

PASTOR

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Mark your calendar!

On Sunday, August 7, at the 10 o'clock service, we will formally install our Pilgrimage UCC Council for 2022-2023!

Then, following the 10:00 service, we are having a potluck-picnic, during which time you will have the opportunity to know your church officers (and each other) a little better.

You are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Rain or shine, the potluck will be on!

We seek to grow in worship, learning and service as a faithful people of God, bringing hope, comfort and friendship to all, welcoming everyone in Christ.

"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done."

REVELATION
22:12

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Dear Beloved,

It's already time for school to start again, which means a shuffling of schedules and trying to readjust to the busyness of more commuting, more activities, and, sometimes, less time for the things that are life-giving.

I encourage you to continue to include PUC in your scheduling as much as you can. We are continuing our fun and informative series on Revelation in August, and we continue to make space to pray with and for one another in worship. But some of the even more life-giving opportunities happen outside of worship:

On August 7, we will install our new Council and enjoy a potluck after worship—a time to get to know the Council and one another better. On September 5, the Yaguchis have invited the congregation to their house for an end-of-summer pool party! And the weekend of September 9-11 will be Rally Weekend, a time of fellowship and programming for kids and adults alike. It will be an opportunity to plug back into our common life, have some fun, and begin to dream about where God might be calling us.

I hope to see you at some or all of these events, dear ones!

Love,

Courtney

2022-2023 PUC Council

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- President: Rochelle Lofstrand
- Vice President: Ken Moss
- Treasurer: Geoff Heilhecker
- Financial Secretary: Rita Mehlan
- Clerk: Carla Martin

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- Christian Ed: Janet Derby & Darlene Wagner
- Deacons: Juliann Heilhecker & Stephen Williams
- Communications: Helene O'Neill & Trudy Stoddert
- Missions: **OPEN**
- Parish Life: Susan Valentine & Carol Hill
- Properties: Chris Shiver & Clay Roth
- Stewardship: Anne Mooney & Duke Yaguchi
- Worship: Diane Reese & **OPEN**

CONGREGATION PRESIDENT

By Rochelle Lofstrand

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Next month we are going to begin the process of visioning. Where do we want to be in 1, 5, 10 years? Where do we think God is calling us to be? Over the past 4 years, we have said goodbye to a long-time minister, hired an interim for a year, found our new pastor (yea!), and then spent the next year worshipping together via Facebook and Zoom. It's time for us to stop, pause, listen, and think about what the future Pilgrimage UCC congregation is all about.

We are planning for this work to start around Rally Sunday with a brainstorming session with the congregation. As soon as plans are finalized, I will send out a 'Save the Date'. If this is work that excites you and you would like to volunteer to help, please email me at:

pilgrimageuccpresident@gmail.com

I pray that your summer travels have been safe and re-energizing and that the next school year is a safe and enriching one!

Rochelle

WORSHIP

Diane Reese, Chair

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Rev. Courtney provided pastoral leadership including providing us with inspirational worship services during her summer series about the Book of Revelation. Her messages are continually thought provoking each week. She also continues to provide many opportunities for folks to reach out to her and to one another.

Many thanks to Rev Heather Fosburgh, the SEC associate conference minister, for leading our services on Sunday, July 31st while Courtney was on vacation.

The positions for both Part Time Music Director and Part Time Accompanist are still posted and submissions from applicants are being thoroughly reviewed by our search committees. The search committee for the music director is preparing to begin the interview process with hopes that we will have a Part Time Music Director in place by early- to mid-September.

In the meantime, music for Sunday morning services is being provided by substitute accompanists and short-term interim accompanists.

Thank you to our Scripture Readers in July:

July 03: Sharon Getty; Bill & Kathleen McNulty
July 10: Amy Jones & Katie Bridges
July 17: Laurie Spencer & Juliann Heilhecker
July 24: Syd Bowcott & Darlene Wagner
July 31: Sharon Getty; Melissa & Lee Fadeley

If anyone is interested in reading scripture during worship on a rotation schedule or just at times and dates you prefer, please email the worship committee at:

pilgrimageuccworship@gmail.com

We can always use more folks to assist with ushering and greeting. Please reach out to us if you are interested. Thank you to everyone who contribute during our worship services each Sunday!

PARISH LIFE

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Do silly things. Foolishness is a great deal more vital and healthy than our straining and striving after a meaningful life.

Writer: Anton Chekhov

If people did not sometimes do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done.

