People with diabetes spend 2.6 times more on medical care than those without it.

With good care, people with diabetes can live long, active, and healthy lives.

Sources:
[CDC National Diabetes Statistics](#)
[World Health Organization](#)
[American Diabetes Association](#)



Introducing the rest of the members of the WISE Team



Several years ago, I learned about W.I.S.E. Designation for becoming a **Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive** and **Engaged** church. I struggle with mental health challenges, and I thought it would be a good fit for Pilgrim. However, it was not something we pursued as the Inclusion Team at that time. Two years ago, I was asked to lead a team of volunteers in doing the work of becoming a W.I.S.E. church. This team is working hard to make that happen for Pilgrim. —Kris Fisher



I joined the WISE group because I am an educator who is passionate about access and community for all! — Stephanie Polzar



Mental health is a fundamental concern of mine, as it has affected me both professionally and personally. As a teacher, I frequently find myself as concerned about, if not more concerned about, my students' mental health than their academic success. I have stood helpless beside a student whose parent died by suicide, and I continue to grieve the loss of a former student to suicide. I don't want such experiences to be repeated. I also have witnessed family members deal with mental health demons and fight their way with the help of therapy, medications, and even hospitalizations to a better place. I, myself, have battled MDD (major depressive disorder) almost all of my adult life. It important to me to find a way to let others know (and feel) that they are worthy, that they are enough, that they matter. — Karen Tiffany



I wanted to become a part of the WISE team because I believe in the power of community and connection. So many people struggle silently with mental health. This is a way to begin to start more conversation. — Kelly DuBord

Open Positions at Pilgrim: Treasurer and Mission Director Full job descriptions are located at church and the website. You may also request a copy to be emailed to you.

Mission Director

Principal Function: The mission director is a valuable member of the church staff. The mission director is responsible for coordinating and maintaining all church mission projects and communication with pastor, staff, and members.

Position Type:

Part-time; 10 hours per week, not to exceed 520 hours per calendar year
Payroll; Monthly
Flexible Schedule
Annual Review

Treasurer Job Description

Principal Function: The church treasurer is a valuable member of the church staff. The treasurer is responsible for maintaining financial management and communication with Pastor, Church Council, and the Financial Advisory Committee.

Position Type:

Part-time; hours may vary per week, but not to exceed a total of 260 hours per calendar year.
Payroll; Monthly
Flexible Schedule
Annual Review



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Pilgrim's
[Online Giving Link](#)



OPEN STAFF POSITION

Treasurer

Please send letter of interest and resume to Dave Braby at
brabydave@icloud.com

Contact Pastor Ashley with questions concerning this vital role.

Please note that neither the income received nor the expenses paid occur on a regular quarterly basis.

Therefore, items showing large increases or decreases from Budget may not show much difference from Budget at year-end.



STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS
have been mailed out. Please return your
pledges and **Time & Talent Sheets!**

November 2nd is Stewardship Sunday!

We encourage all members to wear their name tags at church! There are always name tag labels at the guest table.

If you have need a new name tag, please contact the office and one will be ordered for you.

**Pilgrim Church takes care of the members of our family. The love you provide for one another is astounding.
Thank you for your contributions to the Pilgrim Family Fund.**

For those who need assistance from local food pantries, see below information regarding what to expect and contact info:

Family Sharing Food Pantry: 1002 Overland Court, Grafton, 262-377-0634
<https://www.familysharingozaukee.org/about/>

This pantry is open for shopping on Tuesdays from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm, Wednesdays 2:00-4:00 pm, and the second Saturday of the month from 9:00-11:00 am. If those times do not work for you, contact Family Sharing and they will work with you to find a time to shop. Family Sharing has Express Pantry, with prepackaged groceries and In-person shopping available. In order to shop at the pantry you will need to provide contact information and a valid ID that identifies your Ozaukee County residency. Children (under 18) can use school ID cards or insurance cards. More information on signing up to shop can be found here:

<https://www.familysharingozaukee.org/food-pantry/our-programs-2/#in-store>

Ozaukee Food Alliance: 100 East Green Bay Road, Saukville, 262-689-8591
<https://ozaukeefoodalliance.org/programs/>

The pantry is open for shopping on Thursdays and Saturdays. Families are able to shop at the pantry once a month. The pantry operates through sign up appointments. Sign ups open 7 days in advance and pantry slots book up quickly. If you are new to the pantry, there are forms that need to be filled out prior to your first visit. In order to shop at the pantry you need to have a valid ID that identifies your Ozaukee County residency. More information on **signing up to shop** can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0444A4AE28A3F49-appointments1#/>

ALSO: Ozaukee Food Alliance typically provides Thanksgiving Turkeys.

