

Father's Day will be here before we know it - Sunday, June 17th!

This year Pilgrim will celebrate with quotes, quips, and favorite photos of our Fathers. This includes Grandfathers, Uncles, or a man that was there for you at some time in your life. Please write down the quotes &/or quips and drop these by the church office with the photo's by Monday, June 11th.

Marked photos will be returned.

Diaconate is seeking:

1. **Liturgist's** on Sunday mornings to read the Invocation and the Scriptures.
2. **People to purchase altar flowers** (\$30 - Checks payable to: PUCC)
 - Give the secretary your dedication or place it on the clipboard hanging up in the social hall.
 - Then take the flowers and delivery them to someone.
 - OR
 - Ask Diaconate (Kathie, Polly, Crystal, Brian, or Rich) to deliver them.

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!

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 Mabel and Paul Patterson from Dr. Ron Patterson, Paul Patterson & Becky Calabrese.

Greeters: Everyone present today!

Ushers: Thank You!

PowerPoint: Cheryl Bruce

Liturgist: John Richards

Fellowship: Thank You!

Steeple Lighting: David Kump

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Sunday, April 29, 2018



God's Garden

Rev. Kirk Bruce

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Sunday, April 29, 2018 † Fifth Sunday of Easter

THE PRELUDE *Is it Really Me?* Harvey Schmidt

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *All Creatures of Our God and King* No. 64

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 22)

One: Come, let us proclaim the Glory of God.

All: Let all who love the Lord, praise His Holy name.

One: The poor shall eat and be fed, and all who love Him shall abide forever in God's presence.

All: Let us sing of the Lord's righteousness both now and forever more.

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

We gather in your house O Lord, to reconnect ourselves to you. We seek to find the hope and joy of a new day, the love and understanding of open hearts, the blessings of forgiveness. These are the gifts of life you have to offer. We come in search of you and your gifts. 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 Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Faith Focus "Because Nothing Looks Like God" Marilyn Freeman
by Lawrence and Karen Kushner – Art Drama Room painting project

ANTHEM: *If We Sing At All* Stan Pethal
Pilgrim Choir

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Beautiful, Beautiful World* Jerry Bock

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Black Hymnal) *Precious Lord, Take My Hand (vs. 1)* No. 472

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *There Are Some Things I May Not Know* No. 405

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES I John 4:7 - 21 (page 213) John Richards
John 15:1 - 8 (page 95)

SERMON God's Garden Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *All Things Bright and Beautiful* No. 478

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (We invite you to join hands as we sing)
(Black Hymnal) *Peace I Leave with You, My Friends (Refrain)* 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 *The Sun, Whose Rays Are All Ablaze* Gilbert & Sullivan

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!

Pray for:

Helen healing from pneumonia.
Linda with a back problem.
Sandy for healing from the flu.

John my neighbor.
Marjorie for healing mercies.
Thelma with a hip problem.



Sue and her family. Her mom is in hospice.

Howell & Stimmel families for peace and healing.

Thank You for the Prayers!

Those with health issues & pain, that God bless them.

A very contrite man beginning to serve a prison term for a 10 year old incident.

Nancy, Cheryl's mom, Susan's mom, Louise & Jaynu all in their 90's & having medical problems.

For the sick & suffering from various health, family & emotional problems & are in pain.
Bless them! Peace to all!

The Redd family as they prepare to move to the east. To find reasonable housing,
new friends & new jobs! Also to feel the love from us as they continue with their
new adventure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pilgrim's SARA will be collecting **vitamins** for the **Good Samaritan Children's Home**
in the **Ukraine**.



The collection will be from **April 15 to May 30**.

The collection box will be in the office during the week and in the social hall on Sundays.
Both children and adult vitamins are needed. They prefer gummy vitamins, but any type is
good.



TODAY at 2:00 p.m. Annual Pet Blessing

Bring your real pets, virtual pets, pet pictures and/or
pet memories and we'll bless all God's critters! Even snakes!

Pentecost - Communion Sunday, May 20, 2018

Wear Red & join your Pilgrim Faith Community in the sacrament of Communion.

Join Pilgrim's faith community for **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 2018** at 10:30 a.m.
for special music celebrating all women in our lives.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 29, 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

2:00 p.m. Annual Pet Blessing, On the Lawn

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, April 30, 2018

Tuesday, May 1, 2018

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

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

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

Thursday, May 3, 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, May 4, 2018

Saturday, May 5, 2018

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 - Committee Mtg., 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, May 6, 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 Board Mtg., Heritage Room
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall

Monday, May 7, 2018

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