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PILGRIM NEWS

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Dear Friends,

Pilgrim is beginning a new era in its life as a congregation. We have many assets--a long history of service to the community; a passion for social justice; and a desire that faith be both heart-felt and intellectually stimulating. We have a beautiful building; a talented staff; and legacy funds that supplement our current income. Pilgrim has carved out a significant place in the community. We've welcomed guests, visitors and new members into our congregation. We have much for which to give thanks.

We are now approaching the end of a huge financial burden—the debt we incurred to replace the roof is very close to being paid off. Many Pilgrims gave substantially to this effort. We also depended on our legacy funds to help us as well. One of those funds, the Pilgrim Fund was a large bequest left to the congregation in 1991. After wide spread discussion, the congregation designated its use for ministry and outreach initiatives. When we faced the challenge of the roof, the congregation voted to use it to help finance that endeavor.

Meanwhile, the 2nd Century funds have been used to cover deficit operating expenses. When it was established, the intention was to provide operating expense support from the proceeds of the fund. We have often withdrawn more than that in order to support our operations.

This spring the Church Council initiated discussion about Pilgrim's goals and priorities for the immediate future and over the next five years. Ministry committees are currently compiling information and in the fall the Council will begin to sort through the ideas generated.

This is not just a discussion about money. This discussion is about what Pilgrim will become in the near future. What kind of investments will this congregation make in itself, in its building, and in the wider community? This discussion will lead toward identifying the most immediate and longer range priorities.

In January I will be retiring from my service at Pilgrim. An interim minister will serve you while you search for another called minister. My best guess is that part of the interim's ministry will be to help you further identify, refine, and begin to work toward whatever priorities you identify.

I know that you will attend to the needs of the building. My prayer is that you will also find ways to increase the congregation's support for the ministry and mission to which Pilgrim is called: to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, care for each other, nurture the development of faith in children and adults and worship God with music, art and other expressions of the human spirit.

At the moment, Alex and I plan to remain in Duluth at least through his high school years. I look forward to enjoying life here and getting to know people in contexts other than the church.

The work I am doing this summer will help leave a cleaner path (and office) for the persons who come after me. It will also give me time to make some of the preparations I need to make at home and in my personal life.

Enjoy the summer. Keep the faith. Take care of each other. Breathe in the spirit. God is with us.

Sincerely, Charlotte

SHARE IN PILGRIM'S MINISTRY

Last week you received a copy of the 2014-2015 Shared Ministry Form. At the time of the newsletter mailing, 41 Pilgrims have returned theirs, and we are looking for 59 more! When we redesigned our governance system, people asked that volunteer opportunities through the church be more flexible, time-limited, and specific. Our Shared Ministry data base is key to responding to this request. Please take a few minutes to fill out your form. Additional forms are in Salter Hall or we can send you an electronic copy. Indicate your interests and availability, and return it to Pilgrim by the end of June. Encourage your children and youth to fill out a form as well. Thank you!



FRED LUND, SUMMER SABBATICAL SUPPLY

The Rev. Fred Lund will serve Pilgrim for seven weeks this summer while Charlotte is on her “back burner” sabbatical. He will conduct worship services June 29, throughout July, and August 3 and 10. He will also be available for pastoral emergencies or crises and will work with the BeFrienders to be sure that Pilgrims are well cared for during the summer.

Fred served Eastridge Community Church here in Duluth from 1980 until his retirement a few years ago. Prior to that he served a congregation in South St. Paul and did mission work in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Community service has always been important to Fred and he spent more years than he can count working with CHUM and served as its Treasurer. In his retirement, Fred continues to serve not-for-profits dedicated to creating low income housing and advocating on behalf of low income households.

Fred and his wife Sharon have three grown children: David, an attorney, Juli, also an attorney, and Susan, a foreign language educator.

Fred studied at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota, majoring in history and education. He earned his M. Div. at Bethel Theological Seminary and later earned a Doctorate degree in Church Renewal and Development at McCormick Seminary.

Beekeeping has been an ongoing hobby of Fred’s since junior high.

Fred is looking forward to serving Pilgrim this summer and has already attended the annual meeting, been present in worship, and met with Rachael Kresha to help plan services. His hope for the summer is that this can be time for all of us to grow closer to the God we love and serve.

