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# PILGRIM NEWS

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**L**ooking back helps us look forward. If your history teachers didn't show you how this works, they did you a grave disservice. Yes, knowing the past informs us how we got where we are. But even more, it helps us see how we have been formed. Understanding the shaping forces, and our responses to them, gives us insight into our identity, by which we might discern our future.

The national conversation around the display of the Confederate battle flag is a case for knowing history. For some Southern whites, there is a deep emotional attachment to a flag under which their predecessors died, people of whom they are proud, a story of self-determination that they cherish. The irony is, of course, that even those who did not own slaves were fighting for their state's right to have slaves. It's also important that the flag went up the flagpole in South Carolina in observation of the centenary of the war. It was to come down after four years. Yet during the Civil Rights era and beyond, the flag never came down. Understanding the past helps show why its removal now was critical for the future of the nation and the state.

Pilgrim Church has had an unofficial historian and archivist extraordinaire for several years in Mike Zlonis. Mike's work is invaluable in understanding how Pilgrim Church has been formed. Consider Pilgrim's move from downtown to our current location. Rev. Charles Thorpe continued his predecessor's advocacy for a move to the east side, as members (and likely potential members, i.e., those most like them socially, economically, educationally, ethnically) were already relocating there. Worship attendance slumped while the congregation was "homeless" and using the Unitarian church. At one point the pastor called for Wednesday rather than Thursday services, because of the inconvenience of Thursday evenings for Pilgrim women whose housemaids and cooks were off that day. Yet during this period, membership on the rolls increased by 20%. How does this history impact what Pilgrim membership is and means today, and who it may include in the future?

Few churches have the kind of historical resources that Mike has tended for us. His passion and skills in both research and writing have been a rare gift. The time has come now for Mike to turn this role over to someone new. One need not desire to research and write, if that's not one's passion. But we are seeking someone willing to oversee the organization and preservation of various records and artifacts. Mike has provided a thorough outline of those tasks, and is happy to orient a new volunteer or small group to the work. If history is one of your interests, or if you know of someone who could serve please speak with Moderator Char Taylor or myself to explore this possibility.

Pilgrim Church's homeless phase was nearly 100 years ago. Our summer Thursday services are for your convenience, not an additional expectation. We have excellent music, variety in preaching, and – most importantly – a community that cares deeply for each other. Sunday or Thursday, your choice, just do choose to worship together!

See you Sundays (or Thursdays)!

## **WORSHIP AND POTLUCK ON THE LAWN AUGUST 16**

Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy worship on the front lawn followed by a potluck meal. Pilgrim will have hot dogs and setup tables for serving in the front entrance. Please bring some favorite of yours to share, or even bring a neighbor or friend to this outdoor service.



### UPDATED GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION SERVICE

In its meeting on July 14th, the Worship & Arts Ministry members discussed communion supplies and preparation. In keeping with extravagant welcome and full inclusion, the goal is to provide truly gluten-free communion to communicants who need this option, without risk of gluten contamination.

After discussing several options, a plan was developed to simplify and unify the service by offering only gluten-free elements to worshipers. It was also thought appropriate to offer the option of individual cups of juice as an alternative to dipping in the common chalice. This will eliminate any anxiety for members who hope or need to specify their diet in this way. Comments from the general congregation are requested and can be addressed to the Worship & Arts ministry in care of Jim Brower.

### DEAR WHITE CHRISTIANS:

**For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation** by Jennifer Harvey, is a timely read, and was the basis of Dr. Harvey's keynote addresses at MN Conference UCC Annual Meeting. You are encouraged to read this book and join in a discussion in September. (Note that, with recent events, you may have to backorder the book from your favorite source.)

