

# The Pilgrim Spire May 2022



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## Pastor's Parable

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Once upon a time, there lived a man who was a stonecutter by trade. By all outward appearances, he was a happy and content fellow; he got up every morning before dawn, ate a hearty breakfast, kissed his wife and children, and went to work. But we all know that outward appearances can be deceiving. The truth was that on the inside this stonecutter was quite unhappy and discontented. You see, he hated his life because he worked so hard but had no real power.

One evening, as he walked home from work, he took a detour and wandered into the "high rent" district of town. He looked at the big, beautiful homes and found himself feeling even more depressed and discontented with his own life. As he walked, he came upon the home of the lord of the city; he peered through the bars of the large iron gate and marveled at the sprawling mansion on the hill. The stone cutter silently wished he could be the lord of the city. The very next morning when he awoke, he found that he had become the lord of the city!

Months went by, and the man who had become the lord of the city found himself once again feeling unhappy and discontented with his life. One day, the lord of the province came to visit, and the former stonecutter silently wished that he could become the lord of the province. The very next morning when he awoke, he found that he had become the lord of the province! All the people of the province feared him and his power, and he was content.

But the years passed by, and he grew weary. One day, while he was lounging on the roof of this palace, he noticed how strong and powerful the sun was. He silently wished he could be the sun. And the very next morning when he awoke, he found that he had become the sun. He shined light and heat on all. And he was content.

For many years, he shined his light and heat on the world. But one day, a cloud floated by and blocked his light. He marveled at the cloud and silently wished that he could be one. And the very next morning when he awoke, he found that he had become a cloud. He could block the sun and rain on the people. And he was content.

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***Thank you!***

<b>ANNIVERSARYS</b>	<b>DIACONATE</b>
<p><b>Date - Name (Years)</b></p> <p>05/11 - Ken &amp; Nancy Anderson (21) 05/18 - Vincent &amp; Melissa Ing (20)</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>No Report</p>
	<b>FAITH FORMATION</b>
	<p>No Report</p>
	<b>NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN AKA - PILGRIM COMMUNITY LUNCH</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BIRTHDAYS - May</b></p> <p><b>Date — Name (Age)</b></p> <p>05/01 - Mark Opritza 05/04 - Charlotte Kuznarsky (2) 05/09 - Aurora Mawalls</p> <p>05/18 - Declan McIntyre (9) 05/19 - Diane Tomak 05/20 - Casey Tomak (1) 05/21 - Helen Hapanowicz</p> <p>05/21 - Rich Shisler 05/23 - Josh Obenreder 05/26 - Sherman Rose 05/30 - Kristen Howe</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>These items are very much needed!</b></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. <b>Crystal Wagner</b></p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BIRTHDAYS - June</b></p> <p><b>Date — Name (Age)</b></p> <p>06/02 - Steve Stimmel 06/03 - Bob Kindel 06/10 - Sloan McIntyre (7) 06/11 - Missi Shedlock</p> <p>06/13 - Emily Richards-Clark 06/15 - Mackenzie Schneider 06/21 - Christy Opritza 06/23 - Mary Cortel</p>	<b>PASTOR'S PARABLE—CONTINUED</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>Contact the Chairperson of the following Boards &amp; Committees for the next meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Council:</b> Brian Ewart, Kathie Richards, Mark Opritza <b>Diaconate:</b> Kathie Richards <b>Evangelism:</b> Not an active board. <b>Faith Formation:</b> Mitzi Stanley <b>Stewardship:</b> Needed <b>Trustees:</b> Dan Gerstenberger</p>	<p>He enjoyed the power of being a cloud, that is, until he ran into a mountain. The mountain could not be moved, and he could not rise over the mountain. He thought to himself that nothing is more powerful than this mountain. So, he silently wished to be the mountain. And the very next morning when he awoke, he found that he had become a huge mountain. Nothing could move him. The rain could not wash him away. The sun could not penetrate him. Clouds could not pass over him. And he was content.</p> <p>As the decades and centuries passed, he felt himself being diminished and chipped away. He thought to himself: "Who could be more powerful than a mountain?"</p> <p>And he looked down to see a stonecutter.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Rev. Glen Shedlock</i></p>
	 <p>a just world for all ucc.org</p>

## PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE



The pastoral search committee:

JP Kraft, Chair  
Bob Kindel, Chaplain  
Cindy Spenoso

Katherine Subichin, Secretary  
David Kump

Next Meeting: May 11, 2022

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

- ◇ The family and friends of Mark Brown. Mark passed from this life on March 27, 2022.
- ◇ The situation in Ukraine.
- ◇ World Leaders navigating the conflicts and environmental issues.
- ◇ Chloe prayers for adjustment to her new surroundings.
- ◇ Thelma, Mark, Ann, Jo, Elaine, Sandi, and Jim healing prayers.
- ◇ The Pastoral Search Committee.
- ◇ A couple trying to conceive a child.
- ◇ Healing for everyone dealing with medical issues.
- ◇ All who are struggling to get through their week.
- ◇ 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

Thank you for Pilgrim's continued support of SARA, both from individual contributions and through Stewardship support.

