

Good News

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*Cross illumination for
October is sponsored by
Mary Stygar and Family in
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Dan, Gretchen, and Nancy.*

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by Dorothy Gilbertson.*

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The CROP Walk will be held October 10 at 2 P.M. in Carson Park. The walk is for 1–3 or 5 miles. This is a major fund raiser for the Feed My People Food Bank in Eau Claire. Twenty-five percent of what is raised in the walk stays here and goes to the local food bank. The rest goes to help people around the world and in the USA. Last year the money raised on the walk bought over 250,000 pounds of food. (Feed My People supplies food to the area food banks, including St. Francis Food Pantry.) The demand for food in our troubled economy is growing every day. Please donate generously to our walkers. If you would like to donate and haven't been contacted, please contact Barb Kleist or the church office.

Thanks

The Community Table of Eau Claire has extended their thanks to Plymouth congregation for serving a meal on August 21. In addition, a total of \$100 was donated by our members to support this ongoing effort to provide hot meals to those who need food and hospitality.



The Halloween Party is a go! We are set for Wednesday, October 27, 6:00–7:30 P.M. We will have a light dinner, games and fun, and wrap up with a showing of “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie

Brown!” ALL members of the congregation are invited and encouraged to wear costumes (but it’s not required!) There will be a sign up sheet on the table so we know how many to plan for. It’s going to be a *SP00K*TACULAR night of fun!

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

October Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

October 3

19th Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Neighbors In Need offering

Lamentations 1:1–6, Psalm 137,
2 Timothy 1:1–14, Luke 17:5–10

October 10

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4–7, Psalm 66:1–12,
2 Timothy 2:8–15, Luke 17:11–19

October 17

21st Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Children's Sabbath

Jeremiah 31:27–34, Psalm 119:97–104,
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5, Luke 18:1–8

October 24

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23–32, Psalm 65,

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18, Luke 18:9–14

October 31

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4,

Psalm 119:137–144,

2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 22–12,

Luke 19:1–10

In October, we are praying for these individuals/families: TC Boyd, Cyndi Bradbury, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, Bonnie Carter, Kevin & Kristina Champion, Steve & Nancy Champion, Rod & Rhonda Cooke, Claire Cramblit

Food for Thought

Our next pot luck is Sunday, October 3. Since this is apple season, let's see what we can bring to the pot luck that has apples or apple flavoring in it.

Again this year, we are collecting Christmas items for the children served by St. Francis Food Pantry. Since school supplies are so cheap right now, it would be a good time to purchase markers, colors, pencils, erasers, paper, glue, stickers, etc. A collection box will be available in Fellowship Hall.

St. Francis Food Pantry 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.



August Financial Summary

Income: \$9904.08

Expenses: \$9431.90

August

Gain: \$ 472.18

\$500 was paid toward lawn
mowing expenses

\$ 244.50 was paid to OCWM

\$532.00 was paid to St Francis Food
Pantry

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

● Undesignated gifts to the **Memorial Fund:** *In memory of Sam Dean:* Gordy & Audrey Heimstead

● Designated gifts to the **General Fund:** *In memory of Sam Dean:* Jerry & Joanne Lowry

Pastor David will be gone

Pastor David will be on vacation from October 25 through November 7. He will be back in the office on November 8. During his absence, Pastor David Stratton from Truax UCC will be responding to any pastoral emergencies.

October Birthdays

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| 1 | Larry Shepler |
| 4 | Gladys Ulry Hannah Zehms |
| 5 | Jamie Stafford |
| 7 | Len Weisfeld |
| 9 | Maria Patton |
| 14 | Kayla Leipnitz |
| 18 | Sadie Hulke |
| 20 | Ardith Starr |
| 22 | Kay Hestekin Denice Shepler Nathan Stygar |
| 23 | Joe Gilbertson |
| 24 | Cyndi Bradbury |
| 26 | Justin Champion |
| 28 | Bobbie Rude |
| 29 | Nancy Wendt |
| 30 | Audrey Heimstead |
| 31 | Lindsey Phillips Lori Phillips |

Send Cyndi to Guatemala! Our seminarian, Cyndi Bradbury, is heading to Guatemala in



January with her seminary classmates as part of her studies on her path to ordained ministry. As her sponsoring church, we would like to help her out by offering her \$500 (or more!) through donations. Cyndi's professor, Chris Smith, will also speak to us during worship (date to be determined yet) to talk about the mission in Guatemala that Cyndi and her class will take part in. Please make a donation if you are able, marked "Cyndi's Guatemala Trip," any time between now and December.

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

We recently received a letter from our national office thanking us for our generous giving to the United Church of Christ. For yet another year, we are a "Five for Five" congregation that gives to all five of the UCC's special offerings. I print below what they included in the letter.



*With gratitude and joy, we share the good news that your church is a "Five for Five" congregation of the United Church of Christ. Your Conference has reported that in 2009 you contributed to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and also received the four special mission offerings of our denomination: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need and The Christmas Fund. Thus, **you are a leadership church in the United Church of Christ**, and we want to recognize your faithful generosity as well as the breadth of your vision for ministry.*

Through your support of the wider mission of the church, you participate actively in an array of ministries, offering a compassionate and effective response to human suffering caused by disaster, famine, and war; addressing the justice issue of spiritual homelessness by planting and nurturing United Church of Christ congregations where there are none, renewing existing churches to even greater depths of hospitality and hope, and making it possible for our youth to participate in the life of the church at regional and other youth events; dreaming of a

different and better world that is more just, and then working, project by project, witness by witness, to bring it to reality; and keeping the covenant made with those who have served the church faithfully for many years, meeting the needs of retired pastors and their spouses who often live on very little.

