



# Good News

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## ASH WEDNESDAY *worship*

February 26

6:00 P.M. Soup supper with free-will offering for OCWM  
7:00 P.M. Worship with Communion and imposition of ashes

Invite a friend!



*Lenten Wednesdays starting March 4,  
join us for "Soup and Scripture" at 6:00 P.M.*

## February Worship Calendar

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

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

**February 23**

***Transfiguration Sunday***

Exodus 24:12–18; Psalm 99;  
2 Peter 1:16–21; Matthew 17:1–9

**February 2**

***4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany***

***Community Table offering***

Micah 6:1–8; Psalm 15;  
1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Matthew 5:1–12

**February 9**

***5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany***

***Prayers for the People***

Isaiah 58:1–9a (9b–12); Psalm  
112:1–10; 1 Corinthians 2:1–12 (13–16);  
Matthew 5:13–20

**February 16**

***6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany***

***OCWM offering***

Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm 119:1–8;  
1 Corinthians 3:1–9; Matthew 5:21–37

**February 26**

***Ash Wednesday***

6:00 P.M. Soup supper  
7:00 P.M. Worship with Communion and  
Imposition of Ashes

### **Prayer Ministry**

**In February, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Bonnie Carter, Meghan Cartmill, Patty (John) Cartmill, Nancy Champion, Lilah Eastzman

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### **Food for Thought**

Our pot luck will be on February 9. Bring your favorite comfort food and a friend. There's always room for more at our table.

Our offering to the Community Table will be taken on February 2. The Community Table is an important community service. For many of those who come, it is their only meal of the day. You can also volunteer as an individual or family to serve. They can always use more help.

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, hand warmers, candy and granola bars. Winter coats in good condition and with working zippers are also needed. We have a donation box available for you to drop off your items.

## February Birthdays

- 5 Jean Phillips
- 13 John Moore
- 16 Charline Kozlowski
- 18 Travis Eisberner
- 19 Jeff Green  
Gloria Polden
- 25 Graham Gilbertson
- 28 Kenny Polden

## Leadership Team Musings

We are having a Diaper Drive the last week in February. Our donations will go to the Apple Pregnancy center. Spread the word to friends and family. You can drop them off at Plymouth, Good Shepherd Senior Apartments and Bed, Bath and Drapery. Disposable diapers only. Let's make this a great event

We are still collecting empty prescription bottles, with the labels removed. We can also take over the counter pain reliever bottles, also without the labels. There is a basket on the counter in the entryway.

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.

Remember the Birthday Challenge? We revived the Birthday challenge last 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. So those of you who have February birthdays we challenge you to make a donation!

Volunteers are needed! We are in need of volunteers to light up the candles, read the liturgy, take the offering and hand out bulletins on Sunday mornings. Sign up if this is something you'd like to do. Also, a sign-up sheet will be out for flowers to brighten up the Sanctuary. Please sign up if you are interested.

## Don't forget SCRIP cards!

We have SCRIP cards for Mega Holiday, Festival, Kwik Trip, Menard's, Papa Murphy's, Panera, Caribou Coffee, and Target 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!

## Good News

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

Thank you all for being such good hosts for the Interfaith Prayer Service that was held here a few weeks ago. You received many compliments from the leaders for your hospitality, and our building also received many rave reviews. A number of people talked to me that night or sent me notes afterward saying what a great job you did of making people feel welcome here and providing a friendly atmosphere for all. Well done, good and faithful people! I have some photos, but those will need to wait for next month's newsletter due to space constraints in this one!

Lent begins at the end of this month. Ash Wednesday is February 26. We'll have our usual soup supper at 6:00 P.M. and then worship at 7:00 P.M. with Communion and imposition of ashes (a mark of penitence and mortality as we are reminded "from dust you are made and to dust you will return"). We will continue our Wednesday night soup and scripture gatherings during Lent as we usually do as well. More details about the Wednesday theme and our Sunday Lent theme will also be in the next newsletter.

I will be serving again as a judge at the National History Day at NorthStar Middle School on Tuesday, February 4, so will not be in the office. This will be the fifth year I have done this! It's always a real pleasure to spend the day with some great people who offer their time to be judges, and especially to witness the creativity and thoughtfulness of our eighth graders as they tackle important historical concepts.

I will also be gone the week of Feb 11–17 as I head back to Janesville to celebrate my home church's 175th anniversary! I grew up in First Congregational United Church of Christ, Janesville, and was ordained there. Five of us who were ordained there are still alive (two of them were kids in the youth group when I was a youth group leader there), and all of us will be at the celebration. I am very excited for that reunion! And so is the congregation.

Blessings,



**F R O M   T H E**



**PASTOR**

# Leadership Team Minutes

January 13, 2020

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

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

### Financial Reports:

As of December 31, 2019

Year to Date Income	\$126,584.50
Year to Date Expenses	\$126,222.33
Ahead (Behind)	\$362.17

### Treasurer's Report:

Income for December was \$16,498.13. Expenses were \$16,461.57. Envelope income was up slightly from 2018. \$5,400 has been transferred from the Reserve Fund. All expenses were caught up.

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$12,512.34

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$6,927.56

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

### Stewardship:

Pledging is slightly ahead of last year.

### Worship:

The Interfaith Prayer Service will be here on Wednesday, January 15. Lent starts in February.

### Women of Plymouth:

They have given \$500 to OCWM.

### Building and Grounds:

Larry is working on issues involving the carpeting and the lights in the Fellowship Room.

### Pastor's Report:

The annual Empty Bowls event will be March 5. Ash Wednesday is coming up February 26. Pastor David will take vacation February 10–16. Plymouth will host the Northwest Association Annual Meeting on April 18. We can expect 80–100 people.

### Old Business:

- Pill bottle donations are going very well.
- The Diaper Drive to be held February 29 as a Leap Year event. We are working on advertising.

### New Business:

- Annual Meeting will be January 26. Bars, cheese and sausage, and vegetables will be served.

Meeting adjourned. Our next meeting will be February 10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Kleist



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<h1>February 2020</h1> 						
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<b>2 Community Table offering</b>  10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	3	4 10:00 A.M. Quilters  7:00 P.M. Dartball Rock Creek at Plym	5	6	7	8
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