



Spring 2022

Pastor MiMi's Musings

Lent to Easter....Winter to Spring.... Our Pilgrim journey....

As we journey through winter and Lent to spring and Easter, I have been spending time in discernment and preparation for my ordination (hopefully this summer.)

As I shared one Sunday, I attended the closing service of a church in Northside at the end of 2021. During the prayers, Pastor's message, conversations with church members and especially when singing the closing hymn - For All this Saints - I felt tears on my cheeks many times. It was a testimony to lives of service and discipleship well lived and also a reflection of changing times and realities.

Reflecting on it that night and in the weeks following, I keep thinking that I do not want to be the Pastor who leads Pilgrim church on its closing journey. I so hope and pray that is not in our future together. I do not believe in my heart of hearts that it is.

I am excited to serve Pilgrim Church and Preschool, the UCC, and our larger community. I believe that a faith community is a vital part of living and I want to help more people to find a church home. I want us all to grow in experience of being God's beloved.

We are going to try some new things as we emerge from Lent, winter and COVID - hopefully! (See inside for info on Singalongs, Sharing Sundays, our Lenten and Easter gatherings, as well as our monthly insight from the Vital Vintage book.) We will all need to work together in a spirit of welcome, possibility and hope.

We have many reasons to be encouraged: Our 151st (!) Annual Meeting and the updating of our foundational documents is a huge step forward. Having ALL our leadership positions filled is encouraging. And welcoming new liturgists, ushers and greeters is inspiring. Brandon's gifts and talents are a blessing to all of us. Peggy is helping us until we find a new Administrative Assistant.



All human beings are God's children. God created us, loves us and cares about us and is sovereign over all of us. Because God cares for each of us, God asks us to care for all people. Though people live in different countries, and are from different racial and ethnic groups and speak different languages, we are all called by God to care deeply for each other. We, as Christians, are part of the Family of God. The symbol pictures the unity of the human family we are called to help create. The story of the Good Samaritan is a reminder that we are to meet the needs of all people—even those who are called enemy. Being peace-makers means caring for all God's children.

Luke 10:25-27

Banner created at North Presbyterian Church

I am hopeful that we will continue to join together in service inside and outside our walls. Our sanctuary survey response ran the gamut - from 'this is stupid' to 'thank you for doing this.' Change is challenging. Grief and mourning are not to be feared. Pilgrim will not go back to what it was - yet I believe we can live into an even deeper, fuller, more focused mission and ministry.

That's why I wanted to give a new home to the banner from the church that closed - to help us to celebrate our past, present and future as a church family of Christ-followers - inviting in and expanding our circle of faith, hope and love - always.



Pilgrim UCC Lent & Easter Schedule 2022

Ash Wednesday Service

March 2 + 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Practice Calendar available

Lenten Discussion

Tuesdays + March 8 – April 5

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. + Fellowship Hall

We would like to return to our sparse meal of soup, bread and dessert. Join us for a stimulating conversation discussing the book, *"The Gift of Years, Growing Older Gracefully"*, by Joan Chittister. The book is designed to encourage us to cherish the blessings of aging and to overcome its challenges. (We welcome a \$5 donation to help with cost of book, if you are able.)



The schedule for meal prep and serving is:

3/8 – Church Council

3/15 – Board of Church Ministry

3/22 – Board of Stewards

3/29 – Preschool Board

4/5 – Mission and Outreach Board

30 Pieces of Silver

On Ash Wednesday and the following Sunday, the "30 Pieces of Silver" bags will be available. Our fundraiser named after Judas' betrayal of Jesus is a reminder to not be tempted to turn away from God. Please fill the bag with 30 pieces of silver nickels, dimes, quarters, or half dollars. (Of course, paper money or checks will also be happily accepted.) The bags will be collected on Palm Sunday. Please place them in the offering box on April 10th or any Sunday prior. If you give online just mark it "30 pcs of silver". All money collected will benefit the UCC

Mission Priority Board, which supports Truth and Destiny, Washington UCC, and other local hunger and homeless ministries, interfaith advocacy, and youth efforts. Your contribution is very much appreciated.



Palm Sunday Service

April 10 + 10:30 a.m.

"30 Pieces of Silver" Bags collected

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 14 + 7:00 p.m.

