

# Pilgrim News

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## Pastor's Page

More than a century ago, the members of Pilgrim Congregational Church ordained and celebrated Ray Phillips' ministry in the brand new building on 4th Street. From there Ray and his wife Dora went on to South Africa where they worked for 40 years promoting social justice. They did so by developing a number of caring organizations and government programs nurturing healthier living for black individuals and families. The Bantu Men's Social Center to help migrant workers and the Jan Hofmeyr School of Social Work to train skilled social workers are among the more notable programs they developed. For almost 40 years Pilgrim members financially supported their amazing work so they could bring about positive change that was counter-cultural for the South African society at the time.

I recently received a delightful email from one of Ray and Dora's great-grandsons informing me that the South African government posthumously awarded Ray and Dora with the Order of the Baobab in Silver, a prestigious award normally reserved for South African citizens. The award recognizes the extensive influence Ray and Dora had on South Africa over the decades and beyond to help create a kinder, more just society. It is also noteworthy that our congregation was a part of making their work possible.

Think about it: Pilgrim supported Ray and Dora Phillips from 1918 to 1958. A time span beginning with building a new church, the flu epidemic, the Duluth area fires, two world wars, and the great depression. Despite all of those challenges, the congregation continued to support the Phillips' work in South Africa along with the work of other missionaries around the world. They, the Phillips and Pilgrim Congregation, left a mark on the world bringing about goodness and life.

As a Christian church this is exactly what we are called to do. What kind of mark are we committed to make in our world? Is there anything we are working towards that can be recognized in 100 years as being instrumental for bringing positive change into the world? The change brought about by the Phillips and our congregation so many years ago certainly required faith, courage, commitment, willingness to work hard for others, and generosity. I pray we model such attributes and passion for change to help our needy world become a healthier place for all. By the grace of God's work in our midst, we can be inspired by our history and move forward to create our own mark on history.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Karen



## Our Ministry Teams Need You!

We are in the process of recruiting people to serve on our different committees, so please consider how you can help out. The vitality of our congregation is dependent on the time, gifts and talents of all friends and members. Our committees include: Building & Finance, Christian Education, Communications, Human Resources, Membership & Growth, Social Justice, Stewardship, and Worship & Arts. We also need Sunday volunteers such as ushers,

greeters, readers, nursery helpers, and Sunday School teachers.

Don't be Shy! Please let Pastor Karen and the Human Resources Committee members (Mary Anderson, Jack Setterlund and Steve Therrien) know how you would like to help.

## Pilgrim Annual Meeting

The Pilgrim UCC Church Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 22 at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All Pilgrim members and their families are invited to attend. Child care will be provided. The evening will begin with a cheese and wine social

followed by dinner catered by Valentini's Vicino Lago and the annual business meeting.

It is helpful to have guests sign up for the event on the poster in Salter Hall or call the church office at 724-8503. All are welcome.

## May Church Council Meeting

The next Church Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 pm in the church library.

## Silent Auction Has Something for Everyone!

*Want to fish in a canoe down the Brule? Want to learn to or just fish with a MN expert? Want random deliveries of home baked cookies, breads, or cheesecake? Dinner preps? Tomato plants? Jigsaw puzzles of the Roberts Memorial Window? Baskets of Duluth goodies, massage certificates, Lake Superior, Guatemala, Panama crafts?*

All of these and more are offered at the Silent Auction.

You can bid on the items before and after the May 19 service, with the auction concluding at the Annual Meeting May 22.

"But I can't attend the May 22 meeting," you wail. "How can I get the item I really, really want?"

The auction has a "Take Home Now" total that would allow you to pay up and take your item. (The Take Home Now totals are admittedly high—but, hey, it is a

fundraiser for the Pilgrim Operating Budget!)

You can pay with a credit card by clicking "donate" on the Pilgrim website. If you plan to use this convenience, please take time now to go to that site and enter the credit card information requested.

Questions? Contact Anita Stech at 724-5761.

## Minnesota Conference Annual Meeting

The 57th Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Conference will be June 7-8, 2019 at College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph.

Our Annual Meeting theme is "Created for Connection: One Body, Many Members." How are we growing our connec-

tions within the Church and outside the Church? How are we healing and bridging divides within our own communities? How does or could our collective membership in the United Church of Christ facilitate those connections?

Carri Hoagland and Jackie Falk will be representing our congregation at the Annual Meeting. Please hold them, as well as the rest of the conference, in your thoughts and prayers during their work.

