Pilgrim Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 2026

Ewing's Doings

Cultivating An Attitude of Gratitude

As we approach Thanksgiving, we look forward to a day set aside to express our appreciation for the blessings we have and the wonderful people in our lives. It is a special day, but unfortunately, we often spend more time talking about the big meal, who will do the cooking, and whom we should invite to share it. We may spend a brief moment sharing what we are thankful for, only to return to our normal daily routines the next day.

Praise the Lord!
O give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good,
for His steadfast love
endures forever."
- Psalm 106:1

Shouldn't we be grateful for something every day?

I encourage you to make showing appreciation a daily practice. I hope everyone cultivates an attitude of gratitude.

In spite of poor health, personal losses, and financial struggles, we still have much to be thankful for. Jesus has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age. He has shown us how to live before God and with one another, and He is our Lord and Savior.

I have learned the hard way that, through trials and tribulations, my comfort is found in God through Christ. The evidence of God's grace, love, and guidance in my life has led me to make cultivating an attitude of gratitude an important part of my daily walk of faith.

Giving thanks should not be reserved for just one special day. Rather, it should be an essential part of our everyday lives. Be grateful for what you do have rather than grumbling about what you do not have.

Amen.

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

November Birthdays

4	Joyce Faber
8	Cheryl Eastman
9	Eileen Murray
13	Maverick Li
17	Gene Burnell
24	Pat Smith
24	Danny Wineland

Did we miss your special date? Kindly reach out to our office at your earliest convenience. You can contact us by phone or email, and we will be happy to update our records accordingly.

Ideas to Love Your Neighbors

- All Saints Day, November 1, acknowledge the loss of your friends and loved ones.
- Invite a neighbor out for pumpkin pie!
- Pray for grateful, giving hearts throughout our world.
- Collect items to fill a Thanksgiving Basket for our Food Pantry.
- Veterans Day is November 11, take a moment to thank a Veteran. Bring a Veteran to church as we recognize Veteran's Day on Sunday, November 8.

Lectionary Readings

The readings help remind us that both the Old and New Testaments are telling one single, coherent story: God is rescuing humanity from sin and death.

All Saints Day **01-Nov-26**
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

08-Nov-26
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7
Amos 5:18-24 or Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

15-Nov-26
Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123
Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Reign of Christ **22-Nov-26**
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100 or Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Thanksgiving Day **26-Nov-26**
Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19

Pilgrim Prayer List

May we faithfully lift one another before the Lord in prayer, trusting in His grace, mercy, and perfect will.

- Hurricane Recovery & Rebuild
- Caregivers - peace & strength
- Pastor Search
- Pilgrim Church & Leaders
- Beverly Weber - hospice
- Savina Krueger - cancer
- Marge Trayner - dementia
- Carol Tafuri - hospice
- Janice Lewis - health
- Christopher Fraser - employment
- Joe Wineland - health
- James Fraser - health
- Joyce Faber - health
- Josh Fraser - salvation
- Bud Trayner - health
- Lori McKinley - cancer
- Judy Michaels - health
- Rick Barker - ALS
- Erin Kelleher - health
- Pat Wheatcroft family and friends - sympathies
- Alan Bredfeldt - stroke
- Jennifer Budd - cancer
- Ann Williams - surgery recovery
- Hope and Purpose
- Nancy Burnell - health
- Sandy Wheatcroft - health
- Irma Tyson
- Becky Cao - Advent Hospital
- Vera Bennett - Advent Hospital
- Teen Mendillo - cancer
- McKinley Family - multiple health issues

Adult Bible Study

Sundays | 10:15 a.m. | Coffee Room

Study continues in the New Testament with Paul's letters to Timothy. The new covenant made with Jesus' crucifixion were spread thru Turkey, Greece, and Italy. This replaced old Jewish statutes and ordinances dating back to Moses. Missionary journeys by Paul, Timothy and others spread the gospel ("Good News") as directed by the Great Commission. Reading their letters, gives us insight into growing pains of the early church and relevant problems that surface in the modern church.

This small discussion group meets in the Coffee room immediately after worship on Sundays. We read scripture chapter by chapter and verse by verse and emphasize the meaning.

Come join the conversation!