Fred’s email is revlund@msn.com. His phone number is 218-260-8904. The BeFriender ministry will be assisting in hospital and rehab visits. The next page has a schedule of BeFriender contacts, so feel free to call!

2015 SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

Interested in travel, learning about another culture, visiting a sponsored child? We are starting to think of returning to Common Hope in Antigua, Guatemala for another service learning trip in summer 2015. There is a signup sheet in Salter Hall to indicate interest and talk to Nan Hillmeyer. Or email nhillmeyer@charter.net.

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

While Charlotte is on sabbatical, Fred Lund and the BeFrienders will continue the ministry of caring for members and friends who are ill, hospitalized, in recovery, or in some other crisis. They will welcome your invitations, requests and referrals—for yourself or for someone else. Throughout the summer, there will be an assigned BeFriender “on call” to make hospital and rehab visits. If a member or friend of the congregation is in intensive care, the emergency room, or other acute crisis, Fred will be available and willing to be of assistance.

You can call the church office and get information from Jim Brower about whom to contact. Or you can call the BeFriender “on call” directly. Or you can contact Fred directly. Pilgrim is fortunate to have both a sabbatical supply minister and trained members of the congregation to carry out this ministry.

Befrienders on call for June and July:

June 26-July 4, Melanie Grune 218-728-9355

July 6-July 9, Bob Hensley 515-419-4620

July 10-July 16, Triss Harwood 218-728-3007

July 17-July 23, Jane Shull 218-728-3118

Fred can be reached at 218-728-5088 or revlund@msn.com.

Thank you for helping Pilgrim to continue to offer support and care through the summer months.

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.

July 2 and 3 “To Name the Unknown God” by the Rev. Charlotte Frantz from May 25, 2014

July 9 and 10 “Are We There Yet” the musical from June 1, 2014

July 16 and 17 “Divine Imagination” by the Rev. Charlotte Frantz from July 16, 2014

July 23 and 24 “Life in Balance?” by Diane Desotelle

There are also loaner DVD’s of these services available in the office.

PILGRIM BOOK SALE

Thank you to everyone who contributed books, CD’s, and records to the annual book sale. \$1,662.50 was generated. Thanks you to Don Bjoralt and Jeanne Kogl for spearheading the sale once again, and to all the volunteers who helped sort, sell and clean up after the sale.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 29

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Worship

Strength and Kindness: the Shepherd King

The Rev. Fred Lund

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

July 6

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Jesus: The Unifying Principle

The Rev. Fred Lund

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

July 13

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00 am Worship

Jesus: The Universal Remedy

The Rev. Fred Lund

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:20 am-2nd Hour-Artistic Reflections from Cuba

Childcare available 9:30-12:30 pm

July 20

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus: The Anchor of Our Faith

The Rev. Fred Lund

Jesse Eschbach, Guest organist

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

July 27

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship on the Lawn

Dressed for Success

The Rev. Fred Lund

11:00 am Potluck Meal following worship

Childcare available 9:30-11:30 am

GETTING READY FOR A BABY!

It feels a little like all of Pilgrim is awaiting the arrival of Rachael and Jonathan Kresha's baby! Plans are underway for Rachael's maternity leave, scheduled to begin July 20. The Church Council, upon recommendation of the Human Resources Ministry, approved a maternity leave of six weeks. She will return to playing for Sunday services on Labor Day weekend, August 31.

CHUM CHURCH JULY 13

Chum Church is a community of faith especially (but not exclusively) for developmentally disabled persons, their families, caregivers, and neighbors. CHUM congregations take turns supporting this community's worship, education and social life. On July 13, Pilgrim will provide the supportive services (set up and clean up) required. If you are willing to help, please contact Jackie Falk.(218-310-3908 or jackie@peaceucc.org).

Volunteers are encouraged to participate in the activities of the day. On July 13th, the educational gathering is an "open mic" celebration of gifts and talents. Sing a song, tell a joke, do a magic trick, dance. . .share your talent and enjoy the talents of this community of faith.

Educational hour—Open Mic 4:00-4:30

Worship—4:30-5:15 Meal—5:15-6:00

CHUM Church meets at Peace UCC, 1111 North 11th Avenue, Duluth

2ND HOUR JULY 13

AFTER WORSHIP TRAVELOGUE

On July 13th, Steve Coll and Linda Riddle will lead informal reports of their separate visits to Havana Cuba this past winter. Please join the discussion. Steve's watercolors of his visit to a western province are on display in the Salter Hall. Linda Riddle was also moved creatively in Cuba while studying women's' cultures. Like our Cuban hosts, we will try to address all your questions, but are most motivated to share the generosity, creativity, and spirit of the Cuban people.

