



Pilgrim's Progress

JUNE/JULY



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Summer Music
- Pride Parade
- Baby Clothing Project
- VBS
- Confirmation Photo
- Legacy Gift
- Pilgrim Softball Team
- WISE Team Article, p.



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Grace and peace to you

This past week, on Monday May 18, members of the staff, ministry team leads, and council representatives gathered to do a review of the last 12 months at Pilgrim.

We asked ourselves: *What went well? What didn't go as expected? What did we miss? Where are areas of potential? What limitations did we encounter?*

We took some time looking at the last year. We celebrated lovely moments. We discussed what could have gone differently. We recognized our joy and our disappointment.

We usually do this at the end of the program year to prepare for our "SUPER FUN CALENDAR MEETING!" (Insert streamers, glitter, some dancing, and noise makers). This is a yearly ritual where members of staff and leadership think about what we want to do in the upcoming year. Then we put it on a giant calendar and Lisa Quick sends out a spreadsheet for us to consider as we move through the year.

Yes, many of the events that we will hold at Pilgrim from August 2026 - July 2027 will be scheduled at the end of July 2026. Yes, this a long meeting, and it takes a lot of work for every person and team involved.

I believe these two meetings—the review and the "SUPER FUN CALENDAR MEETING!"—are two of most important meetings staff and leadership attend during the year. It is during these two meets that we do the work of tilling the growth of last year and begin to plant the seeds of next year.

I would not call them fun. I would not call them riveting. They are indeed another meeting for a group of people who attend plenty of meetings. But, as anyone who has ever stuck their hands in the soil and tried to grow something, one learns quickly that *the old growth must be cleared and the soil must be tilled, cultivated, and amended before anything can be planted.* This work of tilling, cultivating, and amending is often messy and hard. It is not glorious. Or showy. Or lovely. *But, if you want home grown tomatoes, you need to deal with a bit of "organic matter" and hard work.*

I say all of this because sometimes it seems that the church slows down and takes a break during the summer. This is not the case. During the summer, the church is working on tilling, amending, and planting. Summer is a season of planting in the church. You may not see as many programs, we may only gather for one service on Sundays, we may have less meetings, but this is only part of our work. Instead, summer is time spent preparing for the year ahead. *It is essential time for us as a congregation to take a deep breath, reflect, look forward, and listen for the ways God is calling us to be the church in the upcoming season.* I suspect that as we do this work at Pilgrim, many of you do much the same in your own lives.

Summer has never slowed down—instead the intensity shifts from harvesting to planting.

**Let us drop seeds, carefully and faithfully,
dreaming about what we might one day harvest.**

With Much Love, Pastor Ashley





Visit pages 4-5 to learn all
about this year's
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
and to register your
child(ren) We also look
forward to youth help during the week!

Deadline to sign up: JUNE 30

PRIDE PARADE—Sunday, June 7



We welcome all those who would like to join your Pilgrim Family for this upcoming parade, which is so much fun for all who participate. Please visit the sign-up sheet at church or call the office. The parade steps off in Milwaukee at 2:00 pm—more info to come!

PILGRIM MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Worship Special Music
Sundays 9:00 am thru Sept 6



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 & time with gratitude. The summer services will be live streamed.

A signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex or use this SignUpGenius link: [Summer Music](#)

For more information, please contact Sue Willman
suewillman55@gmail.com



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JUNE Scripture Readings—*Common English Bible*

- 7 **The Call of Abram** Genesis 12:1-9; Psalms 33:1-12 and 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13;18-26
- 14 **Sarah Laughed** Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7, Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19 and 100; Exodus 19:2-8a; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8-23
- 21 **Daring Discipleship** Genesis 21:8-21; Psalms 86:1-10,16-17 and 69:7-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39
- 28 **Holy Welcome** Genesis 22:1-14; Psalms 13 and 89:1-4,15-18; Jeremiah 28:5-9; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

