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All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 6 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead. This year we remember the life of Gloria Polden.

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.



Prices are:

Mixed nuts 14 oz. for \$17.00
Cashews 14 oz. for \$18.00
Mixed nuts 28 oz. for \$29.00
Mixed nuts 28 oz. Tin for \$30.00

Order by calling the church office (715-835-5475), emailing Mimi (mimi@pcucc.com), or use the sign-up sheet in the hallway alcove.

October Worship Calendar

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

October 2

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Community Table offering

Lamentations 1:1–6 or Habakkuk 1:1–4;
2:1–4; Psalm 137 or Psalm 37:1–9;
2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 17:5–10

October 9

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7 or 2 Kings 5:1–3,
7–15c; Psalm 66:1–12 or Psalm 111;
2 Timothy 2:8–15; Luke 17:11–19

October 16

19th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Jeremiah 31:27–34 or Genesis 32:22–31;
Psalm 119:97–104 or Psalm 121;
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Luke 18:1–8

October 23

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23–32 or Jeremiah 14:7–10,
19–22; Psalm 65 or Psalm 84:1–7;
2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18; Luke 18:9–14

October 30

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4 or Isaiah
1:10–18; Psalm 119:137–144 or Psalm
32:1–7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12;
Luke 19:1–10

Prayer Ministry

In October, we are praying for these individuals/families: Christian Shufflin, JoAnn Smith, Ken Snart (Jerry Holt), Pete Spitt, Jamie Stafford, George (Sue Falch) Stecher

Memorials

Birthday Challenge: Mary Stygar, Jim & Linda Oliver

Landscape: Keith & Deb Zehms, Cindy Halfen



1	Larry Shepler
2	Jen Adams
4	Hannah Zehms
5	Jamie Stafford
7	Len Weisfeld
9	Maria Patton
22	Kay Bussing Nathan Stygar
23	Joe Gilbertson
28	Bobbie Rude
29	Nancy Wendt
30	Audrey Heimstead

Food for Thought

Communion will be October 2. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will also take our offering for the Community Table. There will be no pot luck in October.

We are still recording our worship service to view on Facebook, for those who feel safer at home or can't make it to worship. Please make sure you are vaccinated and boosted. This makes everyone feel safer and maybe we can get rid of COVID sooner. Even after you receive it, make sure you stay safe. Masks are available at church, for those who would still like to wear one. Just a

reminder—the new booster for COVID is now available. Please contact your pharmacy or doctor to see if you're eligible.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. They especially need donations of money, and warm clothing, hooded sweatshirts, along with socks,

mittens, hats, and jackets. We have a drop off box at church and whatever is donated will be taken to Good Shepherd weekly. The mailing address for monetary donations is: Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI. If you prefer, go to the website, chippewavalleystreetministry.org, and donate through PayPal.

October birthdays, it's your turn to think about making a donation to our Birthday Challenge. We are challenging you to make a donation in your birthday month corresponding to your age or whatever

amount you are comfortable with. The money will be put toward future capital improvements, such as parking lot resurfacing.

Now that we have changed our garbage carrier to Earthbound Environmental Services, we have three types of trash cans. There's a regular trash can, a recycling trash can, and a compost trash can. Each is clearly marked with what can go in them. If you have questions, check the refrigerator. We have complete listings on the door.

We also have LED light bulbs free for the taking. It's a program sponsored by Focus on Energy.

Come and visit our new libraries. We have one curbside for anyone to use and we've started one inside in Fellowship Hall.

A couple dates to put on your calendar: Thanksgiving Eve service will be at Plymouth this year, more information coming. November 30 at 2 P.M. we will be decorating for Advent!

BAKE SALE!

December 2–3 we will have a holiday bake sale in conjunction with the EC Garden Club's workshop event of demonstrating and helping people make porch pots. We will also be selling our Christmas nuts and perhaps have a small table for our crafts. We need everyone's participation in making baked goods, especially since it is a two day event! Gather your recipes and your ingredients and get ready to bake, so that we can have an awesome sale. The November newsletter will have more specific details.



Dear Friends and Family of
Plymouth,

‘Tis fall and the beginning of the end of the year. In my mind, these three months of October, November, and December all form a single time-span; one that happens to be divided into three separately-named parts. The other months, in my mind, act as independent units. But there is something about these last three months that makes them feel like they’re telling a one-act play with three scenes. Maybe it’s because winter feels like it has its roots in October, beginning as a barely heard counter-point to the louder melody of fall, patiently crescendoing over the months like a slowly evolving symphony until it overpowers the autumnal song to reach a dramatic fortissimo mid-December that it holds into the new year.

