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2012 Eau Claire CROP Walk Hike & Bike



The CROP Walk will be held October 9 at 2 P.M. in Carson Park. The walk is for 1–3 miles or an 8-mile bike loop. All participants will walk the “Mighty Mile Loop” in Carson Park. After that those who will be doing the 3 mile walk will go on with that and the bikers will pick up their bikes and continue on their ride. This is a major fund raiser for the Feed My People Food Bank in Eau Claire. Twenty-five percent of what is raised in the walk stays here and goes to the food bank. The rest goes to help people around the world and in the USA.

Last year the money raised on the walk bought over 23,000 meals in the Eau Claire area. Feed My People supplies food to the area food banks, including St. Francis Food Pantry. The demand for food in our troubled economy is growing every day. Please donate generously to our walkers: The Jaenke Family, Tammy & Travis Eisberner, Joy & Derek Carter and Kay & John Stecher or Barb Kleist.

If you would like to donate using a credit card, go to cropwalk.org, search by zip code (54701) and select Eau Claire Hike & Bike CROP Walk. Click on Donate, then click on “I want to support a team,” then click on Plymouth UCC.

Halloween Party!



You are invited to join us for our annual “spooktacular” evening of Halloween fun! On Sunday, October 28 we will begin with a scary supper at 6:00 P.M. Then we will watch “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!” We will end the evening with a chilling cake walk with ghoulishly good treats for the winners! Costumes are not required, but they are highly encouraged so you don’t get “booed” out of the building! We are charging \$3.00 per person to cover dinner. Please watch for a sign-up sheet at church or call your reservation in to Mimi by October 26.

GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

October Worship Notes

10:30 A.M. Worship

Communion the first Sunday of the month

October 7

19th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

Neighbors in Need offering

St. Francis Food Pantry offering

Job 1:1; 2:1–10; Psalm 26;

Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12; Mark 10:2–16

October 14

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Prayers for the People

Job 23:1–9, 16–17; Psalm 22:1–15;

Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark 10:17–31

October 21

21st Sunday after Pentecost

OCWM offering

Job 38:1–7, (34–41); Psalm 104:1–9,

24,35c; Hebrews 5:1–10; Mark

10:35–45

October 28

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

Job 42:1–6, 10–17; Psalm 34:1–8,

(19–22); Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark

10:46–52

In October, we are praying for these individuals/families: Cyndi Bradbury, Aurora Robison, Bonnie Carter, Darrick Carter & Joy Lobo-Carter, Kevin & Kristina Champion, Steve & Nancy Champion, Claire Cramblit

Food for Thought

Our potluck this month will be October 21. The theme will be the “Fall Festival.” Bring a dish that will celebrate the fall season. We will, however, take our offering for St Francis Food Pantry on Sunday, October 7.

COMING UP:

- CROP Walk is Sunday, October 14. See the CROP Walk article in this newsletter.
- We serve the Community Table on October 20. Mark your calendars and sign up!

World Communion Sunday

On November 1, 1936, World-Wide Communion Day was born. In the winter of 1935, a group of ministers met to study the spiritual needs and possibilities of the church during the dark days of the Great Depression. In the Lord’s Supper they saw a great opportunity to unite Christians in dedication to Christ. In 1937, the date was changed to the first Sunday in October, where it has remained and the name is now observed as World Communion Sunday. People from the four corners of the world gather to answer Christ’s invitation, “This do in remembrance of me.”

October Birthdays

- 1 Larry Shepler
- 2 Jen Adams
- 3 Joy Lobo-Carter
- 4 Gladys Ulry
Hannah Zehms
- 5 Jamie Stafford
- 7 Len Weisfeld
- 9 Maria Patton
- 14 Kayla Leipnitz
- 18 Sadie Hulke
- 20 Ardith Starr
- 22 Kay Hestekin
Denice Shepler
Nathan Stygar
- 23 Joe Gilbertson
- 24 Cyndi Bradbury
- 26 Justin Champion
- 28 Bobbie Rude
- 29 Nancy Wendt
- 30 Audrey Heimstead
- 31 Lindsey Phillips
Lori Phillips

Memorials

- Designated for the Dishwasher Fund:
In memory of Ruth Kavanagh: Joanne Lowry;
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Roland Curry: Terri Gilbert

Community Table

We are serving at the Community Table on Saturday, October 20. We need around 12 people to serve. There is a sign-up sheet at church if you would like to help. We meet at the Community Table around 9 A.M. and are usually done by around 2 P.M.

Since all the food is already purchased for us, we need to donate \$100 to the Community Table to offset some of this cost. If you would like to donate, please

send a check to church and mark it for the Community Table or give the money to Barb Kleist on Sunday morning.

Volunteers Needed

The Executive Council is starting to work on the Nominating Committee for next year. Are you interested in being on the Council? We are looking for a Moderator, Moderator Elect and Member at Large. If you are interested, please contact one of the current Council Members or Barb Kleist, Moderator.

We also can use new commission members. We need new ideas! Commissions looking for new members are Christian Education, Stewardship or Worship. If you are interested in Christian Education or would like more information on it, please contact Kay Stecher. If you are interested in the Stewardship Commission or would like more information, please contact Larry Kleist. If you are interested in the Worship Commission or would like more information, please contact Barb Kleist

Entertaining Angels

A UCC Day Retreat for Northwest Association women is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at UCC Neillsville. The program fee is \$25 and includes lunch. The retreat will lead you along a journey of practicing hospitality and creating welcoming space. Come and enjoy a day to fill your spirit and make new friends through worship, bible study, singing, reflection and sharing. Register online at the Northwest Association website: nwwaucc.org or see Mimi in the church office for a registration form to mail in.



Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Thank you for the prayers and blessings on my last trip to Japan—of course, the greatest and best reason to go is to see Yuki and spend time with her. But there is also the side benefit of the incredible food and drink, sight seeing, meeting new people, and the simple pleasure of experiencing something new and different.

And though it was new and different (Yuki lives in a different city now, and I traveled to places I'd never been before), I was particularly struck this time by watching children. At the Imperial Palace, I watched a group of preschoolers playing around a bubbler—no different than how my friends and I played around them: splashing water, giggling, stomping through the increasingly large puddle and laughing at how far they can make the water spray. And watching some teenagers in a McDonald's, no different than ours: worried about their appearance, trying to show off whatever the current trend is (in Matsuyama, this apparently includes attaching stuffed bears of a particular make to one's backpack), girls wanting to look good for boys, and boys wanting to look cool for the girls. I watched for a few minutes as a boy was playing a guitar video game while his girlfriend (or one he was trying to woo, perhaps?) watched him with dreamy eyes, clearly impressed at his skill at mastering a video game. And adults no different than here: worries about the economy, their power plants and electrical grid, whether their children will have a country in as good a shape as they had when children, job anxiety, pressures to succeed (with an equally

ambiguous and empty definition of it as we have in the U.S.), political worries, concern for the environment...

The world really is a small place. We might wear different clothes, eat different foods, style our homes differently, and speak different languages, but we really are the same. We play, we worry, we strive to make our homes worth living in, want the best for our children and our neighbors, want our countries and communities to be strong, and through it all are also the common languages of laughter and lament.

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Day, when we can celebrate the diversity of God's people on this earth, and remember (as we ought to do every day) that especially for we who are Christ's body—the Church—here on earth, we are all united through baptism, and we all eat together at the same table with the same host, who is Christ Jesus. Someday, perhaps we will trust that truth enough to fully believe it and let peace reign on earth. I pray that day comes soon.

Allow me also to point you to our adult Sunday School for this fall, which is a program called "Living the Questions," an excellent series of short videos with world renowned scholars and church leaders guiding us through matters of faith, such as the history of the church and the Bible, how to read scripture, women in the Bible, the Kingdom of God, and many other important and interesting topics. I highly recommend it to you.

Blessings,

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

September 10, 2012

Members present: Jim Welk, Kay Stecher, Deb Zehms, Larry Kleist, Barb Kleist, Rob Jaenke, Louise Partlow, and guest Mike Henry

Barb called the meeting to order at 7:00. The August minutes were read and then approved.

Financial Reports:

As of August 31, 2012

Year to Date Income	\$72,961.64
Year to Date Expenses	\$72,911.55
Ahead (Behind)	\$50.09
Building Fund Balance	\$5,866.86
Memorial Fund Balance	\$4,191.76

Treasurer's Report:

Income for August was \$9,807.51, for a gain of \$330.86. Balance for August 2012 was \$55.51

Reserve Fund Report:

The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$305.10.

Memorial Fund Report:

The Memorial Fund has a balance of \$4,191.76.

Building Fund Report:

The Building Fund has a balance of \$5,866.86 after a \$5,000.00 withdrawal for the General Fund.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

Christian Education Commission:

Sunday School and Adult Education will begin on September 23.

Stewardship Commission:

They met Sunday, September 9 and discussed expenses and funding for the dishwasher. Nuts will be sold

again, with prices raised slightly. The Stewardship campaign will begin after Pastor David returns as he does most of the work on this. Scrip cards are a little slower now, but should pick up during the fall season. We will promote buying cards for Christmas gifts. The Thrift and Bake Sale is coming up September 22 to raise funds for the new dishwasher.

Worship Commission:

Backpack Blessing was held September 9. George Stecher will preach on September 16 and Mike Henry on September 23. We need to check on the music fund balance to acquire new music for Lynn and Pastor David. Pastor David will be back in the office on September 24. The first Sunday in October is World Wide Communion. CROP Walk is coming up. We need walkers and donations. Our church will be serving at the Community Table on October 30.

Service Commission:

No report.

Building and Grounds:

Snow blowing—we received a bid form Rainmaster. Council decided to use the same people we had last year if available. Jim will do our sidewalks again. Thank you to Jim. Tree removal—we will wait until cooler weather. Jim Welk and Ken Polden will do this for us.

Women of Plymouth:

No report.



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*Council Minutes
continued ...*

Pastor's Report:

Pastor David arrived in Japan okay.

Old Business:

- Council needs to keep working on the Nominating Committee.

New Business:

- Mike Henry requested a key for church to take care of his items for the Homeless Ministry. Council approved. We will get one.

Next meeting: October 8, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise Partlow

**Justice and Witness
Ministries ...**

In a letter from the UCC they write, in part:

*Thank you for your generous gift of \$221 to **Neighbors in Need** in 2011! Two-thirds of your NIN offering goes to support Justice and Witness Ministries and one-third to support the Council for American Indian Ministry.*

The Mission 1! Campaign that ended in November 2011 was an amazing success as thousands of UCC supporters came together as One Church to address hunger. We are excited to report that the Mission 1 - Neighbors in Need contributions far surpassed our goal of \$111,111; at this writing, \$189,000 has been received. Thank you so much for all you did to make this possible.

“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

If you have access to the Internet, please consider receiving this newsletter online. It will save paper, printing costs and postage. Contact Mimi at mimi@pcucc.com to be put on the electronic mailing list.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October 2012</h1> 						
	1	2 10:00 A.M. Quilters	3	4	5	6
7 St. Francis and Neighbors in Need offerings World Communion Sunday 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission	8 7:00 P.M. Executive Council	9 10:00 A.M. Quilters	10	11	12	13
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