JULY Scripture Readings—*Common English Bible*

- 6 **Chosen Journeys** Genesis 24:34-67; Psalms 45:10-17 and 145:8-14; Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Romans 15-25a; Matthew 11: 16-30
- 12 **House Divided** Genesis 25:19-34; Psalms 119: 105-112 and 65:1-13; Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-23
- 19 **Wheat & Weeds Together** Genesis 28:10-19; Psalms 139:1-24 and 86:11-17; Song of Solomon 12-19; Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-43
- 26 **Weaving the Future** Genesis 29:15-28; Psalms 105:1-11; 45b and 128; 1 Kings 3:5-12; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-52

Family Sharing Baby Clothes Project Pilgrim has been invited to partner with Grafton High School's Honors Course students in collecting new and used baby clothes for Family Sharing. Their project focuses on current justice and advocacy issues. This group has chosen the issue of "Rising cost for childcare for low and middle income families in the Grafton area."



Clothing items may be dropped off at church and placed in the Mission bin in the carport entry through Monday, June 8.

**Mount Horeb School Supply Collection—
thru July 5**

All children need new school supplies for the start of a new school year. The Missions Team is collecting funds to support our sister church, Mount Horeb, and their annual school supply drives.



You may use the Missions envelope in the pews, and please note the donation is for *School Supply Drive*, or donate on line.

FAMILY PROMISE MEAL Thank you to *Marji Groth, Heidi Jenkins, Lynda Kanios, and Nancy Vanden Wymelenberg* for their donations of food and volunteer time at the meal Pilgrim hosted on May 20.



Watch for new dates in 2027!

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.



Our search continues for a Mission Director.

Please send a letter of interest and resume to Dave Braby.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH 2026—thru June 30

"Sent Forth in Love"



Your gifts support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.

Please use the special envelope found in pews or visit online giving site and mark "STC"

A PILGRIM THANK YOU TO VETERANS AT ZABLOCKI MEDICAL CENTER

This July marks the *250th Anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence.* We would like to say **thank you** to those veterans who are currently residing at Zablocki with a card and treat. We will collect wrapped candy, cookies, and small snack bags through Flag Day, Sunday, June 14. A card will be included with the treat bag. There will be a container in the Narthex to collect your treats, and you'll find cards on the table if you'd like to add your thanks.



Our cards and treats will be delivered by a member of the Rose Harms Auxiliary on July 4!



If anyone is interested in volunteering with **Habitat of Humanity-Ozaukee**, please reach out to *Nick Cray*, as the way to sign up is through their Signup Genius, and he can set you up to receive the email notices for help when the volunteer needs become available.

Nick.Cray@habitatozaukee.org

Up Next: Strawberry Fest for the Cedar Quackers Duck Races: various tasks and time slots available on June 27-28

Also, for their **Home Preservation Team**, they have 27/30 spots filled. Thank you!



Thank you everyone who signed up to provide 4 dozen treats to the St. Ben's community meal program for the first half of this year.

A sign-up sheet is in the hall for treats needed July–December. You may bake or purchase treats—no nuts. Do not individually wrap, but use a container that you do not need returned.

Thank you to these ladies for providing desserts this year through June:

- Janet Van Zile*
- LaVerne Johnson*
- Diane Nauta*
- Deb Lushine*

Pilgrim is assisting with meal and beverage service at St. Ben's on Thursdays—June 4 and 18.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered their time!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Pilgrim Children's Hour

Children's Hour will return on Sunday, September 13

Our nursery will also re-open on Sunday, September 13



Pilgrim Children's Hour
United Church of Christ

Thank you for a wonderful year of stories, crafts, games, songs, snacks, and so much more! We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you at Vacation Bible School!

