



From the Desk of Pastor John

How do you react when you hear the word “change”? If you’re like most people, that word probably makes you feel a bit uncomfortable. Few people like the idea of change, even when it’s necessary and beneficial. Change brings many unknowns; because of this, it often triggers some anxiety. We know what to expect when things remain static, but change forces us to step back and formulate a new game plan. We might even have to develop a new set of skills, in order to respond to new circumstances. When change occurs, we can no longer move forward in our comfortable “business as usual” mindset.

Change, as uncomfortable and intimidating as it may be, is part of life. We can all see the truth in the statement, “The only thing that is constant is change.” Anyone who has changed jobs, started a new relationship, or relocated is well aware of this fact. We all know that change is an unavoidable part of life.

Change is even a part of the life of the church.

Change is in the air at Pilgrim Church. Many unforeseeable and unavoidable factors have pushed us into a period of change. First, there is the pandemic. There is no doubt that the pandemic has caused us to reconsider how we do ministry. Secondly, you have a new pastor, which I hope you are excited about! However, with new leadership comes a new leadership style and new ideas, which can be a big change. Lastly, our music worship

leaders in both the traditional and contemporary services have moved on to new phases in their lives. While we are excited for them and wish them the best, their departures mean our music ministry and worship services will be changing.

Of course, all this change has caused some anxiety about the future. However, we aren't going to look forward with fear or let our anxiety get the best of us. Instead, we are going to flip the coin, so to speak, and look at our current situation not just as the closing of one chapter, but also as an opportunity for a new beginning at Pilgrim Church.

Even though we are going to miss Patrick and Marilyn and there is change in the air, I feel confident that God has something special waiting for us in the future. So, let us move forward trusting in His faithfulness! I know that God has amazing things in store for us at Pilgrim Church.

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:4-7

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Hebrews 13:8

Blessings, Pastor John

June 2021 NEWSLETTER



We had a wonderful time during Teacher Appreciation Week! Pastor John made us homemade lasagna! We were gifted with snacks and sweets and kind words of appreciation! Thank you for remembering us!

Summer Camp begins with the June sunshine. We have just a few spots open. Joyful Noise Staff are excited about a full summer of learning, activities and fun!

What a special time we had at VPK Graduation! 63 students crossed the stage. We hope you enjoy the pictures! At the ceremony the poem below was shared and I want to share it with you because it captures well how I view our vocation at Joyful Noise Learning Center.

TODAY Author Unknown

Today like millions of other Americans
I went to work. I didn't design a beautiful skyscraper,
I didn't write a proposal to save an endangered species,
and I didn't drive a bus or fly a plane,
or write a crucial bill that would someday become a law.

However, I did spend time with some very important people.
I read a story to an attorney,
I sang that alphabet song with a Supreme Court Justice.
I ate lunch with a pastor,
and patted the back of an engineer until she fell asleep.
Taught a policeman how to tie his shoes,
and introduced an astronaut to the color red.

Tomorrow, who knows whom I'll meet,
but one thing is for sure.....
they will be very IMPORTANT
for they are our precious children,
and the hope of our very future.

When I grow up I want to be...

- Noah** - a fireman
- Brandon** - play football
- Mallory** - teacher, like you
- Christian** - a doctor
- Mathieu** - an astronaut
- Forever** - police officer
- Maddox** - a mechanic
- Brycyn** - police
- Genevieve** - a teacher
- Treyson** - police officer
- Aurelia** - a chef
- Levi** - police officer
- Michael** - a doctor
- Brandon** - a doctor

- Jozelle** - a princess
- Camden** - astronaut
- Lillian** - a teacher
- Levy** - football player
- Joshua** - an artist
- Leland** - a police
- Thomas** - a police
- Caleb** - rock star
- Chance** - a pilot
- Nikolas** - a firefighter
- Paxton** - firefighter
- Delaney** - astronaut
- Amellia** - a scientist
- Ava** - astronaut
- Kinslee** - vet
- A'moura** - a teacher