Philosopher: Ludwig Wittgenstein

I am now co-chair of Parish Life with Carol Hill. I am excited to focus on a different aspect of church life which is us having fun together.

The two quotes above are from two men who are seen as very serious. How nice to see them both embracing silly things. I hope we will be able to enjoy our time together with Parish Life activities as our new committee gets organized. Thanks to Katie Bridges, the former chair of Parish Life, who brought us lots of fun over the past four years.

Please let me or Carol Hill know if you would like to be a part of the Parish Life committee and help us create fun for our community. Our next event will be a potluck after service on August 7 when we install the new slate of officers. Look for further announcements about this event in e-tidings.

Susan Volentine

STEWARDSHIP

Anne Mooney, Duke Yaguchi, Co-Chairs
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Throughout our faith journey, we are extended several invitations. From the invitation to make our confession of faith to the invitation to care for a sick neighbor, to the invitation to bring food to the next church event, to the invitation to Christ's Table, our life in a community of faith is full of invitations.

As we step into this new fiscal year, our church community is going to be intentional about how we respond to the variety of invitations we receive and how those invitations spur us along in our faith development and mission. In particular, we will focus on what it means to gather at the sacred table, and how being welcome calls us to become agents of grace within our church family as well as our local community and the world.



Jesus invites us to bring all that we are and all that we have when we become a follower, a disciple of Christ. It is a sojourn that is meant both to form us more into the image of Christ through the disciplines of study, worship, prayer, service, and generosity; as well as to strengthen us in becoming powerful agents for the good that God is doing in our world.

When we make an intentional decision about what we bring before Christ, we extend a blessing of health and wholeness to all of creation, because we are certain that this is ultimately what God desires. Our church's mission statement states: "We seek to grow in worship, learning and service as a faithful people of God, bringing hope, comfort and friendship to all, welcoming everyone in Christ."

Our church leadership is asking us to begin a process of considering our church mission and how we can best live into it. Yet our Missions program is missing leadership. Our visioning work will come up short without someone to coordinate and communicate on behalf of our Missions Ministries. Please prayerfully consider if you can take on this role as either a chair or co-chair. We already have volunteers in charge of our Family Promise and MUST Ministries outreach efforts, but there are seasonal drives to plan and coordinate, as well as an opportunity to choose new ministries to outreach and serve. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please contact Anne Mooney or Duke Yaguchi at:

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God has done and continues to do remarkable things through us and with us – things that matter in our community! Your prayers and your participation are keys to helping us advance further on the pathway of discipleship. We know that when the early church gathered to break bread and share with one another, they did so with glad and generous hearts and that there was no need among them (ACTS 2). We desire such a spirit of true community to be among us, motivated by the grace we receive at the Table.



On Tuesday, August 30th, we will serve the guests of MUST Ministries a nutritious lunch. We will be serving at the new location, **MUST Hope House, 1297 Bells Ferry Rd Marietta, GA 30066**. We will need 3 -5 volunteers to help cook starting at 10:15 a.m. and 3 -5 volunteers to help serve starting at 11:30 a.m. If you are going to help cook and stay to serve please sign both sheets on the poster in the Narthex. Volunteers must enter through the front door and clear security before coming to the kitchen.

Cash donations can be made to buy chicken and side items since we must do all cooking on site at MUST. Donations can be sent to the church by check, or you can make your payment through PayPal or Zelle. If you have any questions or want to volunteer please contact Dick or Rita Mehlan at:

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August Celebrations

BIRTHDAYS

08/03 Julia Shiver
 08/14 Jennifer Brumfield
 08/14 Auggie Jones
 08/15 Eden White
 08/23 Constance Blair
 08/24 Bruce Brumfield
 08/25 Jane McHenry
 08/30 Laurie Spencer

ANNIVERSARIES

08/14 Bill & Kathleen McNulty
 08/20 Amy & Wade Jones

If we missed someone, please let Lynne know at: office@pilgrimageucc.org

Pastor's Report for June 10—July 14, 2022

Worked an average of 45 hours a week, took one Sunday off for illness/injury

Worship Related Responsibilities

- ⇒ Wrote sermons/preached 8:30 worship, 10:00 livestream, Wrote liturgy for worship weekly.
- ⇒ VBS Sunday was a great success!
- ⇒ Revelation Summer Sermon Series is going well; sparking lots of good conversation.
- ⇒ Wrote weekly blurbs for e-tidings
- ⇒ Met with Worship Team (Diane, Lynne, Janet, Anne) weekly.
- ⇒ Worked with Diane Reese and our accompanists on music for worship each Sunday, including picking hymns.
- ⇒ Worked with Heather Fosburgh on maternity leave coverage as well as coverage for my next Sunday of vacation, 7/31.

