

# 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

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The Annual Thrift Sale is coming up April 29 and 30.

*Now is the time to check your closets, attics and garages for all the extra items you no longer want or need.*

Pre-priced items should be brought to church beginning April 25 for this all-important money raising event.

Please sign up to help at the sale too!

## Annual Thrift Sale



# GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

**10:30 A.M. Worship**

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

## April Sunday Worship Notes

### April 3

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*

*One Great Hour of Sharing offering*

1 Samuel 16:1–13; Psalm 23;

Ephesians 5:8–14; John 9:1–41

### April 10

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

Ezekiel 37:1–14; Psalm 130;

Romans 8:6–11; John 11:1–45

### April 17

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

*Liturgy of the Palms*

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29;

Matthew 21:1–11

*Liturgy of the Passion*

Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16

Philippians 2:5–11

Matthew 27:11–54

### April 24 (9:30 A.M.)

*Easter*

Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24;

Colossians 3:1–4; John 20:1–18

## Food for Thought

The next pot luck will be April 3 with an Italian theme. Bring your favorite Italian dish.

During the months of March and April, all of our monetary donations to St. Francis Food Pantry will be matched as they were last year. Our goal is \$900. So far in March we raised \$390.00. We have \$510 to go to make our goal. Can we do it?

The food bank tells us that for every \$1 we contribute, they can distribute about seven pounds of food that is worth more than \$10. Think of all the food we could be supplying for the hungry in Eau Claire. Let us show the hungry of Eau Claire, where Plymouth's heart is.

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

## April Birthdays

5	Rose Shepler
13	Pat Sexter
14	Steve Leipnitz
21	Joanne Miller

# PASTOR'S PEN

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

We find ourselves in the midst of Lent, with Easter but a few weeks away. I pray that your spiritual journey through these 40 days of preparation has been uplifting and drawn you closer to the Christ we serve.

We have some special worship services coming up. April 17 is Palm/Passion Sunday in which we read Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and then his journey to the cross. April 21 is Maundy Thursday, a celebration of Holy Communion followed by Tenebrae, a moving service of readings and extinguishing lights and stripping of the sanctuary.

Good Friday will be at First Congregational UCC at noon. And then we have our Easter morning celebration of resurrection and new life (*note time change to 9:30 A.M.*). The whole week from Palm Sunday to Easter is called Holy Week for good reason—it is the holiest week in our church year. It is a good time, also, to dive deeper in faith and come closer to the Christ who sacrificed himself out of his love for us, and rose on Easter morning to give us eternal life.

Wishing you a blessed Lent and a joyous Easter,




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 **April 5**. Checks should be made out to Plymouth United Church of Christ.

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of (Please circle one) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lily plants at \$8.25 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Daffodils at \$8.25 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tulips at \$8.25 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hyacinths at \$8.25 each                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 14, 2011

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

deposited in Undesignated–Zehms, and \$80 in Undesignated. The \$80 for Undesignated was applied to the borrowed funds, which was reduced to \$372.35.

Deb called the meeting to order.

**Building Fund Report:**

The balance at the end of February was \$21,650.25.

The February Council minutes were reviewed, corrections made regarding the balance in the Building Fund, and accepted as corrected.

**Christian Education Commission:**

Kay reported that we are all enjoying the new flooring in the yellow Sunday School room. Many thanks to the Lenore Tubbs Memorial Fund that made it possible. \$78 was made from the February Film Festival which will go toward our Moon Beach Campers. Thanks to all who watched films during February!

**Financial Reports:**

As of February 28, 2011

Year to Date Income	\$19,846.49
Year to Date Expenses	\$20,236.76
Ahead (Behind)	(\$390.27)
Building Fund Balance	\$21,650.25
Memorial Fund Balance	\$6,790.69



**Treasurer’s Report:**

Income this month was \$4,852.09; expenses were \$7,147.56 leaving us with a February loss of \$2,295.47 and a check book balance of (\$356.24). \$453 was paid to the food pantry from the Souper Bowl fundraiser and \$172 to OCWM. Snow removal bills of \$590 through January 17 were also paid.

