

Questions You May Have

Where is the church? We are located on the corner of DeWitt Rd. and W. Parks Rd. 2965 W. Parks Rd., St. Johns. Check our home page for directions.



Where do I park? You may enter our parking lot from DeWitt Rd. or W. Parks Rd. There is a section marked for visitors and handicapped near the main entrance. Our main entrance is under the overhang drive-thru.



What time should we come? We have 2 services on Sunday Morning; 8:30 & 11:00. Both services are a blended service. This means that there is a praise band and an organ, an adult choir and praise singers, traditional hymns and contemporary worship songs, and inspired preaching from the Word of God.



What do I wear? You are welcome to wear whatever you are comfortable in. Some will wear their "Sunday best" and some will wear jeans. During the summer months, you may see some wearing dress shorts or women wearing Capri's.



Do I need to bring my Bible? Yes if you wish to follow along with the reading from your own. The scripture is projected on a screen and there are Bibles in the pews. We read from the New International Version (NIV).



Do you have hearing devices? Yes. Ask one of the ushers to get you one.



Is your church handicapped assessable? Yes. We have handicapped parking spaces; the building is all on one floor, handicap restrooms and areas in the sanctuary where a wheel chair user can sit alongside others in the pew without feeling in the way or on display.



When is Communion? The service of Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.

Who can participate in Communion? The United Methodist Church practices open Communion. Everyone (including children) who wish to take Communion is welcome to participate.

How is Communion served? We celebrate Communion by using small cups filled with grape juice and cubes of bread. The ushers direct the people up the center aisle, where the Communion servers stand on each side of the front altar. (One with the cups and one with the bread.) You may choose to kneel and pray at the altar rails. We also have anointers who will anoint with oil and pray with you. Afterwards you will return to your seats down the side aisle.

If you are unable to come to the front of the church for Communion please notify one of the ushers so that a server may bring the Communion elements to you.



May my children stay with me during the service? You and your children should do whatever makes you the most comfortable.

We incorporate a children's moment into our 8:30 a.m. service. (Children 4 years old thru the 3rd grade)

We offer a children's church during the 11:00 a.m. service. (Children 4 years old thru the 5th grade) The children are signed in at the east entrance of the gym by their parent. The curriculum include singing, Bible stories, crafts, and small groups for discussion.

On special occasions, all children will remain with their families during the worship service.

Older children are encouraged to participate in the service by being an Acolyte.

What if the child is restless? We do have a pew in the back of the sanctuary behind the glass wall where parent and children can sit. There is a speaker out there so you can still hear the service.



Is there a nursery? Yes. Please feel free to leave your child in the nursery. (Infant – age 3) It is well equipped with cribs and toys and tended by dedicated and caring individuals. We also have a paging system to notify you if you need to go the nursery during the service.



Do you have a Sunday school hour? Yes. It is between the first service and the second; 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. We have classes for all ages including several adult classes. See Sunday school brochure for info. Sunday school takes a break at the end of May until September.

Do you have a children's program in the middle of week? Caravan is for children kindergarten thru 6th grade. They meet every Wednesdays at 6:30pm. (During the school year.) This is a Christian Scouting program provided by our church where children can sing, learn Bible verses, do crafts, go on field trips, earn badges, receive Jesus Christ as their Savior and grow in their Christian walk.

Do you have a youth group? Yes we have a program for youth 6th – 12th grade. **KAIO** Sr. High (9th-12th) meet on Sunday evening from 6:30-8pm. **KAIO** Jr. High (6th-8th) meet on Wednesday evening from 6:30-8pm. There are special activities throughout the year.



What youth activities do you have? TAC (Teen Activity Center) is for teens 6th thru 12th grades. We are reaching out to area youth to provide a place where teens can socialize and recreate in a positive Christian environment where they can be introduced to Christ. Jr. High and Sr. High meet from 6:30pm to 9:00pm. They are supervised by many adult volunteers. This ministry starts in September and goes until the end of May.



How do I get in touch with the staff?

- Sign the attendance sheet during the worship service. If you give your address and phone number, someone from the church will get in touch with you. Also you will be added to our mailing list, to receive the monthly newsletter.
- Introduce yourself after the service.
- Call the church office, 989.224.6865, or email Candy Pierson, our secretary, at pilgrimumc@mutualdata.com
- Email Pastor Ken at pastorken@mutualdata.com
- Email Eric Branch, Director of Youth & Evangelism at pastorejb@hotmail.com
- Email Vicky Bremer, Relational Ministries Coordinator at vicbremer@mutualdata.com



How do I find out about special events or on-going projects? Our web site is updated regularly with the latest schedule. www.pilgrimchurch.com. Our newsletter is full of upcoming events. The Sunday bulletin contains information about upcoming events.

How can I be of service on Sunday morning? We are delighted to have many people take an active role on Sunday morning. If you want to know more about how to do it, call the church office. 989.224.6865.

Some of the opportunities to serve include: Greeter, Usher, sing in the choir, help in the nursery, be a helper for Sunday school, Caravan or Vacation Bible School.

Are there Bible study opportunities?

- A women's weekly Bible study on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 –12:00 a.m. at the church
- Women Growing in the Word Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m.
- Small groups established each year for a Lenten study.

Do I have to be a member to participate in the life and ministries of Pilgrim UMC? Several of the most active people at Pilgrim are not members, and some are not even Methodist. Non-members are welcome to participate on committees and other activities. Speak with Pastor Ken about what it means to be a Methodist and about becoming a member.



How do I become a member? We welcome interest in membership at Pilgrim. The classes are scheduled by the pastor. In these classes we discuss together faith questions of the participants and you will have an opportunity to learn more about the United Methodist beliefs.

Members are received in three ways.

- By profession of faith and baptism
- By letter of transfer from another United Methodist Church
- By letter of transfer from another Christian church

To learn more about membership please speak with Pastor Ken.