

Pilgrim's **NeedleWork** group will meet on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays** beginning **September 25th at 6:30 - 8:30 pm.**

Everyone is invited to bring their crocheting, knitting, embroidery, quilting or other projects to work-on, while enjoying the company of others in the Adult Library!

The **Neighbors In Need** offering, which we will receive on October 7th, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

Two-thirds of the offering is used by the **UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries** to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

Neighbors in Need helps make *A Just World for All* possible. For this to occur, it needs your support. Please give generously.

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: *To those who are sad, depressed and grieving. Dan & Kelly G.*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Cheryl Bruce*

Liturgist: *Bob Kindel*

Fellowship: *Potluck Celebration*

Steeple Lighting: *Anonymous*

Pilgrim United Church of Christ

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Sunday, September 16, 2018



Who Is Jesus To You?
Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

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THE PRELUDE *Largo* G. F. Handel
*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *For the Beauty of the Earth* No. 66

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 116)
One: Let us gather to worship the Lord who is gracious and full of compassion.
All: The Lord will protect us when we are in need.
One: The Lord will watch over us when we call on His name.
All: Therefore my soul can be at rest, for the Lord is good.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) Bob Kindel
We come this day from all of the places of our lives. Some have had a week of joy, You laugh with us. Some have had weeks of sadness, You cry with us. And some of us have had a week of stress, You hold onto us. Wherever we come from, You are here with us holding us together and so we praise Your holy name. Hear us 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 SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
Faith Focus Marilyn Freeman

ANTHEM: *Before Our Lord and King* James Culver
Pilgrim's Choir

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH Black Hymnal, No. 885

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Not While I'm Around* Stephen Sondheim

*THE DOXOLOGY (Red Hymnal) *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* 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) *When Love Is Found* No. 365

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES Isaiah 50:4 - 9 (page 640) Bob Kindel
Mark 8:27 - 38 (page 38)

SERMON *Who Is Jesus To You?* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *Christ Will Come Again* No. 608

*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 *As When the Dove* 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:

The Ignizio family and friends grieving the death of husband, father and friend, Bill. Herb, in the ICU, for healing.
Everyone effected by the hurricanes that have damaged property and lives.
The Mounts' family grieving the death of their brother and uncle.
Ralph, recovering from double bypass surgery.
Roberta, back and stomach problems.
Tom, a friend, recovering from open heart surgery.
Dave & Sandy Noonan & Amy Trier grieving the death of nephew & son, Billie Trier.
A young couple in a broken marriage.
Jane and her family.
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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACME CASH BACK program has begun!  **Save your receipts!**
Supports the Pilgrim Mission Trip Fund. **Place in the box in the Social Hall!**

Stewardship needs your help!

The cost of **envelopes** makes it necessary to have members and friends let the office know if you want a box of envelopes. Please choose between weekly and monthly envelopes for 2019.

Stewardship Board will be making available an I-Pad for electronic offerings. Information to explain the "how to's" as Pilgrim moves towards the ability to make electronic offerings available.

Looking Forward . . .

October 7, 2018: World Communion Sunday & Neighbors In Need offering taken.
October 14, 2018: Healing Service at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary.
November 4, 2018: All Saints Day: Remembering those who have gone before us.
November 11, 2018: Stewardship Sunday Celebration
November 18, 2018: Baptism of Theodore Kusnarsky

CALENDAR

Sunday, September 16, 2018 - Family Gathering Sunday

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk W. Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Potluck Celebration, Social Hall
2:45 - 5:15 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #501, Adult Library

Monday, September 17, 2018

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Ty Kwon Do Demo, Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting, Adult Library
7:00 p.m. Council meeting, Heritage Room

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
11:00 a.m. Calling Hours for Bill Ignizio, Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Memorial Service for Bill Ignizio, Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. Memorial Luncheon for Bill Ignizio, Social Hall
8:00 p.m. Broad Highway Group AA, Heritage Room

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Adult Library & Children's Library

Thursday, September 20, 2018

3:30 - 9:15 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Rev. Greene Room
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 Den meetings, Adult & Children's Library, Nursery & Classroom #27
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, September 21, 2018

Saturday, September 22, 2018

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

Sunday, September 23, 2018

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Heritage Room
10:30 a.m. Worship Service - Rev. Kirk W. Bruce, Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour - Team #4, Social Hall
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop #169, Adult Library

Monday, September 24, 2018

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Ty Kwan Do, Social Hall