



Fall 2022



Pastor MiMi's Musings:

Thanks to all Pilgrims who participated in my SONKA Ecclesiastical Council on June 26 and to all the Pilgrim Church family for supporting me on this journey to ordained ministry.

Please Save the Date! and watch your mailbox for your official invitation. (below)



Here is part of my ordination paper to express my gratitude to you:

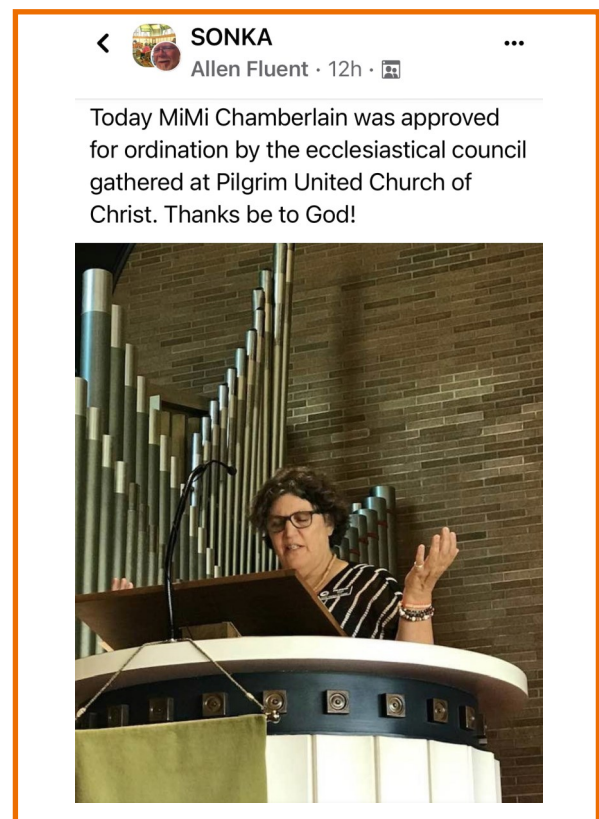
Throughout my discernment journey, my connection to and admiration and respect for the UCC as a denomination and authentic expression of Christian faith deepened.

A further confirmation and affirmation of my call is that I have grown in faith, hope, and love during my time serving as licensed minister and Pastor of Pilgrim UCC since October 2020.

In writing up the summary for renewal, I can see how God has used all that has come before in my life to help prepare me for this part of my journey.

From helping to manage the return to in-person worship with COVID-safety measures, as well as setting up livestream capability to leading memorial services to helping lead a group in updating foundational documents, policies, and processes to being encouraged by the faithful and faith-filled members in their 70s, 80s, and 90s, I have felt affirmed and confirmed in growing closer to realizing my call to ordination.

This past Christmas Eve Lesson and Carols when I looked out at all four of my grown children (as well as my parents and ex-husband) in the pews not far from me, I again felt tears form as I realized I was both a mom and a minister— at last. I get emotional every time I count the blessing of coming home to the UCC.





Thank You! Danke! Gracias! Merci!
The Yard Sale was a wonderful success.

Thank you to all volunteers, donors of items, workers at sale, Scout Troop 288, and all who cleared and cleaned out church storage!

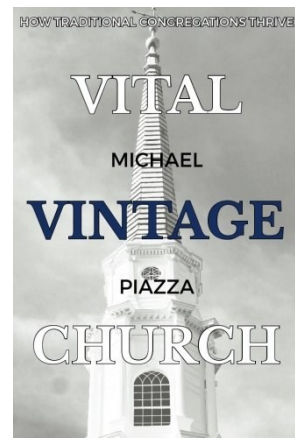
We raised over \$2,000.00 for our
Summer Spruce Up Projects!
(painting – exterior and interior, parking lot,
new signage, and more! Photos on next page>)

**Pilgrim's legacy of loving service and
generous spirit is strong!**



Vital Vintage Vignette

We continue to reimagine and recommit to being church inside and outside our building. We hope and pray that we grow in our understanding and identity as Pilgrim UCC: **vital, vintage and thriving!**



This month's insight is:

If we continue to measure the size of the church by Sunday morning attendance the news is going to continue to get worse as the elders who attend regularly pass. Vibrant churches will recognize this sociological trend and:

- * Keep members involved in ways other than on Sunday morning; volunteer ministries, small groups, service projects, online participation.*
- * Utilize an effective database that tracks these new ways of being involved and recognizes and responds when someone misses three consecutive Sundays so they know they have been missed and the pattern doesn't become permanent.*
- * Move to electronic automatic giving so that even when people are not physically present they are able to financially support the life and ministry of their church.*
- * Create events and special worship services so that throughout the year there is a large attendance other than just Christmas and Easter. (Page 137)*
- * We have copies of book available - please see Pastor MiMi if you would like one.**

HAPPY SCHOOL YEAR!

Preschool News

Where did the summer go? We can't believe the 2022-2023 school year is about to begin. We hope everyone had a great summer. Now it's time to get back into the school routine and get ready for an awesome school year.