Community Good Friday Observance Tenebrae Service

April 15 + 7:00 p.m.

Westwood United Methodist Church

3460 Epworth Ave. + Cincinnati, OH 45211

(Enter Parking lot from Urwiler or Montclair Ave.)

Join with our larger church family for Tenebrae, an ancient Good Friday service of scripture, prayer and song with increasing darkness by gradually extinguishing candles to symbolize the coming darkness of Jesus' death. "Tenebrae" is the Latin word meaning "darkness."

Special collection to support My Neighbor's Place resource connectors who help our vulnerable neighbors find and access supportive services.

Easter Prayer Vigil

Saturday + April 16 + 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

We will continue our traditional Easter prayer vigil in one hour increments in the comfort of your own home. You will receive a guide sheet of prayers and a candle. Sign-up sheet at church or call or email the church office.

Easter Sunday Communion Service

April 17 + 10:30 a.m.

Bring your Lenten Practice Calendar!



Fawn Candy Fundraiser

March 28 through April 8.

Get Coupons in Narthex, church office and website.

Easter Flowers and Memorials

Order forms are in the Narthex. Choose from daffodils, hyacinths, lilies, tulips and regal geraniums. We again invite you to purchase a flower to be donated and delivered to one of our seniors that cannot attend our Worship Service. This was well received last year and we want to surprise them and brighten their day.

Orders need to be placed by Sunday, March 27 to ensure Easter delivery.

Memorials need to be received by Sunday, April 10 to be listed in Easter bulletin.



THANK YOU!

Thanks for your ongoing generosity and spirit of giving.

In addition to our monthly collections for Delshire and Truth and Destiny, we were able to

1. bless 4 Oak Hills families on Christmas day and beyond
2. help children served by Washington UCC with Hootenanny proceeds of more than \$800
3. assist those impacted by the tornados and severe weather with a \$900 gift to Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund.

Our Lenten 30 Pieces of Silver offering will benefit the UCC Mission Priority Board (MPB) and its Mission Partners. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.



December 9 2021

Pilgrim UCC
4418 Bridgetown Road
Cincinnati, OH 45211

Dear Friends,

We have received a generous gift from the Hootenanny tip bucket plus two individual contributions, thanks to Jim Esmail and Pilgrim UCC. The contribution is designated for Homework Club and children's ministries at Washington UCC.

These photos are from Homework Club, so capably directed by Nancy Matthew. This school year we have limited the number of students to 15, due to the continuing Covid concern. After a light meal, they are matched with volunteer tutors, who help them complete their homework and do other academic enrichment activities.

How wonderful the number of musicians and donors who contributed to the evening.

Many thanks on behalf of our pastor - and musician - Rev. Dr. Aaron Saari, and especially the children who will benefit from this gift.

Sincerely,

Laurel Humes
Laurel Humes, Church Council
Washington UCC



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Lieutenant Governor



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To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for your donation of \$500.00 to the Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund received in our office on 1/18/2022. The fund provides assistance to those impacted by the tornados and the severe weather system on December 11, 2021.

Contributions to the Team Kentucky Fund are for a public purpose, which are deemed tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Code. Neither the Team Kentucky Fund nor the Commonwealth of Kentucky warrants the tax deductibility of your donation. We would advise you to consult with a certified professional for all tax advice. No goods or services are to be received by the donor in consideration of this donation, and the donation will not be placed in a donor advised fund or supporting organization.

Ray A. Perry
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Secretary
Public Protection Cabinet

Thank you for your donation of \$400.00 to the Team Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund received in our office on 1/18/2022. The fund provides assistance to those impacted by the tornados and the severe weather system on December 11, 2021.

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The Vital Vintage Vignette

Last year's Lenten book, discussion and speaker series continues to inform and inspire us. We are sharing a monthly quote in the bulletin to help guide us on our journey as a vital vintage congregation committed to loving God, loving neighbors, and loving our neighborhood.

The point is that a vital church is energetic and passionate about who it has been called to be and what it has been called to do. No church can do all things well, but every thriving church has a ministry or two that defines it and that it wants to share with everyone.