Or maybe it’s the holidays. We have so many packed into that short time, after going for quite a long time with few of them. The church calendar, too, packs many special days into these three months. It’s a three-month-long celebration as the days shrink, the temperature drops, the snow piles up... maybe that’s why we pack so many holidays into that time—to distract us from what’s happening outside. Notice how summer doesn’t have anything other than Independence Day for us, and

nothing in the church calendar after Pentecost! Perhaps our ancestors were smarter than we give them credit for.

This period is not a time that I need to have distraction from the weather—in fact, I very much look forward to fall and winter—but I know that for most people, this is the beginning of a time of doldrums, seasonal affective disorder, and worries about walking/driving on ice and snow. If you do find yourself feeling some seasonal low spirits during this time, please reach out, and/or please don’t be afraid to seek out professional help if you need it.

There is no shame in it; in fact, it’s a strength to admit to needing some help and seeking it out. I can help you find it if you need, too. And as to snow/ice, we have people who will happily park your car or provide rides so you don’t have to walk on an icy parking lot, and who can help in other ways. I’ll say more about that once we get closer to our time of snow. We want to make sure everyone is taken care of as best as we can.

Autumn blessings to you all,



F R O M T H E



PASTOR

Leadership Team Minutes

September 13, 2022



Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Deb Zehms, Cindy Halfen, Mimi Pederson, and Pastor David

Our Moderator, Barb Kleist, called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2022

Year to Date Income	\$87,276.86
Year to Date Expenses	\$89,942.21
Ahead (Behind)	(\$2,665.35)

Treasurer's Report:

Envelope income continues to be higher than in years past. Regular bills were paid. Payments to OCWM and the Community Table will be made at a later date. It was decided to take \$20,000 from PIP to cover cash flow shortages for the rest of 2022.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$7,920.20

It was decided to make grant funds a separate line from the landscape line.

Reserve Fund Balance: \$3,451.78

The financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Stewardship:

- The prices for nuts this year will be: \$17 for a single, \$29 for a double, \$18 for single cashews, and \$30 for the 28 oz. tin.
- Fall stewardship letters will go out in November with pledges received December 4.

Building and Grounds:

- Glass for the door in the sanctuary is still back-ordered and will hopefully arrive for installation before winter comes.
- Our housekeeper has not submitted a bill for her services for some time. We have gifted her a \$100 Kwik Trip card.

Worship:

- Thanksgiving Eve worship will be at Plymouth this year. Deb and Barb will provide bars/cookies to serve following the service.
- Advent decorating will be done Wednesday, November 30 at 2:00 P.M.

Pastor's Report:

- He will be officiating at a funeral for the wife of a couple he married roughly 15 years ago. The husband's parents were long-time members of Plymouth.
- He and Lynn will be doing the worship serve at Good Shepherd apartments.
- The Conference and Camps have ongoing financial problems and will probably combine to become one entity. There is also the prospect that they will close the Conference office as most of the work is done remotely anyway.
- UCCI is hosting a retreat at Daycholah Center on November 4 and 5. It's called "Creation Care 101—Cross Pollination: Joining Hearts and Hands to Help Save the Earth"

Old Business:

- The "Little Library" seems to be very popular with the neighborhood. More books will need to be added. Deb has some fresh ones to contribute.
- On December 2–3, the Eau Claire Garden Club is doing a two-day instructional on "porch pots" in preparation for the holiday season. We will have a bake sale and include nuts for sale and some hand-crafted items as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M. There will be no meeting in October as Larry and Barb will be away. Our next meeting will be November 13, 2022 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson

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2 Community Table offering 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship	3	4 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:45 P.M. Dartball St Mark at Plymouth	5	6	7	8
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23 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	24	25 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:45 P.M. Dartball Bethesda Gold at Plymouth	26	27	28	29
30 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	31					

Dartball starts Oct 4...players needed!

Dartball starts Tuesday, October 4. Plymouth Team Captain, Tim Patton, stopped in to the church office to give us the schedule for this year and mentioned that the current Plymouth team is in need of more players. If you are interested or have questions, you can contact Tim at 715-497-6933 or fanoemmitt2003@yahoo.com.