

In Remembrance of Pilgrim's Saints'

Chandler Curtis Van Horn - August 11, 2003 to December 21, 2017

Cyndi Elaine Yanik - January 12, 1951 to December 28, 2017

Robert "Bob" Baker Cochran - March 30, 1940 to January 5, 2018

Linda Stimmel - November 5, 1951 to February 15, 2018

Franklin "Frank" D. Autz - January 13, 1938 to August 19, 2018

Donald F. Davies - January 31, 1919 to September 9, 2018

William Clinton Ignizio - January 31, 1945 to September 12, 2018

Herbert L. Rake - December 24, 1925 to September 16, 2018

Lois Bruce - March 16, 1933 to October 20, 2018

For All the Saints Who Love Halloween by Lillian Daniel

"See, the home of God is among mortals...God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more." - Revelation 21:3a - 4

At least on my block, All Saints' Day is overshadowed by Halloween. That irritates some people, so they take it out on Halloween, calling it a "wicked holiday" that should be scorned by the church.

The anti-Halloween crowd would not like the Haunted Halls Halloween event we just had at church, but it was all about the kids. By which I mean that the kids gave the adults the excuse to run screaming around the church in ridiculous costumes, to set up strobe lights and rubber snakes in the nursery, to put a scary mannequin and a dry ice machine in the toilet. The adults did all this while the children calmly painted pumpkins, perhaps wondering if the grown-ups would ever grow-up.

Maybe I just like candy and costumes too much, but I've felt a disconnect between Halloween and All Saints' Day. Halloween was once "All Hallow's Eve" - not a competing event, but the evening vigil that prepared the saints on earth to remember the saints who had gone ahead. It's natural to spend that night considering death and that is scary. It's beautiful to spend the next day pondering the greater truth: *One day God will wipe every tear from our grieving eyes, add us to the mighty cloud of witnesses, and wrap us in love that knows no end.* **Prayer:** For all the saints who from their labors rest, we pray. Amen



About the Author: Lillian Daniel's new book *Tired of Apologizing for a Church I Don't Belong To: Spirituality without Stereotypes. Religion without Ranting* is now available for purchase, but you can hear it all for free at [1st Congregational Church of Dubuque, Iowa](http://1stcongregationalchurchofdubuque.org).

From: *stillspeaking Daily Devotional* of November 1, 2018

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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Acolyte: Thank You!

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of
Linda Stimmel. Steven Stimmel

Greeters: Everyone present today!

Ushers: Thank You!

PowerPoint: Cheryl Bruce

Liturgist: Kurt Spenoso

Fellowship: Thank You!

Steeple Lighting: Anonymous



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Sunday, November 4, 2018



In Remembrance ~ Our Saints

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Sunday, November 4, 2018 † Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

THE PRELUDE *Renew Me, O Eternal Light* Johann G. Walther

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *For All the Saints* No. 306

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 146)

One: Praise the Lord!

All: I will praise the Lord, all my life.

One: Do not put Your trust in humankind, for they cannot save.

All: The Lord our God watches over us, both now and evermore.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Kurt Spenoso

We come into Your house O Lord, because we need You in our lives. You are the one with the power to direct us onto the right paths. You are the one with ability to forgive our shortcomings. You alone make us whole again when we are broken. Come O Lord, into our lives again this day and every day. 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 *Stewardship* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Brian Ewart & Kelly Gerstenberger

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Faith Focus: Joseph and God's Promise* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Nancy Anderson

CELEBRATION OF SAINTS PASSED *HYMN (Black Hymnal) I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (verse 1)* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce & Janis Morgan
No. 295

PILGRIM'S SAINTS

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SILENT MEDITATION

*all who are able may stand

MEMORY CANDLE

TOLLING OF THE BELL

SCRIPTURE

HYMN (Black Hymnal) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (verse 3)* No. 295

ANTHEM: *When the Stars are Gone* Henry Mollicone
Pilgrim's Choir

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *I Was In His Mind* James LaRowe

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Red Hymnal) *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (vs. 1)* No. 272

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

THE MORNING PRAYER

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Give Thanks for Life* No. 297

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES *Genesis 19:23 - 26 (page 14)* Kurt Spenoso
Matthew 25:14 - 30 (page 24)

SERMON *Parable of the Talents* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* No. 433

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (We invite you to join hands as we sing)
(Black Hymnal) *Peace I Leave with You, My Friends* No. 249

Peace I leave with you, my friends, shalom, my peace, in all you do. Peace I leave with you my friends. I give to you so you can give to others, too.