### TURKEY'S PLAYOFF BOUND!

**Turkeys Update**-This week's game was a nail-biter! It was a wild game and the Turkeys took advantage of a few errors and some good hitting that allowed us to score five runs in the fourth inning. Karl Beaster had a nice catch on the run in shallow center field. UCF had a big second inning in which they scored six runs. As the game went on Pilgrim chipped away and had a two run lead in the top of the sixth inning and our defense was the deciding factor. With two outs and a player on base Nate Stumme made a nice running catch in left field to end the game and the Turkeys squeaked out a win over University Christian Fellowship 8-7.

This ends our regular season with a record of 5-3 and playoffs are next Tuesday so come cheer the Turkeys on in the finals! Game next Tuesday is at 7pm vs PIC Blue and if we win we play at 6pm on 8/4 and if we win that we will play at 7pm that same night.

### PILGRIM CHURCH HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

The Pilgrim Church Hospitality Ministry serves our members, and, our community thru-out each year. As we participate in our church life, we are warmly greeted, served coffee and snacks each Sunday. We are served by this ministry when a family member passes away, and we rely on our hospitality resources each time a special event is held. For example, our annual meeting.

We've discovered that we have a need to re-visit our Hospitality Ministry to re-stock "the shelf" with volunteers, and, move from reacting to special events to pro-acting. We need to add some new faces, and, spread the fun among Pilgrim members and friends to enable the Hospitality Ministry to serve all of us well, yet not become a burden to a few. We need to avoid making people feel that once they've volunteered, to serve, that they will be expected to serve forever.

To the point of this message—would you be willing to serve as a greeter, coffee provider on Sundays? Would you be willing to be called to help provide snacks, or, set tables on special occasions?

A well organized Hospitality Ministry has long been a Pilgrim tradition. Let me know if you are interested in helping us do just a bit of re-construction! Your presence will be welcomed.

Give me a call, send me an email, we can chat, I'll be happy to answer your questions. I envision that we will retain a number of former Hospitality Ministry members, and, those who have volunteered many times to do special duties in the kitchen. With a few new faces, then, an organizational meeting this fall, we will be on our way.

Dave Zentner

### PACT TV REGULAR BROADCAST

Pilgrim's regular broadcasts on Channel 180 are Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm and Thursdays, 7:00 to 8:00 am and 8:30-9:30 pm.

July 29 and 30-"What the Body Knows" by the Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler from June 28, 2015

August 5 and 6-"A Prophet Among Us" by the Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler from July 5, 2015

August 12 and 13-"Feel Like Dancin'" by the Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler from July 12, 2015

August 19 and 20-"Come Rest for Awhile" by the Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**July 26-Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler  
10:00 am Worship  
Common Hope

(II Samuel 11:26 – 12:7; John 6:24-35)  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
Childcare available 9:30-11:30 pm

**July 30-Worship with Holy Communion**  
6:00 pm Worship

**August 2-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Onions, Stories and Bread”

(II Samuel 11:26-12:7, John 6:24-35)

Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
Childcare available 9:30-11:30 pm

**August 9-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Becoming Christian”  
a Bible-study-sermon  
(Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
Childcare available 9:30-11:30 pm

**August 16-Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 16

Worship on the Lawn  
“Hagia Sophia”

(I Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14)

Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
Childcare available 9:30-11:30 pm

**August 23-Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

August 23

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
Childcare available 9:30-11:30 pm

**NEW POSITION OPEN:  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY  
COORDINATOR**

Pilgrim Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is seeking a person to coordinate ministries and programs with children, middle-school youth, families, and intergenerational groups. We are seeking someone for 8-10 hours weekly, including Sunday morning ministry of presence, who embraces the values of Pilgrim Church, relates well with all ages, and is both organized and flexible as we launch new ministry initiatives. For a full description of the position and information on applying, go to [Children & Families Ministry Coordinator Position Description](#). **Applications accepted through July or until position is filled.**

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Our last Summer Midweek Worship Services will be offered Thursday, July 23 and July 30, at 6 p.m.** This less formal but complete service of worship and prayer includes Holy Communion. *If you will be gone for the weekend, make one hour available before leaving for intentional faith connection.*

**CHUM CHANGES LIVES – AND THE WORLD**

Through both direct services and advocacy, the Churches of the Hillside United in Ministry makes the difference between hope and despair, health and hunger, empowerment and disenfranchisement.

