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—PASSIONATE PILGRIMS

Passion: a strong feeling; enthusiasm; a term often used for Jesus' suffering and death; love or adoration

Passion a matter of the heart. Our enthusiasms, our values, our energies, our devotion are all guided, in part, by our hearts. This Lenten season, I invite you to read and discuss with other Pilgrims, Marcus Borg's book *The Heart of Christianity: How We can be Passionate Believers Today*.

There will be a weekly reading guide and four discussion groups 8:45 on Sundays, two groups at 11:20 on Sundays, and one at 1:30 on Thursday afternoons. If five or more Pilgrims chose another time of the week, we will figure out leadership.

Why an all church book read? I find that people are attracted to Pilgrim for many reasons: they share our social justice commitments, they enjoy our music, and/or they want to be part of a faith community. Often, in orientation sessions, the first question isn't about what we do, but what we, as a congregation, believe.

There is no one answer to that question. The United Church of Christ "claims as its own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers." We are rooted in a specific faith tradition. Our denomination also "affirms the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own" (From the constitution of the United Church of Christ).

Our expectation is that individuals engage in studying Scripture, thinking critically about issues of faith, and figuring out connections between what resides in our hearts and what we do with our lives. We do this, not in isolation, but in community. We do these things together.

Once a year, we set aside time during Lent to share the convictions, questions and values that we hold individually and to look at how they contribute to what we at Pilgrim hold in common. We learn from each other.

Why this book? There are several reasons: It is a contemporary and thoughtful exploration of Christian faith. It is neither dense nor difficult reading. It is invitational in nature and provides a springboard for thought and reflection. Maybe most personally, it has been one of my "go to" books, especially when I bump into parts of my own faith that are hard to articulate or that need reinterpretation in the present context.

Copies of Borg's book are available at Pilgrim. There is no charge, but a donation of \$10-\$15 will help offset the cost to the church. It is also available in Nook and Kindle editions. The chapters assigned as reading material for each week will inform our worship services during Lent.



Become a Passionate Pilgrim this Lenten season! Explore the connection between what is in our individual hearts, our collective hearts, and the heart of our Christian tradition. Ash Wednesday is March 5 and the first discussion group will begin at 1:30 on March 6.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Charlotte Frantz, Minister

HARTLEY NATURE CENTER INTERGENERATIONAL RETREAT
SATURDAY, MARCH 1 **1 PM-3:30 PM**



This is an intergenerational gathering with child care indoors for the youngest Pilgrims, a walk with a naturalist for older kids and adults, crafts and story telling, and snacks. Hartley has cross country skis and snowshoes in all sizes for rent—so if you have a hankering for a playful afternoon or trying out a new activity with your children or grandchildren, this is the perfect opportunity. Join us for an afternoon of winter fun. Invite someone to come with you.

Sponsored by the Christian Education Ministry

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MONTH

The food shelves need donations more than ever this year. It has been a tradition at Pilgrim to donate food items – canned goods, juices, pasta, etc. Again this year we are asking for donations based on specific meals.

If you would like to do more than bring food items, monetary donations are always welcome and appreciated.

The Social Justice Ministry will be collecting these special meal donations as follows:

- March 2 - breakfast items
- March 9 - lunch items
- March 16 dinner items
- March 23 - snack items
- March 30 beverage items

such as coffee, tea, Koolaid, hot chocolate mix, etc.

During the month of March, all contributions of food and cash will be proportionately matched by the Greater Minnesota Council of Churches. For more information, contact Meg Kearns at (218) 727-2391. To make an online contribution, go to www.chumduluth.org.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The offering for One Great Hour of Sharing will be dedicated Sunday, March 23, 2013. These funds provide support to health, education, refugee, agricultural, and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries, by working with local, national, and international partners.

An envelope is included in the newsletter for your offering and will also be available on the 23rd or in the church office. Thank you!



PACT TV REGULAR BROADCAST

Pilgrim's regular broadcasts on Channel 7 are Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm and Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 am. repeated at 8:30-9:30 pm.

- March 5 and 6 "Kingdom Homies" by the Rev. Charlotte Frantz from February 2, 2014
- March 12 and 13 "Spirit Detectors" by the Rev. Charlotte Frantz from February 9, 2014
- March 19 and 20 "L'Chaim" by the Rev. Charlotte Frantz from February 16, 2014
- March 26 and 27 "Jesus Justice" by the Rev. Charlotte Frantz from February 23, 2014

WINTER CROP WALK

Enjoy a winter hike and support agencies that provide food for hungry people! On March 9, Pilgrim's 4th-8th graders would love to have your company and support for the Winter Crop Walk.

