

Pilgrim Update

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Our Prayer for Sunday

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Sunday's Readings

The first reading is **Jeremiah 1:4-10**: God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

The Psalm is **Psalm 71:1-6** From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps.71:6)

The second reading is **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**: Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

The Gospel is **Luke 4:21-30**: People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

Thinking about the Readings

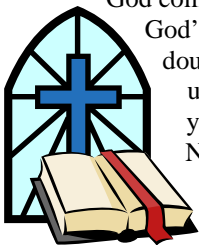
A prominent scriptural theme is the wonder of finding God where one might least look for God. God comes not only in all that is good in creation, but also in all that is broken and tragic.

God comes not only in the blessings that shower upon

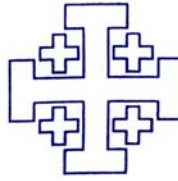
God's people anew each day, but also in trials, doubts, and sufferings. God comes in the unexpected: through people like Jeremiah, young and terrified at the task before him. Nonetheless, Jeremiah is given words to speak! Ultimately, God comes in Jesus, the son of a carpenter. Jesus, born in poverty, reveals God. Jesus, child of refugees, reveals God.

Jesus, one neighbor like any other, reveals God. Jesus, rejected, reveals God. Jesus, crucified, reveals God.

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Congregational Meeting January 31st



important day in the life of the church.

Following the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, January 31st, the congregation will meet in the auditorium for the annual meeting. We will give thanks for all that has happened in the past year, look to the future, elect new church council members and vote on a budget for 2010. Please join us for this

Lenten Supper Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to help with the Lenten Supper. The meal is served from 6:30pm to 7:15pm. We are organizing teams of 2-3 (or more!) people or families who are willing to set up, prepare and serve food, and clean up. Menus in the past have included soups, chili, lasagna, but you are free to prepare any type of meal that can easily serve about 30 people. Dates are February 24th, March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, and March 24th. Please let Kim Redelsheimer know if you are interested in helping for one meal and what date(s) works best for you. Once the teams are organized, Kim will send out a "master schedule" of who is doing what when. Thanks for your help with this important ministry of fellowship! Please see Kim with any questions.



Help the Auction—Shop Market Day!

Want a way to help Pilgrim TWICE?!? The Auction committee needs desserts for the Market Day auction. When you place your Market Day order, why not add a no bake dessert and donate it to the Wild West Round Up? This month you can order Andes Chocolate Mint Layer Pie # 4802 for \$6.25, Individual Carrot Cakes #4609 for \$5.99, Strawberry Swirl Cheesecakes #4612 for \$8.99, Turtle Cheesecake #4803 \$11.00 or Pumpkin Praline Cheesecake #4868 for \$6.99. Any items purchased for the auction can be stored at Pilgrim until needed (so you won't even have to use up freezer space!). If you have any questions ask Emily Haite.



Operation CIP Thank You!



Operation CIP (Creative Income for Pilgrim) was able to give \$11,000 to Pilgrim in 2009. Thank you to everyone who purchased gift cards or magazines, shopped at Target or Dominick's or online with www.escrip.com, supported Carson's Community Days, or used Jewel Shop & Share coupons. A special thank you is due to everyone who helped with any of the above events! The program would not have survived without you!

Flea Market in April

Pilgrim will be holding a Flea Market on Saturday, April 17th, from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Spaces will be \$20 and spaces with a table, \$30. Proceeds will go towards repairs to the east church wall. Contact Anne Barsano with questions. Thank you!



Quilters and Crafters Work Day

Please join the Pilgrim Quilters for a fun day of quilting, scrapbooking, or working on any kind of craft project! On Sunday, January 31st, the Pilgrim Quilters will host a "work day" from 1:00pm to 9:00pm in the church basement. We will order in dinner from a nearby restaurant around 6:00pm and split the cost among us. Come for the whole time or as much time as you can!! Please bring snacks and drinks to share. Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and productivity! Any questions, see Kim Redelshimer or Chris Wallis.



Food Donations Needed!

On February 7, 2010, which is Super Bowl Sunday, the Pilgrim Youth Group will be participating in the 2010 Souper Bowl of Caring, a nationwide movement that unites schools, congregations, community organizations and compassionate individuals in the fight against hunger. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 with one youth group, the youth of America have raised more than \$60 million for food banks, soup kitchens and other charities across the country. Now it's your turn to fight hunger in the event that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Pilgrim Youth will be collecting food and financial donations for The Uptown Ministry on Sunday, February 7th, during the worship services. Your participation is essential: bring non-perishable food and grocery items to worship that Sunday. The Youth Group will collect them and deliver them to Uptown Ministry. The results of our efforts will be reported on the Souper Bowl web site, <http://www.souperbowl.org/>. Please plan on helping us make it a Souper Sunday.



Sign up for Directory Photos!

Do you ever see people in the church or school and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wished you could put a face with a name? Are you new to our church or school and wish you had something to help you put names to faces? Well, help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial directory for our church. Photograph sittings will be February 25th through the 27th. There is no cost to you or the church to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a



complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating. You will be able to view your images electronically immediately after you are photographed. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family and friends. You are under no obligation to purchase any portraits. The sign up process for photography and portrait viewing sessions will begin on Sunday, January 17th, before and after worship. Bring your calendar and stop by the tables behind the organ to sign up. Early sign-ups will get the first choice of times! We look forward to "seeing you in pictures!" There is also a link on the Pilgrim web page for online signups. If you need help in setting up your appointment, you can call Barbara DeGraff, our church secretary, at 773-477-4824 or email her at bdegraff@pilgrimchurchandschool.org.

Testing Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to monitor achievement testing for students. The time requirement is 1 to 3 hours during the mornings on February 22nd through the 25th. You can help for 1 or more than 1 morning. Please contact Cheryl Saiki at school or at home (773)784-6034 for information or by email at agsaiki@sbcglobal.net. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



February Market Day



Market Day orders are due February 8th for pick up on February 11th. See the new items on page 2 of the booklet: smoked sausage, Peruvian bay scallops, Vienna corned beef, baked potatoes and tomato basil soup. We are also offering 8 varieties of cookies with a profit of \$2.20/box for 1-249 boxes and \$3.30/box for 250 and up. Save yourself some time and make these cookies for the February Cookie Drive. Call Anne Barsano at 773-472-6045 with any questions. Order online at www.marketday.com and use your credit card!!

THIS WEEK

January 31 Sunday	8:00am	Worship Service
	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship Service
	11:30am	Congregational Meeting
		Coffee Hour Team Nootens/Redelsheimer
	1:00pm	Quilters' and Crafters' Work Day
February 2 Tuesday	7:00pm	Cub Scouts
	8:00pm	Parish Life
February 3 Wednesday	9:00am	Moms in Touch
	6:15pm	Confirmation Class
February 4 Thursday	6:30pm	TOPS
February 5 Friday	6:30pm	Girl Scouts
February 6 Saturday	11am-1pm	Hot Meals Team #5

NEXT WEEK

February 7 Sunday	8:00am	Worship Service
	9:15am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship Service
	11:30am	Coffee Hour Team Azzaro/Hancock
February 9 Tuesday	7:00pm	Cub Scouts
February 10 Wednesday	9:00am	Moms in Touch
	12:30pm	Woman's Society
	6:15pm	Confirmation Class
February 11 Thursday	3:00pm	Market Day Pickup
	6:30pm	TOPS
February 12 Friday	6:30pm	Girl Scouts
February 13 Saturday	11am-1pm	Hot Meals Team #6