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Saturday, October 28
8:30 A.M.–2:00 P.M.
Grace Lutheran Church Parlors

The ladies of Grace have invited the Women of Plymouth to participate in their fall bazaar. We will have two

tables at the bazaar featuring crafts, baked goods, and nuts. Grace will serve caramel rolls in the morning and a BBQ lunch.

All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 5 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead with Communion. This year we remember the lives of Sharon Miller, Richard Waltmire, Gladys Ulry, Thomas Kruschke, and Ardith Starr. 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 November 1 so we can print their names in the bulletin.



October Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship *Communion the first Sunday of the month*

Sunday, October 1

17th Sunday after Pentecost,

World Communion Sunday

*St Francis Food Pantry and Neighbors
in Need offerings*

Exodus 17:1–7 or Ezekiel 18:1–4,
25–32; Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16 or Psalm
25:1–9; Philippians 2:1–13; Matthew
21:23–32

Sunday, October 8

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Exodus 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20 or Isaiah
5:1–7; Psalm 19 or Psalm 80:7–15;
Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46

Sunday, October 15

19th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Exodus 32:1–14 or Isaiah 25:1–9;
Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23 or Psalm 23;
Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14

Sunday, September 17

15th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Exodus 14:19–31 or Genesis 50:15–21;
Exodus 15:1b–11, 20–21 or Psalm
103:(1–7), 8–13; Romans 14:1–12;
Matthew 18:21–35

Sunday, September 24

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2–15 or Jonah 3:10–4:11;
Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45 or Psalm
145:1–8; Philippians 1:21–30; Matthew
20:1–16

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on October 1. We may have leftover hot dogs, barbecues and coleslaw, but if we get a big turn out at our picnic, we won't. So bring your favorite pot luck dish. Just remember, we don't have access to ovens or stove tops, but you can bring crock pots.

We will collect our Food Pantry offering also on October 1, as well as having communion. Please don't forget our homeless friends. As always the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards. Check with Pastor Mike for other needs for our street ministry.

In October, we are praying for these individuals/families: Pat Sexter, Denny & Rose Shepler, Larry & Irma Shepler, Christian Shufflin, Jamie Stafford

Community Table

We will serve at the Community Table on November 11. We need to be there from about 9 till 2 and we need 10–12 volunteers. We also need to provide a fee of \$125 to cover the cost of the food we are serving. The sign up sheet will be at church starting mid-October. You can also contact Mimi in the church office or Barb Kleist at 715-834-8130.

October Birthdays

- 1 Larry Shepler
- 2 Jen Adams
- 3 Joy Lobo-Carter
- 4 Hannah Zehms
- 5 Jamie Stafford
- 7 Len Weisfeld
- 9 Maria Patton
- 14 Kayla Leipnitz
- 18 Sadie Hulke
- 22 Kay Bussing
Denice Shepler
Nathan Stygar
- 23 Joe Gilbertson
- 28 Bobbie Rude
- 29 Nancy Wendt
- 30 Audrey Heimstead
- 31 Lindsey Phillips
Lori Phillips

New Scrip Card Program!

Exciting news! We are expanding our scrip card program starting October 1. Besides Mega Holiday, Festival Foods and Kwik Trip cards, you will be able to get Menard's, Target, Shopko and Walmart/Sam's Club cards. Plus you can special order cards from such places as Amazon, Caribou Coffee, Chipotle, Applebee's, Altoona Family Restaurant, Panera, McDonalds, Younkers, Best Buy, Michaels, Penny's and the list goes on and on. Special orders are placed on Sunday and received the following Sunday.

If you don't use scrip cards the question is WHY??? We make a profit of about \$1800 per year and it costs you \$0. It's like paying with cash and you do not have to use the whole card at one time!

We know you all grocery shop. At this time we have limited places to shop. We

have Festival, Woodman's, Target, Walmart, Sam's, and Aldi's. Guess what! We have scrip cards from everyone except Woodman's and Aldi's.

Do you put gas in your vehicle? Well, there are only 3 gas stations in town, Mega Holiday, Kwik Trip and Woodman's. We have Kwik Trip and Mega Holiday cards. If you buy your gas at Woodman's, guess what; except when they are in the middle of a price change, the Kwik Trip right across the street is the same price and you can pick up milk, eggs, bread, etc. at the same time.

From every card you buy, our church gets anywhere from 3-10% back. We need this money to support our new building! Please participate in the Scrip Program.

There are lists of the special order cards at church or in the office. If you can't make it to Grace, let us know and we can email or mail you a copy. Plymouth Church needs you to participate!!!