## Know of any Graduates?

If you know of a Pilgrim member or friend who is graduating from high school or college, please let us know so we can honor and bless this next stage in their life journey. You can call or email the office.

## Acts Bible Study Begins May 26

Join us for a stimulating Bible study of the book of Acts, chapters 7–15, beginning on Sunday, May 26 following worship. We'll be using curriculum created by the United Church of Christ Stillspeaking Writers' Group, written by Lillian Daniel. No worries if you were unable to participate in the winter sessions. Please join us! (If you would like to do a self-study of Acts 1–6, three booklets from the first session are available.)

We'll meet on six Sundays after worship services: May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Each class session will run about 50 minutes. The group is facilitated by Gail Trowbridge.

Acts is a unique book of the New Testament, sometimes referred to as a hinge point between the Gospels and the letters. Acts helps to answer the question: What happened after Jesus was gone? Reading Acts, you'll gain a glimpse of how a ragtag group of Jesus' disciples began to preach and perform healings in Jerusalem, organized the early

church as a sharing community, and ultimately brought the Good News to the edges of the Roman Empire to Jews and Gentiles alike. Even though our worlds are very different, Acts has much to say to today's church, including how we handle conflict, move toward inclusiveness, and thrive, even while living in tumultuous times.

We ask that you sign up ahead of time so we can order enough materials—look for the sign-up sheet on the resource table in Salter Hall, or you can call the office at 724-8503 or email [office@pilgrimduluth.org](mailto:office@pilgrimduluth.org) to sign up. Please let us know if you will require childcare. If you have any questions, please email Gail at [gailjtrowbridge@gmail.com](mailto:gailjtrowbridge@gmail.com).



Parmigianino, *The Conversion of St. Paul*

### Pilgrim Congregational Church April 30, 2019

<u>Operating Budget</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD</u>
Operating income	20,434.26	300,010.70	306,996.81
Operating expense	<u>37,306.22</u>	<u>334,731.07</u>	<u>365,259.48</u>
Excess revenue over expense	(16,871.96)	(34,720.37)	(58,262.67)

## Child Care Attendants!

We are excited to announce that Siiri Truckey and Alyssa Averill have been hired to share the role of Child Care Attendants in the nursery. Both of these youth have background working with children and express sincere interest in working with our youngest Pilgrims! In this role they will provide childcare for infants and young children up to 5 years old in the Pilgrim Church nursery during worship services, and for infants and children up to 8 years old at meetings and events before and after worship services. Welcome, Siiri and Alyssa!

Mary Anderson, *Human Resource Committee*

## CHUM Rhubarb Festival

Pilgrims will be baking and boxing pies for CHUM's annual Rhubarb Festival on June 27 and 28.

CHUM is also looking for at least six volunteers from Pilgrim to help on the day of the Rhubarb Festival, June 29th.

Contact Karl or Sarah Beaster if interested! [karlbeaster@gmail.com](mailto:karlbeaster@gmail.com) or [day4966@gmail.com](mailto:day4966@gmail.com)

## Pilgrim Staff

Rev. Dr. Karen Schuder	<i>Pastor</i>
Mary Sopoci	<i>Business Manager</i>
Mark Hakes	<i>Family, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator</i>
Patrick Colvin	<i>Music Director &amp; Choir Director</i>
Kristi Beaver	<i>Children's Music Director</i>
Chandler Swift	<i>Organist &amp; Pianist</i>
Siiri Truckey and Alyssa Averill	<i>Childcare Attendants</i>

## *Pilgrim Women's Group*

The Pilgrim Women's Group meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:30 am, at New London Café. The next meeting is June 12. Please come for some great conversation!



## *A note from Jean Walters*

Jean and Daniel Walters would like to express their deep gratitude to Pastor Karen and the congregation of Pilgrim for their many kindnesses, both during Charles's illness and after his death. Thank you.

## Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Many thanks to our musicians and staff for helping to make the Lenten season, Holy Week and Easter services so beautiful. Thanks also for the great music this past year.

Thanks to our Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, adult group leaders, nursery volunteers and staff for helping us provide faith formation opportunities for people of all ages.

Thank you also to all of our church leaders on committees and the council who help us to have a vital ministry.

All of you are a gift and blessing to Pilgrim and beyond!

## Songs of Hope

Global Youth performance company performing at Pilgrim Friday, July 19 at 7:00 pm

The award-winning Songs of Hope concert will showcase the talents of young artists ranging in age from 9 to 21 coming to Minnesota from countries all across the globe, including Vietnam, China, Germany, Italy, England, Finland, Turkey, Jamaica, Guatemala, and USA. Audiences of all ages are welcome to come enjoy a high-energy concert which will be offered free of charge thanks to the generosity of the Songs of Hope sponsors.