Our Parent Orientation and One Hour classes will be September 6th and 7th. The children will get to come to school with mom, dad or another special adult to meet the teacher and get acclimated to their new classroom surroundings. The Preschool will be in full swing beginning on September 9th and 10th. September will be a month of learning rules, meeting friends, getting used to transitions, making some fun projects, and feeling comfortable in new surroundings.

We have been busy all summer preparing for a fun-filled school year with lots of learning and new adventures. We do still have a few openings for this school year in our PM sessions. For more information, please call 574-9047.

Thanks to Tracie and the Monday Crew for keeping the Preschool in tip top shape. We appreciate your hard work.

In case you haven't noticed the building has had so many amazing upgrades. We are so excited to show off the Preschool.

We are also participating in a Chipotle fundraiser, on Tuesday, September 27th at the Glenway Ave. location from 4 - 8 pm. We will include a flyer or you can use code WFDXPHZ

Here's to a great 2022-2023 school year!

Sincerely, Chrisy Greene and Preschool Staff



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER! 9.27.22

See enclosed flyer or pick one up Sunday at church or in office

Mission and Outreach Opportunities to Give and Serve

OCTOBER: Joanie's Coat Giveaway
(info below)

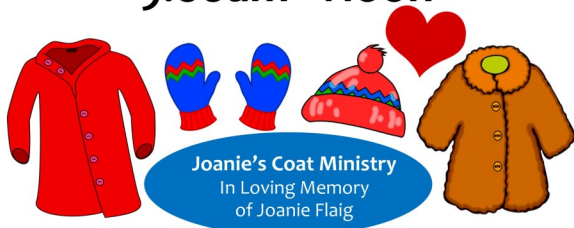
NOVEMBER: Thanksgiving Food Collection
for Washington UCC and Truth & Destiny

DECEMBER: Christmas Giving Tree
Watch for dates and details!

Mission & Outreach Board: Karen Essell, Wendy Hemsink, Judy Hoehn, Nancy Matthew, Carol Smith and Cheri Sprague

Coat Give-Away

**Saturday, Oct 15, 2022
9:00am - Noon**





**Hundreds of gently used winter items
available for children and families**
(coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarves & blankets)

FREE for everyone! (while supplies last)

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ITEMS* AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please see Judy Hoehn & watch for sign up sheet!

*** We welcome new & gently used
WASHED winter items!**

WORSHIP AND PICNIC - September 25!

It is almost time for our annual Church picnic: **Kuliga Park, 6717 Bridgetown Road, on Sunday, September 25.** Worship will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by our traditional fried chicken lunch. We are asking that you bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share and your own drinks. A free-will offering will be collected to help pay for the chicken.

After we enjoy our lunch, we have a craft activity planned. We are going to create a quilt-like wall banner. Individual squares in the banner will be made by each of us. The theme is "What reminds me of Pilgrim Church." It could be a favorite memory, bible verse, a church symbol or favorite stained-glass window, or a square in memory of a church member. Be creative! We will have paper templates available on Sunday, September 11 & 18 in the Narthex and church office so you can create your square prior to the picnic. At the picnic, you will transfer your template to material. All supplies provided. We will display the banner in the sanctuary for all to enjoy.

We hope to see you at the picnic!!

Board of Church Ministry



LYNN SCHWARZ!

Lynn is our new Administrative Assistant. Lynn is a born and raised Westsider. She has spent many years working in the medical field and in church/school offices. She has a daughter Elizabeth and son-in-law Jacob, who are expecting Lynn's first grandchild in early October. Lynn is an animal lover. She also enjoys gardening, cooking and shopping for the baby!



The 90's Club!

The Church Ministry Board has started a new club.

Did you know that we have 16 members who are 90+ years young?

We are celebrating their birthdays with cupcakes and singing, "Happy Birthday" on the Sunday closest to their birthday along with presenting them with a small gift.

We invite their family to join us for service when we are honoring them so they can share in the celebration too. For those who can't make it to church, we are stopping by their home for a quick visit with their gift.

Here's a list of the club members, from the oldest to the youngest. Please remember them when their birthdays come around.

- Jean Veith - March 25**
- Irene Freese - September 2**
- Bud Rullmann - October 4**
- Audrey Angner - June 26**
- Carolyn Scheidt - September 2**
- June Maxstadt - June 19**
- Eileen Garrabrant - April 27**
- Midge Wiedenbein - March 11**
- Jackie Brockhoff - September 7**
- Marilyn Fuller - January 20**
- Betty Pfaff - September 26**
- Jean Brewsaugh - July 31**
- Jean Gilbert - September 30**
- Janet Nailor - June 19**
- Val Brandt - February 28**
- Lois Ivey - October 3**



LOOKING AHEAD - SAVE THE DATE!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
after church
Nov. 13 & Dec. 11

COOKIE SALE
December 10



Advent * Christmas
Decorating
November 20 After Church

Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols
Saturday + December 24 + 4pm



Christmas Day (Sunday - Dec. 25)
NO SERVICE AT PILGRIM:

Please use this opportunity to attend church of family members or friends, spend time in God's creation or rewatch our Christmas Eve service.



