

Good News

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Annual Bazaar

Saturday, November 14
10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Needed for the church bazaar Treasure Trove are: knick-knacks, glassware, Christmas items or whatever you have that is in good saleable condition or new. Things can be brought any time and placed on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

A message from Moderator Nancy Wendt

Blessings to all of you! It has been a cold and chilly beginning to our season of fall. However, the warmth of Plymouth wraps its arms around us all to comfort and shield us from the elements. Exciting things are happening in the next month for Plymouth!

First, I want to thank the Wendt family, Rob Jaenke, and Pastor David for helping at the church clean-up on October 17. We made headway in getting things put away for the winter, cleaning out gutters, weeding flower beds, and fixing the entry door so it won't stick anymore! There are more flower beds to weed and flowers to cut off, so feel free to stop by the church any time and help get them ready for winter.

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Newsletter email list compromised

For whatever reason, the gremlins in cyberspace decided to delete 80% of the names on the newsletter email list. An effort has been made to reconstruct the list, but there may still be names missing. If you did not receive your email notification that this month's newsletter is available for viewing, please contact Mimi at mimi@pcucc.com.

Getting ready for church

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

November Sunday Worship Notes

November 1

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday

Pot luck

Daylight Savings Ends

Ruth 1:1–8; Psalm 146;

Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34

November 8

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17; Psalm 127;

Hebrews 9:24–28, Mark 13:1–8

November 15

24th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 1:4–20; 1 Samuel 2:1–10;

Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18), 19–25;

Mark 13:1–8

November 22

Christ the King Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1–7; Psalm 132:1–12,
(13–18);

Revelation 1:4b–8; John 18:33–37

November 29

First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:1–10;

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13; Luke 21:25–36

In November, we are praying for these individuals/families: Sam & Jean Dean, Mike & Lori Detjens, Lilah Eastzman, Tami (Chris) Eisberner, Jerry (Mary) Foote, Terri (Joe) Gilbert, Dorothy Gilbertson, Paul (Gay) Gilbertson

Food for Thought

We are thinking about Christmas already, believe it or not!!! We are once again going to do Christmas bags for some of the children at St. Francis. Here's a list of what we would like to put in the bags: washable markers, little notepads, puzzle books, water paints, stickers, little stampers, play doh. We will have a box set out in fellowship hall to collect all the goodies.

St. Francis Food Pantry can still use money and basic food items, grocery bags (plastic and paper), motel-size soaps, lotions, shampoos and body wash. We will continue to take our special offering for them on the first Sunday of the month.

Due to the busy month at Plymouth, there will be no pot luck in November. However, you can plan ahead for December. The pot luck will be on Stewardship Sunday, December 6. The church will be decorated for Christmas, so we should start the Advent season out with a great church gathering.

Poinsettia order form on last page of this newsletter.

Memorials

The Stewardship Commission has determined the following items/projects to which memorials may be designated: new flooring for the nursery, a lighting upgrade, on-demand water heater, the General Fund.

! Undesignated gifts to the **Memorial Fund:** *In honor of Sophie Bliss' 100th birthday:* Dorothy Kruschke

! Designated gifts to the **Memorial Fund:** *For the Youth in memory of Mary Lou Welk:* Jerry & Mary Foote, George & Debbie Helgestad Family, Irma and Joanne Ottinger, Gordy & Audrey Heimstead, Carl & Bobbi Casselman, Rev. David Huber

Meals on Wheels needs help!

The Meals on Wheels program needs regular and substitute volunteers to deliver meals to homebound people in Eau Claire. Meals are delivered Mon–Fri and take about one hour at lunchtime. Training is provided and gas mileage can be reimbursed. Contact Debbi Johnson at 839-4763 for more info or to volunteer.

Save the date!

Friday, December 11 at 7:00 P.M. Cyndi Bradbury will present her “Requiem for the Common Person” at the Arts Practicum Concert at United Seminary.

Christena Strandt honored

Christena Strandt has been given a Sunshine Award by WEAU Channel 13 for her participation in the efforts of the women who meet each Tuesday to make quilts for needy families. She has been doing this for many years and has probably had a hand in putting together over 90 quilts each year.

Order nuts now!

We will again be selling fancy mixed nuts this fall. They will be sold at the bazaar, but we can make them available earlier if anyone needs them. Prices are as follows:

\$12 for a 14 oz. box

\$20 for a 28 oz. box

\$22 for a 28 oz. tin



Please place your order on the sign-up sheet at the back table, or email your order to Keith Zehms at z88@charter.net

Nancy Wendt

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Next, the Fall Bazaar is approaching. Please remember that we need everyone to help make this event a success. Come join in the fellowship of others on Saturday, November 14.

