

# 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 15<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

**A**s I returned to my office after morning Bible Study, there was a note on my desk: *Please help, there is an intruder in the building looking for free handouts and no one can get him to leave.* It was a chipmunk. I "have cage, will travel" and so I was off to the kitchen. There he (I assume it was a he, I didn't actually check) was, with his face shoved into the corner and his little back end sticking out. That is usually what happens to us when we stick our head in the sand and try to hide from whatever is around us, we expose our posteriors. I carefully set my live trap and shooed him in the right direction. Bingo, in two minutes I had him right where I wanted him. His little heart was beating a mile a minute and he was so scared that he had to breathe into a paper bag to keep from hyperventilating. After wandering into the church through an open door, he didn't want to be in the kitchen any more than we wanted him there. I wished I could have told him not to worry, because I don't care for chipmunk stew.

Not everything that is tough and hard and challenging is bad for us. Not everything that makes us work and think is contrary to our well being. My little furry friend, I think I'll call him Alvin, was in a pickle; he would die if he couldn't find his way outside. But to get outside, he first had to face the fear of being trapped. I was with someone before surgery one time and said to them the operation is the first step in the process of getting well. They wanted to get better, but first they had to go through the surgery.

This month's sermon series on faith and science is hard. It is intended to make each of us work and think about our faith. At the end of the journey we will have a deeper, richer, more meaningful faith. Faith does not exist in opposition to science; rather the two are each ways of describing the same thing. True science is in harmony with faith because all the laws of nature come from God, and true faith is in harmony with science because all truth is God's truth.

See you Sunday as we talk about what the Bible really says about creation. Remember, "Don't Check Your Brains at the Door," bring them into worship with you.

Oh, my friend Alvin, I took him across the street to let him go. It turned out that he was really Catholic; right pew, but the wrong church.

Shalom,

*Pastor Kirk*

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**Your  
Fellow  
Pilgrims**

The Steeple lights the sky over Cuyahoga Falls:  
*In celebration of Erika's graduation from Heidelberg University, to honor her music teachers who inspired her to follow her heart, and others who have supported her through her college journey.*

from

*Ed & Miriam Schadle*



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; *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.

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The Evangelism board is seeking someone who would be able to reproduce the **LANTERN TOUR**. They need someone who has passion for the event and is able to dedicate the amount of time the event requires.

All the hard work has been done, we just need someone (or a few "co-chairs") to oversee the event.

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*Nita Snider's* granddaughter, *Lindsay Snider*, graduates this spring from Taylor University in Theater Arts and English.



**Pilgrim  
Recognition**

The Heidelberg Concert Choir will give the last concert of their spring tour on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm at St.

Joseph Church (32929 Lake Rd, Avon Lake, OH). This is *Erika Schadle's* last concert as a choir member, and she invites her church family to come share in the experience of this special free evening of music.

## A NOTE FROM DIACONATE:

Please consider signing up to dedicate the Altar Flowers to loved ones, friends, or to the Glory of God for his abundant blessings. The beautiful flowers on the Altar every Sunday come from Novelli Florists. They will bill you directly for \$20.00. A member of Diaconate delivers the flowers to a shut-in every Sunday. You may choose a recipient if you wish.

The sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall, and as you will see, there are several dates still available thru the end of 2009.

*Cecilia Ing* has been selected to receive a Presidential Award for Academic Excellence for 2009. The President's Award for Academic Excellence, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals, recognizes outstanding academic success attained through high grades and standardized test scores. It is awarded to a small number of students each year who have demonstrated effort, achievement, and a dedication to learning.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Saturday, May 9<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.

**Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

2pm **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for *Carol Hunt*, sister of *Alice Woodburn* and daughter of *Harold and JoAn Taylor*

**Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

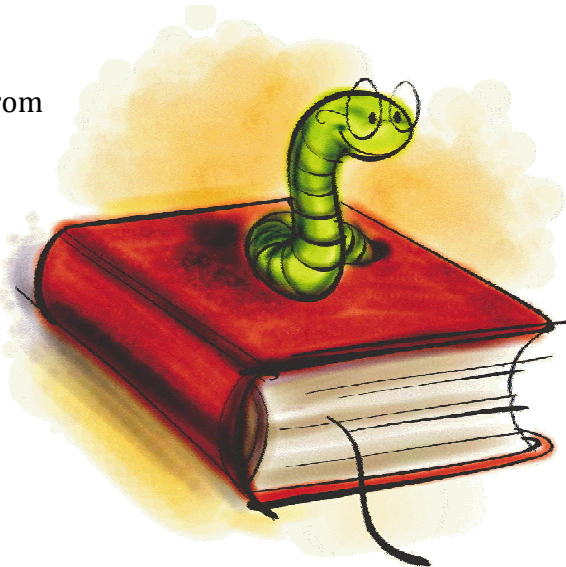
**SINGLES GROUP PIZZA AND MOVIE NIGHT:** All singles 35+ are invited to bring your own drink and \$ for pizza. We will be meeting in the church Social Hall at 7:30pm. RSVP with the church office or with *Linda Siple* (330.983.4419).

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Jack Madden*, son of Pilgrim UCC member and chorister *Cindy Spenoso*, will be presenting a **BASS TROMBONE RECITAL** at 4:30pm (Please note correction in time). Choirmaster *Ryoji Shimpo* will be the accompanist. *Mr. Madden* is a 2008 graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and in the fall will begin his graduate music studies at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. For those unfamiliar with the bass trombone or classical music recitals, a fun and enlightening afternoon should be expected. Music from the Renaissance through the twentieth century will be performed, including works by Frescobaldi, Schumann, Shostakovich and others.

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**PENTECOST:** everyone should wear red. More details to come.



**L.I.G.H.T.**

**Learning In God's House Together**  
**Every Sunday - 9:30 - 10:15 am**  
**Preschool - Grade 5**  
**Come! Join the FUN!**

May 10

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

May 17

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

May 24

Flower Planting - Service Project

May 31

Pentecost - The Birthday of the Church - The Holy Spirit moves us in many ways. Come join us as we celebrate the Spirit in all of us!

**BECOME A BIBLE BOOKWORM!**

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We're headed for the Hills! Thank you so much for your generosity. Through several donations to the Camp Fund totaling almost \$500.00 and the receipts from the Crazy Kamp/White Elephant Auction, we have raised \$1,345.00 to assist several Pilgrim-ites experience God's wonderful creation at Temple Hills, Pilgrim Hills, and our very own Adventures With God Camp.

That total is more than double what we raised last year. Our camp registrations are up, too, by 140% over last year. The Ohio Conference is aiming for a 30% increase in camp attendance this summer, so thanks for helping us go over the TOP!

There are 14 people signed up for camp at this time, but it's not too late to go. If you are interested, see *Marilyn Freeman* for more information.



*Dear Pilgrims,  
My thanks for the beautiful Easter lily and the nice Easter basket!! It was great to have visits from Ruth and Jim Albright, the Ings (Ceci, Amanda and Michael)! I look forward to the many visits from Richard and Kris Gill. When you can't get to church all these people provide a wonderful connection to our church family!  
God's blessings, Charlene Calvin*

*Dear friends,  
Thank you so much for the beautiful lily, and for the people who went out of their way to deliver it to my home. Please know how much I do appreciate your kindness. Bless you all! Ellen Jenkins*

*Ruth Kult called to say she is very appreciative of the Easter lily filled with blooms. She has received many compliments on it. Thank you!*

*Pilgrim United Church of Christ,  
I want to thank you for the beautiful Easter plant with 6 bulbs on it. And thank you to the lady who delivered it to my home. Thanks again, Edith Parker*

*John Rey called to thank everyone for the flowers delivered to his home!*

## 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!

*Dear Pastor Kirk, Amber Parana, and each Homework Helper volunteer, A huge thank you to all of you for your faithful dedication to the Homework Helper program. Your gift of time, talent and commitment make this program work. Giving help with homework assignments is worthy and even more so the relationships created with the kids are invaluable. Thank you all, what a joy it has been to work together with you.  
Polly McCallum*

*Pilgrim Church,  
A special thank you to all volunteers who helped tutor our Dewitt students. Your hard work has certainly made a positive difference for our students. It is with great hope that we can continue this partnership in the future.  
Sincerely, Mrs. Schoonover*

*Dr. Vaughn Smith called to thank everyone for the Easter basket.*

*Dear Pilgrims,  
Thank you so much for remembering me at Easter with the beautiful lily. It means so much more to know it was part of the Easter service.  
Yours Truly, Stella Waliga*