

# 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 August 14<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.

## Pastor's Parable:

**T**he conversation began, "Do you know what's wrong with the world, today?" As I tried a few guesses, I found myself thinking about all of the potential problems, both real and imagined. I continued to accumulate a lengthy list of what's not right with the world only to find that nothing could satisfy my questioner. I'm sure you have had the same experience. Could we make this multiple choice instead of fill in the blank? Can I get partial credit for wrong answers? Have you also experienced the dark cloud looming and descending over your heart as you detail every problem known to humanity? The more you focus on problems, the more problems you have.

I know Murphy said, "If everything seems alright, then you have obviously overlooked something." I am not suggesting we live in the delusion of "everything is perfect," but life is a self fulfilling prophecy. Self fulfilling prophecy is more than "what we expect to happen, happens." It is about how we subconsciously determine the outcome to life by the things we do.

In Shaw's play *Pygmalion*, Eliza Doolittle says the difference between a flower girl and lady is how she is treated. Consciously or not, we tip off people as to what we expect. Intentionally or not, we live in the worlds of our making.

What is the life you are making in school, with your family, with friends? What is the life you are making for Pilgrim? Next time you encounter something that is wrong in your life, either address it or let it go. Then start keeping a list of everything that is right in the world. Focus your life in what works.

See you Sunday as we share together in the presence of God.

Shalom,

*Pastor Kirk*

# Your Fellow Pilgrims Your Fellow Pilgrims

- Letters to Pilgrim
- Steeple Lighting
- Prayer Requests

*Dear Pilgrim friends,  
My family and I want to thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers brought to me by Linda Stimmel and her daughter Meghan. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.*

*Agape,  
Caroline G. Adams*

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*To the congregation of Pilgrim United Church of Christ: I'd like to take this moment to express my sincere gratitude for your generous help in the food-hunger drive that your church members offer to the residents of the AMHA Sutliff housing complex. Your Christ-like actions do not go unappreciated, especially in these hard economic times. I am a retired Chrysler employee living on a very limited budget. I have been hit especially hard by the health care cuts in my retiree benefits. What little pension I did receive was reduced by a third and I lost my vision and dental insurance. And my prescription drug costs have multiplied by 10X in some cases and 4X in other cases. It has become a hard reality that I cannot afford both my medicine and food. Unfortunately, I have to do without food. Your assistance in the food drive has been a Godsend. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help. May you be blessed for your charity. Thanks!  
Steve Hendershot, Sutliff I apt 814*

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*Thank you for the beautiful altar arrangement delivered by a caring couple (Richards).  
Ellen Jenkins*

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*Dear folks of Pilgrim United Church of Christ, It has been a long recovery which has been made easier with all your attention, flowers, cards and prayers. I can't thank you enough. There for awhile I had no one to go to my apartment and get me addresses and supplies. My daughter sent me a care package from Virginia, so finally I am able to get a note off to you folks to let you know how much I appreciate everything. Not sure when I'll get home, if ever! May have to go to extended living. If there is anyone that does driving for patients, have them call me and we can discuss the situation... I think God has something more for me to do. I'm ready, willing and able. Thanks again.  
Love,  
Joan Schnabel*

The Steeple lights the sky over Cuyahoga Falls:

***In memory of Maude Dillehunt  
10-23-1914***

***5-19-2009***

from

***her children.***

The Steeple continues to light the sky:

***In loving memory of Joel, Mabel  
and Eric Barnett***

from

***Becky Sandlin***

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.

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Please keep the following in your **PRAYERS**: All those mourning the passing of *Ruth Schnabel*; a 6-year-old boy who received a Berlin Heart transplant in Pennsylvania on July 28<sup>th</sup>; *Rick Miller*, scheduled for heart valve replacement surgery in early September; *Reba Rayman*; *The Sarroccos*; all other prayers that have not been given voice.

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.

Letters of encouragement can be sent to **Matthew Chase**, serving his second tour in Iraq, at the following address:

Cpt. Matthew S. Chase  
130<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade  
COS Marez  
APO AE 09334

(Note: His wife, Kerri, is living in their condo at their Kapoli, Hawaii address)

# Mark Your Calendar...

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### Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>:

It's not too late to register for the **TRIP TO THE AKRON ZOO**. We will carpool from Pilgrim's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m. For more details and to register, contact *Marilyn Freeman* in the church office.

### Saturday, August 8<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.

### Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>:

**ADVENTURES WITH GOD CAMP**. See the flyer in today's Spire for details and the registration form.

### Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup>:

The August 4<sup>th</sup> **C.E. MEETING** has been rescheduled! The picnic will begin at 6pm at *Marilyn Freeman's* home.

### Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>:

**EAT & EARN AT DONATOS**: Place an order for dine-in or take-out from 5-8pm at Donatos on State Rd. (not applicable for delivery orders) Be sure to mention that you are a *Pilgrim* and Donatos will donate a portion of your purchase to the church. This program will take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at the same place and time.