**There continues to be bags of activities under the nametag wall in the Narthex if your child(ren) are looking for activities during the 9am services this summer. As always, a children's bulletin is also available at the sanctuary door table.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 2-6 — 6:00pm-7:45pm
Open to kids entering 3K - 5th Grade
(Fall 2026)
Cost – FREE!
[Click here to Register](#)



Pilgrim's Nursery



The nursery will NOT be staffed during the summer but will be open to parents and their children if they choose to use it. There is a black knob next to the light switch to turn on

If your child would like to share their gift of music this summer, at our 9 am service, please contact Sue Willman, or use this link:

[Summer Music](#)



Contact the Children's Ministry Team: <u>childrensministry@pilgrimuccgrafton.org</u>	
<u>Emma Lucht & Tracey Van Ryzin</u> Children's Ministry Education Coordinators	<u>Devon Polzar</u> Elementary/Middle School Education Coordinator

On Sunday, May 17, we welcomed 5 youths into membership at Pilgrim as they completed the Rite of Confirmation.



*Keira Bartsch, Audrey Beck,
Ada Nestler, Gen Riley,
Haley Roberts*



Congratulations to our high school graduates:

Jenna Bloemer
Sophia Boesch
Arianna Fuentes
Max Glab

Audrey Kleckner
Jacob Leidel
Max Mazzari

Charlie Plante
Reese Plautz
Nick Sauer



VBS Volunteers Needed

We are looking for youth volunteers to help with set up and during the week of VBS.
August 2-6 (6pm-7:45pm)
Use [this link](#) to sign up!

**Youth Mission Trip:
July 12- 18, 2026**

**Blue Ridge Mountains
of North Carolina**



Thank you to all those who donated and support the youth fundraisers this past year. and thank you for your prayers for a safe journey this summer. We will share our experiences with the congregation in August!

Contact the Youth Ministries Team
youthministry@pilgrimuccgrafton.org

Meg Claeys
Middle/High School Coordinator
Devon Polzar
Elementary/Middle School Coordinator

**Confirmation Classes for
7th & 8th graders will begin
September 23
An informational meeting will
take place @ 6:30pm on
September 16**

WOMEN's JOURNEY: Tuesday, June 9, 12:30 pm, Kalweit Hall—please bring your lunch

COFFEE CHAT: Thursday, June 18, 10:00 am in the Conference Room

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

SCOPA: Monday, June 1 & July 6 **DOMINOES:** Wednesday, June 17 & July 15

CRIBBAGE: Monday, June 8 & July 13 **SHEEPSHEAD:** Fridays, June 12 & 26
July 10 & 24



Clean-up Day Success

A BIG "THANK YOU" to all the spring clean-up day volunteers that helped freshen up the landscape beds around the church.

Those who helped were: *Justin Belleau, Cherie Burton, John Carli, Isaiah Garza, Dennis Grabow, Beth Hartman, Neal Hobbs, Don Huibregtse, Rebecca Pinhancos, Nancy Vanden Wymelenberg, Dan Weiss, and Ron Wildasin*

Enrichment at Pilgrim:

Sermon & Scripture:

Last date: June 22 at 10:30 am
Have a great summer!

Our Summer To-Do List:

*Wash windows around the carport entrance door and front of the church,

*Wash any of the lower level windows around the entire church

Please contact Ron Wildasin if you want to help:

262-377-9547



PILGRIM's SOFTBALL TEAM

Hope you are all able to attend some softball games and cheer on our team at Centennial Park!

Upcoming schedule:

June 1	Pilgrim v. ODBC Blue	6:00 pm
June 8	Pilgrim v. ODBC Grey	7:15 pm
June 15	Pilgrim v. Lakeside	7:15 pm
June 22	Pilgrim v. ODBC Green	7:15 pm
June 29	Pilgrim v. Portview	6:00 pm

Check out the schedule on the bulletin board for July!

Thanks again to Brandon Mikulski for his leadership.

BREWER BASEBALL GOERS:

Cherie has the tickets for our upcoming June 14 game. Please contact Cherie if you want your ticket ahead of time; otherwise, she will have them on game day.

Cherie: 414-335-9012

Watch for more info about tailgating, and thanks for joining us on June 14!



PILGRIM's OUTDOOR SUMMER SERVICE:
August 2, 10:00 am

Centennial East Pavilion
1370 17th Ave, Grafton



Our Thanks to...

