



# *The Pilgrim Spire* *January 18, 2012*

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**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
130 Broad Boulevard  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221  
**DATED MATERIAL**

Join us this Sunday  
to grow in your  
faith through  
Christian Education at  
9:30 am  
or to experience the  
living presence of God  
through worship at  
10:30 am

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Pilgrim will be hosting the Bluffton University Camerata Singers at our worship service on Sunday, March 4th. We will be the first stop on a week-long spring tour for the choir. Megan Schadle is a member of this well respected ensemble! We will need to provide overnight accommodations on Saturday, March 3rd, for the 23 students and 3 adults in the group. If you would be able to help by lodging a person (or more!) in your home, please contact Kathie Richards a 330-825-0571. We are looking forward to the opportunity to receive this wonderful gift of music!

### **Time to think about Summer Camp!**

There are some changes this year. .

No more tiered rates for camp fees this year -  
it's all one price.

HOWEVER...if you register by March 31st, you will receive  
a Deluxe Camp Pack with some  
exciting items to make your camp experience more fun!

Campers whose registration is received by May 15<sup>th</sup>  
will receive a Standard Camp Pack with a selection of the items  
from the Deluxe Camp Pack.

Register early to receive your Deluxe Camp Pack!

**Pre-Registration** - If you were a camper last summer and you pre-registered for this summer for the \$50.00 fee, you do not need to send in your \$75.00 deposit with the form.

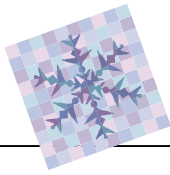
Anyone that pre-registered must still fill out a registration form for this year.

However, they do not need to send in the deposit amount, because they pre-registered. Please subtract their pre-registration amount from the cost of their chosen event and that will be the balance that is due at least two weeks prior to their event.

Also, the pre-registration deposit is refundable if we are notified by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Online Registration** - Everyone will be able to register online at [www.ocucc.org](http://www.ocucc.org) after February 15th. We encourage you to register early to get the camp of your choice.

**PLEASE!!!!** Let Marilyn know when you are registered for camp. There will be more information coming soon about how you can EARN camp dollars! Stay tuned!



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for electronic versions of current and previous Spires, calendars, the Pilgrim Constitution, wedding, funeral and facility use policies, history, and much more!

*The Pilgrim Spire* is published twice monthly, on the first and third Wednesday.

If there is something you'd like to share with your fellow Pilgrims, please contact the church office to include your announcement in the next edition of *The Pilgrim Spire*.

## Pastor's Parable

Did you know that Tuits come in a variety of sizes, colors and shapes. There are square Tuits. These tuits get a bad rap, and deservedly so. You can't accomplish much with a square tuit. Square tuits are identified by their 4 sides, and the word "tuit" stamped, burned, screened, painted, printed or otherwise attached to its face. Getting a square tuit is essentially meaningless and worthless.

There are also Round Tuits - These are the real deal. Getting a round tuit means finally being able to do all those things you've been putting off. To get a round tuit signals the end of any periods of procrastination, doubt or laziness. Round tuits can be identified by their lack of sharp edges and are stamped or otherwise marked with the word "tuit". Round tuits may be of any size, but should be light enough to carry and small enough to fit in a pocket for easy storage.

There are also Hop Tuits - A close cousin to Round Tuits, Hop Tuits can be any shape, size or color but are characterized by their ability to start fires, make loud noises and/or otherwise jar the procrastinator into action

Don't forget the Stick Tuits - Craftily shaped like ordinary sticks with the word "tuit" stamped or otherwise affixed to the side, these tuits are useful once you have gotten a Round Tuit. Many people make the mistake of getting a Round Tuit, but then fail to Stick Tuit.

Wouldn't it be nice if there really were Tuits. But, there are. We just have to believe in them, and in our ourselves. Only when we believe and when we act on that belief we can truly discover all that our faith, and life have to offer us. Maybe it isn't the Tuit that works in us after all. Maybe it is God. See you on Sunday. Remember to bring your Tuits.

Shalom,  
Pastor Kirk

# Your Fellow Pilgrims

~ Notes from Stewardship, FCL,  
and Music Committees  
~ Coming Up at Pilgrim this month



## *A message from your Stewardship Board...*

The new church year has begun and this Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the annual meeting the trustees will present the 2012 budget to the congregation for approval. If you have not returned your pledge card to the office, please do so.

Also consider completing the Time, Talent and Treasure sheet and including it.

### 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Being a good steward of God's gifts in today's society is not always easy. Yet, that is what Jesus has asked us to do in the parable of talents. To imitate the servants who made a return on his gifts. Through prayer we ask for God's help as we try to give as He taught us to give.

