



Pilgrim Church

UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

April 2020 NEWSLETTER



April 5

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday

Traditional, 8:00 am

Contemporary, 10:00 am

April 9

Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm Service

April 10

Good Friday

1:00 pm

April 12

Easter Sunday Traditional, 8:00 am

Easter Sunday Contemporary, 10:00 am

While we are unable to physically be together in the church building for worship, we are having worship! We encourage you to join us Sundays at 8:00 am for the Traditional Service and at 10:00 am for the Contemporary Service on Facebook, The Pilgrim Vimeo Page or our website.

- To find our Facebook page, in Facebook search "PilgrimUCC" the anchor is the profile image.
- Our Vimeo Page search : <https://vimeo.com/channels/pilgrimonline>
- Our website: www.pilgrimonline.org

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Pilgrim Prayer Focus

A SEASON FOR RENEWAL AT PILGRIM CHURCH
(based on The Purpose Driven Church by Rick Warren)

April 5 – Lord, renew my worship through service to a MINISTRY at Pilgrim Church.

April 12- Lord, renew my worship by building my DISCIPLESHIP at Pilgrim Church.

April 19- Lord, renew my worship through MISSION outreach at Pilgrim Church.

April 26 – Lord, renew my worship through building FELLOWSHIP at Pilgrim Church.

Prayer List:

Bill Wolf
Dorothy Arnold
Earl Davis
Gloria Kurbanali
Gloria Sellman
Louise Timchak
Dennis Tagge
Joseph Beaudreau
Carol Glanton
John Hames
Martinez Children & Family
Sidoney Johnston
Howard "Bullet" McClean
Nicole Bentze
Karen Ahlgrim
Huff Family
Sonny Henderson
Truman Bass
Jim & Susan Wright
Roderick Clark
Mickey Rice
Rachel Michel
Jenny Umscheid
Harvey and Delys Shupe

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Pilgrim Women's Fellowship

Pilgrim Women's Fellowship is an organized Small Group who worship, serve church needs, and foster hospitality with one another.

The next meeting may be April 6. Watch your church e-mail for location.

Mission gifts were made to Wings of Shelter resident girls during the month of March.

Our April program will feature the life of Frederick Douglass as a Christian who changed the world. We plan to have lunch at Outback Restaurant.

Until further notice, there is Postponement of Book Club , [Night of Miracles-a Novel](#) by Elizabeth Berg. This book is a contemporary women's fiction novel about surprising friendships, community, and the way small acts of kindness can change a life.

Join Us !



The painting day has been postponed.

Tithes and Gifts

for week ending March 30, 2020

Food Pantry \$100
Missions \$10,645

General Fund \$14,676



From the Parish Administrator

Let me start by telling you how much I miss you already!! And I am willing to bet you are saying the same thing!! Although we are currently restricted from gathering together in person, there is still a way for us to attend services together - remotely. Our worship teams from the traditional and the contemporary services are putting together weekly music and message events that will be available on the website and Facebook pages for you to view at your convenience. We need to keep the spiritual flame inside us alive, and this is one way to accomplish that task.

Also, while you are on our Facebook page or on our website, there is a button for you to click that allows you to keep current on your donations and pledge giving. Please be assured that any donations you make through this process WILL be credited to your envelope number. Even though we cannot congregate at this time, remember that the church still has fixed costs of operation and we need your continued support to make sure that those costs are met.

Although Joyful Noise had been shut down for two weeks, it will re-opened on Monday, March 30, 2020, as mandatory closures are not (at the moment) applicable to daycare centers and daycare centers are considered essential by Governor DeSantis. During this time of closure, Joyful Noise and the entire community center complex have undergone a deep cleaning and sanitizing.

That same process will be taking place in the sanctuary and all other parts of the church building. We are busy doing these things to ensure that when you return to church it will be clean and sanitized.

Remember those shirts some of us still wear that simply state:

HOPE HAPPENS HERE !!!

Now is the time to put that little phrase to the test in your daily life. I need not remind you that this is not Armageddon!!! Like the story of Joseph and all of his trials, we can, and will, get through this. I look forward to the day when we can be together again in our sanctuary, but in the meantime, I challenge each of you to find a way to keep in touch with another parishioner. Call, write, email, text message, but do something!!! None of us needs or wants to be alone during this time, so reach out and touch someone. If you know of any parishioners who need help, please call Cat at the church office. This seems like such a small thing, but to many, it would mean something so much larger.

I love my church, I love the people of my church, and I love my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Let's all strive to do His work.

Yours in Christ,

Russ Whittaker
Parish Administrator & Bell Choir Director

Matthew 22:36-40 (KJV)

³⁶Master, which is the great commandment in the law? ³⁷Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

In A Time of Crisis

Once again we find ourselves in a crisis state. The Coronavirus has all making radical changes in our lives and causing anxiety. In these dark days we often question God’s presence and control in our lives. Our faith is tested.

