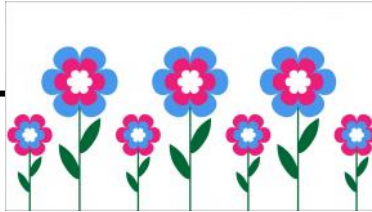




Summer 2022



Pastor MiMi's Musings:

Summertime and the living ain't always easy...

As we were compiling this issue, there was yet another shooting—this time at an Oklahoma Medical Center – and we're preparing to celebrate Pentecost.

I don't think I am alone in feeling the burden and weight of the horror of ongoing mass shootings, the helplessness in the face of ongoing pandemic challenges, and the uneasiness precipitated by a more precarious situation between world superpowers than we have had in quite some time.

Like so much of life – the highs and lows and all the in-betweens – we are not alone. Pentecost Sunday helps us remember and reclaim Jesus's prayer and promise that God's Holy Spirit of love and peace will always be with us and lives on in us.

Our faith gives us courage to feel and face these atrocities inflicted on our human family. We know that Good Friday leads to Easter Sunday – crucifixion and death are not the end of the story. Resurrection, new life and new beginnings await! The power of belonging to a faith community and gathering for worship on Sundays is that we can remind each other of this good news every week.

At our recent Singalong, I was so inspired and encouraged by Tom and Clair's enthusiastic participation and by our communal singing of powerful hymns of faith, hope and love. The songs have a deeply embedded certainty of God's presence that filled me with a renewed sense of peace and calm in this stormy start to summer.

And though it is not always easy to live in these tumultuous times, we can count on our still speaking God and each other – **always**.

And we can sing as many have before us:

+ We shall overcome,
we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall
overcome someday!

The Lord will see us through +
We'll walk hand in hand +
We are not afraid +
The truth shall make us free +
We shall live in peace +



Pilgrim CHURCH & PRESCHOOL



YARD SALE

**Save the date and save your
treasures that you no longer need!**

We will collect items at designated drop-off times
the days preceding the sale.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 13
8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

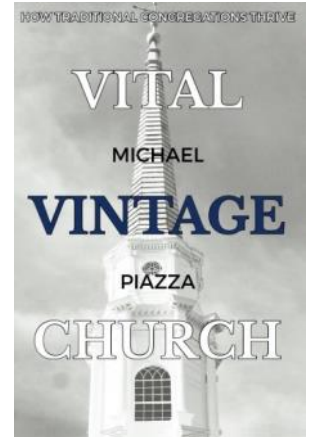
If you would like to be part of the planning team,
please call the office. We are meeting Monday,
June 13 at 11 am in the office.

All proceeds will go towards the costs of upcoming
summer improvements! (See below)



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:

Do we want people to leave the sanctuary feeling more hope, and less guilt and shame, feeling more loved, and capable of loving more? Do we want people to leave feeling challenged, inspired, and determined to confront injustice? Do we want them to feel such an overwhelming compassion that they must do something to help the hurting? Do we want them to go out the doors so filled with awe that they cannot help but see the hand of God in every encounter with beauty and genuine humanity? Or do we want them to recall the meaning of some Greek word? (Page 30)

* We have copies of book available -
please see Pastor MiMi if you would
like one.

We've come this far by faith...



Pilgrim UCC: vital, vintage, thriving

Memorial Day Cemetery Outreach



For the second year, Pilgrim Church and Boy Scout Troop 288 offered flags, water, snacks and ministry of presence to those coming to honor relatives and friends buried in Bridgetown Cemetery.

It was a beautiful experience for all of us! The visitors were so very grateful for the flags and for the conversations that took place. We not only met new people, we also heard touching stories about their loved ones. Several visitors made a point to compliment the boys on their polite and kind service.

Thanks to Nancy Matthew and Debbie Heintz and



Sing to Yahweh, you who love God! Praise God's Holy Name!

Calling soloists and instrumentalists, as well as dramatic readers or liturgical dancers to share your gifts and talents to enhance our worship experience during the summer!

Maybe even think of children or grandchildren who might like to share and have less going on since school is out. *Please see Brandon and use the signup sheet in the Narthex.*



First Singalong a Success!

Despite rain and wind, a core group braved the elements to make a joyful noise!

Special thanks to Brandon Stroup and Jim Esmail for leading.

