



# Good News

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## The Fall Thrift Sale is coming up September 21!

We are having a Thrift Sale and Bake Sale, Saturday, September 21 from 8 A.M. till 2 P.M. You can start bringing your **MARKED** goods to the church starting Sunday, September 15. If you need to bring your merchandise before, we can store it in our garage, as the building will be used by an outside group on Friday and Saturday. The only thing you do not need to mark is books. (We will have a sign on the books, so they will all be the same price.) No electronics, such as TVs, microwaves, computers, or telephones will be accepted

Baked goods can be brought any time on Friday the 20th. Please bring lots of baked goods. This past spring we ran out by noon!

We will need lots of help setting up for the sale and for the day of the actual sale. Sign-up sheets are out. We will set up the tables, etc. in the Fellowship Hall and Gathering Area after worship on

September 15. If you can stay, it would be appreciated.

## Thrift Sale



## September Worship Calendar

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### 10:30 A.M. Worship

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

#### September 1

*12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Community Table offering*

Jeremiah 2:4–13 or Proverbs 25:6–7;

Psalm 81:1, 10–16 or Psalm 112;

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16; Luke 14:1,

7–14

#### September 8

*13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Prayers for the People*

Jeremiah 18:1–11 or Deuteronomy

30:15–20; Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18 or

Psalm 1; Philemon 1–21; Luke 14:25–33

#### September 15

*14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*OCWM offering*

Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28 or Exodus

32:7–14; Psalm 14 or Psalm 51:1–10;

1 Timothy 1:12–17; Luke 15:1–10

#### September 22

*15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 8:18–9:1 or Amos 8:4–7;

Psalm 79:1–9 or Psalm 113;

1 Timothy 2:1–7; Luke 16:1–13

#### September 29

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 32:1–3a, 6–15 or Amos 6:1a,

4–7; Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 or Psalm 146;

1 Timothy 6:6–19; Luke 16:19–31

## Prayer Ministry

**In September, we are praying for**

**these individuals/families:** Kevin & Jean Phillips, Kenny (Annette) Polden, Gloria Polden, Aurora (Matt) Robison, Mel & Bobbie Rude, Doug & Nancy Salter

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## Food for Thought

Our pot Luck for September will be on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Brats and burgers will be provided. Bring your favorite picnic foods, as we say goodbye to summer. Invite someone to share the meal with us.

Our offering to the Community Table will be taken on September 1. The Community Table is struggling to be able to provide daily meals. This is an important community service. For many of those who come, this is their only meal of the day. You can also volunteer

as an individual or family to serve. They are usually short on help in the summer months.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. As always the Street Ministry can use money or gas cards. They have needs right now of water, large backpacks, candy and granola bars. We have a donation box available for you to drop off your items.

## Birthday Challenge

### September Birthdays

1	Linda Oliver
2	Steve Strassman
6	Katelyn Phillips
9	Nicole Ivkovich
13	Benji Stygar
20	Keith Zehms
22	Kathryn Hamilton
25	Jim Bliss
	Isaac Ivkovich
29	Nancy Salter

Remember the Birthday Challenge? We revived the birthday challenge in April. In your birthday month, we are suggesting you make a donation to the church corresponding to your age or some amount you feel appropriate. The money will go to future capital improvements, such as resurfacing the parking lot. We want to be proactive in raising funds for future needs. To those of you who have September birthdays, we challenge you to make a donation! So far these people have accepted the Birthday Challenge: Joanne Miller, Louise Partlow, Mimi Pederson.



### Leadership Musings

Our Fall Thrift & Bake Sale is coming up on September 21. Get your sale merchandise marked and ready to bring to church. You can bring your goods starting Sunday, September 15th. If you need to bring your things earlier, we can store them in the garage.

Anyone need a ride to church? We want to make sure everyone gets to come to our Sunday morning services. If you need a ride, please call the church office at 715-835-5475 and we will arrange for someone to pick you up.

The Bazaar is Saturday, November 16.

New sign-up sheets coming! We are in need of volunteers to light up the candles on Sunday mornings. Sign up if this is something you'd like to do.

### Special Thanks!

A special "Thank you" is needed for those people who have gone the extra mile this summer at church:

- Jim Welk for cutting the grass all summer
- Larry Kleist for trimming and hand mowing
- Keith Zehms for taking care of the weeds in the parking lot
- Deb Zehms for maintaining the outside plants around the church.
- Pete Spitt for watering our new grass in the front
- Deb Zehms and Linda Jaenke for painting the posts on the Plymouth sign
- The Zehms and Mimi Pederson for doing the windows
- Last, but certainly not least, Mary Stygar and Louise Partlow for providing us with snacks for our coffee every week!

Thanks to all of you for your special efforts. The Leadership Team appreciates all that everyone does for our church home.

