

Good News

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Maundy Thursday
7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

Good Friday
12:10 P.M. Worship, First Congregational UCC

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

Coming soon —
Important events in the life of Plymouth church

April 4 Easter Sunday: Join your friends and neighbors for a Magnificent Muffin breakfast followed by a service of Easter celebration.

3rd Sundays of each month: This will be designated as OCWM Sunday. A separate envelope will be included in that day's bulletin for donations specifically to support OCWM.

April 30 and May 1 All-church Thrift Sale: Now is the time to check your closets, attics and garages for all the extra items you no longer want or need. Price them at thrift sale prices and bring them to church for this all-important money raising event.

May 15 Spring Clean-Up: Volunteer your time to spruce up our building and our property. More info to follow ...

June 9 Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social: We need lots of volunteer help for this major fund raiser. Look for more information soon.

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Getting ready for church

April Worship Notes

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

April 4
Easter,
St. Francis Food Pantry offering,
9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship
Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24;
1 Corinthians 15:19–26; Luke 24:1–12

April 11
2nd Sunday of Easter,
Acts 5:27–32; Psalm 118:14–29 or
Psalm 150; Revelation 1:4–8;
John 20:19–31

April 18
3rd Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:1–6, (7–20); Psalm 30;
Revelation 5:11–14; John 21:1–9

April 25
4th Sunday of Easter
Acts 9:36–43; Psalm 23;
Revelation 7:9–17; John 10:22–30

In April, we are praying for these individuals/families: Joanne (Sharon) Miller, (John & Sandy Moore), Jim Nelson, Edmund & Alice Noyes, Louise Partlow, Maria Patton, Erma Phephles, Kevin & Jean Phillips

Food for Thought

There will be no pot luck this month due to Easter Sunday. Come to the Magnificent Muffin Breakfast instead at 8:30 A.M. The next pot luck will be May 2.

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.

Watch for upcoming events including the Community Table and Birthday Bags!

Memorials

The Stewardship Commission has determined the following items/projects to which memorials may be designated: new flooring for the nursery, a lighting upgrade, on-demand water heater, the General Fund.

! Gifts to the **General Fund:** *In memory of Irene Bolles:* Bob & Sandy Bolles; *In memory of Dorie Smith:* John Smith

April Birthdays

- 5 Rose Shepler
- 13 Pat Sexter
- 14 Steve Leipnitz
- 21 Joanne Miller
- 25 TC Boyd

Haitian Earthquake Relief

“No one hears the cries of the poor, or the sound of a wooden bell.”

Haitian proverb

In a letter from One Great Hour of Sharing, Administrator Susan Sanders writes, “Thank you for being among the compassionate who have heard the cries of our sisters and brothers in Haiti and have responded with a generous donation to the UCC Haiti Earthquake Relief fund.” We submitted a gift of \$225.00 which will fund efforts that include the distribution of water, food packages, blankets, hygiene and baby kits, medicines and medical supplies and the construction of temporary water systems and latrines.

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.

Help for Our Quilters

Each year, our quilters put together nearly 100 quilts for needy families served by Western Dairyland. This relatively small number of Plymouth women, together with a few ladies from other near-by churches, spend the greater part of each Tuesday assembling quilts that bring comfort and warmth to homeless parents and children. We too can participate in this ministry of Christian caring, even if we can’t sew a stitch. By donating financially to their efforts, we can provide the raw materials (fabric, batting, etc.) they need to fashion tangible evidence of Christ’s love for those in need. Please make your check payable to Plymouth UCC and write “Quilts” in the memo.



Election Bake Sale

The Women of Plymouth will hold a Bake Sale on Tuesday, April 6 in tandem with the elections that day. Donations for the sale can be brought to the church Monday evening, April 5, between 6:00 and 8:00 P.M. for packaging and pricing or dropped off on Tuesday morning.

Joy Day

Triniteam Caregivers will celebrate Joy Day on Thursday, April 1 at 1:30 P.M. at Sacred Heart Hospital Rotunda. This is a time of food, fun and fellowship for persons who are elderly or have disabilities and their caregivers. There will be bingo and entertainment by Babe Hering.

Pastor's Pen



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

One thing that sets the Christian community apart from others is that we minister to and take care of one another. Over the years, Plymouth has had a very faithful group of people who have offered spiritual care to our shut-ins. We thank all the members of the Service Commission for their past and continued service, and thank God for sending them to us to provide such good ministry! But, we are in a position of needing some more. The Service Commission is offering you a chance to adopt a shut-in. We are looking for people who are willing to adopt one or more of our shut-ins and then visit them, send them letters, or call them on the phone. To be,

in one way or another, a community of loving care. We have some very funny, thoughtful, and enjoyable members who can't get out on their own who always appreciate a visit. The only requirement for adopting someone is that you have a heart of wanting to serve by sharing your presence and a desire for conversation and stories with members who can't get out on their own. Please consider how God might be calling you to minister to our members. Quite truthfully, it's a lot of fun! And it's an important ministry of relation and Easter love.

Blessings,

Handwritten signature of Pastor David.