**Stewardship Commission:**

Larry reported that the new Lent banner has arrived and is hanging in the sanctuary. The historical artifact case should be ready soon. We also need new ideas for memorial items. The Ash Wednesday service attendance was down from last year, but enjoyed by all who attended. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is coming up in April. The Plymouth Annual Thrift Sale will be held April 29 and 30. We need people to work the sale and bring product in pre-priced. The Ice Cream Social will be June 1.

**Reserve Fund Report:**

The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$1,547.31 at the end of February.

**Memorial Fund Report:**

The balance for the end of the month is \$6,790.69. \$55.00 was deposited in Undesignated–Lowry, 135.00

**Worship Commission:**

Barb reported that the Ash Wednesday service went well. The theme for the Wednesday Lent services is “Gifts Given to Jesus.” Easter lilies are now available to order. The Easter service will begin at 9:30 A.M., with the Magnificent Muffin Morning fundraiser beginning at 8:15 A.M.

- Discussed changes that need to be made to the bylaws and the Covenant to reflect the changes in the Conference structure.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Aurora Bradbury-Schoening

**Building and Grounds:**

Larry reported that the leak in the roof has been looked at and repaired by Jim. Fallen trees will be removed from the grounds.

**Women of Plymouth:**

No report.

**Pastor’s Report:**

Pastor David has been preparing for the Lent services. He was interviewed by the Leader Telegram about our Open and Affirming status, and he will let us know when the interview is to run in the paper.

**February  
Financial Summary**

Income: \$4,852.09

Expenses: \$7,147.56

February loss: \$2,295.47

Bills paid in February:

\$590.00 for snow removal

\$503.00 for St. Francis

\$172.00 for OCWM

**Other Business:**

- The final copy of the wedding/funeral policy will be approved by the Women of Plymouth.
- We will continue to announce the new cards for the Service Commission record keeping, allowing us to keep track of which shut-ins are being visited by members of the congregation, so that we can be sure no one is missed.
- April is a “double” month for St. Francis Food Pantry; all of our donations from April will be matched.

**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.

## Color Easter Eggs the Natural Way



Here's a fun way to color Easter eggs using all natural ingredients. The longer the eggs are in the coloring the darker they will become.

(NOTE: Some of these colors need to be heated on a stove or in a microwave oven. Be sure to get an adult to help you.)



### Golden Brown

Simmer the brown outer skins of onions for 5-10 minutes. The more skins you use, the darker the color.

### Blue

Mash blueberries – fresh, frozen or canned – in a pan with a little water. Simmer 5-10 minutes.

### Lilac

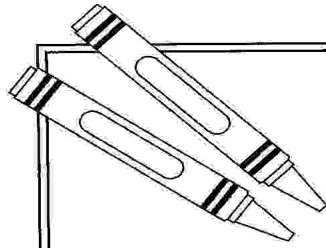
Dip eggs in cold grape juice. For a darker shade simmer the juice for 5-10 minutes.

### Pale Green

Chop and simmer the green tops of carrots.

### Chocolate-colored










Dip eggs in hot coffee straight from the coffeepot.



# Just for KIDS

## An Easter Message

Mary went to the tomb and found it empty! Find the words that an angel spoke to her. Write the name of each picture on the lines. Transfer the letters to the other spaces to find the verse.

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 42 10 24 19 ; 42 28 42 36 5 24 25 5 27 23 !"

Luke 24:5

Answers: cross; butterfly; flower; sunrise; egg; duck; man; vine; hat. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; He has risen!"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>April 2011</h1> 					1	2
<b>3 St. Francis Food Pantry offering OGHS offering</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot luck	4	<b>5 Spring Election</b>  9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters	6	7	8	9
<b>10 Prayers for the People</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	11	<b>12</b>  9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters	13	14	15	16
<b>17 Palm/Passion Sunday OCWM offering</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	18	<b>19</b>  9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters	20	<b>21 Maundy Thursday</b>  7:00 P.M. Tenebrae	<b>22 Good Friday</b>  12:10 P.M. Worship at First Cong. UCC	23
<b>24 Easter</b>  8:30 A.M. Magnificent Muffin Morning 9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship 10:30 A.M. Muffin take-out sale	25	<b>26</b>  9:00 A.M. Bible study at Loraine's 10:00 A.M. Quilters	27	28	<b>29 Annual Thrift Sale</b>	30