



# The Pilgrim Spire

## June 2022



Pilgrim  
United Church of Christ  
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## Pastor's Parable

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One day, a psychology professor walked into her classroom carrying a large empty glass and a pitcher of water. The students' chattering became hushed as she placed the items on the desk in the front of the room.

"Good morning, everyone!" said the professor, "Let's get to it. Today we're going to talk about the power of perspective." She picked up the pitcher and the empty glass and proceeded to pour some water into the glass. Holding the pitcher in one hand and the glass of water in the other, she asked her students, "which of these two containers of water is the heaviest?"

There were looks of confusion and uncertainty on the faces of the students as they tried to figure out how to respond. Finally, after several moments of perplexed silence, a young man raised his hand and offered his reply. "It's kind of obvious," he said. "There's a lot more water in the pitcher than the glass, so the pitcher is heavier." The other students nodded their heads in agreement.

The professor invited the young man to come up and hold the glass of water, while another student volunteered to hold the pitcher. "Let's see if you're right," she said. "I want you to stand there and hold your items with one hand until I tell you to put them down." The two students stood there holding their items while the rest of the class looked on. After a couple of minutes, the student holding the pitcher of water said her arm was beginning to hurt and it was becoming more difficult to hold onto the pitcher, while the young man with the glass appeared to be doing fine.

A minute later, the student holding the pitcher looked at the teacher and said, "I can't hold it anymore. It hurts my arm." So, the professor thanked her and told her to put the pitcher down. The look of relief on her face was obvious as she returned to her seat, rubbing her arm. Meanwhile, the student holding the glass showed no sign of discomfort.

The professor asked the students to do some reading while the young man continued holding his glass of water. As the minutes went by, he began to squirm. The look of physical discomfort started to appear on his face. He began shifting his weight from one leg to another. Then he started flexing his arm at the elbow and rotating his shoulder. Finally, the professor told him to put the glass on the desk, and when he did,

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- If you have something to share with your fellow Pilgrims in the next edition of . . . *The Pilgrim Spire*.
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## ***Thank you!***