Pilgrim has been part of this ongoing work of justice and hope, through food drives, Steve O’Neill moving team, rhubarb pies, to name just a few examples.

As a **Partner Church**, Pilgrim Church supplies **two member Delegates** who attend two meetings annually and coordinate communications and involvement for the rest of us. We are so grateful to Ben Olson and Adam Pine for being our recent delegates!

*Pilgrim Church is seeking two replacement delegates to serve 2-year terms. For more information, contact Jennifer Amy-Dressler.*

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**August 30-Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Religion: It’s Not What You Think”

(James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23)

Rev. Jennifer Amy-Dressler

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Coffee Hour  
Childcare available 9:30-11:30 pm

**THANK YOU**

*LANDSCAPING TEAM*

Wheelbarrows of thanks to Martin Grune and family and Steve Grindy and family, Ted Harwood, Steve Cushing, Brian Medred, Harlan and Anita Stech for all your help with landscaping and moving woodchips. Special thanks to Gene and Jane Shull for the donation of bricks.



Dear Rev. Amy-Dressler and Members of Pilgrim,

It was just last February that I had the opportunity to stand in your pulpit and to share in worship with you as you moved into your interim season. I want you to know that my prayers are with you during this sacred time of transition and discernment.

Today, I especially want to thank you for your faithful support for the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities. Your CUE gift, directed toward United, helps assure that United's transformational work of preparing leaders for church and community will continue to grow and thrive.

Rev. Kathleen Remund, Director of Church Relations

Dear Friends at Pilgrim Congregational, Everyone at Life House—especially the kids we work with every day—appreciate your generosity. Your gift helps to stock our Basic Need Room with every-day essentials, Provide hours of trauma therapy to youth Provide supplies for daily independent living skills and a warm meal, twice a day. Again, thank you for all you do for our youth. You are a part of their lives.

Shannon Hoffman, Development Director , Life House

**PARISH PERSONALS**

After 22 years as executive director of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Duluth, **Rick Ball** retired in June.

His job included the duty of overseeing all HRA programs with the goal of providing safe, decent and affordable housing for all Duluth residents. Many thanks to Rick for his dedication to the community.

Please keep **Sophie Hillmeyer** in your prayers as she continues to recover.

**Joan Semenchuk** has returned from Denver and is recuperating from her surgery.

You are invited to include these people in your personal prayers. If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please contact the church office or Marge Fraser at 525-5066.

**HOGWARTS CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Hogwarts Halloween Party is coming up October 25th at Pilgrim. Put it on your calendar now. Join the fun by volunteering at a party station using this sign up link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084ca8aa2da7f94-hogwarts2>

Contact Jenny Jensen (218-461-7727) if you have any questions or if your business would like to donate.

**WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP**

In August we will discuss Montana 1948 by Larry Watson. Jane will lead the discussion. Plan to meet at 6:30 in the parlor on Monday, August 17.

September 21 at 6:30 will be the planning meeting for the next year. Start your list of books that you have heard about and bring it to that meeting so we can make our choices! Everyone is welcome so bring a friend!

Visit CHUM's Community Organizing and Advocacy Blog here: <http://chumorganizing.weebly.com/>

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

	June 2015	Year to Date
Income	\$ 17,423	167,154
Expenses	\$ <u>36,430</u>	<u>211,112</u>
Difference	( 19,007)	(43,968)

**SCHOOL'S OUT...LET'S EAT**

All children can come to the following locations and have a nutritious summer meal at no cost! Meals are served until August 21 (no service July 3rd).

