

Kids on Sunday: Our nursery is always open for infants and toddlers. Ask an usher to show you where the little ones hang out. Children PreK - 6th start in worship and then go to classes after the Children's Message except for Communion Sundays when they start in their classrooms. Ask any usher for help in finding the right resource for your child.

Visiting? Thanks for joining us for worship today. We hope you enjoy the service and that it hits a chord deep in your soul. Please sign our guest book in the Narthex by the front door and join us following the service for refreshments and fellowship. If you would like more information about the church or to hear from our pastor please let a deacon or usher know.

Chancel Altar

In loving memory of Beatrice Delano, given by Alice and Fred Drifmeyer.

(The Altar/Flower Chair for February is Janet Cymbala)

Lighting the Steeple – A Beacon of Faith

To light the steeple please see Carolee Wentworth at coffee hour.)



Large print bulletins, and a hearing assistance system (see an usher) are available. Handicap parking is in the rear parking lot and off Route 28 and Pilgrim Rd. Access ramps from all parking areas are available. An accessible unisex restroom is off the hallway at the right front of the sanctuary.

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***Pilgrim Congregational Church
United Church of Christ***



**February 21, 2016
Youth Sunday**



Our Mission Statement

*We welcome ALL
to share the teachings of Jesus Christ
to care for one another
to grow in spirit and
to serve others with compassion and love.*

Welcome to our worship service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service.

Chimes *(The chimes begin our service. Please turn off cell phones.)*

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *My Jesus, I Love Thee* arr. Stan Pethel
(Youth Ensemble)

+**Hymn** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Pilgrim #35

Unison Prayer: Holy God Creator, we come to you in prayer both humbly and with joy. We know we do not merit your constant love but we rejoice in it. While too often we fail to be faithful to you, we continue to want to do better. Lead us to discover the gifts you have given us. Then inspire us to use our gifts for the purpose for which you intended. Help us, we pray, to find ways of being the people you made us to be. Help us to fully claim you as our God. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison) Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Time

Ordination of Deacons See insert

Gifts and Tithes

Invitation

Offertory Anthem *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*
arr. Theron W. Kirk

+**Response: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response:

*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.*

Scripture Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (O.T., pg. 616)

Sermon Purpose of Lent Rev. O'Connor

+**Hymn** *You Are Called to Tell the Story* Insert

Benediction

+**Response** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be
With God our creator, children all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now,
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment & live each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

Postlude *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Stan Pethel

Thank you for worshiping with us. May God bless you this week.

Head Usher: Mike Sekerak

Lay Reader: Molly Chapman

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

Pilgrim Church Youth Ensemble: Linda Kidd, flute; Alice Drifmeyer, clarinet; Nick Gould, trumpet; Robbi Laak, trumpet; Emily Vanryswood, trumpet; Emily Newell, alto sax; Abby Pollock, alto/soprano sax; Lucy Pollock, alto sax; Jayson Newell, tenor sax.

Last Call for Photos! Please submit or schedule photos no later than February 28. Directories will be assembled beginning on March 1.

Team Izzy needs: men's 2x sweatshirts, 1x and 2x coats; L & XL bathrobes; men & women's: sweat pants; ladies 2x coat; warm clean used socks; gloves/mittens; towels; microwaves; dish towels; silverware; kitchen utensils; irons, mops; small working lamps with shades; floor lamps. Please bring in one bar of soap and leave in baskets in the narthex and outside Monbleau Hall – Thanks!

Annual Reports are due in the church office as soon as possible.

Tell the church office if you have a new address, phone number or email address so our new pictorial directory is up to date.

Prayers: prayer requests need to be in the office by noon on Friday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Please remember in your prayers: Muriel Colthart, Jesse Nash, Joe Langway, Margot Lamparelli, John Preston, Jenn Marceline.

Lenten Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion/Devotion:

When: Noon on Wednesdays in Lent (2/17 thru 3/23).

Where: Monbleau Hall

What: Bring lunch and the Lenten Devotion Booklet.

We'll eat and discuss the readings, then end with prayer.

Who: YOU and anyone else who would like to come.

Note: Come when you can! Miss when you must.

This Week at Pilgrim Church – February 21, 2016

<u>Sunday:</u>	11:15 AM 4:00 PM	Capital Fund Celebration Brownies
<u>Monday:</u>	Church office closed	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	9:00 AM 7:00 PM	Team Izzy Council Meeting
<u>Wednesday:</u>	9:30 AM 12:00 Noon 7:00 PM	Dance Class Lenten Discussion/Lunch Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	3:30 PM 7:00 PM	Joyful Prayer Group Handbell Choir R.
<u>Friday</u>	10:00 AM 6:00 PM	Thrift Shop Blue & Gold Banquet (Scouts)
<u>Saturday:</u>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	We Are the Men Reh. Thrift Shop
<u>Sunday:</u> 2/28/16	10:00 AM 11:15 AM	Worship (Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter) Congregational Lunch with Rev. Dr. Doug Showalter

Ordination of Deacons

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

People: To God be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: Today we recognize the particular call to be a deacon and we celebrate all those who have responded to that call to serve. More specifically, we, today, recognize those who will serve this church as deacons in 2016.

These brothers and sisters in Christ have been called by God to serve as deacons. They have accepted their call and stand here before us in witness to their willingness to serve the church.

Affirmation: We, the members and friends of Pilgrim Church, celebrate your call to be our deacons. We promise to love, honor and assist you so that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men. Through this act we ask the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry they need to fulfill their call.

Now, we lay hands upon Linda Cacciapouti, Molly Chapman, Jeanie Kahus, Marion Mangels, Beverly Nightingale, Dona Webber, Bruce Wellnitz, and Dave Brown in abstentia, for the position of Deacon.

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the people of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, of the United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce that you are recognized and affirmed in your ministry as Deacons of this church.