

# 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 by May 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**A** woman walked into a garden center one day. As she perused the stock of chemicals she picked up one can and took it to an employee and asked, "Is this good for red ants?"

With a straight face the employee responded, "Oh no, it will kill them."

That was just what everyone had thought had happened to Jesus, he had been killed. Rumors were flying, and people were speculating about what had happened to the body. In this time of uncertainty the disciples all gathered to hunker in the bunker.

When Christ encountered the hunkering disciples, his call was for them to get up, get out and go forth. It wasn't to stay put. That is his message for us today. Sure, unemployment is up, the economy is down and more people stay home than go to church. But Christ is calling us, even with our doubts (just like Thomas), not to hunker but to go tell the story. Besides, Christianity is legal. We may face being excluded from a party if someone discovers we know Christ; but who among us faces jail or crucifixion?

There is much about the faith that I don't understand. Isn't it great that we don't have to pass a test to be counted among the faithful? I don't think Thomas understood how the resurrection was real, but he believed. Blessed are those who believe and have not seen.

Shalom,

*Pastor Kirk*

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Want more details about any of the following events? Want your event to be listed in the next Spire? Contact the church office @ 330.928.4847 or [pilgrimoffice@ameritech.net](mailto:pilgrimoffice@ameritech.net) for more information.

Last call for anyone interested in having a book discussion on **THE SHACK**: Make sure you sign up in the Social Hall or talk to Marilyn Freeman, so she can set up a time/place that will work for everyone interested.

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting two times: 9:30-10:15am and 6:15-8:15pm. Please be on time to plan and develop material for Youth Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Join us in recognizing this year's **HOMEWORK HELPERS** during our 10:30am worship service.



Last day to bring wrapped **WHITE ELEPHANT GIFTS** for the Krazy Kamp Auction. Please drop items off in the C.E. Office.

**Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Last day to **RSVP** for Pilgrim's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary party! Call 330.928.4847 or e-mail [pilgrimoffice@ameritech.net](mailto:pilgrimoffice@ameritech.net) for reservations.

**Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

Please join us for worship at 10:30am for **YOUTH SUNDAY**.



Please plan to stay following worship for Pilgrim's annual **KRAZY KAMP AUCTION AND POT LUCK LUNCH**. Don't miss out on this great time while supporting our campers!

**SINGLES GROUP** invites all singles 35+ for a spring hike @ 6pm on the Ira Trailhead, Riverview Road, just north of Ira Road in Bath. For more details and to make reservations, please contact *Linda Siple* @ 330-983-4419 or [smalltracks0923@msn.com](mailto:smalltracks0923@msn.com), or contact the church office.

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

Sorting for **S.A.R.A.** will take place in the Social Hall from 6-9pm. See *Bob Kindel* for more information on how you can help with this ministry.

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

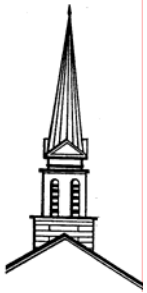
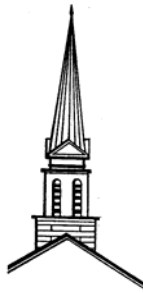


**DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** Did you know Pilgrim offers scholarships to active members? Each year, money is budgeted for scholarships. This year we have \$2,000 available, up to \$1,000 per person, depending upon need and the number of applicants. Applications are available on our website ([www.PilgrimCf.org](http://www.PilgrimCf.org)) or in the church office. Scholarship checks, made payable to the school, will be presented in worship. If you received a scholarship in the past, please consider a gift to the scholarship fund, so we can continue to help others in the future.

**Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

Join us for an evening of remembrance as we celebrate **175 YEARS AT PILGRIM** with a reception at 6pm featuring an address by *Mayor Don L. Robart*. An exhibit of Pilgrim's historical memorabilia will be on display. If you have anything to add to the display, please contact *Brian Ewart*. (Items will be returned to you!)

