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Annual Bazaar

Saturday, November 14

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Featuring crafts, bakery items, and treasures for adults and children!

Salad Luncheon will be served from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.



Daylight Savings Time ends November 1. Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour before retiring on Saturday, October 31.

All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 1 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead with Communion. This year we remember the lives of Gladys Green, Claire Cramblit, Dorothy Preston, and Floyd Sexter. 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 28 so we can print their names in the bulletin.

Getting ready for church

November Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

November 1

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

All Saints' Sunday

Wisdom of Solomon 3:1–9 or Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1–6a; John 11:32–44

November 8

24th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17 or 1 Kings 17:8–16; Psalm 127 or Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24–28; Mark 12:38–44

November 15

25th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

1 Samuel 1:4–20 or Daniel 12:1–3; 1 Samuel 2:1–10 or Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11–14 (15–18) 19–25; Mark 13:1–8

Food for Thought

We will have a pot luck on November 1 to celebrate the beautiful Fall season. Bring your favorite fall dish to pass. Our St Francis food pantry offering will also be taken then. That Sunday is also All Saints' Day. We may have visitors, so let's personally invite them to our pot luck. We always have enough food.

As the weather gets colder, please don't forget our homeless. Hooded sweatshirts, hand warmers, socks, warmer clothes will be needed. As always the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards.

November 22

Christ the King Sunday

2 Samuel 23:1–7 or Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14; Psalm 132:1–12, (13–18) or Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b–8; John 18:33–37

November 25

7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve worship at Truax UCC

November 29

1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14–16; Psalm 25:1–10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13; Luke 21:25–36

In November, we are praying for these individuals/families: Terri (Joe) Gilbert, Dorothy Gilbertson, Joe (Emily) Gilbertson, Paul (Gay) Gilbertson, Gladys Green, Jeff & Lesa Green, Cindy (Jerry) Halfen

Memorials

● Street Ministry

In memory of John R. Brown: Marian Brown; *In memory of Trudy Brewer:* Donnellan Family

● General Fund

In memory of Sophie Bliss: Jan & Mina Bliss; *In memory of Carole Wisheart:* Jan & Mina Biss

November Birthdays

- 1 Char Hartwich
- 4 Julie Johnson
- 6 Arvilla Kruschke
- 7 Jacob Leipnitz
- 8 Julie Leipnitz
- 10 Kevin Champion
- 12 Lesa Green
- 15 Bea Hancock
- 16 Marie Williams
- 20 Tyjha Stygar
- 26 Kevin Phillips
- 30 Jacqueline Andersen
Darrick Carter

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 \$1,659.00!

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. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary.



Now is the time to place your nut order for this coming holiday season. A 14 oz. box is \$14.50, a 28 oz. box is \$24.50 and a 28 oz. fancy tin is \$27.00. Since we have been selling these nuts for years, you know how good the quality is! The order sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Order yours today!

Pastor's Pen

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Just last weekend, Plymouth served lunch at the Community Table. We were there to serve others. As Jesus said, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me." Service to others, such as making a meal at Community Table, is an important part of being a follower of Jesus. We served, and we also laughed together, shared stories, and enjoyed being together, making connections with one another. We were thirteen from Plymouth plus two people that I invited to join us, allowing them to connect with us as well. Being invitational is also an important part of discipleship, so please extend an invitation to others to join us at our events (Halloween Party, holiday bazaar, and anything else we're doing).

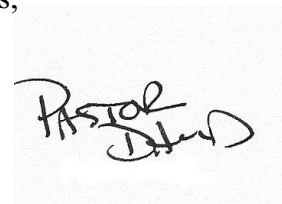
In other news, I recently received the report of giving to Our Church's Wider Mission for the United Church of Christ In 2014. At Plymouth, we do an OCWM offering the third Sunday of every month. Total giving across the country was \$21,788,892, of which \$6,475,313 went to the denomination and rest stayed in Conferences. About 80% of all our OCWM giving goes to the Wisconsin Conference, and the rest to the national. We have three other annual offerings (Neighbors in Need, Strengthen the Church, One Great Hour of Sharing) which raised about \$3 million more, and that money all goes directly into mission work and providing help for others. We have a fifth special offering we take in December. The Christmas Fund was not included the report, and that money all goes to help retired clergy, missionaries, and others who worked for the church.

