

Good News

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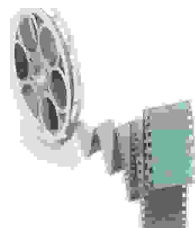
Cross illumination for February is sponsored by John & Sandy Moore in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary.

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Cabin Fever Breakout!

Tired of winter? Got the February blahs? Then come to Plymouth on Saturday, February 19 for a Cabin Fever Breakout! There will be a light lunch about noon and then games (with prizes!!) all afternoon. This event is for all ages, from one to 101. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by Women of Plymouth.



It's cold and snowy.

It's Oscar month.

It's time for the **February Film Festival!**

What better way to beat the winter blahs than by watching a good movie?

Choose a video or DVD from the table in the Fellowship Hall, sign it out, make a donation to Christian Education (we suggest \$3.00 per movie, but we'll take anything you want to offer) take it home and enjoy! Then repeat the process over and over and over until February is all gone. Then we'll start watching for signs of Spring! Yay!

There will be a wide variety of films to choose from—many of them Academy Award winners. We may even have a concession stand to make your movie experience even more satisfying. Maybe. You'll have to look and see.

So plan a little time with the stars this month. Take home some movies in February.

All money raised helps send kids from Plymouth to Moon Beach Camp.

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

February Worship Notes

February 6

5th Sunday after Epiphany

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Isaiah 58:1–9a, (9b–12);

Psalm 112:1–9 (10); 1 Corinthians

2:1–12, (13–16); Matthew 5:13–20

February 13

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15–20; Psalm

119:1–8; 1 Corinthians 3:1–9;

Matthew 5:21–37

February 20

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18; Psalm

119:33–40; 1 Corinthians 3:10–11,

16–23; Matthew 5:38–48

February 27

8th Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:8–16a; Psalm 131;

1 Corinthians 4:1–5; Matthew 6:24–34

In February, we are praying for these individuals/families: Stacy Kleist, Susie Kleist, Bill Knight, Charline Kozlowski, Dorothy Kruschke, Tom & Arvilla Kruschke

Food for Thought

The next pot luck will be February 13 to celebrate Valentine's Day.

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.

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.

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 Jeanne Zehms:* Paula Hash, Barbara Sindelar, Brenard & Rosanne Hartung, Yvonne Kraimer, Brad & Sandra Flores, Gordy & Audrey Heimstead, Jerry & Mary Foote, Susan Creekmore, Sandra Peterson, Eau Claire County, Family and Friends; *In memory of Jane Retallick:* Ernest & Jeanette Mickelson, Roger & Mary Risen, Dick & Ann Aaron, Donald Durch, Lyle & Helen Christianson, Richard & Joyce Donnelly; *In memory of Jerry Lowry:* Jerry & Mary Foote, Charlaine Tolkien, Karen Hawley

February Birthdays

3 Jerry Tubbs
 5 Jean Phillips
 12 Dick Gosbin
 16 Kristina Champion
 Charline Kozlowski
 18 Joshua Champion
 Travis Eisberner
 19 Jeff Green
 Gloria Polden
 28 Richard Leuck
 Kenny Polden



A very special happy birthday to Jerry Tubbs who celebrates his 90th birthday on February 3!

Dear Members of Plymouth,

It has been a year of growth and a stretching of edges as I learn the ins and outs of being a pastor. I thank each of you personally for giving me your support as I move through this wondrous and daunting calling.

I appreciate Pastor David and his willingness to always listen and then discuss my questions, concerns, and frustrations. I appreciate Mimi for being surprised with a (usually panicked) call from me—out of the blue—and answering my questions. I also enjoy coming back now and then to lead worship and hear your many comments on the changes you see in me. It is very encouraging.

Above all, I appreciate (more than I will ever be able to put into words) your financial and moral support for my trip to Guatemala. It will be a life-changing trip, I am sure. I wouldn't be able to participate without your help. I humbly thank you.

Saying that, I also appreciate the changes in me during this time of discerning and stretching. You are never far from my thoughts and I miss you very much.

God brought us together, but you have been the rock on which I stand. Thank you.

Graciously yours,

Cyndi Bradbury

PASTOR'S PEN



Dear friends of Plymouth,

We are in the middle of a long Epiphany season, the time from Epiphany Day which is always January 6, and Ash Wednesday, which is always 46 days before Easter. Since the date of Easter is determined by the moon's orbit, its date bounces around between March 23 (The earliest it can fall) and April 25 (the latest it can be). This year Easter is April 24 (the latest it's been since 1943, when it was on April 25, and the latest it will fall until 2038, when it will be on April 25 again). Due to Easter's lateness, we have 8 weeks of Epiphany this year. We don't celebrate the Epiphany season so much like we do Advent, Christmas, and Lent, but it is an important time in the year. The lectionary texts focus on the Old Testament prophets, especially Isaiah and his messianic words, and the Gospels focus on Jesus' ministry and teaching. It is a time to remember who Jesus was and what he taught us. This year, we read of his baptism and calling of disciples in January. Beginning January 30, we will have five weeks reading from his Sermon on the Mount out of the Gospel of Matthew (chapters 5-7). The Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' collection of moral and ethical teachings (blessed are the poor, turn the other cheek, love your enemies, and so forth).