Music Ministry

Under the guidance of Russ Whittaker, the Choir is planning special music throughout the month of December. If you like to sing, your voice is needed! This is the perfect opportunity for you to celebrate Christmas and contribute to worship. The Advent Choir Rehearsals will be at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays beginning November 29.

Recycle Ink Cartridges

Pilgrim Church can recycle up to 20 used ink or toner cartridges each month through Staples and receive $2 in recycling rewards per cartridge. These rewards help offset our office supply costs.

Do you have used cartridges at home or work? Bring them in! We collect them and make a monthly delivery to Staples.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to save money and care for the environment!

Property & Grounds

Thursdays | 9:00 a.m. | Office

The property and grounds team is dedicated to providing a safe and welcoming environment for our church and school campus staff and visitors with maintenance and repairs.

This is a summary of our recent accomplishments:

Church

- Made baseboard moldings for the Sanctuary including shaping, sanding and varnishing. We started the installation of the baseboard moldings
- Finished the installation of toilet paper and paper towel holders in Narthex bathrooms
- Removed, refinished and reinstalled the Church Office Lobby baseboard moldings that were water damaged
- Removed paint splatters on the upholstery of the pews in the Sanctuary

Joyful Noise

- Repaired the sink drain leak in Kitchen.
- Moved the windows that were being stored in the Community Center bathroom to Children's Room for current storage
- Installed baby changing stations in the Community Center bathrooms.
- Repaired a faucet in Classroom 9
- Repaired a bathroom fan in Classroom 6
- Started the replacement of stage floor in the Community Center with luxury vinyl plank

We have more projects and would love extra hands! Join us on Thursdays to give a few hours to Pilgrim Church!

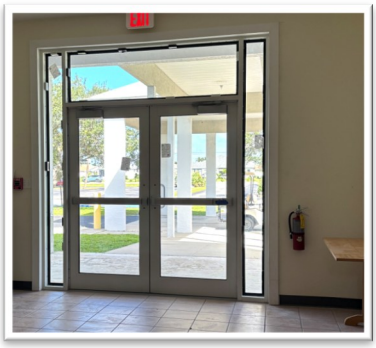
Worship Plan

11/01	All Saints Day, Lee Collins
11/08	Veteran's Sunday American Legion Post 110
11/15	Ken Ewing
11/22	Testimony Sunday
11/29	Hanging of the Green

Council Highlights

New Sanctuary Doors!

We are excited to share that our new Sanctuary doors are here!



These doors are hurricane-rated and provide our building with an important added layer of protection and safety.

We know many of us loved our beautiful patinaed copper doors, and we certainly did too! Unfortunately, the damage caused by Hurricane Ian meant that the doors needed to be replaced. While we will miss the character of our original doors, we are excited about what these new doors will bring to our Sanctuary and our entire building.

The new doors feature tinted glass, allowing us to see out toward the front of the building while still providing privacy and security. They also offer several important improvements:

- Hurricane-rated protection to meet updated safety guidelines
- Improved energy efficiency by helping prevent air loss
- A safer and more secure front entrance
- Better visibility through the tinted glass
- A fresh, modern appearance that complements our Sanctuary

This is more than just a new set of doors , it is an investment in the safety, security, comfort, and future of our church community.

We are grateful for the history and beauty of our original doors, and we look forward to welcoming everyone through these new doors for many years to come!

Coffee Room & Bathroom Updates

Our bathrooms and Coffee Room are now open! Our Sanctuary Decorating Committee has worked hard to transform these spaces into inviting, modern, and welcoming areas. We are already beginning to receive calls about renting our spaces, which is exciting! The updated look, newer finishes, and neutral colors help set our facility apart and make these spaces more appealing to outside groups and our church community. We still have a no food or drink policy in place for the Sanctuary, please keep them in the Coffee Room. Thank you.

The Sanctuary Decorating Committee was formed after Hurricane Ian to help oversee what is removed, kept, and brought into our church spaces. Over the years, the Coffee Room and other areas had become overwhelmed with items that people brought in and left behind. At one point, we had 14 hand mixers in one drawer—many of them broken or missing parts!

Moving forward, the Committee will continue to oversee items entering and leaving these spaces, carefully considering what we may or may not need. We cannot continue dropping things off on Sundays simply because we have them or think we may need them someday. Items need to have a purpose and a place.

