

Shared by Pastor Ken

Excerpt from an old email. To • remind us all to be grateful for what we have and what we have • to give.

I've learned...

- That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.
- That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.
- That being kind is more important than being right.
- That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.
- That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.
- That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.
- That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
- That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

- That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.
- That love, not time, heals all wounds.
- That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
- That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
- That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.
- That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
- That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
- That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.
- That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.



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No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

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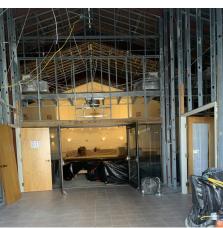
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October Birthdays

- 1 Susan Anderson
- 4 Savinia Krueger
- 9 Sidoney Johnston
- 29 Joe Beaudreau
 - 29 Vickie Rhoe
- 30 Stephen Warne-Emard

Did we miss your special day? Please call or email the office, so we may update our files.

October Ideas to Love Your Neighbors

Make a point to attend worship on Sunday, October 6. It's World Communion Sunday! Invite a friend.

Share some pumpkin spice!

Send a fall card to those homebound or on the church prayer list.

Share BOGO items with the Little Food Pantry Box.

Fill a Community Bag from Winn-Dixie with treats for your doctor's office and such!

Pilgrim Prayer List

Hurricane Recovery & Rebuild John Krueger - health Sidoney Johnston - homebound Vickie Rhoe - health Savina Krueger - cancer Gene Rice - health Genny Sweetland - cancer Lorraine O'Keefe family and friends - sympathies Ellen Chapman - ALS James Fraser - health Pilgrim Church & Leaders during Transition Rev. Bill Klossner - health Janice Lewis - rehab Safety in Schools Beverly Weber - health Jessica Warne-Emard - health Jolene Mowry - grief Amara Smith - cancer Jacque Ross - health Kelly Long - cancer Carter & family - peace Marilyn Hill - health Burkhardt Family - peace & health Martin Heckler - spiritual health Pat Wheatcroft - cancer World Peace Jessica Maysonet - peace & health Joe Beaudreau - hospital Mike Reynolds - health



Winn Dixie supports our Food Pantry

The Store Leadership Team has selected Pilgrim United Church of Christ Food Pantry as an October 2024 Community Bag Program Nonprofit Partner. This means our food pantry will receive a \$1 donation for



every \$2.99 reusable Community Bag sold during October at: Kings Highway, Winn Dixie.

How was Pilgrim United Church of Christ Food Pantry selected? Store leaders choose a different nonprofit to benefit from the Kings Highway Winn-Dixie each month. Nonprofits meeting the Program's qualifications are submitted to our database of thoroughly researched organizations within the vicinity of each store location.

"We are so grateful for the difference you make in your community and want to help further your impact. For our part, we provide everything you will need to spread the word!"

Annual Gathering of the Florida Conference

"A Spirit of Play: What to Do When Your World is Uncreated"

Lift in prayer the hearts and travel of the UCC Pastors from across Florida as they gather in Orland, October 17-19.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 2:00 p.m.

Prayer shawls are ready to be shared! You can get one on Sunday morning or in the Church Office.

Join us! Pilgrim members and friends gather to make prayer shawls each month on the first Tuesday and third Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

Inexperienced? We will teach you! Already crochet or knit, come fellowship! Visit to learn more about this ministry!

Can't attend but want to participate? Patterns and even prayer shawl prayer guides are available in the Church Office and on the welcome table.



Prayer Partners

Weekly prayer meetings continue by phone at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. To join us call Jacque at 941-258-2597.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 -

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." By praying together for common needs, struggles, and times of celebration, we are able to encourage the other believers in our lives and motivate one another on to love and good deeds.

Sanctuary Update Volunteers Needed

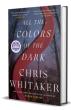
The painting of the Sanctuary is almost done; the carpet, audio and lighting is supposed to be installed soon. In an effort to save some significant costs in completing this huge project, the property and grounds team plans to do some of the finishing work.

This would include sourcing and installing new oak baseboard trim as well as refinishing the old damaged trim that is still usable. We would also like to install the partitions, toilets and vanities in the bathrooms. The small kitchenette in the coffee room will also need to be sourced and installed before a certificate of occupancy is issued from the county and then we could resume services in the Sanctuary!