ANNIVERSARYS	DIACONATE
<p><b>Date - Name (Years)</b></p> <p>06/09 - Jim &amp; Marcia Carsten (50)  06/10 - Josh &amp; Lisa Obenreder (5)  06/13 - Bob &amp; Jo Kindel (12)  06/22 - John &amp; Kathie Richards (48)  06/23 - Wayne &amp; Aurora Mawalls (10)  06/24 - Victor &amp; Wendy Ing (27)</p> <p>07/09 - Brandon &amp; Dani McIntyre (11)  07/16 - Mark &amp; Laura Ahrens (5)  07/20 - Jim &amp; Carol Letvin (54)  07/31 - Rachel &amp; Vince Coven (1)</p>	<p>No Report</p>
	<p><b>FAITH FORMATION</b></p>
	<p>No Report</p>
	<p><b>NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN AKA - PILGRIM COMMUNITY LUNCH</b></p>
	<p><i>These items are very much needed!</i></p> <p>MEN &amp; WOMEN'S SHAVING CREAM  MEN &amp; WOMEN'S RAZORS  MEN &amp; WOMEN'S TOOTHPASTE  MEN &amp; WOMEN'S TOOTHBRUSHES  MEN &amp; WOMEN'S DEODORANT  MEN &amp; WOMEN'S GLOVES</p>  <p>Drop off items between: 9:30 am and 2:30 pm  Monday - Friday  Other drop off times: call ahead. <i>Crystal Wagner</i></p>
<p><b>BIRTHDAYS - June</b></p>	
<p><b>Date — Name (Age)</b></p> <p>06/02 - Steve Stimmel  06/03 - Bob Kindel  06/10 - J.P. Kraft  06/10 - Sloan McIntyre (7)  06/11 - Missi Shedlock  06/13 - Emily Richards-Clark  06/15 - Mackenzie Schneider  06/21 - Christy Opritza  06/23 - Mary Cortel</p>	
<p><b>BIRTHDAYS - July</b></p>	
<p><b>Date — Name (Age)</b></p> <p>07/04 - Barbara Mellinger  07/07 - Govan Hudson  07/09 - Joel Stanley  07/11 - Ceci Ing  07/12 - Kurt Spenoso  07/13 - Jason VanHorn  07/15 - Maura Schneider  07/18 - Kris Gill  07/21 - Lillian Ing (17)  07/25 - Lou Yanik  07/30 - Jean Huson</p>	
<p><b>COUNCIL</b></p>	
<p><b>Contact the Chairperson of the following Boards &amp; Committees for the next meeting.</b></p> <p>Council: Brian Ewart, Kathie Richards, Mark Opritza  Diaconate: Kathie Richards  Evangelism: Not an active board.  Faith Formation: Mitzi Stanley  Stewardship: Needed  Trustees: Dan Gerstenberger</p>	<p><b>PASTOR'S PARABLE—CONTINUED</b></p> <p>he immediately began rubbing the hand that had been holding the glass. He flexed his arm at the elbow a few times as he returned to his seat.</p> <p>The professor explained, "We assumed that because the pitcher was larger and held more water than the glass that the pitcher was heavier, and perhaps from a scientific perspective, it did weigh more than the glass. But our little experiment showed that <b>both ended up being heavy to the person holding them, just in different ways.</b> The person holding the pitcher was affected more quickly than the person holding the glass, but even the person holding the glass eventually experienced discomfort."</p> <p>We are all containers for stress. We hold onto negative thoughts, ideas, beliefs, and memories that cause us harm emotionally, psychologically, physically, and spiritually. Like the water in the glass and pitcher, we carry it inside us, and if we don't address these sources of trauma and stress, they will eventually cripple us. All stress is "heavy," and we should never fall prey to the idea that only the "big issues" are dangerous, because although it may take longer to appear, the "weight" of any stress will eventually take its toll. It's important that we all remember to learn how to put our glasses and pitchers down, rather than carry them with us through life.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Rev. Glen Shedlock</i></p>

## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE



The pastoral search committee:

JP Kraft, Chair  
Bob Kindel, Chaplain  
Cindy Spenoso

Katherine Subichin, Secretary  
David Kump

Next Meeting: June 15, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- ◇ The loss of young lives in a Texas school and all families effected.
- ◇ Those needing mental health care.
- ◇ Zoey, Baptized Sunday, May 22, 2022.
- ◇ Graham's cancer diagnosis.
- ◇ Grandma Pattie, 4th hospitalization in two months.
  
- ◇ Jim, healing after a blood clot.
- ◇ Chris, hoping his wife, Lauren will return.
- ◇ Rev. Rich Plant in Cleveland Clinic for treatment.
- ◇ Eric, dealing with a serious medical issue and the decisions that need to be made.
- ◇ The Opritza Family, family friend with serious medical issue.
  
- ◇ Jo's mother, Billie Iles, who needs to make decisions to transition away from her home.
- ◇ Pilgrim's search for a lawn care provider.
- ◇ Teacher's and student's expectantly waiting for the last day of school.
- ◇ The situation in Ukraine.
  
- ◇ All families planning their summer vacation.
- ◇ World Leaders navigating the conflicts and environmental issues.
- ◇ The Pastoral Search Committee.
- ◇ A couple trying to conceive a child.
- ◇ Traveling mercies for those beginning their summer adventures.

## SHARING AMERICA'S RESOURCES ABROAD

SARA has set up a Ukraine Relief Fund. Donations should be mailed to:  
Heartland Conference  
Attn: SARA Relief Fund  
PO Box 1230  
Worthington OH 43085



Checks should be made out to the **Heartland Conference** with "**SARA Relief Fund**" in the memo line.  
Thank you, Bob & Jo Kindel

## SOCIAL HOUR

Social Hours are Back! The first Sunday of the month will have treats to enjoy with our coffee, tea, and juice. The other weeks of the month will be beverages only. Help will be needed with the tables and chairs. Please remember to keep a safe distance as you visit.



