

Good News

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Join us for our November 11 sale in conjunction with the Eau Claire Garden Club. The hours will be 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. We will be selling baked goods, crafts, quilts, and we will have a Christmas Treasures table. We will also be selling nuts, provided there is no delivery issue. The Quilters are also doing a Bed Turning event at noon. The Garden Club will have stained glass, Christmas decor, art, and maybe a few pre-made porch pots and items to make your own.

We need everyone's help! We need lots of baked goods to sell. You will be contacted so we know who is bringing goodies to sell. You can bring your baked goods anytime on Friday (Nov. 10) or by 8:00 on Saturday morning.

We also need crafts to fill our tables in the fellowship hall. Sandy Moore has been busy creating her many items, and we could use more variety to make this successful!

There will also be a Christmas Treasures Table. We need good quality Christmas items or collectors items. (We do not want items that would be better in a thrift sale.) You can bring your items starting Sunday, October 22.

So start thinking about what you are going to bake or make, and what special items you may want to donate for Christmas gifts. There are sign up sheets for setting up on Friday, November 10, working during the sale, and clean-up. Please sign up to help. This is an all church sale and we need everyone to help!

If you are on Facebook, share and "invite" your friends to it with our event page: <https://tinyurl.com/plymouthfallsale>

If you have any questions, contact Barb Kleist at 715-834-8130, or email bkleist04@gmail.com

November Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

November 5

All Souls Remembrance

Hunger offering

Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 34:1–10, 22;
1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

November 12

24th 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

November 19

20th Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123 or Psalm 76;
1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew
25:14–30

November 22

Thanksgiving Eve

7:00 P.M. Worship at Plymouth

November 26

Reign of Christ Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 100;
Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

Prayer Ministry

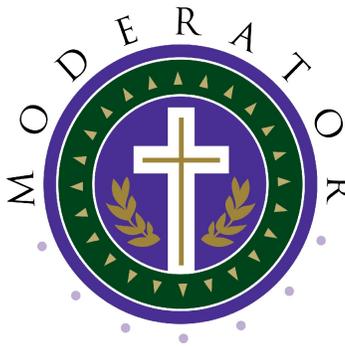
In November, we are praying for these individuals/families: Steve Strassman, Benji & Cathy Stygar, Tyrone, Tyjha, Kayla Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue Thompson, Mike Tschumperlin

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. This year we remember the lives of Dorothy Gilbertson, Pete Spitt, and Larry Shepler. 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.



Food for Thought



Communion will be November 5. We will be serving communion or we will have the sealed cups for you. We will observe All Saints' Sunday and take our offering for the Community Table. A pot luck will be held after worship. After the pot luck, help will be needed putting the chairs away and getting all the tables out for our "Tis the Season Sale" on November 11.

As mentioned, our Community Table offering will also be taken on November 5. Please be generous. More and more people are using the Community Table for a daily source of good food.

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. COVID is starting to increase slightly, but the new booster is now out! Make sure you get a booster and also your flu shot.

Please don't forget our homeless friends. Mike and his crew are out checking on the homeless to make sure they are okay. Please keep them in your prayers. They especially need donations of money, gas or food cards, fast food cards. There is a great need for water and Gatorade, so monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated. There's also a need for hoodies in larger sizes, sweat pants and lightweight jackets. The mailing address for monetary donations is: Chippewa Valley Street Ministry, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI. If you prefer, you can go to the website and donate through PayPal at chippewavalleystreetministry.org.

Also, don't forget our Birthday Challenge. We are challenging you to make a donation in your birthday month corresponding to your age. The money will be put toward future capital improvements, such as parking lot resurfacing. So November birthdays, it's your turn!

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

If anyone knows of a family member or member of this congregation who is in the hospital, please let the church office know. Unless someone tells us, we don't know if you're in the hospital.

November Birthdays

1	Char Hartwich
6	Arvilla Kruschke
12	Lesla Green
	JoAnn Smith
20	Tyjha Stygar
26	Kevin Phillips
27	Clyde Divine
30	Jacqueline Andersen
	Louise Sanders

Memorials

In memory of Larry Shepler:

Irma Shepler
Family and Friends

In memory of David Hash:

George Stecher, Sue Falch,
John Stecher
Larry & Barb Kleist



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 \$32.00

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

If you would like to donate a poinsettia plant to decorate our worship spaces for Christmas, you can do so 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 \$10.00 each

_____ Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Marble

Total enclosed \$ _____

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

The first Sunday in November (Nov. 5) will be our All Souls/All Saints Day worship service during which we remember those saints who have died. This is a meaningful worship each year as we read the names of those who have died and toll a bell in their honor. If you would like to remember someone who died in the last year and have their name read, please contact me or Mimi by Nov. 1, and we will include them. If you'd like to remember someone who died more than a year ago, you can contact us and we will print their name in the bulletin in the list of those who are also being remembered.

The Saturday after that is Nov. 11, the day of our "Tis the Season" fall sale in conjunction with the Eau Claire Garden Club. This is a wonderful opportunity to minister to your church by making some baked goods or crafts, donating items, and/or helping as a volunteer worker that day. It's a great way to serve your church, and volunteering to help also means some wonderful relationship building and getting to know some of your fellow church members and friends. You can also serve your church by letting your friends and family know about it. If you are on Facebook, share and "invite" your friends to it with our event page:
<https://tinyurl.com/plymouthfallsale>.

Later this month we are hosting the annual Thanksgiving Eve worship service that the three UCC churches in town (us, Truax UCC, and First Congregational UCC) have celebrated together for decades. That will be Nov. 22 at 7:00 pm.

Most years we begin Advent the Sunday after Thanksgiving, but this year Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. That means we have an early Thanksgiving and that Advent won't begin until Dec. 3, so I'll write about Advent in next month's newsletter! But I can reveal that we're going to do something new this year. Because Christmas Eve is on Sunday, we are going to do our normal Christmas Eve service for our Sunday morning worship (as well as do it in the evening). Some of you have not had a chance to experience a Christmas Eve worship service because you don't like to go out at night or you have family events, so we thought that offering it in the morning, too, would allow you to have the Christmas Eve experience. More on that next month.

To our deer hunters, best of luck to you! May your aim be true, and may you have a safe and successful hunting season.

Blessings,



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2023</h1>						
			1	2	3	4
5 Hunger offering All Souls' Sunday 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	6	7 10:00 A.M. Quilters	8	9	10	11 9 A.M.— 4 P.M. 'Tis the Season
12 Prayers for the People 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	13	14 10:00 A.M. Quilters	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. Thanksgiving Eve Worship (Here)	23 Office closed _____	24	25
26 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	27	28 10:00 A.M. Quilters	29	30		



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