



It's the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

During the month of October, the back of the bulletin (this space) will relate the story of the Reformation and link it to our own history of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Bruce will preach on Reformation Theology.

We will celebrate the Reformation's 500 years with a German cuisine potluck during Fellowship Hour!

Faith Formation will provide the main course.

Please plan on attending and bringing a side dish or dessert to share!

On a back bench in a large container, several new items - finger puppets, drawing slates, rainbow scratch pads, small manipulative mazes and games, board books, and doodle pads among others for young children in worship. New items will be added as discovered. Children are invited to take two or three items, put them in one of the smaller baskets provided, and take them to their seats during worship. Items can be exchanged as needed during worship.

For older children, there are worship bags hanging on hooks in the Narthex—that room you enter from the Broad Boulevard entrance to the Sanctuary. These contain activities based on Bible stories, worship aids and occasionally we will play Worship BINGO! Just follow the directions and you can win a prize.
-Faith Formation Board

Women's Retreat Update -

Balances are due for those going to the Women's Retreat at Punderson State Park—Manor House in Newbury, November 3 - 5, 2017
See Marilyn Freeman for questions!

Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

PowerPoint: *Thank You!*

Fellowship: *Team #4 – Gerstenberger's & Stanley's*

Altar Flowers: *Thank You!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *Kathie Richards*

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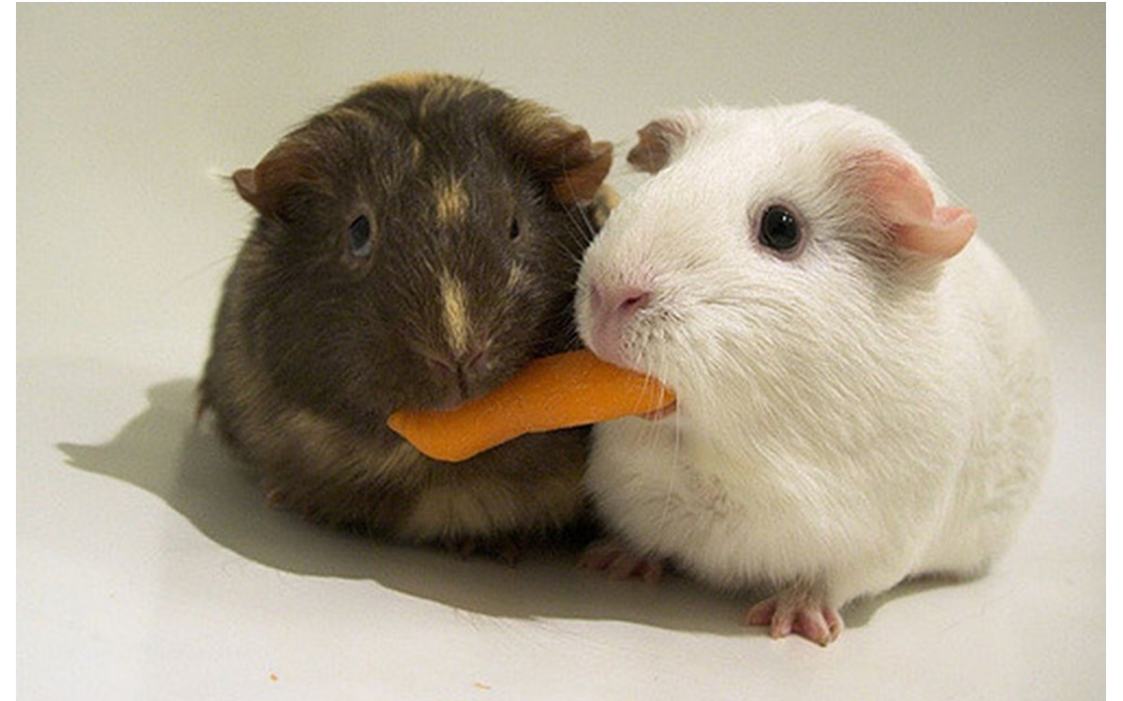
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Sunday, September 24, 2017



Universal Values: Sharing

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 24, 2017 † Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *It is Well with My Soul* Phillip Bliss

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* No. 93

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 105)

One: Let us gather and call on God's name, giving thanks to the Lord.

All: We shall sing our praises and tell of His wonderful acts.

One: Let all the hearts of those who seek the Lord, rejoice.

All: Let us come together, with one heart, and one mind, and sing our praises to the Lord our God.