And a huge shout out to Tom Niedhard and Clair for kicking off the evening with some special favorites!

We hope to gather quarterly going forward.



Pilgrim Church P I C N I C

Sunday, September 25 * 11:00 AM * KULIGA PARK

Mission and Outreach Update

The members of Mission and Outreach are now preparing for Joanie's Coat Ministry on October 15th. We are collecting coats and other outer wear from schools "Lost and Found" and other donations. We welcome all children's coats, etc. When we receive donations from the schools we wash them and place them in the Youth Room in bags. If you have donations, please launder them before you bring them to church.

We will also collect money and school supplies for Camp Washington's "Back to School" ministry. This will happen in July and August. We especially need colored pencils and markers for the students.

T-shirts are being collected to make bags to hold essentials for people in need who visit pantries and shelters. There is a basket for the T-shirts in the Narthex or they can be dropped off in the office.

Found House Interfaith Hospitality Network is being explored as well as making lunches for various providers.

We continue to collect food for Delshire and Truth and Destiny on the first Sunday of each month.

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



TREMENDOUS THANKS



... to DEBBIE HEINTZ for stepping up to do Administrative Assistant office duties since January and Peggy Linneman for continuing to help through April and being on call as needed!

The Personnel Committee search process has not been an easy one.

We hope to have news to share shortly.

COVID VACCINE CLINIC

We did our part to help offer Covid 19 vaccinations and boosters to our community. Thanks to Debbie Heintz for working with Hamilton County Public Health to schedule a clinic on April 20 in the Fellowship Hall. The HCPH can vaccinate ages 5+, all doses (1st, 2nd, or booster). All 3 vaccines are available – both adult/pediatric doses (Moderna, Pfizer & J&J). **ANY QUESTIONS? Please call COVID -19 hotline at 513-946-7800, option 6. Home vaccinations can be scheduled by calling the hotline.**



Stepping up to serve!

Two long time employees have stepped up to assume additional responsibilities in service to our Pilgrim community.

Annie Gambetta who has been faithfully serving as an aide in our preschool and as a financial assistant for our church is taking on additional duties as operations coordinator to work closely with the Board of Stewards and staff to be the main point of contact for vendors and contractors to help facilitate repairs, maintenance and building use. We are grateful that Annie will put her significant experience and talents in this area to benefit all of us!



Likewise, longtime employee Tracie Hartung is assuming additional Church Custodian duties in addition to Preschool duties. We appreciate Tracie's commitment and thoroughness in keeping Pilgrim in shape.

Be sure to thank and congratulate Annie and Tracie when you see them!

🌸🌸🌸Easter Flowers 🌸🌸🌸

Thanks to all who purchased a flower that decorated our Resurrection Service and then blessed one of our senior members. We delivered 14 flowers the day after Easter and 2 chocolate bunnies to our "90's Club" members!

Thank you to Karen Fyke, Debbie Heintz and Pastor MiMi for being the delivery crew.

We saw so many happy faces, received so many thank-yous, and it was a spirit lifter for those who made the deliveries. It makes the soul feel good when you make someone's day a little brighter! *Debbie Heintz, Board of Church Ministry*

Good parking makes good neighbors....

Just a friendly reminder.

If you need to park close to our accessibility ramp on Sundays, please be mindful of our Bridgetown Cemetery neighbors. They can accommodate our limited parking needs on Sundays. They ask that Pilgrim cars stay on the incoming side and leave space for cemetery visitors to drive by. Also, care must be taken to not park on or near headstones. Thanks for your cooperation.



REMEMBER TO CHOOSE PILGRIM KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS!

Thanks! to the 34 households who are supporting Pilgrim - we received \$130.79 for the most recent quarter. If you are a Kroger shopper, please make sure you designate PILGRIM! You must have a Kroger Plus card to enroll. This is an easy way to help Pilgrim Church.



