



Good News

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Annual Bazaar

Saturday, November 13

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Needed for the church bazaar Treasure Trove are: knick-knacks, glassware, Christmas items or whatever you have that is in good saleable condition or new. Things can be brought any time and placed on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you.

Order nuts now!

We are selling fancy mixed nuts again this fall. They will be sold at the bazaar, but we can make them available earlier if anyone needs them. Prices are as follows:

\$12.50 for a 14 oz. box

\$20.50 for a 28 oz. box

\$22.50 for a 28 oz. tin

Please place your order on the sign-up sheet at the back table, or email your order to Keith Zehms at z88@charter.net



Election Bake Sale

The Women of Plymouth will sponsor a bake sale on Election Day, November 2. We hope that everyone will do some extra baking. Please bring your baked items to the church Monday evening from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. so that we can price and wrap the items.



GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

November Worship Notes

November 7

24th Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints' Sunday

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Daylight Savings Time ends

Haggai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5,
17-21; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17;
Luke 20:27-38

November 14

25th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12;

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

November 21

Christ the King Sunday

OCWM offering

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46;

Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

November 28

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122;

Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

In November, we are praying for these individuals/families: Jean Dean, Mike & Lori Detjens, Lilah Eastzman, Tami (Chris) Eisberner, Jerry (Mary) Foote, Terri (Joe) Gilbert, Dorothy Gilbertson, Paul (Gay) Gilbertson



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 A.M. on November 7.

Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour before going to bed Saturday, November 6.

Food for Thought

Again this year, we will collect 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. Small toys would also be a good idea. A collection box will be available in Fellowship Hall.

There will be no pot luck in November, since it is a busy time for everyone.

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.

September Financial Summary

Income: \$12,094.06
Expenses: \$12,629.07

September Loss: \$ 535.01

\$2,000.00 received from Women of
Plymouth
\$4,000.00 taken out of the Reserve
Fund
\$1,483.75 paid for insurance, property
and workers compensation
\$336.79 paid for the quarterly water
bill
\$400.00 paid for the July lawn
mowing
\$1,789.09 paid for the quarterly
payment of health insurance
\$1,716.63 paid for the quarterly
payment of the pension
\$238.00 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

November Birthdays

4 Julie Johnson
5 Christena Strandt
6 Dan Hestekin
Arvilla Kruschke
7 Jacob Leipnitz
8 Julie Leipnitz
10 Kevin Champion
12 Lesa Green
15 Bea Hancock
20 Tyjha Stygar
21 Ruth Kavanagh
25 Samuel Cooke
26 Kevin Phillips
30 Jacqueline Andersen

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.

Understanding Isalm

Eau Claire churches are presenting a three-week series on Islam to be held at First Lutheran Church, 1005 Oxford Avenue. Saturday, October 30 will feature The History of Islam; Saturday, November 6 will cover the Islamic Belief System; Saturday, November 13 will focus on Growing Up Muslim in America. Each session is \$10 for adults or \$5 for student/seniors (All three sessions \$25 adults/\$12 student and seniors) and includes catered lunch. The registration form is available in the church office or by calling First Lutheran at 715-832-8321.

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

I am entering into a time of vacation, the first and last weeks of November. I look forward to rest and relaxation, reconnecting with friends, nourishing myself at a banquet of concerts and other artistic events, and some time at Moon Beach. You will be in the very capable hands of Rev. Stratton in case of emergency, and the wonderful worship leadership of others on the Sundays I am gone.

As November is the month of Thanksgiving, I am thinking of our Puritan and Pilgrim heritage and our religious past. I thought you might enjoy some quotes from Rev. George Whitefield. He began as a preacher in England, where he became quite famous by bringing his thespian skills to the art of preaching. He came to the US Colonies and preached in the 1730s and 40s, and he and some others are credited with beginning what is now called the Great Awakening, the first of a few Evangelical periods of temporary increased religious

fervor in America that appealed more to the heart than to the mind (in contrast to what was then our Congregational tradition!). He was perhaps one of the most well-known men in the Colonies at the time. Though the Congregationalists weren't too keen on much of his or the other evangelists' appeal to emotion, he did speak of the necessity of putting our faith into action, which is an integral part of our UCC tradition. So I leave you with some words of his to ponder this Thanksgiving season: "A true faith in Jesus Christ will not suffer us to be idle. No, it is an active, lively, restless principle; it fills the heart, so that it cannot be easy till it is doing something for Jesus Christ."