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

We come together in Your house O Lord, because in You we find a new life. We can let go of those things that hold us back and cling to You who moves us forward. We want and need new life in You. Come, O Lord, and bless us with Your touch 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
Blessing of the Prayer Shawls (See PowerPoint)

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

ANTHEM *When the Stars are Gone* Henry Mollicone
Pilgrim Vocal Choir

***all who are able may stand**

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 24

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #4

Monday, September 25

5:00 p.m. Riverfront Cruise-In, St. Joseph School, Weller & Pilgrim Parking Lots
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #840, A.T.T.I.C

Tuesday, September 26

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, 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 27

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School-Pictures, Social Hall
2:15 - 9:30 pm Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,
Adult Library, Children's Library, Nursery

Thursday, September 28

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School-Pictures, Social Hall
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Donato's Night, State Rd. & Chestnut Blvd.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Meeting, Social Hall
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Adult Library

Friday, September 29

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Act It UP! - Auditions, Social Hall

Saturday, September 30

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Act It UP! - Auditions, Social Hall
11:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons,
Children's Library
6:00 p.m. Fisher/Kasperek Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Social Hall

Sunday, October 1 - World Communion Sunday

9:00 a.m. Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #1
11:45 a.m. Stewardship Board meeting, Heritage Room
4:00 pm Fisher/Kasperek Wedding & Reception, Sanctuary, Kitchen, Social Hall

Please Turn Electronic Devices To Silent Thank You!

September 24th 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.

Knitting & Crocheting Update:

The Knitting & Crocheting Group will meet in the Rev. Greene Room from 6:30 pm - 8:15 pm EVERY Tuesday! *Everyone is welcome to attend!*



Donatos Night

Thursday, September 28th
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
State Road & Chestnut Blvd.
Cuyahoga Falls



FAITH FOCUS - THIS WEEK: Zaccheus

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!



October 8th at 1:30 p.m.
Goodyear Metro Park Newton St.
See Marilyn Freeman for details.

Cub Scout Pack #3186

Will have popcorn products available to purchase on Sunday, October 8th during Fellowship Hour.

Please help Pilgrim's Chartered Pack raise funds to support their programming for 2017 to 2018. Thank You!



A Note from the Treasurer . . . John Richards

As of August 30th:

Income: \$106,500.00 Expenses: \$139,000.00 Difference: (\$ 32,500.00)

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Candle on the Water* Al Kasha

*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) *My Life Flows on in Endless Song* No. 476

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Kathie Richards

Proverbs 11:24 - 28 (page 557)
Luke 6:37 - 42 (page 56)

SERMON *Universal Values: Sharing* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* No. 234

*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 *The Stars and the Moon* Jason Robert Brown

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:

A 13 year old who feels abandoned by her parents.
The family & friends of Alice Woodburn who are grieving her death.
The people affected by the Hurricanes and Earthquakes.
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, radiation, chemo therapies & an 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.
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!
Continue prayers for Cousin Jeff's continued progress with healing and adjusting to his prosthesis.
Love and unity in our world.
Healing and comfort with the passing of another beloved pet.
Chandler & his family for strength & patience with his cancer diagnosis & treatments.
Our public servants, first responders and medical personnel.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Save Our Steeple Fund as of September 17, 2017 is at \$211,690.88!
Thank You to everyone who has made a commitment to this much needed repair and restoration.
Thank You!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Many hands have been busy creating prayer shawls for a new ministry & outreach. Each shawl is presented in a gift bag with a handmade card, personal note, and a booklet of collected prayers.

These shawls will be blessed during our morning worship from time to time when we have several available. If you have need of one, or would like to deliver one to a church member, neighbor, family or friend, please contact the church office.

If you are crafty and would like to create a prayer shawl for this ministry, we have patterns available for knitting and crocheting. Use your own pattern, too.



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.

S.A.R.A. Is Coming to Pilgrim - Sunday, October 15th

S.A.R.A. (Sharing America's Resources Abroad) is an ecumenical Christian Ministry that is dedicated to offering medical training and assistance to improve lives around the world. Marty Siegel, a S.A.R.A. missionary, will be speaking during the Sunday morning service October 15. As an occupational therapist she donates her services several times a year to go to the Ukraine to work with children who have physical disabilities due to birth defects, illness, surgery, etc. Marty will share her experiences with us and tell about other things S.A.R.A. is doing the Ukraine and elsewhere around the world. She will be happy to answer any questions you have after the service in the Social Hall.

A light lunch will be served afterwards.

The Faith Formation Board are preparing "Take Home Faith Boxes" as a way to help families connect faith and spirituality in the hectic schedule of daily life. These boxes contain simple Bible story activities, suggestions for prayers opportunities, music, games, crafts, links to online resources, and ways to create faithful rituals in your family setting.

Some of the items are "keepers" some are to be returned for later use. Guidelines for using the boxes are included and are intended to provide additional faith resources to families. On the last Sunday of each month the items can be exchanged. **Let us know how these "fit" in your family.**