

*Please invite your friends, family & neighbors to . . .*

Ash Wednesday Dinner @ 6:30 pm  
and  
Ash Wednesday Service @ 7:30 pm  
on  
February 14, 2018

Enjoy delicious homemade soups (*contact Kathie Richards if you would like to contribute a soup to share*), salad, and freshly baked bread followed by a short service with readings, special music, ashes, and communion. The goal of the Ash Wednesday service is to shape our time of preparation for Easter.

**From the Pastor:**

We live in world with dates on the calendar. But, the world was not always that way. The calendar we use was not always used, and our method of picking dates was not always the way dates were picked.

We know Wednesday February 14 as Valentine's Day, which has been celebrated for only the last hundred years, but even more powerfully it is Ash Wednesday, the day we begin Lent [40 days before (not counting Sundays) Easter, and Easter is the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the spring equinox]. Aren't you glad we use a calendar now? Lent is the time of preparation for Easter so we do not miss the power of Christ's resurrection for our lives. At Pilgrim we will celebrate with dinner at 6:30 and a service at 7:30. We will have readers and Ashes and communion and nails given out. February 14 is also Pilgrim's Birthday as we celebrate 184 years. Let's come together as we tie all three of these different themes together: Birthday, Valentine's Day, and Ash Wednesday.

**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 our parents Toby & Lois Ann Hannahs and Arthur Zimmerman. Beverly Hannahs and Polly McCallum*

**Greeters:** *Everyone present today!*

**Ushers:** *Thank You!*

**PowerPoint:** *Cheryl Bruce*

**Liturgist:** *Kathie Richards*

**Fellowship:** *Faith Formation Pancake Brunch & Mardi Gras Celebration*

**Steeple Lighting:** *David Kump*

# *Pilgrim United Church of Christ*

## *A Caring Church for Thinking People*

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## Sunday, February 11, 2018



## ***When Pictures Become Windows***

**Rev. Kirk Bruce**

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
**A Caring Church for Thinking People**

**Sunday, February 11, 2018 † Sixth Sunday after Epiphany (Transfiguration)**

THE PRELUDE *Meadowlark* Stephen Schwartz

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty No. 251

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 50)

One: You are the mighty one O Lord, who calls the sun to rise and each day

**All: You speak and will not be silent. You call us to live in life and love.**

One: You created all there is around us and your spirit swells within us.

**All: Come O Lord, to fill us and to walk this day together with us.**

\*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Kathie Richards

**God of mystery and awe, Lord of wonder we feel like Christ's disciples who saw and did not understand. Bless us not only with the opportunity to see, but with understanding as well. Teach us how to serve you and discover all the joy of life. Bless us with the gift of your presence and the assurance of your love, every step we take. Hear us 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 SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

Faith Focus *Easter: Jesus Calms a Storm*

ANTHEM: *Climb Every Mountain* Rodgers & Hammerstein II  
Pilgrim Choir

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

**\*all who are able may stand**

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *There's a World* Brian Yorkey & Tom Kitt

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER  
(Black Hymnal) *What A Friend We Have in Jesus (verse 1)* No. 506

***What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.***

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Jesus, Take us to the Mountain* No. 183

**GOD GIVES TO US**

SCRIPTURES II Kings 2:1 - 12 (page 308) Kathie Richards  
Mark 9:2 - 9 (page 38)

SERMON *When Pictures Become Windows* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE**

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me* No. 245

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Spirit Song* John Wimber  
(*We invite you to join hands as we sing*)

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with His spirit and His love. Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. Oh, let Him have the things that hold you, and His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole. He'll descend upon you life and make you whole.**

POSTLUDE *Anthem* Benny Anderson & Bjorn Ulvaelus

### 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 Worshiping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Pray for:**

Sister who needs help and guidance with addiction problems.  
A couple with financial issues.  
Nancy, Linda, & Thelma for healing.  
Don's health.  
Carl's healing from cancer.  
Everyone to have the ability to forgive and learn to trust again.  
Mark Poling, step-son of Dr. Don, recovering from a stroke.  
Jane (92), a friend, in the hospital dealing with several medical issues.  
The homeless.  
People dealing with depression.  
Our public servants, first responders and medical personnel.



Interested in becoming a member of Pilgrim? A New-Member class is being planned.  
Let Rev. Bruce or the church office (330-928-4847) know that you are interested!!

#### **Next Week:**

Sunday, February 18, 2018 @ 10:30 a.m. – Holy Communion



**Ministry Opportunity** – Don't you just love all those cute little ones that come up for the Children's Sermons? Wouldn't you just LOVE to get to know them better?

**Well** - Faith Focus can provide that wonderful experience! From time to time we just need an extra hand or two to fill in on any given Sunday. Lessons are all planned out & all the necessary pieces/parts are ready to go. The plans can be sent to you ahead of time. If you would like to sit in on a session or two to get familiar with the kids and the process, please feel free to join us.  
**See Marilyn Freeman if you are interested.**



**TODAY: February 11, 2018 after Church**  
**Pancake Lunch and Mardi Gras Celebration**



The Pilgrim Faith Community is invited to join together at 7:00 p.m. on February 19th to work out the new governing system for Pilgrim. All people and their voices are necessary for Pilgrim United Church of Christ to continue into the future.

### CALENDAR

#### **Sunday, February 11, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast & Mardi Gras Celebration, Social Hall  
11:30 a.m. Music Committee Meeting, Rev. Green Room  
2:45 - 5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #501 meeting, Adult Library  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #169 meeting, Adult Library

#### **Monday, February 12, 2018**

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

#### **Tuesday, February 13, 2018**

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library  
5:30 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal, Music Room  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall  
6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Knit & Crochet, Rev. Greene Room  
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

#### **Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

2:15 - 9:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,  
Adult Library, Children's Library, & Nursery  
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Dinner, Social Hall  
7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Social Hall

#### **Thursday, February 15, 2018**

5:00 - 9:00 Xtreme Team Youth Leaders, Kitchen & Social Hall  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Meetings, Adult & Children's Library, Nursery  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

#### **Friday, February 16, 2018**

*SPIRE DEADLINE TODAY AT 5:00 pm*

#### **Saturday, February 17, 2018**

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, February 18, 2018 - Holy Communion**

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 #3, Social Hall  
11:45 a.m. Faith Formation meeting, Adult Library  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall

#### **Monday, February 19, 2018 - Offices Closed**

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Summit County Teen Institute, Social Hall  
6:30 p.m. Community Connections Committee meeting, Adult Library  
7:00 p.m. Council meeting, Heritage Room

\*Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent\* Thank You!