A baby takes hold of your finger and will not let go. "What a strong grip she has," you might say. So, too, thriving churches have a strong grip on the reality of their situation. They know their future as well as their past. They have assessed their strengths and decided how to best utilize them in contributing to God's realm coming on earth as it is in heaven. Page 91

Fawn Candy Co. FUNDRAISER

The Board of Church Ministry is sponsoring the Fawn Candy Fundraiser from **March 28 through April 8**. Fawn Candy will graciously donate 20% of the total purchases to Pilgrim Church's Board of Church Ministry. You must present the coupon at the time of purchase. There is a coupon on the back of this newsletter, more coupons can be



found in the church office, in the Narthex, on our website and social media. Please pass out coupons to your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers and share on social media.

Sing-A-Long Saturday May 21, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Do you love to sing? Please join our first sing-a-long session in the sanctuary. Brandon will supply his musical talent and will take requests. Come prepared to sing songs, hymns and spirituals to soothe the soul. Bring your friends and family—all are welcome! We will go out for dinner afterwards. More details as we get closer to the date.



Enter into God's presence with a joyful song!

JOIN US TO SING-A- LONG

**SATURDAY. MAY 21
4-5:15 PM**

songs, hymns, spirituals
to soothe the soul



**PILGRIM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Sharing Sunday June 12, 10:30 a.m.

The Board of Church Ministry would like to encourage everyone to participate in Sharing Sunday.

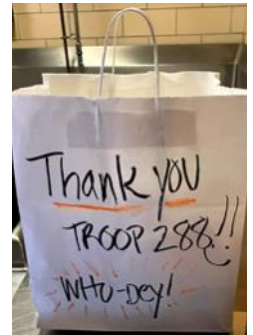
Sharing Sunday is celebrated at a monthly worship service to expand Pilgrim's community and connections. Communion will be served during worship service. We will gather after service for a **simple breakfast**. A special collection will be taken for our identified mission partner. We will ask the mission partner to attend the service. A special performance by choir members or other talents would be welcomed.

We ask that each person who regularly attends **brings one guest**. A special effort will be made to reach members who cannot join weekly service. Visitors will experience a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and if they are looking for a faith community, they might consider Pilgrim. Weekly worshipers will feel inspired and motivated to share their faith and see themselves as hosts.

Many people do not worship weekly. Most people attend church because they were personally invited. We need to target and focus on reaching out to others; trying new things will keep our church community vibrant.



Scout Sunday was observed on **February 6** and we were joined in worship with our Boy Scout Troop 288. The troop presented the flags and led the pledge of allegiance. Conner lead the Call to Worship, scripture reading and prayers of the people. Quentin updated us with what the troop has been doing. It was so nice to celebrate Scout Sunday and worship with our boys, troop leaders and their parents. **Special thanks to Debbie Heintz for everything she does to support our troop.**



Christmas Kitchen News

Covid did not stop the 27th annual Christmas Cookie Sale or stop it from being a success!!! We did have to change it up a bit this year with mask wearing and social distancing. **We had gross sales of \$3,400, with a net profit of \$3,240.** As always we will give at least 10% of our profits to outreach programs and the remainder may stay at Pilgrim. We will have a meeting in the spring to decide where the profits will go. The committee voted to send \$500 to the Western Kentucky Tornado Relief Fund which was taken from the remainder of our 2019 profits.

The sale is always a lot of hard work, and this year was a bit more, but it was so fun being back together again. Many thanks to our wonderful church family bakers and to our top notch committee. A special thanks to Bobbi Grimm, Susan Scroczyński, Peggy Linneman, Pastor MiMi and our Boy Scout Troop for all their help.

We are looking forward to the 28th annual Christmas Cookie Sale.

Thank You!! Thank You!! The Cookie Sale was a Success!!!

The Christmas Kitchen Committee had to work extra hard this year to make the Cookie Sale happen. Thank you Abbie, Amber, Audrey, Betty, Carol, Carolyn, Cheri, Debbie H, Debbie W, Denise, Eileen, Jackie, Jan, Jean E, Jean G, Judy, Karen E, Karen F, Vickie. And a special thank you to Susan Scroczyński, Bobbi Grimm, Peggy Linneman and Pastor MiMi.