Confirmation, May 17: To leaders Meg Claeys and Devon Polzar, and all those who participated in the Intergenerational Song—beautiful day!

Blood Drive, May 7: To Linda Eakin, for managing the reception table throughout the day, and to John Carli and Ron Wildasin for set up / take down.

Volunteer Appreciation, May 10: To Cherie Burton for arranging the special fellowship hour reception, and our thanks once again for all the volunteer efforts of our Pilgrim family!

Funsetters—To Donna Tredrea and LaVerne Johnson for arranging this wonderful monthly gathering, and to those who attend, too!

For Healing and Strength

*For Mary Beuscher, who will have surgery on June 18 to remove a goiter.

*For Char Peterson, who will have neck surgery on June 17.

*For Pam Wittkopp, friend of Kathy Ellenbecker & Paul Eichen, who was diagnosed with CJD.

*For Jaime, Kevin Runkel's wife, who continues recover from spine surgery

*For Bill Mauer, who is recovering at home from aneurysm repair.

*For Lene, Lys Buck's sister, who is doing well after surgery due to a large brain aneurysm.

*For Sue Konrath, who was diagnosed with inoperable pancreatic cancer.

*For Ed, Tommy Golding's son, who is receiving treatment for multiple myeloma.

*For Landon Claeys, who remains at Children's Hospital. Continued prayers for Meg, Mike, and Robbie.

*For Lys Buck, who continues to receive immunotherapy. Prayers for Lys' mom, Marsha, who is receiving chemo for abdominal cancer.

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.

Congratulations

*For Adam Lusty and partner Kait on the birth of Jameson Carter, on May 8. Congratulations to Eric & Louise!

*For Tink & Dick Linhart, who celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Marshall Jonathan, born May 11.

With Sympathy

*For the family of Ron Holtslander, who passed away on Saturday, May 16.

*For the family of Shelly Papenfus, who passed away on Sunday, May 17.

OUR MEMBERS IN CARE FACILITIES OR HOMEBOUND

Carolyn Fuhr, Village Pointe Commons

Marilyn Gallagher, Azura Memory Care

Rachel Goldberg, Village Pointe Commons

Joyce Etzel, Home

Pam Paul, 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

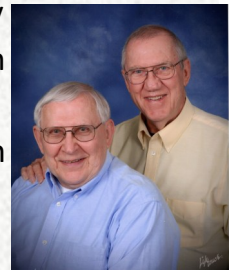


Update from the Ross and Erv Estate Gift Team:

Our team has met three times over the past two months to discuss the use of this generous gift. Our first meeting was spent discussing Ross and Erv's wishes and deciding on two themes that exemplified their lives: hospitality and accessibility. In the second meeting, we discussed places of significance within our church building and unutilized potential. Working off of a list of hospitality and accessibility opportunities discussed at the second meeting, we spent the third meeting agreeing upon these four items as our top priorities for further discussion: sanctuary accessibility, downstairs kitchen hospitality, church entry point accessibility, and downstairs bathroom accessibility.

Currently, the team is contacting area non-profit organizations to identify potential uses of the Pilgrim facility which may solve some of their needs in the near future.

We welcome your initial feedback and continued communication throughout this process.



*Leila Behrens, Lys Buck, John Carli, Beth Eernisse,
Beth Hartman, Neal Hobbs, and Ashley Nolte*

Legacy Giving

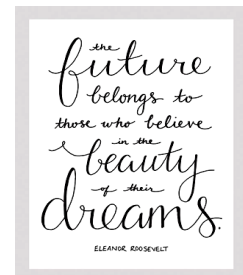


Congratulations to Pilgrim's College Graduates:

Ellie Rottier graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Arizona on May 15 with a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and a minor in Business Administration. She will be moving to Louisville, KY in July and attending the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

Emily Suber graduated from University of Wisconsin-Parkside on May 16 with a Business Management Degree in Human Resources.