Finally, I am delighted to inform the congregation that we now have a Moderator Elect. Larry Kleist has been gracious to offer himself for another term as Moderator Elect and then Moderator for 2010. Thank you so very much, Larry, for offering to help out. With him heading the Nominating Committee along with Louise, Aurora, and Jim Welk, I'm sure they will find our church another great slate of officers for next year. Thank you in advance to all who are willing to serve this church or continue on commissions.

Have a great Thanksgiving, everyone! Remember to give thanks for the beautiful church and people of Plymouth United Church of Christ.

God bless!

~Nancy Wendt

Good News



Pastor's Pen

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

On November 1, All Saints' Day, we will gather as Christ's people to remember and celebrate the lives of all the saints who have gone before, and specifically remember those from our congregation who have died in the last year. Martin Luther wrote that death is the completion of baptism. It is a thought I've been pondering since reading it last week in a book about historical Christian funeral practices and writings about death. Melinda Ann Quivik, the author of the book, is a pastor. She had a beautiful paragraph about death and the ashes Ash Wednesday:

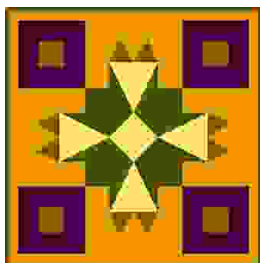
"To contemplate Ash Wednesday is to consider the essence of Christian faith, for it takes us directly to the fundamental fears made null and void by the Risen One. Jesus' resurrection announces to us

time and time again that...our dread...is not the last word in God's scheme of things. God's last word is resurrection. Our return to dust does not have to render us lifeless while we are yet living. Even the dust is held in the hands of the God who makes resurrection out of death, having defeated death once for all time."

On All Saints' Day we remember and celebrate of the faithful who have gone before us into the undiscovered country of eternal life. We will hear again the Good News of Easter's promise that death has lost its sting and we all have new life in Jesus Christ.

May we all find comfort in that in our daily lives as we live between baptism and eternal life.

Blessings,



Plymouth and Truax Quilters work together to make quilts which they donate to Western Dairyland. Very often, Western Dairyland's clients send notes of thanks. Here is a sampling of what they have to say:

"... It really means a lot that someone who doesn't even know us cares enough to take the time to make them. Thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts." —the Kadus Family

"Thank you for the quilts. Aaron, Kenneth and Patricia like how warm and colorful they are." —Angela

"Thank you very much for our quilts. They are comfy and my daughter carries hers all over the place." —Mandi

"Thank you so much. The kids really enjoy them." —Linda

"Thanks for the quilts. They are great. The boys like them too." —Jessica

"... We recently split from Daddy and use your quilts every night and love them! Keep up the good work, because the world really needs people like you, so thank you and God bless you!" —Kelly

"... Each one is unique and beautifully crafted. I am blessed to have received them ..." —Josie

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Nancy Wendt, Kay Stecher, Rob Jaenke, and Pastor David Huber

Nancy called the meeting to order and opened with devotional reading. The September Council minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Reports:

As of September 30, 2009

Year to Date Income	\$83,172.66
Year to Date Expenses	\$84,271.37
Ahead (Behind)	(\$1,098.71)
Building Fund Balance	\$29,860.16
Memorial Fund Balance	\$5,748.55

Treasurer's Report:

Income this month was \$7973.60, expenses were \$9658.78, leaving us with September loss of \$1685.18 and a check book balance of \$60.24. Some larger expenses were the association dues, partial payment of the lawn mowing of \$400 and \$514.00 of the Food Pantry offering. The envelope giving is now down around \$5900. Rob hopes to pay more of the lawn mowing in October and some of the money that was collected for St. Francis. The Reserve Fund is now around \$4700.00 and that money will be used to pay those two items. We still have not paid any of our OCWM or special offerings to the Conference.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$5748.55. We still owe the Memorial Fund \$1772.35 from the General Fund. There is an undesignated amount in the Memorial Fund of \$30.00 which will be used to offset a little of the balance.

Building Fund Report:

No report

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

The Sunday School studied Communion for the month of September. On Oct. 4, the children baked the bread for communion. On Oct. 11, Pastor David had the blessing of the stuffed animals for them. Oct. 28 will be the annual "Halloween Spooktacular," everyone is invited. The time is 6-7:30 with a light supper being served. They will be making and selling crafts at the Bazaar again this year. The Youth class will meet Oct 25; a schedule will be given out. Oct. 18 is Children's Sabbath. Many of our youth will participate. Adult Ed continues with the study of Parables. Next will be the study of hymn tunes.

