



Pilgrims' Progress

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Welcoming New Members

So far this year we've welcomed six new members; we expect still more as snowbirds return. Earlier in the year we welcomed Don & Sue Patrick of Lake Griffin Isles. Friends of Dan & Alberta McKinney, the Patricks accompanied them to worship and decided to stay, becoming active members right away.

This summer we welcomed Jim & Dee Thomas, William Marcoux and Marilyn Wilcox. Jim & Dee, long-time friends, recently decided to become members and invited Bill and his aunt, Marilyn, to check out Pilgrims' since they were seeking a new church home.

These are examples of "Friendship Evangelism," which is taking time to let our family and friends know where we worship and why, then inviting them to join us to worship together.

Welcome to the Pilgrims' family.

New Choir Director?!

After advertising in local media for a Choir Director, the Music Committee anticipates an announcement that our choir will begin rehearsals on time 8:30 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 25, to be ready to sing during worship Oct. 2. Once paperwork is completed, announcement will be made during worship, with a follow up story in the November newsletter.

Pastor Away

Pastor Ron will be away Monday—Friday, October 17-21, attending the annual retreat of the Order of Saint Luke in Dallas, Texas. This will be part of his Continuing Education. While he is away, Pastor Bob will be available for urgent or emergency calls.

Interfaith Alliance Meets Here

Tri County (Lake, Marion, and Sumter) Interfaith Alliance will meet at Pilgrims' on **Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 p.m.** The program will be presented by **Rabbi Arthur H. Grae, J.D., LL. M,** Presiding Rabbi of Congregation Or Chaim, Leesburg.

From his background in Constitutional Law, he will speak on "**Separation of Church and State.**"

He was ordained as a modern rabbi at age 72 at Rabbinical Seminary International, Inc. in New York. He practiced labor law for forty-two years in New York. He received a Master's in Law and a J.D. from New York University School of Law.

A question and answer period will follow. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Nancy Bell at 750-5446.

Leesburg Elementary School

Leesburg Elementary School needs mentors for their TLC program this year. You can choose to work one on one in the building by the playground, or you can help out in a classroom.

If you are concerned about the "Flu", we will **not** be taking any child if they have a cold, sneezing, etc. until they are cured.

IF you are going to work here in our room, or if you are working in a classroom, you are welcome and encouraged to attend a workshop.

A **required** workshop will take place in Oct., Nov. and Jan. as needed.

Please call or e-mail **Perry Ann** to let her know of your interest. Phone 352-365-0084 or 407-257-7575, e-mail: adragnap@lake.k12.fl.us Thank you.

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Pilgrims' United Church of Christ is a welcoming, inclusive, biblically responsible, theologically progressive church. Our members worship joyfully and grow intellectually and spiritually as we express Jesus' love and concern to our community and the world.

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September & October Birthdays

September

2 Fred Marra
21 Jack Cheney, Polly Welburn
27 Mary Cavanagh

October

3 Joy Tobin
5 Jill Sharp
12 Dottie Cheney
16 Jelenne Wimmer
19 Dottie Hollis
22 Catherine Thiedt
25 Dorothy Felson

Sunday Events

Choir/Musicians meet at 8:30 a.m.
Worship at 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hour follows Worship, except for the Pancake Brunch on October 31 Dinner on October 16.

Other Events in October

2 World Communion Sunday
4 Here, 7:00 p.m., Tri-County Interfaith Alliance
17 Monday, 11 a.m., New Time & Date for Church Council. Lunch

Resource Board

Jane Bradley

The Resource Board will meet Sunday, October 9, following worship, to begin planning for nominations for the upcoming year. This year we have as many as 19 positions to fill, so please consider a nomination for a position when we ask.

Caring

Dorothy Sullivan

Your Caring Ministry has not been totally active this summer. When we knew a member of our congregation needed attention we visited, sent cards and emails and made phone calls. I am sure we missed some people and for that we apologize. However as our ministers return and we get into our winter time mode we will become active. Please continue to help us by letting us know if you or another member needs us.

Fellowship

Dottie Owens

USED POSTAGE STAMPS NEEDED

Many thanks to all of you who continue to save your used postage stamps. The sale of those stamps to collectors and stamp dealers results in money to help build houses for HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. Two Habitat houses have already been built with stamp money. Last year's stamp program income was \$5,826.25. This brings the total for "stamp house" number three to \$29,347.00. Material for one house amounts to \$40,000+. Of course, labor is done by volunteers.

At the current rate, we should be able to start the third stamp house in another 2-3 years. All stamps are needed: foreign, domestic, commemorative, post card, non-profit. The only exception is the Liberty Bell Forever stamp. There is no market for them right now. Please remember to leave at least ¼ inch of envelope all around the stamp. Stamps trimmed too closely are of no use to the dealers.

Please leave your stamps in the narthex on the table.

Missions

Bobbi Polhamus

What do the numbers 11-1-11 and 11-11-11 mean? Are they a mysterious code? Do these numbers have anything to do with Pilgrims' church? The answer is coming in NOVEMBER! In the meantime, keep your ears and eyes open, and you may get some hints about them.

The MISSION for OCTOBER is HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS. We all know that the cost of sending a person to college has increased dramatically. The same is true for those attending seminaries. The United Church of Christ needs leaders, and these come from our seminaries. For the future of our denomination, we need to support these institutions. Andover Newton and Eden have been the two seminaries where we have sent donations. When October arrives, please prayerfully consider supporting one of these seminaries.

Who's Who in the Pew

Ginny Stiles

Alice Pilger

My life is not very interesting, more like a soap opera at times. I was born in Brooklyn, NY where I spent my early years. I attended 12th St. Dutch Reformed Church (RCA). When I graduated from high school, I got my first job with Anaconda Copper in the dividend department in NY City.

Then I met and married my first husband. I had three and half children in a three-room apartment!!! We moved to our first house on Long Island. While the children were growing up, I worked off and on part-time jobs, one of which was Grumman's and was fortunate to be there when they landed the first man on the moon.

I later worked twenty years for Arrow Electronics in the accounting department. It was during these years that things went downhill in my life. Three of my four children were diagnosed with kidney disease in their late teens. Our daughter, Mary, passed three years after I gave her my kidney. My first husband passed by ten years later soon after building our Florida home and retiring. Our son, Gary, was on dialysis 25 years and son Carl was on for 30 years. Both of them passed within the last seven years.

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish they He didn't trust me so much." A quote by Mother Teresa. I carry this in my wallet along with the serenity prayer.

Eleven years ago I married again to a wonderful, caring man who has been my rock through these hard times. I have great faith and know that through Jesus, death is not the end.

Fellowship

Peg Lindsay

The kitchen committee is serving soup and salad on Sunday, October 16. The guest chef is my neighbor, Bruce Mason. He loves to cook, so we all need to show up and eat hearty that Sunday. We're planning to serve several different soups, so everyone gets a choice of what to eat. **We need cook's assistants on Friday, October 14th, 9:30 a.m.** until we're finished. Everyone is welcome to join the fun in the kitchen.



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