

# The Pilgrim Spire

## Pastor's Parable:

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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 16<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.

**I** am sure you have heard the joke "if two wrongs don't make a right, what do two wrights make?...an airplane." Sure you have. (You may have even been thinking that you didn't need to hear it again.) That joke is about choices. Life is filled with choices. Some good, some bad, some you don't know about until long after. Some of the choices we make in life participate in our healing and others obstruct it. For the next several weeks we will be exploring a sermon series, "Life's Healing Choices," based upon the Beatitudes. Last week the first choice was "*Blessed are the poor in spirit.*" Being poor in spirit is about admitting our own need and asking for help.

This week the healing choice is to earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him and that He has the power to help me change. "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*"

Allie had gone out to dinner for the evening. The day had been filled with the usual stresses and struggles, perhaps the greatest of which was, does anything I do matter? It was then that she saw a group of teenage girls who were laughing and enjoying their time together. "Oh to be so carefree and not to worry about anything or anyone else," she thought. In contrast to the table of glee, Allie noticed an elderly woman eating in the corner by herself.

"Poor woman, all alone." Just then one of the teenage girls got up from her table, walked over to the elderly woman, bent over and began talking to her. She invited the woman to join their teenage frivolity. As the woman sat down, a smile began to grow on her face, she mattered.

Yes God is real and you matter to him. He has the power to help you overcome whatever challenge you face.

One of my children was ill and when we went to the store to buy the medicine to help them get better they said, "I am sorry, Daddy, for making you spend money." I looked them in the eye and said, "What good is money if I can't use it to help my child."

God is saying, "What good is Holy Power if I cannot use it for my children?" Yes, God is real and He does have the power to help you, because you really do matter.

Shalom,

*Pastor Kirk*

# Your Fellow Pilgrims Your Fellow Pilgrims

- Prayer Requests
- Thank You
- Steeple Lighting
- Other News
- Good Neighbors

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

*Leo Kormanik*, diagnosed with a degenerative bone disease; *Dan Smith*, fulfilling his dream by opening his own store despite the hard economic times; *Donald Ellis*, recovering from colon cancer surgery; *Rick Miller*, recovering from heart surgery; *The Andres Family*; *Myrtle Glanville*; *The Sarroccos*; all other prayers that have not been given voice.

*Thanks for thinking of me!  
The flowers were lovely and our  
church family is a blessing.  
Thanks so much,  
Marjorie Mortimer*

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.

It's almost here!! Did you know that a nationally recognized artist has been busy creating a work of art highlighting our Pilgrim history? The dedication of this wonderful piece will take place on a Sunday early in November. Look for details about ordering a copy for your home in the next Spire.

New Youth Class meets at 9:30 am in the ATTIC. New teachers!--new study! - "no easy answers: Take Two Tablets" is a study about Christian moral decision making. All youth in grade 9-12 in grade 9 - 12 are invited to come discover your own style of decision making, and how God's word given to us through the Ten Commandments can help you in making Christian ethical decisions.

The Steeple lights the sky over Cuyahoga Falls:

*In memory of Ruth Schnabel*

from

*JoAnne Alley*

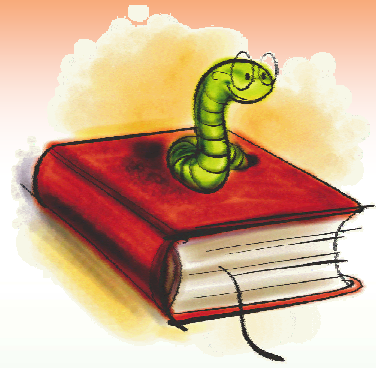
To light the *Pilgrim United Church of Christ Steeple* from dusk to dawn for a week in honor or remembrance of someone or a special event, please sign the sheet in the Social Hall or contact the church office.

Donations to **LIGHT THE STEEPLE** are \$5.

**GOOD NEIGHBORS** pantry needs: cereal, canned fruit, canned tomatoes and sauces, brown paper bags, pasta and personal care items. Items can be left in the bin located outside the church office. Also benefitting the Good Neighbors of Cuyahoga Falls: Spaghetti Dinner @ St. John's Episcopal Church (2220 2<sup>nd</sup> St/ 330.928.2139/www.stjohnscf.com) Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 7-12yrs. Free for children 6 and under.

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L.I.G.H.T.

Learning In God's House Together

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

disciples.net-Computer Lab Rm 20

"Parable of the Talents"

God created us stewards of the earth's resources, including our unique talents and gifts. How will we use these? What CAN we do? Come explore the possibilities. Help us choose a new mission focus.

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Storytelling Tent (ALL NEW!) Rm 21

"The Good Samaritan"

We are called to love and serve ALL of God's people—not just the ones we know and like! How can we be like the Samaritan who showed love and compassion to a stranger? What excuses do we use to ignore those in need? Who is our neighbor?

### Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Pilgrim's Stewardship Board invites you to be their guest following worship service for the **STEWARDSHIP KICK OFF LUNCH**. Come enjoy fresh bread and veggies along with a selection of three soups: chicken noodle made by *Henry & Elizabeth Nagel*, stuffed pepper made by *Deb Ziegler* and broccoli cheese made by *Audrey Crain*.

### Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

**BEGINNER'S BIBLE STUDY** will be held at 7pm in the Heritage Room. We will be studying the book of Ruth. Come, experience God's word in the scripture as we discover its meaning for us today. *Polly McCallum* can provide details.

The **ADULT BELL CHOIR** will begin its fall season at 8pm in the bell room (next to the choir room upstairs). If you are looking for a joyful way to express your musical talents, please join us. We will meet every Wednesday through December. Contact *Kathie Richards* or *Mark Opritza* for details.

### Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

All children pre-K through grade five are invited to wear (or bring) your Halloween costumes to church for the annual **UNICEF PARTY**. Immediately following morning worship the children will parade through the Social Hall with their UNICEF boxes (so all you adults bring your coins--dollars too!) collecting money for UNICEF. There will be a light lunch for the kids followed by some Halloween fun and games. The festivities will end by 1:15 pm. *\$25.00 immunizes 53 children against polio for life. \$34.00 can provide immunizations to protect for life two children against six leading child-hood killer diseases. \$125.00 can supply woolen blankets for 41 children.* Please prayerfully consider contributing to our UNICEF campaign. Thank you from all of God's children around the world!

### Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

See *Shari Schneider* for more information about Pilgrim's **LANTERN TOUR** 5:30-7:30pm.

### Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

**ALL SAINTS DAY LUNCHEON AND AWARDS:** Keep those "saint" nominations coming! The time is almost here to award the winners. There will be a lunch and awards ceremony after church sponsored by the CE Board. If you know someone who goes the "extra mile" for Pilgrim Church, place their name in the saints nomination box in the Social Hall.

### Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**PILGRIM SUNDAY:** Celebrate worship the way our Pilgrim forefathers did. We are inviting *Pastor Emeritus Don Nichols* to lead us in authentic Pilgrim style worship. There will be a delicious brunch served after worship.