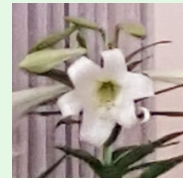


The Pilgrim Spire

April 2023



Pilgrim
United Church of Christ
 130 Broad Blvd.
 Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Pastor's Parable

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office:

Phone: **330.928.4847**
 Fax: **330.928.1017**

Staff & E-Mail:

Pastor:

Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones
pilgrimpastor@ameritech.net
 216.702.7730 - Cell Phone

Faith Formation Director:

Open Position
pilgrimce@ameritech.net

Music Director: *Benjamin Knight*

Choir Director: *Kimberly Knight*

Secretary: *Kelly Gerstenberger*
pilgrimoffice@ameritech.net



Website: www.pilgrimcf.org

You'll find electronic versions of *The Pilgrim Spire*, Calendar, and more!

The Pilgrim Spire is published once a month.

Contact the church office:

- If you have something to share with your fellow Pilgrims in the next edition of . . . *The Pilgrim Spire*.
- If you'd like an electronic version of *The Pilgrim Spire* by email.
- Your address has changed.

Thank you!

<https://www.freeimages.com/XX>

Holy Week: A Unique Journey



The early days of April usher us into one of the most precious seasons of our church year. During Holy Week, we are invited to walk with Jesus through the experiences and emotions of the final days of his life. It is a unique and extraordinary journey, particularly when we choose to invest a little extra time and energy in worship and reflection. This journey through Holy Week takes on special meaning in that we are *literally* going to take a tour through the community! As we travel to our near church neighbors, we can appreciate Jesus' movements more deeply: the risks he took, the roads he traveled, and the courage and compassion he showed.

Maundy Thursday remembers Jesus' final meal with his friends and followers, often called the last supper. This service is anchored in the witness of the Gospel According to John, chapter 13. Jesus washes his disciples' feet, a practice that is emulated at many Maundy Thursday services. Communion is also a key element of the service, as we recreate and remember that shared meal so shortly before Jesus' arrest. Finally, we remember Jesus' commandment to love one another. *"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."* [John 13:34b-35]

Good Friday asks us to face the darkest depths of our human inclinations toward betrayal, judgment, and violence. This service remembers Jesus' arrest and painful aspects of his mistreatment at the hands of Jewish and Roman leaders alike. Parents of young children should be mindful that the scriptures for Good Friday, taken from the Gospel According to John, chapters 18 and 19, contain stark descriptions of violence and suffering. It is a difficult journey for all of us as we are asked to walk with Jesus all the way to the cross and bear witness to his death. *"When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit."* [John 19:30]

~ *Continued on Page 3*

ANNIVERSARYS



Date — Name (Years)

03/21 - Vic & Evelyn Ing (53)
03/28 - Benjamin & Kimberly Knight (2)

BIRTHDAYS - April

Date — Name (Age)

04/14 - James VanHorn
04/16 - Kimberly Knight
04/19 - Shari Jackson
04/19 - Laura Obenreder
04/19 - Reba Rayman



Date — Name (Age)

04/22 - Kelly Gerstenberger
04/27 - Stella Subichin (8)
04/28 - Kim Cole
04/28 - John Richards
04/28 - Lisa York

COUNCIL

No Report

DIACONATE

There are **15 Easter Lillies** available for \$12.00 each to be placed at the alter on Easter Sunday! The sign-up is on the table on the 1st floor of the Education Wing.

Holy Week Events:

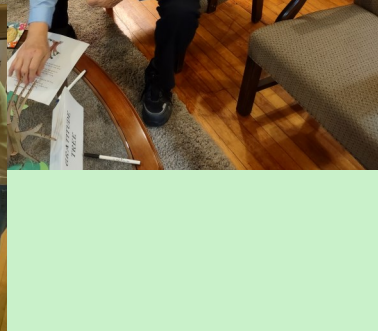
- ◇ **Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 1st at 11:00 a.m. with a light lunch at the First United Methodist Church (UMC).
- ◇ **Palm Sunday Service** will include palms.
- ◇ **Maundy Thursday Service** we are invited to First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Brian Bechtel (Episcopal) will be preaching. **Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.**
- ◇ **Good Friday Service** will be held at St. John's Episcopal at 7:00 p.m. with Rev. Jon Priebe (UMC) will be preaching.
- ◇ **Easter Sunrise Service & Breakfast** will take place at Pilgrim United Church of Christ at 6:30 a.m. on the front lawn led by Pastor Mike Ward (UMC). The **Breakfast will follow** the service in the Social Hall at 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- ◇ **Easter Service** will begin at 10:00 a.m. No communion will be served. **Social Hour** will follow with the Breakfast continuing.

EVENTS



**Lenten Meal
March 1, 2023**

**Thank you
Mark Opritza!**



FAITH FORMATION

No Report

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN

We will have Saturday dinners through May 2023.

When you make a trip to the grocery store, please remember the Blessing Box. The need is great.

Suggested donations.

