

An Invitation from Emotions Anonymous...

On July 26, 2018 at 7:45 pm, Akron's "Take It or Leave It" group of Emotions Anonymous, which meets on Thursday nights, will be celebrating its 31st anniversary with a Public Information meeting. Held at Pilgrim United Church of Christ, at the corner of Broad Blvd. & Second St. Two speakers will be sharing what their lives used to be like, what happened and what they are like now. Refreshments will be served. Please join us for this special celebration.

Celebrate summer with Pilgrim on July 29th!

Pilgrim will have a special Social Hour outside on the lawn after the service! Small tables with chairs will be set up for relaxing in the filtered sunshine and gentle morning breeze! Enjoy refreshing lemonades and small sandwiches and tasty treats. It's a great opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend to come to church with you!

This is a 5th Sunday, with no regular coffee hour sign up, so your help is appreciated to make this an enjoyable time for all! See a Council member, or leave a message with Kathie or Polly!

Picnic, Praise & Prayer

Join Marilyn in the parking lot at Lions Park, 641 Silver Lake Ave., for the next Picnic, Praise & Prayer on August 8th. We gather for lunch, bring a sack lunch or favorite fast food and bottled beverage and folding lawn chair. If someone just insists on bringing a dessert to share, we will not refuse it!

Devotions & Prayer will happen from 12:15 - 12:35 p.m. using the book, "Forty Days with the Holy Spirit: Fresh Air for Every Day," by Jack Levison.

If it rains, we will meet the following day.

See you in the park!

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 Hazel & James Carsten. Jim Carsten & Carol Letvin*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Dan Gerstenberger*

Liturgist: *Kelly Gerstenberger*

Fellowship: *Thank You!*

Steeple Lighting: *Anonymous*

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

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Sunday, July 15, 2018



What Do You Seek?

Rev. Jim Nelson

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
A Caring Church for Thinking People
Sunday, July 15, 2018 † Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

THE PRELUDE *Versets* Alexandre Guilmant
*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle* No. 277

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 24)
One: All that we see and know, O Lord, is Yours.
All: For You have made it all.
One: You have blessed us with life abundant and love everlasting.
All: Let us lift up our heads and praise the King of Glory.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Kelly Gerstenberger
**Lord of life, Master of the universe we come into Your house and give
You our thanksgiving for this day. You are the one who causes the sun to shine
and the earth to spin. You are the one who causes our heart to beat, giving us
life. Thank you O God, for this day. 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 Dan Gerstenberger
CHILDREN'S FAITH FOCUS Marilyn Freeman

STATEMENT OF FAITH Black Hymnal #885

SPECIAL MUSIC: *The Prayer* David Foster
Anna Schultz, soprano & Kyle Kelvington, tenor

WE GIVE TO GOD

***all who are able may stand**

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *How Beautiful* Twila Paris
Anna Schultz, soprano

*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

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor* No. 590

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Ephesians 1:3 - 14 (page 169) Kelly Gerstenberger
Mark 6:14 - 29 (page 35)

SERMON *What Do You Seek?* Rev. Jim Nelson

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *I Need Thee Every Hour* No. 342

*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 *Iste Confessor* Jean Titelonze

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:

The Stanley family, the wife of Mitzi's brother, Kim and Kim's mom were in a car accident in route to North Carolina the evening of July 7th. Kim's mom has 5 broken vertebrae, may need surgery, and is unable to be able to make the trip back. Kim is banged-up pretty good but thankfully nothing is broken. Also, Mitzi's cousin Nancy, was moved to hospice on July 8th, died on July 12th.
Mark McCullough, whose father passed on July 4, 2018.
The family of Jeff Thompson, Temple Hills camp manager. Jeff died Friday, June 29th.
David Filing, with heart & kidney issues in Cleveland Clinic.
Polly Tucker, was a 4th grade Newberry & Dewitt teacher, having medical issues.
People to find their humanity, with all people being human beings first. Let us strive to be Christian.
A member with a new health issue added to her chronic conditions. Help her to cope and not give up.
Our son, a father trapped in addiction. Pray for a miracle.
The children separated from their parents at our border.
Daughter-in-law with cancer, lymphoma, a mother of young children. Pray for healing and comfort for the family.
Marsha, a dear friend for over 40 years, and her struggle with mental illness.
All who vacation this summer to find time to reconnect with their families.
A young couple in a broken marriage.
Jane and her family.
Our niece Becky as she moves to North Carolina for a change in life and career.
My nephew, to find comfort & solace in a difficult home life.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Welcome Rev. Jim Nelson & Anna Schultz, soprano this morning!
Please take a moment to greet both of them.***

Looking forward . . .

July 17 - 19, 2018 at 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Faith Formation's Spirit of Service (V.B.S.)
July 22, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Healing Service
July 29, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Lemonade on the Lawn
August 12, 2018 The Great Summer Serve for Youth at Orwell UCC

CALENDAR

Sunday, July 15, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Jim Nelson, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Social Hall
11:45 a.m. Faith Formation Board Meeting, Adult Library

Monday, July 16, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Mad Scientist Day Camp
No Council meeting!

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Mad Scientist Day Camp
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Adult Library
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Spirit of Service - Celebrate What is Right in the World,
Social Hall**
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Room

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Mad Scientist Day Camp
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Adult Library
3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons,
Children's Library
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Spirit of Service - Celebrate What is Right in the World,
Social Hall**

Thursday, July 19, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Mad Scientist Day Camp
**6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Spirit of Service - Celebrate What is Right in the World,
Social Hall**
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, July 20, 2018

5:00 p.m. Deadline for Spire Information to the Office

Saturday, July 21, 2018

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, July 22, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk W. Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Healing Service - Rev. Kirk W. Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team 4, Social Hall

Monday, July 23, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Blast Off to Space Day Camp