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"Beatitudes Attitudes!"

VBS 2011

August 9, 10, 11

6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Join us as we learn what the lessons of the Beatitudes can do to help make us better people! The evening will be filled with lessons, arts & crafts, music, and of course—snacks! And remember ... you don't have to be a kid to join us. All ages are welcome to come learn, love, and laugh with us! Please call the church office at 715-835-5475 by August 3 and let us know if you'll be attending. See you at VBS!

Thanks!

Dear Plymouth Congregation,

Thank you so very much for your monetary support and camper bag given to me for Moon Beach Camp. I am truly blessed to be a part of a congregation such as ours. As many of you know, I love Moon Beach and can't wait to attend each year! I have made so many friends and learned so much over the past years. Moon Beach is a wonderful experience! Thank you again for your love, support, and dedication to this outdoor ministry. Blessings to all!

Adam Wendt

Dear Members of Plymouth,

Thank you very much for supporting me to go to Moon Beach Camp this summer. I had a great time! And thank you to Mrs. Wendt, Grandma Dorothy, and my mom for the awesome Camper Bag. I used it a lot at camp!

Sincerely,
John Stecher

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GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

July Worship Notes

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

July 3
3rd Sunday after Pentecost
St. Francis Food Pantry offering
Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67;
Psalm 45:10–17, Romans 7:15–25a;
Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

July 10
4th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 25:19–34; Psalm 119:105–112;
Romans 8:1–11; Matthew 13:1–9,
18–23

July 17
5th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 28:10–19a; Psalm 139:1–12,
23–24; Romans 8:12–25; Matthew
13:24–30, 36–43

July 24
6th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 29:15–28, Psalm 105:1–11, 45b;
Romans 8:26–39; Matthew 13:31–33,
44–52

July 31
7th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 32:22–31; Psalm 17:1–7, 15;
Romans 9:1–5; Matthew 14:13–21

In July, we are praying for these individuals/families: Christena Strandt, Steve & Jeanne Strassman, Benji & Cathy Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue (Tom) Thompson, Jerry Tubbs, Gladys Ulry

Food for Thought

The next pot luck will be August 7. We will have a cook out. Bring a picnic dish to pass.

Don't forget July 3 we will also be taking our monthly offering for St. Francis. As you travel this summer, remember that the food pantry needs those travel size shampoos, etc that motels/hotels provide.

Mark your calendars! We will be serving at the Community Table on October 1. We will need lots of help!

July Birthdays

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| 1 | Tom Kruschke |
| 2 | Alice Noyes |
| 9 | Louise Partlow |
| 11 | Mel Rude |
| 12 | Maggie Leipnitz |
| 18 | Kayla Stygar |
| 19 | Megan Eisberner |
| 26 | Bill Liepnitz |
| 27 | Chelle Green |
| | Michael Green |

Thanks continued from page 1

Dear Members of Plymouth UCC,

Thank you so very much for sending us to camp. We always have a lot of fun, and this year was one of the best! The food there is amazing! We made great new friends and reconnected with old ones. The rain couldn't keep us campers down! We can't wait to go next year for Sam's final year at camp!

Sincerely, Hannah and Sam Zehms

Another word of thanks ...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Welk and Larry Kleist for moving my huge, heavy old desk out of the office to make way for the one given to me by the Northwest Association. It was a big job that was handled deftly by a couple of good guys. You both have my heart-felt gratitude.

Mimi

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Summer is here—I think. We've had a few days in a row of sun and warmth without slipping back into wet and cold, so I feel confident that spring is behind us. Looking out my office window all I see is green. So many different shades of it. I am amazed at the varieties of green that nature sees fit to bring forth in the growing season, and it reminds me of a poem by e.e. cummings, which begins:

*i thank You God for most this amazing
day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything
which is natural which is infinite which is yes*

Have a blessed blue dream and greenly spirits summer,



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

June 13, 2011

Members present: Deb Zehms, Kay Stecher, Louise Partlow, Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, and Pastor David Huber

Deb called the meeting to order. The March Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of May 31, 2011

Year to Date Income	\$49,463.16
Year to Date Expenses	\$49,474.20
Ahead (Behind)	(\$11.04)
Building Fund Balance	\$21,705.15
Memorial Fund Balance	\$4,124.65

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income this month was \$8,927.31, expenses were \$9,069.18; leaving us with a May loss of \$141.87 and a check book balance of \$22.99. \$2000 was transferred from the Reserve Fund. \$262.00 was paid to St. Francis Food Pantry. \$684.00 was paid for OCWM and \$508.00 to OCWM Special Supports. \$430.00 was paid for March snow removal. We are up to date on all four of these items.