Pasta (not including mac and cheese)

Canned Ready-to-eat meals: Stew, Chili, SpaghettiO's

Chunky meat soup that can be added to pasta to make a meal

Canned Fruits

Snacks, Energy Bars, Breakfast Bars, Trail Mix, Pop Tarts & Chewing Gum

Rice

Canned Meats: tuna, chicken, & Spam

Canned Vegetables - no corn or green beans

Mashed Potatoes

Soup - NOT tomato

Deodorant

Toothpaste & Tooth Brushes

Bar Soap



Essentials: 3 in 1 (body wash, shampoo and conditioner)

Shaving Cream & Razors

Pocket Size Kleenex

We really appreciate all the folks that have supported us through the last year. Also, know that the folks that use the blessing box really appreciate it too.

PASTORS PARABLE (Continued from page 1)

Easter Sunrise Service is a special opportunity to welcome the light (literally) and the Light of Christ (spiritually) as both realities break forth on Easter morning! It is uniquely powerful to see the sun crest over the horizon after we have faced the reality of death on Good Friday. Sunrise services typically take place outdoors in a place where the sunrise is visible. The service is short and simple, and the beauty of nature plays a role in the unfolding drama. *"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb."* [John 20:1]

Easter Sunday Worship invites us into no-holds-barred, joyful proclamation: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Fresh flowers and white paraments speak to the joy of the day. It is a morning of special music, enthusiastic hymns, and a deep expression of our conviction that God's commitment to life always triumphs! *"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord!'"* [John 20:18a]

I look forward to walking this profound journey through Holy Week with each of you.
~Pastor Joy

SHARING AMERICA'S RESOURCES ABROAD

SARA has set up a Ukraine Relief Fund.

Donations should be mailed to:

Heartland Conference

Attn: SARA Relief Fund

PO Box 1230

Worthington OH 43085



Checks should be made out to the **Heartland Conference** with "**SARA Relief Fund**" in the memo line.

Thank you, Bob & Jo Kindel

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your prayerfully considered contributions to the
One Great Hour of Sharing (OGSH)
Offering on March 19th.

Total Collected: \$140.00, Thank You!

TREASURER

Thank you ... to everyone who ... have continued to send-in contributions!

Contributions Received:

\$ 1,836.00	February 5, 2023	\$ 3,542.57	March 5, 2023
\$ 3,554.00	February 12, 2023	\$ 3,340.99	March 12, 2023
\$ 1,863.50	February 19, 2023	\$ 8,711.26	March 19, 2023
\$ 1,511.00	February 26, 2023	\$	March 26, 2023
\$ 8,764.50	February Totals	\$ 15,594.82	March Totals



+Ameriprise-Reserve Income (Asset Movement \$ 0.00)

End of February 2023:	Balance of all Ameriprise Accounts:	\$ 337,751.90
End of February 2023:	Income:	\$ 8,765.57
As of March 20, 2023:	Expenses:	\$ 11,712.31
	Income:	\$ 15,409.83
	Expenses:	\$ 10,378.06

TRUSTEES

No Report



MORE EVENTS . . .

Lenten Activities Guide

Ash Wednesday Service

February 22nd @7PM
Hosted by First Christian Church-230 Stow Ave.
Rev. Karol Lewis (First Church, UMC) preaching.

Lenten Bible Study

Monday Evenings, beginning February 27th @7PM
Hosted by St. John's Episcopal-2220 2nd St.
Rotating leaders will lead this weekly study.

Family Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1st @11AM
Hosted by First Church, United Methodist-245 Portage Trail

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 6th @7PM
Hosted by First Church, United Methodist-245 Portage Trail
Fr. Brian Bechtel (St. John's Episcopal) preaching.

Good Friday Service

Friday April 7th @7PM
Hosted by St. John's Episcopal-2220 2nd St.
Rev. Jon Priebe preaching.

Easter Sunrise Outdoor Service

Sunday, April 9th @6:30 AM
Hosted by Pilgrim United Church of Christ-130 Broad Blvd.
Pastor Mike Ward (First Church, UMC) preaching.
Join us for breakfast following worship!



St. John's Episcopal



First Christian



First Church, UMC



Pilgrim UCC

TETELSTAI

MATTHEW 28: 19-20

"IT IS FINISHED."
A MUSICAL PORTRAYAL OF
THE TRIAL, EXECUTION, AND
RESURRECTION OF
JESUS THE MESSIAH

SCRIPT & LYRICS BY JOEL NAGY
MUSICAL SCORE BY RUSS NAGY

St. Luke's Lutheran Church

2121 6th Street, Cuyahoga Falls OH
Thursday, April 6th at 8:00pm
Friday, April 7th at 8:00pm

FREE ADMISSION - DONATIONS ACCEPTED

CLEVELAND PERFORMING ARTS MINISTRIES (440) 944-0635
LIVETHEPASSION.ORG



TETELSTAI IS A REGISTERED SERVICE MARK OF TETELSTAI INC.