Pilgrim UCC Council Meeting - September 22, 2025, 6:30pm APPROVED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Present: Marilyn Linde, Dave Nestler, Rev. Ashley Nolte, Beth Eernisse, Joy Bloemer, Nick Sancomb, Jill Timmerman

Absent: Geoff Nauth

Centering Moment offered by Marilyn. Centering moment for October - Dave.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 27 6:00 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Reviewed draft minutes from August's meeting. No corrections/updates proposed Nick motioned to approve. Carrie seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

Incoming

Regular giving for August totaled \$24k, the lowest of the summer months. This is \$7k under the same period last year and \$5k under budget. Overall giving is under budget by \$21k YTD. Through end of August, the summer appeal collected \$15k to help close the gap. Endowment fund values were up \$10k in August and are up \$48k in total YTD.

Outgoing

August operating expenses were \$23k - \$6k under budget. These items were all under budget by \$1k or more each – payroll, building maintenance, publicity and property insurance (a timing difference as insurance is now paid quarterly)

Summary

From a pure operating income/expense perspective, we report \$4k income in August which includes summer appeal gifts of \$3k. YTD, we report \$5k of income – without the \$15k summer appeal gifts, we would be at a loss of \$10k.

Jill motioned to approve Treasurer's Report as presented and motion was seconded by Nick. Treasurer's report approved.

Pastor's Report

Pastor's report reviewed and discussed. Items of note:

Hearing assistance upgrade proposal will not include closed captioning at this time. FM/Blue tooth transmitter only.

Committee Liaisons

Building and Assets –

Last meeting August 19.

Waiting on coffee pot delivery.

Access walk is completed. Council prefers that door entry to narthex be unlocked during services.

Flow Logic system is on hold until delivery of coffee pots.

Hearing assistance proposal is still in process.

Finance – goal is to have 2026 budget proposal by next council meeting

Staff – Staff Relations is working with Ashley/Staff to fill Treasurer and Mission Director positions.

Old Business

Summer appeal – technically closed. \$15k raised through August. Some additional funds have been received in Sept but we expect to be short of \$30k goal.

New Business

Cloud storage – Council folder can be created so we can access and share common documents. We like the idea! Ashley will work with IT support to get it established.

Finance deacon – position will be open end of year or early next year. Responsibility for filling this non staff position rests with the Council.

New member/active inactive status – discussed membership rolls and how to best approach situations with members who appear to be inactive.

Action Steps between now and next meeting –

None noted

Adjourn

Jill motioned to adjourn. Nick seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned.



PILGRIM MUSIC MINISTRY

Thank you to all who have participated this fall in Pilgrim's Music Ministry. If you wish to add your voice/instrument or have any questions, please contact Sue Willman at suewillman55@gmail.com. If you are interested in our bell choir, Chimin' In, please contact Liz Yoon at lysnliz@gmail.com or 262-910-1789 for more details. **All are welcome, anytime!**

CURRENT MUSIC MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS

PILGRIM CHOIR - John Reiter, Director

Audrey Beck	Ray Kremer	Steve Schafer
Beth Eernisse	Marilyn Linde	Naomi Seiler
Dan Eernisse	Norm Loomer	Larry Sween
Kris Fisher	Sue Loomer	Art Wille
Patty Guist	Pastor Ashley Nolte	Cathy Wille
Beth Hartman	Peter Nolte	Sue Willman
Marianne Hinder	Melissa Pfeifer	Liz Yoon
Parker Kobliska	Devon Polzar	



HILLTOP VOICE - John Reiter, Director

Dan Eernisse	Devon Polzar
Kris Fisher	Naomi Seiler
Beth Hartman	Larry Sween
Marilyn Linde	Sue Willman
Pastor Ashley Nolte	Liz Yoon



