

# Good News

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## ***It's Time to Spring into Action!***

Finally it seems as if Spring has arrived! But did I hear 37 degrees for a low tonight?? In any event, the grass is green and the Pie and Ice Cream Social will soon be here. This is an important fund raiser for our church and an opportunity for everyone to be involved. There are many ways to support this event: offer to bake a pie or two, donate money to help cover the cost of buying the food supplies, help prepare the food, volunteer to work in the fellowship hall clearing the tables and connecting with the people who have joined us for the meal, or invite your friends and family to come to Plymouth for brats, hot dogs, and our delicious pie!



And there are even more ways to help. Would your co-workers enjoy a delicious brat lunch delivered to the door of your business? Take a flyer, encourage them to join you for lunch, and email your order to mimi@pcucc.com. Delivered lunches gave a substantial boost to our sales last year, so help us try to expand it further this year. Do you have some ideas for other potential delivery sites? Please share those with me or pass on a flyer to one of the employees, encouraging them to participate and helping us to extend our reach into the community.

We are hoping to bring in a few crafters or people involved in home sales businesses to add another dimension to our Pie and Ice Cream Social. It could relate to gardening, Spring cleaning, outdoor decorations...even jewelry. Do you know someone who fits that description? Could you ask them if they would be interested in being a part of our event? Pass their name on to me so that I can connect with them and work out the details.

Mark your calendar for the Pie and Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, June 11. It is a fun and delicious way to support your church!

See you there!  
Deb Zehms, Moderator

## GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

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**10:30 A.M. Worship**

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

### June Worship Notes

**June 1**

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

*Ascension Sunday*

*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*

Acts 1:6–14; Psalm 68:1–10, 32–35;  
1 Peter 4:12–14; 5:6–11; John 17:1–11

**June 8**

*Pentecost*

*Strengthen the Church offering*

*Prayers for the People*

Acts 2:1–21 or Numbers 11:24–30;  
Psalm 104:24–34, 35b;  
1 Corinthians 12:3b–13 or Acts 2:1–21;  
John 20:19–23 or John 7:37–39

**June 15**

*Trinity Sunday*

*OCWM offering*

Genesis 1:1–2:4a; Psalm 8;  
2 Corinthians 13:11–13; Matthew  
28:16–20

**June 22**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 21:8–21 or Jeremiah 20:7–13;  
Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17 or Psalm 69:7–10  
(11–15) 16–18; Romans 6:1b–11;  
Matthew 10:24–39

**June 29**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 22:1–14 or Jeremiah 28:5–9;  
Psalm 13 or Psalm 89:1–4, 15–18;  
Romans 6:12–23; Matthew 10:40–42

**In June, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Larry & Irma Shepler, Christian Shufflin, Jamie Stafford, Ardith Starr, George & Kay Stecher

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### Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on June 1. Let's celebrate the warm weather. Bring your favorite spring/summer food to celebrate our "Winter Is Finally Gone" pot luck. We will also take our St Francis Food Pantry offering on that day.

Please join us for our Pie & Ice Cream Social on June 11. You can volunteer to work, make pies, donate money, and come and enjoy the food.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. Immediate needs are water, food and gas cards!

## June Birthdays

2	Joanne Lowry Jeanne Strassman
4	Deb Zehms
7	Dorothy Preston
8	Rob Jaenke
9	Ruth Blake
10	Carter Jaenke
13	Floyd Sexter Adam Wendt
15	Gordy Heimstead
19	Morgan Jaenke
20	Denny Shepler
27	Jim Welk Harlan Hartwich
29	Stephanie Leipnitz

## 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.

## SCRIP cards update

SCRIP cards are available for Mega, Gordy's, and Kwik Trip. It is a painless, cost-free fundraiser for our church. Here is how it works: On Sunday, you buy Scrip cards for \$25, \$50, and/or \$100. You pay with cash or check made out to Plymouth. We are able to keep 3% of the money that is paid for Mega and Gordy's cards, and 10% of what we get for Kwik Trip cards! Mega cards are good at Mega and Mega Holiday, Gordy's cards are good at Gordy's or Gordy's gas—all at their full value. They work just like cash, so if you use them to buy gas, you get that cash discount and help the church at the same time! So far in 2014, we have made a total profit of \$629.55!



## Beautify the Sanctuary

Please help beautify the sanctuary this spring/summer. Many of you have beautiful flower gardens. Feel free to bring a bouquet of flowers in any Sunday. We have many places to put them in our building. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Kleist.

## PASTOR'S PEN

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Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

We are coming into Memorial Day and the start of summer, those brief months of sunshine that fall between the long winters. Months that are filled with weddings, graduation parties, family vacations, MADD camp at Moon Beach, family reunions, class reunions (this summer is my 30<sup>th</sup>— THIRTIETH!— high school class reunion. I don't feel that old!), relatives going off to boot camp, others preparing to start college, bike rides, picnics at the park, some time in the water, and firing up the grill for many a brat- and steak-filled meal. Mmmm....

I pray for safe travels for all of you who will be zipping around the state or the country this summer. God is with you! And if you happen to worship at any other churches, please bring back their bulletins for me. I always like to see what other churches are doing. I also like to see that you continue to feed yourself spiritually when you are away from home. Be sure to spend some time with God and your extended family of Christ by worshiping wherever you are.