**We are happy to share your college graduate news!
Please send name, college, date of graduation, and
degree to the office.**



Ways to Participate:

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

Ushers: [Sign Up to Usher](#)

Flowers: [Flowers](#)

Bulletins: [Bulletins](#)

Greeters: [Sunday Greeters](#)



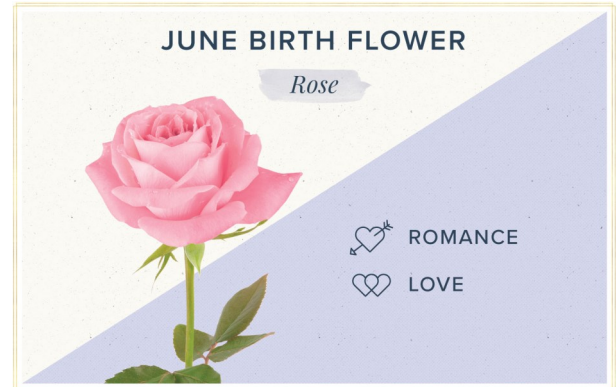
Please consider providing special music, now through September 6

Use this link: [Summer Music](#)

USHERS

9:00 am

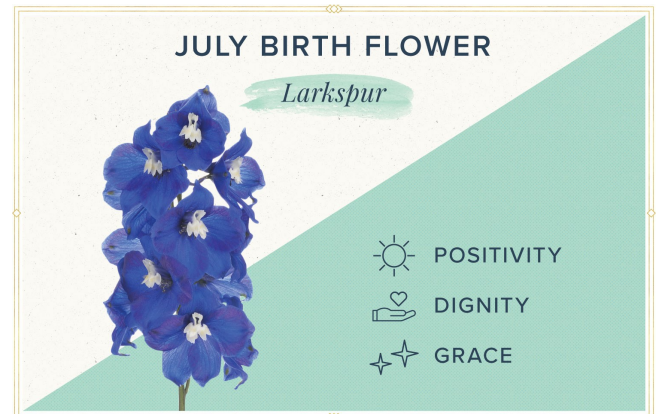
7	LaVerne Johnson / Emma Lucht
14	OPEN (2)
21	LaVerne Johnson / OPEN
28	Cherie Burton / John Carli



SCRIPTURE READERS

9:00 am

7	Emma Lucht
14	Lynn LeBlanc-Marrone
21	Emma Sancomb
28	Cory Jepsen-Hobbs



FLOWERS

7	Jan & Dave Braby
14	Geoff & Val Nauth
21	George & Joyce Schowalter
28	Dennis & Pat Grabow

BULLETINS

7	OPEN
14	Geoff & Val Nauth
21	George & Joyce Schowalter
28	Dennis & Pat Grabow

Thank you to everyone who brought treats and/or donated money. See you in September!



FINANCIAL / OFFICE HOURS

FINANCE REPORT

Operating Cash	<u>March YTD</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>April YTD</u>
Cash Balance- Beginning of Period	\$ 97,320	\$164,020	\$ 97,320
Cash Receipts	416,572	33,705	452,277
Cash Disbursements	(349,872)	(87,552)	(437,424)
Cash Balance - End of Period	\$ 164,020	\$ 112,173	\$ 112,173

Click here for
Pilgrim's

[Online Giving Link](#)



PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Operating Giving and Expenses through April, 2026

	2026 YTD	2026 Budget	2026 Budget compared to 2026 Actual Incr/(Decr)
Total Operating Incoming Funds	98,728	120,649	(21,921)
Summer Appeal		-	-
TOTAL INCOME	98,728	120,649	(21,921)
Conference Support	5,355	4,398	957
Salaries & Benefits	72,298	82,528	(10,230)
Building & Maintenance	31,673	30,894	779
Programs of the Church	12,750	14,680	(1,930)
Total Operating Expenses	122,076	132,500	(10,424)
Net Operating Income / (Loss)	(23,348)	(11,851)	(11,497)

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.

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.

Missions Director:

Please send a letter of interest and resume to Dave Braby.

Job descriptions are posted in the hall. Thank you to Pastor Ashley & the Missions Team for their leadership while we look forward to the position being filled!



OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Ashley—available in the office Monday thru Thursday, and may also be reached by calling 920-762-0192.

Lisa Quick or Sue Willman—available weekdays 8:30 am -1:00 pm

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Facebook: @PilgrimUCCGrafton

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



Pilgrim UCC Council Meeting — April 20, 6:30 pm

Present: Geoff Nauth, Rev. Ashley Nolte, Caryn Boegel, Beth Eernisse, Marilyn Linde, Dave Nestler, Nick Sancomb, Amber Thomas

Centering Moment – Nick

Next Meeting Date - May 11th, 6:30pm

Centering Moment May Meeting - Marilyn

Approval of March 2026 Meeting Minutes

Marilyn motioned to approve. Nick seconded. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Caryn shared the March Treasurer's Report and the March Income Statement Summary. We continue to be a little behind on giving, but expenses are also lower than expected, mostly due to program staff vacancies and lower than estimated maintenance costs. At the last Financial Advisory meeting it was decided to wait until Easter giving is totaled before discussing further. Year-to-date giving is behind about \$6,000 compared to last year.

Amber motioned to approve the Treasurers Report. Seconded by Marilyn. Report approved.

Pastor's Report

Ashley shared her monthly report.

Having Head Ushers was discussed. Ashley suggested that 5-6 people from each service are identified as head ushers and volunteer once a month. They could review the current list of head usher tasks and shadow Ron to learn additional tasks. Ashley then asked that council staff (or family members) please consider being a head usher.

Liaisons

Building & Assets – Dave said recent items discussed were troubleshooting an inverter on the solar panels, AC replacement for the pastor's office and floor tiles. Ashley has something to return from the sound system, then upgrades are complete. The Committee strongly feels if donated funds are used for a kitchen remodel, that an architect be hired to ensure careful space planning is done.

Finance – no updates beyond Treasurer's Report.

Staff – Still looking for a Missions Director. Ashley is trying to help but not to the extent that someone else could. Ashley proposed changing the name of the position to Missions Coordinator, as it is less intimidating and better represents the duties associated.

Thursday June 4th and Thursday June 18th we are signed up to serve meals at St. Bens. May do a day in July as well. Can always sign up to be a volunteer fill in with St. Ben's.

Old Business

Membership – Pilgrim Constitution, Article IV, 3: Process of removing inactive members was discussed; council will be provided quarterly information regarding inactive members.

After the announcement of Erv & Ross's gift last week, some members have said that they want to give a gift to the kitchen. We don't have an active kitchen project. Ashley questioned who these questions should be directed to? Who should approve of gifts and their associated restrictions? It was decided that a policy should be written that gives direction for special gifts outside of the general operating fund. Council should approve of all gifts and their restrictions. Geoff will draft a policy and review it with Neil from Buildings & Assets.

New Business

"Protecting Places of Worship" Seminar May 19th, Middleton WI. Geoff sent an email to council. Ron would go if someone else can drive.

Adjourn

Marilyn motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dave. Meeting adjourned.

Leading with Curiosity

111 therapy books.

That is the number of books that I have collected in my efforts to find different ways to help people. There are a lot of different ways.

As a therapist, I am often asked “how” someone can support a loved one who is struggling.

People often worry about not knowing what to say, saying the wrong thing, or that they are not equipped with the answers to “fix” the situation. In these moments, I gently offer a different perspective: *what if support didn't begin with answers, but with curiosity?*

Curiosity invites us to move closer to someone's experience without trying to control it. Rather than directing or solving, curiosity says, *“Help me understand what this experience is like for you.”* It creates space for people to feel seen, heard, and ultimately to feel less alone—something that is often more healing than advice.

When someone is struggling with their mental health, they may already feel overwhelmed, judged, or misunderstood. Even well-intended suggestions can sometimes feel like pressure or dismissal. But, curiosity softens the interaction. Simple, open-ended questions, such as:

“What has it been feeling like for you lately?”

“What is it like for you when you feel depressed?”