POSTLUDE *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* Paul Kretzschmar

SIGN-IN

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.
We joyfully welcome all visitors! Please join us again!
Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.
We are so glad You are Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

Pray for:

Marilyn Welch recovering from a fall in Summa Health Rehabilitation.

MaryAnn Reiser, healing from surgery.

The families and faith community of the Tree of Life Congregation Synagogue in Pittsburgh, PA.

Amy Frier, sister of Dave Noonan, her health is declining since losing her son Billy in August.

The family & friends of Jake Sloan (especially AJ Redd), a 10 yr. old who died in a car accident.

The family and friends of Lois Bruce, whose life we celebrated October 27th at Pilgrim.

Anita, a two year old, in Akron Children's Hospital for at least 35 days due to burns on her hands & arms requiring multiple skin grafts.

A toddler who had a liver transplant & all the members who need healing physically, mentally, etc.

Baby Isaac recovering in CICU after heart surgery at 2 days old. Strength for Isaac and his family.

Mary for healing and patience in Falls Village

Diane, sister of Kenneth C., that healing begins soon.

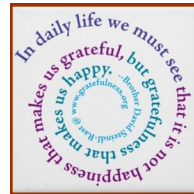
Jeff in the hospital with many medical problems.

Family of Joiner-Brown grieving the loss of an infant.

Healing prayers for Don S. who took a tumble and is at Concordia at Sumner.

Everyone effected by the hurricanes that have damaged property and lives.

Daughter-in-law with cancer, lymphoma, a mother of young children. Pray for healing and comfort for the family.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACME CASH BACK program has begun!
Supports the Pilgrim Mission Trip Fund.



Save your receipts!
Place in the box in the Social Hall!

Trustees are looking for "someone" or a group of "someone's" to help them out with the oversight of the cleaning at Pilgrim. If this is something you are being lead to do, contact Dan Gerstenberger, Trustees Chair. Thank you!

Children's Museum in Cleveland is November 17th. See Marilyn Freeman today!

Stewardship Sunday is November 11th!

Join in the return of pledges and time and talent cards during worship. At 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, stay for lasagna - meat and vegetable, salad, and dessert. Your letter received today includes the pledge card, time and talent card, and your 2018 statement of giving as of October 15th. Stewardship *would like* to have the envelopes ready for pick-up during the Fellowship Hour on November 11th!

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 4, 2018

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - All Saints' Day - Rev. Kirk W. Bruce, Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Social Hall

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Girl Scout Daisy Troop, Adult Library

Monday, November 5, 2018

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Tae Kwan Do, Social Hall

6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Parent Education Evening, Social Hall

6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board Meeting, Adult Library

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library

4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Open House with Parent Tours

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Broad Highway Group AA, Heritage Room

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Dance, Social Hall

2:00 - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Adult Library & Children's Library

5:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal, Music Room

7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Heritage Room

Thursday, November 8, 2018

3:30 - 9:15 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Rev. Greene Room

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 - Den meetings, Adult & Children's Libraries, Nursery, Rm. 27 & A.T.T.I.C.

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Adult Library or Heritage Room

Friday, November 9, 2018

Saturday, November 10, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free Community Lunch (FCL), Kitchen, Social Hall, Off-site

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, November 11, 2018 - All Saints' Day

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Stewardship Sunday - Rev. Kirk W. Bruce, Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Social Hall

2:45 - 5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #501, Adult Library

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #169, Adult Library

Monday, November 12, 2018

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Tae Kwan Do, Social Hall

6:30 p.m. Trustee Board meeting, Adult Library