The Songs of Hope concert tour takes place every summer and over

the years, the project has earned a well-deserved reputation for lively, upbeat shows. With close to ninety youth and adults on stage, the company will present a delightful mix of international music from all the countries of the performers.

Many songs on the program will explore a world grappling with issues of immigration and how to meet the needs of refugees and others in search for a better life. In addition to covering serious themes, Artistic Director Jeanne Junge and Program

Director Tom Surprenant are planning to offer up some fun.

Songs of Hope is heading north of its home in St. Paul thanks to an Arts Access Grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board through a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



Photo by Jeremy Olson

## All Church Camping Trip – August 9th

Do you enjoy summer, campfire, s'mores, and fellowship? If so, put August 9th on your calendar and help us start a new Pilgrim tradition. We will be

headed to Cascade River State Park on the north shore for one evening of camping. Watch future newsletters and announcements for more details.

## Upcoming Worship

- May 19** Sunday School Celebration & JAM SESSION  
*End of the Sunday School year, blessing of Children & Youth  
 Last Sunday for Bellissimo this program year  
 Appreciation for Faith Formation volunteers and staff  
 JAM SESSION, Potluck, and Bake Sale after Worship!*
- May 26** Memorial Day Weekend worship
- June 2** Worship and Communion  
*Last Sunday for Choir this program year  
 Acknowledge and thank musicians and music staff*
- June 9** Pentecost Sunday
- June 16** Fathers' Day
- June 23** Commissioning of Youth Mission Trip participants
- June 30** Witness of participants on Youth Mission Trip

## Sunday School Celebration

On May 19 we will be celebrating our children during worship, giving thanks for everyone who has helped with faith formation events throughout the year and bless the children and youth who are present.

## Jam Session

Pilgrim will have an open mic and potluck after Worship and Sunday School Celebration on Sunday, May 19. All members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to participate! Sing, play an instrument, or just bring yourself and jam with us. For the potluck: If your family's last name begins with A-M please bring a side or salad, N-Z please bring a main dish; if you have multiple last names in your family, you get to pick!

## Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale

After worship, during the potluck and jam session, you will be able to buy dessert to support the youth mission trip in the Twin Cities area at the end of June. Enjoy some special treats, buy baked items as a simple gift for someone to help our youth have a wonderful experience serving God and helping others.

## Tell Us Your Summer Worship Ideas

We all know how busy summertime weekends can be, as we try to make the most of every possible moment of sunshine and warm weather. The Worship & Arts committee is thinking outside the box for Worship this Summer! Please feel free to share your ideas to make Summer Worship a meaningful part of our spiritual journeys. Get in touch with Carri Hoagland at [carrieve@hotmail.com](mailto:carrieve@hotmail.com), Jean Jacobson at [jjacobs1@d.umn.edu](mailto:jjacobs1@d.umn.edu), or with the office at [office@pilgrimduluth.org](mailto:office@pilgrimduluth.org).

*The prayer given in Ephesians 3:14-21 is a great reminder of why we are a church—spend some time reading, contemplating and praying with this beautiful piece of Scripture.*

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

## Sunday School Schedule

**May 20** Children in Worship—Last Day of Spring Sunday School  
*Summer Break!—Vacation Bible School—June 10–14, 2019 at Peace UCC*  
**September 8** First Day of Sunday School!

## Vacation Bible School: “*Aslan Is on the Move!*” June 10th to 14th from 9 am to 12 pm

Dare to go through the wardrobe and enter the world of Narnia! Discover the magic of the fantastic world created by C.S. Lewis including Aslan, the Witch, Father Christmas, the Beavers and more through VBS this summer! We will explore how using our imaginations prepares us to respond in faithful ways when confronted

with meanness. Families are encouraged (but not required) to read the book *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe* together before VBS begins. During the week, we will relate personally to the despair of Lucy at not being believed; to the wretchedness of Edmund, who takes pleasure in bullying younger people; to the faith and commitment of

the Beavers who never lose hope that Aslan will return Spring to Narnia; and to the fearsome treachery of the White Witch, who strives to control all outcomes in Narnia. Bring your imagination, your smile, and get ready to make some friends when you go through the wardrobe!  
*Register early to get a free copy of the book!*

*“Safe?” said Mr. Beaver; “don’t you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? ‘Course he isn’t safe. But he’s good. He’s the King, I tell you.”*

—C.S. Lewis,  
*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*

## Donations and Volunteers for needed for VBS 2018

We will again partner with Peace Church in putting on Vacation Bible School this year! VBS will be held June 10–14, 2019 at Peace UCC. Keep an eye out for opportunities to help make VBS a great success.

