



# Good News

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## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Palm/Passion Sunday, March 24

10:30 A.M. Worship/dramatization of the Passion Narrative

### Maundy Thursday, March 28

7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

### Good Friday, March 29

12:10 P.M. Worship, First Congregational UCC

### Easter Sunday, March 31

8:30 A.M. Magnificent Muffin Morning

9:30 A.M. Celebration Worship

10:30 A.M. Muffin Sale



Daylight savings begins March 10. Be sure to set your clocks *ahead* before retiring on March 9.

## GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

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### March Worship Notes

**10:30 A.M. Worship**

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

**March 3**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*

Isaiah 55:1–9; Psalm 63:1–8;

1 corinthians 10:1–13; Luke 13:1–9

**March 10**

*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*OGHS offering*

*Prayers for the People*

Joshua 5:9–12; Psalm 32;

2 Corinthians 5:16–21; Luke 15:1–3,  
11b–32

**March 17**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

*OCWM offering*

Isaiah 43:16–21; Psalm 126;

Philippians 3:4b–14; John 12:1–8

**March 24**

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

Palm Service: Luke 19:28–40; Psalm  
118:1–2, 19–29

Passion Service: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm  
31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11; Luke  
22:14–23:56 or 23:1–49

**March 28**

*Maundy Thursday*

7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service

**March 29**

*Good Friday*

12:10 P.M. Worship at First  
Congregational UCC

**March 31**

*Easter Sunday*

Acts 10:34–43 or Isaiah 65:17–25;

Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; 1 corinthians  
15:19–26 or Acts 10:34–43; John  
20:1–18 or Luke 24:1–12

**In March, we are praying for these individuals/families:** Faye LaPean, Catherine Lee, Bill & Julie Leipnitz, Steve & Ann Leipnitz, Joanne Lowry

### Food for Thought

We will have a pot luck on Sunday, March 3 and celebrate St. Patrick's Day a little early! If you have a favorite Irish food, bring it for all to enjoy.

Our offering for St. Francis Food Pantry will be taken also on Sunday, March 3. In the months of March and April we

will once again participate in the "Feinstein Challenge." This is where any food or monetary donations made to St. Francis in that time period will help St. Francis Food Pantry receive an extra donation from the Feinstein Foundation. Please be generous these next two months.

## March Birthdays

- 2 Doug Salter
- 3 Stacy Kleist Gantner
- 4 Claire Cramblit
- 5 Kay Stecher  
Judy Insteness
- 6 Erma Phephles
- 8 Aurora Robison  
Steven Gilbertson  
Joyce Holmen  
Dakota Stygar
- 10 Jeremy Green
- 11 Andrew Salter
- 20 Loraine Berg
- 24 Peter Holmen
- 29 Dorothy Kruschke
- 31 Gladys Green

## Memorials

- Gifts to the **Memorial Fund** designated for the General Fund

*In memory of Jerry Tubbs:*

Gordy & Audrey Heimstead

*In memory of Esther Lee:*

Gordy & Audrey Heimstead

*In memory of Ella Christopherson:*

Joe & Terri Gilbert

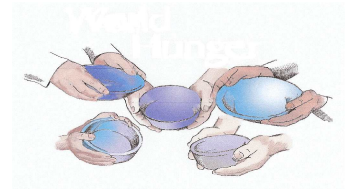
## The Spring Thrift Sale is coming up April 27

*Now is the time to check your closets, attics and garages for all the extra items you no longer want or need.*

Pre-priced items should be brought to church beginning April 15 for this all-important money raising event. Please watch for the sign-up to help at the sale too!

## Empty Bowls Benefit

This benefit for Feed My People Food Bank will take place Thursday, March 7 from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at The Florian Gardens, 2340 Lorch Avenue. ***Please note this year's new location.***



Enjoy delicious soups made by local restaurants, breads, beverage, and deserts. For a donation of \$18.00 you will receive your meal *and* take home a beautiful ceramic bowl, hand-crafted by UW-Eau Claire art students, area high school students, and other area potters. The meal without the bowl can be purchased for \$8.00. Children 10 and under are free. Tickets are available from Barb Kleist, UWEC Davies Center, Feed My People ([www.fmpfoodbank.org](http://www.fmpfoodbank.org)), or at the door the day of the event.

## Church trip to Washington, DC

Rev. Phil Schneider and the people of St. Paul's UCC Wausau invite members of the Wisconsin Conference to join them on a trip to Washington, DC, June 23-30, 2013. Travel is by bus, and includes stop at the UCC National Offices in Cleveland, Gettysburg, a tour of the Hershey factory, Annapolis, and all the typical things one would expect to see in DC itself. Cost is from \$1250 to \$1750. For more information, we have brochures available in the narthex, or contact Phil at 715-842-3733, [admin1@stpaulsuccwausau.org](mailto:admin1@stpaulsuccwausau.org), or check their website.

## PASTOR'S PEN

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Dear Friends and Family of Plymouth,

I have a few things to offer you this time, so here they are, in disconnected paragraphs.

We are at the beginning of Lent, though by the end of March we will have celebrated and entered the time of Easter! Our Wednesday night soup and scriptures will continue to go through the month. Holy week will have our usual Maundy Thursday service of Communion and Tenebrae. Good Friday will be an ecumenical worship at First Congregational UCC at noon. And Easter worship will be an hour earlier than usual, at 9:30 A.M., and begin with a Magnificent Muffin Morning breakfast at 8:30 A.M. (to raise funds for our children to attend camp this summer).