WORSHIP ON THE LAWN

Fred's sermon is *Dressed for Success*, but the Worship and Arts Ministry suggest you dress for the weather on July 27! We will worship outdoors on the front lawn —bring your lawn chair or blanket if you like. Stay for a potluck meal following the service.

The Membership and Growth Ministry Committee are looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to distribute invitational flyers in the neighborhood prior to this service. If you are willing to distribute flyers on the block where you live, and maybe a neighboring block or two, contact Bobbi Edwards, 728-4974 or roblenedw@msn.com. Thank you.

A SUMMER REMINDER—

Please use the friendship registers AND ask visitors and guests to sign them. This is an important key to our following up on visitors. Visitors will be more likely to sign if you take the initiative to sign yourself and then pass the register on with a request that they sign as well.

EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME
How Do We Welcome?

How do we welcome? That is something I have thought about and after attending a workshop at the UCC Conference at St. Benedict College. I now have a few answers and of course more questions. Yes I know we are an ONA church welcoming all and we have a large banner exclaiming our "Extravagant Welcome", but how do we "really" welcome people to our church?

Here are some ideas that we all can think about and maybe discuss among us. These are questions and I will put my personal responses in italics. Feel free to read through them and think about how you would answer the question and then let's apply them next time we see a stranger in our church.

How do we know when we are welcome? *For me it is a feeling of true, honest and a personal welcoming from members, employers or true strangers. I can tell when it is genuine and not just a "commercial" welcome. A warm handshake or a good hug means so much.*

How would you describe what it feels like to be welcome?....What does it look like. Sound like, smell like? *To me it is a feeling of safety. I feel relieved and not scared. I feel like I don't have to be nervous. I am talked to like I am an old friend.*

How do we welcome the stranger among us? *I like to make them feel at ease. I might mention a few things to find out what they have in common with me or the church. (Heaven help them that they might be interested in aviation.) I invite them for the coffee time or give them the pamphlet explaining our beautiful windows if I am at church. Finding a common thread is a very good first start.*

What am I going to do to create a welcoming environment? *I need to be active and don't think someone else is going to greet someone new to our church. You don't have to be an extrovert to function as a warm and loving host. I thought about this at the conference in that for every meal I found someone sitting alone and that I did not know. Wow, is that a fun way to meet people and tell them about your church.*

Well now I hope I have sparked some interest and questions so let's go and greet people and make them feel like part of our family.

Carri Hoagland



PARISH PERSONALS

Our prayers and blessings are extended to **Jackie Falk**, licensed by the Minnesota Conference of the United Church of Christ to serve Peace UCC as Minister of Faith Formation. This authorizes her to serve Peace with all the rights and responsibilities of ministry. Pilgrim's Church Council recently recommended that Jackie be so authorized for ministry by the Committee on Ministry of the United Church of Christ. There will be a celebration for her at Peace on September 7th.

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AN INVITATION

Georgia and Jean Jacobson invite Pilgrims to a Garden Party in honor of Georgia's graduation, Saturday, June 28, 7-10 pm at 2137 Columbus Avenue, Duluth.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

Our June meeting was a pleasurable evening with Mara Hart, author of So Many Lovely Days. We had a chance to compare the challenges within families in the 1930's through today and issues related to journal writing. Thank you Cary for the delicious treats.

The title for July 21 (6:30 in the parlor) is Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman. Mary Jo is the facilitator. If you are able to bring treats, contact Joan Setterlund.

On August 18 we will discuss Orphan Train by Cristina Kline and Jenny will lead the discussion.

Let's brainstorm titles for the next year at our September meeting. If you are unable to attend, you can send your ideas to Joan Setterlund.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPING TRIP

Sunday - Tuesday, August 17-19 Just a reminder to get signed up for the Middle School camping trip in August! Siiri Truckey, Brooke Hanlon and Annika Nielsen are interested in going. Cost is \$30, Ask Jackie Falk (724-7407), adult leader, for more information if you are interested.

“STRANGERS NO MORE”

Three hundred twenty-five delegates and guests from throughout the state of Minnesota and beyond gathered at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph on June 13 – 15 for the Minnesota Conference’s Annual Meeting.

