

PILGRIM NEWS

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THE FRONT DOOR MOVED!

Once upon a time, not so many years ago, everyone knew where to find a church's front door. The front door faced the street, and often one needed to climb imposing, concrete steps to get in. Members of the congregation knew there was an easier access to the building--usually a smaller door, off to the side or close to the parking lot. The large front doors were used on special occasions--like weddings or funerals. On more routine Sundays or during the week, most everyone used the smaller doors.

This isn't just a phenomena in the history of Pilgrim Congregational Church. It's the story of many, many church edifices built in the late 1800's and early to mid 1900's.

Today's culture has moved the front door away from the building and onto the internet. For most visitors and guests, the "front door" is the church's website. It's a point of entry for those curious about a congregation's life and practice. The physical building is more like the old side door which provides entry into the life of the gathered community.

But even that has changed. People enter the community through many different doorways; sometimes through a shared passion for justice, sometimes through hands on volunteer work; sometimes through recreational or fellowship groups; sometimes through participation in non-church events held in a congregation's building.

The ministry of extravagant welcoming is both easier than it used to be and at the same time a bit more complex. Easier—because there are so many opportunities to welcome. More complex—because there are such varieties of opportunities. Thriving congregations pay close attention to many small steps that contribute to a general atmosphere of welcome and can move guests and visitors from curious seekers to involved members.

This Sunday during the second hour, Charlotte will give an overview of the welcome extended at Pilgrim. Come and learn how what we each do adds to the whole. It might be helpful if a few Pilgrims choose to become a Welcoming Team, particularly during the interim period. There are ways to keep Pilgrim growing even during the upcoming time of transition!

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

2014 STEWARDSHIP THEME: BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

"Blessed To Be A Blessing" is our stewardship theme for this year. As we enter this, autumn period and our Pilgrim Church family gathers, we are blessed to have this family, the old, the young, and the new. We hope we can all be thankful for those things which bring us together at Pilgrim. Our joy comes with our church surroundings: the people, both adults and children; the activities, including services, church

school, meals and events like "Hogwarts." Through Pilgrim we are involved in the greater community, participating in and making donations to services that reach out to others, including CHUM, Meals on Wheels, and the Food Shelf.

As you receive your stewardship campaign material, contemplate the blessings and the joy you find in being a part of our church community. It is blessed to give, as well as to contribute to this community. Please keep these blessings in mind as you decide on your pledge and contribution to our congregation.



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

On Sunday, October 19 the Neighbors In Need offering will be dedicated. Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). The UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects using the other two-thirds of the offering.

Priority will be given to grant requests that focus on public education and literacy. Local congregations are urged to establish partnerships with



local schools, tutor or read to students, and help increase literacy. Education is one important key to establishing justice in our society.

INTERIM MINISTER TASK FORCE

The Church Council appointed Steve Cushing, Nate Stumme and Diane Desotelle to serve as an interim minister task force. They will begin the process of selecting an interim minister shortly. Once an interim is secured, the congregation will have the opportunity to elect a Search Committee whose job will include compiling a study of the congregation and searching for a candidate.

PACT TV REGULAR BROADCAST

Pilgrim's regular broadcasts on <u>Channel 180</u> (Note channel Change) are Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm and Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 am. repeated at 8:30-9:30 pm.

Oct. 1 and 2 "What if the Messiah Came" by the Rev. Charlotte Frantz from September 14, 2014

October 8 and 9 "A Voice Through the Ages" by Art Clyde from September 21, 2014

Because there is only a 3 week time in between the service and the airing on PACT TV, the remaining services will follow in sequence.

HALLOWEEN EVENTS AT PILGRIM

Pumpkin Carving

Saturday, October 25 9:00 am- 12:00 pm

Carve jack-o-lanterns to decorate the party, then take it home Sunday evening in time for Halloween! If anyone wants a larger or specially shaped pumpkin they should bring their own.



Hogwarts Halloween Party Sunday, October 26 5:30- 8:00 pm

Pilgrim Church is the site of a community-wide Harry Potter themed Halloween party. The party is FREE and open to the public. Explore Diagon Alley, the Forbidden Forest, and the Hogwarts castle where there will be games and activities on all 4 floors. Test your skills at the wizard dual, transfiguration lessons, potions lessons or Hogwarts trivia. There will even be an Owlery!

