



## Holiday 2021



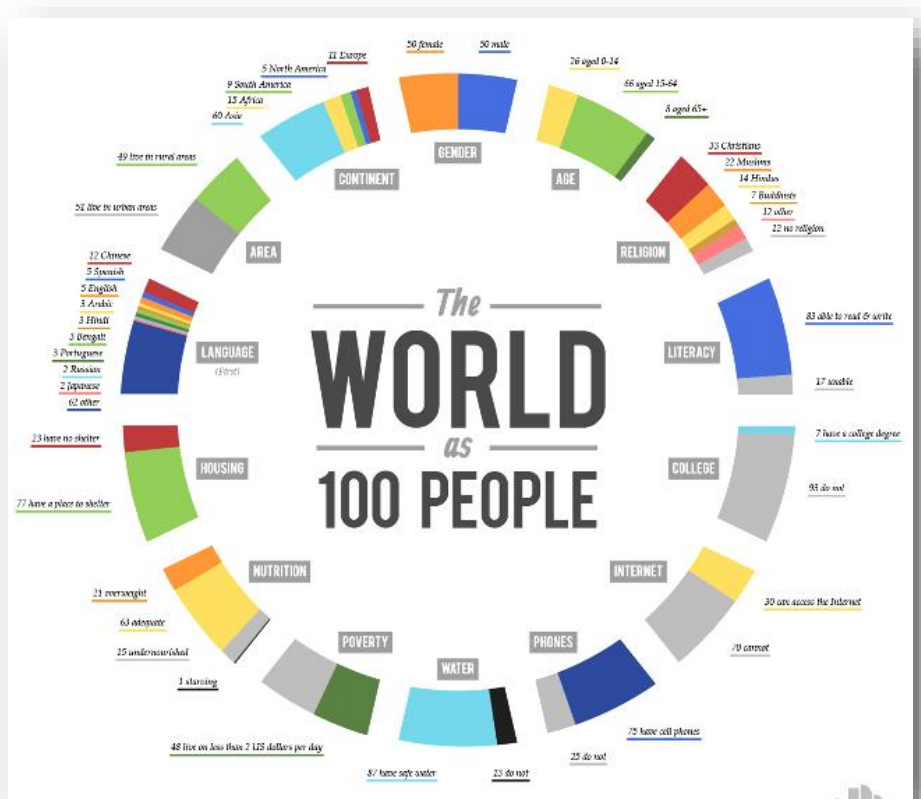
### Pastor MiMi's Musings: Blessed to serve and share

As we enter the seasons of Giving Thanks!, Advent-ure, and Christmas, may we ground ourselves in the deep gratitude that launches us into serving and sharing our blessings.

From our Fall Commitment Campaign to the return of the Cookie Sale to the Choirfest Fundraiser to our Giving Tree and more, we are Pilgrims on a journey. Growing in faith, hope and love, we are a church family and faith community on Sunday AND all week long.

As encouragement and inspiration, I am including the Global Village information and the poem that we reflected on during our Fall services.

Let us commit ourselves to counting blessings, sharing gifts, and serving our brothers and sisters this season **and always!**



### NOT TO BE SERVED BUT TO SERVE ([Mark 10: 35-45](#))

Is that you, Lord,  
changing the diaper in the nursing home,  
holding the spoon for the woman in her  
wheelchair,  
wiping down the toilet and the floor;



is that you  
serving the dinner at the homeless shelter,  
sorting the cans at the food bank,  
mowing the-neighbour's lawn;



is that you, Lord,  
bandaging the wounds of the bomb victim,  
erecting the tent for the refugees,  
handing out the water and the food;

is that you  
driving the patient to the treatment center,  
sitting through the night with the family,  
making the call to the forgotten friend;

is that you, Lord,  
lighting the candle in the darkness,  
keeping vigil for compassion and justice,  
loving in us and through us and with us  
Until the world that you love has been  
changed



- From A Poetic Kind Of Place - Andrew King's Lectionary Weblog  
(<https://earth2earth.wordpress.com/>)



## Welcome Brandon Stroup!

My name is Brandon Stroup, and I am the new Minister of Music at Pilgrim UCC! The youngest of five, I was born and raised in Peebles, Ohio. In 2007 I moved to Arizona, but this summer relocated to Cincinnati to once again be close to family.

Although this is my 18th year as a choral music educator, it is my first year at Mt. Healthy Jr./Sr. High School, where I teach choir and piano. Additionally, I have been involved in music ministry since I was 15 years old.

