

SAVE THE DATE: **Friends & Family Sunday** will take place on *Sunday, September 10th*. This is an opportunity to invite & share with your friends and family, Pilgrim's faith community. *Free Community Lunch* will be providing a taste of what they provide on the 2nd Saturday of each month, September - May during Fellowship Hour.

Hoping to see many new faces that day!

Choir rehearsal began at 9 am today in the Heritage Room! The choir will begin singing during the 10:30 am worship service next week!

Knitting & Crocheting Update:

Starting on Tuesday, September 12th 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!



HURRICANE HARVEY & THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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, through Pilgrim, make a check payable to "Pilgrim UCC" or place cash in an offering envelope. On it write "Harvey" and the amount. A check will be sent from Pilgrim to our National Office in Cleveland, Ohio.

Acolyte: *Thank You!*

Altar Flowers: *Jo & Bob Kindel*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Thank You!*

Liturgist: *John Richards*

Fellowship: *Team #1 - Shari Schneider*

Steeple Lighting: *Thank You!*

Pilgrim's Akron Zoo event: Sat., October 7, 1-2 p.m.

Leave Pilgrim Church at 9:30 am to travel to the zoo.

Picnic lunch will be provided for those who register.

Cost is \$15 per family. Adult pricing is available.

Zoo Bingo will be provided for the children.



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Sunday, September 3, 2017



Universal Values: Live Carefully and Accept

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.***

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A Caring Church for Thinking People

Sunday, September 3, 2017 † Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE PRELUDE *Nun Lob mein Seel' den Iterren* Buxtehude

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above* (vs. 1-3, 5) No. 6

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us all give our thanks to the Lord and call on His name.,

All: Let us sing our praises and tell of God's wonderful acts.

One: All glory to God. Let the hearts of all who seek the Lord rejoice.

**All: For the Lord is performing His miracles all around us. Let us have
Eyes that see His wonderful deeds.**

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

**God of mercy and wisdom, Lord of power and love, we gather to sing
of Your greatness and tell stories of Your compassion. Move us to change
our ways and fill our hearts and minds and souls with the gift of Your love.
Then empower us to share Your gift all of our days. 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

SPECIAL MUSIC *If With All Your Hearts* Felix Mendelssohn
Ken Anderson, baritone

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

***all who are able may stand**

THE OFFERTORY *Träumerei* Robert Schumann

*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) *Take My Gifts* No. 562

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES John Richards

Deuteronomy 31:1 - 8 (page 174)
Ephesians 5:15 - 21 (page 172)

SERMON *Universal Values: Live Carefully and Accept* Rev. Kirk Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* No. 443

*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 *Canzonetta in D Minor* Buxtehude

***all who are able may stand**

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 3

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

Monday, September 4 - OFFICE CLOSED

5:00 p.m. Riverfront Cruise-In, St. Joseph School, Weller & Pilgrim Parking Lots

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board Meeting, Adult Library
8:00 p.m. Fellowship of the Spirit Alcoholics Anonymous (FOTS AA), Heritage Rm

Wednesday, September 6

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:15 - 9:30 pm Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin & Cello Lessons,
Adult Library, Children's Library, Nursery

Thursday, September 7

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 8

Saturday, September 9

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Free Community Lunch, Kitchen & Social Hall
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 10 - Friends & Family 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 - Free Community Lunch
11:30 a.m. Music Community Meeting, Rev. Greene Room
2:45 - 5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #501, Adult Library

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!

Pray for:

The people in Texas affected by Hurricane Harvey.
Andy dealing with kidney cancer and the radiation and chemo therapies.
Heather dealing with heartbreak and grief, following the death of her father.
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.
A good school year! Love and unity in our world.
Healing and comfort with the passing of another beloved pet.
My finances that God protect & provide for the needs of my family, including debts which are great burden; & that God touch the hearts of those who would help me.
God bless you as you keep serving Him and thanks for joining me in prayers.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Save Our Steeple Fund as of August 28, 2017 is at \$181,476.88!
Thank You to everyone who has made a commit to this much
needed repair and restoration.***

September 4th 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.

