

HURRICANE HARVEY plus & THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

So Far. . . \$470 has been donated!!!

100% of the funds to the United Church of Christ designated for U.S. disaster relief are used for disaster relief and rehabilitation within the United States.
[<https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/Hurricane+Harvey+relief>]

If you would like to donate to the disaster in Texas caused by hurricane Harvey or the other hurricanes, through Pilgrim,

**make a check payable to "Pilgrim UCC"
Or
place cash in an offering envelope.**

**On the envelope write "Harvey" or "Hurricanes" and the amount.
A check will be sent from Pilgrim to our
National Office in Cleveland, Ohio.**

September 18th is the next . . .

Cuyahoga Falls Car Show



Faith Formation & Marilyn Freeman will be grilling hot dogs and selling soda/pop for \$1. Enjoy a variety of toppings. Donations will be accepted to sell each week.

Acolyte: Thank You!

Altar Flowers: Sandi & Bill Ignizio in Celebration of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary!

Greeters: Everyone present today!

Ushers: Thank You!

PowerPoint: Thank You!

Liturgist: Crystal Wagner

Fellowship: Team #3 - Kathie Richards, Evelyn Ing, Nancy Zeller

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Pilgrim United Church of Christ *A Caring Church for Thinking People*

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Sunday, September 17, 2017



Universal Values: Know Who You Are!

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.*

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

A Caring Church for Thinking People

Sunday, September 17, 2017 † Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *Reneé Élégiacque* H. E. Anik

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *The Church is One Foundation* No. 260

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 103)

One: Praise the Lord, O my soul, all my in most being, praise His holy name.

All: We shall praise the Lord, remembering all His gifts.

One: The Lord fills our lives with His goodness and abides with us all the days of our life.

All: We shall gather and praise the Lord for all His gifts of love.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Crystal Wagner

We come this day O Lord, to praise you and give you our thanks for the gift we call life. Move us to open our hearts to see, that like all truly special gifts, life is only ours for a short while. May we come to appreciate it while it is ours. May we learn to give you thanks. Me we learn to celebrate. 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 *Mission Moment* *Neighbors In Need* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Kelly Gerstenberger

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Faith Focus - Rainbow Fish* *Children's Library* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Marilyn Freeman

ANTHEM *It's All in the Hands of God* Natalie Sleeth
Pilgrim Vocal Choir

***all who are able may stand**

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 17

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
Faith Focus (after Children's Sermon) Marilyn Freeman, Children's Library
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #3
11:30 a.m. Music Community Meeting, Rev. Greene Room

Monday, September 18

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - TKD, Social Hall
5:00 p.m. Riverfront Cruise-In, St. Joseph School, Weller & Pilgrim Parking Lots
5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Summit Co. Teen Institute, Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Community Connections Committee Meeting, Adult Library
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting, Heritage Room

Tuesday, September 19

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #244, Adult Library
6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Knit & Crochet, Rev. Greene Room
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Rm

Wednesday, September 20

2:15 - 9:30 pm Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,
Adult Library, Children's Library, Nursery
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Project Panda - Parent Education Meeting, Social Hall, Heritage Rm
7:30 p.m. Act-It UP! Community Theatre Committee Meeting, Heritage Room

Thursday, September 21

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Den Meeting, Adult & Children's Library & Nursery
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, September 22 - Deadline for Spire

Saturday, September 23

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, September 24

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
Faith Focus (after Children's Sermon) Marilyn Freeman, Children's Library
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #4

***Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent* Thank You!**

Pilgrim is going to the zoo!
 We're planning a zoo event on Saturday,
 October 7, 10 – 2 pm. We will meet at Pilgrim Church at 9:30 am and
 travel to the zoo. A picnic lunch will be provided for all who reserve a
 spot. There will be a Zoo Booklet Bingo Game for all the kids. When you
 fill your Bingo page with the animal pictures you find at the zoo, you
 win a zoo story book. The cost per family is \$15.00.
 We can accommodate adults at a separate price.
 Please call the Marilyn Freeman or Pastor Kirk Bruce
 for more information, and to sign up for this event at 330-928-4847.