You can support the walk by giving a donation during the Coffee Hour on March 9th.

And/or you can walk the mile-long loop at Bagley Nature Center in the afternoon. Crop Walk donations support Church World Service efforts to alleviate hunger as well as local meal programs such as Damiano Soup Kitchen, Union Gospel, and the Salvation Army.

We will meet at Pilgrim at 12:45 and carpool to UMD. Registration is in the environmental classroom. The walk begins at 1:30 and you can ski, snowshoe or hike. Bring your own equipment or borrow snowshoes available there. In the event of extremely cold weather, there will be an indoor trail set up through the UMD campus. If you want to extend your fun-in-volunteering afternoon, stay for the Angels in the Snow project at Malosky Stadium. A snow angel project is raising funds for Lutheran Social Service's Center for Changing Lives, dedicated to assisting homeless teens. The snow angel event will take place at 3:00 p.m.

Thank you, United Campus Ministries for planning and coordinating this year's crop walk.

THINK SPRING!

Tired of white landscapes?
Looking to add a little green in your life?
NATIVE TREES/SHRUBS & FLOWER BULBS
Will be for sale again beginning March 9th in Salter Hall following worship.
For more info on trees/shrubs go to: <http://www.southstlouisswcd.org/treeshrub.html>
To peruse flower varieties available go to: <http://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/products>
Proceeds will benefit Pilgrim's new food waste pickup program.

REGIONAL UCC EVENT AT PILGRIM

On March 30, Pilgrim will host a lunch for members of UCC congregations in the Arrowhead region. The purpose will be to introduce our new Conference Minister, the Rev. Shari Prestemon to our congregations. Lunch will be served beginning at 12:00 and a program will start about 12:45. Save the date and be with us March 30.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 2

Transfiguration Sunday

10:00 am Worship, Holy Communion
and Sunday School

Texts: Matthew 17:1-9 and Exodus 24:12-18

The Rev. Charlotte Frantz

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:20 am 2nd Hour Gatherings

Comprehensive Budget Listening Session

Orientation to Pilgrim

Childcare available 8:45-12:30 pm

March 5

Ash Wednesday

6:00 pm Soup Supper

6:20 pm Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal

7:00 Worship

Childcare available

March 9

First Sunday in Lent

8:45 am Faith Discussion Group

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

Christianity Today

The Rev. Charlotte Frantz

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:20 am 2nd Hour-Faith Discussion Groups

Childcare available 8:45-12:30 pm

March 16

Second Sunday in Lent

Bring a Friend to Pilgrim

8:45 am Faith Discussion Group

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

The Heart's Understanding

The Rev. Charlotte Frantz

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:20 am 2nd Hour-Faith Discussion Groups

Childcare available 8:45-12:30 pm

March 23

Second Sunday in Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing

8:45 am Faith Discussion Group

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School

The Heart of God

The Rev. Charlotte Frantz

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:20 am 2nd Hour-Faith Discussion Groups

Childcare available 8:45-12:30 pm

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Join other Pilgrims for a light supper and meditative service that includes the imposition of ashes. Ashes remind us that we are human, made of earth's dust, beloved and cherished by God, forgiven and redeemed by Jesus, and filled with a renewed spirit. A soup and bread supper will be available beginning at 6:00. The service is at 7:00

TWO 2ND HOUR SESSIONS MARCH 2

Comprehensive Budget Listening Session

On March 2, the ad hoc comprehensive budget working group appointed by the Church Council will host a listening session.

As we come to the end of paying off the loan to replace our roof, a number of questions have come up as to what our future budget can/will/should look like.

An ad hoc comprehensive budget working group has been assembled to review historic questions related to our budgets and to explore new opportunities. To do our work, we need help from Pilgrim Church members. What questions do you have about our finances? What opportunities do you believe will strengthen our Church's Christian ministry?

Questions that the group is currently looking at are (but are not limited to):

How do we use our pledges and investments to further the Ministry of the Church?

What does a comprehensive budget look like?

What are priorities for our ministry and how can a comprehensive budget reflect them?

Members of the congregation are invited to the 2nd hour this Sunday to discuss these questions and to help identify additional questions for this working group. Meeting will be in the back of the Sanctuary.

Orientation to Pilgrim

Charlotte and some "long tenured" members of Pilgrim will facilitate a 2nd Hour introduction to our congregation this Sunday. Who are we? What do we believe? Why do we do the things we do? How are we affiliated with the United Church of Christ? What does church membership mean? Do we have room for doubters and skeptics as well as believers?