Sip pumpkin juice at the Three Broomstick Tavern, enjoy goodies at Honeydukes Sweet Shoppe, visit the Black Lake Bubbles and Zonko's Joke Shop, a myriad of fun activities for all. Don't forget your cloak for the "Thestral-drawn" carriage ride outside (weather permitting.) Wizards, witches and costumed guests of all ages welcome (non-violent costumes only.)



This amazing event is made possible with donations from retailers and other groups in the community, and lots and lots of help from Pilgrim volunteers. Our non-profit partner is the Kids Closet of Duluth. THANK YOU!

Spooktacular! A Halloween Organ Recital! Friday, October 31 7:00 pm

Come enjoy an hour of some of the most bone-chilling organ music on Halloween evening performed by Rachael Kresha! Music by Bach, Reger, Durufle, Widor, and more! Free-Will Offering to benefit AGO organ scholarships.

WELCOME, AINE

Aine (pronounced Anya) Miller will be in the Child Care space while Kristi Beaver is on maternity leave in October. Kristi's baby, a boy, is expected October 9. Stop in and introduce yourself and your children to Aine. She is a UMD senior studying children and adolescent development. In her own words, "Children is what I do." Thank you, Aine, for filling in for Kristi.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

September 28 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Faith Formation Sunday

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd Graders
Baptism of Maeve Iris Beaster
10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
Texts: Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32
The Rev. Charlotte Frantz
11:00 Coffee Hour
11:20 am-2nd Hour Extravagant Welcome
Childcare available 9:00-12:30 pm

October 5 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time World Communion Sunday

10:00 am Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School
The Rev. Charlotte Frantz
11:00 Coffee Hour
11:20 am-2nd Hour-Service Learning Trip
Guatemala
Childcare available 9:00-12:30 pm

October 12 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Confirmation
10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
The Rev. Charlotte Frantz
11:00 am Coffee Hour
Childcare available 9:00—12:00 pm

October 19 Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Neighbors In Need Offering

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School
The Rev. Charlotte Frantz
11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:20 am-2nd Hour-Myers Wilkens Partnership
Childcare available 9:00—12:30 pm

October 26 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Stewardship Kick-off

10:00 am Worship and Sunday School The Rev. Charlotte Frantz 11:00 am Coffee Hour 11:30 Final set up for Hogwarts Childcare available 9:00—12:00 pm

2ND HOUR SEPTEMBER 28 EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME

Membership and Growth Committee invite Communications Committee, Worship and Arts Committee, Building and Finance Committee and members of the congregation to a meeting to learn about growth strategies and what is already happening at Pilgrim. Char-

lotte will walk us through the "big picture" as it is spread out in different groups. Developing a strategy for church growth is a big goal and this is an opportunity for us all to get on the same page so we can move forward together.



2ND HOUR OCTOBER 5 QUATEMALA 2015

Pilgrim's next service learning trip to Guatemala will be June 7-14, 2015. As in the past, our team will be working with Common Hope, a community development agency based in Antigua, Guatemala. Work includes visiting village classrooms, providing activities and tutoring in afterschool programs, making home visits to children sponsored by Pilgrim households, and building a home for a family.

Accommodations are in the Common Hope Community Center and meals are provided. Team members do not need to be members of Pilgrim—so if you have a friend interested in making the trip with us, offer the invitation.

On October 5, the 2nd hour will include information about past trips and plans for this upcoming trip. The Social Justice Ministry will help with some fund raising for Common Hope—which is part of our commitment in sending a team.

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS

No, it's not your imagination. The sanctuary is brighter and the sound system is much improved! Bret Pence, Harlan Stech, Steve Grindy, Melanie Grune and Oneida staff changed out all the sanctuary light bulbs so that the lighting is more efficient and brighter. Jim Drake, John Hinners, and Steve Grindy installed new speakers made possible with a gift from Mary Olin. Jim Drake, Steve Cushing and Harlan Stech now use a sound board to control amplification of each speaker and portion of the service. Our many, many thanks for the dedicated work which has improved the sanctuary.

PARISH POSTS

Thank you to **Ted and Triss Harwood** on the landscaping, weeding and trimming they did on the Pilgrim grounds recently.

Dear Friends.

We were happy to receive the donation of the Kids Against Hunger Packets-a total of 554 pounds. It will help us to meet the increase in requests from people who are having a hard time feeding their families.

