

# 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 April 10<sup>th</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** little girl came home from worship. It was Palm Sunday. Her father asked what she had learned that day. She told him she learned all about the crowd waving their palm branches and singing a song to Jesus.

The father was pleased that she had learned so much. He asked, "What was the song they were singing to Jesus?"

The little girl paused, then said, "I think it was 'O Susanna'."

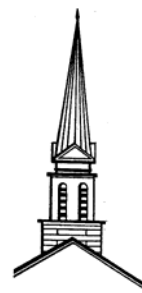
Well, she almost got it right. Hosanna was their song. Hosanna is also our song. Hosanna means "Save us." That was the song of the crowds as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. They were hurting and wanted to be saved. Sadly some were looking for a savior to save them from the Roman soldiers and the outside forces. Some were looking for a savior that would change the world to fit them. God came in Christ to save us from the things that are on the inside and make us strong that we could live in the world. God's saving does not rearrange the world to fit us. Rather, the Lord rearranges us so the powers of the world no longer have a hold on us. Easter is the culmination of God's great demonstration of how, by faith, the world loses its hold on us. Even death could not contain Christ. You have heard the saying, "You can't keep a good man (or woman) down." In Jesus' case, it's true. In our case it can be true, also.

Sing "O Susanna" if you want around the campfire; it will be fun. But, let Hosanna be your song, for God does save.

Shalom,

*Pastor Kirk*

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The Steeple lights the sky over Cuyahoga Falls:

*to honor Marie Peckham  
for her recognition by the City of Cuyahoga Falls  
from the Ewart Family*

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.

**THANK YOU!**

*A warm huggable  
Thank you to  
everyone who  
participated in the  
2009 Jackson-  
Schneider Teddy  
Bear Drive!  
-Shari Schneider &  
family*

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

*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>; 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; *Jerry Hunter*, had surgery in November and is not recovering; continued care and healing for *Larry Horn* as he fights brain and lung cancer; *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.

**Your OCWM dollars at work!**

*I attended "One For ALL For One" March 27-28 at Temple Hills. This was an Ohio Conference event designed for church leaders of all kinds to address the issues and challenges of*

*"Education and Evangelism." It was sponsored in part by Partners in Education which received a grant from the National UCC to help fund the event –so thank you for you OCWM dollars! Our key note speaker, Kate Huey, serves on the national staff, so yet another connection to your generous gifts. About forty gathered for this time together to engage in serious conversation, take quiet walks at the camp and there was lots of laughter—good Sabbath time!*

**Welcome New Members!**

Pilgrim is happy to welcome the following new members to our congregation:

*Joe Beck* (pictured left); *Jimmy Bovard* (pictured bottom left); *Erica Fleury*, *Bill Deverall*, *Jenna Deverall* (pictured bottom middle); *Kellianne Sutton* (pictured bottom right)



*Thank you,  
Marilyn Freeman*

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**CANDY DONATIONS** for the Easter Egg Hunt are needed. Please drop off individually wrapped candy (small enough to fit in a plastic egg) in the Social Hall.



We invite you to celebrate a loved one by dedicating one of the many **EASTER LILIES** that will decorate the altar Easter Sunday. The lilies will be delivered to those on our Visitation List as a gift from the Pilgrim Church Family. To cover the cost of these flowers, you are invited to make a donation of \$11 for a dedication in Sunday's bulletin as well as the next issue of *The Pilgrim Spire*. Please contact *Amber* in the church office with dedications.

Start collecting your **"WHITE ELEPHANTS"** for the **Krazy Kamp Auction**. Please bring your items wrapped so we can maintain the "surprise" element. It does not have to be fancy wrapping—just newspaper or tissue paper in a gift bag is fine. Please bring your gifts to the CE office no later than April 19<sup>th</sup>. Then be sure to attend the **KKK** on April 26<sup>th</sup> to offer your moral and financial support to all our campers.

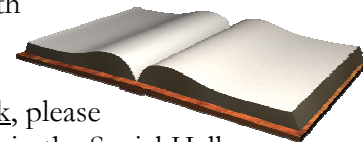
A reminder to all those who participated in the Ash Wednesday Service:  
Don't forget to bring your **NAILS** to our worship service on Easter morning!

### Attention Students:



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. **THE DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**. 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.

Interested in a **BOOK STUDY**? There's been a recent buzz surrounding William P. Young's *The Shack*. It wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world filled with unspeakable pain?" If you'd be interested in having a book discussion on *The Shack*, please see *Marilyn Freeman*, or sign up in the Social Hall. Dates and times will be posted based on interest.



### QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

Please note: quarterly giving statements will not automatically be mailed. In an effort to be better stewards of your contributions, we are opting to save the cost of postage to mail these statements. If you would like an update on your YTD giving, please contact *Amber* in the church office. Your statement can then be picked up in the church office, sent to you by e-mail, or if you prefer, we will mail it to those who request it. Remember to use your offering envelopes to help ensure you get proper credit for your contribution! If you did not receive offering envelopes, please request them in the church office. Thank you for your stewardship!



See *Lou Yanik* to get your updated **SHERWIN WILLIAMS DISCOUNT CARDS!**

Attention **AKRON AERO BASEBALL** fans! Make your time with the Aeros "Twice as Nice" with the "Double Play" program. Two-game block packages are available for \$9/person.

Choose from the following 2-game blocks:

Sunday, May 24 @ 1:35 pm & Friday, August 7 @ 7pm (Fireworks following the game)

or

Sunday, June 28 @ 1:35pm & Friday, September 4 @ 7pm (Fireworks following the game). Contact *Gary Dehart* or the church office to reserve your tickets!

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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.

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

All are welcome to join us for a **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** from 8:30-10:30am. All proceeds from the free will offering will benefit persons who come to us in need of emergency assistance.

Final **EASTER PAGEANT PRACTICE** from 10:30am-noon in the Sanctuary. Anyone interested in participating or assisting with the pageant should attend.

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for worship at 10:30am for the Children's **EASTER PAGEANT**.

**YOUTH GROUP** will be meeting after church instead of in the evening. The Youth will gather in the ATTIC for a light lunch and then divide up into groups to deliver Easter Baskets to Pilgrim members who are unable to attend church. Any member of the congregation who would like to transport teams of Youth as they deliver the baskets, should also contact *Jo Green* (330) 945-4166.

Our own *Ryoji Shimpō* will be performing in **MOSTERPIANOS** at E.J. Thomas @ 3pm. Call 330.972.7570 or visit [www.UAEVENTS.com](http://www.UAEVENTS.com) for details and for tickets.

Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

You are invited to our **MAUNDY THURSDAY** Seder Dinner at 6:30pm. The traditional Palestinian dinner will include the following discussion questions:

*What bitter things have happened in your life? How has God used them?*

*What things have made you cry? Did you feel God's presence in these times, or did you feel alone?*

*What are some of the sweet things you have enjoyed in life? How have you shown your gratefulness?*

*When has your heart been hardened? How did God open it?*

*When have you experienced God's grace? What did you do with that experience?*

After dinner, we will be lead through the Stations of the Cross followed by a tenebrae service with communion at 7:30pm.

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

Pilgrim hosts **FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH** from 11:30am-1pm. Everyone in the community is welcome to enjoy lunch on us! Volunteers are welcome Friday @ 7pm to pack groceries, and anytime Saturday from 8am-2pm to help serve lunch. Contact *Crystal Wagner* (330.630.1600) for details.

All children through grade 5 are invited to **PILGRIM'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** from 2-3pm. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be games, a cake walk, face painting and pictures with the Easter Bunny!

**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!