



We will celebrate the Reformation's 500 years with a German cuisine potluck during Fellowship Hour on October 29th!

Faith Formation will provide the main course.

Please plan on attending and bringing a side dish or dessert to share!

The Act-It UP! Community Theatre in association with Pilgrim United Church of Christ (UCC) announces auditions for the 2017 Fall Production *A Suessified Christmas Carol* (full-length) by Peter Bloedel. Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com)

We are seeking a multi-generational cast of both males and females, ages 7 and up. All roles are open and auditions will consist of cold reads from the script. Auditions will take place on September 29 & October 6 from 7–9 pm, and September 30 & October 7 from 11 am–1 pm in the social hall.

Knitting & Crocheting Update:

The Knitting & Crocheting will meet in the Rev. Greene Room from 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm EVERY Tuesday!
Everyone is welcome to attend!



October 8th at 1:30 p.m. Goodyear Metro Park Newton St.
See Marilyn Freeman for details.

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14 - 60" round tables were purchased at \$100/table.

Thank you for the families that signed up to purchase a table!

Donations are still able to be made for the tables! Checks: Pilgrim UCC

Cub Scout Pack #3186 - "Show & Sell"

Will have popcorn products available to purchase on **Sunday, October 8th** at Fellowship Hour. Pilgrim's Chartered Pack raises funds to support their 2017 to 2018 program. **Thank You!**



FAITH FOCUS - THIS WEEK: Prayer

This will be held in the Children's Library! It includes a story, craft & snacks!

For children: Preschool - Early Elementary Ages Children may leave the sanctuary with Mitzi Stanley & Evelyn Ing after the Children's Sermon today!



Prayer

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Acolyte: *Thank You!*
Altar Flowers: *Communion - No Flowers*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*
Ushers: *Thank You!*
PowerPoint: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *Sandi Ignizio*
Fellowship: *Thank You!*
Steeple Lighting: *Thank You!*

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Sunday, October 1, 2017



Biblia

"I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven,
having the everlasting gospel to preach..."

Revelation 14:6

This illustration is from the title page of Luther's Bible.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sola_scriptura

Solo Scriptura

Rev. Kirk Bruce

Mission Statement:

*God calls us to live our faith as disciples
Sharing the love of God revealed through Christ
In the community and the world.*

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Sunday, October 1, 2017 † Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *Bist Du Bei Mir* J. S. Bach

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* No. 363

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25)

One: O Lord we come and lift up our hearts and souls to you.

All: In you we put our trust.

One: We know all who trust and believe in you shall find a hope beyond measure.

All: Come O Lord, and show us your ways, teach us your paths, and guide us on our journey.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Sandi Ignizio

We come, O Lord, looking and trusting in your presence; we come this day with a confidence in you and the hope that together with you our lives would be made richer and fuller. Open our heart to listen, open our minds to hear, open our lives to be followers of your will. Hear us now as we pray together the prayer Your son taught us, "Our Father . . ." [debt, debtors]

*THE GLORIA PATRI (Red Hymnal) No. 513

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD AND EACH OTHER

*GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRIST

OUR LIFE TOGETHER Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Faith Focus - *Prayer* Children's Library Mitzi Stanley & Evelyn Ing

ANTHEM *Remember Me* Jay Althouse
Pilgrim Vocal Choir

***all who are able may stand**

SIGN-IN

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.

We joyfully welcome all visitors!

Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.

Please join us again!

We are so glad You are Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save Our Steeple Fund as of September 24, 2017 is at \$211,787.88! Thank You to everyone who has made a commitment to this much needed repair and restoration. Thank You!

The Faith Formation Board have prepared "Take Home Faith Boxes" as a way to help families connect faith and spirituality in the hectic schedule of daily life. These boxes contain simple Bible story activities, suggestions for prayers opportunities, music, games, crafts, links to online resources, and ways to create faithful rituals in your family setting.

Some of the items are "keepers" some are to be returned for later use. Guidelines for using the boxes are included and are intended to provide additional faith resources to families. On the last Sunday of each month the items can be exchanged.

Let us know how these "fit" in your family.

October 2nd is the LAST . . . Cuyahoga Falls Car Show

Marilyn Freeman will be grilling hot dogs and selling them for \$1.

There will be soda/pop & water for \$1.

Last chance to view the great cars!