We need help from the congregation for anyone that could help with these projects. You don't need to be a skilled craftsperson to get involved; however, if you have talent in any of these areas we would especially love to have your help. If you are interested in helping please contact Cat in the office or anyone on the property and grounds members: Gerry Ahlgrim, Don Anderson, Tom Jones, Ken Moriarty, Ken Rhoe, Dave Wilson, George Yorkston. Again, no skills necessary, please let us know if you are willing to assist!

Women's Fellowship

The book "All the Colors of the Dark" by Chris Whitaker will be reviewed at the next book club dinner on Wednesday, October 16, at 6:00 p.m. Location is TBD.



The October Fellowship meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. Members will bring supplies and assemble Fall treat bags for homebound Pilgrim families.



Pilgrim Women have purchased a table at the charity luncheon supporting A.N.A Friends Serving Abused, Neglected, and Abandoned

Kids in SW Florida. This was formerly the Guardian Ad Litem program of the 20th Judicial Circuit. The luncheon and fashion show will be held on October 30th at the Charlotte Harbor Yacht Club. Let Judi Wilson know if you want a seat at the table!

Early Notice...SAVE THE DATE.

A reservation has been made for the annual Christmas Buffet and party at Der Dutchman Restaurant! The date is Wednesday, December 11. As usual we will carpool from Pilgrim Church to Sarasota.



PBJ Sandwich Makers

Goal 144 sandwiches for the homeless.

Did you know we have done this since 2005? Join us on Thursday, October 24, at 9:15 a.m. in Room 4!

Fellowship with Pilgrim friends as you prepare this comfort food that feed the hungry, as Christ foretold.



Calendars

Do you received calendars in the mail that you don't need? We will be happy to collect those and share with Pilgrims who may need a calendar. Any extra calendars we will share with our Joyful Noise Learning Center as the photos are excellent for art projects.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10



Joyful Noise Learning Center

We do have a few student spots available in the twos and VPK and a few for the bus. With the completion of the Hurricane Ian rebuild of the Goodell Room the After School Care is back! These elementary students are picked up at school and spend a few hours with snack, homework and play time.

We have completed the first of the VPK Assessments and we the first Parent/teacher Conferences of the school year.

Trees for shading in our playgrounds have been planted. We are grateful for all that Pilgrim Church does to ensure this mission to the community. Shade is required for certification as well as a great treat in Sunny Florida.

We have a Teacher Work Day on October 14th. A representative from the Early Learning Coalition will do a training on classroom transitions. Staff and Parents have asked about school safety. So we also have scheduled, PEARLS Program, a two hours training on school safety and what to do in the event of an intruder to the school. We had this training six years ago and anticipate it will be a great refresher/ training for all.

The Annual Character Parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 31, at 9:30 a.m., in the Community Center. In each class, students dress up as a book character. You, along with parents, are invited to come out and offer the children candy as they parade though the room.

Cynthia Poudrette, Director



Worship Readers

Are you willing to participate in worship as a scripture reader? With enough readers we can rotate to participating once every other month. We need you! Please sign up on the clip board on Sunday or call the Church Office.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to order altar flowers, please make a note of it on the registration slip or by calling the church office. Save your special date now! A single arrangement costs \$40.

Two arrangements, \$70.

Adult Bible Study

This small group will continue their study of the prophet Hosea during October. Class time covers a review of the history of the times and the messages from the Lord to disobedient people. The encouragement comes from a God who reassures His people that He will be there for them if they give up their rebellious ways and idol worship.

Join us Sundays at 10:15 a.m. in the Library. There will be no class on October 27.



Missions

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:40

Anyone interested in the Missions of Pilgrim Church is invited to the **Monthly Meeting**, Monday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Office.

Food Pantry Thanksgiving Baskets

October 1621, the first Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims of Plymouth, Massachusetts, gathered to give thanks to God. Although they had their struggles in the new land with stormy weather, illnesses, and a poor harvest, they were grateful. Pilgrims of Pilgrim Church have and are experiencing the same struggles: weather, illnesses, and high food prices. With heartfelt thanksgiving, our challenge to Pilgrim Church is to prepare 60 Thanksgiving Food Baskets including a \$25 Winn Dixie gift card.

Items* needed in the baskets

- Stuffing Mix (60)
- •Cranberry Sauce (60)
- •Mashed Potatoes (60)
- •Canned Fruit (60)
- •Turkey Gravy (60)
- •Jello, large box (60) •Cake or Brownie Mix (60)
- •Yams, large can (60)
- •Can Corn (120) •Can Green Beans (120)

that the baskets are identical.