Breakfast: 8:00AM to 10:30AM

Lunch: 11:30AM – 1:00PM

**Summer Meal Locations**

- Lester Park Elementary, 5300 Glenwood Street
- Lowell Elementary, 2000 Rice Lake Road
- Myers-Wilkins Elementary, 1027 N 8th Avenue East
- Piedmont Elementary, 2827 Chambersburg Avenue
- Laura MacArthur Elementary, 720 North Central Avenue
- Stowe Elementary, 715 – 101st Avenue West
- Lincoln Park Middle School, 3215 West Third Street
- Denfeld High School, 401 North 44th Avenue West

Also Available: Brown Bag Lunches at the Lincoln Park Boys & Girls Club, 2407 West 4th Street  
 Questions please call 336-8707

**RHUBARB SUCCESS**

The 11th annual Rhubarb Festival was successful, raising \$62,000 for CHUM programs! Thank you to all who came out to enjoy the day!

We appreciate everyone who made this event possible!

Thank you Sponsors, Rhubarb Festival volunteer coordinators, 200 individual volunteers, congregations and CHUM staff who made this event possible!

You volunteered over 1800 hours for an amazing amount of community support! Pilgrim baked 42 rhubarb pies for the event.

**CHUM** invites you to a National Night Out Picnic! Join us for delicious food, live music, and the opportunity to get to know others in your neighborhood and community.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, August 4th, 6PM-8PM

**WHERE:** CHUM Food Shelf Parking Lot, 120 N 1st Avenue West



**LAKE PLACE SUMMER SOUNDS!**

Back again for another great summer line up, Duluth Sister Cities International presents its 2015 Lake Place Summer Sounds concert series! With Lake Superior as your backdrop, the whole family can come and enjoy free concerts at Lake Place Park that promote healing, peace, and community. All concerts are from noon - 1pm on Wednesdays. Teatro Zuccone is our back up location if the weather is bad. Rain or shine, be sure to put these dates on your summer calendar!

July 29 - "Kurdish Community of America" musicians and dancers performing original Kurdish music

August 5 - Z Puppets presents Monkey Mind Pirates Family Yoga Party

August 12 - Arna Rennan & Bruce Dack of Nordic Angst

Pack your lawn chairs or sit in the grass, pack a lunch or purchase a tasty lunch right in the park from Zeitgeist Arts Cafe, and come and enjoy some great music on lake this summer. Tours of Lake Place Park, International Sculpture Gardens and Duluth Sister Cities Park will be provided following each concert. Join us and rediscover these stunning parks that overlook Lake Superior!

Dear Partners in Faith,

As you are enjoying the beauty of the Duluth summer, United Campus Ministry is hard at work planning for a new school year at UMD. Our campus minister, Cynthia Coffin-Langdon, and the UCM board have planned activities and opportunities to help students find spiritual growth and fulfillment as they experience campus life and the larger community. As the planning takes place we invite you to be part of campus ministry through your financial support of this annual appeal.



Over the last few years UCM has lost most of its funding from denominations and the disbanding of MUMHE, the organization that bound all campus ministries in Minnesota together and provided funds for the work. This growing ministry at UMD is now working to find the funds to continue its vital work.

The pressures of our culture grow for the young people at UMD. While they are trying to work through tough life issues, they are also studying and learning, building relationships, and trying to make sense of who they are. This is where UCM can make a difference and help students transform their lives. As you will see in the enclosed summary, Cynthia has been busy working to bring opportunities for healing, personal growth, worship, and social justice to the campus. Relationships continue to be at the heart of campus ministry. Cynthia, who has been on campus for 5 years, continues to meet students one on one, takes part in events where she is able to share her faith and views with a larger group, and provide worship opportunities on and off campus.

But we need your help to continue this work! The ministry at UMD can only continue with the support of congregations and individuals such as yourself. But this year your donation can make twice the difference! A donor to UCM has pledged matching funds up to \$15,000 for this campaign which would fund the ministry and help it to grow. Your help will ensure that this campus ministry in the name of Christ Jesus will continue at UMD.