Whether you are just visiting and want to learn more, or you are a "long tenured visitor" who's ready to join our covenant, plan to stay for this "get-acquainted" opportunity. Meeting will be in the Parlor.

PILGRIM ENERGY

The Pilgrim "Green Team" recently completed some basic window weatherization in the church, with the following success stories

- The basement kitchen is no longer being heated supplementally by the gas oven, and the air temp is staying between 50 and 55F. Previously it was a bit south of 40F during our first cold snap (prior to use of the oven)!
- The front room's windows are no longer iced over on the interior, and the room is far more comfortable and being used again (after being avoided due to cold temps).
- Charlotte no longer has to jog in her robes to warm them up from a cold closet prior to service! She also reports that she has been able to turn down her office supplemental heater a bit!

With the completion of our winter weatherization project, the "2013" energy efficiency actions are complete with the exception of changing out our outdoor lighting (because we are still waiting on the 3 main flood lights to arrive, hopefully sometime in March). We now turn our attention to collecting our utility rebates, planning for possible further energy efficiency actions in the summer and fall, and assessing the effects of our actions to date.

Regarding those actions, our building energy assessment is finally in for 2013, and although we used about *12% more gas than 2012* thanks to a much colder 2013, we actually used *less electricity (3.5%) and water (23%!).* We thus ended up **spending about \$550 less in utilities in a far colder year**, thanks to mindful repairs and basic conservation efforts! Most of our 2013 energy efficiency actions weren't fully in place until the end of 2013 or early 2014, so stay tuned to discover how our lighting changes, water conservation, weatherization, and HVAC repairs help with our monthly utility bills!

Thanks again to all for your interest and for helping to make Pilgrim greener and financially leaner!

Bret Pence for the Social Justice Ministry

SOUND EFFECTS

John Hinners, Jim Drake, Steve Cushing, and Steve Grindy continue to hunt down the cause of the static electricity that has been a distraction this winter. In the process, they are tweaking our sound system in hopes of enhancing the amplification. Our next step is trying out a new microphone generously donated by John Hinners. The current speakers are on long term loan from Steve Grindy. We appreciate this team's persistent efforts. Thank you!

PARISH PERSONALS

THANK YOU S

Dear Pilgrim Church Members,
St. Mark would like to thank those of you who came to celebrate MLK Day with us, as well as your generous donation for our furnace repairs and thank you for the signs for Robbi's Closet. We appreciate all your gifts and love for us.

St. Mark AME Church

Dear Pilgrims;
The staff and participants at Center City Housing would like to thank you for the very generous Christmas gifts that your congregation provided to the youth living in permanent supportive housing. The impact of your support has truly made a positive difference in the lives of the children!

Kelly Looby,
Family Supportive Housing Site Director

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

The Women's Book Group has chosen the following books for the upcoming months:

- 17-March Wonder by R. J. Palacio
Facilitator-Michelle
- 28-April Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman
Facilitator-Karen
- 19-May Painted Drum by Louise Erdrich
Facilitator-Kitty

We meet in the Parlor at 6:30. Contact Joan Setterlund .728-4986 or jsetterlund@msn.com for further information.

EASTER EGG ROLLING AND CHOCOLATE EGGS

If you find Easter egg rolling and chocolate eggs to be signals of spring, maybe you're the person we're looking for! In the past three years, Pilgrim has sponsored a Saturday morning Easter party for neighborhood children and children who use our building during the week. It's been fun—but we need a volunteer to coordinate the plans and volunteers.

Easter Saturday is April 19. The party has generally been 10-12; set up and clean up means being here about 9:00 and staying until about 1:00. Recruit Pilgrims to run various activities—there are suggestions and supply lists from previous years. Find a friend and share this volunteer position if you like! If you're interested, contact Jenny Ballew at 428-8534. Deadline for the decision on whether or not we host an Easter party this year is March 11.

OCCASIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Check this corner of the newsletter each month for opportunities to help out at Pilgrim.

Hospitality for March or April: Would you like to coordinate the events in March or April that require cookies, bars or some planning? Call the church office.

Transport Compost: Social Justice is looking for people to transport the compost to drop sites at Sara's Table or Marshall Hardware. Please sign up on the table in Salter Hall or contact the church office or Nan Hillmeyer at nhillmeyer@charter.net. Time: Less than an hour, once/week most of the time. Sign up to be responsible for drop offs for a month. Can be done at your convenience.