# The Pilgrim Steeple



The Steeple lights the sky over Cuyahoga Falls:  
*for Hazel & James Carsten's wedding anniversary*  
*from Carol Letvin*  
 and  
*for Aiden's birthday*  
*from Vic & Wendy Ing*  
 and  
*in loving memory of Betty Lauer*  
*from Jeanne Cundiff*

Mark your calendars to attend one of the following high school musicals featuring some of Pilgrim's own youth:

**Cuyahoga Falls High School presents:**

*Thoroughly Modern Millie*

**April 17-April 19:**

**Friday & Saturday shows @ 7pm;**

**Sunday @ 2:30pm.**

**Stow Munroe Falls High School presents:**

*Anything Goes*

**7:30pm on**

**April 17, 18, 24 & 25**

Take advantage of this opportunity to be entertained while supporting Pilgrim's youth!

To light the *Pilgrim United Church of Christ Steeple* from dusk to dawn for a week in honor or remembrance of someone or a special event, please sign the sheet in the Social Hall or contact the church office.  
 Donations to **LIGHT THE STEEPLE** are \$5.

Please keep the following in your **PRAYERS**:

Please pray for *Jason Roberts'* sobriety, that he find Jesus in his heart in addition to a new job, new hope and faith; *Kenton Cecil*, that he makes a quick recovery following eye surgery; *Bob Milk* is going to be a great grandfather for the first time, pray for healthy creation and safe delivery of his great grandchild and all other new life; Those who have suffered a housefire, pray that they find strength and faith to overcome their loss; *Ryan Briggs*, that he find the strength to learn and grow through his upcoming challenges; *Craig* as he battles cancer in Virginia; The family of *Carol Hunt* who passed away March 18<sup>th</sup>; *Jerry Hunter*, had surgery in November and is not recovering; continued care and healing for *Larry Horn* as he fights brain and lung cancer; For all those mourning the loss of *Ms. Greathouse* to cancer, she was a teacher at Bolich Middle School and touched the lives of many students; *Melody Rippey*; *The Kump family*; all other prayers that have not been voiced.

Note: If you have put someone on the prayer list, please contact the church office at least once a month with updates to keep this list current.

### **May We Invite You Month:**

Sometime in the month of May, invite someone to your home. Try to invite someone outside of your usual social circle: a new member, a youth, a single, a shut-in, someone that hasn't been to church for awhile. Invite them to your home or out for a cup of coffee, dinner, dessert, or just for a visit. Let's get to know each other better in celebration of our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

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## Thank You:

The Youth Group delivered 23 Easter baskets on Palm Sunday. They'd like to thank *Pastor Bruce, Mike Ing* and *Rich Shisler* for driving them to make their deliveries, and also thanks to everyone who donated items for the baskets.

We received the following notes of appreciation for the baskets and other blessings *Your Fellow Pilgrims* provided this Easter season:

*Thanking you:*

*Pastor Kirk and Luke-*

*Thank you for delivering the lovely Easter Basket!*

*With sincere gratitude for your thoughtfulness.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ellen Ross*

*To all the Easter Bunnies who sent me an Easter basket!*

*Thinking of you at Easter*

*What a lovely place this world would be if everyone were as wonderful as you.*

*Have a Happy Easter*

*Thank you!*

*Mrs. Jenkins*

*Pilgrim Church*

*I want to thank you for my Easter Basket. It was sure a surprise when delivered by Jo Green and Chelsey Bruce.*

*Thanks again*

*Edith Parker*

*I also want to thank Mr. & Mrs. Herb Rake for making their 4<sup>th</sup> visit, it sure was nice. Thanks, stop by again.*

*Dear parishioners:*

*I'd like to take this time to thank everyone who helped gather and distribute the food for the food drive yesterday, April 11, 2009. I am one of the individuals who benefited from the bag of groceries and the hot meal. Thanks!*