GarageBand

Dan Eernisse	Naomi Seiler
Kris Fisher	Sue Willman
John Reiter	Eric Wiltgen

CHIMIN' IN - Liz Yoon, Director

John Carli	Val Nauth	Dave Tiffany
Beth Eernisse	Lisa Pease	Karen Tiffany
Patty Guist	Alex Santo	Sue Willman
Beth Hartman	Jill Timmerman	Jan Yoon



Also, many thanks to our Technical and Media Team staff, *Steven Beloin, Beth Hartman, and Kory Kobliska*, who help present and carry the music for our worship services throughout the sanctuary and to your homes.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS / ONLINE DIRECTORY/ OFFICE HOURS

1 Abby Leverenz
Rev. Ashley Nolte
Penny Papenfus
Thomas Petersen

2 Eric Bauer
Rachel Swenson

3 Abbey Cobb

4 Matthew Lucht
Tim Paegelow

6 Matt Rescorla
Henry Wagner

7 Naomi Seiler
Lincoln Mitchell
Emily Suber

9 Max Schell
Ron Van Ryzin
Keri Bertrand
Tom Meaux

10 John Garcia
Jack Landmann

11 Val Nauth

12 Tomasen Hart
Ava Pedersen

14 Leslie Hochstatter
Lynda Kanios
Kevin Wegner

15 Josh Leverenz
Joel Schowalter
Aubrey Welzien

16 Dorothy Overbye

17 Tracy Braun
Krista Kelling

18 Theodore Schumaker
Jillian Voras
Stella Wenzler

19 Ruby Wiegand Olmr

20 Hailie Bauer
Sophia Boesch
Linda Eakin
Jacob Leidel

21 Greg Morrow

22 Pilgrim Church
(1959)
Nick Sancomb

23 Greta Koch

24 Stacy Baldwin
Joe Wenzler

25 Karen Karnish
Joe Gehrke
Brian Maurer
Olivia Klippel

26 Mary Boesch
Chrissy Reinders
Sophia Welzien

27 Brynlee Popp
Dave Sauer

28 Alaina Binder
Mike Claeys

29 Donna Schulz
Julie Stiebs

30 Mary Beuscher



Pilgrim Family Directory
paper copies are available
upon request.

Please contact the office if
you would like one emailed
to you or left at church for
you to pick up when
you visit.

**Always remember that
church membership
records are located within
a different program than
the online directory.**

If you change your contact
info, you need to advise the
office so we can change
the church records.

Thank you.

Our Online Directory company has updated the application process.

If you are a current user, please review the following steps to log back in and enjoy this service, which includes individuals/families, but also Staff & Groups/Committees.

You will first need to log in as a first-time user to the new system, then simply sign in thereafter.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Navigate to app.onlinememberdirectory.com
2. Click option labeled, "First time login from old system."
3. Next, You will be prompted to search for your old account via
 - Your First Name - **Required:**
 - Your Last Name - **Required:**
 - Your Old username or Email Address are not required but can be helpful to find your record.
4. Confirm Identity: Once your record is found, review the displayed information to ensure it is you. Click **"Yes, this is me"** to proceed.
5. Follow the prompts to migrate your account. Upon completion, you'll be logged into the member directory.

**We would love to have all
our Pilgrim Family included
in the Online Directory!**

To do so, please use the
link below and sign up by
Email or Phone as request-
ed at the login site.

app.onlinememberdirectory.com

*If you need help, whether a
new user or a returning
user, please contact the
office and we would be glad
to provide assistance!*

OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ashley – available in the office Monday through Thursday, and can also be reached by calling 920-762-0192.

Lisa Quick or Sue Willman – available weekdays 8:30 am -1:00 pm Office Phone: 262-377-2640

Email: officemgr@pilgrimuccgrafton.org
Website: <https://pilgrimuccgrafton.org>
Facebook: @PilgrimUCCGrafton
Instagram: @PilgrimUCCGraftonWI

PP Deadline:
**20th of each
month.**





Totenfest Commemoration—Sunday, November 23

"Remembering Those Who Have Died"

Traditionally, on the last Sunday of the church year, our congregation takes time to remember those members who have died in the past year. We will honor the memories and lives of all who are brought forth. You may use this form and return to the office for a family member and/or friend.