“How can I walk alongside you in this?”

These questions communicate care without assumption. They don't claim to know the answers. They allow the person to guide the conversation and honor their own inner wisdom.

Curiosity also asks something of us: patience. It requires us to tolerate not knowing, to resist the urge to jump in with solutions, and to trust that presence is enough. In many ways, this mirrors our faith. We are not called to have all the answers, but to walk alongside one another with compassion, humility, and love. Supporting someone in this way can also deepen connection. When people feel genuinely listened to, they are more likely to open up, to reflect, and even to find their own path forward. Our role becomes less about leading and more about accompanying—much like the ways we are called to care for one another in community.

This doesn't mean that curiosity is always enough or that we should ignore when someone needs additional help. Curiosity can also open the door to gently asking, *“Have you thought about talking to someone professionally?”* or *“Would it help if I supported you in finding resources?”* In a world that often rushes to fix, curiosity is a quiet but profound act of care. It tells others: *You matter. Your story matters. I am here with you.* And sometimes, that is exactly what someone needs most.

Curiosity has probably been my biggest lesson as a therapist. It is the lesson I continue to return to as I work to guide new therapists in the field. 111 books and the “answer” keeps coming back to better understanding the person sitting in front of me.

-Kelly DuBord, a member of the WISE Team



June

1 Andrew Berns Kate Nestler Linda Bartsch 2 Aaron Mitchell 3 Pat Hofstad 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 Judy McQuay Amber Thomas 8 Jakob Pedersen 9 Roger Miller Greg Mursch 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 David Pfeiffer 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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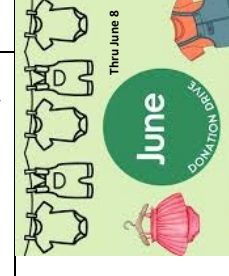

July

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JUNE 2026

Summer Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Welcome</i></p> 	<p>1 Sermon & Scripture 10:30 am SCOPA—1:00 pm Softball Game 6:00 pm</p>	<p>2 <i>Boy Scouts—6:30 pm</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Community of Practice 11:30 am Serving at St. Ben's 4:15 pm <i>Overeaters Anon 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>5 St. Ben's Desserts</p>	<p>6 Holslander Memorial V—9:30a / S—11a Gould Recital 3:30 pm</p>
<p>7 <i>Communion Worship</i> 9:00 am Milwaukee Pride Parade—2:00 pm</p>	<p>8 Sermon & Scripture 10:30 am Cribbage—1:00 pm Softball Game: 8:30 pm</p>	<p>9 Women's Journey 12:30 pm Grief Support Group 1:30 pm <i>Boy Scouts—6:30 pm</i></p>	<p>10  Come cheer Pilgrim's Softball Team on Monday nights!</p>	<p>11 <i>Overeaters Anon 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>12 Sheepshead 1:00 pm Decrate for Wedding 3:30 pm</p>	<p>13 Justin & Isaiah Wedding 2:00 pm</p> 
<p>14 <i>Worship Service</i> 9:00 am Graduate Recognition</p>	<p>15 Sermon & Scripture 10:30 am Softball Game 7:15 pm</p>	<p>16 <i>Boy Scouts 6:30 pm</i></p>	<p>17 Dominoes—1:00 pm</p>	<p>18 Coffee Chat 10:00 am Serving at St. Ben's 4:15 pm <i>Overeaters Anon 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 <i>Communion Worship</i> 9:00 am</p>	<p>22 Sermon & Scripture 10:30 am Softball Game: 7:15 pm</p>	<p>23 <i>Boy Scouts—6:30 pm</i></p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 <i>Overeaters Anon 6:30pm</i></p>	<p>26 Sheepshead 1:00 pm</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 <i>Worship Service</i> 9:00 am With Paul Zachow</p>	<p>29 Softball Game 6:00 pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p> Gift collection thru June 14</p>	<p> June THRU JUNE 8 DONATION</p>	<p> School Supply Drive Monetary collection for Mt Horeb runs thru July 5</p>	

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