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“The Power of Prayer”

August 7, 8, 9
6:30 to 8:00 P.M.



Join us as we learn about the different types of prayer and how it can affect our lives. 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 contact Kay Stecher at 715-831-8105 or kaystecher@yahoo.com and let us know if you'll be attending. See you at VBS!

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Otherwise, you will continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter.

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

August Worship Notes

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

August 5
10th Sunday after Pentecost
St. Francis Food Pantry offering
The prophet Zephaniah
Zephaniah 3; Revelation 16:14–16

August 12
11th Sunday after Pentecost
Prayers for the People
The prophet Jeremiah
Jeremiah 7, 31
Matthew 2:16–18; 21:12–13

August 19
12th Sunday after Pentecost
OCWM offering
The prophet Ezekiel
Ezekiel 1, 34, 37
Matthew 25:31–46; Revelation
21:19–21

August 22
Outdoor Worship
6:15 P.M.

August 26
13th Sunday after Pentecost
Ragtime Music service at
First Congregational UCC
9:30 A.M., 310 Broadway St

In August, we are praying for these individuals/families: Len Weisfeld, Jim Welk, Larry Wendt (Lorraine Hagen), Ron & Nancy Wendt, Marie Williams, Keith & Deb Zehms

Outdoor Worship Service

Please join us for outdoor worship on Wednesday, August 22. We will gather at 6:15 P.M. to worship around the campfire. Snacks will be provided.

Special Worship Service

On Sunday, August 26, we will gather with members of other local UCC churches for a Ragtime Music service at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 310 Broadway St at 9:30 A.M. (There will be no service at Plymouth on August 26. Come to the Outdoor Service at Plymouth on August 22 and to the Ragtime service on August 26!)

Food for Thought

Our potluck this month will be August 12 to celebrate this year's Vacation Bible School, which is August 7, 8, and 9. We will be serving brats and hamburgers, so bring a dish to go along with that. Come and see what fun things our kids have accomplished this week.

We will take our offering for St. Francis Food Pantry as usual on the first Sunday of the month, August 5.

As you travel, remember that the food pantry needs those travel size shampoos, etc that motels/hotels provide.

August Birthdays

6	Carter Hulke
8	Steven Green Burt Shepler
9	Jim Nelson
16	Sam Zehms
24	Mary Stygar
25	Sue Thompson
26	Dillon Herrick
27	Marissa Walczak
29	Sharon Miller
30	Devan Hodshire
31	Matt Gilbertson

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.

Shut-in visits

The Service Commission includes 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.

SCRIP cards a hit!

SCRIP cards are now available for Mega, Gordy's, and Kwik Trip. It is a painless, cost-free fundraiser for our church. Here is how it works: On Sunday, you buy Scrip cards for \$25, \$50, and/or \$100. You pay with cash or check made out to Plymouth. We are able to keep 3% of the money that is paid for Mega and Gordy's cards, and 10% of what we get for Kwik Trip cards! Mega cards are good at Mega and Mega Holiday, Gordy's cards are good at Gordy's or Gordy's gas—all at their full value. They work just like cash, so if you use them to buy gas, you get that cash discount and help the church at the same time!

"Want" list

Each month we have been giving you a "Need List." Your response to that has been excellent. So now the Executive Council has come up with a "Want List." These are items that will eventually be on the "Need List" but right now are things that we want and that are financially out of our reach. The list is pretty short, but it will get longer!

- Driveway and parking lot sealed and striped.
- New roof for the older section of the building.
- Gas weed trimmer for the lawn.
- Shelving for closet in Sanctuary

Mark your calendars. We will serve at the Community Table on Saturday, October 20!



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

We come to August, which is usually a quiet time in the church life, and often seems quiet for me, too. I usually go into hiding in the air conditioning as much as possible, because I do not fare well in the double whammy of August's typical heat and humidity and the incredible ragweed seasons we generally experience here. But the weather has been crazy this year. Maybe August will be as pleasant and comfortable as it was last year.

Certainly Plymouth will have some pleasant and comfortable times in August revisiting some traditions and doing new things. Our Vacation Bible School will again be filled with arts and crafts, good food, fellowship, and learning about Christian discipleship.

Our annual Wednesday night campfire worship will be August 22, featuring fun music, lively dialogue, prayers, and, of course, s'mores. (And Kay says she will ensure we have peanut butter cups for them!).

Our Sunday worship will continue our journey through the prophets and we have some more wonderful music to introduce to you.

Mike Henry will continue our new street ministry, taking water and other items to the homeless and suffering around Eau Claire. Especially in a month like August, a ministry of hydration is especially needed. Anyone can do this (and a number of you have so far).

Please speak to Mike, and he will happily help you out.

Then the last Sunday, August 26, we are doing a new thing: a service of worship featuring ragtime music with First Congregational, Truax, and Peace Fall Creek, at First. They did a ragtime worship last winter that was much loved, so they decided to do another and invite all of us to celebrate together. I have been looking forward to it! Should be a fun time. We will also have a fellowship meal after worship. (Please note that we will not be at Plymouth at all on the 26th, we will be at First Congregational, and worship will be at 9:30 A.M., not our usual 10:30 A.M.)