During these times, I turn to God in scripture and in the community of faith for comfort and guidance. The word that comes to me is from Matthew 11:28. Jesus calls us to come unto Him all that are weary and carrying heavy burdens and He will give us rest. We are to take His yoke upon us and learn from Him. He is asking us to join with Him in responding to our situation. With His help we will get through our time of crisis. We need to do our part in remaining faithful. How can we prevail? We will because His yoke is easy and His burden is light because He goes with us. The message for us is that God provides just enough for us to make it to the other side of our crisis.

It will not be easy. We need each other to step up and as pastor David indicated we need to be providers. We are called to assist in producing love and kindness to one another. We are to be the Good News in a broken/violent world. We are to be Christ to our neighbor. With the grace of God, through the Holy Spirit, we will come through the crisis better than before if we trust in God to show us the way. Amen.

Pastor Ken

Psalm 107 (NIV)
1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.
6 Then they cried out to the Lord in their
trouble, and he delivered them
from their distress.

Food Pantry Report

The Food Pantry for the Month of February served 61 families which included 154 adults and 46 children and in March 9th we served 21 families which included 55 adults and 9 children. The total expenses for February and through March 9th were \$750.20.

Due to Covid -19 virus we are suspending our Food Pantry service to protect both the volunteers and the people receiving. During this time we will review and improve the methods we use to distribute the food items to the people. There are other Food Pantries in the area that have better facilities to handle this service for the people that use our Pantry.

Thanking you again for your food and monetary donations to our Food Pantry.

God Bless You and be safe.
Gerry & Karen Ahlgrim, Food Pantry Chairs



Pilgrim Church is proud to charter and support Troop 351 and Pack 351.

The Cub Scout Pinewood Derby winners were Ryese Strickling, Dean Peoples and Michael Cafaro (right to left)





Flowers from Worship



Kids Bible Crafts

Jesus paid the price for our sins!

Dear Kids:

While church building is closed you can make Bible crafts at home as you learn more about God and His wondrous love for us.

What a great time for you and your families to worship together at home just as the early Christians did. Maybe you can show off your crafts and share with the congregation during Object Lesson Time when church resumes.

There are many great sites on the internet that you can search for Lenten and Easter Crafts.

This coin cross can be made by gluing pennies to any wooden cross or you can make a cross from craft sticks from the Dollar store.



I look forward to you teaching me when we get back together at church.

Love n prayers,
Mrs. Ross

60 Outstanding Lenten Crafts:
feltmagnet.com/crafts/lenten-arts-and-crafts

Wally has been working on our grounds.



Nettie Wineland is keeping our sign up to date!



Fellowship Cruise to Cabbage Key



Check out the Stain Glass reflection!



Our Little Friend





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**“To Help People KNOW Christ Personally and
 GROW in Their Faith.”**

Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship,
 Ministry and Evangelism

Rev. Ken Ewing, Associate Pastor
 All Members, Ministers
 Russ Whittaker, Administrator & Bell Choir Director
 Darryl Johnson, Choir Director
 Mona Johnson, Organist
 Patrick & Marilyn Randall, Worship Leaders
 Jessica Warne, Sunday School Director
 Cat Foster, Office Administrator
 Wally Knifke, Maintenance

Joyful Noise Learning Center

941-629-4821, www.joyfulnoiselc.org

Cynthia Poudrette, Director of Joyful Noise

Full Contemporary Services are available to view
 online at:

<https://vimeo.com/channels/pilgrimonline>

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow our Facebook Page! Search “Pilgrim Church
 of Port Charlotte” and be part of our online
 community during the week.

GIVE YOUR GIFT ONLINE

Step by step instructions are available in the
 Narthex and on our website.



04/01 James Scott

04/02 Dawn Miller, Sharyn Schwabach

04/04 Velma Bennett, Debbie Stephenson

04/05 Susan Del Aguaro

04/06 Ken Ewing, Karin Raia, Char Semon

04/08 Pina Raia

04/09 Sharon Cooper, Bruce Devantier

04/10 Carlton Noles

04/11 Don Anderson, Pauline Harris,
 Harvey Shupe, Genny Sweetland

04/13 Mike Mitchell, Darleen Peteritis,
 Sandra Schuster

04/16 Jerry Barker

04/17 Charlie Dubbaneh

04/18 Judi Wilson

04/19 Gene Stanley, Hal Thistle

04/21 Allen Moll, Kathy Wagner,
 Roger Warburton

04/22 Beatrice Victoria

04/25 Robyn Biluk

04/30 Connie Rice