Get a great meal while supporting Pilgrim Church. Visit Diane's and 10% of your total bill will go to support Pilgrim. Must show a flyer, available in the Narthex. **Join us Sundays after Worship.**

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

**Jean Brewsaugh + Irene Freese + Bob Girard
Barb Mechler + Bud Rullmann + Jean Veith**



Memorials

In Memory of Lorraine Essell

From:

Karen Fyke	Barbara Mechler
Lisa Czajka	Dana & Dick Braun
Reymond York	Janet Nailor
Patricia McGinnis	Judy Hoehn
Donavon York	Carol Smith
Vickie & Russ Clark	Eileen Garrabrant
Jean Veith	Nancy Matthew
Irene Freese	Pat Neidhard
Debbie Heintz	E. Dennis Ostholthoff
Jean Eagan	Peggy Linneman
Edward Hoffrogg	Michael Sprague

In Memory of Ronald Maxstadt

From:

June Maxstadt for his birthday

In Memory of Janet Sanderson

From:

Jim & Donna Bundy

In Memory of Jim Pennington

From:

Jim & Donna Bundy

In Memory of Lynda Witsken

From:

Jim & Donna Bundy

In Memory of Jill Parsons

From:

Gene Breyer	Nancy Matthew
E. Dennis Ostholthoff	Dana & Dick Braun
Judy Schwaegerle Ziepfel	Donna Bundy
Carol Smith	Karen Essell
Vickie & Russ Clark & Family	Ken & Paula Parsons
Joseph & Judith Harlow	Irene Freese
Debbie Heintz	Janet Nailor
Bradley & Barbara Kitchen	Barbara Mechler
Jeff & Paula Alford	Gail Evans
Phyllis Neugebauer	Jean Gilbert
Jackie Brockhoff	Betty Parsons
John & Kathy Waples	Jean Veith
Joe & Eleanor McSwiggin	Peggy Linneman
Judy Oetzel	Annie Gambetta
Barb Horton	Mary Lee Heyd
Laura Hickey	Chrisy Greene
Lois Ivey	Eileen Garrabrant
Daryl & Susan Sroczynski	David & Judy Hoehn
Carolyn Scheidt	Betty Pfaff
Marlene West	Karen Fyke
Joan Knox	Kathleen Farrell
Eileen, Deanna, Theresa & Scott Carson	Jim Tewel
Mary Kay & John Tensing	James Espelage
Terri Tierney, Lora & Todd Davenport	Jean Eagan
Denise Majikes	Debbie Leuders
Wendy Hemsink	Judy Rodriguez
	Polly Clinkenbeard
	Pat Neidhard



June Birthdays:

June Maxstadt	6/19
Janet Nailor	6/19
Bill Schultz	6/19
Corey Bushle	6/22
Brandon Stroup	6/23
James Tenhundfeld	6/23
John Waples	6/24
Audrey Angner	6/26
Greta Pfaff	6/27
Caitlin Basil	6/28
Jena Basil	6/28
Donna Cederdahl	6/29
Tyler Hoehn	6/30

July Birthdays:

Terry Parsons	7/02
Carol Smith	7/02
Vickie Clark	7/07
Ronald Markgraff	7/11
Peyton Tenhundfeld	7/14
Jade Robison	7/21
Colton Tenhundfeld	7/25
Tiffany Berting	7/30
Jean Brewsaugh	7/31



August Birthdays:

Sue Schmidt	8/04
Diane Girard	8/05
Scott Kiefer	8/05
Anna Parsons	8/09
Alex Rogers	8/09
Tiara Waples	8/09
Bob Sprague	8/11
Jean Eagan	8/14
Bruce Zimmer	8/15
Sage Berting	8/30



June Anniversaries:

Dan & Diana Daulton	6/12/1971	51 years
David & Geraldine Backer	6/15/1963	59 years
Bob & Cheri Sprague	6/17/1978	44 years
Michael & Kathleen Parsons	6/26/1999	23 years

August Anniversaries:

John & Kathy Waples	8/02/1975	47 years
David & Ann Bushle	8/08/1987	35 years
Tiffany & Kevin Berting	8/09/2003	19 years
David & Judy Hoehn	8/20/1988	34 years

July Anniversaries:

Janet & Jim Basil	7/01/1989	33 years
Paul & Mary Annette Maurer	7/06/1973	49 years
Donna & James Bundy	7/07/1959	63 years
Alfred & Dolores Niederhelman	7/08/1967	55 years
Pat & Jim Neidhard	7/30/1982	40 years



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Return Service Requested



JOIN US!

Sharing Sunday

- Communion Service
- Special Collection for mission partner:
**Truth and Destiny
Covenant Ministries UCC**
- Complimentary Yogurt Bar following service



**Sunday + June 12
10:30am**

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