The United Church of Christ provides aid and assistance in all corners of the globe doing disaster relief, setting up schools, providing teachers, working for social justice, working for peace, building wells for water and helping with agriculture, and spreading the good news of God's love for all people. Thank you for your generosity! I believe the United Church of Christ provides a special and important Christian presence of dignity and love in the U.S. and around the world. It is well worth supporting.

Thanksgiving Eve worship will be at Truax UCC this year. I invite you to come worship with us, and to invite a friend to come with you. Thanksgiving Eve worship was never part of my church life until I came to Plymouth, and I have found over the years that this worship service of giving thanks is one that I really look forward to because it sets a faithful tone of gratitude going into Thanksgiving.

Plymouth has also offered to host the Westridge Neighborhood Association meetings. The next meeting will be February 15, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. We are a church involved in its neighborhood!

Blessings,



Leadership Team Minutes

October 12, 2015

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

Plymouth's Leadership Team met on Monday, October 12 at Culver's on Folsom Street at 7:00 P.M. The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of September 30, 2015

Year to Date Income	\$78,966.22
Year to Date Expenses	\$80,298.10
Ahead (Behind)	(\$1,331.88)

Treasurer's Report:

Income for September was \$9,342.03. Total expenses for the month were \$8,984.42, leaving us with a September gain of \$357.61. Envelope income was down about \$300 from last year, but August was up around \$1,600 from last year.

Reserve Fund Balance: \$1,491.01

Memorial Fund Balance: \$4,239.83

Street Ministry Balance: \$909.33

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Snow plowing will be the same as last year.

Christian Education Commission:

Planning a Halloween party for Sunday, October 25 at 4:30 P.M.

Stewardship Commission:

No report. They are taking orders for mixed nuts for the bazaar and Christmas.

Worship Commission:

All Saints' Day will be November 1. Please let Mimi know if you would like someone remembered at that service.

Service Commission:

Pastor David and others are making regular visits. Remember to fill out visitation cards—even for phone visits. Sending cards would be appreciated also.

Women of Plymouth:

One meeting was held regarding the Bazaar on November 14. WOP need to meet again soon.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David could not be at the meeting. He was attending a Mentor/Mentoree event in Osseo. He thanks everyone for the vacation time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We will be giving more information on tee shirts soon. Orders should be in by December 1.

Next meeting of the Team will be Monday, November 10.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Louise Partlow



Service to others, such as making a meal at Community Table, is an important part of being a follower of Jesus.



March 19, 2016 will be the next time we serve at the Community Table!

If you would like to donate a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the information below and return it with your payment to the church office by November 30. Checks should be made out to Plymouth UCC. Please note "poinsettia" on your check. Poinsettias may be taken home after Christmas.



Your name(s) _____

Given in memory/honor (circle one) of: _____

I/we would like to donate _____ poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.00 each \$ _____

_____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ marble

Total enclosed \$ _____

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2015</h1> 						
1 <i>St Francis Food Pantry offering All Saints' Sunday</i> 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	2	3 Election Day 10:00 A.M. NO Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball (Plymouth at Baptist Ev.)	4	5	6	7
8 <i>Prayers for the People</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship	9 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team at Culver's	10 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball (Concordia at Plymouth)	11	12	13	14 Annual Bazaar 10:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M.
15 <i>OCWM offering</i> 10:30 A.M. Worship	16	17 10:00 A.M. Quilters 5:30 P.M. EC Garden Club 7:00 P.M. Dartball (Plymouth at Bethesda)	18	19	20	21
22 10:30 A.M. Worship	23	24 10:00 A.M. Quilters	25 7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Truax	26 Office	27 Closed	28
29 10:30 A.M. Worship	30					