- Case** - a boat captain
- Kendra** - teacher
- Delilah** - hair dresser
- Isabelle** - a teacher
- Everly** - vet
- Traiden** - Captain America
- Craig** - fire fighter
- Landon** - a doctor
- Abigail** - a teacher
- Jazmine** - doctor
- Alaina** - a nurse
- Colton** - a singer
- Levi** - a fireman
- Amelia** - doctor
- Aria** - a ballerina
- Sidney** - police officer
- Kendall** - a nurse

- Braxton** - firefighter
- Jace** - car racer
- Madilyn** - teacher
- Henley** - teacher
- Blakely** - a teacher
- Grayson** - policeman
- Peyton** - animal control
- Silas** - football player
- Justin** - a astronaut
- Sydney** - teacher
- Karmah- Bella** - fire fighter
- Cali** - doctor for pets
- Easton** - a farmer
- Adelyn** - doctor
- Jayna** - a firefighter
- Alessandra** - teacher





From the Moderator

As I sit in my library looking at all the materials I have accumulated on American History, I realize how fortunate we are to live in this country. Yes, we have demonstrations. Yes, we have cultural and political unrest. But as I look at the books in front of me... that is the way it has always been. That is the history of this country from the very beginning - George Washington took up arms to crush a rebellion by people who did not want to pay a tax on whiskey.

This country has been built by the hands of people who did not like rules; who did not like to be told “no,” people who will march and protest if they believe they have been wronged. That is truly their God given right.

Much of the rest of the world has been critical of our internal turmoil and dissension. Some even call us a threat to democracy. But during this restless time our country has produced three different Covid vaccines and has made those vaccines available to anyone who wants them.

Could it be the American Character shines best under stress?

I believe it does.

Like our country, Pilgrim United Church of Christ is still emerging from its struggles and disappointments. Over the last 18 months we have been challenged and tested. And those challenges have resulted in Pilgrim being blessed with a vibrant new Pastor. One who invites all to be part of our church family.

So attend Sunday Worship and invite a friend.

Volunteer at Church or in the Community.

Reach out to a neighbor. Reach out to a stranger.

Is it time to return to church in God’s name?

I believe it is!

*Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I
should go, for to You I entrust my life. Psalm 143:8.*

Don Anderson, Moderator



Summer Bible Study

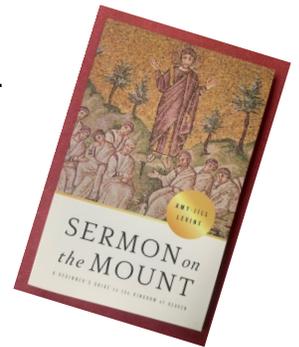
Starting **Wednesday, June 2**

Two Weekly Sessions Available: **Noon** and **6:30**

Each lesson can stand alone so if you have summer plans, join Pastor John when you are in town!

“Sermon on the Mount” is a six-week study by Amy-Jill Levine exploring the major topics in the most popular sermon ever delivered, providing historical and theological context & using a solid knowledge of Hebrew scriptures and moral teachings.

Let the church office know if you need a book, we ordered a few extra. \$14 each. The book is not required, but is recommended.



Honorarium

A church member has suggested and Council has agreed that an honorarium be erected in celebration of Pastor Matthew Neuman and his 22 years of service to Pilgrim Church.

At this time, the current recommendation is to have commissioned and installed a statue of an anchor with a cross inlay, resembling the current church logo. The placement of the statue is still undecided.

Understanding that Pastor Matthew is respected by many in our congregation, Council has decided to encourage anyone who wishes to contribute financially to do so. Council also welcomes comments, concerns and suggestions relating to design, placement, landscaping or lighting. Please submit to Council by June 20. Thank you.

Please note that not all ideas will be implemented. There are many factors to consider and some suggestions may not be feasible with the overall nature of the project.



Women's Fellowship

Pilgrim Women's Fellowship is on a Summer Break. Monthly meetings will resume after a three month break, on Thursday, September 2 at 10:00 a.m.

At that time, the group will begin a new study using materials from Shannon Breems new book, "The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today".