Reserve Fund Report:

Balance of \$956.21 at the end of May. \$2000 was transferred to the General Fund.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the May is \$4,124.65.

Building Fund Report:

The balance at the end of May was \$21,705.15.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

Kay reported the campers are preparing to leave for Moon Beach on June 19 and June 26. Please keep everyone in your prayers. Thanks to Dorothy Gilbertson, Nancy Wendt and Kay Stecher for providing the camper bags this year. Many thanks to our Christian Education Team for another successful year! Our teachers and Commission members are Aurora Bradbury-Schoening, Tami Eisberner, Megan Eisberner, Linda Jaenke, Kay Stecher, George Stecher, and Pastor David.

Stewardship Commission:

No report.

Worship Commission:

Pastor David reported that they are preparing for the summer worship, and will be rearranging the sanctuary. Lectionary will be from Genesis and Exodus.

Stewardship Commission:

No Report

Service Commission:

We will continue to announce the new cards for the Service Commission record keeping. This helps us keep track of which shut-ins are being visited by members of the congregation, so that we can be sure no one is missed. In May we had approximately 10 cards.

Building and Grounds:

Windows, cracks and drywall have been fixed. Thank you to everyone who helped for a great Spring Clean-up day.

Women of Plymouth:

No report.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David thanked everyone for the opportunity to attend the Festival of Homiletics; and thank you to the Christian Education team for another great year. The position of Association Minister will be eliminated on June 30, 2011. The NWA Division on Church and Ministry will keep their personnel files at Plymouth, and meet here in the future. The Conference will enter the new structure on July 1. General Synod is July 1–5 in Tampa, FL. One resolution is the “Common Agreement on Mutual Recognition of Baptism between The United Church of Christ; Presbyterian Church-USA; Reformed Church in America and Christian Reformed Church; US Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Commission reports were accepted as given.

Other Business:

- We are participating in the Mega Foods SCRIP program, which has been announced and explained in church.
- New members Jennifer, Micah, Marie, Charlene and Harlan will be accepted June 26.

- A proposal to support Lynn attending the Musical Summit for Progressive Christian Movement Retreat at Pilgrim Center was motioned by Kay, seconded by Louise. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Aurora Bradbury-Schoening

May Financial Summary

Income:	\$8,927.31
Expenses:	\$9,069.18

May loss: \$141.87

- \$2000.00 deposited from the Reserve Fund
- Envelope income is essentially the same to date as in 2010
- Mega Scrip has brought in \$47.25 in the first 2 weeks.

Bills paid:
\$684.00 for OCWM
\$508.00 for OCWM Special Supports
\$430.00 for March snow removal.
\$262.00 for St Francis Food Pantry
All bills now paid.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us recall St. Paul's words to the Galatians: “You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence ... (Galatians 5:13 nrsv). May God enable us to use our freedom for service and the love of one another.

Summertime is a great time to play with your friends.

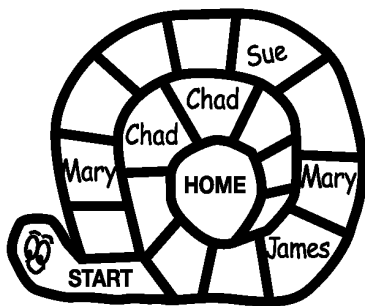
Try a game called "Escargot."


"Escargot" is the French word for "snail."