The theme this year was “Strangers No More,” highlighted by the presence and witness of our partners from the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Attendees also had the opportunity to share in powerful worship, attend workshops on topics of interest, consider resolutions on immigration policy and anti-racism, and build the Minnesota Conference UCC community through fellowship and prayer.

Those present were honored to hear Sharon Prestemon preach on ‘Not Losing Heart’. Rev. Prestemon, Minnesota Conference minister, stressed using better communication throughout the Minnesota conference via *Facebook*, the Minnesota Conference e-newsletter, and a new website due out this August. Members attending the conference from Pilgrim Church were Charlotte Frantz, Carri Hoagland, Clyde Johnson and Julie Johnson.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Thank you all so much for the \$200 in donations to Strengthen the Church, an offering which helps fund Stillspeaking Ministry, helps new and renewing churches and supports young adult ministries.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS!

Christina (Nina) Honigman graduated in December, with honors from Minnesota State, Mankato. She received her degree in Elementary Education, with a minor in teaching math. She is working at a private pre-school in Chanhassen as a Pre-K teacher.

HELP AT EARL AUSTIN’S HOUSE

I am seeking help to clean out my dad’s house. I have been in Duluth many weekends all winter and spring. I will be back from June 27 - July 6. I want to get the house on the market after that. I can use any help. Tasks include:

- Carrying stuff to dumpster
- Delivering donations to Damiano center and Goodwill
- Hauling stuff to recycle center and hazard waste
- Cleaning
- Painting
- Yard work
- ... And more

People can contact me at laustin @visi.com or 651-755-0680. Thanks, Lisa Austin

THIS YEAR’S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 21-July25

“Welcome! Give and Receive God’s Great Love”
9am-12noon, Monday—Friday.

For 4 year olds to kids entering 5th grade

Cost: \$20 per child if you register early (\$50 max per family), or \$25 per child if you register on the first day of VBS (\$60 max per family).

This year’s VBS highlights Bible stories about God’s people who showed hospitality and welcome to others. We will learn how God calls us to love and serve each other.

Donation slips are available in Salter Hall! As always we count on our Peace Church and Pilgrim Church companions to donate most of our supplies to keep costs down. Please take a donation slip or two or three! Donate items so that our kids can have a great experience.

Registration forms are also available in Salter Hall. If you are willing to serve as Pilgrim’s contact person for VBS, please contact Katie Hanlon, hanlonkatie@hotmail.com.

STEVE O’NEIL APARTMENT REGISTRY

Help furnish the new Steve O’Neil apartments! You can be part of this new home for families—go to the CHUM website and click on the link to the Steve O’Neil registry. You’ll find tabs for brick and mortar, whole apartments, and individual furnishings. You can furnish a whole room or individual items—whatever you’d like to donate to these new transitional apartments. Chum is working to get discounts on items and purchasing in bulk—supported by the gifts from individuals, families and faith communities.

QUILTS FOR STEVE O’NEIL HOUSEHOLDS

Jo Johnson has been inspired to set up sites in several CHUM congregations where quilters and sewers can work together to make quilts for each family in the Steve O’Neil apartments. She is interested in finding persons willing to help with this project as well as donations of full or queen flat cotton sheets, thread, polyester batting, yarn or cotton crochet yarn for tying. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pilgrim’s church office or call Jo at 525-3779. Her email is joajohnson@q.com.

2014–2015 CHURCH COUNCIL AND MINISTRIES

Church Council

Moderator: Charlotte Taylor
Moderator-Elect _____open
Treasurer: Bob Reichert
Clerk: Ted Harwood
Members at Large: Deb DeVaney, Diane Desotelle, Clyde Johnson, Dave Zentner
Ministry Area Coordinators: Julie Drake and Steve Grindy

Spiritual Life Ministry Area

Coordinator-Julie Drake
Worship and Arts Ministry Committee
Tammy Hensley, Jean Jacobson
Christian Education Ministry Committee
Katie Hanlon, Chris Harwood, John Jensen, David Braun
Membership and Growth Ministry Committee
Tucker Hanlon, Jenny Ballew, Bobbi Edwards, Cary Thompson-Gilbert

