

## Funeral Home Attendant Position Available

Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home/Crematory is seeking a Funeral Home Attendant on an "as needed," primarily evening and weekend type position but may include other times as needed.

Key responsibilities include:

- Greet families and visitors and offer assistance as they enter and exit the funeral home, directing them to chapels, restrooms, guestbook, lounge, etc.
- Coordinate parking in our parking lot to accommodate family members and visitors; line up and flag visitor's vehicles joining in the funeral procession.
- Clean and drive funeral vehicles such as cars, hearses and limousines as needed.
- Other duties as needed

To inquire about this position, please contact Steve Shoemaker at (330) 928-2147.

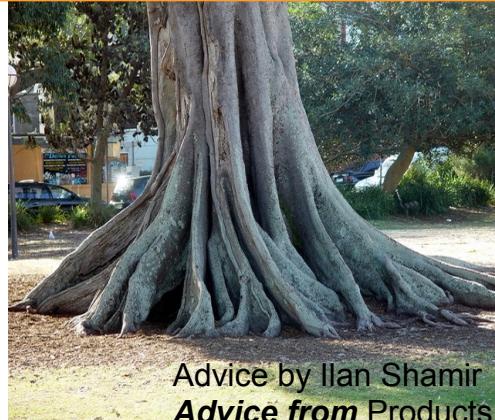
*This position is also posted on the Pilgrim UCC bulletin boards.*

**Advice from** Your True Nature

**Grow Up!**

**Dig deep, stand true,  
reach for the light  
and enjoy the view.**

**Drink lots of water,  
go out on a limb,  
and be true to  
your true nature.**



Advice by Ilan Shamir  
**Advice from** Products

**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: *No Flowers Communion*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*  
Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Cheryl Bruce*  
Liturgist: *Cheryl Bruce*

Fellowship: *Thank You!*  
Steeple Lighting: *Thank You!*

# *Pilgrim United Church of Christ*

## *A Caring Church for Thinking People*

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## Sunday, May 20, 2018



## ***The Spirit is Not Casper***

**Rev. Kirk W. Bruce**

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ  
A Caring Church for Thinking People  
Sunday, May 20, 2018 † Pentecost**

THE PRELUDE Meditation Alex Guilmant

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* No. 363

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 104)

One: How manifold are all of your works, O Lord.

**All: The sea teems with life.**

One: Living creatures great and small.

**All: Let us sing to the Lord, let us praise you for the gift we call life.**

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

**We gather this day to say thank you O Lord, not only for giving us life, but for all of the life around us, great and small. Thank you for things to see and discoveries to make. Thank you for journeying through life together with us. We are never alone for you are present. 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 Lesson from Mary & Martha: Do The Right Thing at the Right Time

Marilyn Freeman

ANTHEM: *Bread of Heaven* Robert Elmore

Pilgrim Choir

\*all who are able may stand

**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 Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

***Pray for:***

My nephew, to find comfort & solace in a difficult home life.

Glady's recovering from heart surgery. Ethan Perkins Rios

Candice having a difficult time with her ex-husband's marriage.

John my neighbor.

Linda with a back problem.

Marjorie for healing mercies.

***Thank You for the Prayers!***

Thelma with a hip problem.

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.

The Redd family as they move to Maryland. May they carry our love with them on this 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.

**Everyone is invited to celebrate with the Redd Family today in Fellowship/Social Hour!** *They are moving to Maryland. Help us send them off with much love as they embark on their new adventure.*  
**Thank You!**

***Do you like to prayer for others?***

If so, would you like to be part of Pilgrim's prayer chain? Then please let the church office know!

By phone: 330.928.4847 or By email: pilgrimoffice@ameritech.net

***Still looking for...***

Get your quotes, quips, and favorite photos of your Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles or a man that has been there for you. Write down the quotes &/or quips and drop these in the offering plate or stop by the church office with the photo's by Monday, June 11th. Marked photos will be returned.

***Father's Day is Sunday, June 17th***

*"O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.  
You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.  
Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.  
You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me." - Psalm 139*

Recently someone I respected and cared about did something pretty hurtful. In the aftermath I searched for reconciliation and resolution to no avail. It was a bewildering and painful time; one I'm still in somewhat.

What helped me was remembering a teaching I'd once read from Buddhist leader Thich Nhat Hanh. I'm far from a Buddhist practitioner or scholar, but this one resonated with me. He was talking about forgiving those who hurt us and using the metaphorical example of a father and a wounded son. He asked the "sons," who could be any of us, to remember who he was as a five-year-old, and to give them compassion. That's hard enough, but then came the tougher part.