Pilgrim Christmas Kitchen Members: Abbie Clark Robison, Amber Tenhundfeld, Audrey Agner, Betty Pfaff, Carol Smith, Carolyn Scheidt, Cheri Sprague, Debbie Heintz, Debbie Wooton, Denise Simpson, Eileen Garrabrandt, Jackie Brockhoff, Janet Nailor, Jean Eagan, Jean Gilbert, Judy Hoehn, Karen Essell, Karen Fyke, Vickie Clark

We were so happy to have our 27th annual Christmas Cookie sale this year. As you may remember we had to cancel 2020's sale because of the pandemic.

Your delicious cookies added to the variety and helped in the success.

The cookie bakers, the candy makers, the bread bakers, the candy weighers, the box folders, the decorators and all those who showed up at 6:00am on sale day. You guys are the best!!

*Karen Essell & Vickie Clark
Christmas Kitchen Co-Chairs*



Pilgrim Church members would like to thank Vickie Clark and Karen Essell for the many hours they have dedicated organizing the cookie sale this year!





“Those cookies we
picked up at your church
have been terrific!”

A Happy Cookie Buyer



Christmas Eve Service

Our Lessons and Carols celebration invited all to **Come**
and **See! Light** to splinter darkness. **Hope** to lift the soul.
Peace to ring the changes. **Grace** resounds for all.

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2022 Committee Members

Finance Committee (Treasurer, Treasurer Elect, Pastor and 2 members who shall be appointed by Council for a term of 2 years.)

1. Denise Majikes	Treasurer	
2. N/A	Treasurer Elect	
3. Pastor MiMI Chamberlin	Pastor	
4. Karen Essell	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
5. Terry Parsons	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term

Nominating Committee (3 members who shall be appointed by Council for a term of 2 years.)

1. Debbie Heintz	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
2. Nancy Matthew	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
3. Vickie Clark	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term

Personnel Committee (3-5 members who shall be appointed by Council for a term of 2 years.)

1. Amber Tenhundfeld	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
2. David Hoehn	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
3. Debbie Heintz	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
4. Karen Fyke	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
5. Vickie Clark	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term

Pastoral Relations Committee (President of Church Council and 3 members appointed by Council for a term of 2 years.)

1. Gordon Hemsink	President	
2. Debbie Heintz	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
3. Nancy Matthew	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
4. Wendy Hemsink	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term

Pilgrim Christmas Kitchen

1. Abbie Clark Robison	11. Eileen Garrabrant
2. Amber Tenhundfeld	12. Jackie Brockhoff
3. Audrey Agner	13. Janet Nailor
4. Betty Pfaff	14. Jean Eagan
5. Carol Smith	15. Jean Gilbert
6. Carolyn Scheidt	16. Judy Hoehn
7. Cheri Sprague	17. Karen Essell, co-chair
8. Debbie Heintz	18. Karen Fyke
9. Debbie Wooton	19. Vickie Clark, co-chair
10. Denise Majikes	

Pilgrim Monday Crew

1. Denny Schmidt
2. Terry Bossman
3. Terry Parsons
4. Tricia Johannes
5. Val Brandt

2022

Board Members

Council

President – Gordon Hemsink	Feb. 2021 through Jan. 2023	1st term
President Elect – Nancy Matthew	Feb. 2021 through Jan. 2023	1st term
Secretary – Carol Smith	Feb. 2021 through Jan. 2023	1st term
Treasurer – Denise Majikes	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
Treasurer Elect – N/A		

The Board of Church Ministry (5-7 members for a term of 2 years. At least one member must be a choir member.)

1. Debbie Heintz, chair	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
2. Judy Hoehn	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
3. Karen Fyke	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
4. Pat Neidhard, secretary	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
5. Scott Kiefer, choir	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
6. Shelley Kiefer, choir	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
7. Vickie Clark	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term

The Board of Stewards (4-6 members for a term of 2 years.)

1. Carolyn Scheidt	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
2. David Hoehn, chair	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
3. Debbie Wooton, secretary	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
4. Denny Schmidt	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
5. Jean Egan	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
6. Terry Bossman	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term

The Preschool Board (4 members for a term of 2 years.)