In my Feb 17 sermon (which you can read and listen to on our website) I suggested that if we all bring one person to church, we would double our worship. I also suggested that instead of just inviting them to come on their own, offer to pick them up in the morning and then take them out to lunch after worship. It is more difficult to say “No” to an invitation that includes a ride and a free meal, and it is good hospitality. It also means that as they walk through the front door, they are doing so not as a stranger but are doing it with a friend. The time has come for Plymouth to make itself known in the community, and the best way to do that is YOU! You inviting people. You telling people about your church family. You are the best ambassadors we have, and what we have at Plymouth is so good that I can't

imagine people not wanting to be part of

it. But they can't be part of it until you let them know we're here. Invite a friend or two or ten this year.

This newsletter includes two trip opportunities. One is a trip to the Philippines, to learn about the church there and meet some of our Christian brothers and sisters who are being persecuted by the government. The other is a trip to Washington, DC, which while more secular than the other trip, does include a stop at our national offices and worship at one of our churches in Maryland. Both are compelling and quite different—and unfortunately are at the same time. Perhaps God is calling you to learn more about the church in the Philippines and report back to us. I think that would be a fascinating faith journey to go on.

Lastly, our Sunday bulletins now include morning and evening prayers for the rest of the week. I hope you are taking them home with you and practicing your Christian disciplines at home with your family or on your own. They really are quite good, and short enough not to be intimidating.

Lenten blessings and Easter joy to you all!

# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

February 11, 2013

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

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

## Financial Reports:

As of January 31, 2013

Year to Date Income	\$9,029.61
Year to Date Expenses	\$8,597.41
Ahead (Behind)	\$432.20

## Treasurer's Report:

Income for January was \$9,029.61; expenses were \$8,597.41 for a gain of \$432.20. Income includes \$1,181.55 from nut sales and \$400.00 transferred from the Reserve Fund.

## Reserve Fund Report:

The balance at the end of January was \$440.00.

## Memorial Fund Report:

The Memorial Fund balance is \$6,219.85 at the end of January.

## Building Fund Report:

The balance remains \$5,893.34.

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

## Building and Grounds:

Tree will be removed ASAP.

## Christian Education Commission:

Our "Party and Games" day was lots of fun on Sunday February 10.

Thanks to all who brought games and stayed to play. The February Film Festival is in full swing! The money raised will help our campers go to Moon Beach this summer. We will be serving muffins on Easter Sunday morning (March 31) as well as coffee, juice, and milk. This is our big Moon Beach fundraiser. Please consider making a donation to our kids whether you will be here Easter Sunday or not. Thanks!

## Stewardship Commission:

They discussed finances at their meeting. They will be hosting Ash Wednesday supper on February 13. The Spring Thrift Sale will be one day only on April 27 from 7:30 AM. to 4:00 P.M. Council reviewed the letter to the congregation; some changes will be made before it's ready.

## Worship Commission:

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 and supper at 6:00 P.M. The theme for Lenten soup suppers is Bible stories of hope in the midst of despair. The humidifier for the piano in the sanctuary has been purchased and is working well.

## Service Commission:

No report.

## Women of Plymouth:

No report



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*Council Minutes  
continued ...*

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor David led worship at Heatherwood last Wednesday. Thanks to everyone for sharing their talents for the piano dedication. Check out our website as new services have been posted.

**New Business:**

- Mike Henry will give us some suggestions for evangelism (his major). We need to talk about our church and be proud of it. Also need to be deliberate about getting new members. He will write out some suggestions for Council's approval.

**Next meeting: Monday, March 11, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Partlow

**Philippine Immersion Trip**

Date: June 10–24, 2013

Prof. Eleazar Fernandez, who preached here last summer, is offering a trip to the Philippines to broaden global understanding and deepen commitment to greater well-being in a globalized world. Participants will live with the Filipino people, listen to their stories, learn about people's movements, share their faith and hopes, engage in dialogue about global issues, and explore ways of global solidarity, and also be exposed to ministry of churches in the Philippines.

Cost: \$3,199.00. This includes air fare, lodging, meals, transportation in the Philippines, and other expenses directly related to the partnership/immersion trip.

If interested, please contact Eleazar S. Fernandez Professor of Constructive Theology United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, New Brighton, Minnesota 55112  
Email: [efernandez@unitedseminary.edu](mailto:efernandez@unitedseminary.edu)  
Phone: 651-255-6131

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>March 2013</h1>					1	2
<b>3 St Francis Food Pantry offering</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Communion Worship	4	5  10:00 A.M. Quilters	6  6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture	7	8	9
<b>10 Prayers for the People OHGS offering</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 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  6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture	14	15	16
<b>17 OCWM offering</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	18  7:00 P.M. Christian Education Comm.	19  10:00 A.M. Quilters	20  6:00 P.M. Soup & Scripture	21	22	23
<b>24 Palm/Passion Sunday</b>  9:15 A.M. Sun Sch & Adult Study 10:30 A.M. Worship	25	26	27	<b>28 Maundy Thursday</b>  7:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service	<b>29 Good Friday</b>  12:10 P.M. Worship at First Congregational UCC	30
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