

# Good News

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## April 1, *Easter*

8:30 A.M. Magnificent Muffin Morning  
9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship  
featuring Plymouth Brass Trio

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### Important message from your Leadership Team

Dear Members of Plymouth Church,

Our new home is really taking shape. Siding is on the outside, windows are in, drywalling has started on the inside. Paint colors have been picked out, flooring chosen and chairs for the Sanctuary have been ordered. We are working on the rest of the furniture for the building. The coffee pot has been ordered! This is an exciting and fast-paced time.

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## April Worship Calendar

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

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

**April 1**

*Easter Sunday*

*Stand in the Light Choir offering*

*Celebration Worship at 9:30 A.M.*

*(No Communion)*

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 25:6–9; Psalm

118:1–2, 14–24; 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

or Acts 10:34–43; John 20:1–18 or

Mark 16:1–8

**April 8**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*Communion Worship*

*Prayers for the People*

Acts 4:32–35; Psalm 133;

1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31

**April 15**

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

*OCWM offering*

Acts 3:12–19; Psalm 4;

1 John 3:1–7; Luke 24:36b–48

**April 22**

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

Acts 4:5–12; Psalm 23;

1 John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18

**April 29**

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

Acts 8:26–40; Psalm 22:25–31;

1 John 4:7–21; John 15:1–8

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## Food for Thought

Our pot luck this month will be on April 15. We will be joining Grace Lutheran and the Quaker Congregation for a joint pot luck. Bring your favorite food and yes, there are ovens available. Join us for this chance at fellowship with those we share the building with.

We will collect a special offering for the Stand in the Light Memory Choir on Easter Sunday, April 1.

Our special offering to the Community Table will be taken on May 6. The Community Table is struggling to be able to provide daily meals. For many of those who come, this is their only meal of the 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 April, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Michael (Alba) Green, Cindy (Jerry) Halfen, Kathryn Hamilton, Harlan & Charlene Hartwich, Gordy & Audrey Heimstead, Sadie (Jacob) Hulke

## April Birthdays

- 1 Eleanor Robison
- 5 Rose Shepler
- 10 Mike Henry
- 13 Pat Sexter
- 14 Steve Leipnitz
- 21 Joanne Miller

## Memorials

*In memory of Joanne Lowry: Jerry & Mary Foote, Louise Partlow, Phyllis Kurtz*

## Leadership Team

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Now for our challenge. By around August 1, we will start having expenses we haven't had for awhile: electricity, cleaning lady, water, higher property insurance, etc. We are asking you to make sure your pledges are up to date, or if you haven't turned one in for this year, please do. To date, we only have received 18 pledges. That isn't very many! The total of these pledges is \$46,745.

***Folks,  
that's not going to make it!***

We need everyone's help to maintain the vibrant ministry of Plymouth Church by giving generously and regularly so that we can meet our monthly obligations now and for years to come in our brand new church home.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,  
The Leadership Team

## Thank you!

This email comes from the people served by Feed My People Food Bank, its board of directors and staff, and the Empty Bowls committee members:

*Thank you for volunteering on Thursday, March 1 at the 2018 Empty Bowls event benefitting Feed My People. This event would/could not have been as successful as it was without the 230 volunteers who contributed.*

*We served 2,900 people— a 6% increase over last year. Those of you who worked the lunch shift definitely saw the increase! We raised over \$98,000—a 20% increase over last year. You all worked so hard to make this happen.*

*Again, much thanks. We'll see you on Thursday, March 7, 2019!*

## Don't forget SCRIP cards!

We have SCRIP cards for Mega Holiday, Festival, Kwik Trip, Menard's, Shopko, Target, and Walmart on hand each week as well as the option to order pre-paid cards from many other businesses. It is a painless, cost-free fund raiser for our church!



The office will be closed Friday, April 13 so that I can attend a family event.

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Earlier this month, you helped Feed My People raise \$98,000 at their Empty Bowl fundraiser! Thank you to those

who volunteered and those of you who went there to eat. Every year this fundraiser grows in number of attendees and amount of money raised. See a thank you from them elsewhere in the newsletter.

