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Annual Bazaar

Saturday, November 5

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



*Featuring crafts, bakery items,
and treasures for adults and children!*

**Salad Luncheon will be served
from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

Items needed for Treasure Trove

Every year, the Treasure Trove is a popular part of the Annual Bazaar. We need your donation of items that are gently used, no longer needed, or even new—including knickknacks, Christmas trims, glassware, candles, etc. Items can be brought to the church any time before the bazaar.



Daylight Savings Time ends
November 6. Remember to set your
clocks *back* one hour before
retiring on Saturday, November 5.

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

November Worship Notes

November 6

All Saints' Sunday

21st Sunday after Pentecost

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Daylight Saving Time ends

Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25; Psalm 78:1–7;

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew

25:1–13

November 13

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123;

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew

25:14–30

November 20

Christ the King Sunday

OCWM offering

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 100;

Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

November 27

1st Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 64:1–9; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19;

1 Corinthians 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37

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

Food for Thought

There will be no pot luck in November due to the Bazaar being held that weekend.

Don't forget we will be collecting our monthly offering for St. Francis on November 6. As you travel, remember that the food pantry needs those travel size shampoos, etc. that motels/hotels provide.

Shut-in visits

The Service Commission has been expanded to include all members of Plymouth. If you visit, call, or even send a card to one of our shut-ins or another member of the congregation, we'd like to know (so that no one "falls through the cracks"). Visitation Report cards are available on the table and are easy to fill out. If you feel that something should be brought to the pastor's attention, there's even space to jot it down on the back of the card. Completed cards can be dropped into the manila envelope marked for them.

November Birthdays

- 1 Char Hartwich
- 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
- 16 Marie Williams
- 20 Tyjha Stygar
- 21 Ruth Kavanagh
- 26 Kevin Phillips
- 30 Jacqueline Andersen
Darrick Carter

Plymouth church wants you!

The Nominating Committee for 2012 is starting to work on the 2012 nominations for officers and commission members. If you would like to have your name placed in nomination for one of the commissions: Worship, Stewardship or Christian Education, or even for the Executive Council, please speak up! We do have an opening for Moderator Elect. Chances are, if you do not call me, I will call you!

Barb Kleist
Moderator-Elect

If you would like to donate a plant or wreath 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 2. Checks should be made out to Plymouth UCC. Please note "poinsettia" or "tree" 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 tree. \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

PASTOR'S PEN



Dear Friends,

The motto of the United Church of Christ is “That they may all be one,” said by Jesus in his prayer at the last supper in the Gospel of John. Riffing off the “one,” the UCC is beginning what it calls the Mission: 1 campaign from Nov. 1 to Nov. 11 (that is, for 11 days from 11-1-11 to 11-11-11) to feed the hungry and combat food-related injustice. The goal is for UCC congregations to donate 1 million food items, gather another \$111,111 in online donations for Neighbors In Need (we received this offering in October), and write 11,111 letters to our representatives in Washington. Since Plymouth already has food ministries with St. Francis Food Pantry and Community Table, we aren’t doing anything special for this campaign other than to bring it to your attention, and suggest that you go to ucc.org/mission1 for more information, for sample letters, and to watch the tally board during the campaign as churches record their offerings.

For the electronically connected, I suggest two things you might be interested in:

The UCC puts out a wonderful daily devotion that is available on their website or by morning email. I have been enjoying them very much. They can be read in a few minutes (though they deserve some extra time for reflection and meditation), and end with a short prayer. I highly recommended them.

<http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/>

Call on Faith has a smart phone app (it is 99 cents) that offers 200+ faith-related videos, some of which are produced by the UCC, with new ones being added every month. They include basic devotionals, conversations about faith, personal stories, meditation videos with music and landscapes, and more. Search for “Call on Faith” from your phone, or go to callonfaith.com.

Many blessings,

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.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 12, 2011

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

Deb called the meeting to order. The September Council minutes were reviewed and approved after a correction to the date for the bazaar.

Financial Reports:

As of September 30, 2011

Year to Date Income	\$85,615.31
Year to Date Expenses	\$85,633.71
Ahead (Behind)	(\$18.40)
Building Fund Balance	\$15,800.79
Memorial Fund Balance	\$4,126.03

Treasurer's Report:

Income this month was \$8670.28; expenses were \$8830.89 leaving us with a September loss of \$160.61 and a check book balance of \$15.63. Envelope giving is down \$7700 as of last September. Bills needing to be paid yet are \$1300 lawn mowing bill, building and property insurance, workers compensation insurance, retirement benefits and the money to the food pantry and OCWM which was not paid out. This comes to a total of about \$5300. The Reserve account was used last month to help with bills; \$4000 was taken out of the Reserve Fund. It was decided to have a congregational meeting regarding the sharply disintegrating financial situation on November 13. Deb and Larry will work on the letter. Larry moved that we take another \$5000 out of the Building Fund to pay for the current bills, Char seconded.

Reserve Fund Report:

Information not reported.

Memorial Fund Report:

The balance for the end of the month is \$4,126.03.

Building Fund Report:

The balance at the end of September was \$15,800.79.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

Kay reported they presented a Bible to third grader Morgan Jaenke. There will be a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 29. Sign-up sheet is on the table.

Stewardship Commission:

Larry reported they discussed the financial situation. The mixed nuts can be ordered now. The cost price went up, so there is a slight price increase. The Stewardship campaign will be the last two Sundays in November. Stewardship Sunday will be December 4.

Worship Commission:

Barb reported Thanksgiving Eve service this year will be at First Congregational. They will be planning Advent at their next meeting. Worldwide Communion was held the first Sunday in October.



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Building and Grounds:

The cupboard door in Fellowship Hall needs repairing. Jim will look into it.

Women of Plymouth:

The Bazaar is November 5. They will have the salad luncheon. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to help. They are donating \$1000 to the General Fund.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David thanked the congregation for allowing him a couple weeks vacation last month. The meet and greet for Yuki was good.

Other Business:

- Larry will check on a couple of snowplowing places to make sure we get the best deal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted
Barb Kleist



On Veterans Day we honor men and women who have served and sacrificed in one of America's armed services. The holiday is also meant to highlight America's quest for world peace and our nation's desire for justice and freedom throughout the world—our nation's higher goals.

Veterans Day is actually rooted in Armistice Day. On November 11, 1918, America and her allies met with German leaders to sign a truce ending World War I. In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson decided that our nation should remember with gratitude the end of that war and honor those who served in the military. He called the holiday, Armistice Day. Armistice means "truce."

In his proclamation the president wrote that Armistice Day was an "opportunity ... given to America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

The name Armistice Day was kept until 1954 when Congress changed the name to Veterans Day honoring veterans of every era. President Eisenhower called on all citizens to observe the day remembering the sacrifices of veterans and "the task of promoting an enduring peace."

*Council Minutes
continued ...*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2011</h1>						
 <p><i>O taste and see that the Lord is Good; happy are those who take refuge in him.</i> <small>Psalms 34:8</small></p>						
		1 10:00 A.M. Quilters	2	3	4	5 Annual Bazaar 10:00 A.M.— 2:00 P.M.
6 All Saints' Sunday St. Francis Food Pantry offering 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship <i>Daylight Savings ends</i>	7	8 10:00 A.M. Quilters	9	10	11	12
13 Prayers for the People 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	14 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	15 10:00 A.M. Quilters	16	17	18	19
20 OCWM offering 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	21 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	22 10:00 A.M. Quilters	23 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship at First Cong.	24 Thanksgiving Office closed	25	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	28	29 10:00 A.M. Quilters	30			