Please be considerate and understanding of this process. The goal is not to discourage anyone from donating or contributing, but to prevent our spaces from becoming overrun again. The Committee is working to keep our newly renovated spaces clean, organized, functional, and welcoming for everyone.

Pilgrim Church's No Pet Policy is in effect and will be strictly enforced.

Adopted by the Pilgrim Church Council on April 29, 2026, this policy prohibits pets of any kind inside Pilgrim Church buildings, including the Sanctuary and Offices, Community Center, and Joyful Noise Learning Center.

This policy is established to protect the health, safety, and well-being of everyone on our campus, including our members, visitors, staff, volunteers, and students. It also supports appropriate health and sanitation guidelines and ensures consideration for individuals with allergies, sensitivities, or fears related to animals.

Additionally, **Chapter 65C-22 of the Florida Administrative Code establishes requirements for animals in child care facilities.** These requirements include restrictions on animals in areas where food is prepared, stored, or served. These health and sanitation considerations reinforce the importance of maintaining appropriate safeguards in environments serving children.
The following requirements must be observed:

Pets of any kind are not permitted inside any of the buildings listed above.

Emotional support animals, comfort animals, therapy animals, and companion animals are not permitted inside these buildings.

Service animals that meet applicable ADA requirements are permitted. Handlers are responsible for ensuring their animals remain under control, are housebroken, and do not pose a threat or disruption to others.

Church leadership reserves the right to require the removal of any animal that does not comply with this policy, consistent with applicable law.

This policy is mandatory and will be enforced consistently. Individual preferences or personal circumstances do not authorize exceptions beyond those required by law. All members, staff, volunteers, and visitors are expected to comply.

We understand that animals are important to many people. However, the protection of our entire church community must remain a priority. We ask everyone to respect this policy and refrain from bringing pets into our buildings.

As Scripture reminds us, we are called to love our neighbors and to do all things decently and in order. Your cooperation is expected and appreciated as we work together to maintain a safe, sanitary, and welcoming environment for all.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Our Top 10 Remaining Projects
As we continue making improvements throughout our church and property, here are the **top 10 projects that remain on our list:**

1. **Sound panels** for the Sanctuary, Narthex, and Coffee Room
2. **Audio components** for the Sanctuary
3. **Visual components** for the Sanctuary
4. **Sound panels** for the Community Center
5. **Joyful Noise exterior stucco repair and painting**
6. **Window tinting** in the Sanctuary
7. **New signage** at the entrance
8. **Exterior lighting improvements** around the parking lot areas
9. **Parking lot repaving and repainting**
10. **Landscaping improvements** throughout the property

We are excited to continue working through these projects and improving our facilities. Each project brings us one step closer to creating spaces that are safe, welcoming, functional, and beautiful for our church family, Joyful Noise, and the greater community.

Thank You!
Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and commitment to Pilgrim Church. Your contributions, time, and dedication are helping us make tremendous progress throughout our church and property.

Together, we are building a stronger future for Pilgrim Church and creating welcoming, beautiful spaces that will serve our church family and the greater community for years to come!

Moderator	
Jessica Warne-Emard	Term 3, Year 1
Asst Moderator	
Ken Rhoe	Term 3, Year 1
Members-at-Large	
Gerry Ahlgrim	Term 3, Year 1
Tony Caniglia	Term 2, Year 1
Joe Gillner	Term 3, Year 1
Sandy Jones	Term 2, Year 1
Connie Rice	Term 3, Year 1
Jeanne-Marie Story	Term 1, Year 1
Kim Vought	Term 1, Year 2
Nettie Wineland	Term 2, Year 2

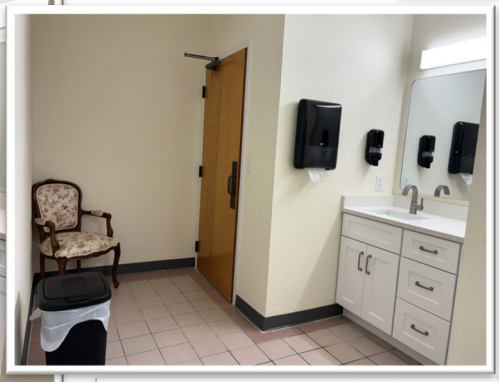
One Thousand Words of Pilgrim Church

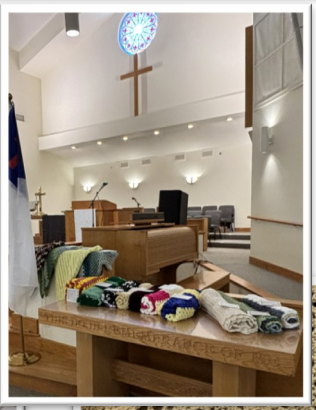
Before/After New Entry!

