



# Good News

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## Annual Thrift Sale



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## BAKE SALE

April 30 8:00 A.M.–6:00 P.M.

May 1 8:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.

Sale is indoors ... so come rain or shine!



Come one, come all to ...



at **your** church

Saturday, May 15  
9:00 A.M. until ???

Lunch will be provided

Projects to be completed include pulling/spraying weeds, raking pine cones, cleaning off the patio, and washing windows inside and out. This can be a fun day and full of family fellowship. There will be something for all members to do, whatever your age.

# Getting ready for church

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## May Worship Notes

### 10:30 A.M. Worship

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

#### May 2

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*

Acts 11:1–18; Psalm 148;  
Revelation 21:1–6; John 13:31–35

#### May 9

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*Mother's Day*

Acts 16:9–15;  
Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5;  
John 14:23–29 or John 5:1–9

#### May 16

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:16–34; Psalm 97;  
Revelation 22:12–14, 16–17, 20–21;  
John 17:20–26

#### May 23

*Pentecost Sunday*

*Strengthen the Church offering*

Acts 2:1–21 or Genesis 11:1–9;  
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b;  
Romans 8:14–17 or Acts 2:1–21;  
John 14:8–17, (25–27)

#### May 30

*Trinity Sunday*

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Psalm 8;  
Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12–15

#### **In May, we are praying for these**

**individuals/families:** Eileen Polden, Kenny (Annette) Polden, Gloria Polden, Dorothy Preston, Jane Retallick, Jim & Linda Ross, Mel & Bobbie Rude, Doug & Nancy Salter

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## Food for Thought

*Spring is sprung, the grass is riz,  
I wonder when the next pot luck is??*

(Pretty bad poetry isn't it!) The next pot luck is Sunday, May 2 and we are going to have a picnic pot luck! Brats and hamburgers will be provided. Bring a picnic dish to pass.

We will be serving at the Community Table, Saturday, August 21. Please mark your calendars. We need at least 12 people to help. Watch for more details and a sign up sheet.

St. Francis 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.

## Celebrate on May 9

Be sure to come to church on May 9 as the Christian Education people are celebrating the "Festival of the Christian Home." We will be honoring all members of God's family and we'll have a special gift for everyone!

## May Birthdays

- 1 Tami Eisberner  
Jerry Lowry
- 6 Tyrone Stygar  
Jeanne Zehms
- 7 Eileen Polden
- 8 Rita Gosbin  
John Stecher
- 11 Ann Leipnitz  
Tony Shepler
- 15 Azariah Ivkovich
- 16 Lilah Eastzman  
Paul Gilbertson  
Ericka leipnitz
- 30 Linda Jaenke



The Executive Council needs your help. We are a church that really knows how to do a potluck right: serve exceptional food while enjoying social time with our membership. The Executive Council hopes you will share with us your favorite potluck recipes, anything and everything from appetizers through desserts. So, if you are willing to help us out...and we know you have lots of amazing recipes in that kitchen of yours...please email your recipes to debzehms88@charter.net or drop them off in the church office to my attention.

Thanks! Deb Zehms

## Show your hospitality

First Congregational UCC is looking for help in housing for a 35-member UCC High School choir (youth and adult chaperones) from Omaha, NE touring WI, MI, IL an IA this summer. They need housing Saturday night, June 5, and to be at First Congregational early in the morning on June 6. If you are willing to house one or more youth or adult chaperones, please contact Jill Christopherson at First Congregational UCC (834-2668).

## Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise \$420 for our campers at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Magnificent Muffin Morning! Our fantastic bakers were Gladys Ulry, Faye LaPean, Louise Partlow, Tami Eisberner, Nancy Wendt, Deb Zehms, Pastor David, Dorothy Gilbertson, and Joanne Miller who over 250 muffins of all flavors! Thanks also to Linda Jaenke and Aurora Bradbury-Schoening for bringing milk and orange juice. Thanks to the campers and their families for helping set up and serve, and thanks to *YOU* for your generous support of this event!!

## Moderator potpourri

Important events at Plymouth Church:  
 April 30–May 1—Thrift Sale  
 May 9—New sanctuary banner dedication  
 May 15—Church clean-up day  
 June 9—Pie & Ice Cream Social

The third Sunday of each month has been designated as OCWM Sunday when we take a special offering that will go directly to OCWM. On Sunday, April 18, we collected \$149.00 for OCWM. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Envelope giving for the first three months of this year is \$3000.00 more than last year. Thanks for your faithful giving.

# Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,



May is going to be a fun and good month for Plymouth, with a lot of things happening. April 30 and May 1 is our annual spring thrift sale. Then on Sunday, May 2, we resume our monthly potluck after worship, this month with a picnic to celebrate the coming of spring. On May 9, the children will help us celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home. We will have a guest preacher that Sunday as well: Rev. Wanda Veldman, who is making our new banner for the sanctuary. She will present the banner and tell us about its symbolism and meaning. Saturday, May 15, is a clean up day to spruce up the church and the campus and make it welcoming,

clean, and good looking again. On May 16 we will celebrate and recognize our Sunday School teachers during worship. I hope you will join in on these fun things.

Also, during the week of May 17 to May 21, I will be in Nashville, TN at the Festival of Homiletics, a conference on the art of preaching. Rev. Dave Stratton will cover for me while I am gone. Thank you all for giving me time in my schedule and funds for my continuing education. It is an important ministry to your minister.

