



Good News

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Joint Worship with Truax

Sunday, July 18
At Truax at 9:30 A.M.

A pot luck will follow worship.

Just a reminder ...

Beginning July 17, 2010 you will need to dial the area code even for local calls. To ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers, area code 534 has been added (overlaid) to the geographic region now covered by 715 alone. You should begin using the new procedure now whenever you place local calls from the 715 area code. Just dial all 10 digits (area code + 7-digit telephone number) for every local call. If you forget the area code, the call will still go through until July 17. After that, the call will not be completed, and a recording will provide instructions on how to redial your call. If you have questions regarding the now dialing procedure, please call the Public Service Commission at 1-800-331-0500.

Getting ready for church

July Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

July 4

6th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Acts 7 & 8

(No pot luck)

July 11

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 9 & 10

July 18

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Joint worship with Truax UCC *at*

Truax at 9:30 A.M. followed by a pot luck

July 25

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Acts 11–13

In July, we are praying for these individuals/families: Christena Strandt, Steve & Jeanne Strassman, Benji & Cathy Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue (Tom) Thompson, Jerry Tubbs, Gladys Ulry

Food for Thought

The next pot luck is Sunday, July 18 and it will be at Truax after our joint worship service. Please join us for this special fellowship event. Our next pot luck at Plymouth will be on August 1 and it will be a cook out.

We will be serving at the Community Table on Saturday, August 21. Please mark your calendars as we need at least 12 people to help. The sign-up sheet is out on the table.

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.

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 memory of Calvin Carter: Gordon & Audrey Heimstead*

Church Recipe Book



TIME IS RUNNING OUT to submit your potluck recipes and comments about our church!!! Now that I have your attention...remember that we need your recipes and comments by the end of July. If you have missed that last two newsletters, here's a recap...the Executive Council is hoping to collect **125** of your favorite potluck recipes and your thoughts/memories of our church by the end of July. It might be to commemorate a special date in the life of our church, which just might be our **125** anniversary...but that is just speculation. So come on people!!! We need you, and we know that you have great recipes. We have all eaten your food until we were stuffed! We know you have great stories to tell that relate to our church and its members. What funny, memorable, unique experiences do you have to share? When you think about Plymouth Church, what comes to mind...what makes you smile...what warms your heart? Please email these recipes and comments to debzehms88@charter.net or drop them off in the church office to my attention.

Thanks! Deb Zehms

July Birthdays

- 1 Tom Kruschke
- 2 Alice Noyes
- 9 Louise Partlow
- 11 Mel Rude
- 12 Maggie Leipnitz
- 18 Kayla Stygar
- 19 Megan Eisberner
- 26 Bill Liepnitz
- 27 Chelle Green
- Michael Green

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.

May Financial Summary

Income: \$9,236.84
Expenses: \$8,167.98

May gain: \$ 709.43

- ! Thrift Sale made \$1,388.78
- ! \$308.00 was paid to OCWM
- ! \$246.00 was paid to St. Francis Food Pantry

Pastor's Pen



Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

I write this sitting on the porch of Loon cabin at Moon Beach camp, looking across the lake on a beautiful sunny day. The campers are all enjoying their afternoon rest time after lunch. Even the loons, eagles, and squirrels seem to know that it's afternoon nap time. The camp is very quiet except for the sounds of a few insects and a couple birds outside my cabin. Sam and Hannah, Adam, Travis, Cyndi, and I are all here this week enjoying Christian fellowship surrounded by God's beautiful handiwork. We've been rained on a few times this week, and other times the sun has shone brilliantly. The weather has a mind of its own this week, but we adjust to it, improvise, and make do. We've hiked, swam, and boated in sun and rain. We've sung, feasted on well-prepared food, laughed ourselves silly, and shed tears at emotional moments. But mostly we've built a good model of the community of love that Jesus told us about, in which everyone is loved, gifts and abilities are used to their fullest ability, new things are learned about the world and about ourselves, and those who might live on edges in their lives outside of camp are welcomed with open arms and made to be part of the great family of camp.

Our campers will go back to their regular lives, but they will return as changed people, who will remember the blessings of this loving community and strive to make their communities look more like what we created here. They will help to make the world more peaceful, loving, and accepting. I thank God for our

ancestors in faith who provided the Wisconsin Conference with two excellent camps, Moon Beach and Pilgrim Center, that are supported so well and used so fully. These are some of the church's incubators where faithful disciples are grown and nurtured to take the message of God's all-encompassing inclusive love to a world that so deeply needs to hear it. Imagine how the world would be transformed if we all lived every day as though we were at camp.