•\$25 Winn Dixie Gift Card

*only these items please. We want to ensure

Mark these dates on your calendars!

Tuesday, November 12, request forms due November 18, donations due Friday, November 22, 9 a.m. make baskets

Saturday, November 23, distribution

Little Free Food Pantry is for those in need of dry goods and for those who desire to give. Take what you need, give what you can. Most requested items are:

Macaroni & Cheese	Canned Pastas
Soup	Canned Fruit
Canned Veggies	Tuna
Instant Potatoes	Hotel Toiletries

Pilgrim Church

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2024 Thanksgiving Baskets

Order Form

This is our way of loving our neighbors. If you or a family you know would benefit from items to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, please complete this form. Return the form no later than noon on <u>Tuesday, November 12</u>. With a goal of 60 baskets, we aim to fulfill each request.

Baskets will be dispersed to the name listed below on Saturday, November 23, 10:00 a.m. until Noon. The individual picking up the groceries for the family must present ID that matches this form.

INDIVIDUAL PICKING UP THE MEAL

Tear here, save this piece as a reminder, turn in the portion below.

Pilgrim Church 2024 Thanksgiving Baskets

Order Form

LAST NAME OF FAMILY

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL PICKING UP MEAL

of ADULTS _____ # of CHILDREN _____

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE: _____

FOOD PANTRY TEAM USE

PACKED: _____ PICKED UP INITIALS: _____



Council Highlights

The September Council Meeting is rescheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 1. These meetings are held in the Church Library. If you have ever wondered what goes on at a Council Meeting, come check one out! They are always open for you to attend. Your voice matters to Council and myself. I encourage any of you, if there is an issue or grievance to please reach out to a member of Council (or myself). I am always happy to answer any questions, or get an answer to you. If it needs more research, we will add it to our agenda for the next Council Meeting for further discussion. These meetings are a great way to be part of the ministry that is happening at Pilgrim Church.

Your 2024 Council:

Gerry Ahlgrim Tony Caniglia Jessica Emard-Warne, Moderator Joe Gillner Sandy Jones Ken Rhoe, Assistant Moderator Connie Rice Russ Whitaker Nettie Wineland Donna Yorkston

Thank to Tom Jones, Ken Rhoe and George Yorkston for securing our building for the weather associated with Helene.

We have also had several Pilgrims step up to assist with worship. Not only are you prepping the community center every week for worship, you cook and clean up from breakfast and coffee, you decorate tables and greet those attending worship. You also introduce hymns, lead the choir, read scripture...and some of you give us the message! Speaking of bringing us the message, Worship Planning IS happening! Pastor Ken and guest speakers will be coming in for October & November, including Supply Pastors. We hope you all enjoy the variety of messages we have as the Pastor Search Committee awaits responses to our posting. Keep the search and this committee in your prayers. We can't do this alone!

You fold our Sunday bulletins, do projects in the playgrounds, make PBJ sandwiches. You send birthday cards, you pray for each other, you fill the little food pantry box. And you do so much more!

Thanks again to all as we are the church.

Have you not been able to be part of any of these hands on serving for Pilgrim Church? Do you have an hour to share with Pilgrim Church? Call the church Office we can set you up with finding your place at Pilgrim Church!



By the Numbers

Offering Last 4 Weeks

\$ 37,73	35	General
\$ 3	15	Missions
\$62	20	Hurricane

General Needed Monthly \$ 21,560

Attendance Average Last 4 Weeks 68

Pastor Search

Please continue to pray for the Pastor Search. If you don't have the August newsletter with the prayer guide or want another copy, The Pastor Search Prayer Guide is available at Worship and in the Church Office.

This committee consists of five members; with two alternates.

Cheryl Gerry, Ken Ewing, Jolene Mowry, Joan Powell, David Wilson Alternates: Daphne Dillion, Pat Smith

NA Meeting

Narcotics Anonymous

Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Held in the Pilgrim Church Library

NA is a nonprofit fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. There is only one requirement for membership, the desire to stop using. There are no strings attached to NA. We have no initiation fees or dues, no pledges to sign, no promises to make to anyone. Anyone may join us regardless of age, race, sexual identity, creed, religion, or lack of religion. The newcomer is the most important person at any meeting, because we can only keep what we have by giving it away. We have learned from our group experience that those who keep coming to our meetings regularly stay clean.