Summer is also time for our annual Pie and Ice Cream Social, which to me feels like the first real day of summer! We have ample opportunities for you to serve your church through making pies, finding food donations, serving at the event, and more. It is such a fun day! See Deb's letter on page 1 for more on how you can serve your church for this event.

The summer months are also a wonderful time to invite your friends and acquaintances to worship with us. People are out there who are looking for a church home, or maybe wondering what that "church" thing is all about, or otherwise are amenable to accepting your invitation. Bring them to the Pie and Ice Cream Social, bring them to worship, bring them to something else we are doing over the summer to let them meet your friends at Plymouth.

Above all, stay connected with God in your travels and outings, stay safe, and have all the fun you can manage! God has made us for life and joy and taking pleasure in what God has created for us. Please do!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Deb". The signature is written in a cursive style and is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 12, 2014

Members present: Deb Zehms, Rob Jaenke, Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Louise Partlow, and Pastor David.

Deb called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The April Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Financial Reports:**

As of April 30, 2014

Year to Date Income	\$40,796.79
Year to Date Expenses	\$39,731.31
Ahead (Behind)	\$1,065.48

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income for April was \$7,527.52.  
Expenses were \$7,382.57, leaving us with a gain of \$144.95 for April.  
General Fund bank balance for 4/30/14 was (\$303.23). Envelope giving is down \$493.00 from 2013.

**Reserve Fund Report:**

The balance is \$715.58.

**Memorial Fund Report:**

The balance is \$1,523.52.

**Street Ministry:**

The balance is \$244.80.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

**Building and Grounds:**

Clean-up Day is Saturday, May 17 at 9:00 A.M.

**Christian Education Commission:**

Confirmation Sunday was May 4 and was a very special service. Thanks to everyone who help and attended.

**Stewardship Commission:**

Will meet on Sunday, May 18.  
Working on plans for the Pie & Ice Cream Social on June 11.

**Worship Commission:**

Pentecost Sunday is June 8. There will be a pot luck in June. Easter service was wonderful and we had a very good turnout.

**Service Commission:**

Visits and phone calls are ongoing. Remember to fill out visitation cards—even for phone visits. Thank you!

**Women of Plymouth:**

Haven't had a meeting in a while.  
Will be preparing for Pie & Ice Cream event.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor David reported 69 visits in April. Easter service and Confirmation both went well. LGBT Bingo nights have been at Pizza Plus and turnout has been better. Pastor David will be at the Conference Annual Meeting June 6–8 and at Madd Camp June 15–21. August 7–10 he will be at the Center for Progressive Renewal in Atlanta.



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*Council Minutes  
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**Old Business:**

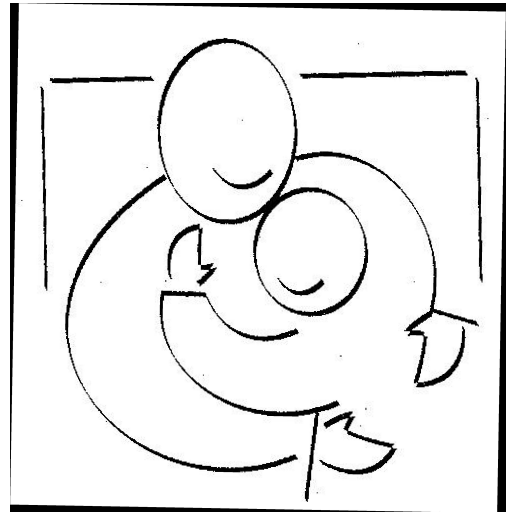
- Evangelism Committee has not met yet.
- Church Rental: committee is working very hard on ideas. Deb, Pastor David, and Linda Jaenke are trying to find out where and how to list our building availability, dimensions, etc. They are getting a complete report together to advertise our building.


Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted  
Louise Partlow

**A Gift for Dad**

What to give dad for Father's Day? That is the question, isn't it? It is suggested that we should not ask him what he wants, instead say, "Dad, would you rather have clothing, a new watch, or a camera?" If that doesn't get a response, try this: "Dad, what's the worst gift you've ever been given?" You are sure to get an earful about what he doesn't want. If you don't get any ideas from what he says, then offer him your heartfelt words of appreciation for all that he means to you and let him see the big smile on your face. Regardless of what you give your father, be sure to give him a great big hug on Father's Day and tell him you love him. That's still the best gift of all.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>June 2014</h1> 						
<b>1 St Francis Food Pantry offering</b>  10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	2	3  10:00 A.M. Quilters	4	5	6	7
<b>8 Pentecost Strengthen the Church offering Prayers for the People</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship	9  7:00 P.M. Executive Council	10  10:00 A.M. Quilters	11  Pie & Ice Cream Social	12	13	14
<b>15 OCWM offering Father's Day</b>  10:30 A.M. Worship	16	17  10:00 A.M. Quilters	18	19	20	21
22  10:30 A.M. Worship	23	24  10:00 A.M. Quilters	25	26	27	28
29  10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	30					