Sanctuary Quiet Activities for Children

On a back bench in a large container, several new items - finger puppets, drawing slates, rainbow scratch pads, small manipulative mazes and games, board books, and doodle pads among others for young children in worship. New items will be added as discovered. Children are invited to take two or three items, put them in one of the smaller baskets provided, and take them to their seats during worship. Items can be exchanged as needed during worship.

For older children, there are worship bags hanging on hooks in the Narthex—that room you enter from the Broad Boulevard entrance to the Sanctuary. These contain activities based on Bible stories, worship aids and occasionally we will play Worship BINGO! Just follow the directions and you can win a prize. -Faith Formation Board



S.A.R.A. Is Coming to Pilgrim - Sunday, October 15th

S.A.R.A. (Sharing America's Resources Abroad) is an ecumenical Christian Ministry that is dedicated to offering medical training and assistance to improve lives around the world.

Marty Siegel, a S.A.R.A. missionary, will be speaking during the Sunday morning service October 15. As an occupational therapist she donates her services several times a year to go to the Ukraine to work with children who have physical disabilities due to birth defects, illness, surgery, etc. Marty will share her experiences with us and tell about other things S.A.R.A. is doing the Ukraine and elsewhere around the world. She will be happy to answer any questions you have after the service in the Social Hall.

A light lunch will be served afterwards.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 1 - World Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #1
11:45 a.m. Stewardship Board meeting, Heritage Room
4:00 p.m. Fisher/Kasperek Wedding & Reception, Sanctuary, Kitchen, Social Hall

Monday, October 2

5:00 p.m. Riverfront Cruise-In, St. Joseph School, Weller & Pilgrim Parking Lots
5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Summit Co. Teen Institute, Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, Adult Library

Tuesday, October 3

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Knit & Crochet, Rev. Greene Room
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Rm

Wednesday, October 4

11:00 a.m. Staff meeting, Office
2:15 - 9:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,
Adult Library, Children's Library, Nursery

Thursday, October 5

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meetings, Adult & Children's Library & Nursery
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, October 6

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Act It UP! - Auditions, Social Hall

Saturday, October 7

9:30 a.m. Akron Zoo Trip, Leave from Parking Lot (10:00 am - 2:00 pm)
10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Act It UP! - Auditions, Social Hall
11:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons,
Children's Library
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, October 8 - CROP Walk Sunday

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
9:30 a.m. Book Study: Reformation, Adult Library
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #2 &
Cub Scout Pack #3186 "Show & Sell"
2:45 - 5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #501, Adult Library
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #169, ATTIC

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *You'll Never Walk Alone* Rodgers & Hammerstein

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER
(Red Hymnal) *Sweet Hour of Prayer (vs. 1)* No. 505
Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Maker's throne let all my needs and wants be known. In
seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped
the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer!

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Come, Gather in this Special Place* No. 335

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Sandi Ignizio
Deuteronomy 4:1 - 2 (page 149)
2 Timothy 3:16 - 17 (page 188)

SERMON *Solo Scriptura* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION See next page

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Sing Them Over Again to Me* No. 319

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(We invite you to join hands as we sing)*
(Red Hymnal) *God Be With You Till We Meet Again (Verse 1)* No. 62
God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, With his
sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE *I'm Not Afraid* Jason Robert Brown

Sacrament of Holy Communion
World Communion Sunday 2017

Remembrance of our Brothers and Sisters Around the World

We Prepare Ourselves to Receive the Gift (Unison)

In the midst of a world that is confusing and chaotic, we turn to you most Holy One. We confess our distractions, the worries of money and health, the lures of quick fixes and easy living that often turn our sight from you. Our gaze falls upon worldly responses to your eternal promises of wholeness and life. We give to you all that separates us from you and from one another and ask for a renewal of heart and soul.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Words of Institution and Blessing

We Receive God's Gift

Partaking of the Bread - the body of Christ
Partaking of the cup - the blood of Christ

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessing of the Children

In so much as we believe that the blessings of God are extended to Children as well, children are invited to come forward, into the chancel, to receive laying on of hands and blessings.

