

**Pray for:**

The family & friends of Joan Subichin & Marshall Hyden and the death of their mother August 14th.  
The family & friends of the Shannon Sandlin and the recent death of her father. Jim recently diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer and starting chemo therapy and radiation therapy.  
Larry recovering from a serious lung infection and 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.



**Senior High Youth - The Great Summer Serve**

Students from across our associations, serve the people of Avon and Avon Lake, have an epic worship service, crazy games, lunch, and a dinner cookout & worship. Rev. John Dorhauer, UCC General Minister & President, will be with us during the morning!

**When:** Sunday, August 13                      **Contact:** Marilyn Freeman  
**Where:** Avon Lake UCC, 32801 Electric Blvd, Avon Lake  
**Cost:** \$10 per person /due August 2<sup>nd</sup>                      **Includes:** t-shirt, lunch and dinner

**Acolyte:** *Thank You!*  
**Altar Flowers:** *In Memory of my parents Joseph & Kathleen! -Sue Gillman*  
**Greeters:** *Everyone present today!*  
**Ushers:** *Thank You!*  
**PowerPoint:** *Thank You!*  
**Liturgist:** *John Richards*  
**Fellowship:** *Team #3*  
**Steeple Lighting:** *In remembrance of Janice Mosko, July 31, 2016. Love You, Big Jim.*



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Sunday, July 30, 2017



**PARABLES**

**Rev. Jay Schmidt**

**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 30, 2017 † Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

THE PRELUDE *Andante* Johann Gottfried Walther

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* No. 15

**OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

One: Let us give thanks to our God, let us call on His name.

**All: We shall sing to Him, sing praises and tell of God's wonderful acts.**

One: Glory to His holy name.

**All: Let the hearts of all who seek the Lord rejoice in His wonderful presence.**

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

**Gracious and loving Lord, we thank you for never leaving us alone,  
Where ever we are, so too are you: at home or on vacation. What ever we  
are feeling so too are you, whether it is a joyful celebration or a sad painful  
struggle. You are with us lightening our load, giving us direction for life.  
Come now and call our names, come and be present as we pray 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 *Not About Angels* Birdy  
Emme Gilbert, Guest Vocalist

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

**WE GIVE TO GOD**

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Children of Eden* Stephen Schwartz

\*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.

\*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *This Little Light* No. 524

**GOD GIVES TO US**

SCRIPTURES John Richards  
Psalm 27:4 - 5 (page 466)  
Matthew 13:31 - 33, 44 - 52 (page 13)

SERMON Rev. Jay Schmidt

**WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE**

\*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Ride On, Ride on in Majesty* No. 175

\*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 *He Leadeth Me* William Bradbury

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, July 30**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. J. Schmidt, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #3

**Monday, July 31**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp  
Fairy Tales Week  
5:00 p.m. Riverfront Cruise-In, St. Joseph School, Weller & Pilgrim Parking Lots

**Tuesday, August 1**

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

**Wednesday, August 2**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp  
Fairy Tales Week  
3:00 - 7:30 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-Violin, Children's Library

**Thursday, August 3**

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Summer Camp  
Fairy Tales Week  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

**Friday, August 4**

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Project Panda, All available rooms

**Saturday, August 5**

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School-National Anthem Practice,  
Social Hall  
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

**Sunday, August 6**

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Jim Nelson, Sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #1

\*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!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Thank you to Rev. Jay Schmidt for  
filling in this morning while  
Rev. Kirk Bruce and Cheryl vacation in Alaska.***



***Thank you to Emme Gilbert and her gift of music today!***

**July 31st 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. "Brats" are \$2/ Toppings are included. Donations are accepted to sell each week. See Marilyn.

***Good Neighbors Annual School Drive ends Tuesday!!***

All cash donations and/or school supplies are needed by August 1st.

Good Neighbors are looking for the following supplies:

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 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.

Interested in being more involved with the church community?  
Several Boards are looking for help with programming ideas and events.  
***Evangelism***, see Janna Redd; ***Faith Formation***, see Mitzi Stanley;  
***Stewardship***, see Kelly Gerstenberger; ***Diaconate***, see Kathie Richards &  
***Trustees***, see Dan Gerstenberger. All people are welcome to any of the meetings.