Stewardship Commission:

Larry and Pastor David showed us a design for the banner. They are asking her for a couple more designs. They are meeting with the curator at the Chippewa Valley Museum to get more information about an artifact case. They talked about the outstanding bills, and it was decided that we need to make sure the money for St. Francis goes out immediately. Stewardship Sunday will be December 6. There will be fewer mailings for that this year, but the same format. We can start ordering the mixed nuts. Larry asked that we think of people we can sell the nuts to in quantity. The costs are the same as last year; \$12 for the single box, \$20 for a double box and \$22 for the tins. He also had the coupon books for Younkers. They are \$5 each, and the entire \$5 goes to Plymouth, so the more we sell the more money we receive.

Worship Commission:

Advent decorating will be December 5. We have purchased oil candles, which should be in shortly. This is from Memorial money from Mary Stygar's sister.



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*Council Minutes
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Building & Grounds:

We still need to find someone new for snow removal, since our person has moved out of state. If anyone knows of someone, they should have them give us a bid. Ron will look over the bids and decide on one. A Fall Clean-up will be Saturday, October 17. Rob mentioned that we are out of light bulbs. He will ask Mimi if she orders them or if she knows where we get them.

Women of Plymouth:

The Bazaar is November 14.

Pastors Report:

Pastor David made 25 visits in September. The funeral for Mary Lou Welk will be either Friday or Saturday of this week.

Mission Committee:

We will be doing the Christmas bags for St. Francis. The box for the school supplies will be out in Fellowship Hall. There is some feeling that we are having too many pot lucks, so we will cut out a couple during the year. We will start with the one in November, since we have a fairly busy month.

Copier:

We will be getting a new copier on Tuesday and will try to sell the old one. This will be quite a large savings, especially on the service contract.

Moderator Elect:

Since no one has come forward to volunteer for this position, the council has appointed Larry Kleist as Moderator-Elect. He has accepted.

Pastor David closed with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 P.M.
Respectfully Submitted
Barb Kleist

Be a sponsor!

Sponsor an issue of the newsletter, a weekly bulletin, or the illumination of the cross on the front of our building in memory or in honor of someone or in honor of a special event, or even just because! Bulletin and newsletter sponsors will be recognized in the issue they sponsor. Cross sponsors will be listed in all publications for the month of sponsorship. Support a bulletin for \$15, a newsletter for \$50, or illuminate the cross for \$50. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary.

November Birthdays

- 2 Phil Martell
- 4 Julie Johnson
- 5 Christena Strandt
- 6 Dan Hestekin
Arvilla Kruschke
- 7 Jacob Leipnitz
- 8 Julie Leipnitz
- 10 Kevin Champion
- 12 Lesa Green
- 15 Bea Hancock
Caroline Wille
- 20 Tyjha Stygar
- 21 Ruth Kavanagh
- 25 Samuel Cooke
- 26 Jean Peissig
Kevin Phillips
- 30 Jacqueline Andersen



- Paper towels
- Facial tissue
- Soft Scrub
- Paper napkins
- SOS pads

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2009</h1>						
<p>1 St. Francis Pantry All Saints' Sunday 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship</p> <p>Daylight Savings Ends</p>	2	<p>3 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	4	5	6	7
<p>8 Prayers for the People 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Comm. 10:30 A.M. Worship</p>	<p>9 7:00 P.M. Executive Council</p>	<p>10 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters Service Comm.</p>	11	12	13	<p>14 10:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M. Annual Bazaar</p>
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<p>22 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship</p>	23	<p>24 NO Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	<p>25 7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve worship at Truax</p>	<p>26 Thanksgiving Office closed</p>	27	28
<p>29 1st Sunday of Advent 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission</p>	30					

Poinsettia plants and wreaths will be used to decorate our church for Christmas. Anyone interested in contributing to these is most welcome to do so. If you like, your plant or wreath donation may be given in memory or in honor of a loved one. Please fill out the information below and return it with your payment to the church office before December 2. Checks should be made out to Plymouth UCC. Please note "poinsettia" or "wreath" on your check. Poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas.



Your name(s) _____

Given in memory/honor (circle one) of: _____

I/we would like to donate _____ red poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.25 each \$ _____

I/we would like to donate _____ white poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.25 each \$ _____

I/we would like to donate _____ pink poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.25 each \$ _____

I/we would like to donate _____ marble poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.25 each \$ _____

I/we would like to donate to the Christmas wreaths. \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____