Blessings,

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## March Financial Summary

### 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.

Income:	\$11,885.52
Expenses:	\$11,761.12
March Gain:	\$12,4.40
!	\$1716.63 was paid for the pension
!	\$1789.09 was paid for health insurance
!	\$788.58 was paid for building insurance
!	\$329.52 was paid for the water bill
!	\$345.00 was paid to OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing)
!	\$570.00 was paid to St Francis Food Pantry

All the big quarterly payments were made and money did not have to be borrowed!

# Executive Council Minutes

April 12, 2010

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, Deb Zehms, Louise Partlow, Kay Stecher, Char Kozlowski and Pastor David Huber.

Larry called the meeting to order. The March Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

### Financial Reports:

As of March 31, 2010

Year to Date Income	\$31,671.79
Year to Date Expenses	\$31,343.01
Ahead (Behind)	\$328.78
Building Fund Balance	\$26,452.12
Memorial Fund Balance	\$6,128.80

### Treasurer's Report:

Income this month was \$11,885.52; expenses were \$11,761.12 leaving us with March gain of \$124.40 and a check book balance of \$384.98. The quarterly payments of the pension of \$1716.63, the health insurance of \$1789.09, the building insurance of \$788.58 and the water bill of \$329.52 were all made. A \$3000.00 transfer from the Reserve Fund helped us to make these bills. As of the end of March our envelope giving was up about \$3200.00. We also collected \$345 for The One Great Hour of Sharing and \$570.00 for the food pantry and those amounts have been forwarded on, also.

### Reserve Fund Report:

The Reserve Fund has a balance of about \$2800.00 at the end of March. There was a PIP interest deposit of around \$4500 and a withdrawal to the General Fund of \$3000.00.

### Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$6128.80. There was a General Fund donation of \$600 which was used to offset the balance owed to the Memorial Fund by the General Fund.

### Building Fund Report:

We have a check book balance of \$2295.20 and a savings account balance of \$24156.92. Louise will close out the checking account, since we have no need for that any more. The money from that will be deposited in the savings account.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

### Christian Education Commission:

The Magnificent Muffin breakfast was a success. \$420 was raised to help our campers go to Moon Beach. They have also raised \$70 from the film festival in February and \$100 in the sale of candy bars. The rest of the money for the campers will come from the Mary Lou Welk memorial fund. On May 9, we will celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home. The Sunday School kids will have gifts for Moms and Dads. They will be attending a conference at First Congregational Church on April 17 called "Imagine! The Art of Faith Formation."



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*Council Minutes  
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**Stewardship Commission:**

The all-church thrift sale will be April 30 and May 1. We need people to work Friday and Saturday and lots of marked items. Sign up sheets are up at church. The first new banner will be dedicated on May 9. Rev. Wanda Veldman, who is the maker of the banner, will also be our guest preacher that day. They are working on the artifact case. The builder who will be making it is tied up till summer, so it will be a little while yet. The Pie & Ice Cream Social will be June 9, one week after Truax has theirs. Stewardship has decided that they will take an offering the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month for OCWM, much like we do for St Francis. Larry was wondering if there would be any interest from our shut in's on receiving a CD of the sermon. The question was raised whether they would know how to operate a CD player. They will look into the costs and whether it is feasible.

**Worship Commission:**

The Easter Service was well attended. The change in time also didn't seem to affect the Muffin breakfast. There was a small attendance at the Maundy Thursday Service, but as usual it was a very meaningful service. The Wednesday evening Lenten discussions and suppers were well attended.

**Service Commission:**

No report

**Building and Grounds:**

Jim will check on the couple of roof leaks that we have. The spring clean up day was set for May 15 at 9:00 A.M.

**Women of Plymouth:**

They will now be meeting every 4 months and have no official board. Dorothy Kruscke will still take care of the kitchen, Mary Stygar will be treasurer, Joanne Miller will be secretary and Char Kozlowski will report to the Executive Council. Mary and Joanne will also work together on funerals. They will be having another bake sale along with the church's thrift sale.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor David made 47 visits in March. He led worship at Heatherwood again. He will be leading worship at a Christian Ed. event at First Congregational on April 17. The Northwest Association meeting is April 24 at First Congregational. We still need a delegate for that meeting. The Wisconsin Conference annual meeting is June 11-13. We need another delegate for that, also. Pastor David will be directing MADD camp June 21-27, and will need to go up on June 20. He will also be gone May 17-21 on a study leave, attending the Homiletics Festival in Nashville. On the National UCC news front, as of March 31, UCC giving to relief in Haiti has reached \$2.1 million.

**Other Business:**

- ! Our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary is this year. The Council will plan an event.
- ! Professional Administrators week is April 19-23. Barb will take care of that.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Kleist

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1</p> <p><b>THRIFT SALE</b></p> <p>8 A.M. to 2 P.M.</p>
<p><b>2 St. Francis Pantry</b></p> <p>9:15 A.M. Sun Sch &amp; Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck &amp; picnic</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 P.M. WOP Board</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	5	6	7	8
<p><b>9 Prayers for the People</b></p> <p>9:15 A.M. Sun Sch &amp; Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 P.M. Executive Council</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	12	13	14	<p>15</p> <p>Spring Cleaning Day 9:00 A.M.</p>
<p><b>16 OCWM</b></p> <p>9:15 A.M. Sun Sch &amp; Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm. <b>Pastor David gone May 17-21</b></p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	19	20	21	22
<p><b>23 Pentecost</b></p> <p>10:30 A.M. Worship</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	26	27	28	29
<p>30</p> <p>10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission</p>	<p>31 <b>Memorial Day</b> Office Closed</p>  <p><b>Memorial Day</b> Remember Those Who Gave Their Lives</p>					