Please remember our homebound friends
in your prayers and with cards.

Jean Brewsaugh + Irene Freese
Bud Rullmann + Jean Veith

Moses' Red Sea Parting Explained
by Computer Model by Larry O'Hanlon

To drive away the waters and part the Red Sea, Moses needed a different location than previously thought, according to a new study on the miraculous biblical event.

Previous studies of wind, waves and bathymetry have called on hurricane strength winds blowing from the northwest to push away the water. This exposed a long reef which allowed Moses and the Israelites to escape the advancing cavalry of Pharaoh.

The problem is: It would be nearly impossible for Israelites to stand in such a wind, much less walk to safety. What's more, the Book of Exodus includes some nice meteorological details: "(T)he Lord drove the sea away all night with a strong east wind and turned the sea-bed into dry land."

"If you are going to match the biblical account, you need the wind from the east," said researcher Carl Drews of the National Center for Atmospheric Research. Drews has been studying the Red Sea story for years as a student and now has published a paper on the matter, which was his master's thesis, in the journal PLoS One.

Drews took that east wind and tried to perform a computer simulation of the event in a couple of different places. He found that a steady 63-mile-per-hour wind over a digitally reconstructed east-west running lake at the Mediterranean end of the Nile, near today's Port Said, would push the water west to the far end of the lake, as well as south, up the river.

The model showed that this would expose wide mud flats where the river entered the lake and leave a land bridge high and dry for four hours.

The hardest part of the study was reconstructing the geography of the area. He chose the area known today as Lake Manzala because it seems to fit with the Exodus story. It is oriented so that an east wind can actually blow across it lengthwise and push water to one side (something that is not the case for the north-south running Red Sea).

Drews used research done by others regarding the past geography of that area, which was once known as Lake of Tanis, along with the earliest maps he could find to try to recreate what the site looked like in 1250 B.C. The exact date is, however, not crucial.

Thanks to Daryl Sroczynski for submission
(<https://www.nbcnews.com/id/wnba39282470>)

September Birthdays:

Ben Hess	9/1
Irene Freese	9/2
Carolyn Scheidt	9/2
Jackie Brockhoff	9/7
Karen Essell	9/15
Irmgard Schulten	9/16
Geraldine Backer	9/16
David Backer	9/16
Gordon Hemsink	9/22
Jayson Essell	9/22
Betty Pfaff	9/26
Debbie Heintz	9/28
Jean Gilbert	9/30

October Birthdays:

Shari Etris	10/3
Lois Ivey	10/3
Bud Rullmann	10/4
Jay Essell	10/11
Amber Tenhundfeld	10/17
Nancy Matthew	10/18
Susan Sroczyński	10/20
Noah Esmail	10/27
Terry Bossman	10/29



November Birthdays:

David Hoehn	11/1
Paul Mauer	11/7
Lori Essell	11/9
Nathaniel Esmail	11/12
Denny Schmidt	11/12
Pamela Hoetker	11/14
E. Dennis Ostholthoff	11/16
Gail Yust	11/16
Barb Mechler	11/26
Paxton Tenhundfeld	11/26
Bob Girard	11/27
Nolan Sroczyński	11/27



September Anniversaries:

Vickie & Russ Clark	9/4/1976	46 years
Bob & Diane Girard	9/6/1969	53 years
Jay & Lori Essell	9/8/1990	32 years
Pamela & Joseph Hoetker	9/24/1983	39 years
Abbie Clark & Jeff Robison	9/30/2006	16 years

October Anniversaries:

Arthur & Patricia Siefert	10/1/1960	62 years
Ronald & Maureen Markgraff	10/10/1964	58 years
Gordon & Wendy Hemsink	10/20/2012	10 years



Hootenanny!

To benefit Camp Washington UCC
(Children's Ministries for Christmas season)

Pilgrim UCC 4418 Bridgetown Road

Saturday, November 5, 2022

6:00-10:00 PM

BYOB Adult Beverages allowed
(if consumed responsibly) **and snacks**



No charge, all contributions go directly to
support our charity

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Return Service Requested



PILGRIM CHURCH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

(beginning with worship at 11am)

KULIGA PARK + 6717 Bridgetown Road

SEE DETAILS INSIDE!



And flyer inside for UCC Mission Priority Board October Fundraiser!

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR PILGRIM PRESCHOOL

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH | 4-8PM
6455 GLENWAY AVE, CINCINNATI, OH, 45211

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **WFDXPHZ**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

Lucky 8's - 58 & 68 years young!

YOU'RE INVITED!

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Mission Priority Board

**Dan and Jim's
Birthday
Party with a
Purpose!**

**Monday * October 10
4:30 – 7:30 PM**

WestSide Brewing
3044 HARRISON AVE.
CINCINNATI, OH 45211

*Snacks provided
*Drinks for sale
(proceeds benefit MPB)
*Raffle items



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