*Without your help I'd go hungry. Thank you very much!*

*Steve Hendershot- Sutliff I apt 814*

*Dear Pilgrim Church Family,*

*Thank you for the beautiful Easter lily. Sorry I didn't see who delivered them, but to who ever, many thanks to you.*

*Margaret Schultz*

## Easter Lily Dedications:

*In memory of our parents*

*from Ruth & Jim Albright*

*To loved ones*

*from Betty & Ozzie Comstock*

*In memory of Walter & Brandon*

*from Jessie Clark*

*To the glory of God*

*from Jeanne Cundiff*

*In appreciation of the outstanding performance of Pilgrim's staff*

*from the Davies*

*In memory of my mother, Virginia Ford*

*from Donna Ford*

*In memory of loved ones*

*from Bill & Sandi Ignizio*

*In memory of Caren*

*from Bob Kindel*

*In memory of the 1936 wedding of Hazel & James Carsten*

*from Carol Letvin*

*For loved ones here & departed*

*from Polly McCallum*

*To the glory of God*

*from Barb & Pete Mellinger*

*To the glory of God*

*from Janis Morgan*

*In memory of loved ones*

*from Ginny & John Offret*

*In memory of Jack*

*from Marie Peckham*

*In memory of my parents*

*from Lois Rake*

*To the glory of God*

*from Reba & Bob Rayman*

*In joy*

*from the Reiser family*

*In memory of loved ones*

*from Kathie & John Richards*

*In memory of Dwight Ross*

*from Ellen Ross*

*In memory of Malcolm Rowan, William Rowan & Annie Rowan*

*from Lynne Rowan*

*In memory of Della & Faye Burwell*

*from Dolores Sarrocco*

*In loving memory of Jim Snider and Jack Hillegas*

*from Snider and Hillegas families*

*To our church family*

*Linda & Steve Stimmel*

*In memory of Lexie & Aldo Viola*

*from Mohn and Viola families*

*To our church family*

*from Lou & Cyndi Yanik*

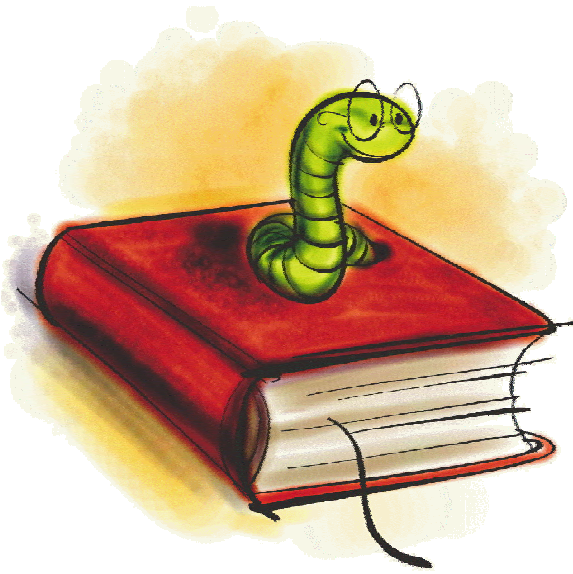
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## **Learning In God's House Together**

Every Sunday - 9:30 - 10:15 am

Preschool - Grade 5

**Come! Join the FUN!**



## **AMAZING BOOK!** **The HOLY BIBLE!**

April 19 - Antioch Arcade - Bible Games - We continue our Amazing Bible Book series as we begin with New Testament stories. We start with Jesus in the Temple as a young boy.

April 26 - "...lead us not into temptation. . ." We will learn about the temptation of Jesus as we are tempted by Oreo cookies and milk!

May 3 - Loaves and Fishes - Cooking "Fish" pizzas as we experience the call to be a disciple of Jesus

May 10 - How Great Thou ART - Lydia- dyer of purple cloth—So we will tie - dye our own purple cloth creation!

May 17 - Miracles of Science - "You are what you think" - What do you think about that hurts or helps your relationship with God?

**BECOME A BIBLE BOOKWORM!**