Property & Grounds

The Property and Grounds Committee is motivated to have an attractive and safe environment for the congregation and friends of Pilgrim Church.

Labor Day weekend, the latest planting of the shade trees done was by Dave Wilson, Denny Vought his and son Tyler. The wheel barrow certainly helped. thanks again for the needed tools!



The main part of the church is now painted, but the narthex has no ceiling as of yet. The trim baseboard needs doing. The strips that held the sound panels in the choir area are now gone and the choir area is painted. The carpeting has been ordered. The ceiling tiles have been replaced in Cat's office area.

Ken Rhoe is looking into a cover for the metal frames where the golf cart is parked and where a picnic table could be placed for staff breaks and lunch.

Golf cart batteries have to be checked for proper water levels.

The Hurricane shutter for the rose window is electrically operated and connected to power by a wire encased in conduit which is at an odd angle from the building. We are looking into its operation and straightening and fastening the conduit.

Much gratitude for such a committed group of Pilgrims.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you, Dave Wilson



Scripture Writing

Scripture writing plans are incredibly simple, yet incredibly effective for helping us read, interpret and absorb the Word of God. Rather than simply letting our eyes pass over a verse and perhaps miss its full meaning, writing Scripture down helps us absorb each word and really think through what the passage before us is saying.

Each day in October take the opportunity to write down a verse. It is suggested you use a journal where you can add any additional meditations or prayers that the verse brings to mind.

□0ct.1	Luke 6:35	□ Oct. 17	Revelation 1:8
□0ct. 2	2 John 1:6	□ Oct. 18	Psalm 42:11
□Oct. 3	Proverbs 17:17	□Oct. 19	2 Peter 1:16
□Oct. 4	Judges 5:31	□Oct. 20	Psalm 112:1
□Oct. 5	Zechariah 8:16	□Oct. 21	Deut. 28:9
□Oct. 6	2 Thess. 1:11-12	□ Oct. 22	1 Kings 8:61
□Oct.7	Hosea 6:6	□Oct. 23	2 Peter 1:20-21
□Oct. 8	Romans 14:17-19	□ Oct. 24	John 17:17
□Oct. 9	Luke 12:33-34	□Oct. 25	Romans 10:8
□Oct. 10	1 Peter 4:10	□Oct. 26	Judges 6:12
□Oct. 11	Zechariah 7:9-10	□Oct. 27	Isaiah 41:13
□Oct. 12	Daniel 7:13-14	□Oct. 28	Matthew 10:28
□Oct. 13	Isaiah 47:4	□Oct. 29	Romans 8:15
□Oct. 14	2 Samuel 22:29	□ Oct. 30	1 Peter 3:14
□Oct. 15	Psalm 8:3-4	□Oct. 31	Psalm 23:4
□Oct. 16	Haggai 2:6-7		

Lectionary Readings

In preparation for Worship read ahead and ponder! Just note, while Pastor John typically follows the lectionary, there are times the Spirit moves him to cover different passages in his Sunday sermons.

Season after Pentecost Year B	First* reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel	
20th Sunday after Pentecost Oct 06, 2024	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16	
21st Sunday after Pentecost Oct 13, 2024	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31	
22nd Sunday after Pentecost Oct 20, 2024	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45	
23rd Sunday after Pentecost Oct 27, 2024	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52	

Scripture is Important

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right. Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable, having all that is needed to do every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Everything written in the Bible is inspired by God. He communicated His words to men and led them to write it down for you and I to have as permanent preservation. The men who wrote His words were given to them by the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:13). The men were prophets that did not write their own interpretation of things but only what God had told them (2 Peter 1:20-21). Therefore, we can believe what the Bible says.

What you read impacts you. Think about how you feel when you read your news feed. Reading the Bible on a regular and consistent basis has several benefits. First, the Bible shows us God's character and provides us God's revelation of himself to his people. In each section of the Bible, we see God's holy, unchanging, faithful, gracious and loving character. Second, 2 Timothy 3:16–17 when discussing the topic of Scripture says that it is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness." The next verse goes on to say that this leads to the completeness and equipping "for every good work" (ESV).

The word of God is part of the full armor of God. It is the only offensive weapon used to protect ourselves against the evil one (Ephesians 6:17). It is a powerful weapon to use to recognize Satan's lies and tricks. Jesus used the word of God against Satan when he tried to tempt Him in the desert (Luke 4:1-14).

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