

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 October 2nd 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 young girl once confessed to her priest that she thought she was guilty of the sin of pride. She said, "When I look in the mirror, I think I am beautiful."

The priest said, "That's not a sin, that's a mistake."

Confession: as sons and daughters of the protestant reformation five hundred years ago, we no longer confess to the priest. As children of the modern world we even hesitate to look honestly at ourselves. As offspring of the "I'm OK, You're OK" mindset, we no longer examine ourselves, our thoughts, our actions, or our motivations. Then we wonder why we have mold and mildew growing in the corners of our lives that we can't seem to get rid of.

Confession is not about self deprecation. Rather, it is about holding the answer sheet of our lives up to the score sheet that God has given so we can examine where we have fallen short, and determine what we can do to improve. Do you remember when the teacher handed back your tests in school and then went over the answers? How many times did you say to yourself, "I knew that," as you looked at the red check mark next to your answer? In honest confession, God not only gives us the answer, He erases the wrong one, then in the grade book the Lord records "Forgiven."

An active faith life includes regularly making an honest search of yourself. It includes confession. While you are priceless in the eyes of our God, He wants to make you perfect, a goal that is out of this world.

See you Sunday.

Shalom,

Pastor Kirk

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Sunday, October 25th

We hope you plan to attend Pilgrim's **LANTERN TOUR** 5:30-7:30pm. More info on the enclosed flier.

Wednesday, October 28th:

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 4th Wednesday of every month at the same place and time.

Sunday, November 1st All Saints Day:

Join us for our *All Saints Day* worship when we unveil our **175TH ANNIVERSARY MASTERPIECE** and meet the artist, *Carol Tomasik*.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is a day to be grateful for all your blessings. See the back of today's cover for details.

SAINTS AMONG US AWARDS will be presented, so be sure to submit any nominations!

All 6th-12th grade youth are invited to the **YOUTH BONFIRE** at Becca Shisler's home (4143 Ellsworth Rd, Stow) from 6:15-8:15pm. Cost is \$3 (If this is a problem, please talk to Jo as scholarships are available.) Permission slips and medical forms required. RSVP to *Jo Green* (330.945.4166) by Nov 2.

Sunday, November 8th:

Singles ages 35+ are invited to Pilgrim UCC for a **SINGLES MOVIE & WING NIGHT** at 6:30pm. Please bring a snack, or even make your favorite wings, to pass as we relax and watch a movie. RSVP with *Linda Siple* (330.983.4419). Singles are asked to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors. Their current needs include tuna, spaghetti sauce, baking mixes and cereal.

SARA SORTING:

You may have noticed that there are no SARA sorting dates for October or November. This is because of a problem getting the meds to sort. It is being worked on and we should be sorting as soon as possible.

The Steeple lights the sky over Cuyahoga Falls:

To the glory of God

from

Nancy Null

The Steeple continues to light the sky:

In honor of Nita Snider

from

Snider children and grandchildren

The Steeple continues to light the sky:

In honor of Jorja's 1st Birthday

from

the Suttons

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:**

The *Gunge Family* in Florida, caring for their dying son *Steve*; *Susan*, battling leukemia; The *Andres Family* as they face decisions regarding jobs; *Kenton Cecil* dealing with cataract issues, that he may see from his left eye again; Newlyweds *Maren & Matt Olds*, that they have a blessed and happy marriage; *Pat McGregor*; *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.

FROM HABAKKUK TO SARA is now available. The memoir of *Reverend Stephen Szilagyi* and his founding of SARA has finally been printed. *Bob Kindel* has copies available for \$14.50. All profits have been assigned to SARA. (The author, editor, and publisher have all refused any part of the proceeds.) This inspirational look at a person-to-person mission would make a wonderful Christmas present!

Contact *Bob* (lighttradingco@att.net/330.671.3319) for a copy.