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Conference Minister Candidate Announced!

The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Conference is excited to announce its candidate for our next Conference Minister.

The Search Committee has completed its year-long effort and recommended a candidate to the Board of Directors, who affirmed this recommendation of **The Reverend Franz S. Rigert**. Reverend Rigert brings great skills in leading transformative change in a collaborative and considerate manner. Visionary and compassionate, Franz is spiritually grounded in the United Church of Christ and committed to the health and welfare of our beloved Conference. He is a most faithful, gifted and creative pastor who has served as pastor of Pilgrim UCC in Grafton since 1995. Franz holds a Master of Divinity degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. For more information go to the Conference web site at www.wcucc.org.



All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 2 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead with Communion. This year we remember the lives of Jim Nelson, Sophie Bliss, John Hancock, Eileen Polden, Kay Stecher, and Christena Strandt. We also like to honor those in your family or circle of friends/mentors/loved ones who have died. If you have someone that you would like to have remembered, please give their name and date of death (if you know) to Pastor David or to Mimi by October 27 so we can print their names in the bulletin.



GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

October Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

October 5

17th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Neighbors in Need offering

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Psalm 19;

Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew

21:33–46

October 12

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Exodus 32:1–14; Psalm 106:1–6,

19–23; Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew

22:1–14

October 19

19th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Exodus 33:12–23; Psalm 99; 1

Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22

October 26

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90:1–6,

13–17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8; Matthew

22:34–46

In September, we are praying for these

individuals/families: Micah & Jennifer

Adams, Jackie Andersen, Jim (Mina)

Bliss, Bonnie Carter, Darrick Carter &

Joy Lobo-Carter, Kevin & Kristina

Champion, Steve & Nancy Champion

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on Sunday, October 5. Bring your favorite pot luck dish! We will take our St Francis Food Pantry offering that day too.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. There are immediate needs for families with children, pregnant moms and money for food for those who will be getting a place to live. Please contact Mike Henry if you would like to help. As always there is a need for water, food and gas cards!

Early notice: We will serve at the Community Table on November 22. We will need volunteers, money, and milk.

World Communion Sunday

October 5 is World Communion Sunday. If you have clothing or jewelry from another nation or culture, please wear it! Or if you have art work, knick knacks, fabrics, etc., please bring them to display in our sanctuary. And if you have a favorite bread from another culture, please bring it to share during communion. We will have people available to help.

October Birthdays

- 1 Larry Shepler
- 2 Jen Adams
- 3 Joy Lobo-Carter
- 4 Gladys Ulry
Hannah Zehms
- 5 Jamie Stafford
- 7 Len Weisfeld
- 9 Maria Patton
- 18 Sadie Hulke
- 20 Ardith Starr
- 22 Kay Hestekin
Denice Shepler
Nathan Stygar
- 23 Joe Gilbertson
- 26 Justin Champion
- 28 Bobbie Rude
- 29 Nancy Wendt
- 30 Audrey Heimstead
- 31 Lindsey Phillips
Lori Phillips

Memorials

● General Fund

In memory of Kay Stecher: Henry & Betty Hacker, Ted & Mary Penn, Fay LaPean, Brian & Linda Fossum, Jerry & Mary Foote, Jim & Pat Simonsen

In memory of Christena Strandt: Rob & Linda Jaenke

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 5% of the money that is paid for Mega and Gordy's cards, and 10% of what we get for Mega

Holiday and Kwik Trip cards! So far in 2014, we have made a total profit of over \$1,370.00!

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. Call the church office at 715-835-5475 or email Mimi at

New Conference Minister Meet and Greet

The search committee for the Wisconsin Conference is presenting their candidate for our new Conference Minister. (See article on page 1) they are hosting a meet and greet with the Rev. Franz S. Rigert at First congregational in Eau Claire on October 18 from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 p.m. the official vote for election of Rev. Rigert will be November 1 at First congregational UCC in Wisconsin Rapids.

PASTOR'S PEN



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

We just completed another successful thrift and bake sale. Not just successful, but really successful! Record-breaking successful! As I sit here writing, I am impressed that we brought in over \$1700 from the thrift sale and over \$300 from the bake sale. But what really impresses me is YOU. All of you who made the sale happen. The many hours spent setting up tables and pricing items and organizing our goods. We had our clothes sorted by sizes this time! That's a lot of work. Hours spent baking. And hours spent working the thrift sale, helping customers, showing hospitality, carrying items to cars. Some of you helped to make sure the lawn and gardens were in top notch condition to be attractive as people drove in. And of course, your generosity in donating so many good items. All of you had a choice that you could have held your own thrift sale, but instead you offered your gifts to your church, and that fills me with thanksgiving. We do important work here at Plymouth church in our ministry to the community. Working together, like in our thrift sales or our donations to St. Francis or our quilters who help to keep homeless families warm with handmade quilts, we are making a difference in Eau Claire and beyond.