Thank you for the candy donations for Joyful Noise!

OCC Shoeboxes are being turned in! Only 3 more empty boxes to fill!

Narthex Bathrooms are Open!





Prayer Shawl Blessing Was October 18!

PBJ Sandwich Makers at work!

Care Group

Together we share support, fellowship, prayer, and caring hearts as we walk through life together.

The Oktoberfest Pot Luck Luncheon was held on October 10, with Charlie Gilmer on the piano. We had 64 people in attendance!

Save the Dates

Continue weekly meetings

Tuesdays | 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | Conference Rm

November 3, First Tuesday breakfast at Peters

9:00 AM | Peter's Restaurant on Kings Highway

Join us for Christian fellowship and community over eggs and pancakes at Peter's Let's break bread together, share what God is doing in our lives, and enjoy great company.

November 10, Coping with the Holidays

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Conference Rm

The holiday season (Thanksgiving - New Years) is often a time of joy, celebration, and togetherness. For those who are grieving, the festivities can amplify feelings of loss and sadness. Traditions that once brought comfort may now feel painful. Empty chairs at the dinner table become more noticeable. The well-meaning questions from friends and family about holiday plans can feel overwhelming. The pressure to feel "merry and bright" when you're hurting can create an additional burden during an already difficult time.

Join Chris Parent, of Empath Health, as he presents us with ways to Cope with the Holidays and ways to show understanding to your friends and family members who may be walking this path.

December 1, First Tuesday breakfast at Peters

9:00 AM | Peter's Restaurant on Kings Highway

December 13, Christmas Brunch

After Worship | Community Center

You know that cookie recipe that makes too much! Here's your excuse to make it! Brunch is free, we'd love for you to bring a batch of your favorite Christmas cookies!

Joyful Noise Learning Center

October Teacher Work Day

The Women's Fellowship generously put together a delicious nacho and taco salad bar for our teachers and staff on Work Day, October 9, 2026.

They provided all the fixings for everyone to create their own delicious plate, along with some sweet desserts to finish the meal. It was such a thoughtful way to show appreciation and love for our teachers and staff.

THANK YOU to the Women's Fellowship! We truly appreciate the recognition, kindness, and love you continue to show our staff.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Our classrooms are getting into the Thanksgiving spirit! Each classroom has a beautifully decorated Thanksgiving food-drive box displayed outside its door, and we are asking our Joyful Noise families to help us fill them up.

This food drive is more than just collecting food; it is a wonderful, hands-on learning experience for our students. It gives them the opportunity to see the concept of giving and helping others in action and to understand what it means to be part of a community.

Throughout the food drive, teachers are having meaningful conversations with their students about what it means to help others, what a community is, and how we can make a difference. Students are also learning about being thankful for what we have and the importance of appreciating our own blessings rather than being jealous of what someone else may have.

And, of course, we had to make it fun!

Each classroom has a "naked" turkey on its bulletin board, just waiting for its tail feathers. Every Friday, classrooms will count the items collected in their food-drive boxes. For every 5 items collected, the classroom earns 1 feather for its turkey!

The classroom with the fullest turkey will earn a special pie-tasting party before Thanksgiving Break!

It may seem like a simple activity, but this "out-of-the-box" lesson is engaging our students in conversations at school and at home with their families. It is a fun way to bring everyone together while teaching our children the importance of kindness, generosity, gratitude, and helping others.

Thank you to all of our families for helping make this meaningful experience possible!

Fresh Floors!

The Community Center, Kitchen, Goodell Room, and surrounding classrooms recently had their floors completely stripped, scrubbed, and waxed!

This is something that had not been done since the spring before Hurricane Ian, so you can imagine how much of a difference it made! Those floors were definitely ready for some love; and now they are sparkly, clean, and refreshed! Finally!

Our classroom floors and hallways will be getting the same treatment during Thanksgiving Break while the center is closed. Because the classrooms must be completely emptied for the process, this project takes a little more time and preparation.

