

From the Desk of Pastor John

March
2022



In the beginning, the first human being created was alone. "This is not good," God said. So, God created him a partner, someone with whom he would walk through life. As humankind multiplied, they began to form tribes. These groups of people lived and worked together. Eventually, tribes turned into nations. God called one of these nations to be His people, separating them out from among the others to live together and to serve Him alone. This was the birth of the Hebrew people.

Eventually, in Christ Jesus, God walked the earth. But He did not do it alone. He called 12 ragamuffins to walk with Him as His disciples and friends. After Jesus's death, resurrection and ascension, these individuals would set out to share the gospel and to build churches. Churches... gatherings of fellow Christians who would share life and do ministry together.

From the beginning, God's intention was for people to share life with one another; we were not meant to go at it alone! Although individualism is often praised in our culture, in Christ we are called to be in community together. It is when we are in community that we are afforded the opportunity to learn from each other; encourage, support, and pray for each other; to serve together; and grow as children of God.

We were created to be in community, and it is when we are in community that we are at our best.

God calls us into community - the community we know as Christ's Church - but the health of our community requires our participation. It is our job to build and foster the relationships that create community. This requires intentional work; very rarely do healthy relationships simply manifest without conscious effort. Strong marriages and enduring friendships exist because those involved chose to extend themselves to engage the other person, be vulnerable, and share life with someone else.

The same goes for our church community. To have a healthy

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No matter who you are,
or where you are
on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

church community, we must be intentional about building and maintaining relationships. It takes commitment to stay connected to friends, reconnect with old friends while also making new ones. It requires vulnerability – a willingness to share personal strengths and struggles. And it requires time. Healthy relationships require us to carve out time for someone else.

I wish to introduce our 2022 initiative: Building Relationships, Building Community. My ministerial focus will be on how we can share the love of Christ with others by building and strengthening our relationships, and in turn, building and strengthening our church community. Over the course of the year, I will be leading Bible studies and workshops/retreats on the importance of church community and how it affects our outreach and church growth. I invite you to be in dialogue with me about how we can encourage relationship development. I also invite you to be intentional about your relationships: call an old friend, go out to lunch with a fellow church member you would like to get to know better, attend a Bible study, or sit beside someone new during worship. (It's okay to sit somewhere different in church, I promise!)

Jesus has called us into His church and into community. That community is a gift. May we celebrate and give thanks for it, and may we do our part to support, nurture, and strengthen it.

Come, be a part of this community. Come, share, and experience the love of Christ. You are welcome here!

Blessings,
Pastor John

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:42-44 (ESV)



Drive Through Recognition of Ashes

12:00 -1:30 p.m.

Pastor John will meet you at your vehicle, under the covered portico entrance to the Narthex, for a moment of reflection and recognition of ashes.

Worship Service

6:30 p.m.

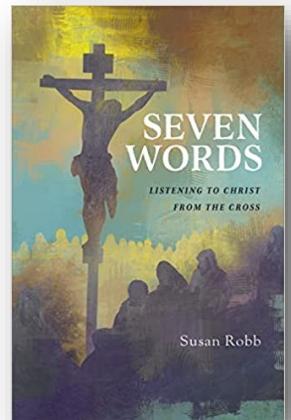
This solemn service includes the call to confession, imposition of ashes and assurance of Pardon. Join with us on this night for worship and recognition of our Savior Jesus Christ.



"The Sanctuary for Lent 2022" is brief readings for each day in Lent, from Ash Wednesday through Easter Day. The guide includes a suggested Scripture, a short devotion and a short prayer. This helps readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection. Copies of this devotional guide will be available, one per household, in the Narthex, on Sunday, February 27.

Lenten Small Group Study
with Pastor John
Wednesdays, - April 13
Due to schedule conflict, 1st
meeting is Tuesday, March 8.
Noon and 6:30 p.m.

In "Seven Words", Susan Robb looks at the seven last words of Christ on the cross through a lens that finds life and hope in his final sayings, while exploring each from a biblical and historical perspective. The book brings a hopeful and contemplative take on the cross.





From the Moderator

Hello Pilgrim Church!

I am your new Moderator for the term of 2022-2024, Jessica Warne-Emard. I am honored to have been selected and blessed to have the opportunity. I have been in the Pilgrim family for many years now as a parent, teacher, church and council member. I have served on council during the pandemic and also during our pastor selection. These were quite unique challenges that helped define and shape our congregation, but we weathered the storms and we are still "Pilgrim Strong". Now as your moderator, I am tasked to continue defining and shaping our congregation. I look forward to hearing your needs and ideas, and to help steer our council to objective resolutions and open discussions.

Fun Facts about me:

- *I am married to my high school sweetheart, for over two decades now. We have five children and three Basset Hounds. (Our house is very noisy.) We have seen Charlotte County grow and change over the decades and remember what it was like when it was small and before Hurricane Charlie.
- *I have Education and Business degrees from FL Universities. I have taught in public schools and in a private school. I worked in management, retail, and the hospitality field.
- *I love key lime pie and orange sherbet. And I love spending time with my family.