We had a wonderful write up in the Leader Telegram about our street ministry, featuring Mike Henry, that has helped to draw attention to the needs of the homeless as well as draw attention to us. You can see the article on the LT's website (search "Eau Claire ministry

takes to the streets to help those in need"). Or pick up a copy at church. We printed up a bunch of them. Take one for yourself, and take more to share with others so you can show them what we are doing here as you invite them to join us.

We are making a positive difference in people's lives in Eau Claire. The article shows that, and I hope our own lives reflect that.

As we have been having more people visiting us for worship and becoming involved in our congregation, the two things I hear most from them about why they came and why they returned is that we are doing something in the community (street ministry, quilters, Community Table, St. Francis Food Pantry), and because we are so welcoming and filled with hospitality. A recent Barna study shows that most people make up their mind about a church within the first 8 minutes: that includes our well-kept lawns and gardens, our clean building and sanctuary, the friendly greetings at the door that you offer, your hospitality in the sanctuary and fellowship time, and the opening music of worship.

So I thank you all for your generosity of time, talents, and treasures. And thank you for your hospitality. The Holy Spirit is moving and working in wonderful ways in this congregation by working through YOU as we live out Jesus' words about loving our neighbors.

Thank you and God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor John D. Henry".

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 15, 2014

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

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

Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2014

Year to Date Income	\$79,535.57
Year to Date Expenses	\$78,273.78
Ahead (Behind)	\$1,261.79

Treasurer's Report:

Income for August was \$9,592.35. Total expenses for the month were \$10,277.83, leaving us with an August loss of (\$685.48). Funds were transferred from PIP (\$3,650.00). Income was close to last year—four-year average down (\$4.038).

Reserve Fund Balance: \$322.37.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$15,827.92.

Street Ministry Balance: \$60.20.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

No report.

Christian Education Commission:

No report.

Stewardship Commission:

Working on the Thrift Sale for September 20.

Worship Commission:

Everyone—especially Barb and Deb—did a good job keeping everything going during Pastor David's vacation. The Commission is working to meet the goal of attendance of 40 people by Christmas.

Service Commission:

Pastor David and others are making regular visits. Remember to fill out visitation cards—even for phone visits. Thank you!

Women of Plymouth:

They are preparing for the Thrift Sale and Bake Sale on September 20.

Pastor's Report:

On vacation to Japan mostly. He keeps in touch to be aware of events at church.

Old Business:

- Evangelism Committee: Pastor David attended two recent conferences. He will be out communicating more with the community. A meeting is scheduled with Associate Conference Minister Joanne Thompson after church on October 12.
- Church rental: Mostly focused on preparing area for weddings (outside).
- New cleaning person is Amy Ripley.

Next meeting of the Council will be Monday, October 13.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Louise Partlow



Street Ministry Needs

Last winter was a brutally cold and we at the street ministry do not want to get caught off guard this year. People on the street get nervous around this time of year because of the weather fluctuations. They know winter is near.

Please, if you would starting looking around for winter things now. We will start taking clothes in this coming Wednesday. We are not storing clothes at Plymouth this year because of space considerations and have a neighboring church graciously allowing us to keep our materials at there site. But feel free to bring things to Plymouth Church at 2010 Moholt Dr. and we will transport them to our other location. And if you contact us we will also come by and pick them up from you.

Right now we can use sweat pants and sweat shirts and sweat shirts with hoods of all sizes. People wear layers and so large and all the extra large sizes up to 5X would be appreciated. One size fits all gloves, scarfs and stocking caps. Fall jackets and long underwear.

We can use T-shirts especially the large sizes and white socks for men and women. Men's and women's underwear. Boxers and regular style for men.

As always gas gift cards or donations for fuel for the van. Fast food restaurants gift cards for Subway, McDonald's and Burger King etc. We will eventually start needing hand-warmers, the 8 and 10 hour type.

That's our list for now. We will update you as to our needs through our future street journals.

Thanks always for your support and please keep the poor in your prayers and meditations.

Mike - Plymouth Street Pastor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2014</h1>						
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5 St Francis Food Pantry and Neighbors in Need offerings 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	6	7 10:00 A.M. Quilters	8	9	10	11
12 Prayers for the People 10:30 A.M. Worship	13 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	14 10:00 A.M. Quilters	15	16	17	18
19 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship	20	21 10:00 A.M. Quilters	22	23	24	25
26 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	27	28 10:00 A.M. Quilters	29	30	31	

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