

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

FAITH FOCUS - THIS WEEK: The Creation Story Day 1

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!

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.

TODAY Cub Scout Pack #3186 - “Show & Sell”

Will have popcorn products available to purchase on **during** Fellowship Hour. Pilgrim’s Chartered Pack raises funds to support their 2017 to 2018 program.

Thank You!



TODAY at 1:30 p.m. Goodyear Metro Park Newton St.

See Marilyn Freeman for details.

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Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Altar Flowers: *John & Kathie Richards*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *Rich Gill*

Fellowship: *Team #2*

Steeple Lighting: *Thank You!*

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Sunday, October 8, 2017



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Sola Gracia

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 8, 2017 † Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *O Rest in the Lord* Felix Mendelssohn

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *High in the Heavens, Eternal God* No. 82

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)

One: Let us turn our ears to the heavens and listen as they declare the glory of God,

All: and the skies proclaim the works of His hands.

One: Day after day and night after night, the heavens and skies tell stories of God's greatness.

All: Let us gather and worship in the House of the one who was, and is, and ever shall be.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Richard Gill

O Lord, we come together in your house because, in our making time to speak and to listen to you, life has a fuller purpose, a richer meaning, and the pieces come together. Speak to us in this time of worship that we would not go home the same as we came. 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 - The Creation Day 1 Children's Library Marilyn Freeman

ANTHEM *Peace I Leave With You* Donald Moore
Pilgrim 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 October 1, 2017 is at \$212,042.88! Thank You to everyone who has made a commitment to this much needed repair and restoration. Thank You!



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!

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!

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

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.

Pray for:

Traveling mercies for Delys & Harvey as they travel south and return next year.

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 8 - CROP Walk Sunday

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
9:30 a.m. Reformation Book Study, 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

Monday, October 9

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #840, ATTIC
6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Adult Library

Tuesday, October 10

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Knit & Crochet, Rev. Greene Room
7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Board Meeting, Adult Library
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Rm

Wednesday, October 11

2:15 - 9:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,
Adult Library, Children's Library, Nursery
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Act-It UP! - Rehearsal, Social Hall
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Heritage Room
8:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, October 12

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meetings, Adult & Children's Library & Nursery
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Act-It UP! - Rehearsal, Social Hall
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, October 13

Saturday, October 14

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free Community Lunch, Social Hall & Kitchen
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 15 - Laity 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 - Marty Siegel, S.A.R.A., Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #4 & S.A.R.A. Committee, Social Hall

Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent Thank You!

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *God Help the Outcasts* Alan Menken

*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) *When, like the Woman at the Well (vs. 1-4)* No. 196

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Richard Gill
Ephesians 2:1 - 10 (page 170)
James 2:14 - 19 (page 203)

SERMON *Sola Gracia* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (vs. 1- 4)* No. 547

*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 *Gavotte from French Suite No. 5* J.S. Bach

500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

Martin Luther: (1483 – 1546) was a German professor of theology, composer, priest, and a major figure in the Protestant Reformation. He strongly disputed the Catholic view on indulgences—that freedom from God's punishment for sin could be purchased with money. Luther proposed this and more in his *Ninety-five Theses* of 1517. His refusal to renounce all of his writings resulted in his excommunication by the Pope and condemnation as an outlaw by the Emperor.

Luther taught that salvation and eternal life are not earned by good deeds. They are a gift freely given by God's grace through belief in Jesus as Redeemer. He challenged the authority of the Pope. His theology challenged the authority and office of the Pope by teaching that the Bible is the only source of divinely revealed knowledge from God and opposed the practice of only priests could absolve one's sins. He believed in the priesthood of all believers. Those who identify with these, and all of Luther's wider teachings, are called Lutherans, though Luther insisted on *Christian* or *Evangelical* as the only acceptable names for individuals who professed Christ.

His translation of the Bible into the German vernacular from Latin made it more accessible to the laity. This fostered the development of a standard version of the German language, added several principles to the art of translation, and influenced the writing of an English translation, the Tyndale Bible. His hymns influenced the development of singing in Protestant churches. His marriage to Katharina von Bora, a former nun, set a model for the practice of clerical marriage, allowing Protestant clergy to marry.

Ulrich Zwingli (1484 – 1531) was a leader of the Swiss Reformation. Born during a time of rising Swiss patriotism and increasing criticism of the Swiss mercenary system, he attended the University of Vienna and the University of Basel, a scholarly center of Renaissance humanism, while he served as a pastor.

In 1519, as pastor of a church in Zurich, he began to preach ideas on reform of the Catholic Church. In his first public controversy in 1522, he attacked the custom of fasting during Lent. On the first fasting Sunday, 9 March, Zwingli and about a dozen other participants consciously transgressed the fasting rule by cutting and distributing two smoked sausages. He defended this act in a sermon, noting that no general valid rule on food can be derived from the Bible, therefore, not a sin. The event, which came to be referred to as the Affair of the Sausages, is considered to be the start of the Reformation in Switzerland.

He wrote about the corruption in the church hierarchy, promoted clerical marriage, and attacked the use of images in places of worship. In 1525, Zwingli introduced a new communion liturgy to replace the Mass. Zwingli also clashed with the Anabaptists, which resulted in their persecution. Zwingli attacked moral corruption, rejected the veneration of saints, cast doubts on hellfire, asserted that unbaptised children were not damned, and questioned the power of excommunication.

He rejected the claim that tithing was a divine institution, which impacted the economic interests of the church. Zwingli believed the Bible to be the sole authority of theology. He rejected the word *sacrament* in the popular usage of his time. Baptism and Eucharist were pledges or covenants. The Eucharist was a remembrance of Christ's sacrifice.

John Calvin (1509-1564) was an influential French theologian, pastor and reformer during the Protestant Reformation. He was a principal figure in the development of Calvinism, which include the doctrines of predestination, and the absolute sovereignty of God in salvation of the human soul from death and eternal damnation. Calvin's writings generated much controversy. Originally trained as a humanist lawyer, he broke from the Roman Catholic Church around 1530. Due to religious tensions, he fled to Basel, Switzerland. In 1536 Calvin was recruited to join the Reformation in Geneva. His ideas were rejected and he was eventually expelled. He went to Strasbourg where he became the minister of a church of French refugees. Calvin introduced new forms of church government and liturgy, and spent his remaining years promoting the Reformation both in Geneva and throughout Europe.

For Calvin, the Church was defined as the body of believers who placed Christ at its head. By definition, there was only one "catholic" or "universal" Church. Calvin defined a sacrament as an earthly sign associated with a promise from God. He accepted only two sacraments as valid under the new covenant: **baptism** and the Lord's Supper. He believed one can come to know God only through the scriptures, salvation by faith, original sin and the fall of man, and the doctrine of predestination.

Five Themes that are prevalent in Reformation language:

1. *Sola scriptura*: "Scripture alone" - All church traditions, creeds, and teachings must be in unity with the teachings of scripture as the divinely inspired **Word of God**.
2. *Sola fide*: "faith alone" - asserts that good works are not a means or requisite for salvation. Good works are seen to be evidence of saving faith.
3. *Sola gratia*: "grace alone" - **salvation** comes by **divine grace** or "unmerited favor" only, not as something merited by the sinner.
4. *Solo Christo*: "Christ alone" - Christ the only mediator between God and man. This excludes the priestly class as necessary for sacraments.
5. *Soli Deo gloria*: "to the glory of God alone" - teaching that all glory is to be due to God alone.

Next Week: Reformation in England, King James 1, Robert Browne, John Smyth, John Robinson, William Brewster, John Cotton