

**It's not too late to ....**

Get your quotes, quips, and favorite photos of your Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles or a man that has been there for you at some point in your life. Just 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**

*Thank you to the instructors,*

*Marlene Moses, Chauncey Aceret, and Marian Goss  
of  
Western Reserve Suzuki School for their gift of music today!*

**Advice from a RAINBOW**

*Live a Colorful Life  
Be an Inspiration  
Bring Unexpected Joy  
See Beauty in Life's Curves  
Be Someone to Look Up to  
Live in the Moment  
Reflect Your True Nature!*



*Advice by Ilan Shamir*

**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 memory of William J. Zeller.  
Nancy Zeller

**Greeters:** Everyone present today!  
**Ushers:** Thank You!  
**PowerPoint:** Cheryl Bruce  
**Liturgist:** Kathie Richards  
**Fellowship:** Thank You!  
**Steeple Lighting:** Nancy Zeller  
In memory of William J. Zeller

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**Sunday, May 6, 2018**



***Without God I Cannot; Without Me God Won't***

**Rev. Kirk Bruce**

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**Sunday, May 6, 2018 † Sixth Sunday of Easter**

THE PRELUDE *I. Allegretto from Sonata* C.P.E. Bach  
Western Reserve Suzuki School

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 93

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)

One: Let us sing to the Lord a new song for He is doing marvelous things.

**All: Let us shout for joy to all the earth.**

One: Let us celebrate by making music with the harp and trumpets, and singing for joy.

**All: Let the rivers clap and mountain sing. Let all the earth rejoice.**

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

**O Lord, Master of Creation, come this day and help us open our eyes to the beauty of your work. Come and help us open our hearts to your presence with us so we could feel close. Come and open our hands so we could reach out in love to those around. Come O Lord, as we gather in worship, open us up, 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 "This Is The Earth That God Made" Marilyn Freeman  
by Lynn Downey – Bird feeder in the Art Drama Room

ANTHEM: *O Men of God Arise* Eugene Butler  
Pilgrim Choir

**\*all who are able may stand**

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *II. Andantino from Sonata* C.P.E. Bach  
Western Reserve Suzuki School

\*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) *I Am the Light of the World* No. 584

**GOD GIVES TO US**

SCRIPTURES I John 5:1 - 6 (page 213) Kathie Richards  
John 15:9 - 17 (page 96)

SERMON Without God I Cannot; Without Me God Won't Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE**

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Morning Has Broken* No.38

\*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 *III. Allegro from Sonata* C.P.E. Bach  
Western Reserve Suzuki School

### **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:***

John my neighbor.  
Linda with a back problem.  
Marjorie for healing mercies.  
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 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.

*Thank You for the Prayers!*



## **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.



### ***NEXT WEEK . . .***

Join Pilgrim's faith community for

**Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13, 2018** at 10:30 a.m.

for special music celebrating all the women in our lives.

### ***IN TWO (2) WEEKS . . .***

Pilgrim United Church of Christ will celebrate

**Pentecost - The Birth of the Church**  
and

**Communion - A Sacrament of the Church**

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**

Don't forget to wear Red!



## **CALENDAR**

### **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 Meeting, 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 & Faith Formation Meetings, Adult & Children's Library

### **Tuesday, May 8, 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 9, 2018**

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

### **Thursday, May 10, 2018**

3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Set-up for Mom's & Muffins, Social Hall  
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 11, 2018**

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Mom's & Muffins, Social Hall

### **Saturday, May 12, 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

### **Sunday, May 13, 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  
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 14, 2018**

9:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Book Fair Set-Up, Nursery  
6:30 p.m. Trustees Board meeting, Adult Library