

The Northeast Ohio School of Ministry will be holding an Open House on
Thursday, July 20, 2017 from 5-8 pm

at the Association Support Center (960 Portage Trail) in Cuyahoga Falls.

This time of Information, Food, and Fellowship is for members of the local church to learn more about the Educational Opportunities offered by the Eastern Ohio and Western Reserve Associations.

Whether a member is interested in learning more about becoming involved in the ministry/leadership of the church, or just wants to be the best Sunday School teacher they can be ... this program is for you!!

The event will be catered by Ernie's Catering, and the evening will close at 7:30 pm with a time of prayer. No need to make reservations.

Good Neighbors Annual School Drive has begun.
All cash donations and/or school supplies are needed by August 1st.

Good Neighbors are looking for the following supplies:

Yellow Highlighters	Glue or Glue Sticks	Markers
Colored Pencils	Scissors	Pocket Folders
Rulers	Crayons (24 count)	Red Pens
Protractors	Dry Erase Markers	Index Cards

Feel free to fill our donation box under the "Welcome Center" in the education wing. For more information see the bulletin boards.

Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Altar Flowers: *In Memory of Hazel & James Carsten! Carol Letvin*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *Kathie Richards*

Fellowship Hour: *Cheryl Bruce*

Steeple Lighting: *In Honor of Chelsey & Matt's marriage & In Celebration of Luke's new job.
- Your Parents*



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Sunday, July 16, 2017



Planting Advice: Read The Directions

Rev. Kirk Bruce

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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Sunday, July 16, 2017 † Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *Praeambulum* Girolamo Frescobaldi

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Praise the Lord, His Glories Show* No. 19

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 119)

One: Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

All: By Your calling I know what to do and how to find life.

One: Your callings anchor us in times of stress and moves us forward in seasons of joy.

All: Our hearts are set on keeping Your way. Come and fill us with Your love.

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

O Lord, where ever we go in life, may we know the connection to You and each other we find in our faith. Tie us together with a knot that will not come undone. Bind us together with a love that will hold us firmly united. Secure us in our hope and faith and love 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Horse With Wings* Ricky Ian Gordon

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *O God, As With a Potter's Hand* Herman G. Stuempfle

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) No. 515

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CALL TO PRAYER

(Black Hymnal) *Be Thou My Vision (vs. 1)* No. 451

Be now my vision, O God of my heart; nothing surpasses the love you impart-
You my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, your presence
my light.

THE MORNING PRAYER

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Some Glad Morning* No. 595

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Kathie Richards

Isaiah 55:9 - 13 (page 645)
Matthew 13:1 - 9; 18-23 (page 12)

SERMON *Planting Advice: Read The Directions* Rev. Kirk Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Praise God, Immortal Praise* No. 464

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *(We invite you to join hands as we sing)*
(Black Hymnal) *Like a Tree Beside the Waters (Verse 1)* No. 313

Like a tree beside the waters, nurtured by your loving care, we, O God, your sons and daughters your enduring witness bear. In each passing generation may your voice of love be heard. Bless, we pray, this congregation with your holy, living Word.

POSTLUDE *Toccata* George Muffat

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 16

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Cheryl Bruce

Monday, July 17

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School Summer Camp
Blast Off to Space Week
5:00 p.m. Riverfront Cruise-In, St. Joseph School, Weller & Pilgrim Parking Lots
5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Summit County Teen Institute, Social Hall

Tuesday, July 18

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School Summer Camp
Blast Off to Space Week
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Rm

Wednesday, July 19

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School Summer Camp
Blast Off to Space Week
3:00 - 8:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Cello, Adult Library

Thursday, July 20

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School Summer Camp
Blast Off to Space Week
5:00 - 8:00 pm North East Ohio School of Ministry - Open House,
EOA/WRA Support Center
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, July 21

5:00 p.m. Matthew Kirkland & Chelsey Bruce Wedding Rehearsal & Dinner,
Sanctuary, Social Hall & Kitchen

Saturday, July 22

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Cello, Children's Library
2:30 p.m. Matthew Kirkland & Chelsey Bruce Wedding, Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, July 23

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Richard Beck, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #4

Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent Thank You!

SIGN-IN

There are worship pads on each pew in the sanctuary.

We joyfully welcome all visitors!
Please sign in to let us know you are worshipping with us today.

Please join us again!
We are so glad You are Worshipping with Pilgrim United Church of Christ!

Pray for:

Shannon to "Let my Dad soar free." Bless all creatures great and small.
Jim recently diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer and starting chemo therapy and
radiation therapy.
Larry in the hospital with a serious lung infection, and healing from surgery.
Tom with health struggles.
Ken for patience during healing.
Alice for patience, strength and support.
Chandler for strength and patience with his chemo treatments.
For Ethan Perkins Rio and his family.
For our first responders and safety forces.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 17th is the next . . .

Cuyahoga Falls Car Show

The Youth Group & Marilyn Freeman will be grilling hot dogs and selling them for \$1.

They will also be selling soda/pop and water for \$1. Coney sauce has been added for a topping.

Donations of hot dogs, buns, soda/pop/water, baked goods will be accepted to sell each week. See Marilyn.



Steeple Lighting . . .

Is a good way to celebrate someone in your life! Perhaps they have graduated from school or college. Perhaps a child has been added to a family. Maybe an anniversary would be a good reason for lighting the steeple.

Indicate "steeple lighting" in the "other" section of your offering envelope & place \$20 in to cover this. Your name will be put on the back of the bulletin.



Save Our Steeple Fund as of July 10, 2017 is at \$180,646.88!
Thank You to everyone who has committed to this much needed repair and restoration.