Meg Kerns, Distribution Services Director CHUM

ENERGY UPDATE AND WEATHERIZATION PARTY - FALL 2014

We are currently on the home stretch of the various energy improvements to our building in 2014. Modifications to the heating system were completed in early Sept., which will allow us to automatically set back our various thermostats. Lighting upgrades continue, the most visible of which was switching the sanctuary chandelier lights to LED lights in early September. Lighting projects should be completed by mid-October, after which we'll be finalizing our utility rebates. After 2 years of our audit process, we are expecting to reduce our electric, gas, and water use by 30-35% from 2012 levels, which should eventually save us over \$12000/year in utility costs! Stay tuned for project completion details in November!

Pilgrim Weatherization Party – You know it, you just don't want to admit it; winter is coming! Don't let that get you down, come join us at Pilgrim for food, fun, and caulking on **November 2, from 1-4pm**, to help make our church more comfortable during the cold weather. Mark it down on your calendar today and give the gift of warmth to your fellow Pilgrims for the holiday season!

Bret Pence for the Social Justice Ministry

PILGRIM BUDGET INFORMATION

Income exceeded expenditures for the second month in a row. This has reduced the YTD deficit to a level consistent with the 2014 budget.

 August 2014
 Year to Date

 Income
 \$ 22,946
 272,382

 Expenses
 \$ 21,290
 253,588

 Difference
 \$ 1.656
 (26,206)

Mortgage
Notes \$5,000
Loan \$23,057
\$27,057

PARISH PERSONALS

Jackie Falk and Peace United Church of Christ as recently celebrated Jackie's call to ministry. Jackie was licensed by the Minnesota Conference to serve Peace as Minister of Faith Formation.

Rev. Dr. Peter Bagley was installed as Pastor Emeritus of the United Protestant Church of Morgan Park.

WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP

The group met in September to consider new titles for the year. The following titles will be covered in the next few months:

October 20 <u>Babbitt</u> by Sinclair Lewis (Diane will facilitate, Jane will provide the treat)

November 17 <u>The Unlikely Pilgrimage</u> by Rachel Joyce

December 15: <u>Brain: the Man Who Wrote the Book</u> that Changed the World by Dermot Davis

We will meet at church from 6:30-8 or 8:30. You are welcome to come even if you haven't completed the book!

If you did not receive a complete list of the titles for October-August, let me know and I will send one to you.

Joan Setterlund

STEVE O'NEIL APARTMENTS

Creating a culturally diverse community that keeps the well-being of children and their families at the very center of community life. In late December, families will start moving into the Steve O'Neil Apartments. Most will have experienced long-term or chronic homelessness. When families open the door to their new home, we want them to find comfortable beds, well-stocked kitchens, and a table and chairs for family meals. CHUM is asking member congregations to join in this expression of generosity and compassion

Currently the Council and Social Justice Ministry is considering how Pilgrim as a church will make a donation toward the furnishings project. Watch for further information later this month or in the next newsletter.

WHO IS DAYANI CRISTAL? AND OUR FOCUS FOR THE YEAR...

The Social Justice Ministry has decided to do a yearlong focus on the issue of "Immigration." We are in the process of developing programming related to this theme. As part of this programming, we are offering a special evening at the Zinema 2 Theatre on Monday, November 3 from 7-9 p.m. cosponsored by Peace Church. We will have a screening of the award winning film "Who is Dayani Cristal" followed by a discussion led by Rev. John Guttermann who will be joining us from the Twin Cities. The evening is free of charge. The film is about the attempt to identify one of the "illegal immigrants" whose body was found in the Arizona desert and trace back to try and discover how and why it was that he came to that place. It promises to be a movie that will generate interesting discussion.

We invite you to watch the movie trailer on this website http://whoisdayanicristal.com/ and please put the evening on your calendar.

The Social Justice Ministry

FOUR NEW CHORAL SCHOLARS FROM ST. SCHOLASTICA

You may recognize these scholars (or at least their voices) because all of them have sung in the Pilgrim sanctuary before. They are:

Sun Ny Vang

Johnson High School, St. Paul, MN Sophomore

Vocal Music Education, Bass

Micheal Moxley

Staples-Motley High School, Staples, MN First Year

Vocal and Instrumental Music Education, Tenor

Antonia Ross

Bianca Aspin

Hermantown High School, Hermantown, MN Junior

Vocal Performance and Psychology, Mezzo-soprano

They are all students of Dr. Bret Amundson at St. Scholastica. They will be interacting with the children throughout the program year.

