

Stewardship Board

Pilgrim will begin the promotion of
One Great Hour of Sharing
on
February 26, 2018.

Look for materials in the Weekly & Monthly Spire's, Bulletin's,
and during announcements in Worship. Thank You!

Faith Formation Board

Once again preparation is beginning for the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and all the activities and crafts that happen with this event. **To help now**, please bring wrapped candy in and place in the donation box in the Social Hall. **To help on March 30, 2018** to fill the plastic eggs with the donated candy and set-up for the event, OR **to help the day of the event, March 31, 2018**, contact Mitzi, Evelyn, Marilyn or the church office at 330-928-4847.

More information will be published soon! Thank You!

Quotes in honor of President's Day, February 19, 2018

"We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation under God shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth." Abraham Lincoln (Gettysburg Address)

"With malice toward none, with charity for all, . . . Let us finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds." Abraham Lincoln

"God, who gave us life, gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever." Thomas Jefferson

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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 Celebration of Family & Friends! Dan & Kelly Gerstenberger

Greeters: Everyone present today!

Ushers: Thank You!

PowerPoint: Cheryl Bruce

Liturgist: Kelly Gerstenberger

Fellowship: Team #3

Steeple Lighting: David Kump

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Sunday, February 18, 2018



Starting All Over Again

Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
A Caring Church for Thinking People
Sunday, February 18, 2018 † First Sunday in Lent

THE PRELUDE *A Lenten Prayer* Antonin Dvorak
*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *My Song Is Love Unknown* No. 169

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25)
One: O Lord I lift up my soul to you!
All: Show us your paths, show us your ways of living.
One: Guide us in our pursuit of your truth. Teach us how to live life together
with you and each other.
All: Remember us always in your great mercy and love.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Kelly Gerstenberger
**God of mercy and wisdom, Lord of life and love, we come into your house to
have our hearts reminded of your calling, to have our lives given a meaningful
purpose, and our hands the tools to live out your calling. Come O Lord, come
into this moment, come into our lives and make us your own. Bless us with your
spirit as together we pray 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
Stewardship - CUE Seminaries Kelly Gerstenberger
CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Faith Focus *Easter: Jesus Calms a Storm*

ANTHEM: *Is It I, Lord?* Ruth Elaine Schram
Pilgrim Choir

***all who are able may stand**

Next Week:

Sunday, February 25, 2018 @ 10:30 a.m. – CUE Offering



New Member's Class

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!!

Faith Formation

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.

Trustee Board

The Trustee Board would like to make the congregation aware that this is the year to
paint the exterior of Pilgrim.

Currently, the cost quoted is \$20,000.

If any member or friend of Pilgrim would like to donate specifically to this endeavor,
please write "PAINT" on the line following "Other" on the monthly or weekly envelopes.

Thank You! Trustee Board

Monthly Spire

The monthly Pilgrim **Spire** is now available to be received by email. If you would like
to have yours emailed, please contact the office at 330.928.4847. Thank you!

The **Spire** is also available on the Pilgrim website at: www.pilgrimcf.org

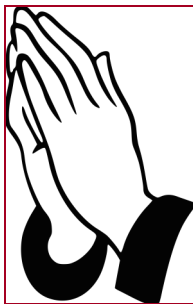
SIGN-IN

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.
A friend with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and the friend's family, who are currently struggling.



Free Community Lunch

The number of outside volunteers are down.
We are having trouble meeting the needs of the 120 folks we feed every month. If you have time between 10 am and 2 pm on the second Saturday of the month, come join us, March 10, 2018!

Thank you to Dawn Criss, Jim Howell, Nancy Zeller, Ed & Miriam Schadle for stepping up to say "YES" to helping with Free Community Lunch.

Council Meeting

The **Official Board** will meet at 7:00 p.m. on February 19th, tomorrow, to work out the new governing system to take Pilgrim into the future.

The **ENTIRE** Pilgrim Faith Community is invited to attend and get involved in this task.

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY

The Lamb

Nancy Daley

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal)

No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Red Hymnal)

Abide With Me (verse 1)

No. 209

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens, Lord,
with me abide; when other helpers fail, and comforts flee, help of
the helpless, O abide with me.**

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal)

De Colores (Sing of Colors)

No. 402

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 9:8 - 17 (page 7)
Mark 1:9 - 15 (page 30)

Kelly Gerstenberger

SERMON

Starting All Over Again

Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WE PREPARE OURSELVES TO RECEIVE THE GIFT (unison)

O Holy God, we lower our heads and confess that all too often, we have forgotten that we are yours. Sometimes we carry on with our lives as we are in control of all there is, acting as if we ourselves are God. You sit quietly by, allowing us to flap our wings and strut around. We forget that our calling is to be a credible witness to You. For these things we ask your forgiveness. Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world. Remind us to be who You would have made us to be regardless of what we are doing, or who we are with. Hold us close to You as we seek to rebuild our relationship with You, and with those around us. Lord, forgive our failings as we strive to begin life anew.

***all who are able may stand**

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

We believe that the blessings of God are extended to children as well. To express this belief, children are invited to come forward, into the chancel, for the laying on of hands and blessing.

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Forty Days and Forty Nights* No. 148

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Here I Am Lord (verse 3 with refrain)* Dan Schutte
(We invite you to join hands as we sing)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will give my life to them, whom shall I send? Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

POSTLUDE *I Stand At The Threshold* J.S. Bach



CALENDAR

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 - Presidents' Day

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

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
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 21, 2018

2:15 - 9:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons, Adult Library, Children's Library, & Nursery
4:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal, Music Room

4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Calling Hours for Linda Stimmel

6:15 p.m. Memorial Service for Linda Stimmel, Sanctuary

Reception will follow in the Social Hall

Thursday, February 22, 2018

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Donato's Nite, State Rd. & Chestnut Blvd.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack Meeting, Social Hall & Kitchen
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Adult Library

Friday, February 23, 2018

Saturday, February 24, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Open House, Classrooms & Tour of 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, February 25, 2018

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 #4, Social Hall
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #169, Adult Library

Monday, February 26 2018

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #840 meeting, A.T.T.I.C.

Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent Thank You!