The Leadership Team



Now is the time to place your nut order for this coming holiday season. A 14 oz. box is \$14.75, a 28 oz. box is \$26.00 and a 28 oz. fancy tin is \$28.00. Since we have been selling these nuts for years, you know how good the quality is! The order sheet is on the table at the back of the chapel. Order yours today!

Leadership Team Minutes

September 2017

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

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2017

Year to Date Income	\$66,175.99
Year to Date Expenses	\$66,538.95
Ahead (Behind)	(\$362.96)

Treasurer’s Report:

Income for August was \$14,140.80. Expenses for August were \$13,743.40. August income was up because of insurance checks for some items lost in the fire. These monies were used to pay OCWM, Food Pantry, and some third quarter expenses (pensions, etc.).

Bank balance end of August:	(\$3.81)
Reserve Fund Balance:	\$1,068.00
Memorial Fund Balance:	\$9,225.03

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Lawn is being mowed as much as is possible. Cindy Halfen, a Garden Club member, has been digging out some bulbs to save for the new church.

Stewardship:

They are working on joining with Chapel Heights church and many new vendors will be participating in the new program. They are still working out the details. Larry will have more info soon. Nut sales are coming soon.

Worship:

We will serve at the Community Table on November 11, 2017.

Service:

Keep calling and visiting members and let Mimi know if you have contacted someone. Thank you.

Pastor’s Report:

The baptism of Gracie Rose went very well. The next Interfaith Prayer Service will be October 4 at Grace Church at 7:00 P.M. Clergy Retreat will be October 1–3. Pastor David will be on vacation October 5–11. Louise Sanders wants to join our church—date to be determined.

Old Business:

- Plans are being made for September 27 Westridge Neighborhood Association Picnic at their park, “County Farm Park,” from 4–6:00 P.M. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the playground equipment fund. There are no lights at the park, but there are tables and some outlets. More info soon. Pastor David and the association will be working on signs and advertising.

New Business:

- Construction Report: Plans were okayed in Madison and builders’ bids are due at the architects’ office by September 26 at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. Next meeting is October 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partlow



F R O M T H E



PASTOR

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

I am writing this the day after we opened the bids from the five contractors who bid on our new building! I am very excited that we had five who were willing to submit bids, and that the numbers came in very good. This newsletter will go to print before we make a decision which contractor to go with, however, but we'll make that announcement in Sunday worship when

we have the answer. The architects have a few questions for the contractors to resolve before we make our decision, but once we do, you'll know! Things are looking very good right now! We pray in the Lord's Prayer each Sunday, "Your will be done." One could also add to that, "and on your timeline, Lord, not ours." An implicit plea for patience, perhaps, in that addition! We have learned much of patience through the process, but we do keep moving forward. Trusting that God's will for us is to be rebuilt and resettled in the Westridge Neighborhood, the opening of the bids was good news, and another step forward in the process of having a new home.

On September 10, we welcomed Gracie Rose Cartmill into the Plymouth family through the sacrament of baptism and a celebration of cake and beverages after worship. Congratulations to the Cartmill family, and welcome, Gracie!

On Wednesday, October 4, at 6:30 P.M. we continue our Chippewa Valley interfaith prayer services with a service at Grace Lutheran in their sanctuary. At the prayer service in October of last year, they took a special offering for us. This is a gathering of Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Baha'i, and other faith traditions in the area to be together in solidarity with one another. These gatherings are so important to help bring understanding to each other, and to build relationships across the faith divide. I will be a prayer leader at this service, and then will also do a presentation on the history and tradition of the United Church of Christ. Please consider attending this service. Some Plymouth people will also be joining their voices in song for the benediction, and our pianist Lynne will be part of the service as well.

See elsewhere in the newsletter for news about the holiday bazaar that Grace is having on October 28, and invited us to participate in. See also the news about our annual nut sale.

Lastly, I'll be going to Moon Beach for the annual clergy retreat after worship on Oct. 1, and back in the office the morning of Oct. 4. I then am taking a week's vacation from Oct 5-11. Rev. Jeanny House will lead worship on Oct. 8, and Rev. Dave Stratton will cover for me in case of emergency.

Have a joyous and blessed October,

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1 <i>St Francis Food Pantry and Neighbors in Need offerings</i> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	2	3 10:00 A.M. Quilters	4	5 Pastor David on vacation through 10/11	6	7
8 <i>Prayers for the People</i> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	9	10 10:00 A.M. Quilters	11	12	13	14
15 <i>OCWM offering</i> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	16 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	17 10:00 A.M. Quilters	18	19	20	21
22 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	23	24 10:00 A.M. Quilters	25	26	27	28 Fall Bazaar at Grace 8:30–2:00
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