



Seeds of Literacy is looking for volunteers to work with adults. A flier has been posted on the Education Wing Bulletin Board.
 Contact Sharon Farrer, Volunteer Coordinator at 216.661.7950 ext. 115 or at sharonfarrer@seedsofliteracy.org.



Summa Health is seeking Pastoral Care Visitor Volunteers.

If you are interested in visiting with patients and providing spiritual support, consider becoming a Pastoral Care Visitor Volunteer. Training will be provided. For more information on Summa's Pastoral Care Visitor Volunteer program or to apply as a Pastoral Care Visitor Volunteer, please contact Volunteer Services at 330.375.3247 or email at volunteer@summahealth.org.

Hospice of the Western Reserve . . .

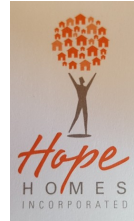
has opportunities for volunteers and need items for their Warehouse Sales. Fliers are posted on the Social Hall Bulletin Boards.



AN INVITATION FROM . . .

Hope Homes Foundation is celebrating 55 years as a housing ministry for people with developmental disabilities and other special needs, with a their signature fundraiser,

Food Truck Round-Up,
 on **Friday, August 10th** from **4 - 8 pm**
 at Hope Center, 2300 Call Road, Stow, Ohio.



This is just one of the ways Pilgrim members & friends can directly support Hope Homes Foundation. Of Pilgrim's benevolence contributions each quarter, Hope Homes Foundation receives 12.5%. Reminder cards of this event are on the tables as you exit the building. Take one or more for your friends!

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:** *Celebrating our 39th Wedding Anniversary on August 24th.
 Dan & Kelly Gerstenberger*
- Greeters:** *Everyone present today!*
- Ushers:** *Thank You!*
- PowerPoint:** *Cheryl Bruce*
- Liturgist:** *Bev Hannahs*
- Fellowship:** *Thank You!*
- Steeple Lighting:** *For the Freedom to Worship & Love as We Wish.
 Bob & Jo Kindel*

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Sunday, August 5, 2018



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Sunday, August 5, 2018 † Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

THE PRELUDE *Alceste* G.F. Handel

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *When Morning Gilds the Skies* No. 35

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 51)

One: Come O Lord, let us hear of the joy and gladness You offer in life.

All: Create in me a pure heart and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

One: Let Your Holy Spirit live and dwell all around us.

All: Come O Lord and share this moment with us.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Bev Hannahs

We come into Your house O Lord, seeking Your wisdom, listening for Your guidance. We come because we need Your presence in our lives. Bless us with Your wisdom for life and love of creation. Bless us with Your presence. 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 FAITH FOCUS Nancy Anderson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Black Hymnal No. 886

SPECIAL MUSIC: *We Will Always Walk Together* Ricky Ian Gordon

WE GIVE TO GOD

*all who are able may stand

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *It All Fades Away* Jason Robert Brown

*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) *Not My Brother, Nor My Sister* No. 519

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Galatians 5:13 - 15 (page 168) Bev Hannahs
Luke 2:41 - 49 (page 51)

SERMON *Freed From OR Freedom For* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* No. 290

*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 *Lascia Ch'io Pianga* G. F. Handel

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:

A young couple in a broken marriage.
Jane and her family.
Jonathan Sandlin, recovering from heart surgery.
David Filing having medical issues.
Polly Tucker, was a 4th grade Newberry & Dewitt teacher, having medical issues.
Marsha, a dear friend for over 40 years, and her struggle with mental illness.
Our son, a father trapped in addiction. Pray for a miracle.
Daughter-in-law with cancer, lymphoma, a mother of young children. Pray for healing and comfort for the family.
A member with a new health issue added to her chronic conditions. Help her to cope and not give up.
The children separated from their parents at our border.
All who vacation this summer to find time to reconnect with their families. Traveling mercies.
All families preparing for school to start.
Absorbent Minds Montessori School's students, parents, teachers and administrators.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking forward . . .

August 12, 2018: The Great Summer Serve for Youth at Orwell UCC
Music Committee Meeting at 11:30 am in Rev. Greene Rm.
Stewardship Meeting at 11:45 am in Heritage Room
September 9, 2018: Rev. Kirk Bruce will be taking a vacation day
Choir begins at 9:30 am in the Heritage Room

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

Thank you to Pilgrim's members and friends that donated school supplies to Good Neighbors for their annual school drive.

Thank you to Jo Kindel for taking the items to Good Neighbors.



CALENDAR

Sunday, August 5, 2018

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

Monday, August 6, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Under the Sea Day Camp
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, Adult Library

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Under the Sea Day Camp
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Adult Library
8:00 p.m. Broad Highway Group AA, Heritage Room

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Under the Sea Day Camp
11:45 a.m. Picnic, Praise & Prayer, Lions Park, Cuyahoga Falls
11:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello & Violin Lessons,
Adult Library, Children's Library & Nursery

Thursday, August 9, 2018

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Under the Sea Day Camp
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, August 10, 2018

Saturday, August 11, 2018

8 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Broad Highway AA - Convention, Social Hall & Kitchen
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, August 12, 2018

10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk W. Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Free Community Lunch (FCL), Social Hall
11:30 a.m. Music Committee Meeting, Rev. Louis Greene Room
11:45 a.m. Stewardship Board Meeting, Heritage Room

Monday, August 13, 2018

6:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Adult Library