May your last month of summer vacation be filled with blessings, rest, rejuvenation, and faithful discipleship!

Blessings,

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

July 9, 2012

Members present: Kay Stecher, Pastor David, Larry Kleist, Deb Zehms, Barb Kleist

Barb called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. Pastor David opened the meeting with a prayer. The June minutes were read and approved.

Financial Reports:

As of June 30, 2012

Year to Date Income	\$54,687.90
Year to Date Expenses	\$54,603.85
Ahead (Behind)	(\$51.63)
Building Fund Balance	\$10,866.86
Memorial Fund Balance	\$4,191.40

Treasurer's Report:

Income for June was \$8,334.42 with expenses of \$4,386.05 resulting in a loss of \$51.63.

Reserve Fund Report:

The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$2,213.64.

Memorial Fund Report:

The Memorial Fund has a balance of \$4,191.40.

Building Fund Report:

The Building Fund has a balance of \$10,866.86.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

VBS will be held August 7, 8, and 9 (T, W, Th) from 6:30–8:00 P.M. The theme this year is "How Children Pray." Our campers had a GREAT week at Moon Beach! Thanks to our

Plymouth Congregation for all of their support!

Stewardship Commission:

They didn't meet. The Pie and Ice Cream Social brought in \$1,119.25. Even with the addition of the lunch serving time, there was less work involved. There were a few too many pies. It was a successful event. The lunch-to-area-businesses would be the place where we could increase our sales, and would be a good place to develop for next year.

Worship Commission:

They didn't meet. Outdoor worship will be Wednesday, August 22 at 7:00 P.M. Joint worship with 1st Congregational, Truax, Peace UCC, and Plymouth will be on August 26 at 9:30 at First Congregational.

Service Commission:

No report.

Building and Grounds:

A motion light has been installed on the building. The volunteer mowing is going well. A gas trimmer is needed for the lawn care. It will be added to a wish list. Deb will get lower case stencils and finish the sign. We have a discontented neighbor who is upset that our sticks fall on his lawn. Pastor David offered to send a group to pick up whenever the gentleman would contact us to let us know there is a need.



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*Council Minutes
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Women of Plymouth:

The dishwasher is broken. It will cost at least \$750 for repair (we have already received a bill for \$300+) or about \$2,500 to replace. Mary Stygar is checking on funding this. Larry is looking into the bill we received.

Pastor's Report:

In the last month, there was one wedding (Kleist) and one funeral (Dick Gosbin). George Stecher, Mike Henry, and Pastor David went out to interact with participants at the Community Table and some members of the homeless community. They offered them water and snacks, and talked with them. Mimi will be gone from July 26-August 7. From July 23-30, Pastor David will be on study leave and he and Lynn will attend the Shift music seminar during this time frame. Pastor David will be on vacation to Japan from approximately 9/3-9/22.

Old Business:

- The congregation is invited to join an outing to the Express game on July 18.
- The Executive Council reviewed the membership list.

New Business:

- On July 22, Dr. Eleazar Fernandez will be at Plymouth. There will be a potluck and presentation following the service.

The next meeting is August 13, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

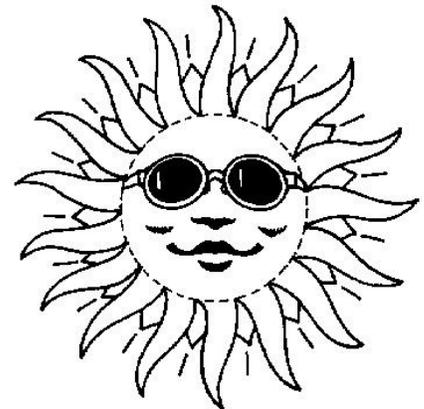
Respectfully Submitted (with apologies for any mistakes!!),
Deb Zehms

The Need List

The following is a list of items that are needed by the church. Next time you are in the grocery store and see these items, pick one up and donate it! This is one way to help out with the church budget!

1. Paper towels
2. Kleenex
3. Hand soap
4. Toilet paper
5. Garbage Bags-XL
6. "The Works" toilet bowl cleaner
7. Pledge Wipes
8. Pine Sol
9. Lemonade
10. Napkins
11. Hand sanitizer

Here is another way to help: Instead of donating these items, buy a SCRIP Card from Mega Foods and then someone can buy the items as needed. The church will get the items needed plus make a little money on it!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>August 2012</h1> 						
			1 7:00 P.M. WOP Board Meeting	2	3	4
5 St. Francis Food Pantry offering 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	6	7 10:00 A.M. Quilters 6:30–8:00 P.M. VBS	8 6:30–8:00 P.M. VBS	9 6:30–8:00 P.M. VBS	10	11
12 Prayers for the People 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot Luck	13 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	14 Fall Primary 10:00 A.M. Quilters	15	16	17	18
19 OCWM offering 10:30 A.M. Worship	20 7:00 P.M. Christian Education Commission	21 10:00 A.M. Quilters	22 6:15 P.M. Outdoor Worship	23	24	25
26 9:30 A.M. Joint worship at First Cong. (No worship at Plymouth)	27	28 10:00 A.M. Quilters	29	30	31	