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# The Pilgrim Spire



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

If you have 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*.

We don't want you to miss a single issue! Please contact the office with any address changes - temporary or permanent.



Words are a wonderful tool. I believe one of the differences between humanity and the rest of creation are the ways that we choose to use our words. We can use them either for construction or destruction, to build people up or to tear them apart. How are you using the words that God has given you?

Members of a chess club returned to their hotel after a day-long tournament and spent the next hour standing in the lobby and discussing their z performance. The hotel manager approached them and asked them to please move out of the lobby and they asked why. The manager replied, "I can't stand to hear chess nuts boasting in an open foyer".

We all want people to boast with, who sympathize with us, who agree with us. But God is here to give us a truer reflection of ourselves. Not just to agree with us, rather to help us see those parts we wish to hide. God is here to help us not just become a "chess nut."

We can often use our words to tear others down without even knowing it, or we can use our words to build them up and never get credit. Our lives are like the tracks a boat leaves in the water. Long after we have moved on, there are ripples left that mark the places we were once were, even though we are no long present. What kind of ripples are you leaving? Our calling as Christians is to choose the kinds of ripples that we are going to leave behind.

This is the end of a year. It is time to leave behind all that was, and to start fresh. It is the time to start new again. Who would you like to be in the New Year? This is your chance to start fresh again. This is a new day. Let's make it count. What kind of marks will you leave?

See you Sunday.

Shalom,

Pastor Kirk



Prayers for our Pilgrim  
Family and Friends

*For Roger Moore, may his job at Barberton Cab Company go well, and for Sharyl Elliot, may she get well soon.*

*From Kelly Gerstenberger, for the Pham Family, on the loss of their baby, Oliver.*

*For Judy, may she have a quick recovery.*

*Thank You  
from the Red Cross*

*"Your efforts made it possible for the American Red Cross to make available 25 pints of blood for patient care. Out of 29 people who donated blood during the November 7 Drive, three of them were first-time donators. We offer our heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the patients whose lives you have touched.*

*-Lisa Fritz*



Coming Up at Pilgrim UCC — Happy New Year, 2012!

Sunday, January 1st - Pilgrim welcomes Rev. Dick Hasler, 10:30 Worship

Monday, January 2, 2012 — office closed, Diaconate, 7pm

Thursday, January 5 - Mystery Dinner Theater auditions, EA 7-9pm

Saturday, January 7 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:30pm

Monday, January 9 - Trustees, 7pm

Wednesday, January 11th - Beginner Bible Study, 7-8pm, Heritage Room

Thursday, January 12th - Mystery Dinner Theater auditions

Saturday, January 14th - Free Community Lunch 11:30-1:00

There will be no 10:30 am Bible Study on Wednesday, January 4th.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 11th.

We'll be reading the book "If Experience is Such a Good Teacher, Why Do I Keep Repeating the Course?", by J. Ellsworth Kalas.

Copies cost \$15, you are welcome to bring your payment to the office.



*Happy Birthday to our Pilgrim family and friends!  
January 2012*

*1st - Jenna Deverall*

*3rd - Ruth Albright*

*4th - Adam Crolley, Susan Thompson*

*5th - Jaimie Carter*

*6th - Chelsey Bruce, Rebecca Shisler*

*8th - Eva Mae Hayes, Joni Kennedy, Kagan Kopp*

*9th - Donald Shook*

*12th - Cyndi Yanik*

*13th - Jane Tarney*

*14th - Caroline Adams, Kara Lewis*

*16th - Chris Dehart*

*20th - Denny Oliver*

*22nd - Linda Middleton*

*23rd - Ed Schneider*

*31st - Don Davies, Bill Ignizio*