May you be blessed with outdoor goodness, holy fun, and knowledge of God's love this summer,

Pastor David



Executive Council Minutes

June 14, 2010

Members present: Rob Jaenke, Deb Zehms, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, Kay Stecher, Louise Partlow and Pastor David Huber

Deb called the meeting to order. Pastor David opened with a prayer. The May Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of May 31, 2010

Year to Date Income	\$47,836.45
Year to Date Expenses	\$47,138.22
Ahead (Behind)	\$653.23
Building Fund Balance	\$26,452.16
Memorial Fund Balance	\$5,729.76

Treasurer's Report:

Income this month was \$9236.84; expenses were \$8167.98 leaving us with May gain of \$709.43. This includes Thrift Sale monies of \$1388.78. OCWM monies of \$308 were paid and \$246 for the St. Francis Food Pantry.

Reserve Fund Report:

The Reserve Fund balance for the end of May was not available.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$5729.76

Building Fund Report:

Balance \$26,452.16 (.04 interest on checking before closing)

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

The kids made magnetic bookmarks to give away to everyone for "Festival of the Christian Home" on May 9. Teachers and CE Commission members were honored May 16. Camper bags were distributed on this day for our five Moon Beach campers. There will be two Family Movie Nights this summer: June 20 and July 28. June's movie is "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe." Movies start at 7:00 P.M. Vacation Bible School is set for August 10-12, 6:30-9:00 P.M. The theme is "Creative Christian Kids!" All kids *and* adults are welcome to attend! We have lots of fun! Call the church office to let us know if you are coming. There will be no June CE meeting.

Stewardship Commission:

Pie & Ice Cream totals not yet final—over \$1200.

Worship Commission:

Discussed summer movie events and next communion preparation. Rev. Sandee Kosmo will preach on June 20 with George Stecher as liturgist and making sure everything is covered. There will be no pot luck on July 4.

Service Commission:

No report

Building and Grounds:

No report.



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Women of Plymouth:

Working on new Funeral and Building Use proposal. Will discuss at next meeting. Larry has the proposal.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David made 18 visits in May. Calvin Carter's funeral was May 28. Kathryn Hamilton and Allen Nall were married here on June 4. Pastor David will be directing MADD Camp at Moon Beach June 20-27. Northwest Association News: The Executive Committee of the Association is planning how to adjust to the restructuring. WI Conference News: At the annual meeting on June 12, the delegates voted to accept the restructuring proposal, with implementation to begin July 1, 2011. Between now and then, the WI Conference will begin to morph into the proposed structure. David noted at the meeting that the board can make changes without waiting for the annual meeting.

Other Business:

- Our joint service with Truax will be July 18 at Truax with pot luck following.
- On September 12, Jeanny House will be our guest speaker.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 P.M.
Respectfully Submitted, Louise Partlow

*Council Minutes
continued ...*

Fun with the Sun!

Before we had clocks and watches, people told time with sundials. Make a sundial to tell the time.

You will need:

- * a stick about a foot long
- * a permanent marker
- * a watch
- * 10 or 12 small wooden stakes
(Popsicle sticks or tongue depressors work well.)
- * a bright, sunny day

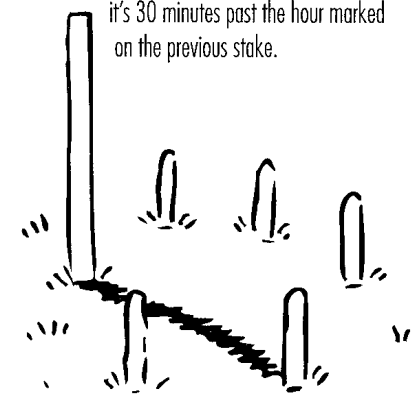
How to make it:

1. Choose a sunny area outside.
2. Place the stick in the ground.
3. When your watch is on the hour (ex. 1:00, 2:00, etc.), place a small stake at the end of the shadow made by the stick. Write the time on the stick with the marker.
4. After an hour has passed, put another stake in the ground where the shadow is now. Write the new time.
5. Continue this way throughout the day.

You now have a sundial!

How to read the time:

See where the shadow of the stick points. If it points to a stake the time is the time written on the stake. If the shadow is halfway between two stakes, it's 30 minutes past the hour marked on the previous stake.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 St. Francis Food Pantry offering 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	5	6 10:00 A.M. Quilters	7	8	9	10
11 Prayers for the People OCWM offering 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	12 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	13 10:00 A.M. Quilters	14	15	16	17
18 9:30 A.M. Joint worship at <i>Truax</i> followed by a pot luck	19 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	20 10:00 A.M. Quilters	21	22	23	24
25 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	26	27 10:00 A.M. Quilters	28 6:45 P.M. Movie Night	29	30	31