Various Commitments

- ⇒ Wrote newsletter article
 - ⇒ Wrote draft ad for nursery worker
 - ⇒ Working with Rochelle, Pat, and Diane to jump start the interview process for Music Director position.
- ### Pastoral Care
- ⇒ Offered pastoral care via phone, text, email, Zoom, and in-person visits/appointments (approximately 20 hrs/week).
 - ⇒ Offered premarital consultation for two couples

Edification/Instruction

- ⇒ Helped with VBS, which was an amazing week!
- ⇒ Met with Janet to discuss intergenerational church, Rally Weekend (Sept 9-11) that will include parish life/Christian Ed/visioning opportunities.
- ⇒ Breathing Room is on summer hiatus.
- ⇒ Confirmation Class is on summer hiatus.
- ⇒ Attended weekly SECUCC clergy zoom meetings

Meetings

- ⇒ Attended SECUCC Annual Meeting in Montgomery, AL, June 24-25.
- ⇒ Attended Congregational Meeting.
- ⇒ Met with Janet and Darlene about adult and children Christian Ed for the Fall
- ⇒ Met with Safe Church Committee
- ⇒ Met with Deacons
- ⇒ Met with Rochelle
- ⇒ Met with Clergy Community of Practice.

DEACONS

By Juliann Heilhecker & Stephen Williams
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“**W**hat does a Liturgist do during worship?”
“Maybe this is something I might be interested in.”

Rev. Courtney has been mentioning that soon we will be adding Liturgists back to our 10:00 worship service. If you have asked yourself these two questions, you are invited to attend Liturgist training following the 10:00 service on Sunday, August 21. This brief training session will be led by Rev. Courtney.

“Won’t you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? We are here to help each other....”

These two lines from Hymn 539 speak so well of all of us at PUCC. There is one person in particular who personifies these attributes in our congregation.

As deacon co-chairs, Stephen and I have the privilege of collecting and reading nominations for our annual Dr. of Friendship award. This award is meant to highlight a humble servant who has gone above and beyond servitude to our congregation. This year, there were an overwhelming number of nominations for one person.

Here are a few comments about this year’s recipient:

“She is probably one of the best examples in our church of quiet, humble, servant leadership.”

“She has always been a shining background force in the church. She’s always willing to lend a hand and go the extra mile.”

If you want to know more about this year’s recipient, then please tune into the service on August 14th to see ????? receive the Dr. of Friendship award!

Thank you,

Juliann Heilhecker and Stephen Williams

**YOU'RE ALL INVITED TO THE POOL PARTY!
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO SWIM TO HAVE FUN
PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER, DESSERT, OR
BEVERAGE TO SHARE.
IF YOU WANT TO SWIM, PLEASE BRING A TOWEL**

**THE END OF
SUMMER
DOESN'T MEAN
THE END OF FUN!**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 05, 2022

3 PM - 7 PM

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BY AUGUST 24 TO
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COME RAIN OR SHINE!



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Meeting Schedule for Committees & Small Groups

Book Club via Zoom (Fran Howard)	1st Tuesday of the month—7:00 p.m.
Pilgrimage Council (Rochelle Lofstrand, Pres.)....	Second Thurs. of the month—7:00 p.m.
Sandwich Club Support (Trish Greeves)	Quarterly Meetings—3:00 p.m. Saturday
Spiritual Seekers' Group (Trish Greeves).....	4th Tuesday of the month—7:00 p.m.
PFLAG	4th Sunday of the month—1:00 p.m. https://pflag.org/chapter/pflag-marietta

This listing includes the group name, followed by the coordinator or director in parenthesis then the meeting days and times. If your group should be added to this list, please e-mail office@pilgrimageucc.org.

The Month in Sundays

Aug. 7	Worship Council Installation (10:00 service) 8:30 & 10:00AM Communion (both services)
Aug. 14	Worship 8:30 & 10:00AM
Aug. 21	Worship 8:30 & 10:00AM Liturgist Training (11:30 a.m.)
Aug. 28	Worship 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. PFLAG Meeting (1:00 p.m.)