

# Good News

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*Cross illumination for  
November is sponsored by  
John & Sandy Moore in  
honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary.*

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## Yard Clean-up

Before the snow falls, we need to do a little work on our property. This fall, instead of having one day assigned to clean up, we are asking for volunteers to do the work on their own schedule.

Here is the list of projects we need done:

- Trim the bushes & shrubs
- Clean out the flower beds
- Wash Windows
- Sweep off the patio

If you have time to work on our yard, come whenever you can and pick out your favorite job! We have a sign up sheet at church. Please come and help us out.

## *Annual Bazaar*

*Saturday, November 17  
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.**



# GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

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

## November Worship Notes

**November 4**  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*  
Ruth 1:1–8; Psalm 146;  
Hebrews 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34

**November 11**  
*24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Prayers for the People*  
Ruth 3:1–5, 4:13–17; Psalm 127;  
Hebrews 9:24–28; Mark 12:38–44

**November 18**  
*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
*OCWM offering*  
1 Samuel 1:4–20; Psalm 16;  
Hebrews 10:11–14, (15–18), 19–25;  
Mark 13:1–8

**Wednesday, November 21**  
*Thanksgiving Eve*  
7:00 P.M.  
Truax UCC, 1008 50<sup>th</sup> St

**November 25**  
*Christ the King Sunday*  
2 Samuel 23:1–7; Psalm 132:1–12,  
(13–18); Revelation 1:4b–8;  
John 18:33–37

**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

Daylight Savings  
Time ends  
November 4.  
Remember to set  
your clocks *back*  
one hour before  
retiring on  
Saturday,  
November 3

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## Food for Thought

We will not have a pot luck in November, but we will be taking our offering for St Francis Food Pantry on Sunday November 4.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Community Table. We served around 132 meals.

Thank you to our Crop Walkers. We raised \$530. Great Job!



## Hanging of the Greens

The Worship Commission invites you to help decorate for Advent and Christmas. This year we will decorate on Saturday, December 1, starting around 9 A.M. Lunch will be served. Please join us!

## 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

## 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.

## Calling all knitters!

The United Church of Christ Scarf Project has put out a call for knit scarves to distribute to people at the General Synod 2013 in July in Long Beach, California. This might seem like a strangely warm climate for scarves, but their intent is to raise awareness and be a witness against bullying and violence. They are asking for brightly colored or rainbowy scarves which they will give to synod attendees in the hopes that strangers (either at Synod or on the streets of Long Beach) will ask about them, at which point the wearer will tell them about the scarf project to raise awareness about violence, and then give the scarf away. They hope to give away 3,000 scarves. Directions are about 60 inches long, 4–6 inches wide, crochet or knit or whatever, any pattern, and material must be brightly colored and rainbowy. More information is on the UCC website, [www.ucc.org/news/ucc-scarf-project-for-general.html](http://www.ucc.org/news/ucc-scarf-project-for-general.html). The Scarf Project also has a facebook group with that name that you can join, [www.facebook.com/groups/277153159028436](http://www.facebook.com/groups/277153159028436). If you knit some, bring them to church and let's decorate the sanctuary with them until we ship them off.



## Music for the Heart

First Congregational UCC is hosting a benefit concert, "Music for the Heart," on Sunday, November 11 at 7:00 P.M. The concert will feature soprano Helen Todd and the voice faculty and students from UW Eau Claire. General seating tickets are \$30, \$20 for students with valid ID. Part of the fund-raising effort will also include a wine raffle. Proceeds from this concert and raffle will benefit a resettlement project in Okora, Uganda.

Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,



November is a month of transition. The generally comfortable autumnal weather of October moves us into the winter's cold. If we are lucky (and you might disagree!), we have a layer of snow by deer hunting's opening weekend and through Thanksgiving. No snow on Thanksgiving feels as much of a letdown as a green Christmas. But, your mileage may vary. I like November because of that change to winter and because Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays.

What is so compelling is that it is a day with little pressure: no need to decorate, no presents to buy, no expectations of "perfection." For many it is the first day of a long weekend. And it hasn't been commercialized. We might see a few themed items in stores or shows on TV,

and it is increasingly getting encroached by Black Friday for which some people now line up on Thanksgiving Eve, but it remains fairly pure. Most businesses shut down so that we can spend it with friends and family to give God thanks for the harvest's bounty with no expectations beyond eating too much, maybe a nap, and some football. Then three blessed days to recuperate.