Jessica Warne-Emard, Moderator



Council Meetings

Council Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of Each month. Members of Pilgrim Church are welcome and encouraged to attend. Though you will not have a vote, your voice matters.

Mark your calendar for March 22, 7:00 p.m. in the Coffee Room.



2022 Leadership

2022 COUNCIL

Moderator	Jessica Warne-Emard
Co Moderator	Dave Wilson
Members-at-Large	Gerry Ahlgrim Dan Donahue Cheryl Gerry Ken Rhoe Connie Rice Russ Whittaker Susan Wright TBD

Clerk, Judi Wilson
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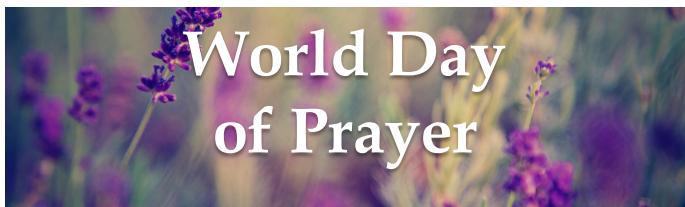
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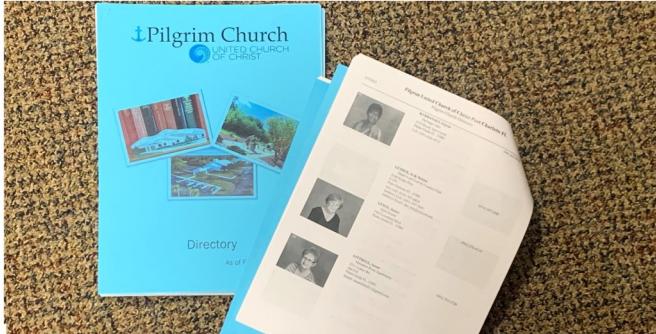
World Day of Prayer

On the first Friday of March 2022, communities across the world will come together to launch the celebration of the World Day of Prayer prepared by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland!

The 2022 theme, "I Know the Plans I Have for You", is an invitation to have faith in God even when we don't see or imagine hope, because surely God has a plan for each of us, plans filled with hope and promise.

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Pilgrim Women

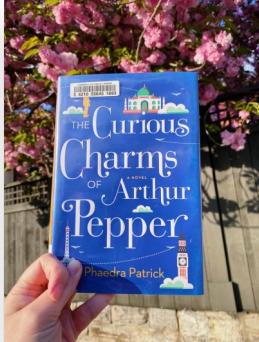
Ladies, start the Lenten season with a blessing. Join us on Thursday, March 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Coffee Room adjacent to the Sanctuary.

This month's Bible study will feature "Esther and Rahab - Unexpected Heroes of Faith" from Shannon Bream's best seller, *The Women of the Bible Speak*.

In preparation, please read The Book of Esther and Joshua 2:1-24. Be sure to bring your Bible to the study.

Questions about this Small Group can be directed to Judi Wilson, 941-380-0877.

Book Club will meet on Monday, February 28, at 6:00 p.m. at the Wilson home. We will be reviewing *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper*, by Phaedra Patrick. If you have a charm bracelet, wear it to show off! Call the church office for meeting address.



Do you know someone in our local community who plays the Piano? Keyboard? Flute? Guitar? Another instrument? Or someone with a gifted voice to share?

We are wishing to host gifted musicians for special music during Sunday Worship.

All levels of musicians are welcome. Worship music selections must be sacred and approved by pastor.

Please spread the word, if they are interested or would like more information, reach out to the church office at 941-629-2633 or office@pilgrimonline.org.



Here are a few pictures of our students celebrating Valentine's Day.



The staff and students are getting ready for Spring Break, March 14-18. The school will be open and having camp the week of break for all our school age children. The younger children will have class as usual with lots of spring activities.

We continue to search for certified teachers for our classrooms. If you know of anyone with their ELC credentials or willing to obtain their certifications, please let them know, we are hiring.

Cynthia Poudrette, Director



The Sunday morning Adult Bible Study meets in the Church Library every week following the worship service. It is not too late to join us as we continue in the Book of Mark discussing the life of Christ thru the accounts of a young man who traveled with the disciples. In a verse-by-verse, chapter-by-chapter study format, this Small Group explores how the Bible, written so long ago, is relevant to us today.



Food Pantry

Food Pantry Collection List

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	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



UCC Women's Week

Week of March 6-12 is recognized as Women's Week in the UCC. Women's Week is an opportunity to celebrate the lives of women who have had an impact on the church.

What woman has been instrumental in your life? Who is that encouraging and loving woman who took part in your journey? Remember her and share her story as an encouragement for others!



Step by Step Fellowship



Habitat for Humanity Apostles Build

Paint Party
Saturday, March 12, 8:30 a.m.
18077 Ardmore Ave, PC
Sign up in the Narthex



Altar Flowers

If you would like to order in memory of, honor of or to the glory of God, fresh flowers for the altar, please make note on the registration slip or by calling the church office. Save your special date now! A single arrangement costs \$35. For two arrangements the cost would be \$50.