As a summer assignment, purchase your copy and begin reading! Join us as we meet and share how God is present in our lives.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please call the church office. Save your special dates now. A single arrangement will cost \$35, a double arrangement is \$50.



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Amazon will send Pilgrim the 5% monthly.



Pilgrim Prayer List

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| Louise Timchak | Mona Johnson |
| Bill Wolf | Marilyn Randall |
| Joe Beaudreau | Gloria Kurbanali |
| Carol Glanton | Doug Yokum |
| Sidoney Johnston | "Wheatie" Wheatcroft |
| Enzo Raia | Miller / Olivo Family |
| Ken Rankin | Karen McKenney |
| Savina Krueger | Jim Wright |
| John Krueger | Brandi Friday |
| Jim Smith | Arlene Robbins |
| Doug Terry | Ruth Brown |
| Sgt. Michael Cote | Phil Brown |
| Cat Foster | Ron App |
| Zander Jones | Jean Fuller |
| Darryl Johnson | Tim Brown |



Food Pantry

We are open every Monday , 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Food items and financial donations are always very appreciated.

We served 169 households (595 people) in the last month!

- Our Food Pantry list:
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| canned soup | dry pasta (assorted) |
| saltine crackers | mac n cheese |
| beef stew | mashed potatoes |
| canned pasta | canned potatoes |
| canned tomatoes | rice & dry beans |
| canned green beans | dry cereal |
| canned pork n beans | Instant grits |
| canned chili - NEW item | oatmeal |
| canned carrots | pancake mix |
| canned corn | syrup |
| canned mixed veggies | peanut butter |
| assorted canned beans | jelly |
| canned peas | snacks |
| canned fruit | canned tuna |
| ramen noodles | toilet paper |
| spaghetti sauce | paper towels |



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Rev. Ken Ewing, Associate Pastor
All Members, Ministers
Russ Whittaker, Bell Choir Director
Patrick & Marilyn Randall, Worship Leaders
Jessica Warne, Sunday School Director
Cat Foster, Office Administrator
Gene Burnell, Maintenance Technician

Joyful Noise Learning Center
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Cynthia Poudrette, Director of Joyful Noise

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View our worship services at

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*Our Vimeo Page:

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

*Our website: www.pilgrimonline.org



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Tim Donohue
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Al Bluschke
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Lesla Sealy
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Ken Rhoe
- 8
Tony Caniglia
- 14
Wilbur Holmes, Jolene Mowry,
Nicholas Santiago
- 16
Samantha Santiago
- 20
Carol Borris, Frank Ross
- 22
Reba Barker
- 24
Judy Michaels
- 26
Marilyn Hill
- 27
Sarge Glanton

Did we miss a birthday?
Please call or email the office,
so we may update the records.



Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is stocked.
There are various sizes and many
beautiful colors available. If you would like
a shawl for yourself or neighbor, please
call the Pilgrim Church office or reach out
to our creative knitter, Gayle Bratton.

Pilgrim Church June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00am Prayer Group	2 Summer Bible Study Noon or 6:30 p.m.	3 6:00pm Joyful Noise Board Meeting	4	5
6 8:00am Traditional Worship 10:00am Contemporary Worship	7 10:00am Food Pantry 7:00pm AA - Women	8 10:00am Prayer Group	9 Summer Bible Study Noon or 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12
13 9:00am Worship	14 10:00am Food Pantry 7:00pm AA - Women 7:00pm Missions	15 10:00am Prayer Group	16 Newsletter Article Deadline Summer Bible Study Noon or 6:30 p.m.	17 10:30am PBJ Sandwich Makers	18 4:15pm Serving at The Homeless Coalition	19
20 Father's Day 9:00am Worship	21 10:00am Food Pantry 6:30pm Finance 7:00pm AA - Women	22 10:00am Prayer Group 7:00pm Council	23 Summer Bible Study Noon or 6:30 p.m.	24	25	26
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Summer Worship Schedule

Starting Sunday, June 13

Worship Celebration at 9:00 a.m.

We are saving you a seat!