

ACME CASH BACK program has begun!
Supports the Pilgrim Mission Trip Fund.



Save your receipts!
Place in the box in the Social Hall!

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 Polly from Bev.*

Greeters: *Everyone present today!*

Ushers: *Thank You!*

PowerPoint: *Cheryl Bruce*

Liturgist: *John Richards*

Fellowship: *Team #4*

Steeple Lighting: *David Kump.*

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Sunday, September 23, 2018



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First In Caring
Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

Pilgrim United Church of Christ
A Caring Church for Thinking People
Sunday, September 23, 2018 † Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE PRELUDE Allegro from *Sonatina*, Op. 20 No. 1 F.R. Kuhlau
*HYMN (Red Hymnal) *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* No. 155

OPENING OURSELVES TO GOD

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1)
One: Blessed are we when we choose to walk in the way of the Lord.
All: Like a tree planted beside a stream of water whose leaf never withers.
One: Let us gather and meditate on the ways of our Lord.
All: May the Lord watch over the way of all who are righteous.

*THE INVOCATION, OUR LORD'S PRAYER (Unison) John Richards
We gather in Your house O Lord, to be reminded of how to live lives of righteousness. We come to learn what we must do to be counted among your sons and daughters. For in Your presence life comes together and works. In Your company life is filled to overflowing. 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
 Stewardship Neighbors in Need Kelly Gerstenberger

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Kirk W. Bruce
 Faith Focus Marilyn Freeman

ANTHEM: *All Good Gifts* Natalie Sleeth
 Pilgrim's Choir

***all who are able may stand**

WE GIVE TO GOD

AN OFFERTORY INVITATION

THE OFFERTORY *Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace* Eric H. Thiman

*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) *Take My Gifts* No. 562

GOD GIVES TO US

SCRIPTURES James 3:13 - 4:7 (page 203) John Richards
 Mark 9:30 - 37 (page 39)

SERMON *First In Caring* Rev. Kirk W. Bruce

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH SERVICE

*HYMN (Black Hymnal) *I Am the Light of the World* No. 584

*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 Allegro from *Sonatina*, Op. 20 No. 2 F. R. Kuhlau

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 Rake family and friends grieving the death of husband, father, grandfather & friend, Herb.
The Ignizio family and friends grieving the death of husband, father, grandfather & friend, Bill.
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

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!

As the hurricanes hit the east coast, Pilgrim would like to give all an opportunity to give to these disasters. Simply add the amount to weekly, monthly or pew envelopes noting "Hurricane Disasters."

As of June 30th, Pilgrim gave 7% of all the benevolence funds received to OCWM - Disaster Response for the 1st & 2nd quarters of 2018 totaling \$429.87.



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

Keys were found in the parking lot. See the office secretary if they are yours!

CALENDAR

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

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Ty Kwon Do Demo, Social Hall

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

10:30 a.m. Bible Study, Adult Library
6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Needle Work, Adult Library
8:00 p.m. Broad Highway Group AA, Heritage Room

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Dance Class, Social Hall
2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Violin Lessons, Adult Library & Children's Library
7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Heritage Room

Thursday, September 27, 2018

8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Picture Day, Social Hall
3:30 - 9:15 p.m. Western Reserve Suzuki School - Cello Lessons, Rev. Greene Room
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Donato's Night, Chestnut Blvd. & State Rd.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack #3186 Pack meeting, Social Hall
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Emotions Anonymous, Heritage Room

Friday, September 28, 2018

Saturday, September 29, 2018

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

Sunday, September 30, 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 #3, Social Hall

Monday, October 1, 2018

1:00 - 1:30 p.m. Absorbent Minds Montessori School - Ty Kwan Do, Social Hall
6:30 p.m. Diaconate Board meeting, Adult Library