So take advantage of this rare, long Epiphany season to remember who Jesus was and what he taught us. Read (or re-read) the Sermon on the Mount at home with your family, and join us in worship as well. And when you're here, enjoy the fellowship time before, and grab a movie or two from our Fabulous Film Festival on the way out.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor David".

Lenten devotions

Prepare for Easter by signing up to receive our daily devotions written by Wisconsin Conference Pastors and Laity. Soul Search * Repent * Reflect * Rededicate Yourself. Send an email to mail@wcucc.org to receive "Making Sense of Lent" daily devotions

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

January 10, 2010

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

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

Financial Reports:

As of December 31, 2010

Year to Date Income	\$115,039.47
Year to Date Expenses	\$115,061.64
Ahead (Behind)	(\$22.17)
Building Fund Balance	\$26,650.25
Memorial Fund Balance	\$8,519.50

Treasurer's Report:

Income this month was \$12,401.73; expenses were \$12,799.09 leaving us with a December loss of -\$397.36 and a check book balance of -\$178.97.

Envelope giving was up \$6,200 for 2010. All 2010 bills have been paid. Part of the income for the month was a transfer from the Reserve Fund of \$1,000. We collected \$898.30 for Cyndi Bradbury's trip. Bills paid this month included \$446.15 for snow removal and \$700 for the last lawn mowing. We also paid \$701 to OCWM, which included a donation from the Women of Plymouth, and \$265 to the OCWM special offerings and \$800 to the food pantry.

Reserve Fund Report:

The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$284.87 at the end of December.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$8,519.50. There were deposits totalling \$2,000.66. The Advent Banner was paid for which came from the Tubbs memorial.

Building Fund Report:

The balance at the end of December was \$26,650.25. Louise will deposit the yearly \$5,000 from the Building Fund to the General Fund.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted. A special thanks was given to Rob for all his work this year.

Christian Education Commission:

Kay reported the Christmas program was a success. They have decorated the Christmas tree from the sanctuary outside for the birds.

Stewardship Commission:

Larry reported the profit from the nuts was down slightly this year. We made \$800. Younker's Community Day is February 26. We will once again have books available for sale. The Ash Wednesday baked potato supper will be on March 9. The annual thrift sale will be April 29-30. We will be ordering one more banner for Lent. Some of the Tubbs memorial will be going for new flooring in the nursery. The artifacts case is being built.

Service Commission:

No report.



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Worship Commission:

Barb reported that she had received many reports from people on the excellent Christmas Eve service. They have taken down the Christmas decorations in the sanctuary. Rob also reminded us that there is a music fund that can be used for special music.

Building and Grounds:

Rob's dad will be patching and painting the Fellowship Hall. Many thanks to him. The carpets in there will be cleaned after the painting is done.

Women of Plymouth:

They will have a Cabin Fever Breakout on February 19. They made \$377.75 on the election bake sale and around \$2,100 on the Bazaar. They gave money to OCWM.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David made 45 visits in December. He lead worship at Heatherwood on Dec 8. Christmas Eve service was very good. He thanked everyone who helped with the Jeanne Zehms memorial service, especially those who shoveled and got people out of the parking lot after the service.

Other Business:

- Darrick and Joy Carter have shown interest in joining our church. Deb moved that we offer to extend membership to them, based on Pastor David's recommendation after meeting with them. Kay seconded, motion approved.
- The Wedding/Funeral policy will be approved by the Women of Plymouth. The All Inclusive proposal will be included in the annual report.

- The nominating committee has completed the slate of officers. Larry proposed that we make all the people of Plymouth members of the Service Commission. He also proposed we find a way to track when a shut in has been visited by a member of the congregation.
- The budget was also reviewed and passed on to the congregation for approval. Larry commented that at this point we are down about \$2,900 in pledges from last year.
- The Annual Meeting will January 30; council will provide bars and snacks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Barb Kleist

**December
Financial Summary**

Income: \$12,401.73

Expenses: \$12,799.09

December loss: \$ 397.36

\$1000.00 was taken out of the Reserve Fund

Bills paid in December:

\$700.00 for lawn mowing

\$800.00 for St Francis

\$265.00 for OCWM Special offerings

\$701.00 for OCWM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>February 2011</h1>						
		1 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball at Epiphany	2	3	4	5
6 St. Francis Food Pantry offering 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	7	8 9:00 A.M. Bible study 10:00 A.M. Quilters 7:00 P.M. Dartball at Hope	9	10	11	12
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