## STEWARDSHIP



**The last two years have told a story about the resilience of our churches and their leaders.**

**This has been hard.  
Leaders are tired.  
Leaders are anxious.  
Leaders are beleaguered.  
Leaders are traumatized.**

But every day, and in countless ways, leaders in the church demonstrate the power of faith in the risen Christ as they embody the spirit of Paul himself who wrote that we will ‘rejoice in all circumstances’ and ‘we do not grieve as those who have no hope.’

Two years into this pandemic, we struggle to name a more devastating season through which we have all lived. And yet still we see signs of life and resilience and ingenuity and growth and enduring hope.

There are stories of how college students left for college and for the first time since anyone can remember they were still able to worship every week with their home church.

One church noticed their members were struggling with a variety of mental health issues. They brought a counselor on to their staff who set up an office in the church to provide therapeutic care to them.. The pastor noticed that neighbors who had never been to the church were also suffering—and the counselor began to meet regularly with them as well. Now, there is a full time mental health specialist on staff who serves not just the church, but the neighborhood.

Many of our settings are reporting that their giving rose in 2021, a sign that even in the midst of deep sorrow our better angels emerge with a desire to support those who suffer and those who care for the suffering.

Churches that feared loosing all their members when we all quarantined learned how to connect virtually for pastoral visitation, prayer, worship, and fellowship. They not only didn’t lose their members, many grew by finding an audience who were only ever going to be found in the virtual spaces they occupy and find safe.

Our churches remain strong in the Lord.

All that we do to Strengthen Our Churches extends the kingdom of God. Preaching the gospel is our collective calling. Even a raging global pandemic cannot suppress either our desire or ability to preach that gospel, nor the Spirit’s ability to change lives when we do.

**Won’t you please help sustain the mission of the risen Christ, and **Strengthen the Church** with your offering of love, prayer, and generosity?**

# All Together!

**John C. Dorhauer**  
*General Minister and President*  
United Church of Christ

Please prayerfully consider giving to the **Strengthen the Church** offering which will be received June 1 - 30, 2022.

## THANK YOU’S

*Dear Friend,*

*Thank you for your generous gift and sponsorship...dated April 30, 2022. As Hope Homes Foundations, Inc. celebrates our 59th anniversary as a local housing ministry, we are especially grateful for partners like you who are building Hope Homes for the future. ...*

*With your contribution, you are positively impacting more than 125 individuals with DD and 20 properties in Summit, Stark, and Wayne counties in Ohio. Your gift will be put to work immediately to support Hope Homes Foundation’s daily operations and develop new programs and housing opportunities.*

*We look forward to sharing our accomplishments with you through our website [ww.hopehomes.org](http://ww.hopehomes.org).*

*Thank You!*

*With warm regards,  
Paul Herrera, CEO, Hope Homes Foundation, Inc.*

The visit with Sandi Ignizio who brought us last Sunday's Altar Flowers was a delight. They are so beautiful and it was great to visit with Sandi. Thanks so much for thinking about us.

Bob and Reba Rayman

Dear Friends,

On behalf of all those we serve, thank you for your donation...to Chapel Hill Community. Your continued kindness celebrates the spirit of older adults and helps them enjoy life abundantly as they age.

Your support allows residents to live with purpose so they can engage wholeheartedly in the possibilities of life. It provides important social connections and helps to create a safe and sound living community where health and wellbeing are put first.

Your gift provides a warm welcome for all. No matter the individual, United Church Homes offers inclusive communities for all people including LGBT older adults, minorities, military veterans, low-income individuals and people of all faiths or no faith.

Thank you for partnering with us in our service to older adults.

With Gratitude,

Rev. Beth Long-Higgins, VP of Engagement and Director of the Parker Center for Abundant Aging  
United Church Homes

## TREASURER

Thank you ... to everyone who ... have continued to send-in contributions!