1. Amber Tenhundfeld	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
2. Debbie Wooton, secretary	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
3. Denise Majikes	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
4. Susan Sroczyński, chair	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term

The Board of Mission and Outreach (4-6 members for a term of 2 years)

1. Carol Smith	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
2. Cheri Sprague	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
3. Judy Hoehn	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
4. Karen Essell	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
5. Nancy Matthew, chair	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term
6. Wendy Hemsink	Feb. 2022 through Jan. 2024	1st term

Preschool News

We are hoping to see some warmer weather soon! We all need to be outside running and playing!

March will be a very busy month. We are still enrolling new families for the 2022/2023 school



year. The children and staff always look forward to our St. Patrick's Day parties on March 17th and 18th. We will go on a scavenger hunt to try to catch the sneaky

Leprechaun Mickey O' Malley. He always makes a mess of our school, but in return leaves us a "pot of gold." We will also get to eat green bread for snack. Yum! In order to keep everyone safe, sadly, we have decided to cancel our Mom's Night for this school year. Hopefully we will be back at it next school year. We have invited the Museum Center to bring their programs on wheels to Preschool. They will do a different program for each age group. They always do an amazing job.

April brings our fun Easter celebration (no parade) on the 11th and the 14th. Although

things look a little different again this year, we are all staying positive and safe and the children are having a great time. Preschool will be on Spring Break April 15th-22nd. Happy Easter!!



May will be a month full of activities and events. The 3's will have a Back Yard picnic and the 4's will have a pizza and pajama party. The 5's will go on a walking field trip to Stumps Bowling Alley and they will also have their Graduation Ceremony. The whole school will celebrate the last days of school with a Beach Day Extravaganza. Lots of fun... but the learning never stops. Our last days of school will be May 19th and 20th.

Happy Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week (May). They are all special gifts and continue to amaze each day.

We will be having our LaRosa's Buddy Card Fundraiser soon! We will put information in the Church bulletin and Church office.

Sincerely,
Chrisy Greene

As we prayed for peace in Ukraine:

Comfort the children and heed their cries to be saved from harm in this world.

Make us a people who love our children, all of our children, more than we love greed, power, and control.



We were blessed with children and family of beloved Val as we celebrated his 90th birthday with song and cupcakes.



March Birthdays:

Ann Bushle3/4
Cameron Etris.....3/7
Mildred Wiedenbein3/11
Marlene West.....3/12
Kathy Waples3/16
Amie Williams.....3/17
David Bushle3/18
Kevin Brockhoff3/22
Jean Veith.....3/25
MiMi Chamberlin3/29
James Esmail.....3/30



April Birthdays:

Colton Williams.....4/04
Donna Bundy4/07
Wendy Hemsink4/13
Lana Oetzel4/16
Brooke Sroczynski4/17
Dan Daulton4/18
Polly Clinkenbeard.....4/20
Karen Fyke4/20
Michael Sprague.....4/20
Jeff Robison4/21
Kelly Jeter4/22
Judy Hoehn4/23
Shelley Kiefer4/25
Eileen Garrabrant4/27
Russ Clark.....4/27



May Birthdays:

Patricia Siefert5/03
Cynthia Brockhoff5/03
Denise Simpson.....5/04
Bonnie Becker5/08
Sara Eble5/16
Tricia Johannes.....5/18
Riley Metzler.....5/19
Judy Oetzel5/22
Daryl Sroczynski5/24
Abbie Oetzel5/24
Wilma Essell.....5/25
Cheri Sprague5/25
Stephanie Brockhoff5/28



March Anniversaries:

Catherine & Steven Brockhoff
3/31/1979 43 yrs

April Anniversaries:

Lauren & Casey Honchul
4/02/20148 yrs
Jack & Carlotta Martz
04/07/198438 yrs
Dale & Cynthia Brockhoff
04/19/198042 yrs

May Anniversaries:

Amber & James Tenhundfeld
5/03/200319 yrs
Daryl & Susan Sroczynski....
5/23/1981.....41 yrs

Preschool gave Peggy flowers on her last day, and church members gave her tulips, cards and a farewell gift.

Peggy is grateful for all the kind words and gifts from everyone and will miss seeing everybody!



Memorial



In Memory of Shirley DeBord
From: Jim & Donna Bundy

In Memory of Don Weise
From: Jim & Donna Bundy

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

Bob Girard Barb Mechler

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