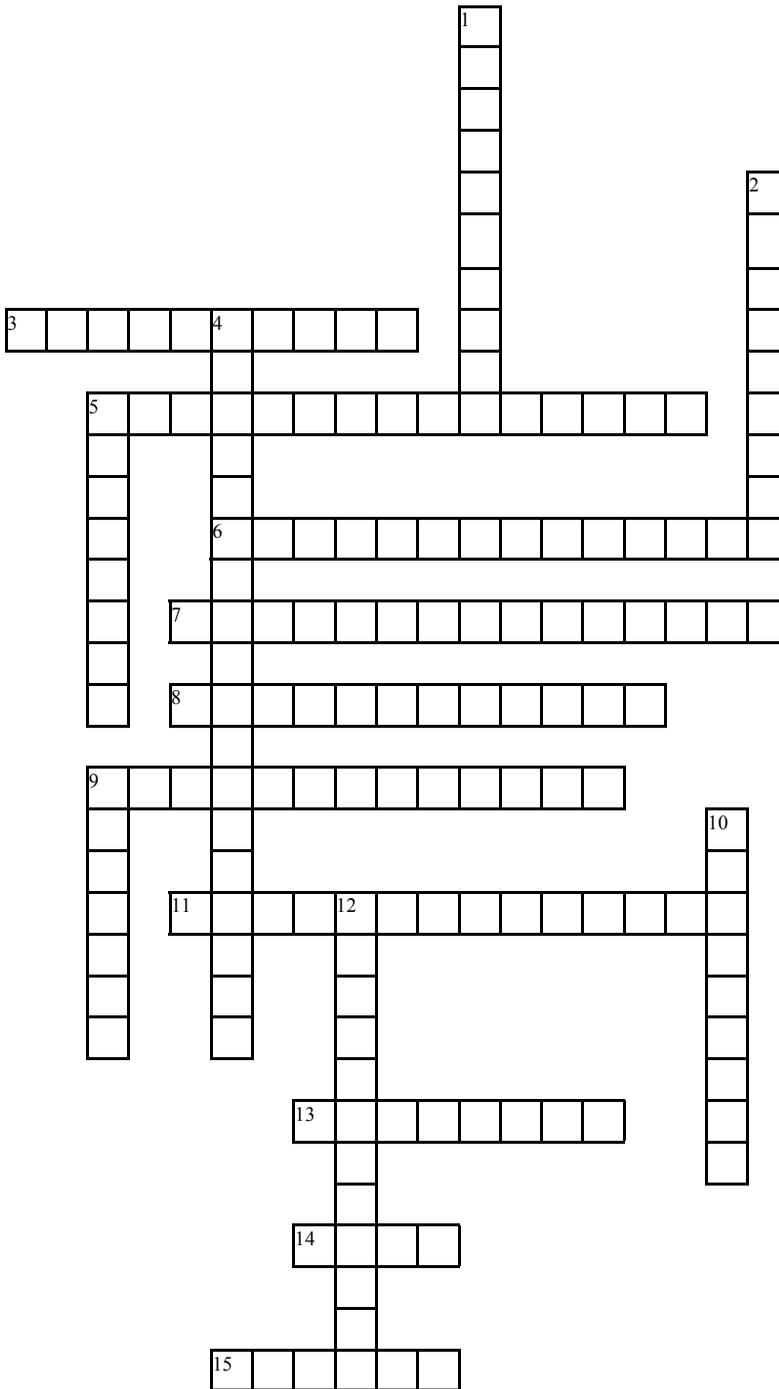
The Reformation

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- THESES
- INDULGENCES
- LAITY
- SACRAMENT

The Reformation

http://www.whenwecrosswords.com/crossword/the_reformation/16418/crossword.jsp



ACROSS:

3. Pardon from the church
5. Church formed by Henry VIII
6. Act of giving your allegiance to the church of England.
7. German printer who used moveable type to print the Bible
8. The German monk who challenged the church and started the Protestant Reformation.
9. Separate from Church
11. Calvin's doctrine saying that God has known from the beginning who will be saved
13. Preacher who spread Calvinism to Scotland
14. He wrote the book titled "Utopia"
15. Statements written by Luther and nailed to the door

DOWN:

1. French religious reformer
2. Government controlled by church leaders
4. Italian friar who called for reform
5. Holy roman emperor who condemned Luther as a heretic
9. He wrote the book titled "In Praise of Folly"
10. King of England who broke from the Catholic Church
12. Assembly at which Luther and his ideas were on trial.