This time he asked the "sons" to try to imagine their "fathers," the people who had hurt them (who, again, could be any of us), as five-year-olds as well. He asked the "sons" to see that five-year-old, and imagine the ways they have been hurt, and how it has shaped them. He then asked them to have compassion for that five-year-old who would grow to hurt them.

Jesus Christ told us to "let the little children come on to me." When someone hurts me, I try to think of them as a child. I think of the ways that they were hurt, of the fears they still carry because of it, and of the pain they still might live in daily. When I'm able to do that, I'm able to find compassion, even when I am hurting myself. I picture myself kneeling down, asking that five-year-old if they want a hug, and showing them the compassion they never received.

Many, if not all, of us carry scared, hurt children inside. As adults it's our job to do the work of healing that is necessary so that we do not then pass those hurts on to others. Sometimes, though, it's also our job to find ways to welcome the wounded child in others, and to find it in us to give that wounded part of them our compassion.

It's lifelong work, and every time I'm asked to do it, it's painful. I remember the words of the Psalm, though, and the God who knows every part of my history, and every part of theirs as well. Both I and those who hurt me, both I and those whom I have hurt, are equally known and beloved by God. There will come a day when we meet again in God's kingdom, and we will know perfect reconciliation. For now, I just try to get ready for that time, and to practice messy and imperfect compassion here on earth.

**Prayer:**

Dear God, I see the pain of those who hurt me. I see who they were when they were hurt. I refuse to withhold my compassion any longer. Amen.

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**[http://www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional\\_who\\_we\\_once\\_were](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional_who_we_once_were)**

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY

*Fill My Cup, Lord*

Richard Blanchard

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal)

No. 515

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Black Hymnal)

*Sweet Hour of Prayer (vs. 1)*

No. 505

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Maker's throne let all my needs and wants be known. In  
seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped  
the tempter's snare by your return, sweet hour of prayer!**

THE MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\*HYMN (Black Hymnal)

Take My Gifts

No. 562

**GOD GIVES TO US**

SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:1 - 21 (page 103)  
John 15:26 - 27; 16:5 - 16 (page 96)

Cheryl Bruce

SERMON

*The Spirit is Not Casper*

Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

WE PREPARE OURSELVES TO RECEIVE THE GIFT (Unison)

**Forgive us O Lord, for limiting our expectations of you to the limits of our own hands. All too often we limit you, to doing nothing more than we can do. The truth is you can do nothing more than we will allow you to do. So help us to open our hands and hearts, our minds and our mouths, to see you in the impossible and improbable. Shower us with the hope and the power of your spirit like you did on that first Pentecost. Come O Lord, and forgive our short comings, help us to dream dreams and enable us to see visions. May the past loose its hold of us, as we live boldly with you.**

SILENT PRAYER

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT

*Partaking of the Bread - the body of Christ  
Parking 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 (Black Hymnal)      *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*      No.282

## \*THE BENEDICTION

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

**O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

POSTLUDE      *Wings of A Dove*      Bob Ferguson



## **A Thank You Note . . .**

Dear Pilgrim Church Family,

Many thanks for the beautiful altar flowers delivered to me by Sandy Ignizio. The flowers are absolutely beautiful & I really enjoyed looking at them every day of my recovery from hip surgery.

I also want to thank Sandy for the delivery & enjoyed our visit with one another. Hope to be back A.S.A.P.

Fondly,  
Jackie Wanclovic

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 20, 2018 - Pentecost/Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Music Committee meeting, Rev. Greene Room  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour—Celebrating the Redd Family, Social Hall  
2:45 - 5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #501, Adult Library  
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Akron Area Actors Guild (AA) - Rehearsal, Social Hall

### Monday, May 21, 2018

5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Summit County Teen Institute, Social Hall  
7:00 p.m. Council meeting, Heritage Room

### Tuesday, May 22, 2018

9:00 - 9:45 a.m. Richardson School Tour with Rev. Kirk Bruce  
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 23, 2018

12:30 p.m. DeWitt School Tour with Rev. Kirk Bruce  
2:15 - 9:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,  
Adult Library, Children's Library & Nursery  
6:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp Parent's meeting, Classrooms

### Thursday, May 24, 2018

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Donatos Night, State Rd. & Chestnut Blvd.  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

### Friday, May 25, 2018

### Saturday, May 26, 2018

10:00 a.m. Trustee's Mulch Day - Landscape of Pilgrim  
11:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons,  
Children's Library  
12:00 - 2:30 p.m. Ashley Hafler Voice Studio - Spring Recital,  
Heritage Room & Sanctuary  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

### Sunday, May 27, 2018 - Trinity 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, 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, May 28, 2018 - Memorial Day