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“Beatitudes

Attitudes!”

**August 9, 10, 11
6:30 to 8:00 P.M.**



Join us as we learn what the lessons of the Beatitudes can do to help make us better people! The evening will be filled with lessons, arts & crafts, music, and of course—snacks! And remember ... you don't have to be a kid to join us. All ages are welcome to come learn, love,

and laugh with us! Please call the church office at 715-835-5475 by August 3 and let us know if you'll be attending. See you at VBS!

Worship around the campfire!

Please join us for outdoor worship on Wednesday, August 24.

We will gather at 6:15 P.M.

Snacks will be provided



CAMP NEWS

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

August Worship Notes

August 7

8th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28; Psalm 105:1–6,
16–22, 45b; Romans 10:5–15; Matthew
14:22–33

August 14

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1–15; Psalm 133;
Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32; Matthew
15:(10–29), 21–28

August 21

10th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124;
Romans 12:1–8; Matthew 16:13–20

August 28

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3: 1–15; Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26,
45b; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew
16:21–28

In August, we are praying for these individuals/families: Len Weisfeld, Jim Welk, Larry Wendt (Lorraine Hagen), Ron & Nancy Wendt, Marie Williams, Keith & Deb Zehms

Food for Thought

The next pot luck will be August 7. We will have a cook out, so bring a picnic dish to pass.

Don't forget August 7 we will also be taking our monthly offering for St. Francis. As you travel this summer, remember that the food pantry needs those travel size shampoos, etc that motels/hotels provide.

Mark your calendars! We will be serving at the Community Table on October 1 and we will need lots of help!

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.

August Birthdays

6	Carter Hulke
8	Steven Green Burt Shepler
9	Jim Nelson
16	Sam Zehms
24	Mary Stygar
25	Sue Thompson
26	Dillon Herrick
27	Marissa Walczak
29	Sharon Miller
30	Devan Hodshire
31	Matt Gilbertson



Shut-in visits

The Service Commission has been expanded to include all members of Plymouth. If you visit, call, or even send a card to one of our shut-ins or another member of the congregation, we'd like to know (so that no one "falls through the cracks"). Visitation Report cards are available on the table and are easy to fill out. If you feel that something should be brought to the pastor's attention, there's even space to jot it down on the back of the card. Completed cards can be dropped into the manila envelope marked for them.

Thanks!

Thank you for helping me go to camp and the camper bag. I had a blast at camp. I can't wait to go back next year.

Travis Eisberner

Everything we need to know about life, we can learn from Noah's ark.

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember we're all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600-years-old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember the ark was built by amateurs; the *Titanic* by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you're with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

Thank you all for your continuing generosity to Plymouth and to the many missions of the United Church of Christ! Though we are in a bit of a financial difficulty right now, you continue to step up and offer of your resources. We just received a letter of thanks from Susan Sanders, Administrator of One Great Hour of Sharing, thanking Plymouth for two donations that were given: \$50.00 for the UCC Spring Storms USA Appeal Relief Fund, and \$111.00 for relief efforts in Japan. These are gifts that came from your hearts, as we did not organize specific offerings around either of these issues. Susan writes in her letter to us some of the things they are doing or dealing with: "Six states have been severely impacted by flooding, with more states likely to reach emergency status due to rain fall and already high lake, river, and creek levels. In addition to floods, more than 150 tornadoes have swept across the mid-section and southeast United States, in what authorities describe as the worst-single stretch of tornadoes in more than four decades... states hit hardest are Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee, North Carolina, and North Dakota."

She goes on to say that the United Church of Christ's immediate response included providing safety equipment to homeowners and volunteers cleaning up damaged homes. The long-range response will be assisting communities to repair and rebuild safe and affordable homes.

You may follow the ongoing response at: www.ucc.org/disaster/from-texas-to-minnesota.html.

So, thank you for your generosity to these two special appeals, and to all that you give to Plymouth and the UCC, and through them, give to Jesus, who said "Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me."

Blessings,



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>August 2011</h1> 						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 St. Francis Food Pantry offering 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	8 ❖ 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:30-8:00 P.M. VBS	10	11	12	13
14 Prayers for the People 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	15 ❖ 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	16 10:00 A.M. Quilters	17	18	19	20
21 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship	22	23 10:00 A.M. Quilters	24 6:15 P.M. Outdoor Worship	25	26	27
28 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	29	30 10:00 A.M. Quilters	31	❖ <i>Please note that Executive Council and Christian Education Commission have traded meeting nights (for August only).</i>		