I also find myself looking more and more forward to our Thanksgiving Eve worship. It has become a gift that helps my spirit move into a Thanksgiving state of being. If you have not joined us for it before, I urge you to do so. This year we will worship at Truax UCC.

Thanksgiving blessings,

*Pastor [Signature]*

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 November 27. 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 \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia plant(s) at \$7.25 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ red \_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_ pink \_\_\_\_\_ marble

I/we would like to donate to the Christmas tree. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 17, 2012

Members present: Kay Stecher, Barb Kleist, Larry Kleist, Pastor David, Rob Jaenke, Louise Partlow

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

**Financial Reports:**

As of September 30, 2012

Year to Date Income	\$79,990.18
Year to Date Expenses	\$72,966.49
Ahead (Behind)	\$23.69
Building Fund Balance	\$5,882.96
Memorial Fund Balance	\$6,713.54

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income for September was \$7,054.94, for a loss of (\$26.40). Balance for September 2012 was \$28.96

**Reserve Fund Report:**

The Reserve Fund has a balance of \$4,641.49.

**Memorial Fund Report:**

The Memorial Fund has a balance of \$6,713.54.

**Building Fund Report:**

The Building Fund has a balance of \$5,882.96 after a \$16.10 interest deposit for the third quarter.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

**Christian Education Commission:**

CROP Walk: Our kids wanted to raise \$400 to help end hunger. They surpassed their goal and raised \$530! thanks to the 13 walkers and to everyone who donated to help us meet and exceed our goal! The annual Halloween Party will be Sunday, October 28 at 6:00 P.M. Wear costumes and be ready to have fun!

Dinner will be served and we are asking a \$3 donation to cover that.

**Stewardship Commission:**

They are working on the dishwasher project, nut sales promotion, and the stewardship campaign. More information on this a little later.

**Worship Commission:**

Sunday, October 21 is the pot luck and Klezmazel will play for the service. It's John & Sandy Moore's last Sunday before heading south. We wish them a safe trip and can't wait to have them back. All Saints' Sunday is November 4. Decorating for Advent and Christmas is Saturday, December 1. Everyone is welcome. Thanksgiving Eve worship will be at Truax this year.

**Service Commission:**

Visitations ongoing. Cards being filled out.

**Building and Grounds:**

Snow blowing—same person as last year will take care of the snow. We are not having a special "Clean-up Day." Barb has a list at church of things that should be done. If anyone has time to do any of these, it would be very much appreciated.

**Women of Plymouth:**

Working on bazaar and election bake sale.



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*Council Minutes  
continued ...*

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor David has been on vacation. council meeting changed to Wednesday, October 17 because David attended the Clergy Retreat at Moon Beach.

**Old Business:**

- Craig's List ad on building's use—Barb and Kay will look at this.
- Nominating Committee working on commission members for next year. We need a moderator and moderator-elect.

**New Business:**

- Cyndi's Ecclesiastical Council will meet here. We may need to serve bars and coffee. More later.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Partlow

**"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


**On giving thanks**

A record of the Pilgrims in Plymouth states that "... at noon men staggered by reason of faintness for want of food, yet ere night, by the good providence and blessing of God, we have enjoyed such a plenty as though the windows of heaven had been opened to us."

Harry C. Kennet said that Elder Brewster, sitting down to a meal of clams and a cup of cold water, looked up to heaven and gave thanks "... for the abundance of the sea and for the treasure hid in the sand." In spite of the difficulties, the Pilgrims thanked God for what they had.

For many of us, this year may not have been a good one, and the future may not seem promising. Yet there is more to be thankful for than to complain about. And that makes Thanksgiving one of the easier seasons for Christians to understand and celebrate.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2012</h1> 						
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<b>4 All Saints' Sunday</b> <b>St. Francis Food Pantry offering</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission  <i>Daylight Savings ends</i>	5	<b>6 Election Day Bake Sale</b>	7	8	9	10
<b>11 Prayers for the People</b> 9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 9:30 A.M. Stewardship Commission 10:30 A.M. Worship	12	13  10:00 A.M. Quilters	14  7:00 P.M. Executive Council	15	16	<b>17 Annual Bazaar</b> 10:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M.
<b>18 OCWM offering</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	19  7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	20  10:00 A.M. Quilters	21  7:00 p.m Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Truax	22  <b>Thanksgiving</b>  Office closed _____	23	24
<b>25 Christ the King Sunday</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	26	27  10:00 A.M. Quilters	28	29	30	