Lets give them an extravagant welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help out? We have opportunities for volunteers as follows:

Blessing of the Farm Animals on October 4.

- —greet and direct folks to the handouts and refreshments
- —create a photo collage as people bring in their pictures of farm animals

Contact Bonnie Ambrosi, 728-9942.

Hogwarts

- —Assist children with games or projects.
- **—Bake** for the party. There are many ghoulish dishes with the recipes that are needed.
- —**Donate supplies** for the party that can be purchased and donated.

There are sign-up posters in Salter Hall for all of these fun opportunities or check the Facebook page "Pilgrim Church Hogwarts Party."

Meals on Wheels

—**Driver and substitute drivers** needed. Time commitment is about an hour and a half once a week. Contact Cindy Fochs, 728-2061.

Sunday School Teachers

—Teach a Sunday school class for a month or two. There are still openings for the fall and winter months. Sign up in Salter Hall or contact Katie Hanlon.

Shelter Shepherd

—Gloria Dei has opened an auxiliary shelter space for three families but needs additional "shelter shepherds" to assist. Contact Per Wickstrom at Gloria Dei if interested.

25TH ORGAN ANNIVERSARY

The Twenty-Fifth Jaeckel Opus 11 Anniversary Recital celebration was a spectacular night! Dr. Jesse Eschbach began the program with the very same pieces that were played at the Inaugural recital twenty-five years ago that the late Marie Claire Alain played. Then, Dr. Jesse Eschbach put the organ through its paces by playing twentieth century French music, and the newly composed work by Stephen Harlos. This celebration was in made possible by the Fifield family in memory of their mother, Nancy. Thank you to Lauri Cushing, Melanie Grune, and Tiss Harwood who helped with the reception, Bianca Aspin and Sun Ny Vang for ushering and to Jean Jacobson and Ann Jenkins for selling the tickets. Thanks to everyone for helping to get the word out about the event!

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY 50 CENT SALE SATURDAY

We are off and running at UMD! With a record breaking amount of freshmen this year, we welcomed students back Labor Day weekend. We saw so many new faces, and many familiar faces as well, at the Activities Fair and Community Fair. We again are offering our Monday night "Dinner for a Dollar" meals with our friends Lutheran Campus Ministry. We had 18 students our first Monday! This ministry allows us to provide a nutritious meal to students, which are one of the groups of people in our country that eat the worst due to time restraints and low budgets. Dollar Dinners are also a hands on way for you, our supporting local congregations, to get involved with UCM. Your group makes the meal and then can come serve and eat dinner with the students. It is a great way to connect students to the community and get them involved with a local congregation.

We are also hard at work fundraising! We only have enough funds to support this ministry for another year...and that is only employing our campus minister at fifteen hours a week. We desperately need prayers and money to keep going and perhaps reach our dream of funding a full time campus minister. We have sent out letters to individual donors and also put on our 2nd annual 50 cent sale. Last year we made close to \$1000 and hope to surpass that this year! If you would like to donate to this vital ministry please send donations to our mailing address made out to United Campus Ministry and sent to Hope UMC, 301 W. St. Marie St. Duluth MN 55803.

Blessings, Cynthia ucmduluth@gmail.com

JACK BOWMAN ORGAN AND ART CONCERTS

Sunday, October 5—4:00 pm
First Lutheran Church
1100 E Superior St
Johann Sebastian Bach: Clavier-Ubung III
Contemporary Turkish Art, Music,
Dance and Poetry

GO GREEN WITH GOD

Monday, Sept 29
Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute
Northland College

Dr. Matthew Sleeth, guest speaker, will speak on our responsibility to be good stewards of the earth.

"You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist."

- Indira Gandhi—www. instituteforcivility.org

INTERNATIONAL DINNER IN SUPPORT OF CHUM

Oct. 18th at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth.

5:30 p.m. Social Hour 6 p.m. Dinner

An Indian dinner will be served at the Unitarian Church on Saturday, October 18 and Pilgrim will have a table reserved for 10. A free will offering will be taken. There will be a raffle with baskets and items donated by the congregations. The evening festivities will begin at 5:30 with a presentation, followed by a meal at 6:00. You may bring your own beverage, although water and coffee will be provided.

If you would like to attend or prepare an item for the raffle, please contact Joan Setterlund (728-4986). (If you would like to help prepare the meal earlier on Saturday, let me know and I will pass your name on to the head chef!) This is always a fun evening, so If you decide to attend at the last minute, there will always be room for you!