©Crayola, Serpentine Design®

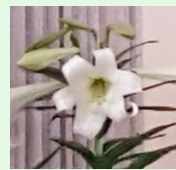


Free Coloring Pages from PrimaryGames.com



Pilgrim United Church of Christ

April 2023 ~ Calendar



OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Website: www.pilgrimcf.org

Facebook: **Cuyahoga Falls Pilgrim
United Church of Christ**

Room Key:

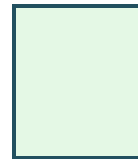
AL=Adult Library **AT**=Attic
SA=Sanctuary **C**=Classroom
CL=Children's Library
HR=Heritage Room **K**=Kitchen
MR=Music Room
RGR=Rev. Greene Room
SH=Social Hall

Group Key:

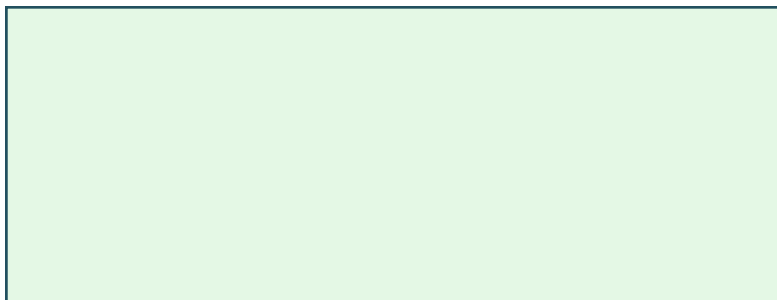
AMMS=Absorbent Minds Montessori School
AA=Alcoholics Anonymous
BHG=Broad Highway Group
CS=Cub Scouts
EA=Emotions Anonymous
PCL=Pilgrim's Community Lunch
WRSS=Western Reserve Suzuki School

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 11:00 a.m. <i>Easter Egg Hunt for Children & Families at 1st Methodist Church with a Light Lunch</i> 7 - 10 p.m. AA, SH
2 PALM SUNDAY 10:00 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i> Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones 11:00 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Beverages & Treats, SH</i>	3 AMMS 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL	4 AMMS 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL 6:30-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH	5 AMMS 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. WRSS -Violin, AL	6 AMMS MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. <i>Scout Pack #3186 mtg., SH, AT, AR</i> 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service at 1st Methodist Church 7:30-9:30 pm EA, AL	7 AMMS GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service at St. John's Episcopal Church	8 HOLY SATURDAY 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. <i>PCL - Meal, Kitchen & Social Hall</i> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. <i>Scout Pack #3186 - Mtg., AL</i> 7 - 10 p.m. AA, SH
9 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service @ PUC 10:00 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i> Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones 11:00 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Beverages, SH</i>	10 EASTER MONDAY OFFICES CLOSED 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL	11 AMMS 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL 6:30-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH	12 AMMS 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. WRSS -Violin, AL 6:45 - 9:30 p.m. Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, SH	13 AMMS 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. <i>Scout Pack #3186 mtg., SH, AT, AR</i> 7:30-9:30 pm EA, AL	14 AMMS	15 1:00-4:00 p.m. Akron Multi-District AA mtg, SH 7 - 10 p.m. AA, SH
16 10:00 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i> Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones 11:00 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Beverages, SH</i>	17 AMMS 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting, HR	18 AMMS 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL 6:30-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH	19 AMMS 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. WRSS -Violin, AL	20 AMMS 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. <i>Scout Pack #3186 mtg., SH, AT, AR</i> 7:30-9:30 pm EA, AL	21 AMMS 5:00 p.m. <i>May Spire Information Dead-line</i>	22 EARTH DAY 7 - 10 p.m. AA, SH
23 10:00 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i> Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones 11:00 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Beverages, SH</i>	24 AMMS 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL	25 AMMS 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. WRSS-Violin, AL 6:30-9:00 p.m. BHG AA, SH	26 AMMS 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. WRSS -Violin, AL 6:45 - 9:30 p.m. Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club, SH	27 AMMS 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. <i>Scout Pack #3186 mtg., SH, AT, AR</i> 7:30-9:30 pm EA, AL	28 AMMS	29
30 10:00 a.m. <i>Worship Service, SA</i> Rev. Joy Fenton-Jones 11:00 a.m. <i>Social Hour - Beverages, SH</i>						

Pilgrim United Church of Christ †
130 Broad Blvd.
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221



Address Correction Requested



April 2023 The Pilgrim Spire

Sunday Schedule:

10:00 am Worship

Recorded Worship Services:

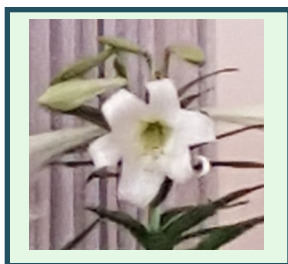
Website: www.pilgrimcf.org

Facebook: [Cuyahoga Falls Pilgrim United Church of Christ](#)

Contact us at:

www.pilgrimcf.org

330.928.4847



Pilgrim United Church of Christ Staff:

Pastor

Rev. Joy Fenton - Jones
pilgrimpastor@ameritech.net

Music Director
Benjamin Knight

Choir Director
Kimberly Knight

Secretary
Kelly Gerstenberger,
pilgrimoffice@ameritech.net

Faith Formation Director
Open Position
pilgrimce@ameritech.net