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April 1 Maundy Thursday

7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

April 2 Good Friday

12:10 P.M. Worship
First Congregational UCC

April 4 Easter Sunday

8:30 A.M. Magnificent Muffin Morning
9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship
10:30 A.M. Muffin Take-out Sale

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A Message from the Moderator

We are into the third month of 2010 and the year is passing quickly. Sometimes it seems that time just gets away from us. As we go through this year at Plymouth, I invite everyone to set a goal to become active in one more aspect of the church than they are now. Some suggestions would be:

- ! Attend the Lenten Soup Suppers and worship
- ! Attend the "Magnificent Muffin Morning" before the Easter worship
- ! Participate in the Thrift Sale in May
- ! Offer to help (before being asked) at the Ice Cream Social in June
- ! Participate in serving at the Community Table
- ! Adopt one of our shut-ins
- ! Be a liturgist on Sunday

These are just some of the ways in which to help Plymouth to grow and thrive in 2010. I look forward to working with everyone as we all contribute to the ministry of Plymouth.

Larry Kleist

Getting ready for church

March Worship Notes

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

March 7
3rd Sunday in Lent,
St. Francis Food Pantry offering
Genesis 9:8–17, Psalm 25:1–10,
1 Peter 3:18–22, Mark 1:9–15

March 14
4th Sunday in Lent,
Daylight Savings time begins
Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16, Psalm
22:23–31,
Romans 4:13–25, Mark 8:31–38 or
Mark 9:2–9

March 21
5th Sunday in Lent
One Great Hour of Sharing offering
Numbers 21:4–9, Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22,
Ephesians 2:1–10, John 3:14–21

March 28
Palm/Passion Sunday
Jeremiah 31:31–34, Psalm 51:1–12 or
Psalm 119:9–16, Hebrews 5:5–10, John
12:20–33

In March, we are praying for these individuals/families: Catherine Lee, Esther Lee, Bill & Julie Leipnitz, Steve & Ann Leipnitz, Tom & Robin Leuck, Jerry & Joanne Lowry, Phil (April) Martell

Food for Thought

Our pot luck this month will be on March 7. Since St Patrick's Day is this month, our theme will be an Irish one. Bring either a green food or an Irish food.

St. Francis can still use money and basic food items, grocery bags (plastic and paper), motel-size soaps, lotions, shampoos and body wash. We will continue to take our special offering for them on the first Sunday of the month.

The Youth raised \$354.60 for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7. That offering went to St Francis Food Pantry. This was an event that was

sponsored by Youth groups and schools all over the USA and raised a total of \$7,608,712 for the hungry and poor.



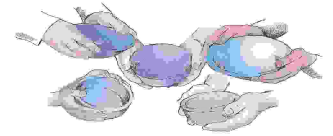
Remember to set your clocks *ahead* one hour before retiring on March 13.

March Birthdays

- 2 Doug Salter
- 3 Stacy Kleist
- 4 Claire Cramblit
- 5 Esther Lee
Jane Retallick
Kay Stecher
Judy Insteness
- 6 Erma Phephles
- 8 Aurora Bradbury-Schoening
Steven Gilbertson
Joyce Holmen
Dakota Stygar
- 10 Jeremy Green
- 11 Andrew Salter
- 19 Calvin Carter
- 20 Loraine Berg
- 24 Peter Holmen
- 29 Dorothy Kruschke
- 31 Gladys Green

Empty Bowls Benefit

This benefit for Feed My People Food Bank will take place Thursday, March 1 from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1314 E Lexington Blvd. The meal includes choice of five soups, delicious breads, beverage and choice of dessert. The price for the meal and a hand-made pottery bowl is \$18; the meal alone is \$8. Children 10 and under may eat for free. Tickets are available from Barb Kleist. Please make checks payable to Feed My People.



Potato Supper update

The profit from our Potato Supper was \$101.00. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the meal and to those who supported it. The money has been passed on to OCWM. Although it is not a lot of money, we are now \$101 ahead of last year at this time.

Order Easter flowers to decorate the sanctuary and then take them home and plant them in your own yard after Easter. The flowers may be placed 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 **March 15**. Checks should be made out to Plymouth United Church of Christ.

Your name(s): _____

In memory/honor of (Please circle one) _____

_____ Lily plants at \$8.75 each	\$ _____
_____ Daffodils at \$8.75 each	\$ _____
_____ Tulips at \$8.75 each	\$ _____
_____ Hyacinths at \$8.75 each	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____



Pastor's Pen



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

The Olympics are in full throttle at this time, though they will be finished by the time this newsletter goes out. I'm not a particularly avid sports fan, but I enjoy the Olympics because it's a chance to watch people who are at the very top of their sports and abilities. They take their sport into the realm of art, and it can be stunning and beautiful to watch. I also have appreciated that NBC has shown some behind-the-scenes footage of how the athletes prepare. Not only do they spend hours each day practicing their sport, they spend countless other hours preparing their bodies through weight-training, diet, and other activities. This has had me thinking that while one might think weightlifting for an ice skater is silly (let them spend more time ice skating!), the truth is it helps strengthen their entire body so everything can work together better. The muscles

needed for a particular sport will have more support from the other muscles if they are trained as well. And so also with Lent. While our Christian call is to go out and serve our neighbors and proclaim the Good News, we also need to take care of our souls. I've been thinking this last week that Lent is kind of the strength-training time for Christians. A time away from our main mission and goal, but one that makes us stronger and more efficient. And yes, Lent can sometimes seem to have all the drudgery and lack of pizzaz of sitting in the weight room when you'd rather be skating. But we are better for it.