SHARE FOOD DRIVE

The annual community Share Food Drive will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 8 am to 4 pm at area grocery stores. Interested in volunteering? Call Meg at CHUM: (218) 727-2391.

ORECK-ALPERN INTERRELIGIOUS FORUM

The Oreck-Alpern Interreligious Forum promotes respect, understanding, and peace among the diverse spiritual and religious communities. Our fall community study groups include

Into the Woods: Walden as a Spiritual Classic Interfaith Memoir Writing Group

Torah Study

Religion & Science in Dialogue

Evangelical, Orthodox & Progressive Christians in Dialogue

Please see the bulletin board or contact the church office for more information.

BLESSING OF THE FARM ANI-MALS

Saturday, October 4, 5:00-6:00 pm Pilgrim Congregational Church

A free family friendly event of gratitude and compassion for the animals that give us food.

Helpful handouts, such as how to read meat, egg and dairy labels; how to have meatless meals once a week.

Bring a picture (photo, magazine clipping or drawing) of a farm animal for a collage!

HIGHLIGHTS SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 23

Sunday, Sept. 28	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:20 am	Choir Rehearsal Worship and Sunday School Coffee Hour 2nd Hour-Extravagant Welcome
Wednesday, Oct. 1	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:15 pm	Bellissimo Rehearsal Youth at Peace Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Oct. 2	6:00 pm	Joyful Noise
Saturday, Oct. 4	5:00 pm	Blessing of the Farm Animals
Sunday, Oct. 5	10:00 am	Worship with Holy Communion and Sunday School
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:20 am	2nd Hour-Service Learning Trip
Tuesday, Oct. 7	6:30 pm	Leadership Team
Wednesday, Oct. 8	6:00 pm	Bellissimo Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
	7:15 pm	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Oct. 9	6:15 pm	Joyful Noise
Sunday, Oct. 12	9:00 am	Confirmation Class
	9:15 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School
T	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, Oct. 14	7.00	All Ministry Night
Wed., Oct. 15	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
Caturday Oat 10	7:15 pm	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Oct. 18	1:00 pm	Hogwarts Workshop CHUM International Dinner
Sunday Oct 10	5:30 pm 9:15 am	
Sunday, Oct. 19	9.15 am	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School Coffee Hour
	11:20 am	2nd Hour–Meyers Wilkens
	11.20 am	Partnership
Monday, Oct. 20		Newsletter Deadline
Monday, Oct. 20	6:30 pm	Women's Book Group
Tuesday, Oct. 21	7:00 pm	BeFrienders
Wed., Oct. 22	6:00 pm	Bellissimo Rehearsal
	7:00 pm	Youth at Peace
	7:15 pm	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Oct. 23	1:00 pm	Newsletter Assembly
 	6:00 pm	Joyful Noise
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Next Newsletter Deadline is Monday, October 20th

ALL MINISTRY NIGHT

October 14
Check the time of your Ministry meeting.

SUNDAY Volunteers

September 28-Ushers

Andrew Streitz and Josie Olson **Greeters/Coffee**

Sharon and Jack Kemp

Lay Reader Joseph Grant

October 5-Ushers

Charles Walters, Jane and Gene Shull and Tammy Hensley

Greeters/Coffee

Carol Bacig and Jenny Ballew

Lay Reader

Denny Falk

October 12-Ushers

Charles Walters and Jenny Jensen

Greeters/Coffee

Bob and Tammy Hensley

Lay Reader

Don Bioralt

October 19-Ushers

Denny Falk and Marge Fraser Greeters/Coffee

Joan Semenchuk and Kitty Van

Evera

Lay Reader Jack Kemp

October 26-Ushers

Charles Walters and Bob Heller

Greeters/Coffee

Anita Stech and Cindy Grindy

Lay Reader

Martin Grune

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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Upcoming Events

ept. 28	Worship and Sunday School Extravagant Welcome
October 2	Joyful Noise
October 5	World Communion Sunday and
	Sunday School
	Guatemala Trip, 2015
October 12	Worship and Sunday School
October 19	Worship and Sunday School
	Meyers Wilkens Partnership
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October 25	Pumpkin Carving
October 26	Worship and Sunday School
	Hogwarts Halloween Party
October 31	Spooktacular Organ Recital



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