

**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 remembrance of William H. Shisler, Husband, Father, & Grandfather!*

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

**Ushers:** *Thank You!*

**PowerPoint:** *Cheryl Bruce*

**Liturgist:** *Cheryl Bruce*

**Fellowship:** *Kathie Richards*

**Steeple Lighting:** *David Kump*

# *Pilgrim United Church of Christ*

## *A Caring Church for Thinking People*

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## Sunday, February 4, 2018



***Come Fill Me***  
**Rev. Kirk Bruce**

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ**  
**A Caring Church for Thinking People**  
Sunday, February 4, 2018 † Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

THE PRELUDE      *We Praise Thee, O God, Oh Redeemer, Creator*      Healy Willan

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal)      *We Would Be Building*      No. 494

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 147)

One: Come, gather, let us praise the Lord.

**All: How good it is to sing our praises to the Lord our God.**

One: The Lord builds us up and gathers us in. The Lord heals our broken hearts and binds our wounds.

**All: Let us gather and praise the Lord, the creator of all that is, the giver of life.**

\*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)      Cheryl Bruce

**We come into your house this morning O God, pausing from all of our activities to check and see if we are on the right path. We come to be reminded of where we are going of where we want to be, and to make sure that we are on the right path for our journey of life. We come because we need you in our lives. Come now and share this time with us. 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

*Boy Scout Sunday - Cub Scout Pack #3186*

CHILDREN'S SERMON      Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

Faith Focus      *Easter: Jesus Helps His Friends Catch Fish*

ANTHEM:      *All Things Bright and Beautiful*      John Rutter  
Pilgrim Choir

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

\*all who are able may stand

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY      *"It Must Be So"* from *Candide*      Leonard Bernstein

\*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)      *Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor*      No. 590

**GOD GIVES TO US**

SCRIPTURES      Isaiah 40:21 - 31 (page 627)      Cheryl Bruce  
Mark 1:29 - 39 (page 30)

SERMON      *Come Fill Me*      Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE**

\*HYMN (Black Hymnal)      *There Is a Balm in Gilead*      No. 553

\*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      *Toccata Sesta*      Frescobaldi

### **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.  
Don's health.  
Carl's healing from cancer.  
A member trying to adjust to additional health issues & not give up on life.  
Peace of the world and the calming of those who threaten God's people and all people.  
Calm the politics of the day with your peace.  
The world and all its people. May we all trust God and do his will. Grant us peace and love.  
Our public servants, first responders and medical personnel.  
Those with weaken immune systems during this flu season.  
The homeless.  
People dealing with depression.  
Everyone to have the ability to forgive and learn to trust again.



***2018 Sign-up Sheets are in the Social Hall on Clip Boards.***

**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.**



**Save the Date: 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 4, 2018 - Boy Scout Sunday**

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 - Kathie Richards, Social Hall  
11:45 a.m. Stewardship Board meeting, Heritage Room  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall

#### **Monday, February 5, 2018**

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

#### **Tuesday, February 6, 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 7, 2018**

2:15 - 9:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,  
Adult Library, Children's Library, & Nursery  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Heritage Room

#### **Thursday, February 8, 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, February 9, 2018**

#### **Saturday, February 10, 2018**

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free Community Lunch (FCL), Kitchen & 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

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10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast & Mardi Gras Celebration, Social Hall  
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 meeting, A.T.T.I.C.  
6:30 p.m. Trustee Board Meeting, Adult Library

\*Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent\*

Thank You!