A first generation college graduate in my family, my educational background includes a Bachelor of Music in Music Education, a Master of Music in Choral Conducting, and I will graduate in May with a Doctorate in Music Education.

Please know that I am both humbled and excited to serve as the Minister of Music, and feel strongly that music is a wonderful avenue through which we can grow, connect, and express our faith.

I look forward to getting to know each of you, and as you get to know me, you'll quickly learn that I love Skyline Chili, my favorite bible passage is Romans 8:28-39, I'm a huge fan of the Buckeyes and Bengals, and that I have three dogs (Snoopy, Brutus, and Remi)!

Peace and blessings, Brandon (bstroup82@gmail.com 928-304-2868)

### Hootenanny Returns!

**Saturday, Nov. 20**

**6:00 - 10:00pm**

Five musical acts ranging from rock to folk, three visual artists.

Bring your own food and drinks.

This is always a good time!

The tip bucket will benefit children's ministry (Camp Washington UCC) that provides after school tutoring and nutrition for the kids.

Special feature will be carving virtuoso Ron Vance and his biblical walking sticks.

**Hope to see you for a good cause!**



We are planning an outing the afternoon of **December 12**, to see the play "Making God Laugh" at the Glenmore Playhouse in Cheviot. The show is at **2:00 pm**. Tickets are \$14 if we have over 10 people, \$18 if we have less than 10 people.

The plan is to carpool to Diane's for lunch after service, then to the Playhouse, then back to church for car pick up. Please let Debbie know asap so we can buy tickets.



### **Church Coffee Chat & Stewardship Commitment Kick-Off Sunday Nov. 14**

Join us after worship to gather and celebrate fall and kick off our Fall Stewardship Commitment: Pledge. Promise. Pray.

Light Refreshments provided. Bring your phone and take a mug shot!



**11/21**

Plan to stay after church to help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas



**11/28—12/19**

Join us Sundays for an  
“Advent-ure” of welcoming Emmanuel—  
“God with us”.

**12/24**

Christmas Eve Service with Communion  
4:00pm

## Mission and Outreach important dates!

### Thanksgiving Food Collection

November 7th, 14th, 21st

### Dining Out

Ron's Roost

November 11th, 5:30pm

### Christmas Giving Tree

Ornaments will be available  
on the tree on November  
21st. Wrapped gifts will be  
returned to church on Sunday, December 19th.  
Please call, if you have any questions.



## Volunteers for Council, Boards & Committees

As you may know, the Reboot Committee has been hard at work since the beginning of summer revising our Constitution and By-Laws. This has been a monumental task and many thanks goes out to this committee.

**We will be voting on the new Constitution and By-laws at the 2022 Congregational Annual Meeting.** The current Nominating committee is going to assume it passes and we will be asking to fill the new positions accordingly. With the exception of Council Officers, **all current terms will end January 31, 2022.** If you wish to stay on a Board or Committee, you **MUST** sign up. As previously stated Council Officer terms will remain as is. Under the revised Constitution and By-Laws, the Members at Large positions have been eliminated. **All NEW terms**

### Openings are as follows:

- Council - Treasurer
- Board of Church
- Ministry - 5 to 7 members (*formerly Lay Life & Work/Christian Nurture*)
- Board of Mission & Outreach - 4 to 6 members
- Board of Stewards - 4 to 6 members
- Board of Preschool - 4 members (*formerly Governors*)
- Finance Committee\*\* - 2 members (*new committee*)
- Nominating Committee - 3 members
- Pastoral Relations Committee - 3 members
- Personnel Committee - 3 to 5 members

When you serve on a Board or Committee you

become more involved in the decisions that directly impact our church. You develop a stronger relationship with other church members and enjoy the added fellowship. You will get a new sense of fulfillment in doing God's work. Please seriously consider serving on a Board or Committee.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex or you can contact one of the current Nominating Committee members, or indicate your interest on the Stewardship Commitment forms to pledge, promise and pray! Please sign up by December 5.

Nancy Matthew 513-574-5722

Vickie Clark 513-574-8542

Debbie Heintz 513-200-1646

## USHERS, GREETERS, LITURGIST, TECHIES, and MUSIC

**We have lots of new and exciting things happening at Pilgrim!** Some are due to us learning to live with Covid and some are just new and refreshing as we move forward into the future.