May none of us rest easy until our faith is doing something for Jesus Christ, and may you all find much to be thankful for this month,



Poinsettia plants and wreaths will be used to decorate our church for Christmas. Anyone interested in contributing to these is most welcome to do so. If you like, your plant or wreath donation may be given 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 before December 1. Checks should be made out to Plymouth UCC. Please note "poinsettia" or "wreath" 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 _____ red poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.25 each \$ _____

I/we would like to donate _____ white poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.25 each \$ _____

I/we would like to donate _____ pink poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.25 each \$ _____

I/we would like to donate _____ marble poinsettia plant(s) at \$8.25 each \$ _____

I/we would like to donate to the Christmas wreaths. \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 11, 2010

Members present: Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Kay Stecher, Char Kozlowski, Deb Zehms, Louise Partlow, Jim Welk, Rob Jaenke and Pastor David Huber

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

Financial Reports:

As of September 30, 2010

Year to Date Income	\$88,101.66
Year to Date Expenses	\$88,149.58
Ahead (Behind)	(\$47.92)
Building Fund Balance	\$26,583.25
Memorial Fund Balance	\$5,652.89

Treasurer's Report:

Income this month was \$12,094.06; expenses were \$12,629.07 leaving us with a September loss of \$535.01 and a check book balance of \$8.28. Envelope giving is up \$5,600 as of last September. Bills paid this month were insurance payments of \$1,483.75, water bill of \$336.79, lawn mowing of \$400.00, health insurance installment of \$1,789.09, and pension installment of \$1,716.65. We also paid St. Francis \$238.00. Part of the income for this month was a \$4,000.00 withdrawal from the Reserve Fund and a \$2,000.00 donation from the Women of Plymouth

Reserve Fund Report:

The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$937.72 at the end of September.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$5652.89.

Building Fund Report:

The balance at the end of September was \$26,583.25.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

The All Church Halloween party will be Wednesday, October 27 from 6–7:30 P.M. There will be dinner, fun and games and “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.” The children are beginning to make crafts for the bazaar in November. This is their Stewardship lesson.

Stewardship Commission:

They are putting the Stewardship campaign together; it will have the same format as last year. We should have the Advent banner in time to decorate for Advent. We will again be selling the fancy mixed nuts; there will be a slight increase this year. They will be available for the bazaar in November. The person who was going to make the artifact case is no longer available. They are looking for either someone else to make it or purchasing an already made one.

Service Commission:

No report

Worship Commission:

Worldwide Communion was October 3. The Moores also became official associate members. Thanksgiving Eve service will be here. We will be asking for members to donate either bars or pies. The Advent decorating will be December 4. The congregation is invited to help. On January 8 we



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*Council Minutes
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Worship Commission *(continued)*

will take down the decorations. All Saints' day will be November 7. Cyndi Bradbury's professor will be here October 31. We will take a special offering for her trip at that time. January 24 is the Ecumenical Service. We will hear more on that later. Pastor David will be on vacation Oct 25–Nov 7 and Nov 27–Dec 4 and Dec 26 –January 1. He will arrange for coverage.

Building and Grounds:

Someone will be coming soon to take down the dead pine tree in the front. Jim will set the timer, so that the two front lights are on week nights till about 9. Jim fixed the nursery bathroom door and the electrical outlet in fellowship hall. He also took care of the cord that was hanging from the roof. He will also look into the two electrical outlets on the front of the building that are not working. Clean-up day was Oct 9 and a lot was accomplished. Shrubs were trimmed, the outside windows were washed, pine needles were raked, weeds were pulled and plants cut down in the front. Thanks to all who helped.

Women of Plymouth:

November 2 is the election bake sale. They need the baked donations turned in by 8 P.M. on November 1. They also need baked items for the bazaar which is November 14. They will be making donations to have the carpets cleaned in the Fellowship Hall, to help with the cost of the pot luck recipe book and Cyndi's trip.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David made 32 visits in September. The Salvation Army is asking for bell ringers for Christmas.

We will put something in the newsletter. Phil Martell has requested a transfer of his membership.

Other Business:

- The committee is getting together to work on the All Inclusive proposal. They will have a blurb in the newsletter in December and the full proposal in the January newsletter.
- We discussed how to raise the money for Cyndi's Guatemala trip. We will take a special offering when her professor is here. Kay moved that we give a \$50 honorarium from the General Fund for her trip. Deb seconded, motion passed.
- Deb will start working on the nominating committee for next year.

Pastor David closed with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barb Kleist

**Ring Bells
for the Salvation Army**

The Salvation Army is looking for volunteers to ring bells this season. You can sign up on their website (ringbells.org) or call Karen or Amanda at the office at 715-834-1224. The website is easy to use, and includes locations, dates, and times. Signups are in one hour shifts (take as many as you want).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2010</h1>						
	1	2 Fall Election & Bake Sale 9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters Dartball at Epiphany	3	4	5	6
7 St. Francis Food Pantry All Saints' Sunday 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck <i>Daylight Savings ends</i>	8 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	9 9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters Service Comm. Dartball at Plymouth	10	11	12	13 10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M. <i>Annual Bazaar</i>
14 Prayers for the People 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Comm. 10:30 A.M. Worship	15 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Commission	16 9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters Dartball at Grace	17	18	19 Pastor David at retreat 11/19–11/21	20
21 OCWM offering 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	22	23	24 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Plymouth	25 Thanksgiving Office closed	26	27 Pastor David on vacation until 12/5
28 1st Sunday of Advent 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	29	30 9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters Dartball at Plymouth				