**F R O M   T H E**



**PASTOR**

On April 21, the Northwest Association of the Wisconsin Conference United Church of Christ will gather for its annual meeting at First Congregational here in Eau Claire from 9:30 A.M to 3:30 P.M. Cindy Halfen is our

delegate, and she also served on the Division on Church in the World of the Association, and I will be there as well. We can send only one voting delegate, but all members are welcome to attend part or all of the meeting. Since it's in Eau Claire this year, this is a good opportunity to see that larger church in action. If you'd like to come as a visitor, please let me know. Registration is only \$10 if you'd like to include lunch, and free if you don't eat.

Construction on our new building is cruising along at a wonderful pace! Siding is on; the brickwork along the bottom outside is being finished; the inside walls are all framed and insulated and some are drywalled; the huge front doors and windows and the equally huge back door and windows are in and look magnificent—the views are splendid! *(See Photo Gallery on page 6)* Your leadership team has spent a lot of dedicated and faithful hours in the past

month making many, many choices on materials and colors for interior and exterior parts of the building and have also been working hard with furniture vendors to find chairs, tables, and office furniture. The progress is incredibly exciting. I visit the site every few days, and am always impressed with how much has been done and how well it has been done. But I am even more impressed to see how beautiful the building will be. It's also exciting to know that we're only a few months away! This all seemed sooooo far away when we started back in September '16 after the fire. Now it's very close! We only have five months left at Grace Lutheran before we move into our new building and return to the Westridge Neighborhood.

On April 15 we will have a potluck meal with the people of Grace Lutheran and the Friends (Quakers) meeting after worship. We'll have a shortened worship service so we all finish about the same time and then join our fellow congregations for lunch on the first floor with a time of table fellowship, which will then be followed by a presentation by JONAH on childhood poverty in Wisconsin. Please plan to join us for lunch that day!

Easter blessings to you all,

# Leadership Team Minutes

March 2018

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

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### Financial Reports:

As of February 28, 2018

Year to Date Income	\$16,068.18
Year to Date Expenses	\$17,902.48
Ahead (Behind)	(\$1,828.78)

### Treasurer's Report:

Income for February was \$4,529.81. Expenses for February were \$6,358.59. All expenses are paid except for Community Table. Because this will be our first donation, we will include a letter to let them know that it will be ongoing. David said he and Mimi would do this. Second quarter payments are coming up.

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$315.44

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$12,840.48

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

### Building and Grounds:

Pastor David reported that some siding is on the building and everything seems to be going well.

### Stewardship:

We may have a Thrift Sale in the fall if the church is ready. Pledges will be reviewed. A letter has not been done yet.

### Worship:

David will put an ad on Facebook regarding our Holy Week and Easter services. Easter is coming soon. Maundy Thursday services are being planned. Some members have volunteered to sing that night.

### Service:

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

### Pastor's Report:

Pastor David, along with Grace and the Quaker congregation, are planning a joint fellowship with a pot luck on April 15. There will be a presentation afterward on childhood poverty if you would choose to attend. He also noted that in a couple years the WI Conference UCC is changing how health insurance is paid based on membership.



### Old Business:

- Barb reported that Stand in the Light Choir is all set with paperwork, etc. We are planning to contribute to the choir in a special offering. There will be more info in this soon. Plymouth will provide bars at Thursday's regular practice.

### New Business:

- Muffin Morning on Easter will be at 8:30 A.M. with worship service at 9:30 A.M. Please come early to enjoy breakfast. You can bring a dozen large muffins if you wish.

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*Leadership Team meeting minutes continued...*

### **New Business continued:**

- Rob Jaenke brought up information about an unused Music Account at Wells Fargo with a balance of approximately \$1,100. We can either activate or close this account. Larry Kleist moved to close this account with Rob Jaenke being authorized to do this. Deb Zehms seconded. Motion passed.

- We also spent quite a bit of time talking about furniture for our new building. We will order chairs as soon as possible as that order takes the longest to fill. We will keep working on this project. Suggestions accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Next meeting is April 9, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Partlow



# Photo Gallery...



Our new front door!



Windows overlooking the back patio.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 						
<b>1 Easter</b> <b>Stand in the Light Choir offering</b>  8:30 A.M. Magnificent Muffin Morning 9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship	2	3  10:00 A.M. Quilters	4	5	6	7
<b>8 Prayers for the People</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	9  7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	10  10:00 A.M. Quilters	11	12	13 Office closed	14
<b>15 OCWM offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:15 A.M. Building-wide Pot luck	16	17  10:00 A.M. Quilters	18	19	20	21 NW Assoc Annual Mtg
22  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	23	24  10:00 A.M. Quilters	25	26	27	28
29  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	30	