### USHERS: Only one usher will be needed each Sunday.

- Arrive between 10:00 and 10:10am.
- Make sure doors are unlocked and open.
- Turn on sanctuary lights.
- Light candles.
- Keep programs spread out on tables.
- Count the number attending, fill out a blue sheet and put it in the offering box.
- Take the offering box up front when Doxology begins to play.
- When worship is over, make sure candles and lights are out, and the offering box is taken to the office.

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH:

- Make sure the red wagon is in Narthex.
- Replace communion on programs as needed.
- Take the wagon and food items up front with the offering box.

### GREETERS: One Greeter each Sunday.

- Arrive between 10:05 and 10:15am.
- Stand or sit in Foyer and welcome all as they arrive.

### LITURGIST: One Reader each Sunday.

- Arrive between 10:15 and 10:20. Enter worship service with MiMi.
- Read scripture which will be sent to you via email prior to Sunday. Leave the service with MiMi.

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH:

- Assist MiMi with communion at the communion table.

### TECHIES: One Techie each Sunday

- Arrive between 10:15 and 10:20.
- Set up video zoom to go live at 10:25.
- When worship is over, stop live recording.

### MUSIC: If you like to sing or play an instrument, please help out our new Minister of Music by signing up.

- There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex
- Or contact Debbie Heintz (513-200-1646) or Vickie Clark (513-574-8542) if you wish to volunteer.
- Or indicate your interest on the Stewardship Commitment forms to pledge, promise and pray!

*Please sign up by December 5th. The schedule will be sent to you in December and will be in effect all of 2022. If you have any questions, ask one of us. Thank You!!!*

*The Worship Team*

## Sanctuary Survey Results

A huge **THANK YOU** to all who participated in the Sanctuary Survey. We really appreciate your feedback. There were 31 surveys received! To recap, this survey was taken to get a better understanding of how we, as a congregation, would like to see our worship space evolve, and the areas where we might like to focus. In addition to the survey results, we also had a section for additional feedback. This is part of our effort to be a vital, vintage & thriving congregation. If you are interested in receiving the complete survey results and comments, please reach out to Debbie Heintz or Peggy and we will make sure you get a copy.





# WE'RE BACK!!

## Cookies, Cookies, and more Cookies!

The Christmas Kitchen Committee has decided it is time to once again have our famous Cookie Sale. Due to Covid, it will be a little different this year, but we will still have most of our delicious cookies, breads and candies. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and we will control the number of shoppers in the fellowship hall so people can safely social distance.



Therefore, it is time to start thinking about what cookies you are going to make for the sale.

**The sale is Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 11:30am.**

Please bake at least 5 dozen of your favorite cookies. What?!? You say you have more than one favorite cookie! Awesome!! Then please make 5 dozen of each kind of your favorite cookie. We always need lots of cookies as we have lots of customers.

**Bring your cookies to the church kitchen on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am and 5:00pm.**

Remember to mark what kind of cookies they are so we can properly label them for the customers.

We will be advertising in the newspaper, on our website and on Facebook. There will be flyers in the back of the sanctuary for you to pass out to your friends and family.

We are looking forward to another successful sale, **thank you to all of our bakers.**

## Christmas Kitchen Committee Schedule:

**Sunday, December 5**

1:00pm - 5:00pm

baking session in church kitchen

**Wednesday, December 8**

10:00am - 12:00pm

icing and decorate cut outs

1:00pm - 3:00pm

fold boxes and weigh and wrap candy

**Friday, December 10**

9:00am - 5:00pm --- set up for sale

**Saturday, December 11**

9:30am - 11:30am --- Sale

11:30am - 1:00pm --- Clean up

**Sunday, December 12 after worship**

sale of remaining cookies and items



## ChoirFest 2021

Presented by local United Church of Christ musicians

**Sunday, December 5**

**2:00pm**

**First United Church of Christ**

**5808 Glenview Ave.**

Come get in the holiday spirit with great music, free refreshments, and support the Mission Priority Board by bidding on raffle baskets!

## Preschool News

Time flies when you are having fun. That is so true! We are having so much fun in Preschool that we don't know where the first few months of school have gone. We will end October with our Halloween parties. The teachers, children, and families always look forward to this time of the year. We are excited to have the Museum Center back this year for some great programs for the children. The first will be a Barnyard program for our 4's. The 3's will have a Pumpkin Patch, while the 5's will walk to the Cheviot Library.

November is always a busy and exciting month. We will be talking about Thanksgiving and all the things we have to be thankful for. We can't forget about all the learning that happens while we are having fun. The children are always working on their numbers, letters, colors, shapes, writing skills, phonics and so much more. We have decided to be safe and cancel our annual Father's Night. We are hoping to hold this event in the Spring.