May your Lenten journey be a time of strengthening and nurturing your whole self!

Blessings,

Handwritten signature of Pastor David.

From Surviving to Thriving

Do you want to move beyond surviving with your chronic illness or disability to a place where life is as productive and meaningful as possible? You can explore your journey with others who really understand at this support group presented by the Healing Place April 6–May 11, 2–3:30 P.M. Please call (715) 717-6028 for more information or to register by April 2.

Building Fund

Our Building Fund campaign is now over. Thanks to everyone who pledged and gave to this fund. We now ask that anyone wishing to complete their Building Fund pledges or to give a special gift or memorial consider giving that money to our General Fund. We are always in need of money to pay our day-to-day bills.

Executive Council Minutes

February 8, 2009

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Louise Partlow, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, Char Kozlowski, Jim Welk and Pastor David Huber

Larry called the meeting to order. The January Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of January 31, 2010

Year to Date Income	\$13,572.34
Year to Date Expenses	\$11,852.81
Ahead (Behind)	\$1,719.53
Building Fund Balance	\$26,383.81
Memorial Fund Balance	\$5,952.83

Financial Secretary Report/ Treasurer:

Income this month was \$13,572.34; expenses were \$11,852.81 leaving us with January gain of \$1719.53 and a check book balance of \$1775.73. \$5000.00 was taken out of the Building Fund, leaving us with two more years to withdraw those funds. The quarterly payments on the property insurance, pension and health insurance were made. We collected \$225 for Haiti relief and that was sent to Madison. We also collected \$210 for St Francis, which was also sent.

Reserve Fund Report:

The Reserve Fund had income of \$472.00 in January so there is a balance of \$976.91 at the end of January.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$5952.83. The Welk memorial money was disbursed to Christian Ed.

Building Fund Report:

The balance for the end of January is \$26,383.81. \$5000 was withdrawn for the General Fund.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

Barb reported that the youth collected \$346.50 for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7. Proceeds are going to St Francis Food Pantry.

Stewardship Commission:

The first new banner will go up sometime in May. February 17 is the Ash Wednesday Potato Supper. They will once again have a thrift sale in May, so start collecting your goodies.

Worship Commission:

Barb reported the Ash Wednesday service will be on the 17th at 7 P.M. Lenten soup suppers and discussion will also be held again this year. They will be doing a kind of "Journey to the Cross." Each week we will discuss a different person and what their perspective of the crucifixion might be. George Stecher and Pastor David will be the leaders. Barb will take care of the soup. Pastor David is going to invite the Bloomer Church and Truax to join us. There will be no ecumenical noon Lenten services. This year there will only be one Easter Sunday Service. That service will be at 9:30, with the Magnificent Muffin breakfast served before.

Service Commission:

They have put out an "Adopt a Shut-in" sheet.



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Building and Grounds:

No problems at this time.

Women of Plymouth:

They now have a funeral committee. Joanne Miller and Mary Stygar work together on it. They are planning some type of program for May. They are going to have a bake sale again during the church's thrift sale and possibly one during the April elections. Officers are Joanne Miller, secretary and Mary Stygar, treasurer. There is no president at this time, although Char will continue to report to the Executive Council.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David made 27 visits in January. He led worship at Heatherwood again on January 27. He is attending an all-day seminar on preaching the Gospel of Luke, which is in Chippewa Falls on Feb 23. The UCC has raised over \$650,000 for relief to Haiti. Over half of that amount has been raised online.

Other Business:

- ! Larry brought up the Easter ad and whether we should have one this year. It was agreed that we need to be in the newspaper for Easter. The cost is about \$97 which is just about the same as last year.
- ! We will also have a key made for the moderator and have him added to the key list.
- ! A member of the congregation questioned whether Pastor David should have a land line for a phone. The feeling is he is more accessible with the cell phone. Since his phone

number is not listed in the telephone book, it will be listed on the church's voice mail so that everyone can have access to it.

Meeting adjourned 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted, Barb Kleist

Be a sponsor!

Sponsor an issue of the newsletter, a weekly bulletin, or the illumination of the cross on the front of our building in memory or in honor of someone or in honor of a special event, or even just because! Bulletin and newsletter sponsors will be recognized in the issue they sponsor. Cross sponsors will be listed in all publications for the month of sponsorship. Support a bulletin for \$15, a newsletter for \$50, or illuminate the cross for \$50. Sign-up sheets are on the table outside the sanctuary.

**JANUARY
FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Income:	\$13,572.34
Expenses:	\$11,852.81

January Gain: \$1719.53

- ◆ \$5000.00 was taken out of the Building Fund.
- ◆ \$917.66 was paid for property insurance
- ◆ \$1789.09 was paid for health insurance
- ◆ \$1716.63 was paid for the pension
- ◆ \$210.00 was paid to St Francis Food Pantry
- ◆ \$225.00 was paid to the Wisconsin Conference for Haiti relief.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="color: purple; font-size: 48px; margin-left: 200px;">March 2010</h1>						
	1	2 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters	3 6:00 P.M. Soup supper & Lenten worship	4	5	6
7 St. Francis Pantry 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	8 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	9 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters	10 6:00 P.M. Soup supper & Lenten worship	11	12	13
14 Prayers for the People 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	15 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	16 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters	17 6:00 P.M. Soup supper & Lenten worship	18	19	20
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