New brochures have been printed. Copies are available in the social hall.

Despite the unsettled political situation in the region, SARA is still active in the Transcarpathia region of the Ukraine. Several members are planning trips in the spring and summer.

Dr. Oksana Jackson, director of cleft palate and cleft lip surgery at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, was in the Ukraine in September 2021 and, with another board member, performed 10 surgeries to repair cleft lips and palates while helping train local oral surgeons in the latest procedures.

She has asked Pilgrim to help meet the need for "No-No"s, a sleeve with rigid components that immobilize toddlers' elbows so that they can't tug at the delicate stitches in their lips. She is sending patterns to use and we hope members of the congregation that can sew could make some. They are also available premade commercially so those who can't sew but want to help could buy some to send over.

Oksana, SARA's newest board member, plans to return to the Ukraine as soon as the political situation stabilizes and also plans a trip to train Romanian oral surgeons in the spring.

As always, please keep the children that are the core of our mission in your prayers.

Bob and 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

**One Great Hour of Sharing**

**Theme: Love Remains, based on I Corinthians 13**

**Thank you for your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts of \$295.00 received at Pilgrim UCC between March 27, 2022 to April 24, 2022**



## THANK YOU'S

*The many cards and prayers were very much appreciated. A special Thank You to Sandi Ignizio for delivering the Palm Sunday altar flowers and visiting. The flowers are still beautiful!*

**Thelma Viola**

## TREASURER

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

Contributions Received:

\$1,335.00	March 6, 2022	\$1,796.00	April 3, 2022
\$6,567.90+	March 13, 2022	\$7,302.00+	April 10, 2022
\$3,711.40	March 20, 2022	\$2,184.00	April 17, 2022
\$3,906.03	March 27, 2022	\$3,797.50	April 24, 2022
<b>\$15,520.33</b>	<b>March Totals</b>	<b>\$15,079.50</b>	<b>April Totals</b>

**+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement) \$6,000.00 + \$5,000.00 = \$11,000.00**

End of March 2022: Balance of all Ameriprise Accounts: \$408,865.72

End of March 2022: Income: \$9,556.63 Expenses: \$16,097.68

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

## TRUSTEES

### News for May 2022

Projects that continue to require input and volunteers to step forward to assist:

1. Find a solution to the storm drains on each side of the sanctuary where the corrugated metal pipe has rusted away.
2. As the gardens awaken, new mulch will need to be spread around the building. (Skipped in 2021) Planning to order and have it delivered in May.
3. Decision on lawn care, should it be hired out, or utilize a team of weekly volunteers.
4. Review rental contract with Absorbent Minds prior to August 1, 2022
5. Review if Pilgrim UCC should hire a custodian.

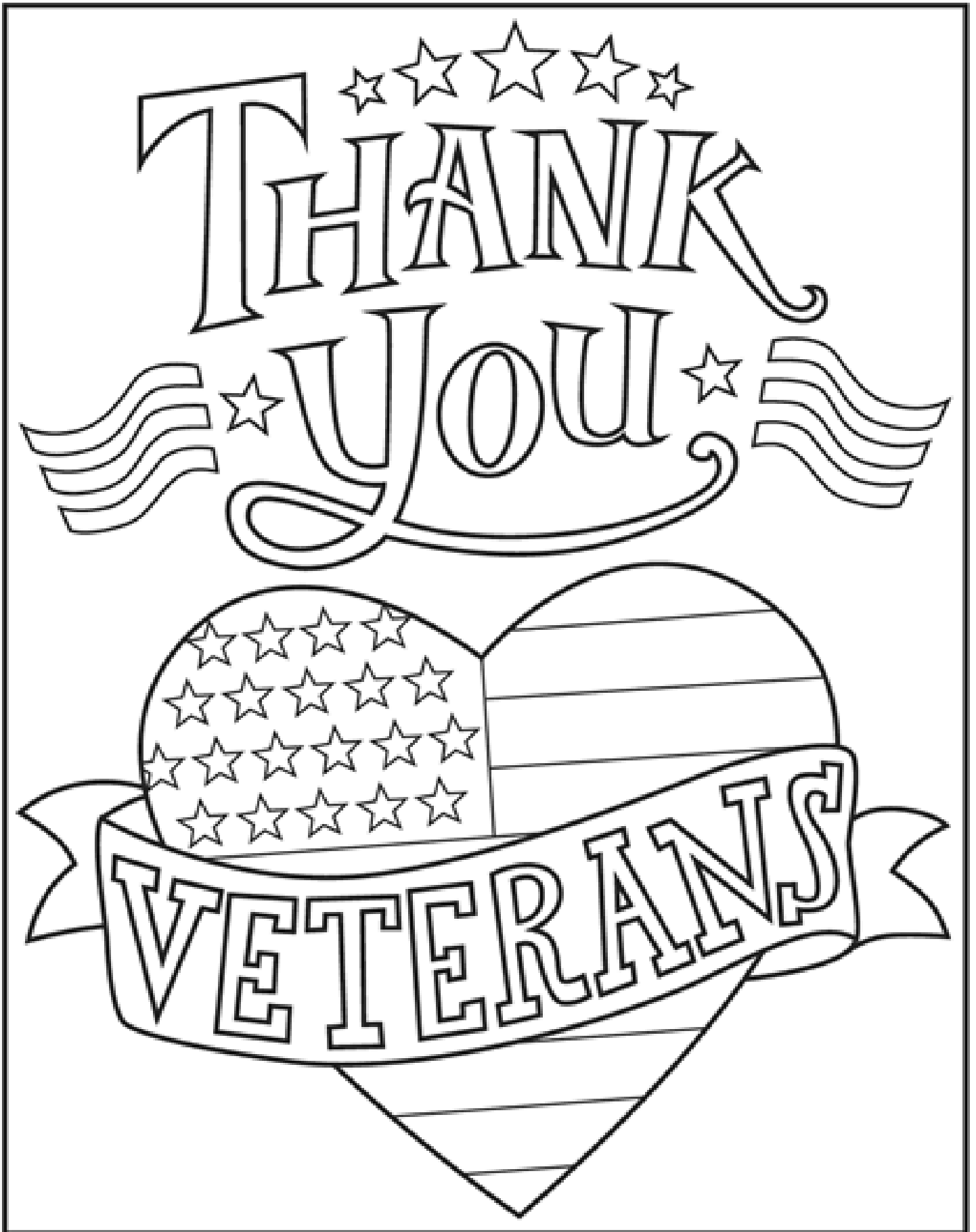
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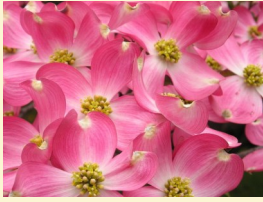
If you have suggestions and want to be involved, talk with Dan Gerstenberger before or after service on Sunday.