We will have our Thanksgiving Feasts on November 22nd & 23rd with all of our classes. We will share a feast(safely) and the children will also exchange friendship feathers. Thanksgiving Break will be November 24th-26th.

The most wonderful time of the year comes with a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus.

**Miss Judy Rodriguez** was Warm 98's teacher of the week. They visited Miss Judy here at Pilgrim to surprise her! The moment was captured on film and is on Warm 98 and Pilgrim Preschool and Church Facebook pages. They brought her flowers and gift cards for her and her classroom. We have the **BEST Preschool and the BEST teachers!**

Our Christmas Parties will be on December 16th and 17th. We will play in a Winter wonderland, sing songs in the Sanctuary with Miss Lynne and have hot cocoa and donuts while reading a story with Mrs. Claus. Christmas Break will be December 20th-January 2nd.

We will begin new family registration at the beginning of January and In-house enrollment will begin at the return from Christmas Break. If you are a church member you are considered as In-house enrollment and will be given priority registration. We will also hold 2 open houses in January and the dates will be posted on our website.

Pilgrim Preschool will be selling gourmet popcorn from Popcorn Palace for our fall fundraiser. It comes in all different sizes and is great for holiday gift giving. If you are interested, please contact the preschool office @ 574-9047. We will also put some catalogs in the church office.

**We wanted to send a great big thank you to Denny, Terry and Trish for always tackling our crazy preschool projects. We are super grateful.**

Happy Holidays! May we remember the reason for the season!

Blessings,  
Chrys Greene & Preschool Staff



## December Birthdays:

Haley Kolb	12/1
Luke Murray	12/2
Ralph Berrens	12/3
Elizabeth Brockhoff	12/4
LaVerne Mohr	12/7
Trent Bushle	12/7
Zachery Jeter	12/17
Jayson Pfaff	12/17
Cindy Rogers	12/24
Frances Hoetker	12/24
Pat Neidhard	12/25
Lorraine Essell	12/26
Lorin Rogers	12/27
Abbie Clark	12/31

## January Birthdays:

Lauren Honchul	1/1
Marisa Etris	1/3
J.T. Shaffer	1/5
Rachel Tedtman	1/6
Jordan Cederdahl	1/7
Wyatt Loechel	1/10
Emery Schmidt	1/11
Madison Case	1/12
Hannah Basil	1/13
Janet Basil	1/17
Erin Flaig	1/19
Marilyn Fuller	1/20
Phyllis Neugebauer	1/20
Cody Freese	1/22
Claire Hoetker	1/22
Lucas Schmidt	1/23
Dale Brockhoff	1/28

## February Birthdays:

Michael Parsons	2/02
Justin Brockhoff	2/02
Marsha Cole	2/11
Kevin Berting	2/16
Jill Parsons	2/19
Jackson Brockhoff	2/21
Prestin Berting	2/23
Stryker Robison	2/23
Noah Reker	2/24
Val Brandt	2/28



## December Anniversaries:

Donna & Larry Cederdahl 12/30/1984 37 yrs

## January Anniversaries:

Denny & Sue Schmidt 1/19/1974 48 yrs

## February Anniversaries:

James & Lynn Esmail 2/22/2003 19 yrs

Karen & John Cameron 2/26/1983 39 yrs



### In Memory of Lynn Harris

From: Donna Bundy

### In Memory of Alberta Donahue

From: Debbie Heintz

Karen Fyke  
Vickie Clark  
Betty Pfaff  
Eileen Garrabrant  
Carolyn Scheidt  
Jan Nailor

**ALL SAINTS:** With joy, grief, and thanksgiving, we remember before God all those who have gone before us as examples of faith, and those who have departed us during the past year, especially:

Richard R. Gilbert July 24, 1931 – Feb. 19, 2021  
Arlene Brandt April 9, 1931 – April 1, 2021  
Alma Jean Robertson Feb. 5, 1927 – April 4, 2021  
Alberta Brockhoff Donahue Sept. 18, 1922 - Sept. 4, 2021

*And all those we carry with us in our hearts always.*



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

Bob Girard Barb Mechler

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# Cookie Sale

**Cookies by the Pound**  
**Candy, Bread, and Other Goodies**

**Saturday**  
**December 11, 2021**  
**9:30am to 11:30am**

*Social distancing and masks required*