WELCOME TIP OF THE MONTH

The Membership and Growth Ministry encourages you to invite a friend to visit Pilgrim on March 16. Both the Pilgrim Choir and Bellissimo will participate in the service. Sometimes it's easier to invite a person for a particular Sunday rather than to issue a more general "come sometime" invitation. Easter will be just around the corner, and often people who don't attend worship regularly make the effort to be in church then. March 16 can serve as a sort of "preview" should they be looking for a place to go on Easter Sunday



BELLA CAMPANA REHEARSALS

Bella will be rehearsing every Thursday in March at 7:15 pm

CONFIRMATION

Confirm not Conform – Pilgrims packing their backpacks for the spiritual journey.
Sunday, March 9 9:00 am Church Library
Please direct questions to Jackie Falk, 724-7407.
Excerpts from Matthew and Revelations

CHILDREN'S MUSICAL PARTICIPANTS

Congratulations to all those who auditioned for the June 1st Musical, "Are We There Yet?"

The cast list is as follows:

- Moses: Oscar
- Miriam: Siiri
- Aaron: Emelyn
- Joshua: Parker
- Pharaoh: Christopher
- Hebrew 1/Magician 1: Kathryn
- Hebrew 2: Ellie
- Hebrew 3/Magician 2: Annelies
- Pharaoh's Daughter and Hebrew 4: Grace
- Moses's Mother and Leader of the March: Laura
- Guard 1: Robert

Scripts and rehearsal schedule will be distributed to cast members this Sunday, March 2nd!
Weekday rehearsals begin Thursday, April 17th from 6:00-7:15 pm!

Thank you, Rachael Kresha

LENTEN MID-DAY ORGAN RECITALS

Sponsored by the Arrowhead Chapter of the American Guild of Organists

- March 12 Tom Hamilton and William Percy
St. Paul Episcopal Church
1710 E Superior St, Duluth
- March 19 Rachael Kresha
Pilgrim Congregational Church
2310 E. 4th Street
- March 26 Jason Branham
First Lutheran Church
1100 E. Superior Street
- April 2 Alan Berg
Elim Lutheran Church
6101 Cody Street
- April 9 David Larson
Hope Lutheran Church
4093 Munger Shaw Road, Cloquet
- April 16 Samuel Black
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
227 3rd Street, Two Harbors

SNOW ANGELS

On March 9th, Make Your Mark: Angels for a Cause will raise money for homeless youth of the Duluth area through a community-wide event. The funds raised will be used to build a Center for Changing Lives with Lutheran Social Services.

The event will happen on March 9th, 2014 at UMD's Malosky Stadium. The gates will open at 2:00 pm with music and activities, and snow angels will begin at 3:00 pm. This event is free, but donations will be greatly appreciated.

SOLAR ROUNDTABLE

Thursday, March 6

6:30 pm at Pilgrim Congregational Church

Last spring, Minnesota passed a bill that will bring 30 times more solar energy to the state by 2020. However, in order to create the clean energy future that will protect our environment, health, and grow sustainable communities, we need to take even bigger steps to bring more solar energy to Minnesota.

Join Environment Minnesota and The Sierra Club Duluth Clean Energy Team at a roundtable on solar energy to discuss the next steps to bring this clean, renewable technology to the Northland. We'll hear from a panel of local experts about Duluth's solar scene and have an opportunity to discuss ways that we can increase the amount of energy we get from the sun.

We'll be joined by Tony Mancuso, properties management director for St. Louis County, Doug Manthey of Energy Plus, and Bill Mittlefehldt, Northeast Regional Director for CERT.

We need several Pilgrims to help with hosting this event. Please contact Bret Pence at 728-4911 or bretpence@yahoo.com.

Sponsored by the Social Justice Ministry

MUSIC AT THE COPPERTOP

Make a Joyful Noise March 2 at 3:00 pm
Fundraiser for music at First UMC
First United Methodist Church
230 E Skyline Parkway

SPRING ORECK-ALPERN SPRING STUDY GROUPS

Please check out the offerings on the bulletin board or check with the church office.

A COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ON GUN VIOLENCE

Peace United Church of Christ
Saturday, March 8
10:00 a.m.-Noon
Fireside Room

Facilitator will be Shannon Bade, Campaign Director at Protect Minnesota, working to prevent gun violence. All are welcome. Please invite interested friends.

We are looking for community leaders, gun owners, veterans, faith leaders, political leaders, youth, survivors and others who want to make a difference.

Coffee and treats served. Please come a little early to register.