We will share a moment of silent reflection in honor of all loved ones, but we ask you to indicate on paper only those whom you have lost in the last twelve months. We will conclude this special service in a spirit of thanksgiving and resurrection with singing of "For All the Saints."

 Name Died On

Relationship to You: _____

Your Name _____

Deadline: Wednesday, November 19

Please return form in collection plate, Lisa's mailbox, or email this information to
officemgr@pilgrimuccgraston.org

Christmas Poinsettias

Please complete the form below to order a poinsettia for Pilgrim's sanctuary. Your choice is either a 6-1/2" pot at \$12, or a 7-1/2" pot at \$20. Both come in either red or white. Poinsettias may be given in honor of friends and relatives -or- in memory of loved ones who have gone on to eternal life. You may also send a general wish. You are welcome to take your poinsettia with you sometime following the 9:00pm Christmas Eve service to share with friends and family, or leave your flowers through January 1, New Year's Day! **Deadline: Friday, December 5**
 (Don't forget to circle all the choices!)

_____ would like to provide:
 (Your Name)

Circle choices: (\$12 or \$20); (red or white) in (memory or honor) of:



 Relationship to you: _____

Other Tribute: _____



**Please turn in with payment via online app, offering basket, by mail, church office, or Lisa's mailbox.
 If using online, you are welcome to email the church this information at officemgr@pilgrimuccgraston.org**

NOVEMBER 2025

November 1:
Happy Birthday, Pastor Ashley!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 <i>Comm Worship</i> 8 & 10:30 am Adult Study & Choir 9:15 am Children's Hour— 10:30a Book Study: <i>Simply Christian</i>	3 Sermon & Scripture 10:30 am SCOPA—1:00 pm	4 Worship Team 7:00 pm <i>Boy Scouts—6:30p</i>	5 *Vespers—6:15 pm *GarageBand - 6:15 pm *Confirmation- 6:30 pm *Bible Study—7:00p	6 <i>Overeaters Anon—6:30p</i>	7 Memorial Rhonda Claeys Visitation 4:00-6:30 pm Service-6:30 pm	8 Girl Scouts 12:30 pm
9 <i>Worship Services</i> 8 & 10:30 am Adult Study & Choir 9:15 am Children's Hour— 10:30a <i>Staff, Council, Leadership Retreat</i>	10 Sermon & Scripture 10:30a Cribbage—1:00 pm Supportive Ministries 11:30-1:30 Chimin' In 7:00 pm	11 Women's Journey 12:30 pm Grief Support Group 1:30 pm Inclusion Meeting 6:30 pm <i>Boy Scouts—6:30p</i>	12 *Volunteer Drop-in Mtg 6:00 pm *Vespers—6:15 pm *GarageBand—6:15 pm *Confirmation—6:30p *Bible Study—7:00p	13 Guest Speaker Dr. Rev. Kerri Parker <i>Indigenous Peoples</i> 6:30 pm	14 Sheepshead 1:00 pm	15
16 <i>Comm Worship</i> 8 & 10:30 am Adult Study/Choir 9:15a Children's Hour— 10:30a <i>Chili/Packer Youth</i>	17 Sermon & Scripture 10:30 am	18 <i>Boy Scouts—6:30p</i>	19 *Dominoes—1:00 pm *Vespers—6:15 pm *GarageBand - 6:15 pm *Confirmation- 6:30 pm *Bible Study—7:00p	20 Coffee Chat—10 am <i>Overeaters Anon—6:30p</i>	21 Sheepshead 1:00 pm	22 Girl Scouts 12:30 pm Koch Recital 3:00 pm
23 <i>Totenfest Sunday</i> 8 & 10:30 am Adult Study & Choir 9:15 am Children's Hour - 10:30a Thanksgiving Meal 11:45 am	24 Funsetters—11:30 am Chimin' In—7:00 pm	25 <i>Boy Scouts—6:30p</i>	26 Thanksgiving Eve Service & Bread Exchange 7:00 pm	27 	28 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed	29 <i>Grafton Christmas Parade</i> <i>Join in walking with your Pilgrim Family!</i>
30 <i>Worship Services</i> 8 & 10:30 am Adult Study & Choir 9:15 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>						