We cannot wait to come back from Thanksgiving Break with our classrooms and hallways looking fresh, clean, and refreshed! A big thank-you to helping us keep Joyful Noise looking its best!

Thanksgiving Break

Joyful Noise Learning Center will be CLOSED Wednesday, November 25, through Friday, November 27, for Thanksgiving Break.

Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at Joyful Noise!

Missions

The moment for missions on November 1st will be the Thanksgiving food drive.

Thanksgiving Baskets

Our goal this year for Thanksgiving baskets is 65. We would like donations turned in by Sunday, November 15. The list is the same this year as last, except for the gift cards we are giving $30 to either Walmart or Publix.

- stuffing mix
- mashed potatoes
- turkey gravy
- large can of Yams
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- canned fruit
- canned cranberry sauce
- large box of gelatin
- cake or brownie mix

This is a perfect example of how to "Love your neighbor". We will be putting the baskets together on Thursday, November 19 & distributing them on Friday, November 20. They will be going to Joyful Noise staff, local veterans and some members of our congregation.

We made PB&J sandwiches on Oct.29. Currently the sandwiches are going to The Bread of Life Mission (Judy Jones) in Punta Gorda.

We spent $634.64 on the food pantry last month. On average we assist 10 teachers a week along with our Little Food Box.

Again this year we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 5, 10:-00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.at Peachland Publix.

Just as a reminder, the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes need to be turned in by Sunday November 15 if you haven't already. If you still need one, there are notecards in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to include one.

Pilgrim Church

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2026 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 Thursday, November 12. With a goal of 65 baskets, we aim to fulfill each request.

Baskets will be dispersed to the name listed below on Friday, November 20, 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.

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Pilgrim Church

2026 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:_____

Al-Anon

Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m. | *Conference Room*

Al-Anon is a support fellowship for family members and friends of people who struggle with alcohol use. Through meetings and shared experiences, members learn to cope with the effects of someone else's drinking and find hope, strength, and understanding. Al-Anon offers a confidential, welcoming place to learn healthier ways to live, regardless of whether the person who drinks seeks help.

Narcotics Anonymous

Thursdays | 7:00 p.m. | *Library*

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) is a fellowship of men and women for whom drugs had become a major problem. We are recovering addicts who meet regularly to support one another in staying clean. All are welcome. You are not alone.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

Fridays | 9:00 a.m. | *Conference Room*

It's not a diet, It's a lifestyle . For a lifetime. With TOPS Club, you're throwing yourself a lifeline. Join us for the support, accountability and connections that you need on your journey to better health. All are welcome. You are not alone.

Calendars

Do you receive 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.

Pilgrim Church Honors Veteran's Day

Sunday, November 8 | 9:00 a.m. | *Sanctuary*

Pilgrim has always been a patriotic Church, especially when it comes to honor our servicemen and women. Veteran's Day will be celebrated on with guest speaker, Mike Schwartz.

Mike is Chaplain of American Legion Post 110 in Port Charlotte. He served in the US Army for 39 years. His mother was a Methodist minister and Mike grew up with 14 brothers and sisters! His message will be an account of how God has been a part of his life through all those experiences.

The service will also commemorate Veterans and current service members with a tree of photographs and singing of Eternal Father, Strong to Save along with a recognition of attending Veterans.

Pilgrim Women Fellowship

The November meeting will be held on November 19, at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. Entrance is through the Joyful Noise front door. The devotion topic is "Strengthening Your Discipleship", an excerpt from Rick Warren's book, *What On Earth Am I Here For?* The lunch plan for additional fellowship is to carpool to Fisherman's Village to the new, Castaway Restaurant.

The last Book Club for the calendar year is a dinner meeting on December 3, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Judi Wilson. The book to be reviewed is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. RSVP to Judi.

Other activities in the month include participation in a luncheon and raffle hosted by the auxiliary of the domestic violence shelter, filling a Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoebox, donating to the Pilgrim Thanksgiving food baskets, and reaching out to homebound Pilgrim members.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!
- 1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Learn & Grow

"Give Thanks"

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." *1 Thessalonians 5:18*

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." *Philippians 4:6*

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" *Psalm 107:1*

Thanksgiving is a time to pause and reflect on our blessings and the goodness of God. More than a holiday centered on family meals, it is an invitation to cultivate a heart of gratitude that overflows into every area of our lives.