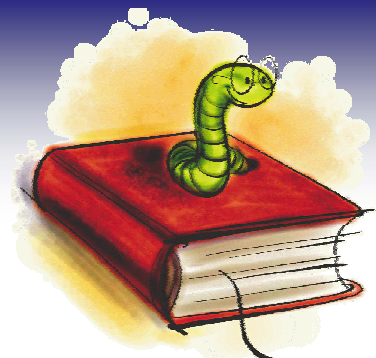
### Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>- Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>:

The **YOUTH GROUP LABOR DAY CAMPOUT** will take place at the Bruce's Farm. We will leave after church on Sunday, returning around 5:30pm on Labor Day. All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to bring a friend for play, food, fun, learning about yourself and your relationship with God and His church, games, shaving cream, and more food and fun! RSVP with Jo Green (330.945.4166) or the church office (330.928.4847) Cost is \$10.

**Calling all adults who like adventure, camping and helping youth to know God**: Pilgrim's Youth will need drivers and advisors to help with this Labor Day camp out. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Jo Green or anyone in the church office.

### Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

The **LANTERN TOUR** has been scheduled, but we need cast members to participate in this event celebrating Pilgrim's 175 years of history! Former cast members and those interested in participating for the first time are invited to contact *Shari Schneider* (330.926.1585) for details.



L.I.G.H.T.

**Learning In God's House Together**

June 28 through September 6  
L.I.G.H.T. will go on summer vacation. Children are invited to attend worship with their parents at 10:30. After the Children's Moment during morning worship the children are welcome to attend Faith Focus. This summer we will be reading books that nurture our spirit and discovering spiritual practices. Check out the upcoming reading schedule:

August 9 & 16:

Computer Lab -

**Awesome Bible Stories, Children's Play & Learn Bible Stories, Say Your Prayers L'il Angelina**

August 23:

**Because Nothing Looks Like God,**

by Lawrence Kushner & Karen Kushner  
How does God make things happen?  
Where is God?

The book is an invitation to parents and children to explore together the questions we all have about God. It reminds us that no matter how young or old we may be, we can be a part of God's work in the world.

How will you use your hands to help God make things happen?

# Thank You Pilgrims!

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- Camper letters
- Thank you from VBS

*Dear Pilgrim Church and Family,*

*Thank you for helping me to go to CSI camp. It was sooooo fun! I got to do Alkorockets and swim. The boy in my room, Chad, was just like me! We also made marshmallow shooters out of PVC pipe. Thank you also for the cards and letters. I got those and other presents from the other campers on my birthday that Tuesday. They sang "Happy Birthday!" Thank you so very much! I loved it!*

*Govan Hudson*

*Dear PUCC,*

*Thanks again for sending me to camp for another year!  
I'm having lots of fun and I can't wait to see you on Sunday!*

*Thanks, Ceci Ing*

*Thank you for giving Bianca and me the joy of being part of grandparent/grandchild camp last week at Temple Hill. We loved every minute of it- especially meeting so many great people- grandparents, children, directors and counselors. I found why the word Hill is in the name of camp. I walked it all, slowly- as Bianca ran, jumped, skipped and skated on her heels, as she led the way. Thank you members of PUCC for the gifts. Your giving continues to support the outdoor ministry.*

*Becky Sandlin*

To all those who contributed to this year's VBS ministry, whether you contributed time, money, oreos, or even your prayers:

The 42 children that participated in this year's program

*thank you for your faithfulness...*

*for choosing to serve God...*

*for sharing your time, talents and treasures...*

*for being a vital part of the mission and ministry of Pilgrim Church!*



*We plant the seeds... God makes them grow.*





# Pilgrim United Church of Christ Adventures With God Camp Mon. August 10 - Wed. 12, 2009



Open to all God's Children going into 1<sup>st</sup> grade through coming out of 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
**"You Are What You Think, Eat & Do: Living With a Christian Attitude"**  
 Tent Camping, crafts, hiking, biblical storytelling, games, campfires,  
 slip & slide water fun, good food and FUN!

Christ called the disciples of old and he calls us today. During camp we will enjoy nature, play lots of games, and explore the variety of ways we hear God calling. Remember...you can double your fun by bringing a friend.

There is no phone at Pastor Kirk and Cheryl's tree farm, but we may be reached at 740-567-3320 (Jack and Lois Bruce's phone). The mailing address is: Kirk & Cheryl Bruce, 48601 Chapel Hill Rd., Lewisville, OH 43754.

If you are currently taking any medication please bring it and notify Pastor Kirk or Marilyn Freeman. We will meet at the church at 1:00 PM, Monday, August 10<sup>h</sup>. Please have lunch before you come. We will return to the church Wednesday, August 12<sup>h</sup> around 4:00 PM.

Registration is \$25.00 for food and expenses. No child will be denied because of financial needs. See Pastor Kirk or Marilyn Freeman about a Camping Scholarship.

## THINGS TO BRING:

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| Sleeping bag     | pillow       | jacket                                 |
| Swimsuit         | towel        | toiletries-soap, toothbrush/paste etc. |
| Bible            | pen & pencil | clothes for 3 days - long pants/jeans  |
| Rain coat/poncho | flashlight   | 2 pair of walking shoes                |
| Tent             | friends      | a desire to learn & have a great time  |

A dessert or snack to share—this will be collected at the church before we leave for camp

Please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return it to Pastor Kirk or Marilyn Freeman by Friday, August 7th.

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### MEDICAL INFORMATION AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) has my permission to attend Pilgrim UCC Adventures With God Camp. In the event of a medical emergency, I give my permission to seek necessary medical treatment that may be required. I release camp sponsors, Pilgrim UCC and their members from liability for action taken in good faith.

List any know allergies to food, environment, medicine: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone numbers: Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor's Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Home Address \_\_\_\_\_