Justice and Witness Ministry Area

Coordinator-_____open
Social Justice Ministry Committee
Nan Hillmeyer, Melanie Grune, Bret Pence, Carri Hoagland, Ben Olson, Sarah Beaster
Communications Ministry Committee
Jim Drake, Harlan Stech, Triss Harwood, Lee Ziegler, Jackie Falk

Care for Common Resources Ministry Area

Coordinator-Steve Grindy
Building and Finance Ministry Committee
Steve Grindy, Greg Gilbert, Mardi Bagley, Jack Setterlund, Denny Falk
Stewardship Ministry Committee
Bob Heller, Zach Campbell
Human Resources Ministry Committee
Karen Andresen, John Fochs, Karl Beaster, Paula Polasky

Thank you to all the outgoing members. There are still a few positions available, please contact any of the Officers or Ministries for more information about how to use your gifts and interests here at Pilgrim.

**PILGRIM BUDGET
INFORMATION**

May 2014	Year to Date
Income \$ 21,598.00	149,606.37
<u>Expenses \$ 30,931.88</u>	<u>172,849.97</u>
Difference (\$9,333.88)	(23,243.60)

Mortgage
Notes \$21,000
Loan \$27,585
\$48,525

Our many thanks to those whose pledges are up to date or even paid in full. It helps our cash flow tremendously.

**CHUM 10TH ANNUAL RHUBARB
FESTIVAL**

Saturday, June 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
11th Avenue East and London Road
Duluth, MN 55811
ADMISSION IS FREE!

Help celebrate a decade of rhubarb with children's games, silent auction, stage show, rhubarb treats, and so much more!



HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 27-JULY 24

Saturday, June 28	9:00 am	CHUM Rhubarb Festival
	12:00 pm	Robbie's Closet Fashion Show
Sunday, June 29	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, July 1	6:30 pm	Leadership Team
	8:00 pm	Turkey's Softball
Wednesday, July 2	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Friday, July 4		Office Closed
Sunday, July 6	10:00 am	Worship and Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, July 8		All Ministry Night
	8:00 pm	Turkey's Softball
Wednesday, July 9	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Sunday, July 13	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	4:00 pm	Confirmands and CHUM Church
Tuesday, July 15	7:00 pm	BeFriends
	8:00 pm	Turkey's Softball
Wednesday, July 16	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Sunday, July 20	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, July 21		Newsletter Deadline
	9:00 am	Vacation Bible School Through July 25
	6:30 pm	Women's Book Group
Tuesday, July 22	6:00 pm	Church Council
	8:00 pm	Turkey's Softball
Wednesday, July 23	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Thursday, July 24	1:00 pm	Newsletter Assembly

Next Newsletter Deadline is Monday, July 21

NEXT ALL MINISTRY NIGHT

July 8

Check the time of your Ministry meeting.

"There is one thing in the world which is mightier than all the hosts of mighty rulers – an idea whose time has come!"
Voltaire, French philosopher, historian, dramatist, and essayist

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SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

June 29-Ushers

Charlotte Taylor and Martin Grune

Greeters/Coffee

George and Jane Killough

Lay Reader

Carri Hoagland

July 6-Ushers

Charlotte Taylor, Josie Olson, Tammy

Hensley and Bob Hensley

Greeters/Coffee

Charles and Jean Walters

Lay Reader

Melanie Grune

July 13-Ushers

Charlotte Taylor and Jean Jacobson

Greeters/Coffee

Cindy and Steve Grindy

Lay Reader

Nan Hillmeyer

July 20-Ushers

Charlotte Taylor and Charles Walters

Greeters/Coffee

Jenny Ballew

Lay Reader

Lois Heller

July 27-Ushers

Charlotte Taylor and Tucker Hanlon

Greeters/Coffee

Paula and Don Bjoralt

Lay Reader

Julie Drake

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

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

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through Friday. You can reach us
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or www.pilgrimduluth.org**

Upcoming Events

- June 28 Robbie's Closet Fashion Show**
- June 29 Worship with Fred Lund**
- July 4 Office Closed**
- July 6 Worship with Holy Communion**
- July 8 All Ministry Night**
- July 13 Worship**
- July 13 CHUM church**
- July 20 Worship**
- July 21 Newsletter Deadline**
- July 21-25 Vacation Bible School at Peace UCC**
- July 22 Church Council**
- July 27 Outdoor Worship and Potluck meal**
- July 28 Volunteering at Damiano Center**



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