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

We had an exciting day on August 11 as we welcomed three new members to our congregation: Ben Bechle, Cathy Lawler, and Ken Snart! So good to add you all to our church family!

Your church was also out serving our neighbors on August 3 at the Community Table where we served about 100 people. Many thanks to our Plymouth cooks and cleaners who made that happen! For many of the people that Community Table serves, that is their only meal for the day or is the only time they get to be with other people during the day. The Community Table provides food for the hungry, but the “Community” part of the name is just as important for those who live alone or aren’t able to get out as much as they might like. So thank you also to all of you who give to our monthly offering for Community Table.

Our quilters, with the help of the experts from Bed, Bath, and Drapery installed the veterans quilt we received from DeLong Middle School. It now hangs in the Fellowship Room and looks great! Our quilters also made some privacy coverings for the windows in the doors of the classroom— now if a bridal party is using the room to get dressed, or other group is using the space and needs privacy, we can cover the windows with beautiful fabrics.

There are many things that get done in the church that go unnoticed and uncelebrated: those of you who volunteered to clean the building in the weeks we didn’t have a hired cleaning person; lawn mowers and trimmers; those who come by to water the lawn and the plants; the caretakers of our inside plants; the window washers; the weed removers; the sign painters; those who set the tables for pot lucks and clean up afterward; our communion preparers and clean up crew; our Leadership Team who put in a lot of time and effort to keep the finances straight and the bills paid, who make decisions on behalf of the congregation, and who make sure our life together runs as smoothly as possible; and I’m sure I’m missing many things. It’s amazing to sit down and think of all the hours of volunteer time that you put into making sure we have a beautiful building and grounds that are clean, decorated, and kept in repair, and that all the other necessary parts of church life are taken care of so that we can do the ministry we’re called to do in our community.

Thank you all! And many blessings,



# Leadership Team Minutes

August 2019

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Linda Oliver, Rob Jaenke, Louise Partlow, Linda Oliver, Louise Sanders, Lil Savage, and Pastor David

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and accepted. (There was no meeting in July.)

### Financial Reports:

As of July 31, 2019  
 Year to Date Income       \$74,340.09  
 Year to Date Expenses     \$72,342.30  
 Ahead (Behind)             \$1,997.79

### Treasurer's Report:

Income for July was \$14,651.09. Income included approximately \$10,000 envelope giving. Expenses were \$12,521.77. Income through July was up; also was up last year.

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$57.59 (*This account will be closed*)

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$8,192.02

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

### Stewardship:

Stewardship will meet next Sunday afternoon, August 11, 2019. Thrift Sale will be September 21.

### Worship:

Three new members will be joining our church on August 11. They are Ben Bechle, Ken Snart, and Cathy Lawler. Outdoor worship will be Wednesday, August 23 with music and s'mores.

### Women of Plymouth:

The Fall Bazaar will be November 16.

### Building and Grounds:

Lawn repair and landscaping around signs. Green Oasis will repair grass and replace some plants. Window washing is almost done. Inside is finished. Thank Mimi for all of her work. Also, we have a new cleaning person. She started last week.

### Pastor's Report:

Pastor David is attending a Stewardship Boot Camp Seminar/Education Event August 11. Tuesday he is also attending the Conference dedication of their new solar array.

### Old Business:

- Insurance: We will hopefully be receiving some funds to close out some remaining fire related issues. \$10,000 approximately; also \$41,000 for Pastor David's and Mimi's personal items that needed to be replaced and \$4,000 to replace fencing.
- Thrift Sale: Set up will have to be a little later because of outside groups using the building. Larry says tables will be set up September 11 and items for sale can start being put out September 12.
- T-shirts: We will check with new members to see if they are interested in purchasing them.

### New Business

- Apple Pregnancy Event: We are looking into having a baby shower type event to help purchase items for families in need. May like to make this an annual event. More info later when checked into further.



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## Good News

*Leadership Team  
Minutes continued...*

- New Financial Secretary: Your old Financial Secretary is retiring. Mimi volunteered to keep counting and depositing monies for us.
- Building policy updates are needed. We were given homework to read the old rules and make suggestions. Will review next month.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M. The next meeting is scheduled for September 9.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Partlow

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# Photo Gallery...



Nice aerial photo of our church thanks to our architect.



Our three new members: Ben Bechle, Ken Snart, and Cathy Lawler



Welcoming our new members



Veterans Quilt made by the kids at DeLong.



Maria Patton and Barb Kleist serving at the Community Table



Larry Kleist and Sandy Moore preparing to feed our neighbors at the Community Table

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>September 2019</h1> 						
<b>1 Community Table offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	2  Office closed	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. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot Luck	9  7:00 P.M. Leadership Team	10  10:00 A.M. Quilters	11	12	13	14
<b>15 OCWM offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	16	17  10:00 A.M. Quilters	18	19	20	21 8 A.M.–2 P.M. Fall Thrift/ Bake Sale
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					