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A season of giving



The Mission Ministry extends a heartfelt 'thank you' to the church and to the Atomic Dogs motorcycle club for all turkey donations. The Boy Scouts pitched in during the mini-sermon service and to help carry the food baskets and turkeys to the vehicles of the recipients. With the church's help, the Mission Ministry hopes to give even more families a Holiday dinner next year.



In December, the Mission Ministry distributed three large Christmas stockings full of gifts to A Woman's Fund and The Times Center. While there, they shared the news that Pilgrim is a wonderful church and that our doors are always open whenever they wish to visit with us.



On Sunday, December 20, 2009, the women of Pilgrim and the Hospitality Committee presented the seniors a Christmas wonderland of beautifully decorated dinner tables and a magnificently served Christmas meal. Voices of Praise rendered carols while the Mission Ministry gave out over fifteen Christmas gifts.

Upcoming Events

Mission Ministry Soup for the Soul
Monday, February 8th, 6:00 pm

NAAPID Day
Monday, February 8th

Male Chorus Monthly Musical
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Saturday, February 13th

Church Outing to Morning Star Freewill
Church Anniversary Celebration
Sunday, February 14th

Bowling Outing
Arrowhead Lanes
Sunday, February 21st, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Christian Current Submission Deadline
Sunday, February 21st

Field Wear & African Attire Sunday
Sunday, February 28th

BYF Black History Program
Sunday, February 28th, 3:00 pm

NAAPID Day



NAAPID stands for National African American Parent Involvement Day. It will take place on Monday, February 8 this year and all parents are encouraged to visit their child's school. NAAPID is a national CALL TO ACTION to increase parental and community involvement in schools.

The impact of this national action day will result in ongoing benefits, throughout the school year, toward a goal of educational excellence for African American students. Do your part as a parent, aunt, uncle, grandparent, mentor, role model or just an involved citizen of the Champaign-Urbana community and make your way out to the public schools to show your support and involvement.

"Every parent wants their child to have a better quality than they themselves had. It is the American dream; and for many African Americans, this dream has not been realized as a result of their child's failure in school. Education is the key to success and parents are educators' greatest allies."

- Joe Dulin

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SUBMIT IDEAS

Do you have a story suggestion or good news that you would like to share with Pilgrim? Drop a form in the newsletter submissions box located in the vestibule or send your information to:
pmbcnewsletter@gmail.com

March Submission Deadline:
Sunday, February 21st



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Pastor Parks' Birthday Fellowship



On Sunday, January 10, Pilgrim wished Pastor Parks a "Happy Birthday" with a wall filled with hearts of love and a fellowship dinner at Ryan's. The entire Pilgrim family expressed how much we love and appreciate Pastor Parks for his preaching and his teaching. "We Love You"!

Tax Services

Get your taxes done for free at the Don Moyer's Boys & Girls Club during the following times:

Saturday, February 20 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Sunday, March 14 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Make sure you bring the following documents with you to the site:

All W-2s and 1099s (if any)
 Social Security Cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) for all family members
 Valid photo ID
 Copy of last year's tax returns, if available
 Bank Account Number and Routing Number to direct deposit your refund
 Property tax bill
 Amount spent on college expenses

Sis. Joann Jones is available to answer any tax-related questions during this tax season. For expert advice and guidance, she can be reached at:

(217) 359-1028 or (217) 369-6209

It takes one to know one. Be a mentor.

January was National Mentoring Month.

A special thank you goes to everyone that mentors in both Champaign and Urbana school districts.

**It takes one to know one.
 Be a Mentor.**



Franklin Middle School is currently flooded with mentor requests. January was National Mentoring Month, but mentors are needed every month and every day. Stop and think, "Who mentored You?" If there was someone who took the time to help you along your childhood and adolescent journey, pay your respects by passing that blessing on to someone else. Even if you never experienced the blessings of a good mentor, change the cycle and make a difference in a child's life.

For more information and to sign up, contact:

Joanna Pelafas
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Church Chat!



Sis. Barbara McGee
 Lay Person of the Year, 2009

On November 13, 2009, Sis. Barbara McGee was presented as Lay Person of the Year by the Minster's Alliance of Champaign-Urbana for tireless devotion for all Children and Uplifting the Community and working with seniors.



Bro. James Hunter
 CFII & MEI Certification, Flight Instruction

In January, Bro. James Hunter passed the Multi Engine Instructor and Certified Flight Instrument Instructor exams in Tampa, Florida.



Sis. Judy Conerly
 Dorcas Fellowship Award Recipient

On December 16, 2009, Sis. Judy Conerly received notification that she would be honored on Saturday, April 17 as a Dorcas Fellowship Award recipient for diligently serving God by serving others. Tickets to the banquet can be purchased in advance.



Sis. Juanita Ashford
 Outstanding Service Award, University of Illinois

On December 9, 2009, Sis. Juanita Ashford was presenting with the Outstanding Service Award in recognition of her commitment, dedication and services provided to the U of I and for five years of service.