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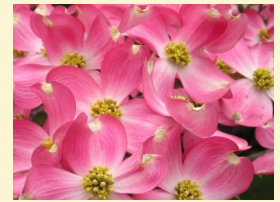






# Pilgrim United Church of Christ

## May 2022 ~ Calendar



**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

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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

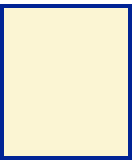
**MR**=Music Room

**RGR**=Rev. Greene Room

**SH**=Social Hall

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i></p> <p>11:30 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Treats, SH</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>3-8 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL</p> <p>4:30 p.m. <i>Hand Bell Rehearsal, MR</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>2:30-6:45 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL</p> <p>6:45-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>3-5 p.m. <i>Legacy Barbershop, HR</i></p> <p>3-8 p.m. WRSS-Violin, CL</p> <p>4:30-7 p.m. WRSS-Cello, AL</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 - 8:00 p.m. <b>CS #3186 Den Mtg, Available Rooms</b></p> <p>6:30-8:30 p.m. Moon-Light Serenader, MR</p> <p>7:30-9:00 pm EA, AL</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>6-10 p.m. AA, SH</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>MOTHER'S DAY</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i></p> <p>11:30 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Beverages, SH</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>3-8 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>2:30-6:45 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL</p> <p>6:45-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>3-5 p.m. <i>Legacy Barbershop, HR</i></p> <p>3-8 p.m. WRSS-Violin, CL</p> <p>4:30-7 p.m. WRSS-Cello, AL</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Pastoral Search Committee, HR</i></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30 - 8:00 p.m. <b>CS #3186 Den Mtgs. Available Rooms</b></p> <p>7:30-9:00 pm EA, AL</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. <i>PCL, SH &amp; K</i></p> <p>6-10 p.m. AA, SH</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i></p> <p>11:30 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Beverages, SH</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>3-8 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>2:30-6:45 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL</p> <p>6:45-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>3-5 p.m. <i>Legacy Barbershop, HR</i></p> <p>3-8 p.m. WRSS-Violin, CL</p> <p>4:30-7 p.m. WRSS-Cello, AL</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 - 8:00 p.m. <b>CS #3186 End of Year Picnic, Oak Park</b></p> <p>7:30-9:00 pm EA, AL</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>5:00 p.m. <i>Deadline June Spire Information</i></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>1:00-4:00 p.m. Akron Multi-District AA mtg, AL</p> <p>6-10 p.m. AA, SH</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i></p> <p>11:30 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Beverages, SH</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>3-8 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>2:30-6:45 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL</p> <p>6:45-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>3-5 p.m. <i>Legacy Barbershop, HR</i></p> <p>3-8 p.m. WRSS-Violin, CL</p> <p>4:30-7 p.m. WRSS-Cello, AL</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:30-9:00 pm EA, AL</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>6-10 p.m. AA, SH</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i></p> <p>11:30 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Beverages, SH</i></p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>Offices Closed</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>2:30-6:45 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL</p> <p>6:45-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH</p>				

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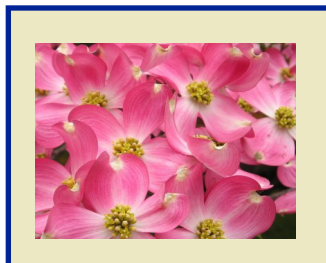
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