What Does It Mean to Give Thanks?

Notice that the Bible doesn't command us to *feel* thankful in all circumstances; it calls us to *give thanks*. Gratitude changes the lens through which we view our circumstances. Even amid broken dreams, strained relationships, turbulent times, and unfulfilled longings, thanksgiving can shift our perspective.

As we praise God for who He is and thank Him for what He has done, we are reminded of His faithfulness and goodness. Our problems may not disappear, but our understanding of God's presence and love can grow. As the gap between what we know to be true and what we feel in the moment begins to close, we can experience a deeper intimacy with Him.

So, how can we cultivate a deeper spirit of thanksgiving?

Express Your Gratitude Out Loud

- Send a handwritten note.
- Make a surprise phone call.
- Thank someone who quietly supports you behind the scenes.

Turn Gratitude into Service

Let your thankfulness overflow into acts of generosity, kindness, and care for those who may be lonely or in need.

- Join the Care Group and share your experiences, wisdom, and listening ear.
- Fill an Operation Christmas Child shoebox.
- Donate items for the Thanksgiving Food Pantry baskets.
- Sign up to ring the bell for the Salvation Army.
- Join the Property and Grounds Team, there is something YOU can do!

Keep a Gratitude Journal

Write a few lines each day to train your heart and mind to notice the small, everyday mercies/gifts from God. Use these prompts throughout the month to reflect on the blessings in your life.

30 Days of Gratitude

1. What is something you are looking forward to?
2. What memory reminds you of God's goodness?
3. What season of the year do you appreciate most?
4. What song or piece of music brings you joy?
5. What mistake led to something positive?
6. Who has had a positive impact on your life?
7. Look around you. What people or things do you see that you are grateful for?
8. What part of God's creation amazes you?
9. What is something new you have learned recently that you are grateful for?
10. Who helped you grow in faith?
11. What is your favorite smell?
12. Describe your favorite place in the world.
13. Which of your personality traits do you appreciate?
14. What is an obstacle you have recently overcome?
15. Who in your life are you especially grateful for?
16. What aspect of your health or physical abilities do you appreciate?
17. What is your favorite food or taste?
18. Which piece of technology are you most grateful for?
19. What is the best piece of advice you have received?
20. Describe a recent act of kindness you did without being asked or expecting a reward.
21. What Bible verse are you especially thankful for, and why?
22. When have you felt God's presence during a difficult time?
23. How has serving others blessed you?
24. What do you appreciate about your fellow Pilgrims?
25. What is something you can do easily that others may find difficult?
26. Describe a time when a stranger did something kind for you.
27. What spiritual gift do you admire in someone else?
28. What freedom or opportunity are you grateful for?
29. When have you experienced forgiveness or grace?
30. Who inspires you to keep going when life gets tough?

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, may we look beyond the blessings we can count and recognize the God who gives them. May gratitude shape our words, guide our actions, and deepen our faith.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints Day**	2	3 9:00am Breakfast at Peter's 10:00am Al-Anon 12:00pm Care Group 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	4	5 12:00pm Bulletin Team 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	6 9:00am TOPS	7
8	9 Ministry Reports due for Council Meeting 6:30pm Missions Meeting	10 10:00am Al-Anon 12:00pm Care Group: Coping with the Holidays	11 **Veterans Day** Newsletter Article Deadline	12 12:00pm Bulletin Team 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	13 9:00am TOPS	14
15 OCC Shoeboxes due! Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive Ends	16	17 10:00am Al-Anon 12:00pm Care Group 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Council / Finance Committee	18	19 9:30am Bulletin Team 10:00am Pilgrim Women 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	20 9:00am TOPS	21 Deep Creek Bingo
22	23	24 10:00am Al-Anon 12:00pm Care Group	25 Joyful Noise Learning Center Closed 12:00pm Bulletin Team	26 **Thanksgiving Day** Church Office / Joyful Noise Learning Center Closed 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous	27 Joyful Noise Learning Center Closed 9:00am TOPS	28 Gilner Celebration of Life
29 **1st Sunday of Advent**	30					

Every Sunday at Pilgrim Church

8:00am Choir Rehearsal
8:00am Coffee Hour
9:00am Children's Worship
9:00am Worship
10:15am Adult Bible Study