## 2019–2020 Confirmation and Young Leaders Meeting

*June 2 11:20–12:30 in the Library*

*Parents & Youth who will be in grades 6–10*

This next school year we will be offering Confirmation for youth who will be in 9th grade and older. We will also be having a Young Leaders group for youth in grades 6–8. During the meeting there will be time to learn about the groups, and share hopes and ideas for our youth programming. This is a mandatory meeting for potential Confirmation students. If you are unable to attend, please contact Pastor Karen to schedule a meeting.

## Pilgrim Events for May 19–June 30:

Sunday, May 19	10:00 am	Worship and Sunday School Celebration—Last Sunday of Bells
	11:00 am	Open Mic Coffee Hour
	11:00 am	Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale
Wednesday, May 22	5:00 pm	Annual Meeting & Dinner
Sunday, May 26	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Book of Acts Bible Study
Monday, May 27	8:30 am	Cooking at Damiano Center
Tuesday, May 28	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 29	7:15 pm	Pilgrim Choir Rehearsal & Potluck
Sunday, June 2	10:00 am	Worship—Last Sunday of Choir
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Book of Acts Bible Study
	11:15 am	Confirmation and Young Leaders Meeting
Tuesday, June 4	7:30 am	Men's Fellowship Group
Sunday, June 9	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Book of Acts Bible Study
Monday, June 10	4:00 pm	Pilgrim Women's Book Club
Tuesday, June 11	5:00 pm	All Ministries Night
Wednesday, June 12	10:30 am	Pilgrim Women's Group
	5:30 pm	Church Family Dinner
Sunday, June 16	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Book of Acts Bible Study
Sunday, June 23	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour
	11:15 am	Book of Acts Bible Study
	2:00 pm	PYG Mission Trip Departure
Monday, June 24	8:30 am	Cooking at Damiano Center
Tuesday, June 25	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, June 27	8:00 am	Rhubarb Pie Making
Friday, June 28	8:00 am	Rhubarb Pie Boxing
	8:00 pm	PYG Mission Trip Return
Saturday, June 29	9:00 am	CHUM Rhubarb Festival
Sunday, June 30	10:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Coffee Hour

*Interested in helping out with worship? Get in touch with the office at [office@pilgrimduluth.org](mailto:office@pilgrimduluth.org) or contact a member of the Worship & Arts committee:*

*Carri Hoagland at [carrieve@hotmail.com](mailto:carrieve@hotmail.com)*

*Jean Jacobson at [jjacobs1@d.umn.edu](mailto:jjacobs1@d.umn.edu)*

## Sunday Volunteers:

### May 19

Ushers	Tucker Hanlon and Josie Olson
Greeters	Triss Harwood and Jenny Ballew
Reader	Julie Drake
Counters	Denny Falk and Duncan Schwensohn
Children's Space	Kirsten Nielsen

### May 26

Ushers	Char Taylor and Bob Heller
Greeters	Cindy Fochs and Julie Drake
Reader	Jean Jacobson
Counters	Bret Pence and Mardi Bagley
Children's Space	Holly Beaster

### June 2

Ushers	Steve Schuder and Denny Falk
Greeters	Paula and Don Bjorlat
Reader	Lois Heller
Counters	Bret Pence and Denny Falk
Children's Space	Allison Fochs

### June 9

Ushers	Margo Zentner and Carri Hoagland
Greeters	Jane and Gene Shull
Reader	Char Taylor
Counters	George Killough and Duncan Schwensohn
Children's Space	Megan Hughley

### June 16

Ushers	Mardi Bagley and Steve Schuder
Greeters	Mary Anderson and Kane Tewes
Reader	Kane Tewes
Counters	Denny Falk and Mardi Bagley
Children's Space	Katie Hanlon

### June 23

Ushers	Josie Olson and Jack Kemp
Greeters	Joan and Steve Semenchuk
Reader	Mary Olin
Counters	Bret Pence and George Killough
Children's Space	Wendy Anderson

### June 30

Ushers	Jane Shull and Char Taylor
Greeters	Nate Stumme and Rebekka Stumme
Reader	Julie Drake
Counters	Denny Falk and Mardi Bagley
Children's Space	Kirsten Nielsen

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A Just World for All

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