Peace United Church of Christ
1111 North 11th Ave. East
Duluth, MN 55805



Lake Superior Youth Chorus presents *Oh Happy Day!* featuring Jearlyn Steele & The St. John's Boys' Choir

Saturday, March 15
Pilgrim Congregational Church
5-7:00 pm Dinner/Auction
7:30 pm Concert

Tickets:
Dinner/Auction/Concert: \$40
Concert Only: \$8 adults/\$6 children

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6—Homeless Day on the Hill

This annual event will be held at the State Capital. CHUM will be providing a 12 to 16 passenger van. Contact Deb Holman at outreacherworker02@gmail.com for more information.

March—13 JRLC Day on the Hill

Visit the JRLC website for more information and registrations at www.jrlc.org. Contact Matt Traynor at mtraynor@chumduluth.org or 740-2498.

“Only he who attempts the absurd is capable of achieving the impossible.”

Miguel de Unamuno y Jugo, Spanish philosopher and writer—www.instituteforcivility.org

PILGRIM CHURCH STAFF

Charlotte Frantz, Minister
Mary Sopoci, Business Manager
Jim Brower, Administrative Assistant
Rachael Kresha, Director of Music
Bret Amundson, Director of Choral Music
Kristi Beaver, Childcare Attendant

HIGHLIGHTS MARCH 2-MARCH 27

Sunday, March 2	9:00 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship, Holy Communion and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:20 am	Listening Session and Orientation to Pilgrim Leadership Team
Tuesday, March 4	6:30 pm	Leadership Team
Wednesday, March 5	6:00 pm	Soup and bread meal
	6:20 pm	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday, March 6	1:30 pm	Faith Discussion Group
	6:00 pm	Joyful Noise
	6:30 pm	Solar Round Table Discussion
Sunday, March. 9	8:45 am	Faith Discussion Group
	9:00 am	Confirmation class
	9:00 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:20 am	Faith Discussion Groups
	1:30 pm	Crop Walk
Tuesday, March 11	6:00 pm	All Ministry Night
Wednesday, March 12	6:00 pm	Bellissimo Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
	7:15 pm	Pilgrim Choir
Thursday, March 13	1:30 pm	Faith Discussion Group
	6:00 pm	Joyful Noise
Sunday, March 16	8:45 am	Faith Discussion Group
	9:00 am	Pilgrim Choir
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:20 am	Faith Discussion Groups
Monday, March 17	6:30 pm	Women's Book Group
Tuesday, March 18	7:00 pm	BeFriends
Wednesday, March 19	6:00 pm	Bellissimo Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
	7:15 pm	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 20	1:30 pm	Faith Discussion Group
	6:00 pm	Joyful Noise
Sunday, March 23	8:45 am	Faith Discussion Group
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee
	11:20 am	Faith Discussion Groups
Monday, March 24		Newsletter Deadline
	8:30 am	Cooking at Damiano Center
Tuesday, March 25	6:00 pm	Church Council
Wednesday, March 26	6:00 pm	Bellissimo Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
	7:15 pm	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March. 27	1:00 pm	Newsletter Assembly
	1:30 pm	Faith Discussion Group
	6:00 pm	Joyful Noise

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

March 2-Ushers

Jenny Ballew, Jean Jacobson, Martin Grune and Andrew Streitz
Greeters/Coffee
 Carri Hoagland and Tucker Hanlon
Lay Reader
 Joseph Grant

March 9-Ushers

Andrew Streitz
Greeters/Coffee
 Huck and Karen Andresen
Lay Reader
 Tucker Hanlon

March 16-Ushers

Andrew Streitz and Martin Grune
Greeters/Coffee
 Margo and Dave Zentner
Lay Reader
 Carri Hoagland

March 23-Ushers

Andrew Streitz and Bob Hensley
Greeters/Coffee
 Melanie and Martin Grune
Lay Reader
 Denny Falk

March 30-Ushers

Andrew Streitz and Charles Walters
Greeters/Coffee
 Del and Bill Johnson
Lay Reader
 Tammy Hensley

Please arrive at church between 9:15 and 9:30 to allow enough time to get ready for worship. Thank you!

NEXT ALL MINISTRY NIGHT

March 11

CHECK THE TIME OF YOUR MINISTRY MEETING

Next Newsletter Deadline is Monday, March 24

PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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Upcoming Events

- March 2 Worship with Communion and
Sunday School
2nd Hour-Listening Session and
Orientation to Pilgrim
- March 5 Ash Wednesday Service
- March 6 Discussion Group
- March 9 Worship and Sunday School
Discussion Groups
- March 11 All Ministry Night
- March 13 Discussion Group
- March 16 Worship and Sunday School
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- March 20 Discussion Group
- March 23 Worship and Sunday School
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- March 27 Discussion Group
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