Will you help campus ministry by donating this year so it can make double the impact? Envelopes for donations are available in Salter Hall. Checks can be made payable to United Campus Ministry (add/Hope UMC if you would like your donation to be tax deductible.). Together we can keep this ministry vital and growing.

Blessings,

Rev. Laurie Boche, Development Director      Anita Stech, Pilgrim UMC Representative

“Why is there so much blunt fury these days?....Strong argument makes us wiser. Civilized debate ennobles the idea of self-governance. Wit in our national conversation helps us maintain perspective. Anger begets itself.”  
- John Balzar, columnist – Los Angeles Times  
[www.instituteforcivility.org](http://www.instituteforcivility.org)

**PILGRIM CHURCH STAFF**

- Jennifer Amy-Dressler, Pastor
- Mary Sopoci, Business Manager
- Jim Brower, Administrative Assistant
- Rachael Kresha, Director of Music
- Bret Amundson, Director of Choral Music
- Annika Nielsen, Childcare Assistant

**JULY 24-AUGUST 27**

Sunday, July 26	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, July 27	8:30 am	Cooking at Damiano Center
Tuesday, July 28	6:00 pm	Church Council Turkey's Softball Playoffs
Thursday, July 30	6:00 pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Friday, July 31		Office Closed
Sunday, August 2	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, August 4	6:00 pm	National Night Out-CHUM
	6:30 pm	Leadership Team
Wednesday, August 5	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Sunday, August 9	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, August 11		All Ministry Night
Wed., August 12	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Sunday, August 16	10:00 am	Worship-on the Lawn
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday August 17	6:30 pm	Women's Book Group
Tuesday, August 18	7:00 pm	BeFrienders
Wed., August 19	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Sunday, August 23	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Monday, August 24		Newsletter Deadline
	8:30 am	Cooking at Damiano's
Tuesday, August 25	6:00 pm	Church Council
Wed., August 26	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Thursday, August 27	1:00 pm	Newsletter Assembly

**Next Newsletter Deadline is Monday, August 24**

Need more information on happenings, or a boost in the arm about how God has been working in and through Pilgrim Church? Remember to visit our website, [pilgrim-duluth.org](http://pilgrim-duluth.org), and our Facebook page! When you visit the Pilgrim Church Facebook page, please click the "LIKE" button as well as the "SHARE" button. Also, you may "INVITE" your FRIENDS to the "event" of Thursday evening worship. Help us promote the Thursday service as well as the viewing of our FB page!

**ALL MINISTRY NIGHT**

**August 11**

**Check the time of your Ministry meeting.**

**SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS**

**July 26-Usher**

Char Taylor

**Greeters/Coffee**

Carol Bacig and Brian Medred

**Readers**

Jack Kemp and Siiri Truckey

**Counters**

Denny Falk and Greg Gilbert

**August 2-Ushers**

Char Taylor, Josie Olson and Denny Falk

**Greeters/Coffee**

Bobbi and Len Edwards

**Reader**

Mary Olin

**Counters**

Denny Falk and Steve Grindy

**August 9-Usher**

Char Taylor

**Greeters/Coffee**

Jenny Ballew and Cindy Grindy

**Reader**

Patty Polasky

**Counters**

Jack Setterlund and Steve Grindy

**August 16-Usher**

Char Taylor

**Greeters/Coffee**

Jean and Charles Walters

**Readers**

Andrew Streitz and Parker Tewes

**Counters**

Jack Setterlund and Denny Falk

**August 23-Usher**

Julie Drake

**Greeters/coffee**

George and Jane Killough

**Reader**

Lauri Cushing

**Counters**

Mardi Bagley and Steve Grindy

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

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through Friday. You can reach us  
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8503 or www.pilgrimduluth.org**

**Upcoming Events**

<b>July 26</b>	<b>Worship - Guatemala Recollections</b>
<b>July 28</b>	<b>Church Council</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Midweek Worship</b>
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