Pray for:

The people affected by the Hurricanes and Earthquakes.
 A member trying to adjust to additional health issues and not give up on life.
 Chandler & his family for strength & patience with his cancer diagnosis & treatments.
 Our public servants, first responders and medical personnel.
 Our elected officials in the White House!
 Continue prayers for Cousin Jeff's continued progress with healing.

500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

Introduction

The Reformation was a powerful movement of church reform and renewal. It was both cause and effect of far-reaching changes in European culture and society—changes that formed Europe, America, and the entire world today. This movement marked the end of the medieval and feudal time period, the rise of a middle class, more individual freedoms and rights, development of nation-states, and an increase in world trade and commerce.

The invention of the printing press was a key factor. It was now possible to mass produce books, and the Bible more accessible to the common folk. These ordinary people also became more literate and could now read the scriptures for themselves which caused the authority centered in Rome to diminish.

The Beginning

Five hundred years ago this month, (1517) Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the doors of All Saints Church in Wittenberg. Although this is marked as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, there were historical markers that came before, and several people who continued this movement. These persons and events are part of the history of our faith and in particular, the United Church of Christ today. For the month of October, we will be focusing on persons and events that were instrumental in the Reformation.

As Christians we are related in faith to Judaism and the first disciple of Jesus who traveled their known world sharing the good news of God's love. Five centuries later, Christianity was the major religion in the Roman Empire. The church split in 1054 AD with the Eastern Orthodox Church centered in Istanbul and the Roman Catholic Church in Rome. Fast forward to the 16th century and things begin to change rapidly. People began to discover the church desperately connected to economic and political interests. They tried to reform from within the church, but they were not able to amend their differences over the authority and traditions of Rome.

John Wycliffe

John Wycliffe (1320 – 1384), a seminary professor at Oxford, Bible translator, philosopher, and theologian, was a staunch advocate for translating the Bible into the common language of the people.

His translation from of the New Testament from the 4th Century Latin to the Middle English in 1382 became known as Wycliffe's Bible. His associates completed Old Testament translations in 1388 and 1395 after his death.

He was known as an excellent scholar with a thorough understanding of the law, gained the attention of the Archbishop of Canterbury and was made head of Canterbury Hall in 1365.

When the Pope pressed England to send taxes, Wycliffe was instrumental in drafting a reply arguing that there was no basis for demanding a tribute from a foreign power.

John attacked the wealth and privileged ranks of the clergy. He called for the church to divest itself of its property and corrupt wealth. He objected to practice of clergy paying to obtain higher status and the practice of collecting indulgences which had become corrupt. He thought priests should not be held to vows of celibacy, should live in poverty, and should preach the Gospel. He contended that the clerics were not justified in having so much secular power, because they often acted in an immoral way that was not supported by the Gospels. John laid the groundwork for the coming Reformation by insisting that people rely on the scriptures to know the truth about God—the authority of the Bible for belief and the guide to the life of a Christian. He made the scriptures accessible to the common people.

Jan Hus 1369 - 1415 (**John Hus** or **John Huss**) , was a Czech priest, philosopher, Master, dean and rector at Charles University in Prague, church reformer, founder of Hussitism, a leading figure in the Bohemian Reformation and a key predecessor to Protestantism.

He was influenced by the writings of John Wycliffe, and translated some of Wycliffe's banned works into Czech. His teachings strongly influenced Western Europe, especially in the approval of a reformist Bohemian religious denomination. His work more than a century later impacted Martin Luther himself. He was burned at the stake for heresy against the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church, including those on ecclesiology—the theology of the nature and structure of the church, the Eucharist, indulgences, and other ethical issues. Hus stated that no Pope or bishop had the right to take up the sword in the name of the Church, he should pray for his enemies and bless those that curse him, and that man obtains forgiveness of sins by true repentance, not money. Hus wrote, "One pays for confession, for mass, for the sacrament, for indulgences, for churching a woman, for a blessing, for burials, for funeral services and prayers. The very last penny which an old woman has hidden in her bundle for fear of thieves or robbery will not be saved. The villainous priest will grab it." After Hus was executed in 1415, the followers of his religious teachings (known as Hussites) rebelled against their Roman Catholic rulers and defeated five consecutive papal crusades between 1420 and 1431, in what became known as the Hussite Wars.

Next Week: Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin

