



Good News

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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.



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Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5. Please remember to set your clocks **back** one hour before retiring on Saturday, November 4.

November Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

Sunday, November 5

22nd Sunday after Pentecost,

All Souls Sunday

St Francis Food Pantry offering

Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 34:1–10, 22;

1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

Sunday, November 19

24th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123 or Psalm 76;

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew

25:14–30

Sunday, November 12

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25 or Amos

5:18–24; Psalm 78:1–7 or Psalm 70;

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew

25:1–13

Wednesday, November 22

7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Worship

First Congregational UCC

310 Broadway

Sunday, November 26

Christ the King Sunday

OCWM offering

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 100;

Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck on November 5, 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 on November 5 as well as having communion and celebrating All Souls Day. 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.

Prayer Ministry

In November, we are praying for these individuals/families: George Stecher, Steve & Jeanne Strassman, Benji & Cathy Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue (Tom) Thompson

November Birthdays

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

Virtual Dementia Tour

The Eau Claire Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) will host a Virtual Dementia Tour at Lake Street United Methodist Church on Thursday, November 16 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Each “tour” lasts approximately 45 minutes and pre-registration is required. Call 715-839-4735 for more information and to register.



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 (the double one) 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!

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 is on the back table in the chapel. You can also contact Mimi in the church office or Barb Kleist at 715-834-8130.



Hanging of the Greens

We will decorate our worship area on Saturday, December 2 starting at 10:30 A.M. and have lunch following the decorating. Come and join us for this traditional day.

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

The big news as you have already heard is that we've signed with a contractor, and are having (or have had, depending on when you read this) our groundbreaking ceremony on October 29! Many, many thanks to all the faithful leadership, talent, and dedication of our

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Leadership Team getting us to this point, and for their future dedication as we go through the construction process.

Earlier this month I participated in the Interfaith Prayer Service, which was held at Grace Lutheran. I also offered the educational session after worship to talk about the history and traditions of the United Church of Christ, going back

to our roots in the German Reformed Church and the German Evangelical Church in Germany in the 1700s, the Christian Church which began in the U.S. in the 1800s revivalist movement, and our earliest ancestors, the Pilgrims and Puritans of England, who gave us the tradition of Thanksgiving.

Compressing 400+ years of history into ten or eleven minutes was a bit of a challenge, but I was able to highlight some of what makes us different and special in the history of the entirety of all church traditions.

And speaking of Thanksgiving, it is almost here! As we do each year, we will gather with the other two UCC churches in Eau Claire for a Thanksgiving Eve service. This year it will be at First Congregational UCC, 310 Broadway, at 7 P.M. Gathering together on the night before Thanksgiving had never been part of my tradition until I came here, and over the years I have found it to be a very meaningful time and a favorite worship service to focus on the act of giving thanks to God for all the good in my life in the past year, and all the unexpected blessings. I also have come to appreciate making November a month of giving thanks: offer something to God every day during the month to say "Thank you, God, for" whether it be your home, family, a sunset, someone holding a door for you, a surprise phone call. Whatever you are thankful for. Focusing on the blessings I have received has helped me stay connected to God far more than pining away about what I don't have. It's a good spiritual discipline, and since we as Jesus' followers are called disciples, having some spiritual disciplines is helpful.

May your November be filled with thankfulness: for the start of our rebuilding, and whatever is in your life that you consider to be a blessing!

Leadership Team Minutes

October 17, 2017

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

Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Financial Reports:

As of September 30, 2017

Year to Date Income	\$70,879.84
Year to Date Expenses	\$71,761.67
Ahead (Behind)	(\$881.83)

Treasurer's Report:

Income for September was \$4,703.85. Expenses for September were \$5,222.72. September income was down from last year by close to \$1,800.

Bank balance at the end of September: (\$522.68)

Reserve Fund Balance: \$1,073,001

Memorial Fund Balance: \$9,225.03

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Building and Grounds:

Property being fenced and prepared for our new building.

Stewardship:

Mixed nuts will be available for the Bazaar with Grace on Oct. 28. Scrip cards—we will be doing our own program without Chapel Heights. You can order one Sunday and the card will be here the following Sunday.

Worship:

All Souls Sunday will be November 5. Times for Christmas services are being worked out. We may worship with Grace on Sunday.

Thanksgiving Eve service will be at First Congregational UCC.

Service:

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

Pastor's Report:

The clergy retreat went very well.

Old Business:

- A total of \$350.00 was raised for playground equipment at our "Thank You" picnic. Thanks to everyone who donated and helped.

New Business:

- Construction Report: Before this meeting, we met with our new contractor, Marawood. The contract was signed and a date for the ceremonial ground breaking is planned for Sunday morning, October 29. More info soon.
- Software update for Mimi and Rob was discussed and approved by the Leadership Team. \$275 per year will provide unlimited support and all updates to our database program Shepherd's Staff.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

The next meeting is Monday, November 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partlow



Photo Gallery ...



We raised \$350 for playground equipment for County Farm Park at our Westridge Neighborhood Association picnic.



Moderator Deb Zehms signs the contract with the construction company to begin building our new facility.



Gracie Rose Cartmill, daughter of Austin and Meghan Cartmill, was baptized September 10.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>NOVEMBER</h1> 						
			1	2	3	4
5 St Francis Food Pantry offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck DST ends	6	7 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball: Bapt. Evang. at Plym.	8	9	10	11
12 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	13 7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	14 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball: Plym. at Rock Creek	15	16	17	18
19 OCWM offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	20	21 10:00 A.M. Quilters	22 7:00 P.M. Worship at First Cong., 310 Broadway	23 Thanksgiving Office closed	24	25
26 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	27 Poinsettia order deadline.	28 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Dartball: Hope at Plym.	29	30		

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 27. 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 \$7.25 each \$ _____

_____ Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Marble

Total enclosed \$ _____