You also support the structure that makes all of this ministry—and so much more—possible through our Conference and national settings: helping churches and pastors to "find" one another through the search and call process, spreading the good of the United Church of Christ through our websites, sending missionaries overseas, creating programs to support the ministry of lay and ordained women, nurturing the worship life of our congregations both large and small, inspiring generosity in our church members, growing each day into a more multiracial and multicultural church, to name only a few examples.

I thank you as well for your Christian generosity to give of your blessings to help those in need, help spread the Good News, and to show Jesus' love to our neighbors. Many thanks to all who gave, and to all who continue to give in Jesus' name.

Blessings,

Handwritten signature of Pastor David.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 13, 2010

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, Kay Stecher, Char Kozlowski, Deb Zehms, Louise Partlow, Jim Welk and Pastor David Huber.

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

Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2010

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| Year to Date Income | \$76,007.60 |
| Year to Date Expenses | \$75,520.51 |
| Ahead (Behind) | \$487.09 |
| Building Fund Balance | \$26,516.41 |
| Memorial Fund Balance | \$5,652.43 |

Treasurer's Report:

Income this month was \$9904.08; expenses were \$9431.90 leaving us with an August gain of \$472.18 and a check book balance of \$543.29. Envelope giving is up \$6000 as of last August. Part of the lawn mowing bill was paid. We also collected \$244.50 for OCWM and \$532 for the food pantry and those amounts have been forwarded.

Reserve Fund Report:

The Reserve Fund has a balance of about \$422.44 at the end of August. There will be more interest deposits in September.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$5,652.43.

Building Fund Report:

The balance at the end of August was \$26,516.41.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

Sunday School started this week. They made a chain link of 125 links to represent our 125 years.

Stewardship Commission:

The Stewardship dinner will be the first Sunday in December, the campaign will be in November. Larry wondered if there was any interest in selling coupons for Younkers Community Days which is November 13. Deb said her family would be willing to go and sell coupons on a Saturday before that.

Worship Commission:

The Outdoor Worship service was August 25 and 17 people enjoyed a really unique service. The music was exceptional!

Service Commission:

No report

Building and Grounds:

Ron will fix the ceiling in the foyer when his time permits. Deb will find out about the dead tree. Jim will look at the floor outlet that is caving in, the nursery bathroom door and the cord hanging off the roof.

Women of Plymouth:

They will have an election bake sale in November. The Bazaar is November 13. They are giving \$2000 to the General Fund this year. Their next meeting will be October 4.



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*Council Minutes
continued ...*

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David made 33 visits in August and one wedding. Sam and Devan Wedge were married on August 7 at Florian Gardens. He and George Stecher are working on a face book page for the church. Part of Cyndi Bradbury's schooling is to go on a mission trip to Guatemala. She will need some funds for that trip. She will be here on Sunday, September 26 to preach and we will take a special offering for her. Since Pastor David hasn't taken vacation yet this year, he will be gone Oct 25-31, Nov 1-7, Nov 27-Dec 4 and Dec 26-Jan 1.

Other Business:

- Clean-up day was discussed. Since we need the windows washed, Larry will find out when Ron Wendt can come with his power washer and we will set the date from that.
- Kay moved that we accept into associate membership John & Sandy Moore and into full membership Nathan & Jessica Behrens. Aurora seconded, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Kleist

Be a sponsor!

Sponsor an issue of the newsletter, a bulletin, or illuminate 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! 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.

Make a
"Harvest
Cross"

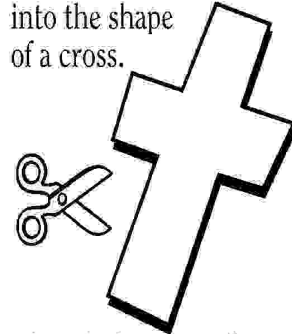
to remind you always
to be thankful.

You will need:

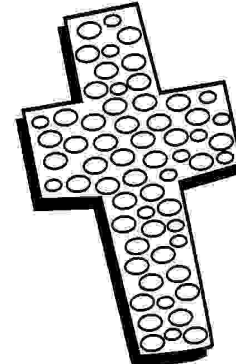
- ✚ a piece of cardboard
- ✚ glue
- ✚ bag of dried, mixed beans
- ✚ scissors

How to make it:

- ✚ Cut the cardboard into the shape of a cross.



- ✚ Glue the beans to the cross. You can arrange the beans in a pattern or glue them on randomly.



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <h1>October 2010</h1> | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 St. Francis Food Pantry NIN offering World Communion 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck | 4 7:00 P.M. WOP Board | 5 9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters Dartball at Chapel Hts. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Prayers for the People 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Comm. 10:30 A.M. Worship 2:00 P.M. CROP Walk at Carson Park | 11 7:00 P.M. Executive Council | 12 9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters Service Comm. Dartball at Plymouth | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 OCWM offering 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship | 18 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm. | 19 9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters Dartball at Bethesda | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship | 25 Pastor David on vacation through Nov. 7 | 26 9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters Dartball at Plymouth | 27 6:00–7:30 P.M. Halloween Party | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Reformation Sunday 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission |  | | | | | |