

# Good News

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## *Annual Bazaar*

*Saturday, November 15*  
**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.**



Daylight Savings Time ends November 2.  
Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour  
before retiring on Saturday, November 1.

## All Souls Remembrance

Would you like to honor someone who has died? Our November 2 worship service will be our annual All Souls Day Remembrance of the Dead with Communion. This year we remember the lives of Jim Nelson, Sophie Bliss, John Hancock, Eileen Polden, Kay Stecher, Christena Strandt, and Dana Burns. We also like to honor those in your family or circle of friends/mentors/loved ones who have died. If you have someone that you would like to have remembered, please give their name and date of death (if you know) to Pastor David or to Mimi by October 27 so we can print their names in the bulletin.

# GETTING READY FOR CHURCH

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## November Worship Notes

### 10:30 A.M. Worship

*Communion the first Sunday of the month*

#### November 2

*21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*St. Francis Food Pantry offering*

*All Saints' Sunday*

Revelation 7:9–17; Psalm 34:1–10,22;

1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:1–12

#### November 9

*22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Prayers for the People*

Joshua 24:1–3a,14–25; Psalm 78:1–7;

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Matthew  
25:1–13

#### November 16

*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*OCWM offering*

Judges 4:1–7; Psalm 123;

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Matthew  
25:14–30

#### November 23

*Christ the King Sunday*

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 100;

Ephesians 1:15–23; Matthew 25:31–46

#### November 26

*7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve worship at*

*First Congregational UCC*

#### November 30

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of 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:** Terri (Joe) Gilbert, Dorothy Gilbertson, Joe (Emily) Gilbertson, Paul (Gay) Gilbertson, Gladys Green, Jeff & Lesa Green, Cindy (Jerry) Halfen

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## Food for Thought

There will be a pot luck Sunday, November 9. Do you have a favorite pumpkin or squash recipe? If you do, bring it to share. Otherwise bring your favorite pot luck dish. We will take our St Francis Food Pantry offering on November 2 too.

Also, don't forget the Plymouth Street Ministry. Winter is coming and those cold nights will be here. Hats, gloves, mittens and hand warmers are needed. Also large size hooded sweatshirts and winter jackets. Please contact Mike Henry if you would like to help. As always there is a need for water, food and gas cards!

## Community Table

We will serve at the Community Table on Saturday, November 22. We need about a dozen volunteers. We also need to provide milk and a \$100 fee. If you would like to volunteer, please contact either Barb Kleist or the church office. There is also a sign up sheet at church. If you would like to contribute to the fee, please mark Community Table on your check and either mail or bring it with you to church.

## November Birthdays

1	Char Hartwich
4	Julie Johnson
6	Arvilla Kruschke
7	Jacob Leipnitz
8	Julie Leipnitz
10	Kevin Champion
12	Lesa Green
15	Bea Hancock
16	Marie Williams
20	Tyjha Stygar
26	Kevin Phillips
30	Jacqueline Andersen
	Darrick Carter

## Memorials

### ● General Fund

*In memory of Christena Strandt: John & Sandy Moore*

### ● Street Ministry

*In memory of Dana Burns: Mary Burns*



Now is the time to place your nut order for this coming holiday season. A 14 oz. box is \$14.00, a 28 oz. box is \$24.00 and a 28 oz. fancy tin is \$26.00. Since we have been selling these nuts for years, you know how good the quality is! The order sheet is on the table outside the sanctuary. Order yours today!

## SCRIP cards update

SCRIP cards are 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 5% of the money that is paid for Mega and Gordy's cards, and 10% of what we get for Mega Holiday and Kwik Trip cards! So far in 2014, we have made a total profit of over \$1,659.00!

## 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.

## “Taps”

This Veterans Day, November 11, the well-known sound of “Taps” will be played at observances throughout the country. It was composed by major General Daniel Butterfield, a member of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. He is buried in the Post Cemetery at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

## PASTOR'S PEN

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Dear friends and family of Plymouth,

Sometimes the best sermon thoughts don't come to me until after worship is over and I'm at home watching the Packers. So it was with my sermon on October 12 (read or listen on the church's website at [pcucc.com/sermons/141012.html](http://pcucc.com/sermons/141012.html)). The preaching text was the Parable of the Wedding Feast, in which a king throws a wedding feast but when none of the people he invited come, he sends his servants out to invite whoever they find. I said the heroes in the story were the servants who were willing to be invitational, though I hedged that by saying they were doing it under the king's command and our situation isn't quite like theirs.

But I was wrong. The thought that didn't come to me until Sunday afternoon is that our situation is like theirs. We, too, have a king who has told us to invite people: Jesus. He gave us the Great Commission to make disciples of the nations. Inviting is part of our job description.