Dead Sea Scrolls

First Congregational UCC in Eau Claire is organizing two trips to the Science Museum of Minnesota on Wednesday, May 5 and Saturday, June 5 to view an exhibition of the *Dead Sea Scrolls* and *The Saint John's Bible*. Leave at 9:30 A.M. and return by 5:00 P.M. Cost is \$22 and includes transportation and entrance fee. Lunch is on your own. Please register by April 26 by calling the First Congregational church office at 834-2668.

New UCC Magazine

The United Church of Christ is launching a new magazine called *Still Speaking*, an 88-page high-end-design oversized full-color publication that will be published in Spring and Fall. It promises to be a full-sensory experience for readers, with compelling writing and expert photography that will share stories of inclusion, involvement, transformation and the best aspirations of the UCC, its members and its churches. It is not a news magazine, but a quality feature publication that tells moving accounts of UCC people and the ways their lives have been impacted by the UCC. An inaugural, three-year subscription is \$29 if purchased before July 1. After that date, subscriptions will be \$39 each. Order online at ucc.org/magazine or phone 800-537-3394.

Executive Council Minutes

March 15, 2010

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, Deb Zehms, Jim Welk and Pastor David Huber. Guests: Hannah Zehms and Lynn McFadyen

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

Financial Reports:

As of February 28, 2010

Year to Date Income	\$19,786.27
Year to Date Expenses	\$19,581.89
Ahead (Behind)	\$204.38
Building Fund Balance	\$26,383.85
Memorial Fund Balance	\$5,553.27

Financial Secretary Report/ Treasurer:

Income this month was \$6213.93; expenses were \$7729.08 leaving us with February loss of \$1515.15 and a check book balance of \$260.58. The remaining snow removal bill was paid for \$390.00. \$101.00 was sent in to OCWM from the Ash Wednesday potato supper. \$400.40 was collected and sent in to St Francis Food Pantry. We also received a thank-you note from them. Most of the quarterly payments are due again end of March and beginning of April. The pension payment of \$1716.63, the health insurance payment of \$1789.09 and the building insurance of \$917.66 are the largest payments due.

Reserve Fund Report:

The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$1337.45 at the end of February. There will be a PIP interest deposit in March.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$5553.27. The down payment on the first banner of \$400 was made.

Building Fund Report:

No report.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

The Magnificent Muffin breakfast will be Easter morning at 8:30 A.M. The Sunday School kids will be presenting a Lenten skit on March 21.

Stewardship Commission:

The first new banner will be dedicated on May 9. They are working on the artifact case. We sold 28 booklets for Younkers Community Days for a total of \$140 for the General Fund. \$101 was collected for OCWM on Ash Wednesday. The all church thrift sale will be April 30 & May 1. Help and marked items are needed. The Pie & Ice Cream Social will be either June 2 or June 9, depending on when Truax has theirs. Stewardship has decided that they will take an offering the 3 Sunday of each month for OCWM, much like we do for St Francis.

Worship Commission:

Lenten soup suppers have been well attended, with lots of good comments about the discussions. Palm Sunday there will be a dramatization of the Holy Week story. We will have a Tennebrae Service again on Maundy Thursday. The Good Friday Service will be at First Congregational Church at noon. Our Easter Sunday will start with breakfast at 8:30 and the service at 9:30. We will be combining the youth service and Easter celebration service into one. Communion in April, besides on Maundy Thursday, will be April 11.



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*Council Minutes
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Service Commission:

Pastor David reported that Joyce is doing much better. He also visited Jean Zehms who was in the hospital also; she will be going to Dove Health Care for rehabilitation.

Building and Grounds:

Jim will check on the couple of roof leaks that we have. The spring clean up day was set for May 15.

Women of Plymouth:

No report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David made 18 visits in February. He led worship at Heatherwood again. He attended an all-day seminar on preaching the Gospel of Luke in Chippewa Falls on Feb 23. He will take a continuing education leave the week of May 16. The Northwest Association meeting is April 24 at First Congregational. We still need a delegate for that meeting. On April 17 there will be some CE training at First Congregational which Pastor David and some of the Christian Ed Commission will attend. He had a question on the wedding policy. Barb will look up the policy and we will discuss it at the next meeting. He would like to work on a new Leadership Manual after April.

Other Business:

- ! Larry read a letter of resignation from Pastor Cyndi Bradbury. This will take effect immediately. Cyndi will be preaching three Sundays a month at Bloomer and then on the fourth Sunday she will be visiting other churches. Deb moved we accept her resignation with regret and best wishes. Barb seconded, approved.
- ! Lynn McFadyen joined us to discuss her becoming our permanent pianist. She is very interested. She is a graduate of UWEC and taught Elementary and

Middle School music for 33 years. She is married and has two grown daughters and one grandchild. She does share the organ duties at Good Shepherd, mostly for the 8:30 service. She requested that she have one Sunday a month off, but would let us know well in advance when that would be. Deb made a motion that we hire Lynn, Rob seconded, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 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.

**FEBRUARY
FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

Income:	\$6213.93
Expenses:	\$7729.08
February Loss:	\$1515.15

- \$390.00 was paid for snow removal
- \$101.00 was paid to OCWM
- \$400.40 was paid to St Francis Food Pantry

The quarterly payments for the health insurance, pension and building insurance come due in the beginning of April again. We need to keep our pledges up to date so that we can make those important payments.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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