Contributions Received:

\$1,796.00	April 3, 2022	\$2,802.00	May 1, 2022
\$7,302.00+	April 10, 2022	\$2,960.00	May 8, 2022
\$2,184.00	April 17, 2022	\$6,659.00+	May 15, 2022
<u>\$3,797.50</u>	<u>April 24, 2022</u>	\$2,255.40	May 22, 2022
<b>\$15,079.50</b>	<b>April Totals</b>	<u>\$</u>	<u>May 29, 2022</u>
		<b>\$14,676.40</b>	<b>May Totals</b>

+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement) \$5,000.00 + \$5,000.00 = \$10,000.00

End of April 2022: Balance of all Ameriprise Accounts: \$383,454.74

End of April 2022: Income: \$10,305.23 Expenses: \$19,767.30

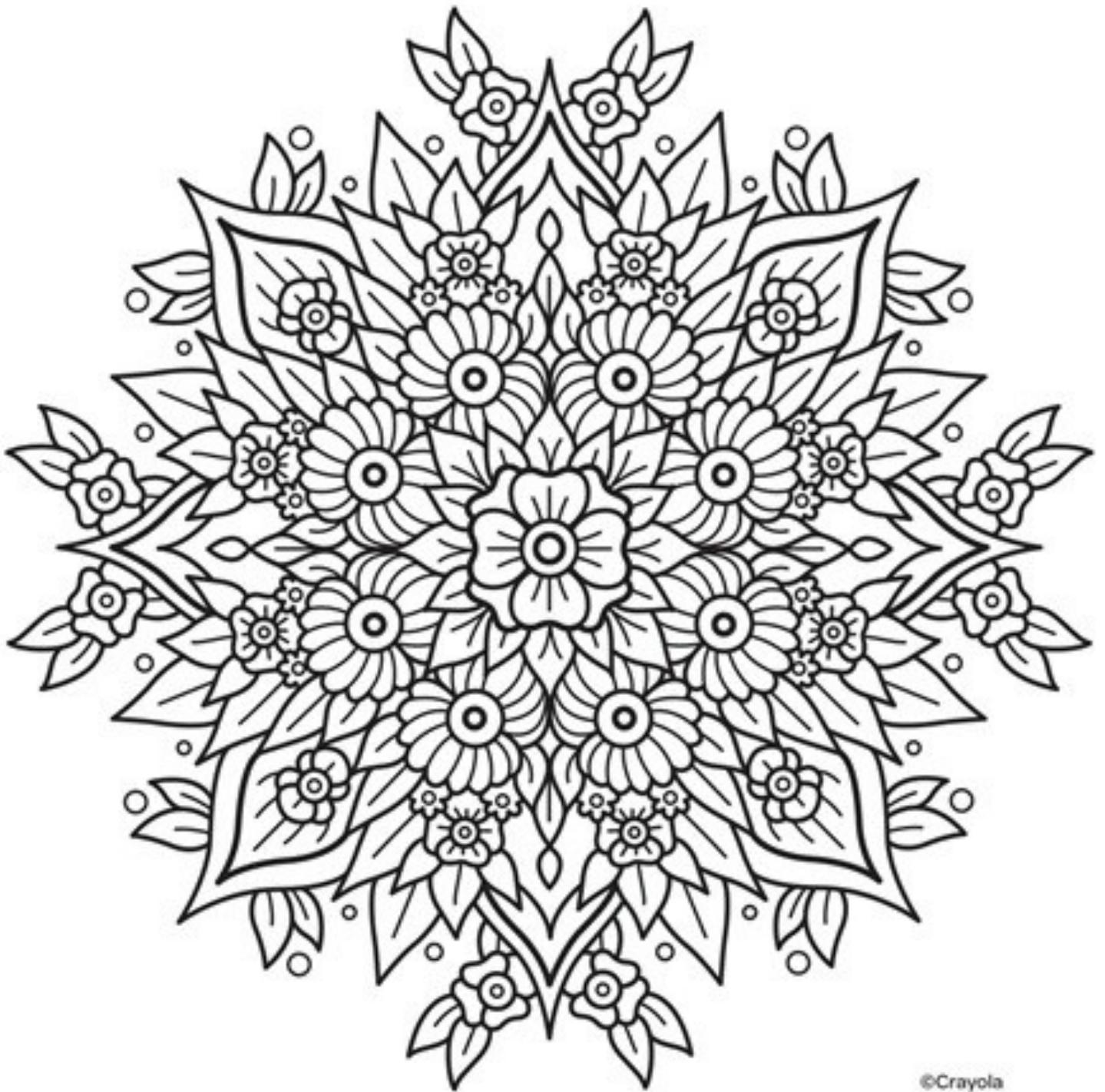
Pilgrim's financial books have been audited through December 2019.