The current research numbers say that 87% of people who become part of a church were invited. They came in on someone's elbow. You have a lot of power through the act of offering an invitation. Here are some events that are invitation worthy. We will hand out treats on Halloween night at the end of the driveway. For the Holiday Bazaar, invite a friend to work with you, or offer to buy them lunch and then introduce them to church members while you're eating. We are serving at Community

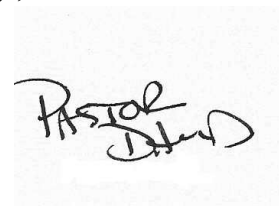
Table on November 22, which is a very non-intimidating event to bring someone on your elbow to experience Plymouth. Invite someone to Sunday morning worship and tell them you'll take them to lunch afterward. Or invite them for a special Sunday. Cathy Reitz is singing on November 2 and Eric Nielsen on November 9. Invite them to hear inspiring and beautifully sung music. We are also serving lunch after worship on November 9.

Don't forget the electronic elbows. Share church events on Facebook and/or share sermons, photos, or other things that we have posted online. Those are invitations, too.

Invitations have great power, and as I mentioned in the sermon, they are also a compliment. Invitations say, "I like you enough that I'd like you to be part of something that is special to me."

Who will you invite?

Blessings,



## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

October 13, 2014

Members present: Pastor David, Jim Welk, Barb Kleist, Louise Partlow, and Rob Jaenke

Barb called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The September Council minutes were reviewed and approved.

**Financial Reports:**

As of September 30, 2014

Year to Date Income	\$87,694.32
Year to Date Expenses	\$86,352.46
Ahead (Behind)	\$1,341.86

**Treasurer's Report:**

Income for September was \$8,158.75. Total expenses for the month were \$8,078.68, leaving us with a September gain of \$80.07. Funds were transferred from other accounts and the Thrift Sale income was \$1,705.38. There has been some Thrift Sale income in October also. General Fund bank balance was \$26.85.

**Reserve Fund Balance:** \$2,670.43

**Memorial Fund Balance:** \$13,048.50

**Street Ministry Balance:** \$884.54

Financial reports were reviewed and accepted.

**Building and Grounds:**

Gutters have been cleaned. Maintenance is being done as needed.

**Christian Education Commission:**

Sunday, October 26 a Halloween party is being planned from 1–3 P.M. Everyone is invited. Sunday School

has an account with \$116.00 and would like to give it to the Moon Beach Scholarship Fund. Rob will do this.

**Stewardship Commission:**

Discussed the Thrift Sale—largest one so far at over \$1,700.

**Worship Commission:**

All Saints' Day—Barb will get the roses. Pot luck will be the second week in November.

**Service Commission:**

Pastor David and others are making regular visits. Remember to fill out visitation cards—even for phone visits. Thank you!

**Women of Plymouth:**

Will be meeting soon on the Bazaar.

**Pastor's Report:**

Visiting the hospitals and there was a funeral at church.

Next meeting of the Council will be Monday, November 10.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted  
Louise Partlow



### Street Ministry Needs

Last winter was a brutally cold and we at the street ministry do not want to get caught off guard this year. People on the street get nervous around this time of year because of the weather fluctuations. They know winter is near.

Right now we can use sweat pants and sweat shirts and sweat shirts with hoods of all sizes. People wear layers and so large and all the extra large sizes up to 5X would be appreciated. One size fits all gloves, scarfs and stocking caps. Fall jackets and long underwear.

We can use T-shirts especially the large sizes and white socks for men and women. Men’s and women’s underwear. Boxers and regular style for men.

As always gas gift cards or donations for fuel for the van. Fast food restaurants gift cards for Subway, McDonald’s and Burger King etc. We will eventually start needing hand-warmers, the 8 and 10 hour type.

That’s our list for now. We will update you as to our needs through our future street journals.

Thanks always for your support and please keep the poor in your prayers and meditations.

Mike - Plymouth Street Pastor

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If you would like to donate a plant 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 by November 26. Checks should be made out to Plymouth UCC. Please note “poinsettia” 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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>November 2014</h1>						1
<p><b>2 St Francis Food Pantry offering All Saints' Sunday</b></p> <p>10:30 A.M. Communion Worship</p>	3	<p><b>4 Election Day &amp; Bake Sale</b></p> <p>10:00 A.M. NO Quilters</p>	5	6	7	8
<p><b>9 Prayers for the People</b></p> <p>10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Pot Luck</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Quilters</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Dartball (St Mark at Plymouth)</p>	12	13	14	15  Annual Bazaar
<p><b>16 OCWM offering</b></p> <p>10:30 A.M. Worship</p>	17	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Quilters</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Dartball (Plymouth at Peace)</p>	19	20	21	22  Plymouth serves at Community Table
<p>23</p> <p>10:30 A.M. Worship</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 A.M. Quilters</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Worship at First Congregational</p>	27  OFFICE	28  CLOSED	29
<p>30</p> <p>10:30 A.M. Worship 11:30 A.M. Worship Commission</p>	