

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.

The fliers are posted at the main entrances & bulletin boards!

Please share with your neighbors, family and friends!

Thank You!

**The Bath Church, United Church of Christ has invited Pilgrim to a concert on:
Thursday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m.**

As a part of its Bicentennial year of celebrations The Bath Church is proud to present:

The BGSU Men's Chorus "America's Finest Singing Machine."

"America's Finest Singing Machine" will stop at the Bath Church while on their Spring Tour! Thursday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. the *Bowling Green State University Men's Chorus* will bring their "wall of sound" to the sanctuary of Bath Church. Their unparalleled musical excellence has been thrilling audiences for over forty years. The ensemble encompasses students from all majors; over half are non-music majors, representing all seven colleges at the University. The ensemble, which has produced numerous CDs, has performed with distinction at a number of regional and national ACDA conferences, as well as the North Coast Conference of OMEA and at OMEA state conferences. The group recently commissioned a work by famed jazz artist Dave Brubeck titled "*Love Flows from God*," which they performed at OMEA with the composer present.

Come and enjoy an evening of male choral music with some antics thrown in for fun!

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 honor of John's 90th Birthday & Lois' 85th Birthday! The Bruce Family

Greeters: Everyone present today!

Ushers: Thank You!

PowerPoint: Cheryl Bruce

Liturgist: John Richards

Fellowship: Team #4

Steeple Lighting: David Kump

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

A Caring Church for Thinking People

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Sunday, February 25, 2018



Am I Good Enough Yet
Rev. Kirk Bruce

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
A Caring Church for Thinking People
Sunday, February 25, 2018 † Second Sunday in Lent

THE PRELUDE *Our Father, Thou in Heaven Alone* Michael Praetorius

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Come, Thou Almighty King* No. 246

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 22)

One: Let all God's children come and sing of the Lord's great works.

All: God will not hide His face but, is here to listen to our calling.

One: Let all the generations tell of Gods good works

All: Let all the people tell of His righteousness, both now and evermore.

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

We come into your house O Lord, to remind ourselves of all the good you do; the bounty we are privileged to enjoy; the blessings we experience; and the joys in which we live. You are the Lord of life, the Master of all things good. Come and teach us how to live in your bounty. Come and teach us how to experience Your abiding presence. 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 *Jesus the Good Shepherd - Psalm 23, Part I*

ANTHEM: *Joy Returns in the Morning* Judith Snowdon
Pilgrim Choir

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *If With All Your Heart* from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

*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) *Just As I Am* No. 207

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Genesis 17:1 - 7; 15 - 16 (page 12) John Richards
Romans 4:13 - 25 (page 135)

SERMON *Am I Good Enough Yet* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* No. 234

*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 *If Music Be the Food of Love* Henry Purcell

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:

Amy, a co-worker, with hearing loss due to an ear infection. Pray that medicine will restore some of her hearing.
The families and victims of the shootings in Parkland, Florida.
The family & friends of Linda who are grieving.
A couple with financial issues.
A special friend who has been freed from her earthly troubles & is now in God's loving hands.
Sister who needs help and guidance with addiction problems.
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), & the family, who are struggling.



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!!

Pilgrim will take the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering on **March 18, 2018!**

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

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.**

CALENDAR

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 meeting, Adult Library

Monday, February 26, 2018

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #840, ATTIC

Tuesday, February 27, 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 28, 2018

10:30 a.m. Tour of Pilgrim with Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
2:15 - 9:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons, Adult Library, Children's Library, & Nursery
3:45 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal, Music Room
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Heritage Room
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 - Committee meeting, Social Hall

Thursday, March 1, 2018

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, March 2, 2018 - World Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 3, 2018

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Faith Formation Resource Team - Boundary Training, Social Hall & Kitchen
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 - Committee meeting, Adult Library
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, March 4, 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, Social Hall
11:45 a.m. Stewardship meeting, Heritage Room
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall

Monday, March 5, 2018

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Summit County Teen Institute, Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting, Adult Library