

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, Pre-K - 6th grade, start in worship and go to classes after the Children's Message except for first 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. We hope you enjoy the service and that it hits a chord deep in your soul. Please sign our guest book by the front door and join us after the service for coffee, tea and fellowship. If you want more information about the church or to hear from our pastor please tell a deacon or usher. They will be glad to assist you.

Chancel Altar Flowers

In loving memory of my parents Dilys and Jack Spurr from Janet Cymbala.

(The Altar/Flower Chair for May is Jeanie Kahus)

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 of 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***



May 1, 2016



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 Pilgrim Church. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship immediately after the service.

Welcome & Announcements

Introit *All Creatures of our God and King* Arr. Molly IJames

+**Hymn** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Pilgrim # 15

Prayer Of Confession

Gracious God, source of all life and giver of all gifts, we come to you in prayer seeking forgiveness. Although we try hard to live our lives as faithfully as we can, we often fall fall short. We are distracted. We get caught up in our own plans. We are too busy to notice that we have strayed. Help us we pray to focus more fully on your will and your way. Help us to better live and proclaim our faith through our actions and words. Help us to be your faithful disciples today and always. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Gifts and Tithes

Offertory *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Gordon Young

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

Scripture Reading John 20:19-23 (N.T. pg. 115)

Sermon Forgiveness Rev. O'Connor

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

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

Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together* Pilgrim # 288

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer

Sanctus

Words of Institution & Prayer of Consecration

The Lord's Prayer: 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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup (We use juice, not wine.)

Communion Hymn *All Are Welcome* Insert

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

We thank you God for life in the spirit of Jesus; for love that cannot die; for peace the world cannot give; for joy in the company of friends; for the glory of creation; and for the mission of justice you have made our own. Amen.

+**Hymn** *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* Pilgrim # 101

Benediction

+**Response:** *Let there be peace on earth, & 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 and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

Postlude *Sing, Men and Angels, Sing* Arr. Tom Birchwood

Head Usher: Marion Mangels

Lay Reader: Molly Chapman

Interim Minister: Rev. Peggy O'Connor

Music Director/Organist: Fred Drifmeyer

Search Committee UPDATE: The Search Committee presented their candidate to the Church Council last Tuesday evening. Following enthusiastic discussion, there was a unanimous vote to approve the recommendation for this candidate as our new settled minister! Keep an eye on your mailboxes as letters will be sent with more information soon!

New Office Hours: Brooke Canada has been sitting in with Carol during her last week of work, and will be the interim Admin. Assistant. Please note the change in office hours.

PWF Annual Spring Luncheon will be held at Hearth 'N Kettle on May 18th. RSVP by 5/11/16. Forms are available in the narthex and on the back hall table as well as Pilgrim's Progress.

Team Izzy needs: small wall mirrors, small footstool, men's jeans, men's size 8 sneakers, small radio, ladies light colored socks. ***For the month of May:*** soft toothbrushes and toothpaste are needed. They can be placed in the two baskets in the church.

ARMS of Love Capital Campaign Pledges: – Accessibility, Renovation and Mission. Help us raise \$400,000 for necessary renovations and updates to our building. Please use the envelopes with **ARMS** stamped on them for your pledges. You may mail it, put it in the collection plate, or leave it at the church office. If you would like a home visit to discuss the campaign please call the church office.

Books for the Bazaar: Continue to save books for the bazaar. Please only recent, high quality hardcover and paperback books. First edition or collectible books okay too. Please no encyclopedias, videos or magazines. Contact Carrie Wailgum with any questions.

Prayer cards – Call the church office or drop off your prayer requests by noon on Friday for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.

Please remember in your prayers: Jesse Nash, Don Young (Derry Winch's brother-in-law), and Bruce Wellnitz.

This Week at Pilgrim Church–May 1

<u>Sunday:</u>	8:30 AM 11:00 AM All Day	ONA meeting Coffee Hour Youth-Walk for Hunger
<u>Monday:</u>	Church office closed.	
<u>Tuesday:</u>	*Brooke in the office (9:30-4:00)*	
	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	Team Izzy Thrift Shop
<u>Wednesday:</u>	*Brooke will <u>not</u> be in the office*	
	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Dance Thrift Shop Choir Rehearsal
<u>Thursday:</u>	*Brooke in the office (10:30-2:30)*	
	10:00 AM 3:30 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Thrift Shop Joyful Prayer Group Christian Education Scouts Handbell Choir R.
<u>Friday:</u>	*Brooke in the office (10:30-2:30)*	
	10:00 AM	Thrift Shop
<u>Saturday:</u>	9:00 AM 10:00 AM	We Are The Men Rehearsal Thrift Shop
<u>Sunday:</u>	9:00 AM	Missions Meeting