## TRUSTEES

No Report.



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## June 2022 ~ Calendar



**OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY**  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Website:** [www.pilgrimcf.org](http://www.pilgrimcf.org)

**Facebook:** Cuyahoga Falls Pilgrim United Church of Christ

**YouTube:** Pilgrim UCC, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

**Group Key:**

**AMMS**=Absorbent Minds Montessori School

**AA**=Alcoholics Anonymous

**BHG**=Broad Highway Group

**CS**=Cub Scouts

**EA**=Emotions Anonymous

**PCL**=Pilgrim's Community Lunch

**WRSS**=Western Reserve Suzuki School

**Room Key:**

**AL**=Adult Library

**AT**=Attic

**SA**=Sanctuary

**C**=Classroom

**CL**=Children's Library

**HR**=Heritage Room

**K**=Kitchen

**MR**=Music Room

**RGR**=Rev. Greene Room

**SH**=Social Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> AMMS-Kindergarten Graduation Rehearsal  4 - 6 p.m. AMMS-Graduation, Social Hall  3-5 p.m. Legacy Barbershop, HR	<b>2</b> AMMS-Last Day of School-Field Day SH-Rain Day Back-Up  6:30-8:30 p.m. Moon-Light Serenader's, MR 7:30-9:00 pm EA, AL	<b>3</b> AMMS—Teacher's In-Service Day	<b>4</b>   6-10 p.m. AA, SH
<b>5</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, SA  11:30 a.m. Social Hour - Treats & Beverages, SH	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 6:45-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH	<b>8</b> 3-5 p.m. Legacy Barbershop, HR	<b>9</b> 7:30-9:00 pm EA, AL	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>   6-10 p.m. AA, SH
<b>12</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, SA  11:30 a.m. Social Hour - Beverages, SH	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2 - 4 pm WRSS-Violin, AL  6:45-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH	<b>15</b> 3-5 p.m. Legacy Barbershop, HR	<b>16</b> 7:30-9:00 pm EA, AL	<b>17</b> 5:00 p.m. July Spire Deadline For Information	<b>18</b> 1:00-4:00 p.m. Akron Multi-District AA mtg, AL  6-10 p.m. AA, SH
<b>19</b> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, SA  11:30 a.m. Social Hour - Beverages, SH	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10 - 5:30 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL  6:45-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH	<b>22</b> 3-5 p.m. Legacy Barbershop, HR	<b>23</b> 7:30-9:00 pm EA, AL	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 65th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ  6-10 p.m. AA, SH
<b>26</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, SA  11:30 a.m. Social Hour - Beverages, SH	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 2 - 4 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL  6:45-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH	<b>29</b> 3-5 p.m. Legacy Barbershop, HR	<b>30</b> 7:30-9:00 pm EA, AL		

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## *June 2022 The Pilgrim Spire*

**Sunday Schedule:**

10:30 am Worship

Recorded Worship Services:

Website: [www.pilgrimcf.org](http://www.pilgrimcf.org)

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YouTube: [Pilgrim UCC, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio](#)

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