On the 2nd Sunday of each month, our own Lurlyne Murray, a retired nurse, will be in the Conference Room during the coffee hour to measure your blood pressure.

March Birthdays

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

4	Walter Baughman Janice Cahn
7	Phyllis Stanley
9	Nancy Beaver Cat Foster Niles Stoudt Dave Wilson
10	Robert Emard
11	Cheryl Gerry Bill Klossner Jacque Ross
12	Nereid Maxey
18	Dan Donohue
29	Susan Littrell
30	Marty Donovan Karen McKenney

Prayer List

Bill Wolf - homebound, Savina Krueger - cancer,
John Krueger - Parkinson's, Melvin Keller - cancer,
Gloria Kurbanali - homebound, Gene Rice - stroke,
Louise Timchak - PC Rehab, Good News Club,
Jeff - health, Sidoney Johnston - homebound,
Lorraine O'Keefe - cancer, Raia Family,
Joe Beaudreau - Lifecare Rehab, Carl Huber - health,
Pat & Jim Smith - travel, Richard McLemore - cancer,
Adrian Roche - cancer, David Kaye - health,
John Hames - PC Rehab, Pat Wheatcroft - cancer,
Zander Jones - health, Jim Wright - Sarasota Rehab,
Evonne Bloss - health

March Bible Readings

Read though the Bible in a Year

- 3/1 Deuteronomy 16:9-19:21
- 3/2 Deuteronomy 20:1-23:14
- 3/3 Deuteronomy 23:15-27:10
- 3/4 Deuteronomy 27:11-28:68
- 3/5 Deuteronomy 29:1-32:14
- 3/6 Deuteronomy 32:15-end; Joshua 1:1-9
- 3/7 Joshua 1:10-4:24
- 3/8 Joshua 5:1-8:23
- 3/9 Joshua 8:24-11:9
- 3/10 Joshua 11:10-14:15
- 3/11 Joshua 15-17
- 3/12 Joshua 18:1-21:12
- 3/13 Joshua 21:13-23:16
- 3/14 Joshua 24; Judges 1-2
- 3/15 Judges 3-5
- 3/16 Judges 6-7
- 3/17 Judges 8-9
- 3/18 Judges 10-13
- 3/19 Judges 14-16
- 3/20 Judges 17:1-20:11
- 3/21 Judges 20:12-end; Ruth 1-2:13
- 3/22 Ruth 2:14-4:22; 1 Samuel 1
- 3/23 1 Samuel 2-4
- 3/24 1 Samuel 5:1-9:10
- 3/25 1 Samuel 9:11-12:18
- 3/26 1 Samuel 12:19-14:42
- 3/27 1 Samuel 14:43-17:25
- 3/28 1 Samuel 17:26-19:24
- 3/29 1 Samuel 20-22
- 3/30 1 Samuel 23:1-25:31
- 3/31 1 Samuel 25:32-30:10

Come as you are able! Spring Cleaning

**Thursday, March 17
10 am until- 2:30 pm**

If you have any personal items at the church, please be sure to remove them. We don't want your items accidentally thrown away.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10:00am Pilgrim Walkers 7:00pm BSA Den Meeting	2 Ash Wednesday 10:00am Prayer Group	3 10:00am Pilgrim Walkers 10:00am Pilgrim Women Fellowship	4 World Day of Prayer	5
6 1st Sunday in Lent 8:00am Coffee Hour 9:00am Worship 10:15am Wilson Small Group	7 10:00am Food Pantry 4:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm AA - Women 7:00pm BSA Troop Meeting	8 10:00am Pilgrim Walkers 7:00pm BSA Den Meeting	9 10:00am Prayer Group	10 10:00am Pilgrim Walkers	11	12 8:30am Apostles Build Habitat House Paint Party
13 2nd Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:00am Coffee Hour 8:00am Blood Pressure Checks 9:00am Worship 10:15am Wilson Small Group	14 JN Camp Day Spring Break 10:00am Food Pantry 4:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 7:00pm AA - Women 7:00pm Missions Meeting	15 JN Camp Day Spring Break 10:00am Pilgrim Walkers	16 JN Camp Day Spring Break Newsletter Article Deadline 10:00am Prayer Group	17 JN Camp Day Spring Break St Patrick's Day 10:00am PBJ Sandwich Makers 10:00am Pilgrim Walkers 10:00am Spring Cleaning	18 JN Camp Day Spring Break 4:15pm Serving at The Homeless Coalition	19
20 3rd Sunday in Lent 8:00am Coffee Hour 8:00am Blood Pressure Checks 9:00am Worship 10:15am Wilson Small Group	21 10:00am Food Pantry 4:30pm Handbell Rehearsal 6:30pm Finance Meeting 7:00pm AA - Women 7:00pm BSA Troop Meeting	22 10:00am Pilgrim Walkers 7:00pm Council Meeting 7:00pm BSA Den Meeting	23 JN Picture Day 1s, 2s, 3s 10:00am Prayer Group	24 JN Picture Day VPK (graduation) K/1 10:00am Pilgrim Walkers 7:00pm BSA Pack Committee Meeting	25	26 BSA Blue & Gold Banquet
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March 17

Habitat House Paint Party
March 12