Thank you to the church for the beautiful poinsettia I got on Sunday, 12/18. It had so many blooms on it, and I sure did appreciate the delivery. ~ Edith Parker

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia, I enjoyed it every day. Margaret Shultz

"Thank you Pastor Kirk and Chris and Rich Gill for visiting me in the hospital after my knee surgery. The alter flowers were so beautiful and a week later they still looked good. Thanks also to my Pilgrim friends for your prayers, cards and phone calls.  
~ Sandi Ignizio

Ash Wednesday is February 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Pilgrim United Church of Christ will be holding a special dinner and Worship service.

Dinner is at 6:30pm, look for the Worship time to be announced soon.

Flower dedications are kind gestures to show someone that you care about that you're thinking of them and wish them well.

Dedicate flowers to someone special - the cost is small, but the reward is great.




Please make your payment to the church office.  
Thank you for your thoughtfulness!

Coming in February - Donato's Pizza Night is the 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Family Game Night is the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

## A note from the Free Community Lunch Board:

Free Community Lunch needs your help. Since we no longer have an agreement with the Akron Food Bank, we are buying all our needs from local stores. One of the most expensive items is providing dessert for 120 people. We are asking the congregation to come to our assistance. There will be a sign up sheet in the heritage room. We're asking for desserts of your choice to serve at least two dozen. This would be only one Saturday a month we serve lunch on the second Saturday of the month). If you are able to help us please see the sign up sheet or contact Crystal Wagner 330-294-8757. We greatly appreciate any help you are able to give ~ thank you and God bless!

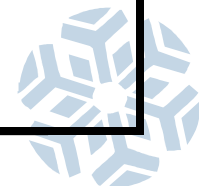
Please note 

Carl Emerson, a local pipe organ builder, recently tuned Pilgrim Church's historic pipe organ and brought several items to our attention. One is a series of potential air leaks that "will need to be repaired soon;" the others concern various mechanical problems that render some notes unplayable when certain stops are in use. Mr. Emerson anticipates that the total cost of the repair will be about \$1500. As the Music Committee has no budget for unexpected expenses such as this, we ask that each of you would consider making a special contribution to defray the cost of the repair. A notice will be posted on the Angel Board

as a reminder.

Thank you,

Pilgrim Church Music Committee





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Beg Bible Study 7-8p Spire Free Comm Lunch mtg Bell Choir 8pm WR Suzuki music 3-8	Emotions Anonymous 7-9 p.m. Library		AA 8:30 p.m.
Souper Bowl Sunday Western Reserve Suzuki Music - HR and Sanctuary 1-4:30	Diaconate 7pm WR Suzuki music 3:30-8pm, youth lib.	10am Bible Study Christian Education and Vacation Bible School mtg, 7pm Scouts 7pm Rm 25	WR Suzuki music, 3-8pm, youth lib. Beg Bible Study 7-8pm Bell Choir 8pm	EA 7-9 p.m. Library		Free Community Lunch 11:30-1:00 AA 8:30pm Girl Scouts Troop 520, lib.
	WR Suzuki music 3:30-8pm, youth lib. Girl Scouts, 6-8pm, lib. Trustees 7pm, HR	Valentine's Day 10am Bible Study Scouts 7pm. Rm 25 Evangelism 7pm	Spire WR music, 3-8pm Beg Bible Study 7-8pm Bell Choir 8pm	EA 7-9 p.m. Library	Meghan/John wedding rehearsal	Meghan/John wedding AA 8:30 pm
Stewardship 11:30 am	President's Day WR Suzuki music 3:30-8pm, youth lib. Marketing 6:00pm Council 7:00 pm	10am Bible Study Scouts 7p.m. Rm 25	WR music, 3-8pm Beg Bible Study 7-8pm Bell Choir 8pm Ash Wednesday dinner 6:30 pm, Worship	Donato's 5-8pm EA 7-9 p.m. Library	Family Game Night 7:00 pm	AA 8:30 pm
First Sunday of Lent 10:30 Worship and Communion	WR Suzuki music 3:30-8pm, youth lib. Girl Scouts, 6-8pm, lib.	10am Bible Study Scouts 7:00 p.m. Rm 25	WR Suzuki music 3-8 pm, youth lib. Beg Bible Study 7-8pm Bell Choir 8pm			

Happy Birthday to our  
Pilgrim Family and Friends  
February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat					
			1	Vic K. Ing Karen Marallo	2	Kirsten Grech	3	John Bruce	4		
5	Brian Ewart	6	7	Dave Kremling Frank Thompson	8	9	10	11			
Kirk Bruce Riki Dewitt-Kocaj Janice Opritza	12	Marilyn Freeman	13	14	Margaret Shultz James Albright Lyn Mansell Brian Perdue	15	16	Marilyn Welch	17	18	
19	Terry VanHorn	20	Lucas Cochran	21	Andrew Palko	22	23	Danny Gerstenberg Kai Shimpo	24	Mary Aherns	25
26	Sandi Ignizio	27	Jessie Clark Pete Mellinger	28	29						

Be sure to wish your fellow Pilgrim members a very Happy Birthday!  
For any changes that need to be made, please contact the church office. Thank you!