Materials: sidewalk chalk, playground, patio or driveway, 2 or more friends

1. Using sidewalk chalk, draw a very large spiral, like a snail shell, on the pavement of a playground or driveway.
2. Leave a large circle in the center, big enough for your two feet to fit in. Mark this space "HOME."
3. Make blocks large enough for one foot to fit in each space.
4. The youngest player goes first, and tries to hop into each blank space on one foot without falling or stepping on a line.
5. If the player is successful, he writes his name on ANY space. This becomes his space. He may stop and rest in his space, on both feet.
6. If a player steps on a line or on another player's space, he loses his turn and goes to the end of the line.
7. Continue playing until all the spaces have names, or until the game is impassable*. Whoever has the most spaces wins.

*Game is impassable when there are so many spaces with players' names in a row that no one can jump to the next available space.

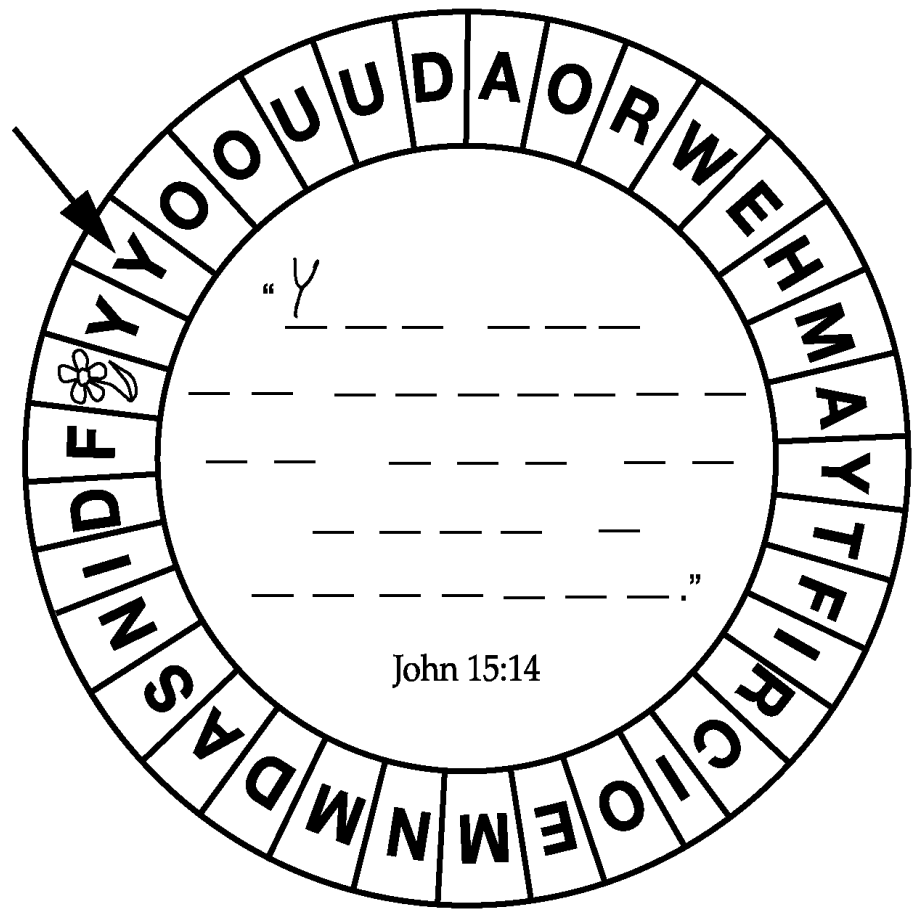




Who were Jesus' friends?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends.
Whom did Jesus consider his friends?

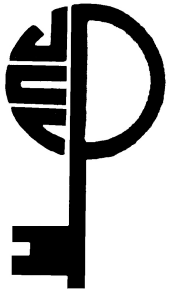
Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise,
write every other letter on the spaces below.



John 15:14

Answer: You are my friends if you do what I command.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>July 2011</h1>					1	2
3 St. Francis Food Pantry offering 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 10:00 A.M. Quilters	6	7	8	9
10 Prayers for the People 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	11 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	12 10:00 A.M. Quilters	13	14	15	16
17 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship	18 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	19 10:00 A.M. Quilters	20	21	22	23
24 10:30 A.M. Worship	25	26 10:00 A.M. Quilters	27	28	29	30
31 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission						



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