Thank You to Jennifer Pace, Portage Crossing Barber Shop,
 & Lori's Barber Shop for their contributions of time and
 gift certificates to provide back-to-school haircuts for
 clients of Good Neighbors.

From Stewardship - 2017 Neighbors In Need Special Mission - October 8th

In the next few weeks the focus of mission will be the Neighbors In Need.
 Inserts will be placed into the bulletin and Neighbors In Need envelopes will follow.

This is one of the 5, "5 for 5" National Church Missions, where offerings are
 collected in the local churches.

Two-thirds of your donations is administered by Justice and Witness Ministries a vari-
 ety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants..

One-third of your generous gifts directly support CAIM Council for American Indian
 Ministry. www.ucc.org/nin.

Knitting & Crocheting Update:

EVERY Tuesday

Knitting & Crocheting Group



will meet in the Rev. Greene Room from 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm!

Everyone is welcome to attend!

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Pass It On* Kurt Kaiser

*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 AND CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *This Is a Day of New Beginnings, vs. 1-4* No. 417

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Crystal Wagner

Genesis 1:24 - 26 (page 1)
 Philippians 4:4 - 7 (page 175)

SERMON *Universal Values: Know Who You Are!* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak* No. 397

*THE BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (We invite you to join hands as we sing)
 (Red Hymnal) *God Be With You Till We Meet Again (Verse 1)* No. 62

God be with you till we meet again; By his counsels guide, uphold you, With his
 sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.

POSTLUDE *Minuet de Fisherà Rondeau* Wolfgang Amade Mozart

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:

The family & friends of Alice Woodburn who are grieving her recent death.
 The people affected by hurricane Harvey, Irma, Jose, and Katia!
 A young man facing a prison sentence for an act 10 years ago for which he is very sorry.
 Alicia beginning college and find the direction she should go.
 Andy dealing with kidney cancer and the radiation and chemo therapies and a new experimental drug.
 Heather dealing with heartbreak and grief, following the death of her father. To know God's comfort.
 A member trying to adjust to additional health issues and not give up on life.
 A dear friend Gayle, is going through chemo & radiation for terminal lung cancer.
 Prayers to endure this pain and help her faith to carry her.
 Charlie continuing to recover in the hospital from major surgery, and his wife.
 My Children: Pam with patience, strength, and support with our grandchildren;
 Jeff with M.S. struggles; and Dianne for patience, strength, and support from thyroid surgery and Rocky Mountain Fever.
 My friend Barb who has breast cancer and is having a hard time with the chemo.
 Pray for her recovery and peace!
 Cousin Jeff for healing after a drug overdose. He has a long road ahead with an amputation of a leg and various medical conditions.
 Love and unity in our world.
 Healing and comfort with the passing of another beloved pet.
 Chandler & his family for strength and patience with his cancer diagnosis.
 Our public servants, first responders and medical personnel.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save Our Steeple Fund as of September 11, 2017 is at \$211,653.88!

Thank You to everyone who has made a commit to this much needed repair and restoration.



Donatos Night

Thursday, September 28th
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

State Road & Chestnut Blvd.
Cuyahoga Falls

Music Committee Meeting

TODAY at 11:30 a.m.

in the

Rev. Greene Room



The Act-It UP! Community Theatre in association with Pilgrim United Church of Christ (UCC) announces auditions for the 2017 Fall Production *A Suessified Christmas Carol* (full-length) by Peter Bloedel. Produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com)



We are seeking a multi-generational cast of both males and females, ages 7 and up. All roles are open and auditions will consist of cold reads from the script. Act-It UP! Community Theatre engages in the practice of non-traditional casting.

Auditions will take place on September 29 & October 6 from 7–9 pm, and September 30 & October 7 from 11 am–1 pm at 130 Broad Blvd. Cuyahoga Falls, OH in the social hall.

FAITH FOCUS IS BACK!

THIS WEEK: Rainbow Fish

This will be held in the Children's Library!
It includes a story, craft & snacks!



For children: Preschool - Early Elementary Ages
Children may leave the sanctuary with Marilyn Freeman after the Children's Sermon!

