



Good News

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A family-friendly worship service of praise for the birth of our Savior with special music and a beautiful candlelit Silent Night.

December Worship Calendar

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

December 7

2nd Sunday of Advent

Community Table offering

Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19;

Romans 15:4–13; Matthew 3:1–12

December 14

3rd Sunday of Advent

Prayers for the People

Isaiah 35:1–10; Luke 1:47–55;

James 5:7–10; Matthew 11:2–11

December 21

4th Sunday of Advent

OCWM offering

Isaiah 7:10–16; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19;

Romans 1:1–7; Matthew 1:18–25

December 24

6:00 P.M.

Christmas Eve

Lessons and Carols

December 28

1st Sunday after Christmas

Guest preacher: Jill Christopherson

Isaiah 2:1–5; Psalm 122;

Romans 13:11–14; Matthew 24:36–44

December Birthdays

- 4 Irma Shepler
- 5 Terri Gilbert
- 9 Aaron Adams
- 22 Cathy Stygar

Prayer Ministry

In December, we are praying for these individuals/families: Dana Wachs (Beverly Wickstrom); Adam (Alyssa) Wendt; Ron & Nancy Wendt; Keith & Deb Zehms, Sam; Hannah Zehms



Food for Thought

Communion will be held on December 7 and we will take our offering for the Community Table. Our pot luck will be December 14, celebrating our Stewardship Sunday and an early Christmas lunch.

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. Masks are always available at church if you would like to wear one.

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. With federal funding being cut, there are very few options for the homeless. We have a collection box in the Gathering area for clothing, or else you can send a check to CVSM, PO Box 51, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0051 or donate on their website,

Chippewavalleystreetministry.org. Here is a needs list from the Street Ministry: Sweatpants ,sizes L, XL, and 2XL; Hoodies, XL, 2XL, 3XL; warm coats; Tarps 6'x8'; Men's underwear; Women's underwear; Thermal tops and bottoms. Also, monetary gifts are very welcome. They purchase city bus passes to provide to those who need transportation to work or appointments. Also if they need some items not donated, they have to purchase them.



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 our next big repair project, which now is a new copier for the office. December birthdays—it's your turn. Plus if anyone wants to give extra toward a new copier, now's a perfect time.

Come look at our gift area. Need a gift or a stocking stuffer for someone? We have all kinds of new items. Cost is what you can afford or want to give. Proceeds will go to Community Table and/or Feed My People.

Come and visit our libraries. We have one curbside for anyone to use and we've started one inside in Fellowship Hall. Different books are added frequently.

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. Also, make sure the hospital knows you belong to Plymouth UCC.



We will decorate our church on Saturday, December 6 starting at 10 A.M. A soup lunch will be provided after we finish. If we get enough help, we should be done in a couple hours!

Dear Plymouth,

It's with a heavy heart that I let you know that I will leaving my role as your pastor after Christmas Eve. Some of you may have already heard this through Conference announcements, and if this is the first you're hearing of it, I'm sorry I couldn't tell you in person first. I will be with you through Christmas Eve.

This was a hard decision, and it has been a wonderful experience being your pastor over the last seven months. I wish it could have been longer! Plymouth is a caring, open, and welcoming congregation. Thank you for welcoming me and my family. Thank you to the Leadership Team, Mimi, and Lynn for being so great to work with, and you will be in my prayers as you move forward into the future. You have a beautiful building, a loving spirit, and are committed to caring for those in need in the community.

In my Associate Conference Minister role, I will be working with the Leadership Team and a possible future Search Committee as you move towards the future.

If you have questions or want to talk to me about this, please let me know.

Peace,

Pastor Michael



**FROM THE
PASTOR**

Leadership Team Minutes

November 9, 2025

Members present: Barb Kleist, Larry Kleist, Lil Savage, Lyle Carlson, Mimi Pederson, Dorothy Ann Divine, and Rob Jaenke

The meeting was called to order at 11:36 A.M. The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and accepted after a date correction.

Financial Reports:

As of October 31, 2025

Year to Date Income	\$108,603.95
Year to Date Expenses	\$113,239.53
Ahead (Behind)	(\$7,677.30)

Treasurer's Report:

Year to date envelope income is \$77,566, \$7,369 less than last year at this point, but \$16,992 more than the YTD average going back to 2009. Expenses include a quarterly payment on building insurance and workers comp installment. Funds received through September 30, 2025 for OCWM and Community Table were disbursed.

Memorial Fund Balance: \$9,285.56

Reserve Fund Balance: \$9,070.95

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Stewardship:

- We will have a second opportunity to order nuts for delivery in December. Same choices and prices.

Worship:

- Advent decorating will happen December 6 beginning at 10 A.M. Lunch will be served, so we'll need some soups, breads, and desserts for that.

- Stewardship Sunday will be December 14 so our pot luck will be that day. Leadership Team meeting will move to December 7.
- Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 P. M.

Building and Grounds:

- We need to find a new snow plow service as the one we have now is going out of business. Larry is checking into this and will report back.

Pastor's Report:

- He was unable to attend the meeting. There is no news about his future at Plymouth.
- Our new web page is nearly finished.

Old Business:

- Barb will ask Dave Klevgard, Morgan and Katelyn Fuller, and Jim and Jullie Fuller if they would like to become members.

New Business:

- Lil has some brand new merchandise that she will display for folks to "purchase." Everything is free will offering with proceeds going to Feed My People and Community Table.

Meeting adjourned at 12:14 P.M. Our next meeting will be Sunday, December 7, 2025 after worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Pederson



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
December 2025 						
	1	2 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:45 P.M. Dartball Plymouth at Hope Gospel	3	4	5	6
7 2 <i>Hunger offering</i> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 P.M. Leadership Team	8 5:30 P.M. EC Garden Club	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:45 P.M. Dartball Chapel Hts at Plymouth	10	11	12	13
14 9 <i>Prayers for the People</i> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 P.M. Pot luck	15	16 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:45 P.M. Dartball Plymouth at Bethesda Gold	17	18	19	20
21 <i>OCWM offering</i> 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	22	23	24 6:00 P.M. Lessons and Carols	25 Office closed_____	26	27
28 10:00 A.M. Coffee 10:30 A.M. Worship	29	30	31			